

## The Forgetful Chef

*JULIETTE, a chef, is getting ready for today's episode of Master Cook. Filming is about to begin and SUSIE the producer is running around carrying out last-minute checks.*

**SUSIE:** Okay everyone, we'll be going live in a few minutes, so please make sure you're ready. Good luck everyone, today's going to be a great show. Now Juliette have you got everything you need?

**JULIETTE:** I think so.

**SUSIE:** Contestants' names?

**JULIETTE:** Check!

**SUSIE:** List of today's menus?

**JULIETTE:** Check.

**SUSIE:** Surprise food object?

**JULIETTE:** Check.

**SUSIE:** Been to the loo?

**JULIETTE:** Chec...I'm not a child.

**SUSIE:** *(Under her breath as she walks away)* Could have fooled me.

*(To the room)* Okay everyone and we're on in 5...4...3...2...1

*(JULIETTE stands smiling at the camera, while SUSIE signals from behind the camera)*

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**SUSIE:** And cut!

**JULIETTE:** What?

**SUSIE:** They were last week's contestants. Look at your list...look at the clipboard in front of you. Jessica, Will, Charlie and Annie are today's contestants. Jake, Sally, Tom and Kate were last week's.

**JULIETTE:** Right. Sorry. Silly me. Not very good with names. Much better with food!

**SUSIE:** It's okay. Let's just try and get it right shall we? Okay everyone into positions and 5...4... *(Mouths)* 3...2...1

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**SUSIE:** CUT! Stop, stop, stop!

**JULIETTE:** What now?

**SUSIE:** This is all wrong. Look at your sheet, what does it say?

**JULIETTE:** Jessica, Will, Charlie and Annie.

**SUSIE:** After that?

**JULIETTE:** Soups and...oh of course, starters and sauces was last week, that's what went wrong with the smoked salmon wasn't it?

**SUSIE:** Yes. Precisely. This week it's soups and salad.

**JULIETTE:** The problem is everything starts with an 'S' and it gets very confusing.

**SUSIE:** Just read from the script.

**JULIETTE:** What?

**SUSIE:** The script...the clipboard...that's what we've given it to you for, not to look pretty, not so you have something to hold, but so that you read it as you seem unable to read the autocue.

**JULIETTE:** There is no need to be so rude.

**SUSIE:** There is no need to be so careless. How hard is it just to read the information from the sheet? They are making soups and salads, their names are Jessica, Will, Charlie and Annie, they are waiting to cook and we are waiting to film.

**JULIETTE:** Right into positions everyone, take 3.

**SUSIE:** Okay everyone...and 5...4...3...2...1

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*(Now at normal speed)* They'll be making soups and salads in today's show. So let's see what ingredients they have...

**SUSIE:** CUT!!! Now what are you doing?

**JULIETTE:** Well we'd already filmed the first bit so I thought I'd just speed through that and get to the bit where I went wrong.

**SUSIE:** It's all wrong! Every single take has been wrong.

**JULIETTE:** Really?

**SUSIE:** Yes. You are hopeless, you are useless and above all you are a terrible cook. I should be on this show. I could do a much better than job than you and I don't even like cooking.

**JULIETTE:** Sorry I've upset you. Okay, look let's try it one more time and I promise this time I will get it all right. Promise.

**SUSIE:** Fine... last time everyone please and 5...4...3...2...1

**JULIETTE:** So on today's show it's soups and salads. I'm really looking forward to seeing what these guys can do. So in the first round, our talented chefs need to make a traditional, yet original version of a traditional soup. In the second round they must make a traditional French sauce to be added to a not so traditional starter salad.

**SUSIE:** CUT! CUT CUT!!! You are fired!

**JULIETTE:** What? You can't fire me.

**SUSIE:** You are possibly the most foolish person on TV today and that's saying something as there seem to be a lot of foolish people on there. Get out of my sight and never come back to this studio again, do you understand me?

**JULIETTE:** Well someone got out of bed the wrong side this morning didn't they!

**SUSIE:** Arghhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

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## Autumn of '39

It is the September of 1939 and World War II has just begun. AMY Holroyd, a kind, streetwise twelve-year-old, lives with her family on Rossendale Street, Salford, Manchester. While taking in some washing for her mother, she catches sight of a particularly scruffy looking boy, JOE, who is sitting alone on one of the doorsteps opposite.

**JOE:** What are you looking at?

**AMY:** Don't know. Label's dropped off. *(She studies the boy intently)* What do you keep scratching yourself for? Have you got fleas? *(The boy shrugs his shoulders and continues to scratch his head and arms).*

**AMY:** My name's Amy Holroyd. I live across at number seven with my mam, my big brother Peter and my three sisters.

**JOE:** I'm Joe Baxter, there's just me and my mam. I've got a baby brother or sister on the way.

**AMY:** That's nice. Has your dad been called up to fight like our dad?

**JOE:** *(Shaking his head)* He's with the Police.

**AMY:** *(Impressed)* Policemen do a right good job Joe. You must be proud of your dad.

**JOE:** He's not a Policeman. He went with them when they asked him to help down at the Station. They must be good friends cos one of them was holding his hand.

**AMY:** When did he go?

**JOE:** Ages ago... weeks back.

**AMY:** Weeks back? They must have needed a lot of help. *(Realising JOE'S dad must have been arrested)* Well it's nice of your dad to help 'em isn't it? *(Quickly changing the subject)* Can you scrap, Joe?

**JOE:** Scrap?

**AMY:** Aye...fight. Can you look after yourself?

**JOE:** Don't know, I've never tried.