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SCRIPT READING (#28) “The people versus Horton the Elephant”

- read any part (take it in turns)

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!

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

WICKERSHAMS

You're gonna be... Gonna be... Gonna be...

SOUR KANGAROO & WICKERSHAMS

Gonna be... Gonna be put... On trial!

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

This is the case of the people versus Horton the elephant ...
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

Your honor, this clover is Exhibit A.
They're Whos here. There are Whos here.
Smaller than the eye can see.
It's true, sir! Here's who's who, sir!
He's a who, and so is she.

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SOUR KANGAROO, WICKERSHAMS, BIRD GIRLS

Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool, Biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool.

JUDGE YERTLE

Order! Order! Order in the court!

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

Call to the stand the star witness versus Horton the elephant.

Raise your right hand and swear!

SOUR KANGAROO

I swear... That he's the biggest blame fool in the Jungle of Nool as I testified long ago.
Biggest blame fool ...

YOUNG KANGAROO

Just a fool, fool, fool!

SOUR KANGAROO

And a mother like me should know. Judgin' him trunk to toe... You better think!

BIRD GIRLS & SOUR KANGAROO

Think! Think! Think!

SOUR KANGAROO

Oh please, throw him in the clink!

BIRD GIRLS

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

GERTRUDE

Objection!

ALL (EXCEPT HORTON AND GERTRUDE)

Overruled!

WICKERSHAMS, KANGAROO, BIRD GIRLS

Sittin' on an egg, Sittin' on an egg, Sittin' on an egg!

GERTRUDE

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BIRD GIRLS SOUR KANGAROO WICKERSHAMS

Talkin' to a speck, Talkin' to a speck, To a speck of dust!
In the Jungle of Nool! Nool! Nool! - Fool fool fool!
Sittin' on an egg! On an egg! Ha! Ha! Ha!

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 -
You can do what you want with me, Your Honor, and I won't question why.
But Please save Who, the tiniest planet in the sky.

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...

BIRD GIRLS

Ooh! That dust speck!

CAT (AS MARSHAL)

And as for the dust speck

BIRD GIRLS

Ooh! That speck!

CAT (AS MARSHAL), SOUR KANGAROO, WICKERSHAMS, YERTLE, BIRD GIRLS

And as for your dust speck,
That we will boil boil boil boil boil... In a hot steaming kettle of beezlenut oil!

HORTON

Boil it! Oh no! No, that you can't do! It's all full of persons! They'll prove it to you!
Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor! Oh, please, Mr. Mayor!
You've got to prove now that you really are there!
So ring every doorbell. And send out the word!
Make every Who holler!
Make every Who heard!