Elephants
Salvador Dalí, 1948

Gentle jazz music plays

This is Redstart Radio, the station that brings you all the hottest art news and stories by Chard's finest art detectives.

In this episode, agents investigated a painting by the Spanish artist Salvador Dali. You'll hear what the agents uncovered very soon. But first, a little about the picture.

It is called Elephants, and Salvador Dali painted it in 1948. It features two creatures with elephant bodies but extremely long spindly legs walking within a hot desert landscape. There aren't any elephants in the pet shop, of course, but this episode is about animals which is why you're listening to it here.

Now it's time for you to hear some stories, written and performed by the agents who investigated this artwork.

Upbeat, urgent low violins and electronic beat, like a news theme.

Hello and welcome to the news. My name is Lambo.
Today we have breaking news. Two of Salvador Dali's hybrid elephants have escaped from the hybrid animal zoo. Somehow these guys can talk so I guess I'll pass it to them.

Sounds of elephants trumpeting and breathing hard.

Hello Lambo, yes I can talk, I bet you have never heard an elephant talk.
Yes, no I have not seen an elephant talk before, and what's that thing on your back?

Hello Lambo, I'm Lola. And the thing on our back is what we store our food and water in.
Wow, you're a sweetheart!

Sounds of angry elephant bellowing and trumpeting.

Ugh! I don't like people calling me that!

Heavy fast footsteps followed by the sound of smashed then crushed glass, then white noise as a signal is broken.

Oh no! She just broke the camera. She's coming after me!
That's the end of the show, gotta go, bye!

More heavy footsteps.

Oh I tripped, she's gonna jump on me.

Squishing noise and a human in pain sounds, then a triumphant elephant trumpet sound.

Wooden xylophone music, accompanied by heavy footsteps.

In the middle of the desert, two massive slenderphants, and their long slender legs clicked into life.

Rapid click sounds of joints popping.

Hey Joe, do you remember Dali's mission for us?
Yes, we have to find a jammy dodger and a custard cream.
But how?
I have a gold ring and an old doughnut.
But how do we get back home back to Mars?
The teleporting potion of course.
Come on then, let's go.

Sounds of a spacecraft revving up to take off, then a loud fast whoosh as the spacecraft takes off.
Mystical choir sounds, then tuned percussion plays.

Hello mate, I'm Boudicca the elephant.
Hi, nice to meet you. My name's Daisy the elephant.
Hi! I live on top of Boudicca in the house. Do you have someone living in your house?

No, I don't. My brother was called Simon. He was 99. He died on his 100th birthday. I was so sad, I had plans for a birthday party.

Sad times, ha ha!
Boudicca!

Sound of a sharp slap

Stop being mean.
Ow! Why did you slap me? Wanna fight then, huh?

Sounds of angry elephants bellowing and trumpeting with occasional stamps and slaps.

Voice echoes and get quieter

Help me I'm falling! No!

Sound of a distant thud as the elephant lands.

Gentle jazz music plays.
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