

ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE SPEC

"Making a New Friend"

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1 EXT. BLANK SCREEN/PARK 1

Piggie and elephant play jump rope. Piggie holds one end and Gerald holds the other, turning the rope together. But Gerald isn't having too much fun. Something isn't right...

1 GERALD 1
Piggie...

2 PIGGIE 2
Yes, Gerald.

3 GERALD 3
I do not think this is right.

4 PIGGIE 4
I think you are right.

5 GERALD 5
Are we missing something?

6 PIGGIE 6
(thinks, then)
OH! YES! There is no one skipping.

7 GERALD 7
Ah! That is easy to fix. I will skip!

He lets go of his end of the rope, but immediately runs into a problem...

8 GERALD (CONT'D) 8
I do not think this will work.

9 PIGGIE 9
We need another!

10 GERALD 10
Another what?

11 PIGGIE 11
Another friend!

12 GERALD 12
Another friend!?

13 PIGGIE 13
Yes! To do the skipping.

14 GERALD 14
But how do we get another friend?

Piggie thinks.

40 PIGGIE 40
All you have to do is listen.

41 GERALD 41
How do I do that?

42 PIGGIE 42
You can nod.

Gerald nods.

43 PIGGIE (CONT'D) 43
You can say, *Mmm.*

44 GERALD 44
Mmm.

45 PIGGIE 45
You can say, *that is very interesting!*

46 GERALD 46
(genuinely)
That *is* very interesting!

47 PIGGIE 47
See? You are listening right now!

48 GERALD 48
(realizing)
I am!

49 PIGGIE 49
You are!

50 GERALD 50
There! I did it again!

51 PIGGIE 51
Yes!

52 GERALD 52
And again!

53 PIGGIE 53
You are a natural!

Gerald beams.

54 GERALD 54
I can do this. I can make another friend.

Piggie beams.

55 PIGGIE 55
Yes you can!

56 GERALD 56
Yes I can!

He stomps off, on the hunt for friendship.

2 EXT. BLANK SCREEN/PARK - CONTINUOUS 2

Gerald finds a KANGAROO who is playing hopscotch. The kangaroo sees Gerald. They look at each other. A beat. Gerald smiles nervously and inches OFF SCREEN, awkwardly.

3 EXT. BLANK SCREEN/PARK - CONTINUOUS 3

Gerald rushes back to Piggie.

57 GERALD 57
Piggie, what do I say again?!

58 PIGGIE 58
Hello!

59 GERALD 59
(remembering)
Hello! Yes! Okay!

He runs off again.

60 GERALD (CONT'D) 60
(repeating under his
breath)
Hello, hello, hello, hello.

4 EXT. BLANK SCREEN/PARK - CONTINUOUS 4

He rushes back into frame where Kangaroo is still playing hopscotch.

61 GERALD 61
(still practicing)
Hello, hello, hello.
(then a little too
forcefully)
HELLO!

Kangaroo almost falls, surprised by Gerald's sudden reappearance.

62	KANGAROO	62
	Oh! Hello!	
63	GERALD	63
	I like your glasses!	
	Kangaroo is in fact, not wearing glasses.	
64	GERALD (CONT'D)	64
	(sweating)	
	I mean...	
	(thinking quick)	
	You are very good at hopping!	
65	KANGAROO	65
	(delighted)	
	Thank you! I practice every day.	
66	GERALD	66
	Really? Why?	
67	KANGAROO	67
	It is the most fun! Hopping, jumping, skipping. I like it all!	
68	GERALD	68
	Oh! That is very interesting!	
69	KANGAROO	69
	Thank you!	
	Gerald is getting nervous again, not sure what to ask next, but then realizes:	
70	GERALD	70
	Skipping! My friend and I like skipping too!	
71	KANGAROO	71
	Do you?	
72	GERALD	72
	Yes. Do you want to skip with us? We need another friend.	
73	KANGAROO	73
	Yes please!	
5	EXT. BLANK SCREEN/PARK	5

Gerald and Piggie turn the rope while Kangaroo expertly skips between them.

74 GERALD 74
This is much better!

75 KANGAROO 75
This is the most fun! Who wants to
skip next?

76 GERALD 76
I will.

Kangaroo and Gerald move to switch places.

77 GERALD (CONT'D) 77
My name is Gerald by the way. And
this is Piggie!

78 KANGAROO 78
Hi Piggie, Hi Gerald! I'm Rupert!

They take their positions.

Gerald leans over to Piggie before he starts skipping.

79 GERALD 79
 (quietly to Piggie)
Am I doing okay?

80 PIGGIE 80
 (quietly back)
You are a natural!

Gerald beams. Rupert and Piggie turn the rope and Gerald
starts skipping.

END.