

TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS

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SCENE: A Café, table and chair

(CUSTOMER is seated, waitress MARIA arrives.)

MARIA: Welcome to Truly Scrumptious, the restaurant where the food is truly scrumptious. Would you like to order?

EATER: Yes, thank you.

MARIA: The Truly Scrumptious menu.

(MARIA hands menu to EATER.)

EATER: Thank you.

MARIA: There is a good choice of food...

EATER: I can see there is.

MARIA: Everything is fresh.

EATER: Er . . . yes. I think I will have the chicken

MARIA: ***(worried)*** The Chicken?

EATER: Yes, please. Is that a problem?

MARIA: No, no- you do not mind a small wait, do you?

EATER: No, no. I guess not.

MARIA: ***(shouts offstage)*** George, catch the chicken!

EATER: Catch the chicken? Isn't it frozen?

MARIA: No. no. We only serve fresh food here. George won't take long to kill Henrietta.

EATER: Henrietta?

MARIA: ***(very emotional)*** Our pet Chicken. George will be very quick. Once he catches her.

EATER: Good. I am very hungry.

MARIA: We've had her since she was a chick. I reared her myself when her mother rejected her. He just has to break her little neck and pluck off her little feathers, and cook her.

Poor Henrietta! Poor, poor Henrietta! ***(sobs)*** Poor, POOR Henrietta . . . POOR, POOR HENRIETTA . . .

EATER: All right, I will not have the chicken!

MARIA: ***(shouts offstage)*** Do not do it, George! Oh, we were in the nick of time. A second later and her lifeless head would have been dangling. Henrietta is very grateful. She will cluck again.

EATER: Good. I am delighted for her.

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MARIA: What would you like?

EATER: I liked the sound of the chicken.

MARIA: Henrietta is off the menu.

EATER: Right. I will have the rabbit pie.

MARIA: The rabbit?

EATER: Yes, the rabbit pie

MARIA: The rabbit pie?

EATER: It says 'rabbit pie' here. I want the rabbit pie.

MARIA: That is Percy, the Rabbit.

EATER: Is he a white rabbit?

MARIA: He is now.

EATER: I am very hungry you know. I have had a bad day.

MARIA: Not as bad as Percy's day. He has a lovely smile – normally. Have you seen a rabbit smile? Poor, Percy. We had Percy as a little fluffy baby rabbit. Poor, poor, Percy, **POOR POOR PERCY. (sobs)** His time has come. George is very quick. **(shouts offstage)** George, catch Percy!

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