



## The Baking Contest

Tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. "That should do it!" said Crumpet, as she tapped the last few nails into her poster. She was putting up posters on every lamppost in Acersville – and didn't want any Loopie to miss the opportunity to enter her competition.

Crumpet owned the local bakery in Acersville and was looking for some new recipes to use in her shop. But not just any recipes, these had to be winning recipes! So Crumpet had come up with a plan to have a baking contest. Her posters invited every Loopie to bake their best creation and bring them to Teak-tree Park the following day. The winning recipe would be used in her bakery and the winning Loopie would receive a gold medal!

The next day the Loopies were buzzing with excitement. They were all curious to see who the winner of Crumpet's competition would be. "I never thought so many would enter." whispered Crumpet to a nearby judge, as Loopie upon Loopie walked by, each carrying a delicious looking cake.

"I think the gold medal did the trick!" he laughed.  
"Well, whatever it was, I sure am happy about it."

The Park had been beautifully decorated by Leechie and some Kinder Loopies, who had hung some festive balloons and streamers in some of the nearby trees. They had also set out huge tables for the cakes, decked with colourful tablecloths and festooned with pretty tea napkins and tiny forks.

All the Loopies that had entered Crumpet's Contest had gone out of their way with their creations. Everything looked so yummy. The Loopies had made round cakes, square cakes, double-decker cakes and three tiered cakes. Chocolate cream cakes, chocolate fruitcakes, caramel-chocolate cakes and honey-treacle-cocoa cakes. There were big cakes and small cakes and even tiny cupcakes. It was an irresistible sight!

"Ladies and gentlemen and Loopies of all ages. Welcome to the first ever baking contest." announced the spokesman to the Loopies who had settled down to watch the judging.

"Your wonderful entries will be sampled in just a moment. Then the prize will be given for the best tasting item." The Loopies cheered.

"Let the tasting begin!" cried Crumpet as she snipped the bright blue ribbon that held back the judges. The judges rushed forward, grabbed their forks and began tucking into the food.

The Loopies watched, wanting desperately to know who would win the gold medal, along with the title of 'Best Baker in all Acersville'. Who would it be? Would it be Granny with her ever-popular Carrot-nut-chocolate Delight, or would it be Chelsea's Chocolate-fudge Cake? The tension and excitement mounted as the judges began tasting, they tasted for hours! There was just so much cake. Layers of cake, piles of cake, towers of cake, mountains of cake!

The Loopie's mouths watered, watching the judges eat was hard work!

Suddenly one of the judges gave a loud long burp. He looked at Crumpet; he really had had enough to eat. He looked as if he was going to explode!

Soon all the judges began to look like they'd had enough cake and candy to last until Christmas! Crumpet had to think quickly, there was still so much food!

"The tasting will now be open to all Loopies!" she announced quickly in a loud voice.

To the judge's amazement the Loopies rushed forward. Every single one! They began to munch. They ate so fast that bits of cake, icing and chocolate flew in every direction!

The Loopies dodged the flying bits as they worked their way through the food. It looked like a food fight! Loopies had cream in their eyes and chocolate up their noses, but everyone was having such a good time, no one noticed the mess!

Eventually, there was no cake left, just happy Loopies with full tummies smiling contentedly. Every single scrap of food had been eaten.

Devoured. Every last crumb gone!

"Oh no!" cried the judges.

"What shall we do now? There is no cake left and we still don't know who the winner is. Every cake we tasted was delicious."

Crumpet smiled and looked at the Loopies.

"You're all winners! You all win gold medals!"

So each LooPie got a chance to stand on the first place step of the podium that day to receive their gold medals. What an eventful, exciting, not to mention delicious, day!

And as for Crumpet's bakery, well let's just say she won't be needing any new recipes in a hurry.

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