

VULGARIAN TOWN SQUARE (REPRISE)

Proudly Rit.

VULGARIANS:

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

SCENE 12: THE STREETS OF VULGARIA

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

TOYMAKER

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

TRULY

Who are you?

TOYMAKER

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.)

CHILD CATCHER

There are children in here. I can smell them.

TOYMAKER

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

CHILD CATCHER

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.