

It's
"Bright-Eyes"



The Too Tall
Cupcake

Written and Illustrated

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Dedicated to my husband, Larry, who was once an overnight baker. To Uncle Arthur who always wanted someone named after him. To all hometown bakeries around the world who bake pies, cupcakes, cakes or bread; and for your dedication to your communities. Also, I primarily dedicate this book to those who feel they do not fit in because they are different, or feel that they are not perfect enough. You are going to be just fine. Love yourself.

—Lynn Darby

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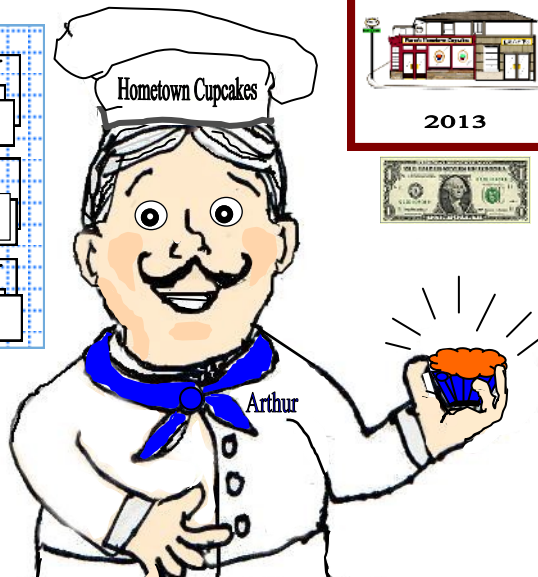
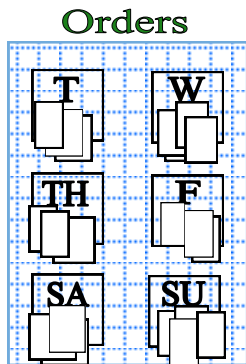
There is a town called Lawn Land. Everyone has a lawn and they all like their home town. They also like strolling along their downtown area called Mosee. Folks go there to have their favorite kind of cupcakes at the Hometown Cupcakes shop.



Here is Hometown Cupcakes. Next door is a crafts store that sells all sorts of creative supplies.



Meet Arthur, who owns the cupcakes shop. He tells us all his cupcakes are always made the Same Perfect Size. Arthur bakes during the day.



**Hometown Cupcakes
guarantees that:**

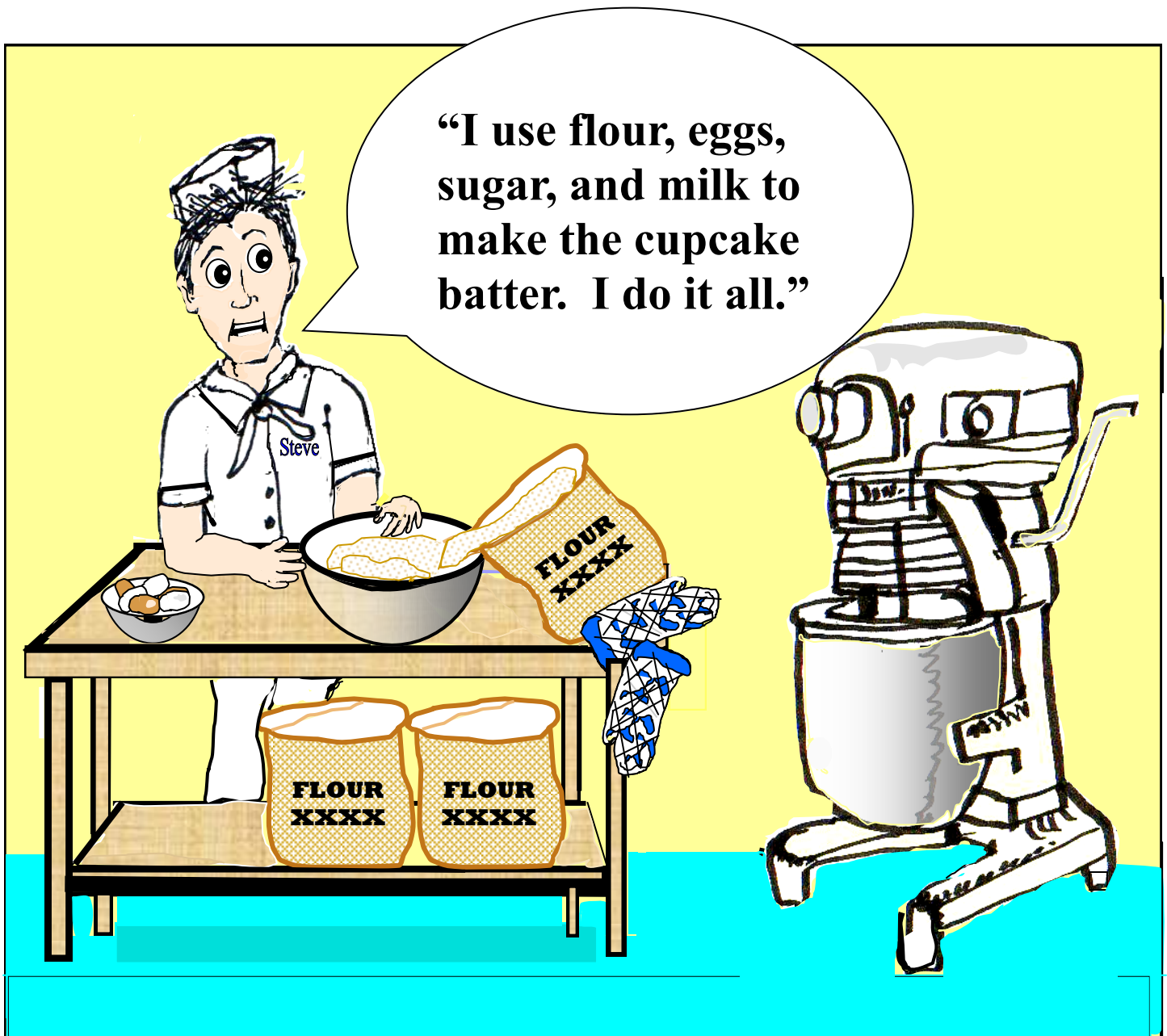
**“All of our cupcakes
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Same Perfect Size”**

Try our variety of icings.



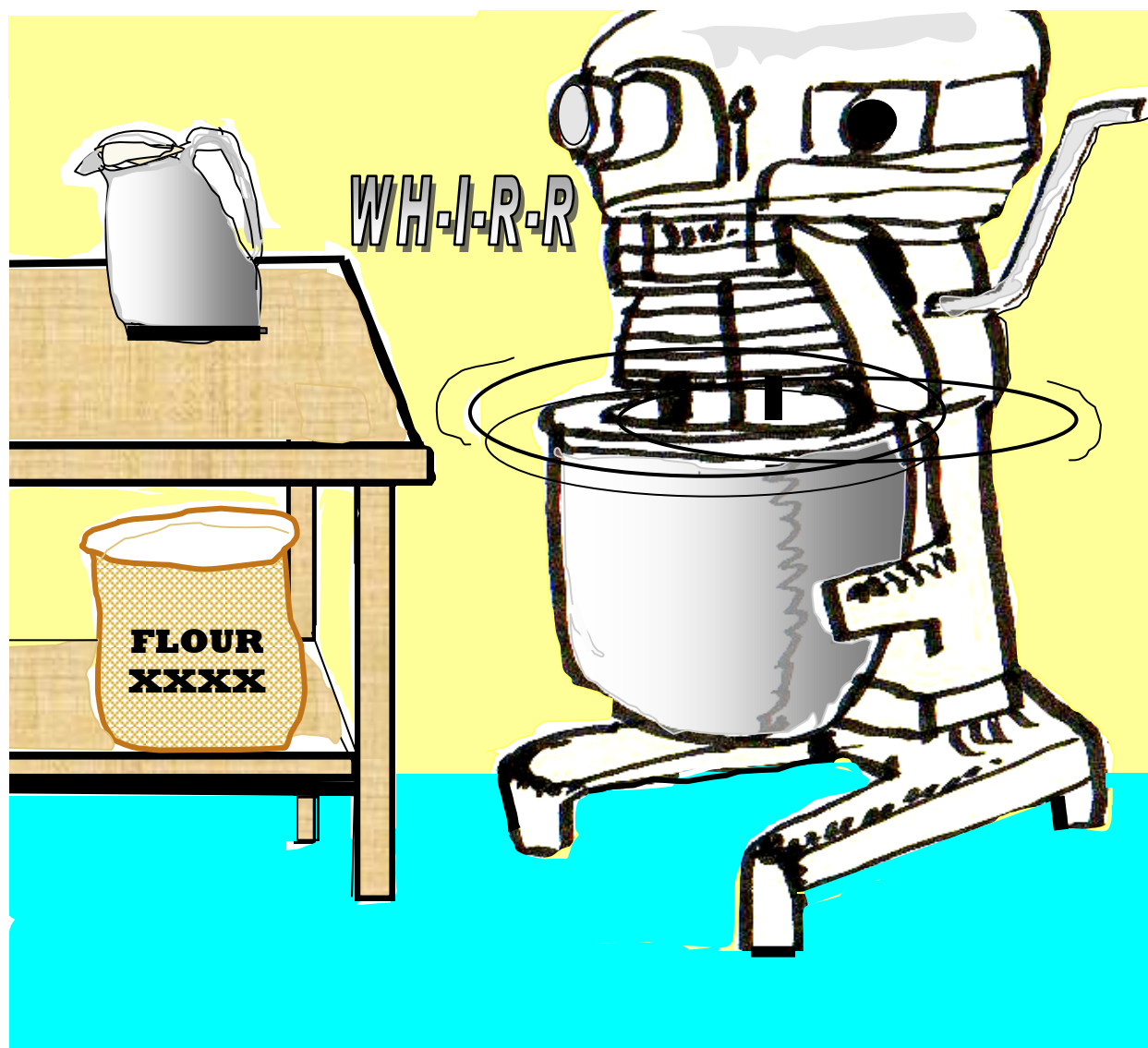


The store is closed. The lights are on in the back, and shine through the front. Someone is baking overnight.

