

ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Unfortunately, he just happens to be my boss editor in chief Daniel Cleaver, and for various slightly unfair reasons relating to this year's Christmas party I suspect he does not fantasize about me...Or maybe I'm wrong.

BRIDGET: "Happy New Year, Mr. Fitzherbert".

MR. FITZHERBERT: "Happy New Year, Brenda."

Mr. Fitzherbert. "Titspervert", morelike. Daniel's boss stares at my breasts with no idea who I am or what I do.

PERPETUA: "Morning. I need that Kafka's Motorbike release by 11:00".

Perpetua. Slightly senior, and therefore thinks she's in charge of me. Most of the time I just want to staple things to her head.

BRIDGET: "Publicity."

JUDE: "All I asked...I only asked if he wanted to come on a minibreak to Paris".

Daily call from Jude. Best friend. Head of investment at Brightlings Bank who spends most of her time trapped in the ladies' toilet crying over fuckwit boyfriend.

JUDE: "Am I too needy? Am I codependent?"

BRIDGET: "No, you're not. It's not you. You're lovely. It's vile Richard. Oh, he's just a big knobhead with no knob...Is some people's opinion of Kafka but they couldn't be more wrong.

This book is a searing vision of the wounds our century has inflicted on traditional masculinity. It's positively Vonnegutesque. Thank you for calling Professor Leavis."

DANIEL: "Guest list for launch party".

BRIDGET: "Ah."

DANIEL: "F.R. Leavis? Wow. What...The F.R. Leavis who wrote Mass Civilization and Minority Culture? The F.R. Leavis who died in 1978? Amazing."