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2 — OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK!

(A strange red-and-white-striped hat sits on a very empty stage. A BOY, who will later play JOJO, enters and notices it.)

BOY

Now that is a very unusual hat.
I wonder what’s under a hat such as that.
It could be a creature they call the Ga-Zat
Who balances things on his head, ‘cause it’s flat.
Or a stripe-loving Pipester from Upper Mount Bat.
Or a sort of a kind of a hat-wearing...

(The BOY picks up the hat, and THE CAT IN THE HAT suddenly appears.)

CAT & BOY

Cat!

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THE CAT IN THE HAT

I can see that you’ve got quite a mind for your age!
Why, one Think and you dragged me
Right onto the stage!
Now, I’m here, there is no telling what may ensue
With a Cat such as me, and a Thinker like you!

(The CAT begins to "create" the Seussian world of imagination for the BOY, who will enter this world and become JOJO.)

CAT

Oh, the Thinks you can think!
Oh, the Thinks you can think
If you’re willing to try...
Think invisible ink! Or a gink with a stink!
Or a stair to the sky...

If you open your mind,
Oh, the Thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose...

Oh, the Thinks you can think
When you think about...

(The company of "Seussian" characters now enters.)

CAT, ALL (except BOY)

Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

ALL (except BOY)

Oh, the Thinks you can think!
Any Thinker who thinks can come up with a few!

    CAT

    Oh, the Thinks you can think!

ALL

Think a trip on a ship to the Vipper of Vipp
Or to Solla Sollew...

CAT (spoken)

Think of beautiful Schlopp ...

BOY (spoken)

With a cherry on top!

CAT, BOY, ALL

You don't need an excuse!

CAT, BOY (spoken)

Oh, the Thinks you can think

CAT, BOY, ALL

When you think about Seuss!

HORTON

Think of an elephant up in a tree

MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR

Think of a person too tiny to see

GERTRUDE

Think of a bird with a one-feather tail

ALL

Going on adventure down a dangerous trail! Aagh!
MAYZIE
Think a bird who flies off on a spree

SOUR KANGAROO
Think of a kangaroo, sour as can be

WICKERSHAMS
Think of some monkeys with trouble in store

CAT
Think of something horrible and hairy

CAT, PRINCIPLES (except BOY)
Something sinister and scary

ALL (except BOY)
That you never dared to think of before

ALL
Think of nobody here
And the feeling of fear
And the darkness of night
(with menace) Oooh Oooh...

All alone in your room
As you're facing your doom

CAT (spoken)
Think a glimmer of light

ALL (with relief)
Aah Aah!

CAT
But I hope you're prepared
To be scareder than scared

CAT, ALL (except BOY)
'Cause this ain’t mother goose

CAT (spoken)
Danger's right on the brink

CAT, ALL (except BOY)
When you Think about Seuss

ALL
Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!

CAT (spoken)
An unusual story will soon be unfurled
Of an elephant trying to save a small world
And a boy from that world
Who has Thinks just like you

CAT, ALL
Just Think

ALL
From the Planet of Who

ALL
And the smallest of small.

ALL
To the jungle of Nool

ALL
And the largest of all

ALL
You think and think and think and think
And think and think and think and think
And think... just think!

Oh, the Thinks you can think
Think and wonder and dream
Far and wide as you dare

CAT
Oh, the thinks you can think

ALL
When your thinks have run dry
In the blink of an eye
There’s another think there
If you open your mind
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose
Oh, the thinks you can think

**ECHO**
Oh, the thinks you can think

**ALL**
Oh, the thinks you can think

**ECHO**
Oh, the thinks you can think

**ALL**
Oh, the thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss
When you think about Seuss
When you think about Seuss

*(The SOUR KANGAROO riffs through the following.)*

**ALL**

**BOY**
Seuss!

## 3 — HORTON HEARS A WHO

**CAT (to JOJO)**
Our story begins
With a very strange sound
The drums of a jungle
Beginning to pound

*(Jungle drums begin.)*

**CAT**
Now, imagine a sky

**BOY**
I'll imagine bright blue

*(BOY and CAT create a blue sky and a jungle setting.)*

**CAT**
It's the Jungle of Nool!

**BOY**
Near the River Walloo!

*(The CAT and the BOY watch as the Jungle of Nool is revealed. The JUNGLE CITIZENS enter, along with the BIRD GIRLS, a flamboyant "girl group" of the jungle.)*

**ALL (except Cat & Boy)**
Who who wah dah
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**CAT**
Now think of an elephant lumbering through.

