

Aunt
Annie's
here!

Good dog, Higgins!

Higgins is waiting at the door for Heather to find him. She's down in the cellar now, so he barks.

–Great, she heard me barking. Here she comes.

–Higgins! There you are! I've been looking everywhere for you! Would you like to go for a walk? Let me get my keys and the leash. OK, let's go.

–Grrr, here we go for another walk. Mental note to self: Never, never bark like that again. I only wanted Heather to know that I was in the house, not that I wanted to go for a walk. It's sunny and warm now, but it's going to rain soon. We should hurry.

–Not so fast Higgins. I can't keep up with you.

Then Higgins stops suddenly because he sees a bird in the neighbour's flower garden.

–Come on, Higgins. It's only a bird.

–Fair enough. She's right. What am I thinking? I couldn't catch a bird even if I wanted to. And what would I do if I ever caught one? I have no idea. It's not in my script.

–Look, Higgins, I brought the tennis ball. Do you want to fetch it?

–Oh no, she has the ball again. I'm tired of chasing that old ball. Just look at it: it's so dirty and all chewed up.

–Are you ready, Higgins? Go get it!

Higgins runs after the ball.

–Hmm, if she likes that ball so much, why does she always throw it around?

Higgins brings the ball back to Heather.

–Good dog, Higgins! Now fetch it again!

Heather throws the ball and Higgins runs after it – again.

Higgins asks himself,

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–Why do I always have to catch it? She’s the only one who likes that old ball. Why doesn’t she chase after it?

Higgins brings the ball back to Heather – again.

–Who’s a good dog? Who’s a good dog, Higgins? You’re a good dog, Higgins! Yes, you are!

–Hmm, it’s always good dog, never *great* dog, or *fantastic* dog. I wonder why.

–Here’s a doggie treat for you, Higgins. You’re such a good dog.

As Higgins munches on the doggie treat, he thinks to himself,
–I sure do love these doggie treats. A dog’s life is not so bad after all.

–Oh look, Higgins, there’s Grandpa. Let’s go talk to him.

–Thank goodness! Grandpa has saved my day!

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