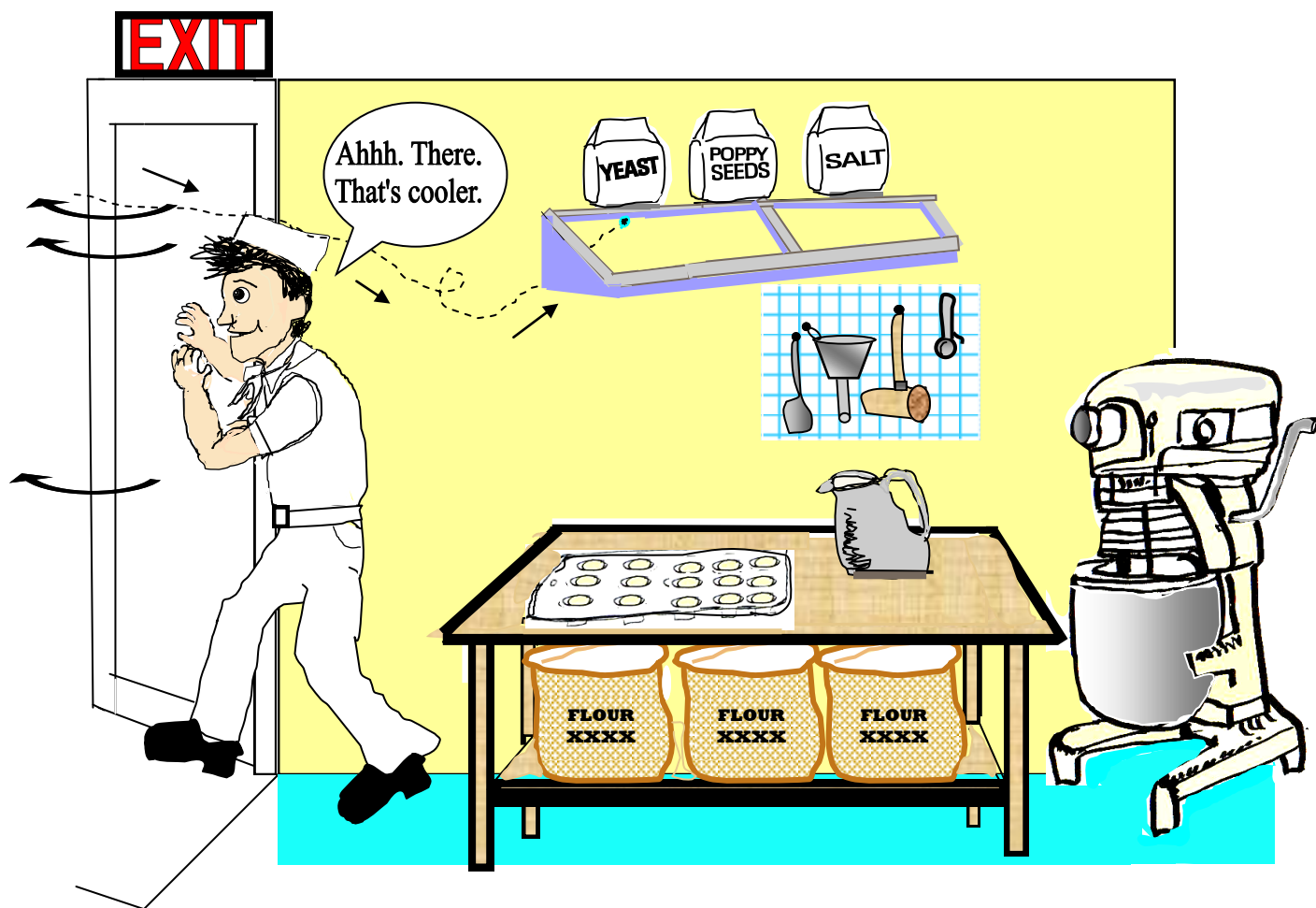


This is Steve. See what he does? He mixes and bakes the cupcakes while everyone is sleeping. The color of the walls is a **HAPPY YELLOW**! Watch the wall colors change when things start happening at Hometown Cupcakes shop this night.

The batter is mixing in the floor mixer. The air conditioning is not working. It is getting too hot inside the baking area for Steve. He just had to let the hot air out the back door.



Steve pushed the back door open to let in some cool air. Something flew into the baking area. The walls saw this was something different that happened. It never happened before. The walls were worried. Will they change color?



