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Emma the chef

Once upon a time there was a little girl called Emma who had very big cheeks.

She spent a lot of time wondering how two cheeks could become so big.

She knew that there were animals like hamsters or squirrels that would eat sunflower seeds or acorns, and when they did so, their faces would swell so much that it looked like they would burst at any moment.



Everyone loved her chubby features: her grandma and aunt always told her so, saying she had such a cuddly face due to her large cheeks. One day, then, her dad took Emma to her mum's work to surprise her.

She was a very good pastry chef, who used to dream at night of lots of different cakes, of all sorts of flavours and colours, shapes and sizes. She dreamed of flying in the sky amid clouds of whipped cream, stars made of grandma's biscuits, a Fiordilatte moon and a sponge cake sun.

That day there, her mum created a beautiful birthday cake. Looking at little Emma, curious and above all hungry, she said: "That's how your cheeks get so big, Emma... by eating cakes and biscuits so often!" It was then that the little blonde girl with big cheeks decided that when she grew up she wanted to be a pastry chef, just like her mum, so that she could make everyone happy, young and old. At night she would dream about cascades of cocoa-flavoured hazelnut cream, blades of pistachio-flavoured grass, white and pink

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straciatella flowers.

For carnival, she always wanted to dress up as a chef, with a dirty apron, ladle and wooden spoon (borrowed from mum) and when her mum baked cakes at home, she immediately ran to help her with all the ingredients. "Mum, mum, can I do it?"; "Mum, please!" She wanted to give all the children in the world the fortune of having large and beautiful cheeks like hers.



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