*(We now see HORTON THE ELEPHANT.)*

**ALL (except Cat & Boy)**
Who who wah dah
Who who who wah dah dah dah

**BOY (spoken)**
Horton!

**CAT (spoken)**
Yes, Horton

**CAT, BOY (spoken)**
Horton Hears a Who!

**HORTON**
On the fifteenth of May
In the jungle of Nool
In the heat of the day
In the cool of the pool
He was splashing
ALL (except Horton)
Splash!

HORTON
Enjoying the jungle’s great joys
When Horton the elephant

BOY
Horton the Elephant

ALL
Horton the elephant

HORTON
Heard a small noise

MAYOR
(Offstage, distant and tiny)
Help! Help!

ALL
So Horton stopped splashing
He looked toward the sound

HORTON
That’s funny

ALL
Thought Horton

HORTON
There’s no one around

ALL
Then he heard it again
Just a very faint yelp

HORTON
As if some tiny person were calling for help

MAYOR
(Offstage, distant and tiny)
Help! Help!

HORTON
I’ll help you

ALL
Said Horton

HORTON
But who are you, and where?

ALL
He looked and he looked
He could see nothing there

HORTON
But a small speck of dust blowing past...

ALL
Woosh!

(All follow an invisible speck of dust with their eyes, as it shoots past and stops in front of HORTON.)

HORTON
Through the air

HORTON (spoken)
I say! How confusing!
I’ve never heard tell
Of a small speck of dust that is able to yell
So you know what I think?
Why I think that there must be someone on top of that small speck of dust
Some poor tiny person
Who’s shaking with fear
That he’ll blow in the pool!
He has no way to steer!
He’s alone in the universe...!
I’ll just have to save him
Because after all
A person’s a person, no matter how small.
A person’s a person no matter how small.

ALL (except Cat, Boy & Horton)
Who who wah dah
who who who wah dah dah dah
who who wah dah
who who
BIRD GIRLS

So, gently, and using
The greatest of care
The elephant stretched
His great trunk through the air
And he lifted the dust speck
And carried it over and placed it down

HORTON (spoken)
Safe!

BIRD GIRLS

On a very soft clover

(THE SOUR KANGAROO makes an impressive entrance.)

4 — BIGGEST BLAME FOOL

SOUR KANGAROO

(spoken) Humpf! ... Humpfed a voice.
'Twas a sour kangaroo,
And the young kangaroo in her pouch said:

YOUNG KANGAROO

"Humpf"

SOUR KANGAROO

Too!

(spoken)
Why that speck is as small as the head of a pin.
A person on that? Why there never has been!

(She laughs derisively)
You're the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool
And I don't care who I tell
The biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

YOUNG KANGAROO

And I think so as well!

SOUR KANGAROO

Maybe I'm nasty, maybe I'm cruel
But you're the biggest blame fool

YOUNG KANGAROO

In the Jungle of Nool

HORTON

It's true. Please believe me! I tell you sincerely
My ears are quite keen
And I heard him quite clearly
I know there's a person down there
And what's more
Quite likely there's two
Even three. Even four!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS enter—monkeys up to mischief.)

Colin Wickersham
Ha! Laughed a voice!

Bryson and Mark Wickersham
Ha! Laughed some others!

Colin, Bryson, and Mark
Ha! Ha! Ha! Laughed the Wickersham brothers!

(They dance with glee.)

Oh, he's the biggest blame fool
In the Jungle of Nool
And monkeys like us should know.

SOUR KANGAROO

No, no, no, no!

WICKERSHAMS

We've been out on a limb
Lookin' down on him

Wickersons

He's goofy!

He's weird!

He's slow!
Young Kangaroo

Elephants ain't too swift as a rule
But he's the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool.
'Cause he's talkin' to a speck, talkin' to a speck,
To a speck of dust

ALL
Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

ALL
Talkin' to a speck, talkin' to a speck,
To a speck of dust!

ALL
Blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

SOUR KANGAROO

R-e-s-p-e-c-k!
Oh, please! Take that speck away!

ALL
Did you hear? Did you hear? Did you, did you hear?

BIRD GIRLS
Through the jungle, the news quickly flew.

ALL
Did you hear? Did you hear? Did you, did you hear?

Young Kangaroo
He talks to a dust speck! It's on Channel Two!

( Lauren and Olivia Bring on TV
and frame it around Horton.)

CAT (as TALK SHOW HOST)
Our topic today is
"Psychic elephants who hear voices."
Whaddaya think, folks, is the elephant off his trunk?
We'll he right back with "speck", "clover", "dust",
"neighbor", 'who'...

