

A.C.T. Short Play Festival Monologues

Nefertiti, a Siamese cat. Princess of her domain

NEFERTITI: The left side of the couch in the living room is my personal spot in the early afternoon. The sunbeam comes through the window just right and makes a perfect warm spot for me. It is a ritual I treasure. Today, one of the humans was in my spot. I mean, how dare she? I boldly approached her to take my rightful spot and was abruptly cast aside. She said something about not wanting me to be in the way while she was "Zooming." Well, she just sat there in MY spot for over an hour! She stayed in the same place. She didn't move. How is that "Zooming"? I mean that is pretty pathetic zooming if you ask me. When I think of zooming, I think of how I feel when a cucumber mysteriously appears behind me while I am eating. That will get me to zoom every time. Where do those cucumbers come from? Oh, and the small humans are here. Usually, they are at a place called "school" but now they are here. My routine is thrown off by these smooth-skinned giants. I wish they would go away... except to feed me... and scratch my ears... and to make that strange red dot appear.

Hans, a German shepherd. Security Dog.

HANS: Yes, I take my job very seriously. Security is my life's work. It is my mission each day to secure the perimeter. I make certain nothing unusual occurs, and if it does, I sound the alert! There have been regular intruders to the perimeter. Once a week, before leaving for his mission, Master places several treasures into a large plastic can and puts it outside the house for me to guard. Without fail, intruders come in a large vehicle to steal these treasures! I sound the alarm! Woof! Woof! The thieves drive their vehicle away, casting aside Master's treasure can. Master returns to discover his treasure can empty and woefully brings it to the house. Now, Master is staying home. I think he is finally taking my reports seriously. This week, we will thwart the thieves.

Claudette, a Standard Poodle and show dog. Very Stylish.

CLAUDETTE: Oh, oui, I have many, many fans! Hello world, hello fans, it is moi! I am very happy to announce that I have a new endorsement deal with Canine Crunchies. Although, I must confess, I do not care much for the crunchies. Some fresh chicken or steak is much more my style. Ah, but the Crunchie people, they adore me. When I arrive for a photo shoot they treat me like royalty. I am also a great actress. It takes amazing skill to look at those dry, brown, cardboard-like bits as if they are gourmet cuisine. Trust me, I have eaten cardboard, and these aren't much better. Such is my existence. It is my lot in life to be a celebrity. Recently, my staff has been much more present in my life. Perhaps it is because the big show is coming. They seem a bit stressed, but it is for nothing. I am Claudette, I will win! Still, I enjoy having my entourage about. They love me!