

## Scenario

**Introduction:** made by the presenter puppet

**Presenter puppet:** Hello ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. I am happy to see that everybody is ready to listen and watch today's special show!

Well, I can tell you already a little bit of the mystery of today. It all takes place in the world of the animals. And in that world, just like ours, not everything is beautiful and not everything is ugly, not everything is normal and not everything is weird. But – there are always surprises!

And this story is about one of these surprises. It is the story of a very special animal called Zabderfilio. Watch and listen carefully. Please stay where you are, otherwise the animals might run away and we will never know what happens at the end of the story. See you later!

## The Story

**Summary:** Zabderfilio meets different existing animals one by one. Each of them considers Zabderfilio a very strange animal. Zabderfilio is looking for friends but none of the animals want to be his friend because he is .... just weird!

**Giraffe:** *(comes on the stage and talks to the children)* Hello, everybody. Do you know who I am?  
*(Audience: You're a giraffe)*

**Giraffe:** How do you know? Am I wearing a nametag somewhere? *(Audience: because of your long neck and your colours)*

**Giraffe:** Yes, you are right. And I do have the longest neck of all the animals in the world. I can see a long way and I can eat from high trees without any great effort!

*(Zabderfilio comes on stage)*

**Zabderfilio:** *(very friendly and eager)* Hello!

**Giraffe:** WHOOOAAAAA you scared me there for a second, sneaking up to me like this. But wait a minute, who are you?

**Zabderfilio:** I am Zabderfilio

**Giraffe:** Zabder.... What??

**Zabderfilio:** My name is Zabderfilio and I am looking for friends. Do you want to be my friend?

**Giraffe:** mmmm ... I don't know. You look very strange to me! You are not a mouse, not a lion, not a kangaroo, but you look like all of them. All my friends are one thing or the other and not a mix like you. Excuse me, but I have to go see my friends! You are really strange!

**Zabderfilio:** *(with hurt feelings)* But, but wait a second ...

*(Giraffe has already disappeared and Zabderfilio talks to the audience)*

**Zabderfilio:** This makes me sad. Why didn't Giraffe wanted to be my friend? Well, let me walk a bit longer in the forest and see if I meet any other animals to play with.

**This can be repeated with as many animals as you like.** None of the animals want to be his friend. After several encounters, suddenly, a hunter comes on stage. He is hunting animals. Each time one of the animals comes on stage, the hunter tries to grab it, but they all run away, screaming for help.

Then the hunter disappears from the stage, looking in the forest for the animals and Zabderfilio reappears. He asks the audience what the noise was about.

After the audience explains the situation, Zabderfilio uses his nose of a mouse to smell the hunter *(the puppet can say: Aha, with my keen nose I smell a hunter nearby!)*, his feet of a cat to walk without any noise *(I think I can use my cat feet to sneak up on him!)* and his lion scream to scare the hunter away *(Now I can use my huge voice to roar like a lion and frighten him away – ROAR!)*

After this heroic deed, the other animals come close and apologise for their nasty behaviour. They all ask him to be their friend and Zabderfilio accepts. All the animals say goodbye to the audience and the presenter-puppet appears for final comments.

## Conclusion

**Presenter puppet:** Well, boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen. That was the story of Zabderfilio. Did you enjoy it?

He certainly was a funny looking beast! But he was able to help his friends because he combined so many different parts. Next time you see someone who looks a little unusual, I hope you think of Zabderfilio – that person may have talents you never dreamed of and make a wonderful friend.