

Best friend, worst thing you can say

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The worst thing you can say
to a hesitant spouse
in a bid for a dog that will ultimately
be yours
collectively:

You won't have to do any of the work

You're lying

to begin with

(Lying like a dog

the forty-fifth president used to say

And everyone agreed

that it was very strange

that he said it)

You're lying

to

like a dog

to love a dog

But you won't be able to

do it

alone

to

wit

:

One day you'll take the kid and the dog to the park by yourself, (Superdad)

And

the worst thing you can say

to a kid

is that she can't go on the playground

you told her she could

Go on

It's not her fault,

her problem,

of any interest to her,

that the sign says

No Dogs Within 15m

of playground

Now

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you can have

a ticket

Or you can have

a tantrum

Or you can hang back, forty-five

feet away from where she's playing, watching

And when you see that old friend

(a (better) Superdad)

you can wave, and

shout what

is actually

the worst thing you can say

at least at the park

next to

the playground

:

I'D COME SAY HI/BUT I'M NOT ALLOWED WITHIN 15 METRES