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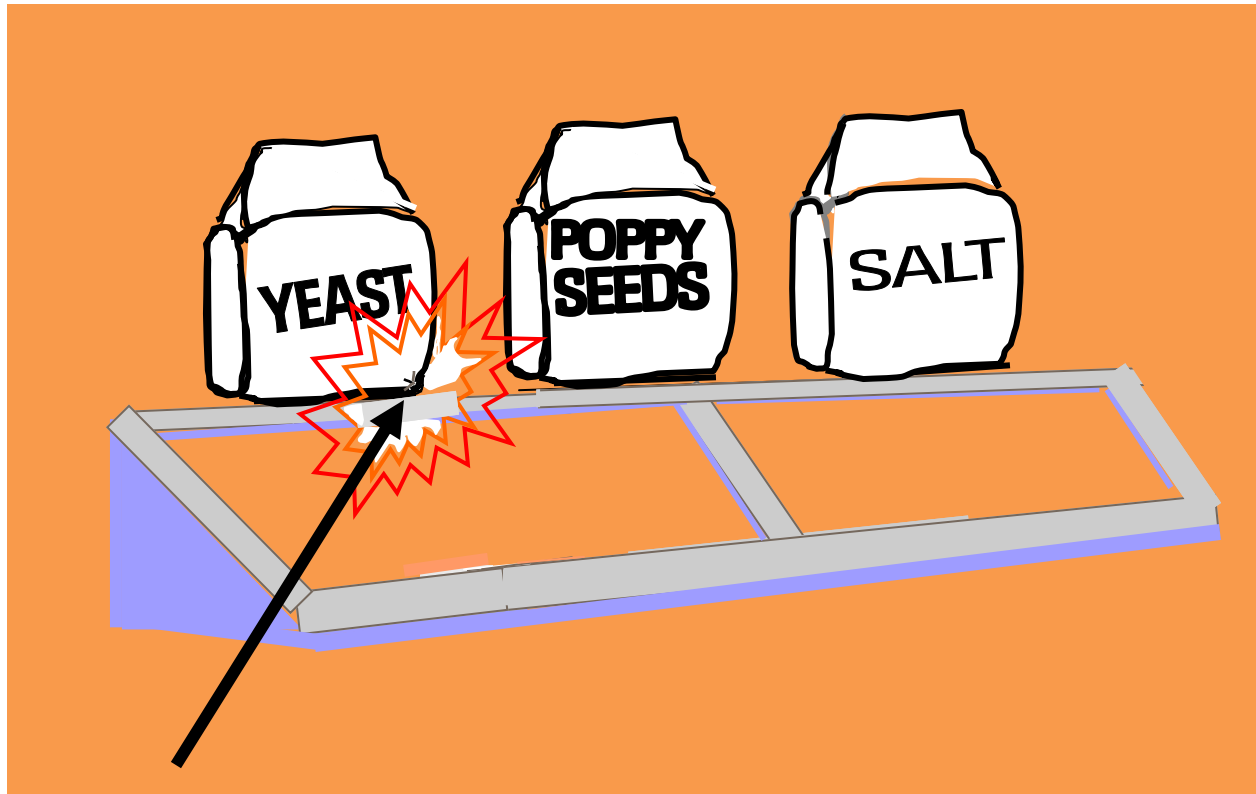
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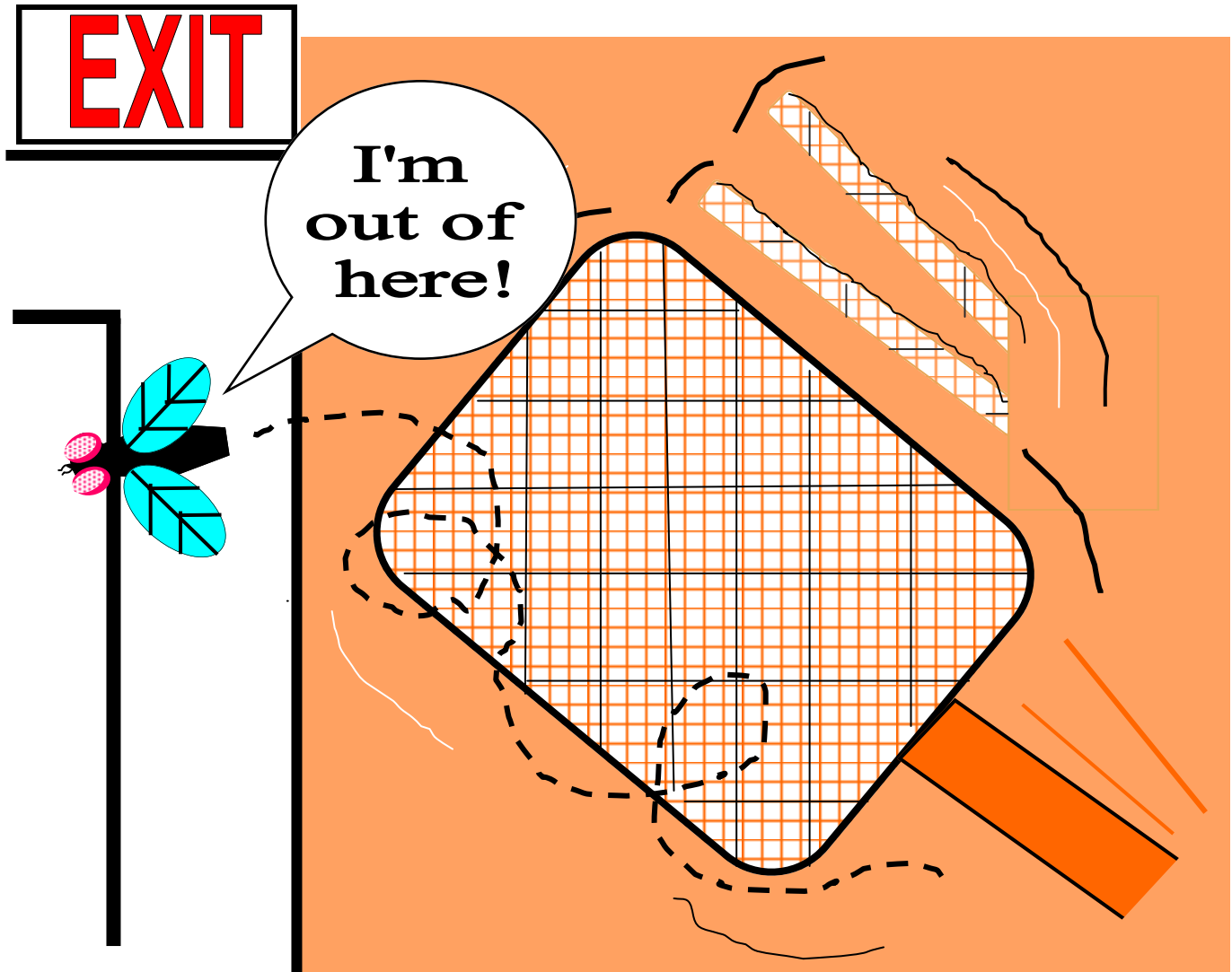
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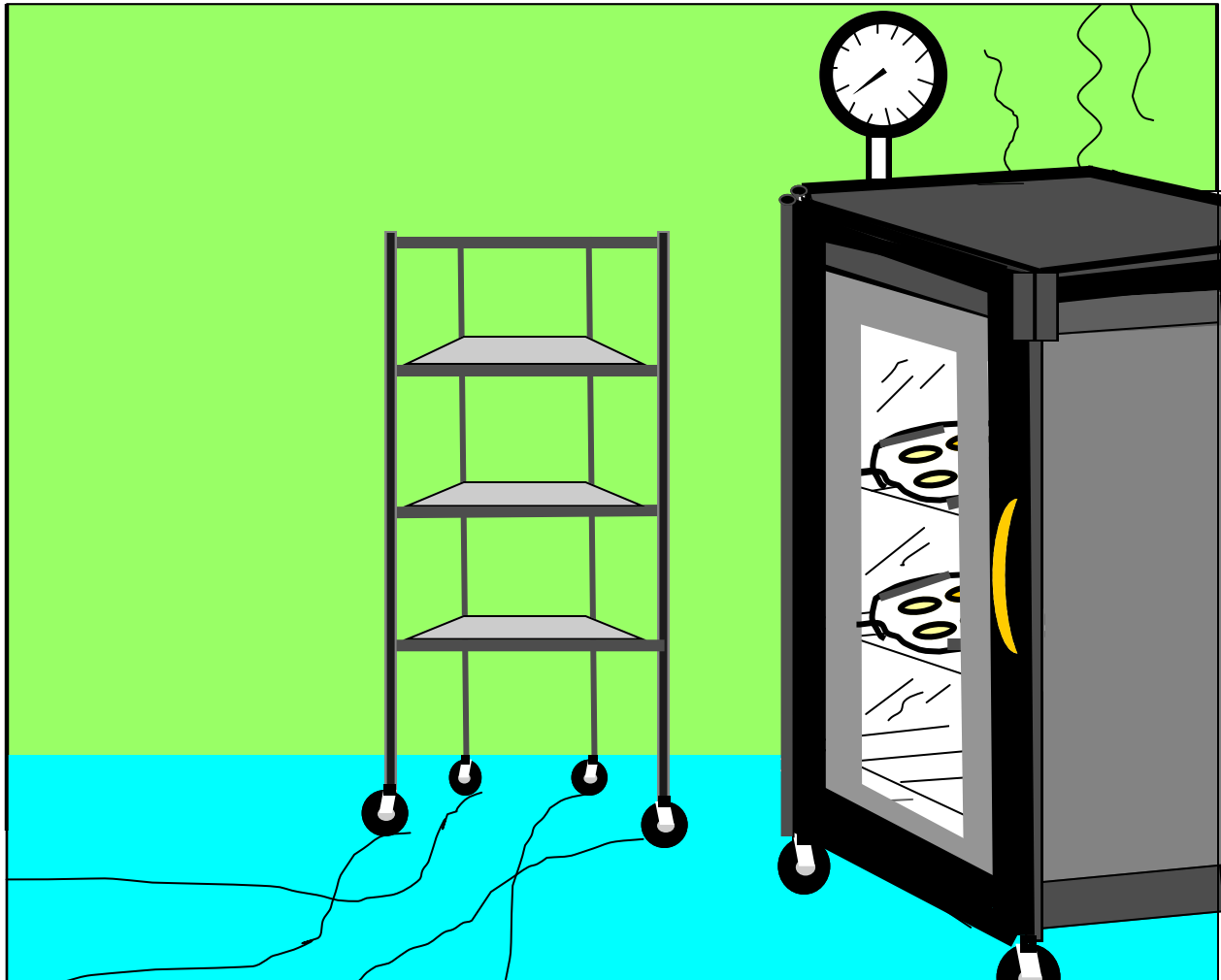
Yes, the walls felt something was wrong and changed into an **ORANGE ALERT** color. It was a **fast fly** that came in. It landed on a bag of yeast. Steve swatted and hit the **bag** by mistake, but he didn't know he made a tiny hole in the bag. Yeast, that looked like sand, was trickling **down and down**. Uh Oh! Yeast makes batter grow larger. What is going to happen to that one cupcake?



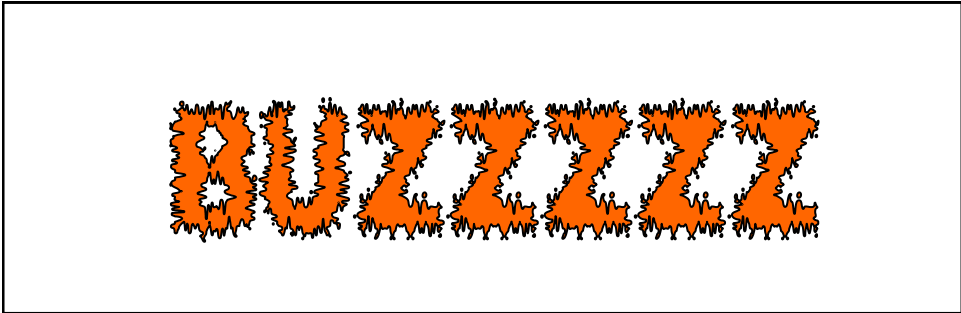
Look at the bag now! The trickling stopped in a few seconds. All was well again...or was it?

Steve had missed the fly. He then shooed it out the door. He still did not know about the extra ingredient in one cupcake. He put the filled trays onto tall baking racks.



