

(DOG)

(as exits)

Woof! Woof! Woof!

PIGGIE

(waving her envelope)

See, Gerald! This is exactly what I was talking about! I had no idea I would get this! How exciting!

GERALD

(earnest)

Piggie. I know that an envelope can be fun, but I think you might be going a bit overboard.

PIGGIE

No, Gerald! It's not just the envelope. I think there's something *inside* the envelope!

GERALD

There's something inside the envelope!? Well, now you've got my attention.

Gerald tries to grab the envelope, but Piggie pulls it away.

May I see it?

PIGGIE

What's the magic word?

GERALD

Abra-ka-zammy-wing-bop.

PIGGIE

Exactly!

With a flourish, Piggie hands Gerald the envelope. He opens it and pulls out a card.

GERALD

It is an invitation ... You are lucky: you are invited to a party.

PIGGIE

I am invited to a party!!!

(beat)

Whose party?

GERALD

The Squirrelles!

PIGGIE

I love the Squirrelles! Can I bring a friend?

GERALD

(looks at invite)

Yes.

PIGGIE

Can that friend be you?

GERALD

(looks at invite)

Yes.

PIGGIE

That is so cool!! Uh oh. There is a predicament.

GERALD

A predicament!? Just as I feared!

PIGGIE

I have never been to a party.

GERALD

You have never...

(laughs, relieved)

Oh, don't worry! That's my job. Besides, I *know* parties.

(chanting)

Party! Party!

Piggie joins in.

PIGGIE & GERALD

Party! Party! Party! Party! Party!

Gerald tosses the invite. Piggie tries to find it.

GERALD

(stopping suddenly)

Wait! What if it is a fancy party?

(beat)

We must be ready!

(dashes off stage right)

Zip!

PIGGIE

Finished?

CD TRACK 21

GERALD

(quick)

WHY!

PIGGIE

Because, Gerald, I have to goooo ...

(Gerald doesn't get it)

To the potty.

Gerald is embarrassed. Piggie hops from one leg to the other.

GERALD

Ohhhhhhhh! Well, by all means, don't let me stop you!

PIGGIE

(quick, about to explode)

Thanks!

(dashes off stage left, quickly)

Zip! Zip! Zip! Zip! Zip! Zip! Zip!

Scene 5 — ICE CREAM HERO

Gerald sits on the ground.

GERALD

(immediately)

Oh, dear. I'm so lonely.

PENGUIN

(from off stage)

Ice-Cream! Getcher Cold Icey-Ice-Cream!

GERALD

(suddenly cheerful)

Is that the Ice Cream Penguin?

PENGUIN

You bet yer sweet bippi!

GERALD

Yay!

The Ice Cream PENGUIN enters with her Ice Cream CART.

PENGUIN

(to Gerald, rhetorical)

Who wants an ice cold ice cream on this hot, hot day?

GERALD

Oh, I do! I do!

PENGUIN

(reaching into her cart, matter of fact)

Here ya go, pal. Careful now, don't get trunk freeze.

GERALD

(laughs)

Okay! Thanks Ice Cream Penguin!

PENGUIN

Just doin' my job ... until a position in management opens up ...

(exiting)

Ice cream! Getcher cold icy-ice cream!

Gerald is alone with his one true love, an ice cream cone.

SQUIRRELLES

THAT'S A FACT!

PIGGIE

YOU!

SQUIRRELLES

YOU!

PIGGIE

SAY YOU'RE SORRY!

THAT IS THAT,

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE!

SQUIRRELLES

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE

GERALD

IT'S SO BIZARRE-Y!

I FEEL SO BAD

AND IT'S NO FUN!

SQUIRRELLES

IT'S NO FUN!

PIGGIE & GERALD

I FEEL SO ROTTEN

AND IT CAN'T BE DENIED.

THAT TOY'S BROKEN

SOMETHING DEEP INSIDE!

SQUIRRELLES

TOO BAD IT ONLY TAKES

SOMETHING PLASTIC AND HARD,

TO BREAK A FRIENDSHIP

INTO ITTY BITTY SHARDS!

PIGGIE & GERALD

I'VE NEVER EVER,

EVER, EVER,

EVER, EVER,

FELT SO—

PIGGIE

MAD!

GERALD

SAD!

PIGGIE

MAD!

GERALD

SAD!

PIGGIE

GERALD

MAD!

SAD!

SQUIRRELLES

YOU BROKE HER TOY!

There is a terrible beat of silence between the seething Piggie and bereft Gerald.

GERALD

(soft)

I ... I don't know what to do.

PIGGIE

(furious)

There's nothing you can do! You are an out of control, rampant toy breaker!

(holding the pieces of the toy in Gerald's face)

Look at what you've done!

(Gerald looks away. Piggie shows the pieces to the Squirrelles)

Look at what he did!

SQUIRELLE #1

Wait a second!

SQUIRELLE #2

Is that?

SQUIRELLE #3

It is!

GERALD

"It is" what?

SQUIRELLE #1

(grabbing the two pieces)

What you have here is a—

SQUIRRELLE #2

Snap and break toy.

Squirrelle #1 puts the toy together and apart a few times.

SQUIRRELLE #3

Snap! Break! Snap! Break!

SQUIRRELLE #2

"Snap and Break Toys, fun for friends everywhere!"

SQUIRRELLE #1

Friendship sold separately.

Piggie gets increasingly embarrassed as Gerald gets angry. Squirrelle #1 gives Piggie the toy back.

PIGGIE

Uh oh!

SQUIRRELLE #1

That is one fun toy!

There is a terrible beat of silence between the seething Gerald and bereft Piggie.

GERALD

Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr ...

SQUIRRELLE #3

(over his growls)

We'd better ... go.

SQUIRRELLES

Bye!

The Squirrelles exit, Squirrelle #3 makes a "call me" sign with her hand. Piggie, embarrassed, holds the two pieces.

PIGGIE

Gerald? Do you want to play with my new toy?

GERALD

(angry)

No.

Beat.

PIGGIE

Gerald? Do you want to play something else?

GERALD

No.

Beat.

PIGGIE

Gerald? Do you want to play with me?

GERALD

I'm thinking.

Beat.

PIGGIE

Gerald? Do you want me to leave?

GERALD

Still thinking.

Piggie is devastated. Music comes up.

CD TRACK 33

#7 - Elephant in the Room

PIGGIE

If you want me to, I'll go. But, please don't be mad.

(sings)

YOU MAKE MY LIFE MORE FUN.
YOU GIVE IT ZIP AND ZOOM.
I GOTTA SAY, LIFE IS BETTER,
WITH AN ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.

YOU'RE THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.

(spoken)

What I'm trying to say, is that you're better than any toy.

I LOVE YOUR GREAT BIG EARS,
THEY HEAR MY JOYS AND FEARS.
DON'T MAKE ME GLOOMY, NO BOY OH BOY
I'D RATHER BE WITH YOU THAN ANY TOY

YES LIFE'S ALWAYS BETTER
WITH AN ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.

YOU'RE A PRESENT.
BUT, NOT FROM THE STORE.