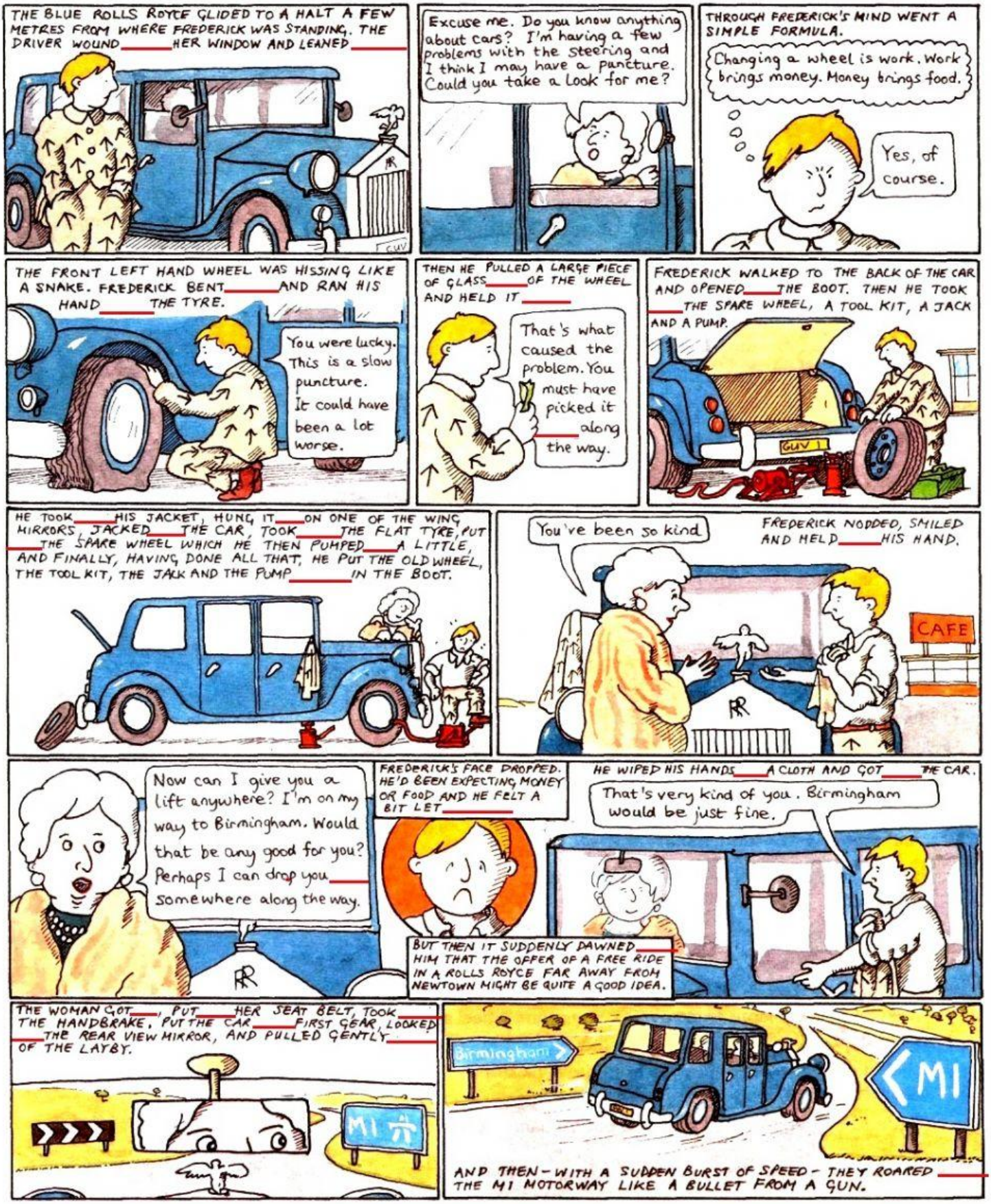
CHAPTER SIX


THE BLUE ROLLS ROYCE GLIDED TO A HALT A FEW METRES FROM WHERE FREDERICK WAS STANDING. THE DRIVER WOUND ____ HER WINDOW AND LEANED ____
Excuse me. Do you know anything about cars? I'm having a few problems with the steering and I think I may have a puncture. Could you take a look for me?
THROUGH FREDERICK'S MIND WENT A SIMPLE FORMULA.
Changing a wheel is work. Work brings money. Money brings food.
Yes, of course.
THE FRONT LEFT HAND WHEEL WAS HISSING LIKE A SNAKE. FREDERICK BENT ____ AND RAN HIS HAND ____ THE TYRE.
You were lucky. This is a slow puncture. It could have been a lot worse.
THEN HE PULLED A LARGE PIECE OF GLASS ____ OF THE WHEEL AND HELD IT ____
That's what caused the problem. You must have picked it ____ along the way.
FREDERICK WALKED TO THE BACK OF THE CAR AND OPENED ____ THE BOOT. THEN HE TOOK ____ THE SPARE WHEEL, A TOOL KIT, A JACK AND A PUMP.
HE TOOK ____ HIS JACKET, HUNG IT ____ ON ONE OF THE WING MIRRORS, JACKED ____ THE CAR, TOOK ____ THE FLAT TYRE, PUT ____ THE SPARE WHEEL WHICH HE THEN PUMPED ____ A LITTLE, AND FINALLY, HAVING DONE ALL THAT, HE PUT THE OLD WHEEL, THE TOOL KIT, THE JACK AND THE PUMP ____ IN THE BOOT.
You've been so kind
FREDERICK NODDED, SMILED AND HELD ____ HIS HAND.
CAFE
Now can I give you a lift anywhere? I'm on my way to Birmingham. Would that be any good for you? Perhaps I can drop you ____ somewhere along the way.
FREDERICK'S FACE DROPPED. HE'D BEEN EXPECTING MONEY OR FOOD AND HE FELT A BIT LET ____
HE WIPED HIS HANDS ____ A CLOTH AND GOT ____ THE CAR.
That's very kind of you. Birmingham would be just fine.
BUT THEN IT SUDDENLY DAWNED ____ HIM THAT THE OFFER OF A FREE RIDE IN A ROLLS ROYCE FAR AWAY FROM NEWTOWN MIGHT BE QUITE A GOOD IDEA.
THE WOMAN GOT ____, PUT ____ HER SEAT BELT, TOOK ____ THE HANDBRAKE, PUT THE CAR ____ FIRST GEAR, LOOKED ____ THE REAR VIEW MIRROR, AND PULLED GENTLY ____ OF THE LAYBY.
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Birmingham
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AND THEN – WITH A SUDDEN BURST OF SPEED – THEY ROARED ____ THE M1 MOTORWAY LIKE A BULLET FROM A GUN.