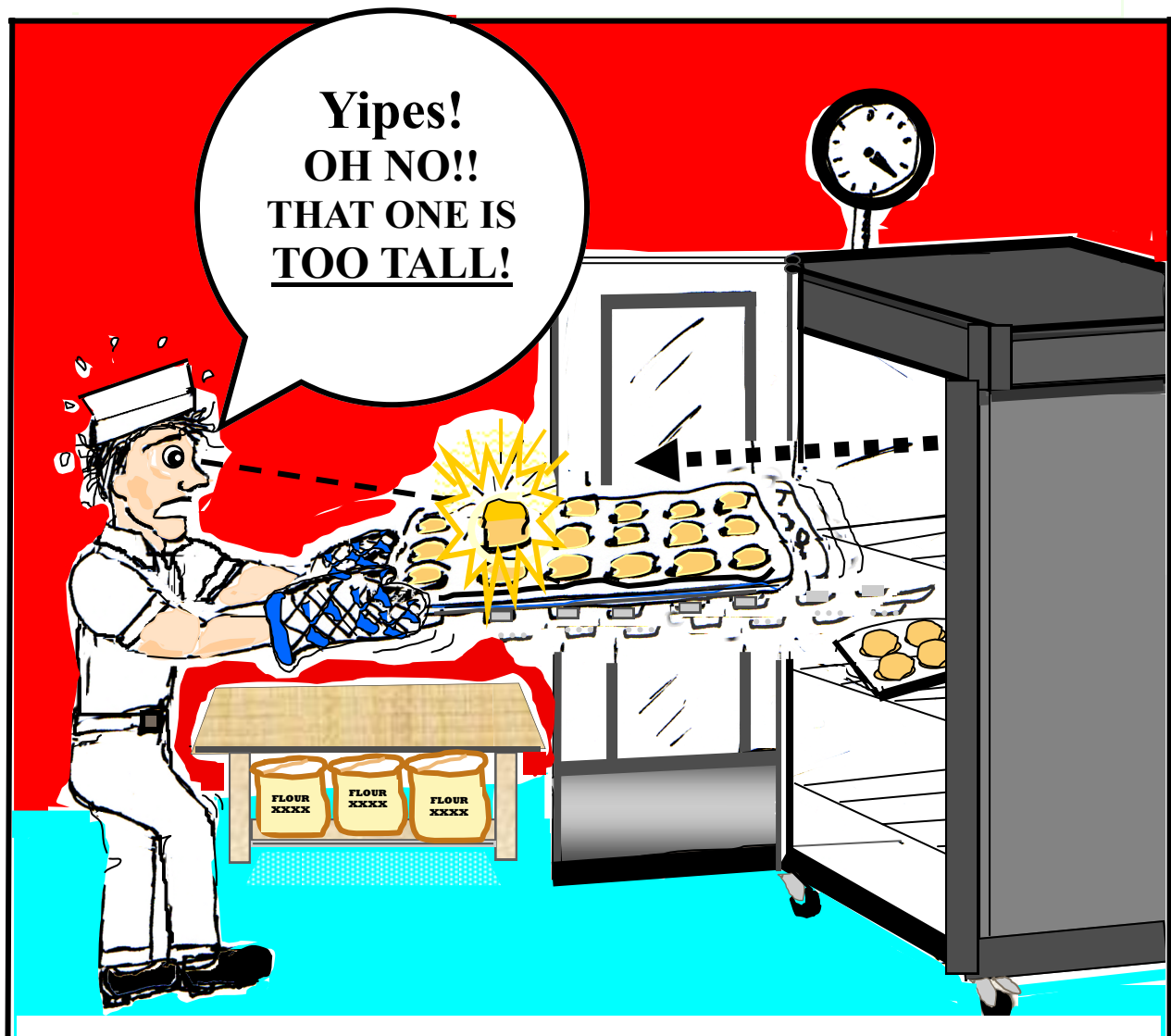


Steve wheeled the cupcakes on the rack, and put the trays into the oven. The timer buzzer on top of the oven would let him know when the cupcakes are perfectly done. The walls felt warm and cozy and turned into a Mellow Green color.

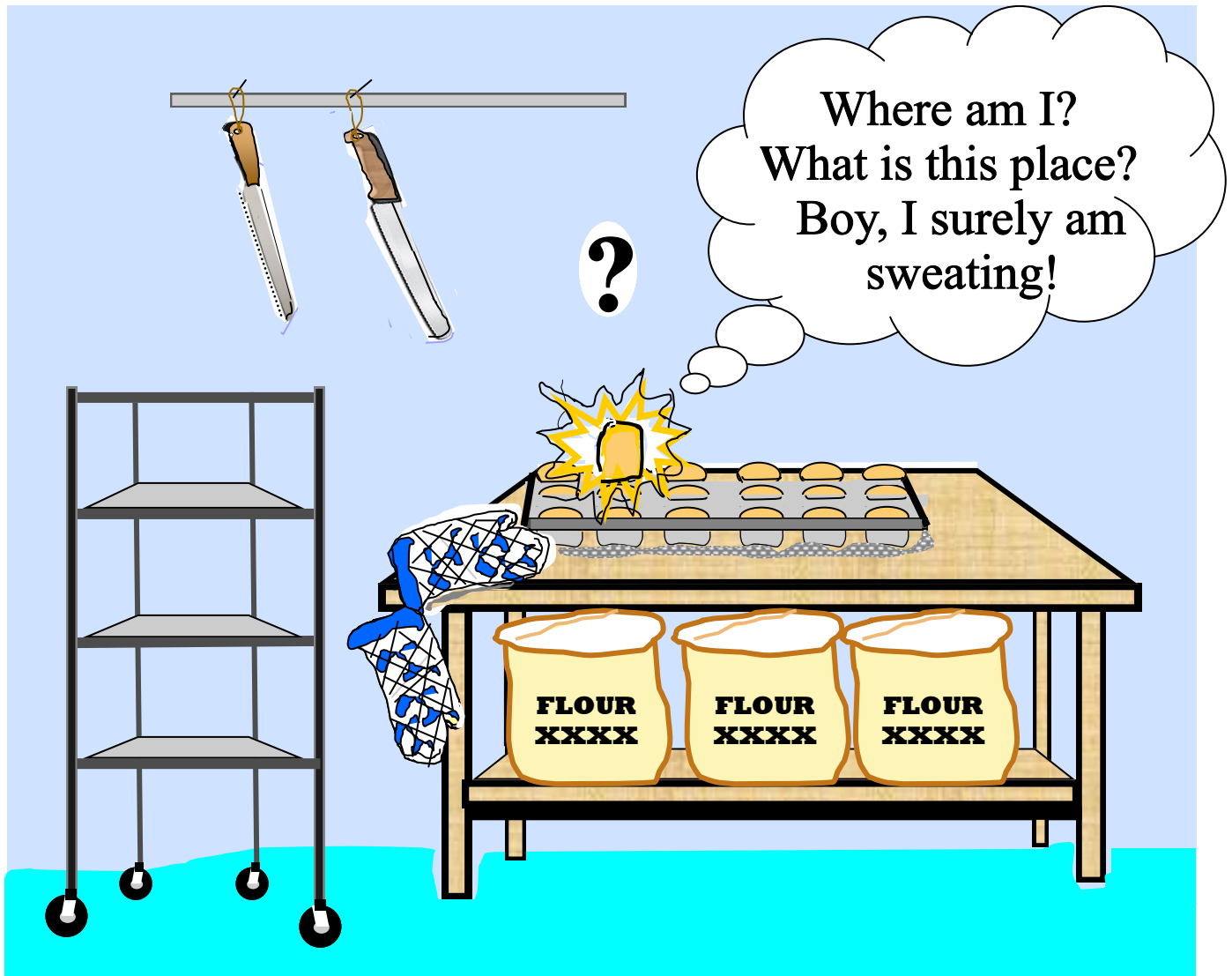


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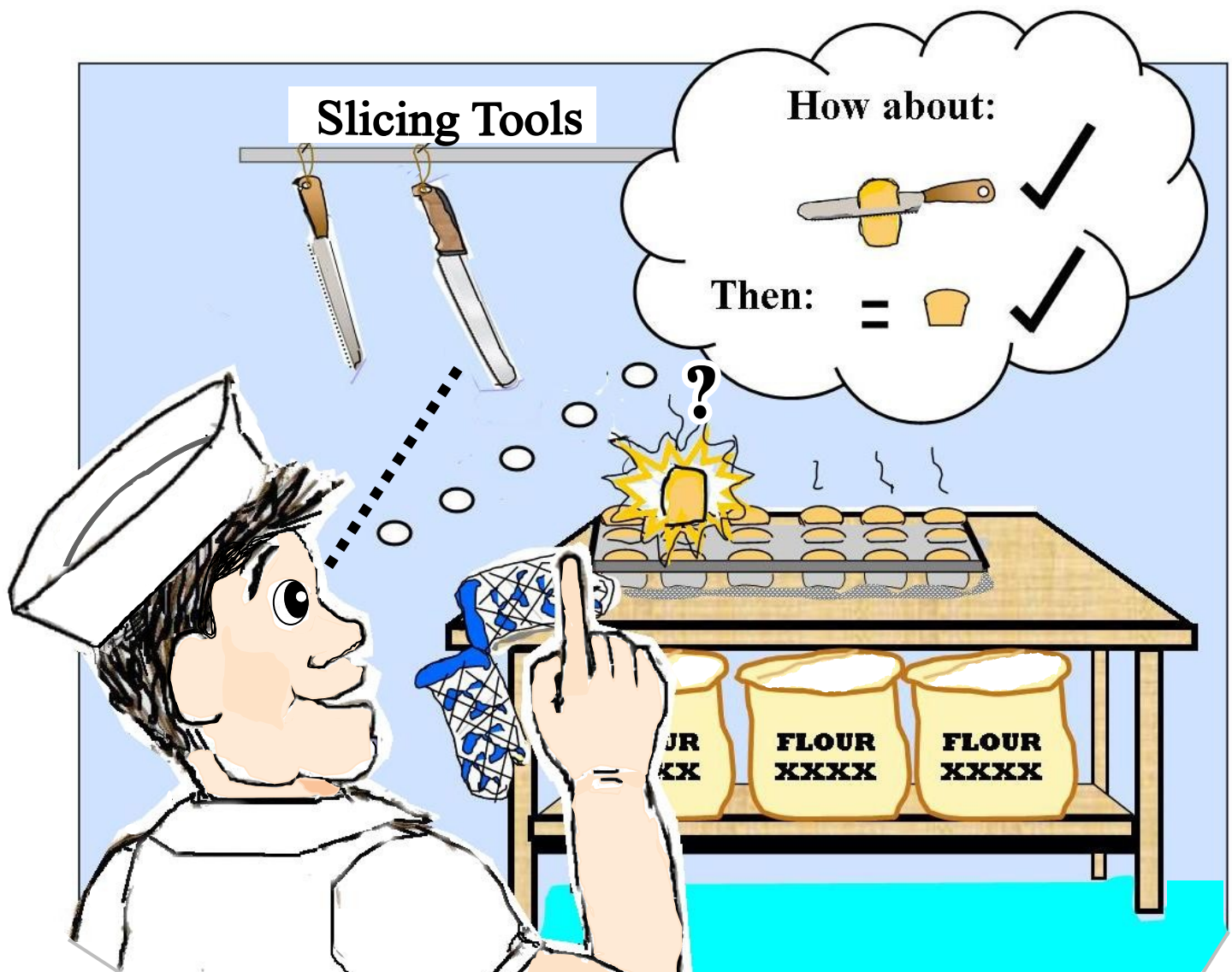
Time's up! Steve goes to the oven.



