

LITTLE GIRL & BISCUIT

(The List of Errands)

The Backyard.
Anytown, USA.

The young puppy Biscuit is newly arrived at the home of the Little Girl. Mom and Dad have told her that her new puppy must be trained quickly and mind his manners since the family is expecting a new arrival – a new baby. For her birthday, the Little Girl has been given a book: “How to Make Your Puppy the Best Puppy in the World” – which has a “Best Puppy” test at the end. Both Little Girl and Biscuit’s goal is for Biscuit to pass that test.

Biscuit is a young male puppy (played by a woman) who is sweet, innocent, loving, with lots of positive energy. He is very eager to learn but like most children, he doesn’t always think things through, which can frustrate his wanting to grow up as quickly as he can.

Little Girl is a young girl who is mature for her age. She is intelligent, sensible, sweet, and very loving. She loves Biscuit very much. She acts as the narrator for the play.

LITTLE GIRL (*to audience*)

A couple of days later, a wonderful event finally happened in our house – a new arrival. Yep, that’s right – the new baby.

(*turns to talk to Biscuit*)

...Now Biscuit, I know you want to meet the baby – but Mom and Dad wanted to make sure that you mind your manners.

BISCUIT (*very excited*)

Woof!

LITTLE GIRL

No, Biscuit. That’s exactly what you must not do. You mustn’t bark – you might scare the baby.

BISCUIT

Sorry.

LITTLE GIRL

That’s okay.

...Now with the baby here, Mom and Dad are really after me to finish your education.

BISCUIT

Right – my “Best Puppy” test!

LITTLE GIRL

So now today, Mom has given us a list of errands.

BISCUIT

A list of errors?

LITTLE GIRL

No. Errands – chores.

BISCUIT

Oh.

LITTLE GIRL

But this is good, ‘cause going into town will be a great way to get ready for your test.

BISCUIT

It will?

LITTLE GIRL

You’ll practice what you’ve learned as we do our chores.

BISCUIT

All right.

LITTLE GIRL

Now – let's check our list, Let's see...

(reads)

...Go to the library,...grocery store...oh, you have your checkup today...

BISCUIT

This is it! I'll fetch, run, dig, speak! Show I can do it all. Yeah!

LITTLE GIRL

Okay, now we have a lot of chores, so we'll have to keep moving.

BISCUIT

Keep moving? That means run!

(he runs out)

LITTLE GIRL

(trying to stop him) (calling after him)

No Biscuit, wait! I didn't mean...

(smiling)

...Oh, well.