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Chapter One

Marcy Greene stood outside the bakery. She looked up at the sign.

Marcy's Bakery.

She felt very happy. *My bakery!* she thought. *I have a bakery!*

A man came out of the post office next to the bakery. He stopped and looked at the sign. Then, he looked at Marcy.

"Are you opening a bakery here?" he asked.

"Yes, I am," said Marcy.

"Great! When are you going to open?"

"Tomorrow morning at 8:00am," said Marcy.

"We need a bakery in this town," said the man. "There was a bakery here for a long time. The owner was Ethel Peterson, but she retired five years ago. She worked in the bakery for over fifty years. She closed the shop when she was eighty."

"Really? So she was still baking at that age? That's awesome!" said Marcy.

"Yes, she was an amazing woman. And she was a very good baker. Her cakes were very popular. So, what are you going to sell?"

"Well, of course, I'm going to sell bread," said Marcy. "But I'm also going to sell my special strawberry and cream cupcakes!"

"Awesome! I'm going to work now. I'll tell everyone in my office and in the neighbourhood. Everyone in the town will be very pleased."

"Thank you," said Marcy. "That's very kind of you."

"See you tomorrow!" said the man.

"Yes, see you tomorrow!" said Marcy.

The people in this town are so friendly, thought Marcy. *I'm glad I moved here.*

Marcy moved to New Willow Town a month before she started the bakery. She worked as a chef in a restaurant in Chicago for a long time. However, she didn't like working in the city. She wanted to live in a quiet place with lots of nature. She also wanted to bake bread and cakes. So, she quit her job, and when she found the empty bakery in New Willow Town, she moved there.

The next day, Marcy woke up at 3:00am and went to the bakery. She started baking very early. The bakery was small, but very clean and bright. It had a shop area and a kitchen. At the front of the shop there was a large glass door. There were also two large

windows. In the shop, there was a long glass cake counter, and there were many shelves. Marcy put the bread and pastries on the shelves, and put the cakes behind the counter. At 8:00am, she opened the door.

There were many people waiting.

"Marcy's Bakery is open!" said Marcy.

Everyone cheered and ran into the bakery. There were many factory workers and some town office workers. They bought pastries for breakfast.

Between 9:00am and 11:00am, Marcy made many sandwiches.

Then, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, many people came to the bakery to buy sandwiches and strawberry and cream cupcakes.

"This bakery is great! We needed a bakery here," said a woman. "I think this bakery will be very popular."

Then, she ate a strawberry and cream cupcake.

"Oh, this is wonderful! It's so delicious! I'm going to tell all my friends! I work at the supermarket. I will tell all my customers too!"

"Really? Thank you! You are very kind!" said Marcy.

"You're welcome!" said the woman. "I'm Wendy. Nice to meet you."

"I'm Marcy. Nice to meet you too!" said Marcy. They shook hands.

"Marcy, can I take some photographs of these cakes? I want to put the photos on Facebook and on my blog!"

"Sure! Thanks!" said Marcy.

Wendy took many photos. Marcy was very pleased.

Later that afternoon, many people came to Marcy's bakery to buy strawberry and cream cupcakes. She sold out before 4:00pm.

At 5:00pm Marcy closed the doors. She sat down in the kitchen.

"That was a very busy day!" she said to herself. "I sold out of strawberry and cream cupcakes. I have to make more tomorrow!"

Chapter Two

Marcy's bakery soon became very popular. Everybody in the town loved her strawberry and cream cupcakes.

Marcy made many cupcakes every morning. She put the cupcakes on the kitchen table and she put some in the shop cake counter. Every thirty minutes, she had to go back to the kitchen to get more cakes. The cakes sold very quickly.

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About a month later, Marcy was sitting in her bakery, waiting for the bread to bake in the oven. She was reading the local newspaper. She saw a story about a bakery. She was very surprised to see a story about a bakery, so she read it carefully.

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