

(THE BOY instantly envisions the whole scene on TV. THE CAT IN THE HAT, the "sympathetic" variety host, Sally Jesse Raphael, microphone in hand.)

CAT (AS TALK SHOW HOST)

Our topic today is "Psychic Elephants Who Hear Voices." Whaddaya think, folks. Is the elephant off his trunk?

(NOTE: THE CAT may improvise and ad lib with the audience here.)

CAT AS TALK SHOW HOST

We'll be 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!

(The CAT now interviews GERTRUDE McFUZZ, a plain bird with a one-feather tail)

**BIGGEST BLAME FOOL
IN THE JUNGLE OF NOOL**

GERTRUDE

I'm Gertrude McFuzz, and I live right next door.
He's never done anything crazy before.

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GERTRUDE

He's always been friendly and loyal and kind.
I just don't believe Horton's out of his mind!

**ALL
DID YOU HEAR? DID YOU HEAR?
DID YOU, DID YOU HEAR?**

(The glamorous and flamboyant MAYZIE LA BIRD is now interviewed)

MAYZIE

I'm Mayzie La Bird
And I live in that tree.