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Vocabulary

Stork - cigonya
Lock - tancar amb clau
Parade - desfilada
Puddle - bassal
Cage - gàbia
Injuries - lesions
Vat - tina
Stunt - escena de risc



Dumbo

A flock of **storks** deliver babies while circus animals are being transported by train from their "Winter Quarters".^[6] Mrs. Jumbo, one of the elephants, receives her baby, who is soon made fun of by the other female elephants, who are Prissy, Catty, Giddy, and Matriarch, because of his large ears, and they nickname him "Dumbo". After **locking** the four elephants up, Mrs. Jumbo starts to cuddle Dumbo.

When a storm comes, they have to help set up the circus tents together, including the elephants; afterwards, they have a **parade** through town. However, Dumbo ends up in a muddy **puddle**, so Mrs. Jumbo has to wash him. When a group of boys torment Dumbo, Mrs. Jumbo responds by attacking the boys, and losing her temper in confusion. Mrs. Jumbo is deemed mad and suspended in a **cage**.

The other elephants don't talk to Dumbo, and with no parent to care for him, he is now alone. Timothy Q. Mouse makes friends with Dumbo and he protects him.

After being secretly encouraged by Timothy, the circus director makes Dumbo the top of an elephant pyramid stunt. The performance goes wrong as Dumbo trips over his ears and misses his target, causing the other elephants to suffer various **injuries**, and bring down the big top.

Dumbo is made into a clown as a result, and the other elephants ignore him. His new act that involves him falling into a **vat** of pie filling. Despite his

newfound popularity and fame, Dumbo dislikes this job, and is now very very sad.

To cheer Dumbo up, Timothy takes him to visit his mother; on the way back, Dumbo cries and then starts to hiccup, so Timothy takes him for a drink of water from a bucket which, unknown to them, has accidentally had a bottle of champagne knocked into it by the clowns as they decide to speak to the circus director about changing up Dumbo's **stunt**, and a pay raise. As a result, Dumbo and Timothy both become drunk, and see hallucinations of pink elephants.

The next morning, Dumbo and Timothy wake up in a tree, but soon fall into a lake; Timothy wonders how they got up in the tree, and concludes that Dumbo flew up there using his large ears as wings. With the help from a group of crows, Timothy is able to get Dumbo to fly again, using a psychological trick of a "magic feather" to boost his confidence.

Back at the circus, Dumbo performs the same stunt, which involves jumping from a high building, this time, from a much higher platform thanks to the clowns speaking to the circus director earlier. On the way down, Dumbo loses the feather; Timothy quickly tells him that the feather was never magical, and that he is still able to fly. Dumbo is able to pull out of the dive and flies around the circus, finally striking back at his tormentors as a stunned audience looks on in amazement.

After this performance, Dumbo becomes a media sensation, Timothy becomes his manager, and Dumbo and Mrs. Jumbo are given a private car on the circus train. They are very happy.