

Cast

Ryan [Jimmy]: Wants a dog, clueless

Mary [Carson]: Owner of Rover Rescue, experienced

INT: OPEN IN MARY'S OFFICE, PHONE RINGS, SHE PICKS UP

MARY

Hello, this is Rover Rescue, how can I help you?

INT OF RYAN'S HOME, HE'S ON HIS PHONE

RYAN

Hi, I'm interested in getting a dog, now that I work from home but I don't really know that much about them; I've only seen them on TV.

REST OF SHOTS CUT BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN MARY AND RYAN TALKING

MARY

That's OK, lots of first-time owners have little to no experience. What kind of dog are you interested in?

RYAN

I was hoping to get something big, almost my size. Maybe it could speak a little English. Also, I'm really into weed, so a dog that's OK with that would be great.

MARY

(beat)

Sir, I believe you're describing Scooby Doo.

RYAN

Yea, like I said, I've only seen dogs on TV.

MARY

I'm not sure you have a realistic picture of what dogs are.

RYAN

Ok, ok. So, I saw this dog once that could drive. He had a Prius because he said he was saving the environment but I think he was just being a dick.

MARY

That's Brian from Family Guy.

RYAN

The cool thing about that dog is he could make martinis. Mind you, he used vodka instead of gin but I bet I could teach him to make a proper martini.

MARY

Again, Brian from Family Guy. Not real.

RYAN

That dog also wrote a book, so there's that.

MARY

Man you watch a lot of Family Guy.

RYAN

Holy crap, I just remembered - one Christmas my dad brought home a dog. We were all really pissed because we didn't have any presents but when my dad came home with that dog, all was forgiven.

MARY

That's Santa's Little Helper, from The Simpson's He's thirty years old now.

RYAN

That reminds me, I saw this poor dog once who had to sleep on top of his doghouse because he was way too big to fit inside. I don't want a dog that size.

MARY

Now you're mixing Snoopy with Marmaduke. I can't even imagine how the breeders would make that work.

RYAN

Last week, I saw a dog that smoked a cigar and was very disrespectful to authority. He was very rude to a bunch of people he talked to.

MARY

That's Triumph the insult comic dog and it's not even a dog, it's a puppet. Did you notice he didn't have any arms?

RYAN

I just thought it was part of his breed, you know, like how some dogs can play basketball yet don't seem to understand a zone defense.

MARY HANGS HER HEAD

RYAN (CONT'D)

I did see this one dog that ate pasta as a meal and hated Mondays. I don't like Monday's either but feeding a dog pasta everyday seems wrong.

MARY

That's actually a cat, Garfield. There was a dog in that series, so maybe you should have gone in that direction instead.

RYAN

OK, what about one of those small blue ones that live in a mushrooms.

MARY

Those are smurfs.

RYAN

(beat, sighs)

I thought I knew at least something about dogs but I guess not. I guess I just suck.

MARY

Look, a dog might not be right for you today but if you stop and think about it, you do have a good idea of what you want.

MARY (CONT'D)

You want a dog that's as loyal as Scooby, as loving as Santa's Little Helper and as athletic as Air Bud. Just leave out the Brian from Family Guy parts.

RYAN

But I really like that show.

MARY

Yea, I can tell.

(beat)

Here's my advice - Get out of your house and go to park or to the pet food store. Go see how

real dogs act and what they're like. I bet if you spend some quality time around dogs, you'll be ready adopt soon.

RYAN

Thanks, I'll do that. I do have one last question.

MARY

Sure, what?

RYAN

Are dogs really god, just spelled backwards?

MARY

Have a good day sir.

End