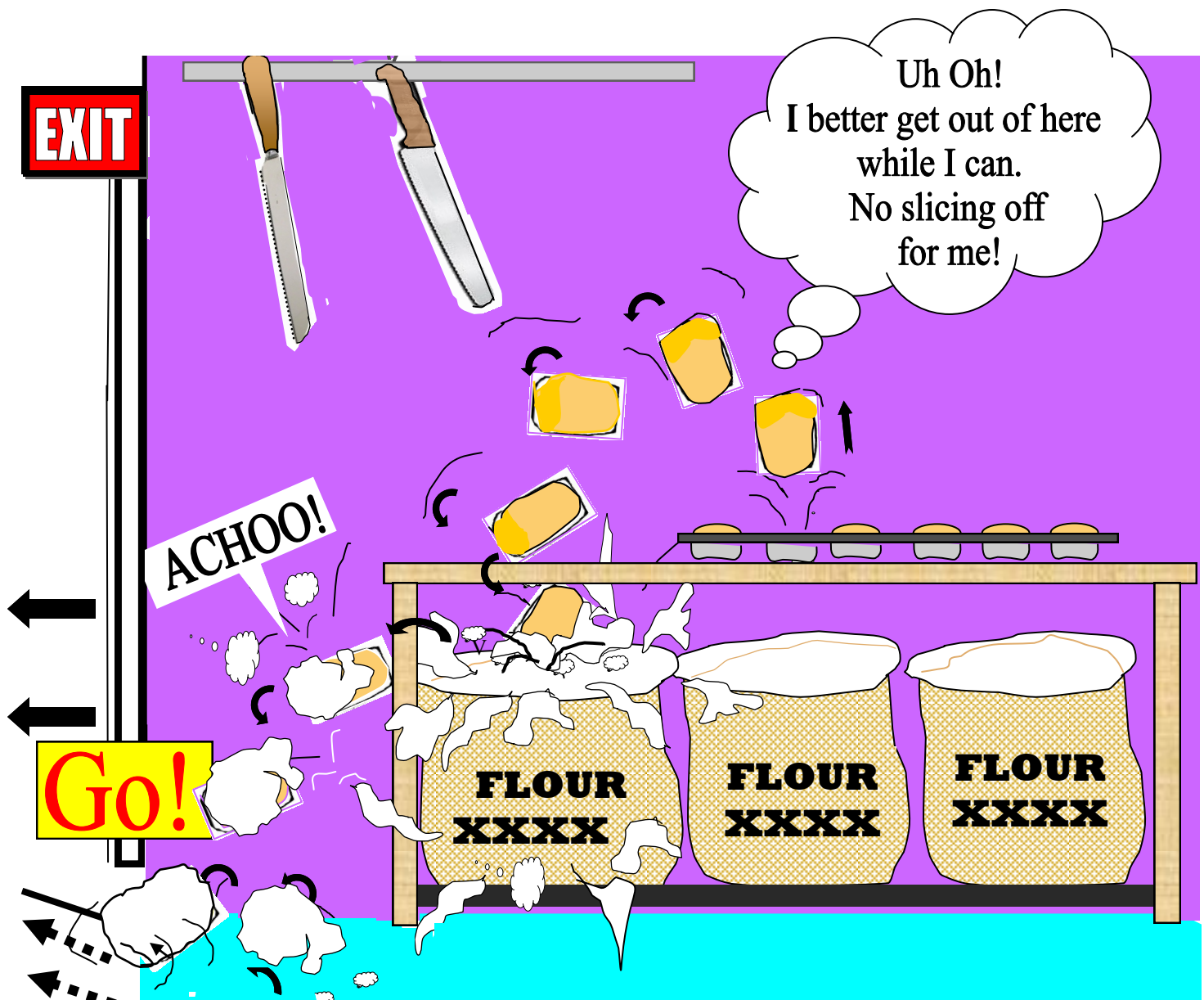
One cupcake was the wrong size! It was not the same perfect size as the others. It was too tall! This was not good! Steve did not want to lose his job. The walls were horrified too, and turned into an **EMERGENCY RED** color. Now what?



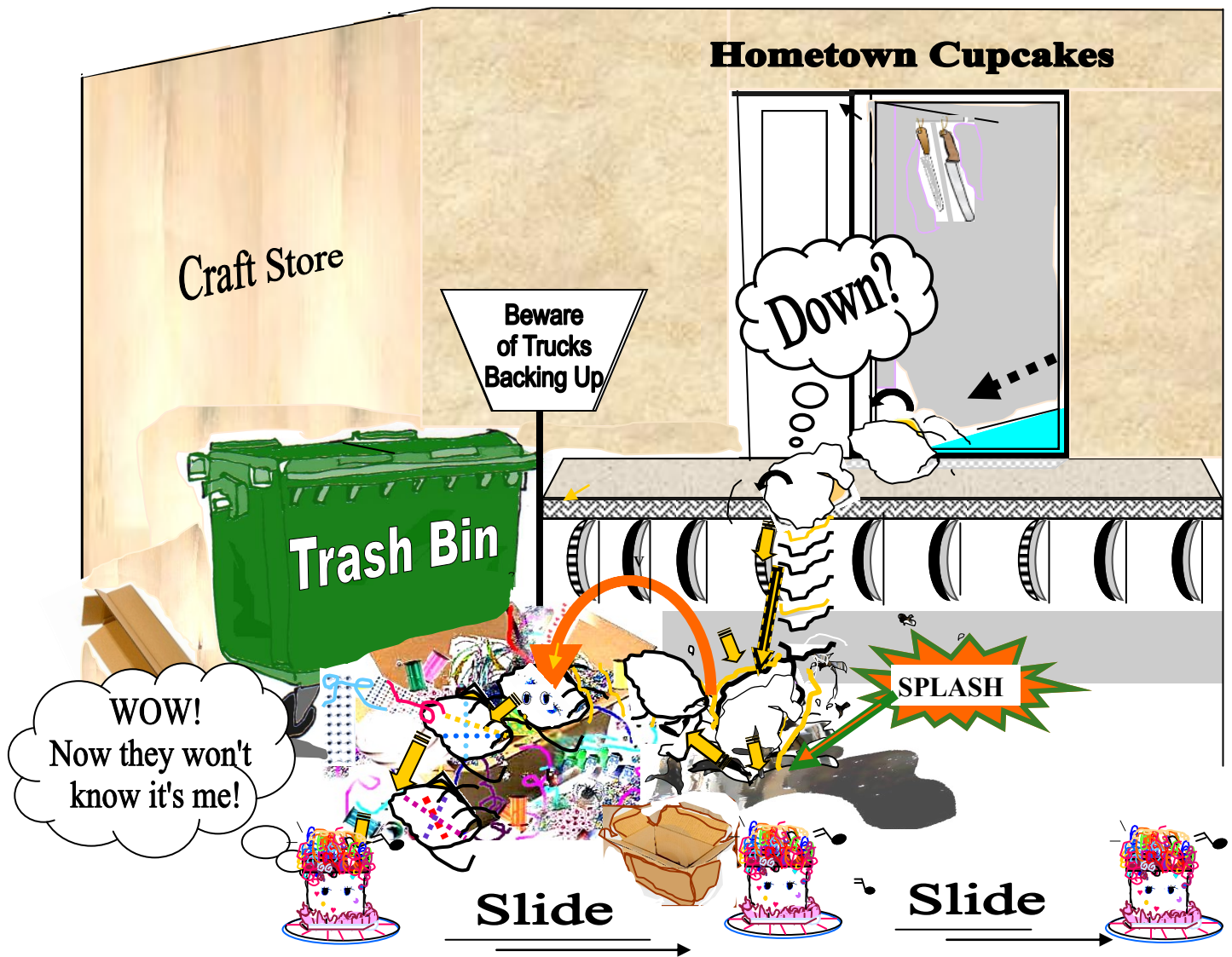
The too tall cupcake woke up. It was cooling off now from the hot oven. The walls have turned into a nice CALMING BLUE. Steve left to think of what to do with that too tall cupcake before morning came around.



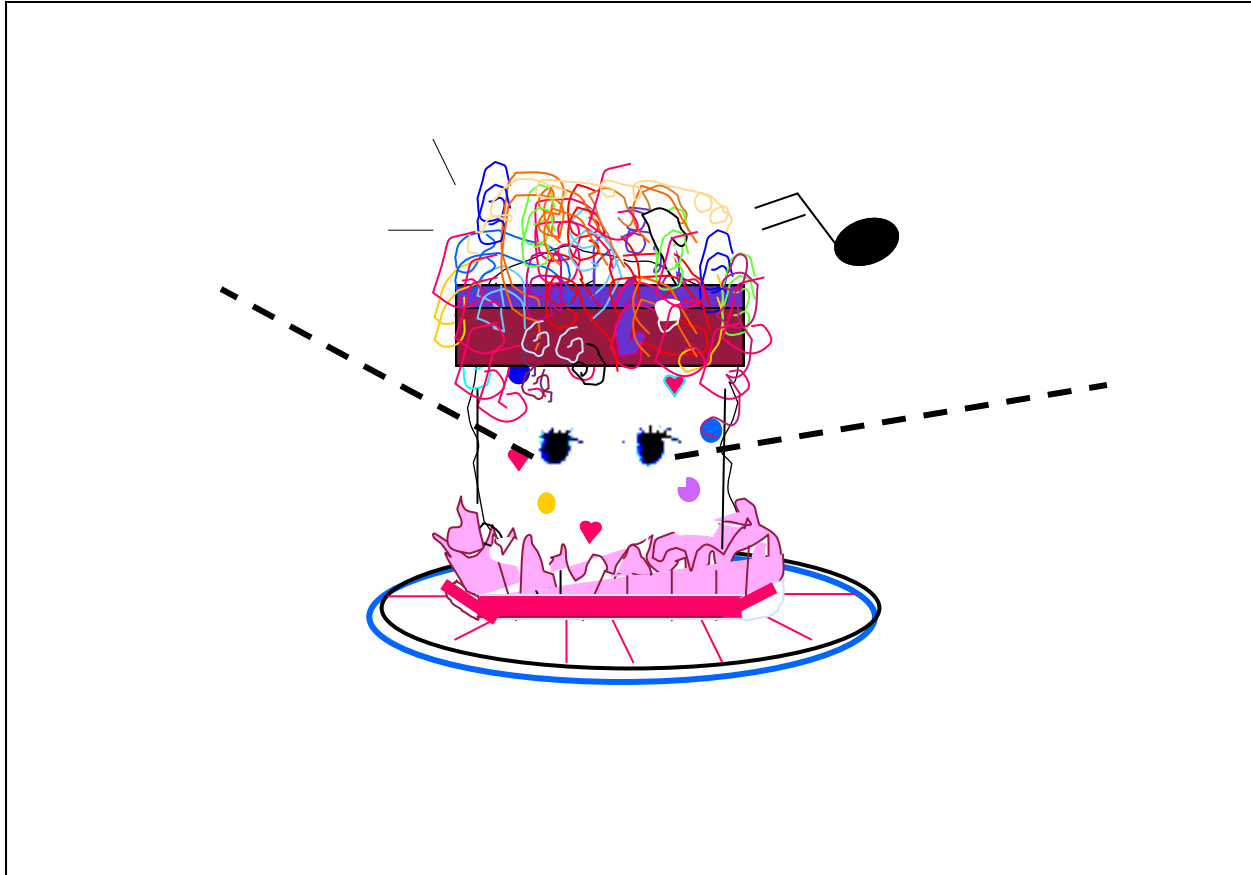
Steve came back and saw the slicers hanging up on the wall. Suddenly, he knew what to do. Now it was starting to look good for Steve's job, but not so good for the Too Tall cupcake. Steve walked away to put more cupcake trays into the oven. He would be right back.



