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.

15	PIGGIE We can say, hello!	15
16	GERALD (terrified) Say, hello?	16
17	PIGGIE Yes!	17
18	GERALD (afraid) I do not think I can.	18
19	PIGGIE You say it to me!	19
20	GERALD It is easy with you. I cannot say hello to someone new.	20
21	PIGGIE Ah! That is okay, Gerald. We can play just you and me.	21
	They keep turning the rope. But Gerald gets bored again.	
22	GERALD What comes after, hello?	22
	Piggie thinks.	
23	PIGGIE You can talk about the weather.	23
24	GERALD (put out) The weather?	24
25	PIGGIE OR tell them something you like about them. Everyone likes that.	25
26	GERALD Do they?	26
27	PIGGIE I like your glasses, Gerald.	27
28	GERALD (delighted) You do? Thank you! (realizes) Oh! I do like that a lot!	28

29	PIGGIE And you can ask them a question!	29
30	GERALD (overwhelmed) But there are so many to choose from!!!	30
	Starting to panic.	
31	GERALD (CONT'D) Do you like pickles or cucumbers? What is your favorite color? Is it two moose or two meese!?	31
	He grabs Piggie, lifting her into the air so that her face level with his.	is
32	GERALD (CONT'D) WHICH DO I PICK?!	32
33	PIGGIE (calmly) Where did you get your glasses?	33
34	GERALD (proudly) From my mom. (realizes) OH! I think I get it!	34
	He puts Piggie down.	
35	GERALD (CONT'D) So I ask a question.	35
36	PIGGIE Yes!	36
37	GERALD (confidently) And then they will answer.	37
38	PIGGIE Yes!	38
	But Gerald's confidence deflates again.	
39	GERALD (suddenly self conscious) What do I do while they answer? (under his breath) What do I do with my hands?	39

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40	PIGGIE All you have to do is listen.	40
41	GERALD How do I do that?	41
42	PIGGIE You can nod.	42
Ge	rald nods.	
43	PIGGIE (CONT'D) You can say, Mmm.	43
44	GERALD Mmm.	44
45	PIGGIE You can say, that is very interesting!	45
46	GERALD (genuinely) That <i>is</i> very interesting!	46
47	PIGGIE See? You are listening right now!	47
48	GERALD (realizing) I am!	48
49	PIGGIE You are!	49
50	GERALD There! I did it again!	50
51	PIGGIE Yes!	51
52	GERALD And again!	52
53	PIGGIE You are a natural!	53
Ge	rald beams.	
54	GERALD I can do this. I can make another friend.	54

Piggie beams.

55	PIGGIE Yes you can!	55
56	GERALD Yes I can!	56
	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. Gersmiles nervously and inches OFF SCREEN, awkwardly.	cald
3	EXT. BLANK SCREEN/PARK - CONTINUOUS	3
	Gerald rushes back to Piggie.	
57	GERALD Piggie, what do I say again?!	57
58	PIGGIE Hello!	58
59	GERALD (remembering) Hello! Yes! Okay!	59
	He runs off again.	
60	GERALD (CONT'D) (repeating under his breath) Hello, hello, hello.	60
4	EXT. BLANK SCREEN/PARK - CONTINUOUS	4
	He rushes back into frame where Kangaroo is still playing hopscotch.	
61	GERALD (still practicing) Hello, hello, hello. (then a little too forcefully) HELLO!	61
	<pre>Kangaroo almost falls, surprised by Gerald's sudden reappearance.</pre>	

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

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Kangaroo and Gerald move to switch places.

skip next?

I will.

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GERALD (CONT'D)

My name is Gerald by the way. And this is Piggie!

GERALD

KANGAROO

GERALD

This is the most fun! Who wants to

This is much better!

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?

PIGGIE 80 (quietly back)
You are a natural!

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

END.

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