



A Story From Pinky's Pond Has Just Arrived For You!

A Tale of Rainbows and Cinnamon Rolls

Percy, the purple squirrel, had been painting a picture of Miss Melly's dog all morning. His tummy grumbled. Now, he was thinking about the delicious cinnamon rolls at Ace's bakery.

"I hope there are some left," Percy thought as he scampered across the garden and pushed open the door to the Night Bandit Bakery.



Ace was delighted to see him.

"You are in luck he said, this is the last one."

Percy smiled as he took a bite of the sticky treat.

When he finished eating, he started drawing on his napkin.

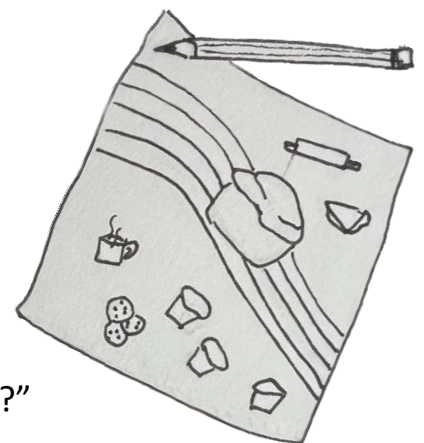
Ace looked at the napkin and smiled.

"I love that!" he said. "It's a rainbow, like my socks!"

"Exactly," said Percy."

"Hey, would you paint that big on my wall here in the bakery?" asked Ace.

Percy jumped at the chance. "I could do it easily. That would be fun."



“Let’s start right now,” said Percy. Do you have a ladder?”

Ace went to his supply shed and brought back a tall ladder for Percy to reach the top of the wall. Percy pawed through his backpack and pulled out his favorite pencil. He made the biggest drawing ever. After that, he got out his brushes and began to paint in the colors. He worked and worked, all through the afternoon.

Percy was starting to get tired. This picture was taking a lot longer than the napkin drawing. Sad and overwhelmed, Percy finally sat down for a rest.



After a few minutes, **Ms. Pinky** came into the bakery. She ordered a cherry cupcake with peppermint tea and sat down near Percy. “Percy, you look sad! What’s wrong?”

“I was so excited to paint this for Ace,” said Percy, “but it is a much bigger job than I thought. I want to put more things in the painting, but I am getting tired.”

Ms. Pinky looked down at her cupcake. “If you draw some of these cupcakes, I can paint them in for you,” she said.

“Oh! I like that idea!” said Percy. He carefully drew three cupcakes and a cup of tea. Ms. Pinky grabbed a brush and filled the shapes with colorful paint.

Jay flew in and saw what was going on.

“Can I paint too?” she asked, clapping her wings together.

“Yes, please!” said Percy. “What is your favorite treat?”

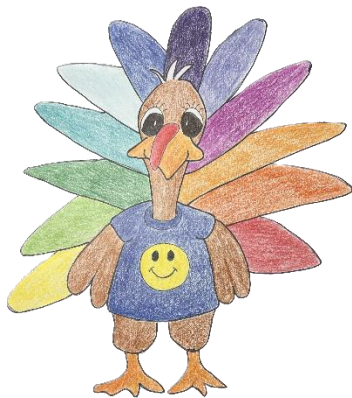
Jay looked thoughtful for a moment and then said, “The brownies!

Oh! I also love the giant chocolate cake over there.” She

pointed to the cake stand at the end of the counter. Percy

drew two brownies and the chocolate cake and

handed Jay a small paintbrush.



Oliver, the turkey, wanted to join in too.

“I love the bear claws Ace makes he said. Ooh! And the cherry turnovers! Can I color some of those?”

“Sure,” said Percy. Let me draw those for you.”

Things were a lot easier with friends helping.

A shy blue rabbit had been watching from the corner table.

He cautiously hopped over to Percy.

“Can I paint?” he asked quietly.

“I really like Ace’s carrot cake muffins.”

“Absolutely,” said Percy. He quickly drew five muffins and got some orange paint so the rabbit could put a small carrot on each muffin.



Ace even joined in and painted his favorite rolling pin in the corner.



Before they knew it, the painting was finished. Everyone sat down at the table to rest and look.

Percy was so proud of what they had created.

“Thank you, everyone, for your help,” he said. “This would not have gotten done without all of you.”

Ace surprised everyone with a cake he had made to thank them. He smiled and stared at the wall.

“I love it,” he said.

“It reminds us that great things can happen when we work together.”



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