(CAT holds the microphone to the clover for a beat.)

Nothing! Stay tuned - we'll be right back!
GERTRUDE
On the fifteenth of May, Miss Gertrude McFuzz
Discovered how truly unique Horton was.
But she knew to approach him
Would probably fail,
(sung) 'Cause who'd notice a bird
(spoken) With a one feather tail?

(GERTRUDE exits dejectedly. HORTON is alone with
the speck. He listens closely.)

MAYOR (Offstage, tiny and distant)
Help! Help!

CAT
Then he heard it again.
Calling over and over...

MAYOR (Offstage, tiny and distant)
Help! Help!

CAT
So he tried to think
Who might be down on that clover
An invisible world—amazing but true—
And guess who now enters the story

JOJO
Who?

CAT
You!
6 — HERE ON WHO

HORTON
Hello? Is anyone there?
Who are you?

MAYOR
Well, we're Whos here.
We are Whos here.
Smaller than the eye can see.
It's true, sir.
We're who's who, sir.
I'm a Who ...

MRS. MAYOR and JOJO
...and so are we.

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR , JOJO
We're tiny little people
Blowing by in the air
Wondering how and why
We're on Who,
The ti-iniest planet in the sky!

(All the WHO population is revealed. HORTON
listens intently and reacts throughout the entire song
as the WHOS tell him their story.)

WHOS
A-ladela-deladela who who
A-ladela-deladela who

MR. MAYOR
Who!

WHOS
A-ladela-deladela who who
A-ladela-dela...

We're Whos here,
Win or lose here,
Struggling to stay alive.
Each gust propels our dust. Oh,
How the heck do Whos survive?

At any given moment
We could crash or be drowned,
Hitting the ground, oh my!
Here on Who,
The ti-iniest planet in the sky

(Calliope-like)

WHO MEN  (WHO WOMEN)
Who! (Who!) Who! (Who!)

MAYOR (spoken)
I'm the mayor.

WHO MEN  (WHO WOMEN)
Who! (Who!) Who! (Who!)

MRS. MAYOR (spoken)
I'm his wife.

WHO MEN  (WHO WOMEN)
Who! (Who!) Who! (Who!)

MAYOR & MRS. MAYOR, JOJO
Just imagine the Whos' unusual life!
(HORTON listens to the clover with great seriousness.)

HORTON (spoken)
I won't let you down.
No, I won't let you fall.
*(sung)* A person’s a person
JOJO's parents begin to scold him. THE CAT reacts with guilty amusement. We can see he's the one who got JOJO into trouble! JOJO can see THE CAT, but his parents can't.

MR. MAYOR
JoJo. I'm the mayor of Who. Why I've just been elected. And upright behavior is thus forth expected.

MRS. MAYOR
But we've just had a talk with your teachers today And they didn't have one single good thing to say

MR. MAYOR
You invented new thinks which defy all description!

MRS. MAYOR
You gave Miss O'Dooley a nervous conniption!

MR. MAYOR
Your thinks were so wild they disrupted your classes And made Mrs. Mackel-Who drop her new glasses. Which is why you're suspended!

MRS. MAYOR
Yes, that's what they said!

MR. MAYOR
Young man, what in Who has got into your head?!

JOJO
I...um...

( JOJO looks to the CAT for help, but the CAT makes it clear he's on his own.)

MR. MAYOR
Now Horton has found us. We're safe on a clover. But clearly our troubles are far, far from over.

MRS. MAYOR
We don't mean to scold you. We love you, oh, yes, dear. But couldn't you try thinking just a bit less, dear?

MR. MAYOR
Stop telling such outlandish tales.

MRS. MAYOR
Stop turning minnows into whales.

MR. MAYOR
Now take your bath and go to bed.

MRS. MAYOR
And think some normal thinks instead.

(PARENTS exit, leaving JOJO alone to take his bath. He turns accusingly to THE CAT.)
JOJO
This might be a river
Now mightn’t it be
Connecting McElligot’s Pool with the sea!
Then maybe some fish might be swimming...
Swimming toward me!

*(We are suddenly underwater. Strange fish appear — all shapes and sizes, wildly-colored and wildly improbable.)*

ALL
Ah…! *Oo-wee-ee-ee-ee-ooh!*
   It’s possible
   It’s possible
Ah…! *Oo-wee-ee-ee-ee-ooh!*
   It’s possible
   It’s possible
   It’s possible
   It’s possible
Ah… ..... ....!

