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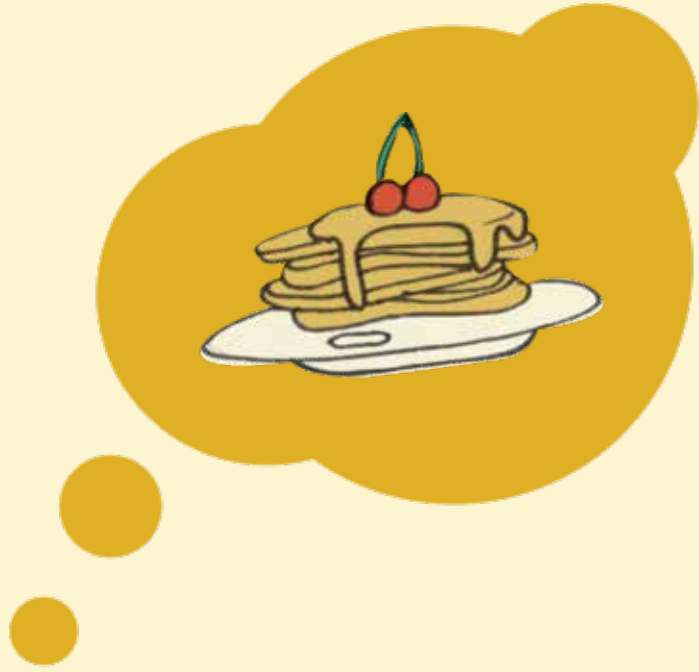
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**Lucky loves cake.**

**He is so happy that the  
Great Cake Contest is in town.**

**“What cake can I bake?”  
he thinks.**



“I know. I can make a pancake!”  
shouts Lucky.

He walks to Pontsho’s house to share  
his idea, but she already beat him to it.





“Or, what if I made a carrot cake?”  
he wonders.

He goes to tell Nini his plan, but she  
had the same idea.





“What about baking a black forest cake?”

He rushes to tell Kima what he’s come up with, but he’s too late.



On the way to Nthabi's house, he thinks:  
"Let me just make a  
Christmas cake!"

But Nthabi already  
made that happen.



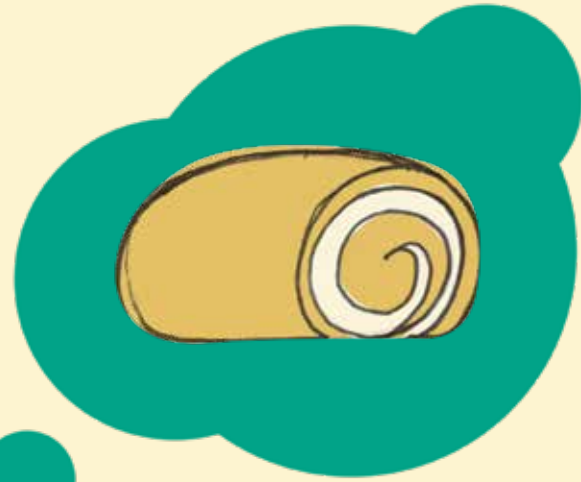
“What other cake  
can I bake?”  
he asks himself.



“How about a chocolate  
mousse cake?”

He arrives at Linda’s house but oh no!  
He was too slow.





Lucky gets an idea.  
“I will make a roly-poly cake.”

He gets to Zola’s house but  
she’s way ahead of him.







Lucky feels sad when he gets home because he is out of ideas. He asks his family to help him think about what great cake he can bake.



Mama, Papa and his big sister  
Musa all put their heads  
together to help him enter  
the Great Cake Contest.





The cake is  
so big,  
so wide,  
so tall ...

... that it begins to wobble,  
wobble, wobble and fall!



Oh no! Everyone at the Great Cake Contest is covered in cake.

Where are the judges?

Where are the contestants?

Where is Lucky?



The judges munch and chomp  
their way out and everyone agrees:

**Lucky is the winner of the  
Great Cake Contest!**



