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(#25 – INTO TOYSHOP begins. The VULGARIANS exit.)

(POTTS, TRULY, JEREMY, and JEMIMA enter. The TOYMAKER spots them.)

Quick, get those children inside before the Child Catcher gets here.

Who are you?

The Toymaker. Now get inside, please don't argue. He's coming!

(#26 – CHILD CATCHER'S ENTRANCE *begins.*
POTTS, TRULY, JEREMY, and JEMIMA enter the
Toymaker's shop and hide. The CHILD CATCHER enters.)

There are children in here. I can smell them.

Children in a toy shop? Don't be absurd.

My nose is never wrong. I can smell their blood and when I find them you will have made your last toy.

(SOLDIER 1 and SOLDIER 2 enter.)

SOLDIER 1

We've found the car – hidden under the bridge.

SOLDIER 2

The Baron wants you back at the castle immediately.

CHILD CATCHER

My nose must have been mistaken. There are no children here.

(The CHILD CATCHER and SOLDIERS exit.)

TOYMAKER

Sir, madam, I don't know who you are or what you're doing here, but take my advice and get out of Vulgaria.

POTTS

My father has been kidnapped by the Baron and Baroness. We came to get him out and that's what we're going to do. Please show us the way to the castle.

TOYMAKER

If I don't finish this toy for the Baron's birthday tomorrow he'll have me shot.

POTTS

All right, I'll go myself. Truly, you stay here with Jeremy and Jemima.

TOYMAKER

No, listen. There is a way, a secret way. It's past the hidden children.

TRULY

Children?

TOYMAKER

Those we have managed to hide. They're in the sewers under the castle.

POTTS

Take me there.

TOYMAKER

(to TRULY)

You'll be safe as long as you stay in my shop. The Child Catcher has been here already, he'll be looking elsewhere.

TRULY

Promise me you'll be careful.

TOYMAKER

Let's go—

(POTTS and the TOYMAKER exit. TRULY, JEMIMA, and JEREMY look around the shop. Eventually, JEMIMA speaks.)

JEMIMA

I'm hungry.

JEREMY

I'm so hungry my tummy hurts.

TRULY

Alright, he said you'll be safe inside. I'll go and get some food. Lock the door behind me and stay inside until I get back.

(#27 – THE CAPTURE begins. TRULY exits. The CHILD CATCHER enters.)

CHILD CATCHER

Lollipops, cherry pie, cream puffs, ice cream! All free!

(JEREMY crosses towards the door.)

TRULY

Jeremy, no—

CHILD CATCHER

Treacle tarts—

JEREMY

Treacle tarts?

JEMIMA

And ice cream—

JEREMY

All for free!

(JEREMY and JEMIMA unlock the door. The CHILD CATCHER captures them in his net.)

CHILD CATCHER

Come along kiddie-winkies!

(TRULY enters and sees JEREMY and JEMIMA being taken away.)