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10 — IT’S POSSIBLE (PART 1)

JOJO
This might be a pool
Like I’ve read of in books
Connected to one of those underground brooks!
An underground river
That starts here and flows
Right under this bathtub!
And then, who knows?

It’s possible! Anything’s possible!

*(JOJO’s imagination starts to expand.)*

It might go along,
Down where no one can see
Right under state highway
Two hundred and three!
Right under the wagons!
Right under the toes
Of Mrs. Umbroso!
Who’s hanging out clothes!

It’s possible! Anything’s possible.

JOJO, CAT
It’s possible! Anything’s possible!
(Music fades out. JOJO’s parents abruptly interrupt his fantasy, bearing mops.)

MR. MAYOR
Jojo! The tub’s overflowed on the floor!
The water is running right under the door!

MRS. MAYOR
The ceiling is peeling! You’ve flooded the den!
Oh, Jojo, I think you’ve been thinking again!

MR. MAYOR
I say this with firmness and terrible sorrow,
Young man, we will deal with you come tomorrow!

(MR. and MRS. MAYOR exit.)

11 — IT’S POSSIBLE (PART 2)

JOJO
I still think
That I’m not such a fool
When I sit here and fish
In McElligot’s pool!

CAT
It’s possible.

(The FISH magically re-appear.)

ALL
Anything’s possible!

(Attention changes to HORTON, sitting alone, guarding his clover.)

12 — ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE

HORTON (spoken)
I’ve been guarding this clover
For over a week,
Getting laughed at
For thinking a dust speck can speak.
Well, let them all laugh
I’ll try not to mind,
For I have found something
That they’ll never find!

Mia, Sophia, Amalia, Veronica
There are secrets on a leaf,
In the water, in the air,
Hidden planets, tiny worlds,
All invisible!
Not a person seems to know.
Not a person seems to care.
There is no one who believes a thing he says.

Well, I’m fairly certain
At one time or other
Great thinkers all feel this way!
HORTON *(spoken softly, to his clover)*
Hello...hello?

JOJO *(startled)*
Hello?

HORTON *(startled as well)*
Who's there?

JOJO
It's me, Jojo. The Mayor's son.

HORTON
I'm Horton. The Elephant

JOJO
Are you real, or are you a very large think?

HORTON
Oh, I'm real, all right. I would state that in ink.

JOJO
In my thinks, I imagine a lot of strange things
And I go to strange places, as if I had wings!
I love a good think!

HORTON
Well, for me that goes double.

JOJO
Sometimes my thinks are what get me in trouble.

HORTON
When you think, do you dream?

JOJO
In bright colors!

HORTON
Me too. And I go to strange places
Like Solla Sollew!

JOJO
When you think, do you think
You could fly to the stars?

HORTON
Little friend, no one else
Could have thinks such as ours!

(HORTON and JOJO imagine they are flying through the starry universe.)

HORTON (singing)
Yes, I have wings.

JOJO
I have wings

HORTON
And I can fly

JOJO
I can fly

HORTON
Around the moon
And far

HORTON, JOJO
Beyond the sky

HORTON
You called my name and you set me free —
One small voice in the universe

JOJO
One true friend in the universe

HORTON, JOJO
Who believes in me

HORTON (spoken)
Goodnight Jojo.

JOJO
Goodnight Horton. See you in Solla Sollew!

(HORTON exits and JOJO goes to sleep. Suddenly, THE CAT pops up behind JOJO’s bed and shakes him awake.)

CAT
Wake up! The scene’s over!
There’s more to be heard.
There goes our hero. Who enters?

JOJO
The bird!

13 — THE ONE FEATHER TAIL OF MISS GERTRUDE MCFUZZ / AMAYZING MAYZIE

(GERTRUDE McFUZZ enters, carrying a small guitar.)

GERTRUDE (spoken)
"Love Song for Horton" Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

(GERTRUDE begins to play and sing.)

GERTRUDE
Doo doo, doo doo, doo doo, doo doo doo doo...
There once was a girl bird named Gertrude McFuzz And she had the smallest plain tail ever was One droopy-droop feather, that’s all that she had And oh! That one feather made Gertrude so sad She curled it. She dyed it, she gave it a puff She decked it with flowers But it wasn’t enough

For no matter what it just was what it was A tail that simply wasn’t meant... To catch the eye of an elephant... The one feather tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz.

(MAYZIE & BIRD GIRLS enter flamboyantly and notice Gertrude and her pathetic tail.)

