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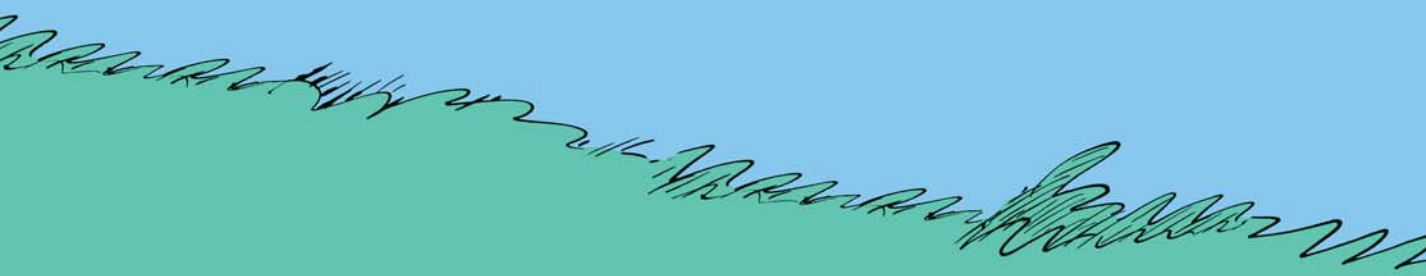




Horton and the Kwuggerbug

It happened last May, on a very nice day
While the Elephant Horton was walking, they say,
Just minding his business... just going his way...
When a Kwuggerbug dropped from a tree with a plunk
And landed on Horton the Elephant's trunk!

The Kwuggerbug leaned toward the elephant's ear.
"Perhaps you are wondering," he said, "why I'm here.
Well, I've got a secret!" he whispered. "I know
Of a Beezlenut tree where some Beezlenuts grow!"



Beezlenuts! Horton looked up with wide eyes.
Beezlenuts! *THIS* was a happy surprise!
For, of all of the nuts in that jungle to eat,
The nut of the Beezle, by far, was most sweet!
“But *why*,” Horton asked, “do you tell this to *me*?”
“Well, you see,” the bug answered, “my Beezlenut tree
Is rather far off. And I’m not very strong.
I’d get there much quicker if *you* came along.
So I’ll make you a deal that I think is quite fair...
You furnish the legs and you carry me there;
I’ll furnish the brains, show the way to the tree.
Then half of the nuts are for *you*! Half for *me*!”
“A deal!” Horton said with a smile on his face.
“Hold tight and we’re off to your Beezlenut place!
Just steer me and show me the best road to take...”
“No road,” laughed the Kwuggerbug. “We’ll take the lake!”
And he steered the big elephant down to the shore
Of a lake that was thirty miles long. Maybe more.

