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“This is a story about why everyone needs a friend, no matter how big or little they may be. I hope you like it!”

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A little ant



A big elephant





One day an ant saw an elephant.  
The ant went up to the elephant's trunk.  
"Hello, elephant," said the ant.  
"Do you want a friend?"



The elephant looked down at the ant.  
"You are too little. I don't want a *little* friend,"  
said the elephant. "I am big. I am bigger than  
you. I am the biggest animal around here."



Later that day, the elephant got an itch on the top of his back. The elephant tried to scratch the itch with his trunk. But he could not reach it.



Again and again, the elephant tried to scratch the itch. He just could not reach it. "I think you do want a *little* friend now," said the ant.



The ant ran up the elephant's trunk to get onto his back.

The ant scratched and scratched until the itch went away. The elephant was happy again.



The elephant felt bad about what he had first said to the ant.

"I am sorry," he said. "I have learnt a very big lesson."



“What is that big lesson?” asked the ant.  
“I learnt that everyone needs a friend,”  
said the elephant. “It does not matter how  
big or little they may be. Thank you!”

## Grusilda's GRAPHIC Glossary



itch



scratch



trunk

Try these words too:

animal

lesson

scratched

learnt

reached

tried



“Hi! I’m Grusilda, The Literacy Tower’s friendly dragon. There are **201 words** in this book. Most non-high frequency words are supported by illustrations and others can be sounded out by students using their decoding skills. For additional support, words in the glossary could be practised before students read the story.”



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