MAYZIE (spoken)
Poor little Gertrude!
A sorry sight!
Well, I’m gonna take you under my wing And baby, you’ll be all right!
(sung)
I was once a plain little bird like you, kid
One pathetic feather was all I grew
I had nothing showoff-ish
What’s a plain bird to do?
And there’s certainly nothing showoff-ish on you!

GERTRUDE (spoken)
Thank you, Mayzie

MAYZIE
Then I made a plan for my self-improvement
No more crumbs. I vowed I would have the cake!
Yes, I went to the doctor

BIRD GIRLS
Doctor Dake by the lake

MAYZIE
And he told me qhat sort of a pill I should take.
Now I’m… … …
Amayzing Mayzie!
As feathered as feathered can be now!
Amayzing Mayzie! It was all for sale!

MAYZIE, BIRD GIRLS
Amayzing Mayzie!

MAYZIE
The birds are all whistling at me now

MAYZIE, BIRD GIRLS
Amayzing Mayzie!

MAYZIE
Baby, that's my tail!

(MAYZIE begins to dance, flaunting her tail. GERTRUDE watches in awe.)

BIRD GIRLS
High or low

GERTRUDE
Gee, it's fabulous!

BIRD GIRLS
Watch her go

GERTRUDE
Gee, I'm envious!

BIRD GIRLS
To and fro
Mayzie's fabulous tail!

GERTRUDE
I wish I had one like it

BIRD GIRLS
Left and right

GERTRUDE
Best I've ever seen

BIRD GIRLS
Day or night

MAYZIE
Kid, you're turning green!

GERTRUDE & BIRD GIRLS
What a sight —
Mayzie's fabulous tail!

MAYZIE
Get those pills...

BIRD GIRLS
Get the pills

MAYZIE
And you can have frills...

BIRD GIRLS
Frills!

MAYZIE, BIRD GIRLS
Your Horton is certain to see.
And you can be amayzing
14 — AMAYZING GERTRUDE (PART 1)

GERTRUDE (spoken)
So she flew to the doctor, the doctor named Dake
Whose office was high in a tree by the lake
And she cried, “Mr. Doctor!
Oh, please, do you know
Of some kind of pill that will make my tail grow?”

(Music ends. The CAT appears as DR. DAKE, wearing a stethoscope, speaks the following lines in a foreign language, then repeats them in English.)

CAT (as Doctor Dake)
“Tut tut!” said the Doctor.
Such talk! It’s too absurd!

GERTRUDE (baffled)
Huh??

CAT (as Doctor Dake)
In other words, your little tail is just right
For your kind of bird!

15 — AMAYZING GERTRUDE (PART 2)

GERTRUDE (having a tantrum)
Then Gertrude had tantrums. She raised such a din
That finally the doctor just had to give in.

CAT (as Doctor Dake)
(Reacts to her tantrum)
Alright already! Bring in the Pill-berry bush!

(BIRD GIRLS brings in the pill-berry bush. GERTRUDE plucks and eats some of the pills.)

GERTRUDE
Gulp! Gulp! Gulp! Gulp Gulp! Gulp gulp!

What was that?
Something’s itching me!
What was that?
Something’s twitching me!
What was that?
Are those feathers I see?
I think my tail’s beginning!
Oh my word!
This is wonderful!
Second, third,
Wow, I’m colorful!
What a bird
I’m beginning to be...
Amayzing Gertrude

BIRD GIRLS
Just look at the tail she is sportin’

GERTRUDE, BIRD GIRLS
Amayzing Gertrude

GERTRUDE
Thank you, Doctor Dake!

BIRD GIRLS
Thanks, doc!

GERTRUDE, BIRD GIRLS
Amayzing Gertrude!

GERTRUDE
And hopefully I’ll impress Horton!

BIRD GIRLS
Amayzing Gertrude!

(She starts taking more pills.)

GERTRUDE
One more pill will do me good
Yes, it will!
One more, one more, one more pill

BIRD GIRLS
Soon, she’ll have the biggest tail...
She’ll have the biggest tail!
GERTRUDE
I'll have the biggest tail!

GERTRUDE, BIRD GIRLS
The biggest tail of... all!

(GERTRUDE freezes for a minute. THE CAT IN THE HAT and JOJO appear together, somewhere "out of the frame", observing GERTRUDE in the story.)

16 — MONKEY AROUND / CHASING THE WHOS

JOJO (spoken)
So Gertrude is happy. Her tail’s nice and long.

CAT (spoken)
Kid, fasten your seat belt.
'Cause now things go wrong!