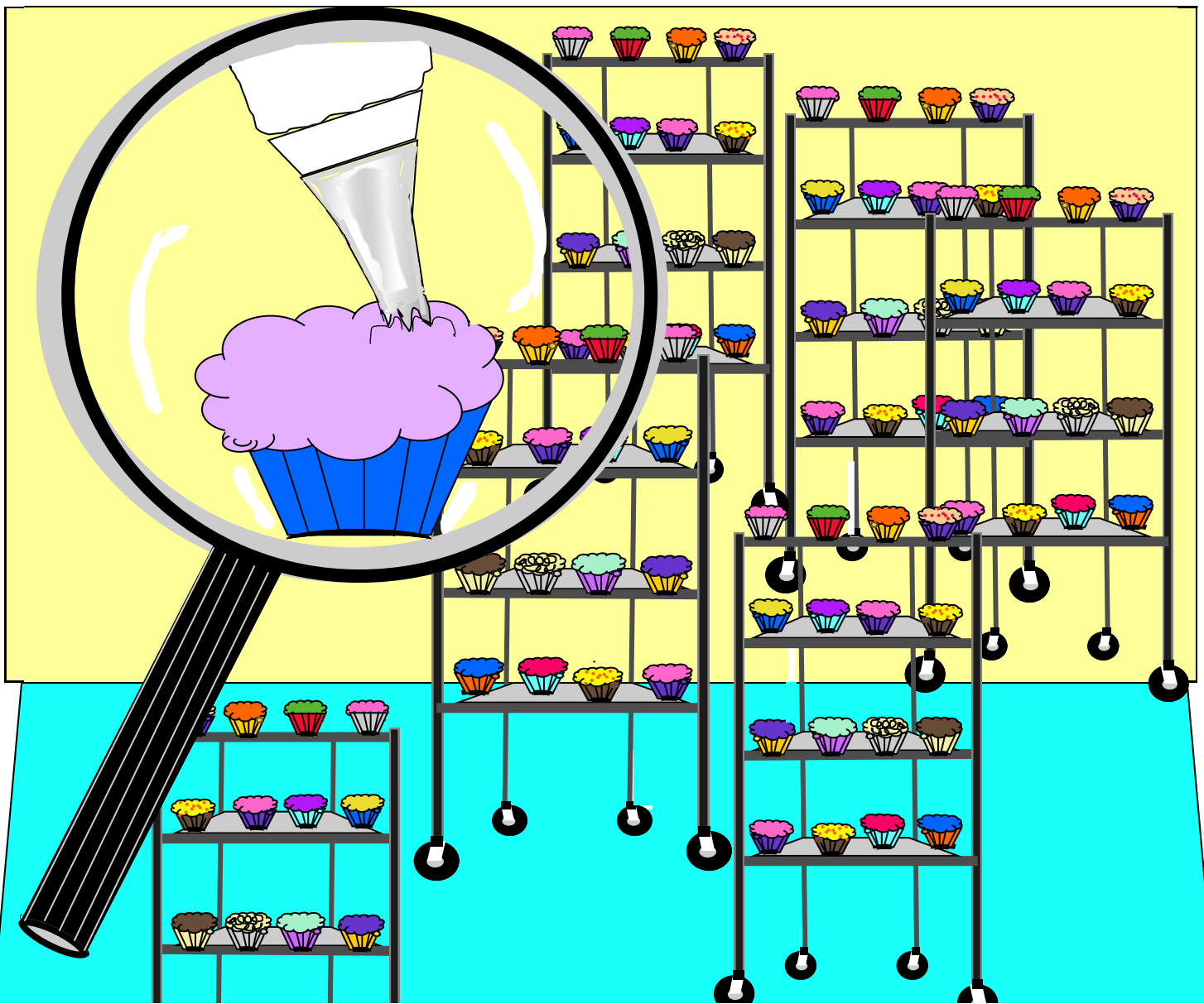
Steve would be coming back to slice the cupcake! Too Tall knew to just **HURRY UP** and **GO!** It jumped up and into the flour. Then it rolled out of the door! The walls were frantic, too, and turned into a PANIC PURPLE color.



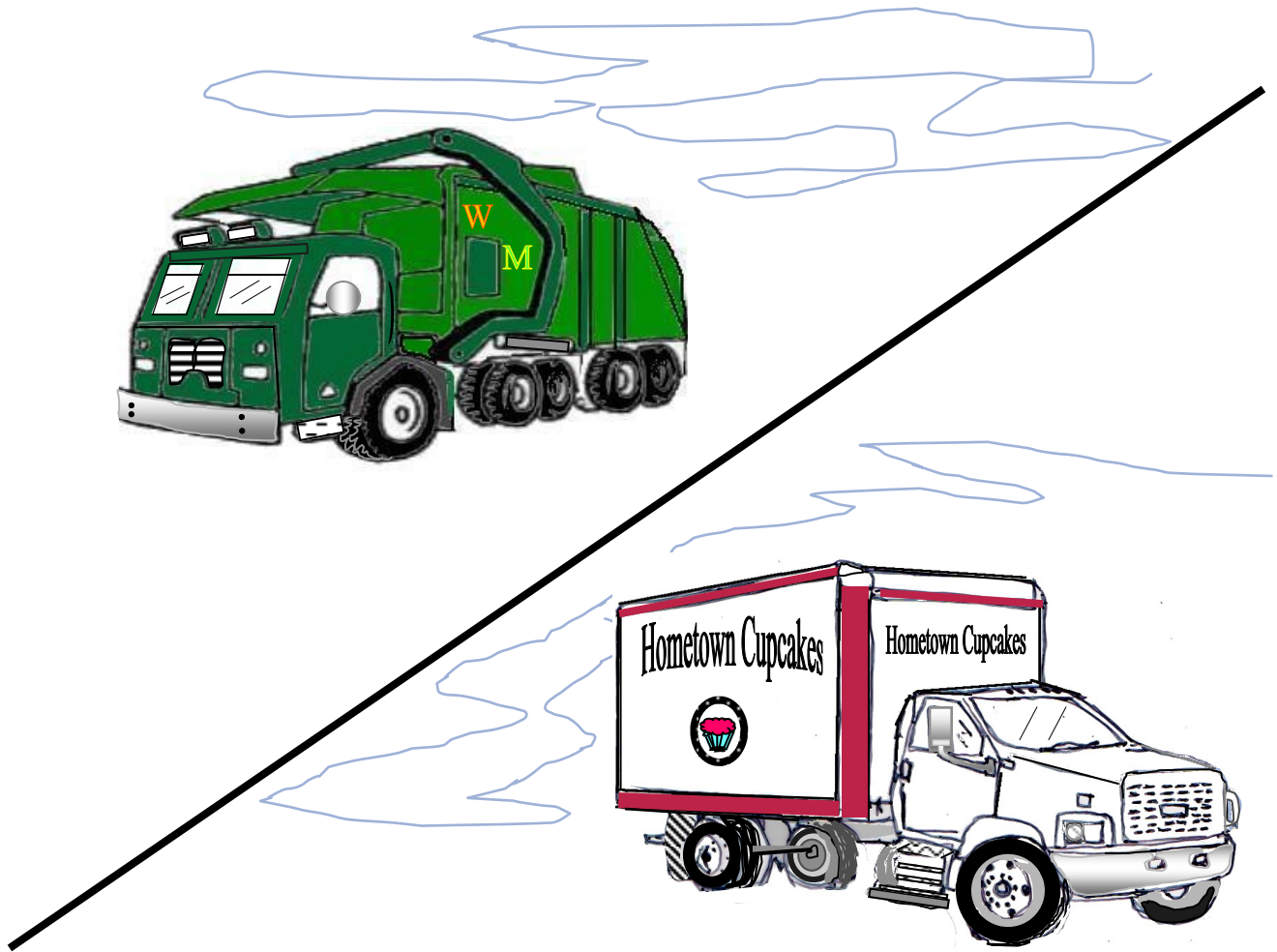
Too Tall was Now outside in the back alley and fell down into a puddle. Then it bounced up into a garbage box of crafts. Too Tall got so wet, that everything stuck to it. All the party ribbons, confetti, stickers, musical lights and even sticky craft eyes were now all over it. Too Tall got on a plastic dish and slid around.



