The Animal Trainer

Parts (3): Narrator        Animal Trainer        Lion

Narrator: Ladi--e and Gen--tlemen! Welcome to our world renowned lion training act. May I direct your attention to the center wing here under our circus big-top.

Trainer: And now, ladies and gentlemen, I shall do my famous lion act! OK, Joe, open the cage door.

Narrator: Joe, the circus animal handler opens a cage door at the edge of the ring and out leaps a full grown lion.

Lion: [Leaping out of the cage] Just watch and see how well I have this trainer trained!

Trainer: OK, Leo, up on your stand!

Lion: [To audience] Now watch me make him crack his whip. [Sit with hands on chair seat]

Trainer: [Cracks whip] All the way up, Leo... All the way up.

Lion: Now watch him bow to everyone. [Get up on seat of chair with feet.]

Trainer: [Bowing to audience] Thank you. Thank you. And now for my next trick. [Cracks whip again.]

Lion: [To audience while getting off chair] Want to see him turn in circles? Keep your eyes open!

Narrator: The trainer takes the chair and holds it between himself and the lion while cracking his whip. He turns in a small circle and Leo walks in a wide circle around the ring.

Trainer: That's it, Leo, around the cage. There you go! [Keeps Leo at the end of the whip, turning around with him.]

Lion: [To audience] You haven't seen anything yet! Now I'll have him put his head in my mouth.

Trainer: And now, ladies and gentlemen, I shall do my greatest act. Leo will open his mouth, and I shall very bravely put my head inside.

Narrator: Leo opens his mouth wide and the trainer turns his head sideways and places it between the lion's teeth. Then he quickly removes it again.

Lion: Well, enough of this. I'm ready for my dinner.

Trainer: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you. [Bowing all around] Open the door, Joe, and give Leo a good meal tonight. In you go, Leo. In you go. Good job.

Lion: [Turns head back to audience as he climbs back into the cage] I sure have that trainer well trained, don't I?