(MUSIC kicks in as GERTRUDE exits. Lights come up on the jungle at night. It's dark and menacing. The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS are hanging around, looking for trouble.)

WICKERSHAMS
Yeah!
There's a rustle in the bushes
There's a tremble in the trees
Hear it like a whisper
Smell it on the summer breeze

Mm-hmm!

Somethin' big is getting nearer
Somethin' big is comin' through
Got some monkey business
That's what we intend to do...

HORTON enters, clutching his clover.

HORTON
The Wickershams. Uh, hello.

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS circle HORTON.)

SOUR KANGAROO & BIRD GIRLS enter to watch and comment.

SOUR KANGAROO
Up out of the jungle
Up into the sky.
Up over the mountains
SOUR KANGAROO  
Ten thousand feet high

SOUR KANGAROO  
Then down from the mountains

SOUR KANGAROO  
And into the news

BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMS, SOUR KANGAROO  
Went Horton the elephant  
Chasing the Whos!

Who Ladies  
Chasing the Whos!

BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMS  
Then over the desert,  
The Desert of Dreze!  
And into the forest  
With thousands of trees  
Past Sneetches on beaches

SOUR KANGAROO  
And sour kangaroos!

BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMS, SOUR KANGAROO  
Went Horton the elephant  
Chasing the Whos

Sour Kangaroo  
Chasing the Whos!

(The WICKERSHAM BROTHERS stop running and surround HORTON, holding the clover just out of reach.)

Vlad  
Still chasing your dust?  
Why it's safe as can be.

Vlad  
We're monkeys to trust  
Or don't you agree?

Vlad  
Well, just to be sure  
We are handing it off

WICKERSHAMS  
To a black-bottomed eagle named...

VLAD VLADIKOFF  
Vlad Vladikoff!! (laughs maniacally)

(Music ends. VLAD VLADIKOFF swoops in and grabs the clover. Horton gives chase again.)

HORTON  
No! Please! Wait!!

WHOS (swaying as they're flown about)  
“Aaaah!”
(The clover drops and the WHOS scream. HORTON tries to catch it, but it’s too late. They are lost in a huge field of clover. HORTON stands alone.)

HORTON
That bird let that clover drop somewhere inside
Of a great patch of clovers a hundred miles wide
I’ll find it, I’ll find it, I’ll find it or bust
Well, I shall find my friends on their small speck of dust.

(HORTON searches for the WHOS, clover by clover.)

Yes, clover by clover by clover with care
I’ll listen and call...

(GERTRUDE enters. Her tail is now magnificent. She sings to HORTON, but he takes no notice, because he is searching for his speck of dust.)

17 — NOTICE ME, HORTON

HORTON (spoken)
“Are you there? Are you there?”
GERTRUDE
Horton! Horton...!

20 — EGG, NEST AND TREE

SOUR KANGAROO
Up out of the jungle
Up into the sky
Up over the mountains

Sour Kangaroo
Ten thousand feet high
Then down from the mountains
And down to the sea Went Horton the elephant
Egg, nest and tree.

SOUR KANGAROO
After bobbing around for two weeks like a cork.

SOUR KANGAROO
They landed at last
In the town of New York.

SOUR KANGAROO
He was wet. He was tired.
And hungry and cold.

SOUR KANGAROO
Then, Horton was taken to auction...

(Music ends. The CAT appears as an auctioneer.)

CAT (as auctioneer)
Good evening ladies and gentlemen,
And welcome to Seusseby’s.
Our first item up for bid this evening is lot 39,
A pendulous pachyderm on egg, nest and tree.
Cat
The bidding will begin at ten thousand dollars.
Do I hear ten, ten thousand?

(NOTE: Another "free" improvisational area for THE CAT to invite audience participation in the auction.)

CAT (as auctioneer)
Going once, going twice...

(The CAT bangs his gavel)

Sold...to the man with the sideburns
   and the greasy black mustache.
Oh, excuse me, Madame! Sold...
   to the man from the circus!

21 — SOLD / MAYZIE IN PALM BEACH

BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMs & SOUR KANGAROO
Sold ...
Sold ...
Sold ...

HORTON
Sold to the circus

22 — MAYZIE AT THE CIRCUS

MAYZIE (spoken)
A circus! I love a show! I think I'll go!

(MAYZIE exits as the circus enters. SHE re-enters with souvenirs and cotton candy. We see the circus animals, now in their cages. Suddenly, she is face-to-face with HORTON.)

