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1. Mrs. Shimerdas gives the Burdens mushrooms (pages 51-52).

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2. Mr. Shimerdas kneels before the Christmas tree (pages 57-58).

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4. Grandfather and Anton Jelinek discuss religion (pages 69-70).

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5. Otto tells stories while building the coffin (pages 70-71).

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6. Debate over where to bury Mr. Shimerdas (pages 72-73).

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