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Just One More

Eddie came home from school one afternoon and saw the most beautiful cup cakes on a plate on the kitchen table. They were huge and had thick pink icing.

"Would you like one?" asked Mum.

"Yes, please," replied Eddie.

He picked the biggest cup cake he could see, and took a bite.

"These are delicious, Mum," he said.

"That's good," said Mum. "I made them for Grandad. I'm going to put the rest away now, and take them over to him tomorrow."

"All right," said Eddie, but he was a little disappointed because he would have liked another one.

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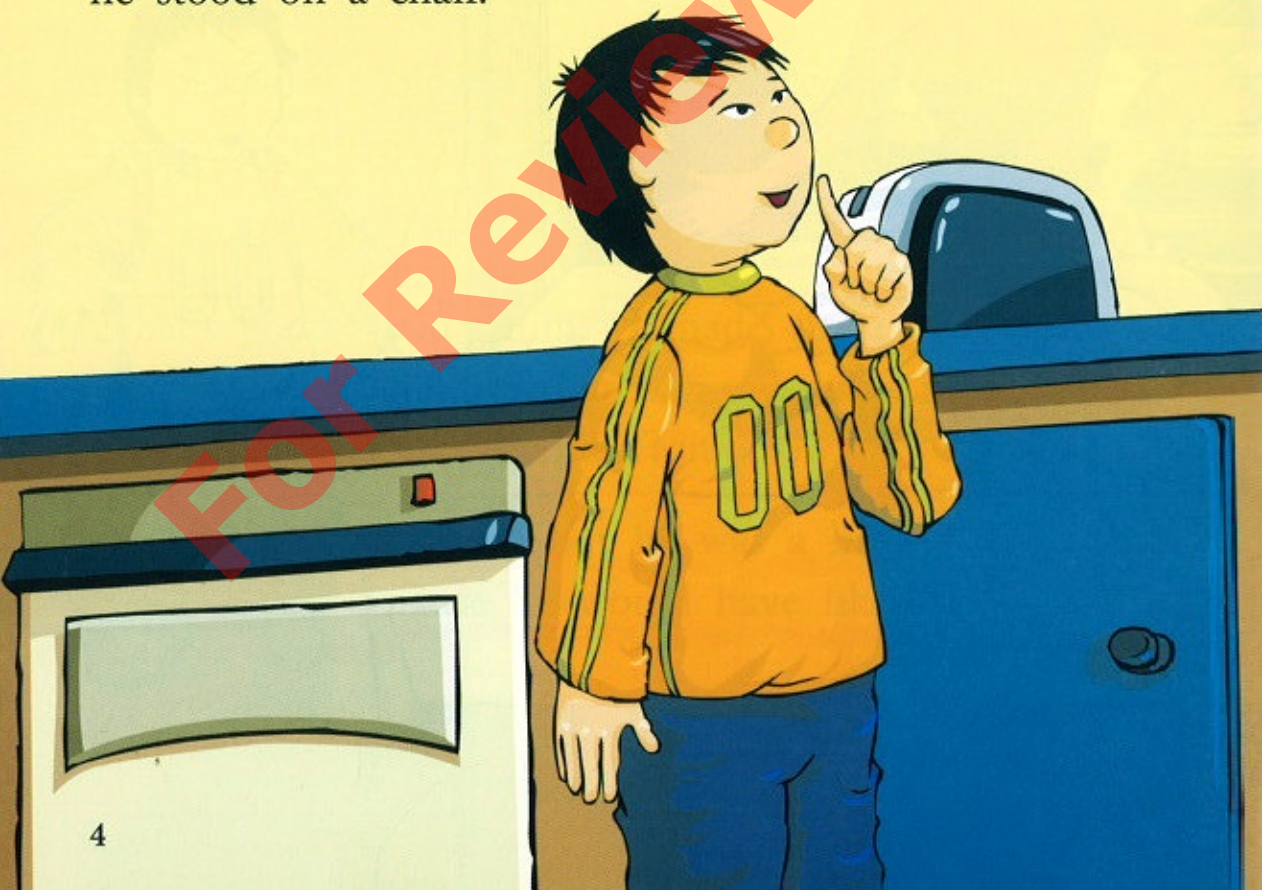


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Eddie's mum put the cup cakes in a cake tin, and put the tin on a shelf in the kitchen. Then she went out to the garden to pick some lettuce for dinner.

While his mum was outside, Eddie looked up at the cake tin. There were plenty of cakes, he thought.

He was sure his mum wouldn't notice if he took just one more. It would be easy to reach the tin if he stood on a chair.



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Eddie reached up high. He could just feel the bottom of the tin. He tried to pull it to the edge of the shelf, but it was heavier than he thought.

He felt it bump into something. Then he saw his mum's best blue bowl begin to wobble. It was next to the tin, and was just about to fall.

Eddie tried to catch it, but he was too late. The bowl fell to the floor and broke into three big pieces.

Eddie looked out the window and saw that his mum was still in the garden.

He quickly picked up the pieces, put them into the bin and spread newspaper over them, hoping that his mum would not see.

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