

JEREMY & JEMIMA

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DREAM WORK

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What motorcycle?

TRULY enters on motorcycle with sidecar from MSR, almost crashing into old "chitty". She circles counterclockwise around Old Chitty

POTTS

That motorcycle!

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IF YOU HAVE GOT THE WILL TO WIN—!

ENGLISH CROWD

GOT THE WILL TO WIN—!

POTTS jumps out of old "chitty" just in time to stop her DR. Motorcycle backfires then stops. Petrol pumps are pushed on USL. Applause...

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

(Entering)

Here's your bushing, 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.

He's an inventor!

JEMIMA

Allow me... uh, madam.

POTTS

Uh... Truly.

TRULY

Absolutely.

POTTS

No, Truly... that's my name.

TRULY

Truly... what a pretty name.

JEMIMA

Thank you.

TRULY

POTTS

(Introducing himself)

Caractacus Potts.

JUNKMAN (same actor who plays CHILDCATHER) enters. POTTS continues, tinkers with motorcycle.

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

(To Truly)

Okay... pull out the choke.

TRULY

(To Children)

Excuse me, but shouldn't you be in school?

No. Pull out the choke, please.

POTTS

JEREMY

(Pointing)
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

Mummy'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

(Pointing)
The throttle.

TRULY

Oh, yes...

POTTS

Here we go.
Truly tries starting the engine... it doesn't start.

TRULY

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

POTTS

Try switching it on.

TRULY

Oh, yes, sorry...

(TRULY kick starts motorbike. SFX: engine running)

(TRULY)

But just why aren't you children in 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?...

(Amused)

...rather eccentric... wouldn't you say?

POTTS

(A little put off)
No I wouldn't say.

TRULY

Well, I'm sorry, I didn't mean...

POTTS

Good day, Madam.

TRULY

Good day.
(Driving off on her motorcycle)
...Oh, and thank you.
TRULY exits DL on her motorcycle.
SFX: Gears grinding.

POTTS

(To TRULY, offstage)
And pull out the choke!

#3 – You Two

JEMIMA

(To JEREMY)
I think he likes her.

POTTS

(Focus still offstage)
Vicious, interfering, confounded woman!

JEREMY

(To JEMIMA)
I think you're 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.