Too Tall noticed something. “Hey, I can see where I am going! I have such Bright Eyes, too. I like sliding along on this dish. It’s the best way for me to go everywhere. Oh boy! I want to go to a birthday party!” yelled the Too Tall cupcake.



Steve put icing on all the cupcakes for the shop. He had no time to look for the too tall cupcake. He had to finish his work. There was a birthday party delivery coming up before noon. It was nothing but work, work, work.



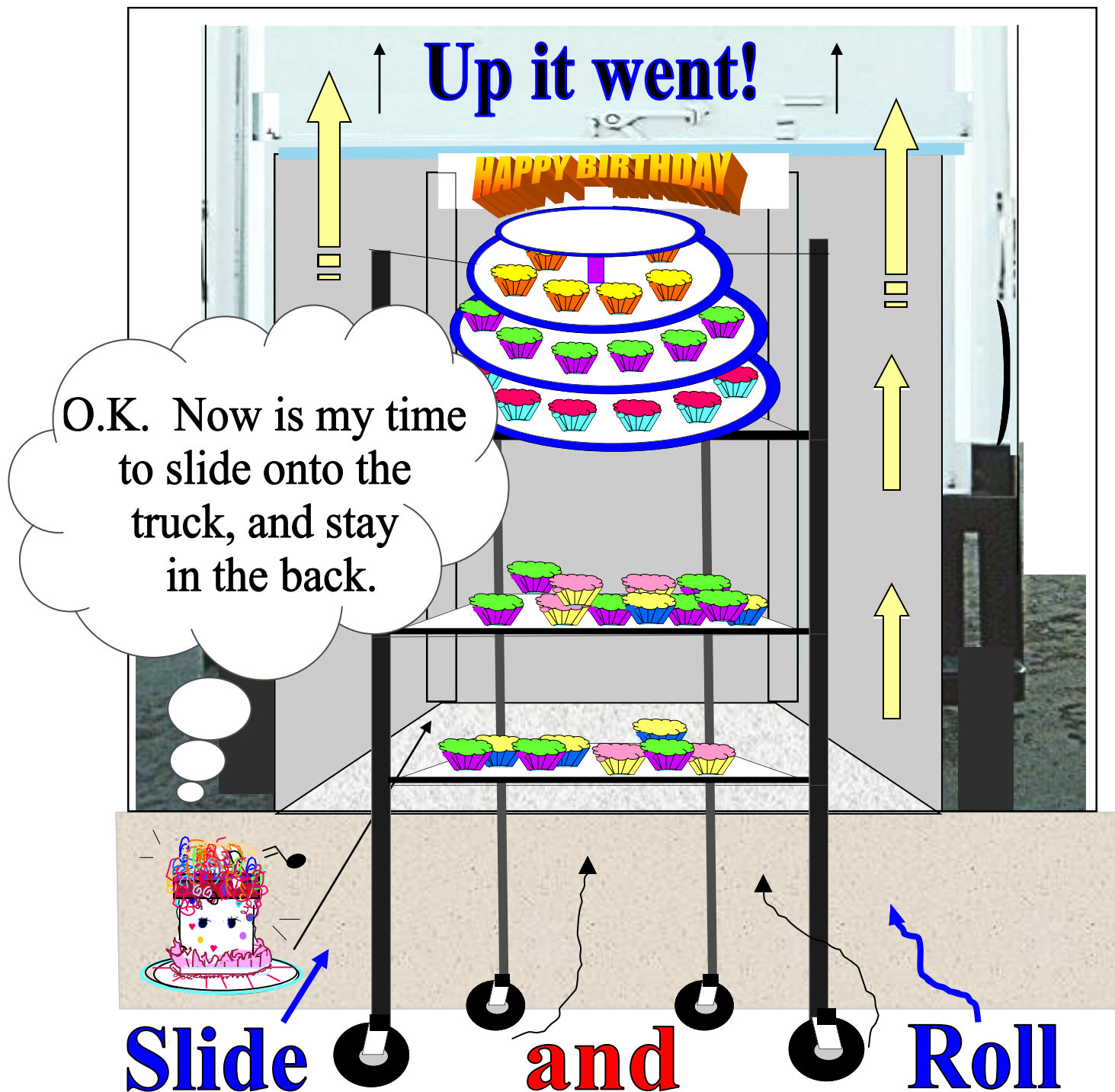
The misty morning was here. A dumpster truck and a cupcake delivery truck will visit the alley and loading dock. Which one will go there first?



The dumpster truck came first. See how clean the alley loading area is? Too Tall waits for the cupcake truck. The plan is to slide onto the truck and go to the party with the other cupcakes in 15 minutes. Will the truck get here in time?



The cupcake truck is here and is backing up to the loading dock. The beeping sound was a warning to get out of the way. The Too Tall cupcake can get on board any minute now. But first, the back door will have to be opened up!





Delivery! It's a sunny day. Bright Eyes slid up on top of the tower of cupcakes, and was rolled inside. Everything will go on the party table in the Johnsons' yellow house.



The children enjoyed the Happy Birthday tune that the Too Tall cupcake played with flashing lights on top. “What a nice surprise with our order,” said Mrs. Johnson. She called to thank Arthur at Hometown Cupcakes shop right away.

Arthur answered the phone. Mrs. Johnson spoke.



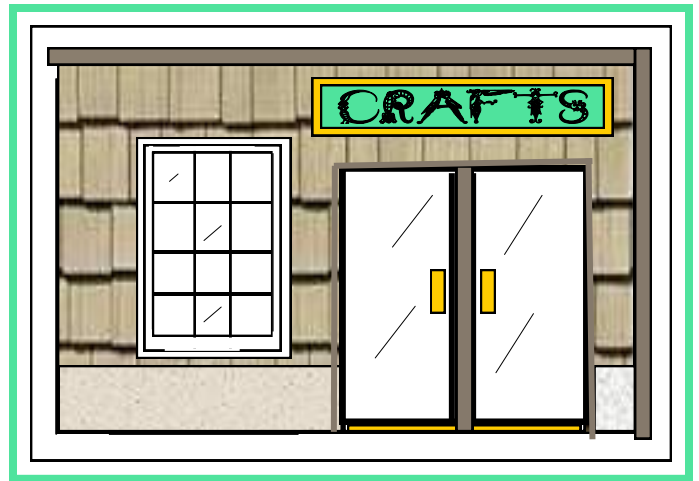
“We will pick up your Bright Eyes Musical cupcake, Mrs. Johnson,” said Arthur. “It’s something new that was a surprise to us, too.” There is no charge.” Now Arthur knew where that missing too tall cupcake was!



Bright Eyes was picked up and taken to Francine, the owner of the Crafts shop next door. Arthur asked her if Bright Eyes could be built again, and “Could the new one last for a long time?”

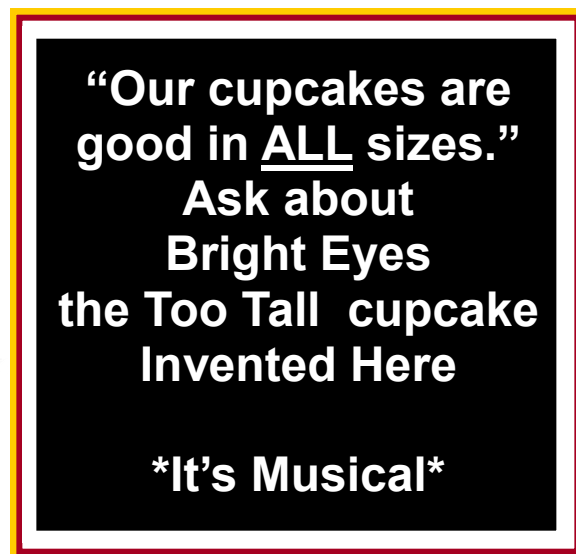
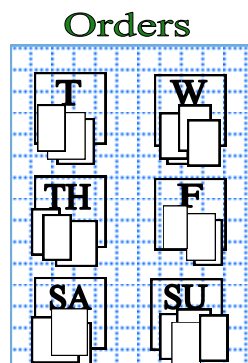


Francine told Arthur that all those craft parts were just thrown away, but she could order them again. “The new Bright Eyes will be better and will last for a long time.”



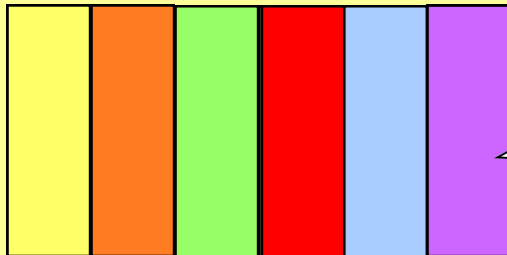
They both went into business together. Arthur could hardly wait for the new Bright Eyes to be delivered to his shop

Ten days later at Hometown Cupcakes, Arthur displays his new chalk board and Bright Eyes to his customers. Take a look at all the sizes his cupcakes come in now!

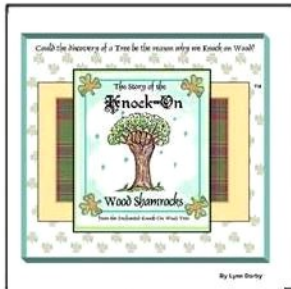


The cupcake shop walls are Yellow again. We learned that even though something or someone is not perfect...that being different is not a bad thing. In fact, “Different can be Dazzling!”

