**Excerpt #1**

**Coggins Garage**

Characters: Jeremy, Jemima, Potts, Truly, Coggins, Junkman.

Context: Truly’s first encounter with Potts and his children. She has taken her motorcycle to Coggin’s Garage to get fixed.

**Jeremy & Jemima** Wow!... a real motorcycle!

**Truly** Look what you’ve done to my motorbike. I may never get it started now.

**Potts** If it weren’t for me, madam, you might have gone head first over the handlebars.

**Truly** Well, excuse me, but I happen to have a sticky carburetor and I’m simply here for a part.

**Potts** By the sound of it… you’re in the need of an adjustment to your butterfly valve.

**Truly** I’m fairly certain that I need a new choke pull spring.

**Coggins** Here’s your brushing, Mr Potts. Oh, and he’s right. By the sound of it, you need your butterfly adjusted.

**Jeremy** Don’t worry, our Daddy will fix it.

**Jemima** He’s an inventor!

**Potts** Allow me… uh, madam.

**Truly** Uh… Truly.

**Potts** Absolutely.

**Truly** No, Truly…that’s my name.

**Jemima** Truly… what a pretty name.

**Truly** Thank you.

**Potts** Caractacus Potts.

**Junkman** Any scrap today, Mr. Coggins?

**Coggins** Out back. Not much today, I’m afraid.

**Junkman** Well, I’ll load it and weigh it and let you know how much. Women… machines.

**Truly** Well, I never…

**Potts** Ok…pull out the choke.

**Truly** *(to children)*Excuse me, but shouldn’t you be in school?

**Potts** No. Pull out the choke, please.

**Jeremy** It’s right there.

**Truly** oh, yes…I mean… *(to children)* You’re not sick, are you?

**Jemima** Oh no

**Jeremy** We’re fine.

**Truly** Good. Where’s your mother?

**Jemima** Mother’s over in the churchyard.

**Truly** Well, she ought to be looking after you. Oh. I’m terribly sorry.

**Potts** Give her a little Throttle.

**Jeremy** The throttle

**Truly** Oh, yes…

**Potts** Here we go.

**Truly** You see, I was right. It needs a new choke pull.

**Potts** Try switching it on.

**Truly** Oh, yes, sorry…

**(Truly)** But just why aren’t you children at school?

**Jemima** It’s a holiday.

**Truly** And what holiday would that be?

**Jeremy** Eastmas!

**Truly** Eastmas?

**Jemima** Halfway between Easter and Christmas. A very special day when uh, when…

**Jeremy** When school is closed.

**Jemima** Exactly.

**Potts** Besides, you wouldn’t want them to go to school without eating their breakfast, would you?

**Truly** Well, certainly not.

**Potts** So that’s why we’re here…for a part to repair my breakfast making machine.

**Truly** What’s wrong with a stove and a skillet?

**Jeremy** Inefficient

**Jemima** Not as fun!

**Truly** Breakfast making machine?...rather eccentric…wouldn’t you say?

**Potts** No I wouldn’t say.

**Truly** Well, I’m sorry, I didn’t mean…

**Potts** Good day, Madam.

**Truly** Good day (driving off on motorbike), Oh and thank you.

**Potts** And pull out the choke!

**Jemima** I think he likes her.

**Potts** Vicious, interfering, confounded woman!

**Jeremy** You might be right.

**Potts** Who does she think she is, telling me how to raise my children? Implying that I am eccentric. I am not eccentric. Implying I don’t look after you…I look after you alright, don’t I?

**Jemima** Of course you do, Daddy.

**Potts** After all, why do I work so hard?

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