

WALKING THE DOG

JACK is taking his dog for a walk when they pass a man on the street who claims that the dog has bitten him. JACK is furious because this is not the case and feels as if the man is trying to make a scene even though the dog did nothing wrong.

JACK: My dog did not bite you, mister. He growled at you and kind of sniffed your leg, but he didn't bite.
(Beat.)

Well show me then, show me this large gaping wound. (Beat.)

There's nothing there! It's not even red! (Beat.)

Look, I would be the first one to help you out if I thought Jonesy did something to hurt you. But I know my dog – he acts tough, but he wouldn't do anything unless he was provoked. Or if he thought I was in danger. Otherwise, he doesn't bite! He's just not that kind of dog. It's not like he's a pit bull or something. (Beat.)

I don't understand why you're making such a big deal over this. You think you can make some money on this or something? You want to sue me? Forget it! There's no case. There's no wound. It's your word against mine, and you're lying. We both know it. So leave me and my dog alone. You want to bully somebody, pick on someone your own size. And your own species for that matter!