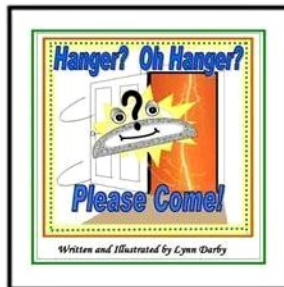
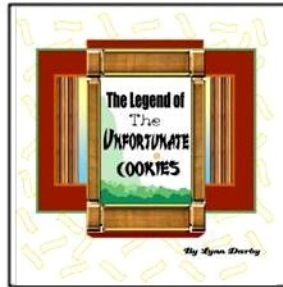
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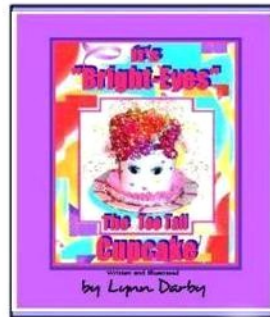
“**Wait!** Don’t forget, we were all in the story, too. We are the rainbow colors of feelings. We can change and be different, too!” OK, now it’s **The End**



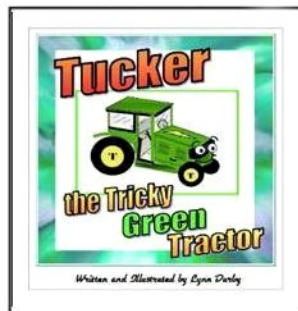
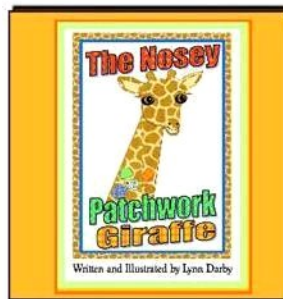
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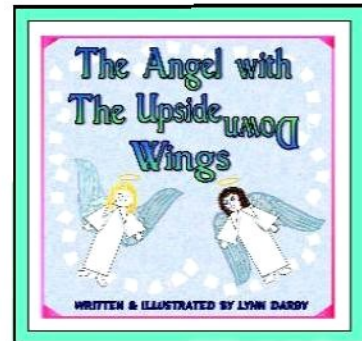
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## Author's Notes: Lynn Darby.



I always found it second nature to weave stories from my imagination, mostly by being the story teller of the family of 2 other sisters and a brother. Actually, Bright Eyes started out as a copyrighted musical cupcake centerpiece that I sold in a cupcake shop. They were adored. I wanted to create a story for the musical cupcake but it took a while to develop and publish. Now the story book is here.

If you wish a Bright Eyes Musical cupcake centerpiece to



accompany this story, or for a birthday party with any color combination, place order directly.

There are lights that flash in the ribbon hair, while playing the Happy Birthday tune.

Comes with Certificate

of Authenticity and directions to play it.

\$18 plus shipping. Accepting Visa, Mastercard, and PayPal.

Contact email: **Artsy931@aol.com**. Subject Bright Eyes

Order ahead for time to create yours with custom colors.



## It's Bright-Eyes The Too Tall Cupcake Book Review by Stacie Thies

### ***It's Bright-Eyes, The Too Tall Cupcake***

~Written and Illustrated by Lynn Darby *It's "Bright-Eyes" The Too Tall Cupcake* teaches children that it's okay to be different because "different can be dazzling."

In a beautiful town, where houses and lawns and even people's routines are pretty much the same, is a cupcake shop. The cupcakes are always delicious and always guaranteed to be the same perfect size. Now, one evening when Steve is baking the perfect cupcakes a lot of commotion takes place and something magical happens. Steve, however, is horrified by the larger size of one of the cupcakes. He knows he must correct the problem, but when he decides to slice the cupcake, the cupcake is nowhere to be found. Relieved, Steve goes on with baking and decorating, but the oversized cupcake has other ideas.

Along with encouraging children to embrace their individuality, *It's "Bright-Eyes" The Too Tall Cupcake* teaches readers how different colors can relate to our mood and can also help us to express ourselves.

The illustrations are vibrant and lively and enhance this creative story, which inspires young readers to recognize the rare qualities they possess and share them with the world.

I recommend picking up a copy of **It's "Bright-Eyes" The Too Tall Cupcake**.

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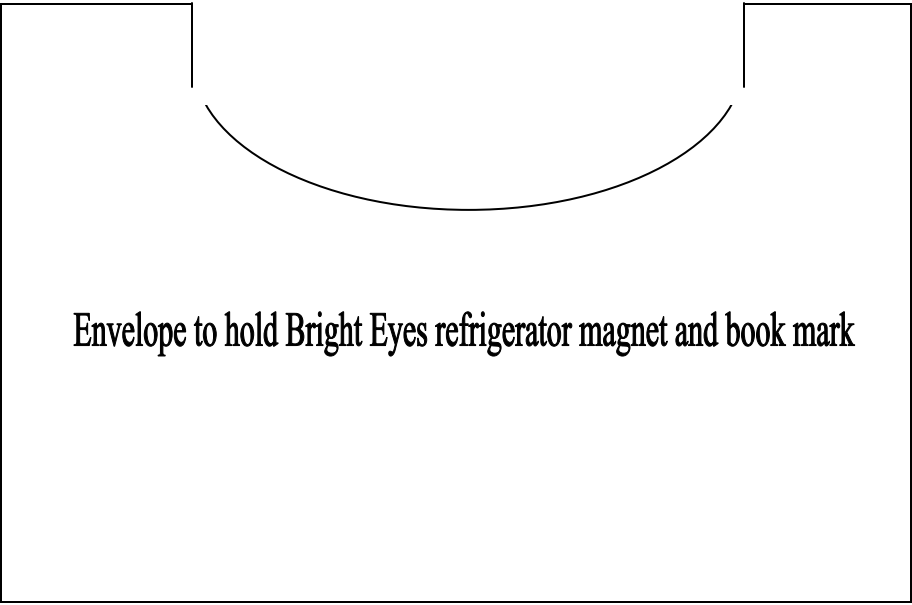
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Bright Eyes" the musical birthday cupcake centerpiece or cake top. Press the golden heart on the top of Bright Eyes' head, and the Happy Birthday song plays as her hair ribbon curls flash and light up in sync with the music.

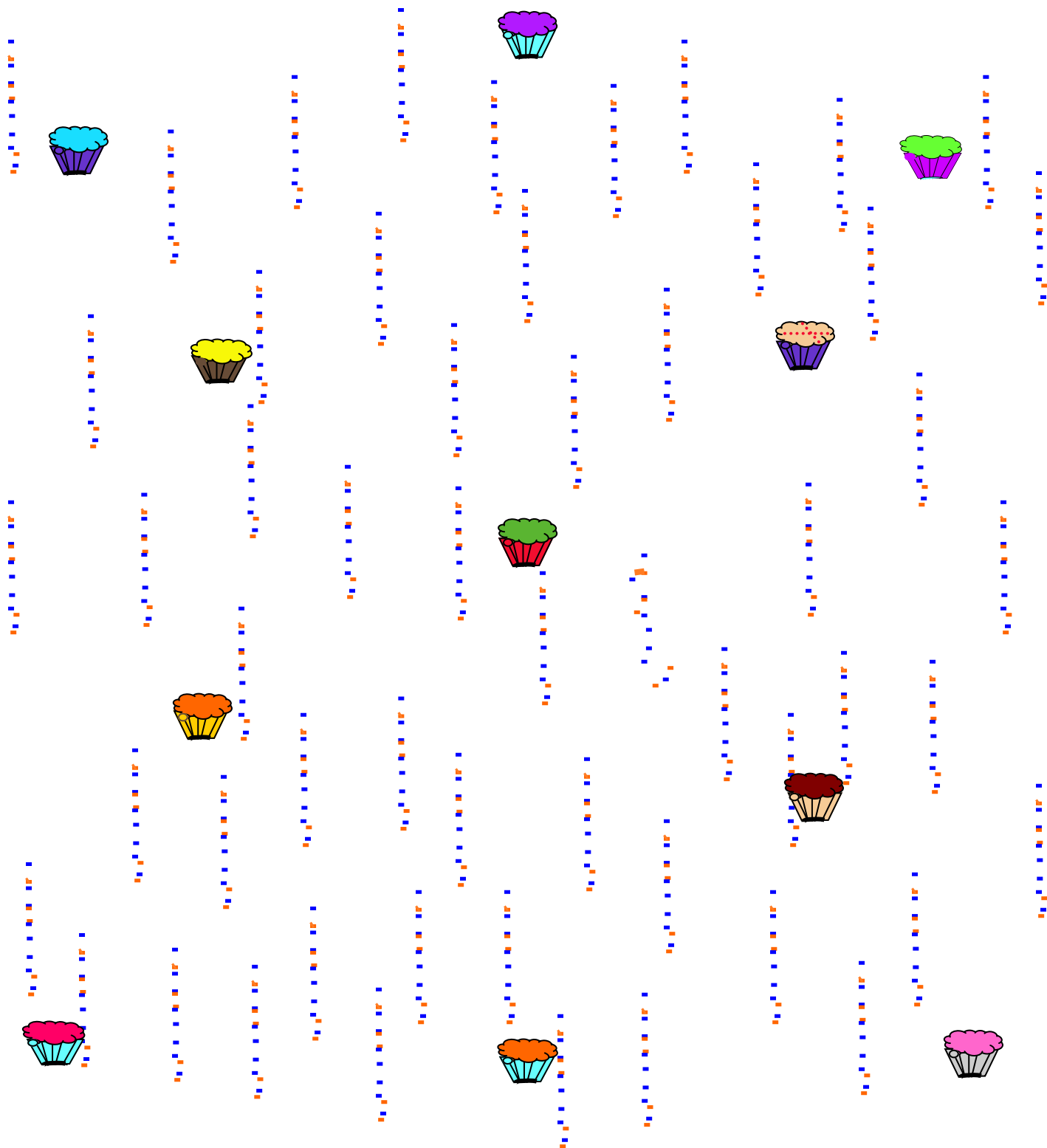


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Celebrate Y.O.U. as you were meant to be!"**

**— Lynn Darby**

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