MAYZIE (spoken)
Good gracious. I’ve seen you before.
Now let’s see.

HORTON (spoken)
Why Mayzie, it’s Horton! Remember? Its me!
HORTON (spoken)
I've sat on your egg now for fifty-one weeks!
I've sat here while people have paid to take peeks!
I've sat here through lightning
and hail storms and snow!
Won't you take back your egg?

MAYZIE (spoken)
Gee. I really don't know...
(sung) Oh, wow, it's really late!
And gee, I've got a date!
And lots of places to be.
But it's so great to see you!

Look at you!
Who would ever guess?
Look at you!
Such a big success...
And it's all thanks to me!

(Music ends. MAYZIE exits hastily. The other animals look at HORTON with sympathy as he holds the unwieldy egg in his arms.)

HORTON
I meant what I said,
And I said what I meant
An elephant's faithful,
One hundred percent.
(In the darkness, we see a figure carrying a flashlight.  It’s GERTURDE McFUZZ)

GERTRUDE
Pssst!...Horton!...Horton, are you there?

HORTON
What? Who is it?

GERTRUDE
It’s me, Gertrude! Horton! Oh, Horton! I was so worried! Are you all right?

HORTON
Gertrude! How did you find us?

GERTRUDE
Well, it’s a long story.

28 — ALL FOR YOU

GERTRUDE
I had a little trouble  
’Cause I grew a little tail.  
Well, it wasn’t really little.  
It was absolutely giant!
(sung)
It took me seven weeks...
But I found your clover,
Too!   Who...

(Music ends. HORTON eagerly takes the clover from GERTRUDE.)

HORTON
Gertrude...I never noticed...you're...Amazing!

GERTRUDE
Aw, it was nothing.

29 — THE WHOS RETURN / THE PEOPLE vs. HORTON THE ELEPHANT (PART 1)

HORTON (spoken)
Hello, Whos, hello! Is anyone there?

(HE holds the clover to his ear and gets an answer as MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR appear.)

MRS. AND MRS. MAYOR (spoken)
Hello!!

HORTON
Oh, what a relief! Why, hello, Mr. Mayor! Is JoJo all right?

(HE listens again.)

JOJO
Hi, Horton!

HORTON
Oh, JoJo! Hello!
Kid, now that I’ve got you, I won’t let you go!
I’ll shelter and guard you, because after all
(sung)
A person’s a person
No matter how small!

MR. & MRS. MAYOR, JOJO, HORTON, GERTRUDE
A person’s a person
No matter how...

(THE WICKERSHAM BROTHERS and the SOUR KANGAROO appear.)

WICKERSHAM #1
Ha!

WICKERSHAM #2,3
Ha!

SOUR KANGAROO
Humph!

GERTRUDE
How did you get here?!

SOUR KANGAROO
You can’t run away from a sour kangaroo
Palm Beach to Pittsburgh to Kalamazoo
And you, with your egg
And your tree and your nest
I’m making a Sour Citizen’s arrest!

(Music becomes lively. The villains begin pushing Horton away, back to the jungle.)

HORTON
Wait! Stop! Where are you taking me?

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS
Well Horton, we’re taking you back.
You’re gonna be goin’ in style.
For talkin’ to a speck
And sittin’ on an egg
You’re gonna be...
(Segue to a courtroom in the Jungle of Nool. The CITIZENS OF THE JUNGLE will serve as the jury. THE CAT plays the court’s MARSHAL.)

**CAT (as marshal)**
This is the case of the people versus Horton the elephant

**ALL**
Horton the elephant!

**CAT (as marshal)**
Judge Yertle the turtle presiding. Everyone rise!

**JUDGE YERTLE**
Order! Order! Order in the court!

**JUDGE YERTLE & ALL**
Order, order, order, order in the court!

**CAT (as marshal)**
The defendant is charged with talking to a speck, Disturbing the peace, and loitering... on an egg.

**HORTON (spoken)**
Your honor, this clover is Exhibit A. *(sung)*
They’re Whos here.
There are Whos here.
Smaller than the eye can see!

**SOUR KANGAROO, BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMs**
Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

**HORTON**
It’s true, sir!
Here’s who’s who, sir!
He’s a who, and so is she

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**SOUR KANGAROO, BIRD GIRLS, WICKERSHAMs**
Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool

*(JUDGE YERTLE bangs the gavel)*

Talkin’ to a speck
Talkin’ to a speck
To a speck of dust!

