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**Engine Trouble by R.K. Narayan**

R.K. Narayan's Engine Trouble is a witty tale told by the Talkative Man, who unintentionally wins a lottery at a carnival. The lively fair, Gaiety Land, offers various attractions, and the Talkative Man's lottery ticket matching the winning number, 1005 makes him an unexpected owner of a peculiar prize, the road engine. Since he could not move the road engine, he left it at Gymkhana Grounds until the carnival season ended.

After the carnival ended the municipality instructed the talkative man to remove the road engine or pay a monthly rent of ten rupees. . He reluctantly accepts it because he could not find a buyer or move it. This leads to financial strain and the pawning of his wife's jewellery. Multiple attempts to sell or dispose off the road engine failed, including a chaotic attempt involving an elephant and 50 coolies. The Talkative Man faces arrest, financial difficulties, and marital strain.

The talkative man felt relieved when a Swamiji expressed interest in taking it away. The Swamiji's assistant who has been trained to handle the engine agrees to drive it. When they were about to take the engine a police inspector arrived and issued a court order that prohibited the act, causing the Swamiji to leave the town angrily.

An unexpected twist occurred when an earthquake caused the road engine to fall into an unused well. The well owner is relieved, as the engine accidentally solves his municipality-related problem. The owner agreed to cover expenses, withdraw complaints, and to seal the well with cement. Months later, the Talkative Man found a solution to end his misadventures with the troublesome road engine.

This humorous narrative unfolds with irony, showcasing the unpredictable turns life can take, providing a blend of comedy and social commentary within the backdrop of a carnival and the peculiar challenges faced by a small town.