

ilkley literature festival

Be All Write

#ILFWritingChallenge

Prompt: Write a 10-line play inspired by the theme 'The Hunt'

Waiting for Borka

Tarragon: Should we look for it?

Volodya: It'll be along tomorrow, perhaps.

Tarragon: Stay there ! Six feet, you know the rules.

(Volodya looks at his ruined boots and Tarragon's bare feet)

Volodya: But we have only four between us! What if?

Tarragon: We'll wait. Something will turn up. Maybe him. Maybe our toes...

Volodya: Where are the masks? We should have had masks!

Tarragon: Perhaps tomorrow. With boots? Maybe he'll bring some with him...

Volodya: If he comes...

Tarragon: Tomorrow.

– Ewan Lawrie

Walking into the store was scary.

Would she touch anything?

Where's the wipes and sanitiser?

"Excuse me," she said to the frantic person with the happy to help badge.

"Where can I find the loo roll, please?"

Her look of surprise and horror sent her recoiling.

What had she said? It wasn't as if she was hunting for gold.

– Amanda Redhead

The Hunt

A. [loudly from under a table]: B!!! Have you seen my... my, y'know, thing that connects to my work...

B. Don't shout. Have I seen your what? I haven't been near your work anything.

A. I didn't say you had. I asked if you had seen the cable that attaches it to the other thing.

B. I don't know why you expect me to keep tabs on your equipment. Where did you last have it?

A. In the office.

B. So why are you looking in the kitchen?

A [exasperated]: Because I already looked in the office. It's not there.

B. Did you look properly?

A. What do you mean 'did I look properly'? Of course I looked properly! What kind of question is that? [B leaves the room] Where are you going? It's not in the office, I already told you! That's why, amazingly, I took it upon myself to expand the search area to include other rooms in the house... [sing song] There's no point you going up there, you're not going to find it.

B. [returning] Is this it? [B holds out cable]. It was in the office. Attached to the thing.

A. [silently takes cable and stalks from room].