**GERTRUDE**
Objection!

**YERTLE**
Overruled!

**ALL**
Sittin’ on an egg
Sittin’ on an egg
Sittin’ on an egg!

**GERTRUDE**
Objection!

**YERTLE**
Overruled!

*(Horton emits a tremendous angry elephant trumpet. The courtroom falls silent.)*

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**30 — THE PEOPLE vs. HORTON THE ELEPHANT (PART 2)**

**HORTON**
I meant what I said
And I said what I meant:
An elephant’s faithful
One hundred percent!
You can throw me in jail,
Lock me up in a zoo...
But I won't desert my egg
And I will not abandon Who!

These Whos, sir,
Win or lose, sir,
Whether you believe or not,
They’re here.
They live in fear.
And I’m the only friend they’ve got

*(spoken)*
You can do what you want with me, Your Honor,
And I won’t question why

*(sung)*
But Please save Who,
The ti-niest planet in the sky

*(There is tension in the courtroom as JUDGE YERTLE delivers his verdict.)*

**JUDGE YERTLE**
Based on the evidence, I have no choice
But to order the defendant, Horton the elephant,
Remanded to the Nool
Asylum for the criminally insane.
And as for the dust speck...

**COURTROOM MEN**
**COURTROOM WOMEN**
Boil it! Boil it!
Boil it!
Boil it!
Boil it!

*(HORTON struggles to protect THE WHOS from the mob, holding the clover away from them.)*

**HORTON**
Don’t give up! I believe in you all!
A person’s a person, no matter how small!
And you very small persons will not have to die
If you make yourselves heard! So, please! TRY!

*(THE WHOS are revealed. They're terror stricken. They beat on tom toms, play musical instruments, wave their arms.)*

**COURTROOM PEOPLE WHOS**
Boil it! Boil it! Boil it! Boil it!
WHOS
We are here! We are here!
We are here! We are here!

(HORTON, MR & MRS MAYOR shouting while the
WHOS and COURTROOM argue.)

HORTON, MR. AND MRS. MAYOR
Jojo, think of something!

WHOS           COURTROOM
We are here!   Boil it!
We are here!   Boil it!
We are here!   Boil it!
We are here!   Boil...

(Everyone freezes as THE CAT steps out of the scene.)

CAT
Now just for a moment, young Jojo looked grim.
The fate of the Whos rested squarely on him!
But then came a think.-
A peculiar new word
The kind of a word no one ever had heard!

(The scene unfreezes...)  

WHOS           COURTROOM
We are here!   Boil it!
We are here!   Boil it!
We are here!   Boil it!

JOJO (loudly!)  
YOPP!

(JOJO’s voice reverberates loudly through the
universe. And the WHOS are heard at last. All the
JUNGLE CREATURES gasp. The WHOS breathe a sigh
of relief.)

31 — YOPP!

Yertle
They’ve proved they ARE persons
No matter how small.

HORTON
And their whole world was saved
By the Smallest of All!

SOUR KANGAROO
How true! Yes, how true!
Said the Sour Kangaroo.
And, from now on
You know what I’m planning to do?
From now on, I’m going to protect them with you!

SOUR KANGAROO (singing)
And the young kangaroo in her pouch said:

    YOUNG KANGAROO
    Me..., too!

(The CAT appears out of nowhere.)

CAT
Their troubles were ended.
They hailed his great...

ALL
YOPP!

CAT
And Jojo was honored as “Thinker Non-Stop.”

MR & MRS MAYOR
Now all Jojo’s Thinks would forever be heard.

CAT
Including this Think...

(We hear the sound of a giant egg cracking.
GERTRUDE dashes over to HORTON with the egg in a
basket, and they watch it hatch.)

ALL
An Elephant bird!
CAT & JOJO (to audience)
Well, what do you think?!

33 — OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK!
(FINALE)

ALL
Oh, the Thinks you can think
think and wonder and dream
Far and wide as you dare...
When your Thinks have run dry
In the blink of an eye
There’s another Think there...
If you open your mind
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose

Oh, the Thinks you can think

MEN
Oh, the Thinks you can think

ALL
Oh, the Thinks you can think

WOMEN
Oh, the Thinks you can think

ALL
Oh the Thinks you can think
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!
When you think about Seuss!


(The characters dance off, fade away, disappear, one
by one. Last to go is THE CAT IN THE HAT. Finally, THE
BOY stand on an empty stage, holding his legacy, His
imagination - embodied in the red-and-white striped
hat.)

BOY
Seuss!

(THE BOY pulls the CAT’S hat on, and it comes down
over his eyes, causing a...Blackout!)