



WHAT A
GREAT WEEKEND...
I ALREADY MISS
SARAH... SHE'S SO
SWEET!

NOW
IT'S TIME TO
GET BACK TO
REAL LIFE...



MONDAY



I'VE
SACRIFICED A
LOT TO GET TO
WHERE I AM... BUT
WAS IT WORTH IT?
EVERY SINGLE DAY, I
FEEL LIKE I DON'T
BELONG HERE
ANymore...



WHAT'S UP?

WHAT'S UP?

DID YOU SPEND IT ON THE COUCH?

HOW WAS YOUR WEEKEND?

I DIDN'T...
ACTUALLY, I
SPENT THE WHOLE
WEEKEND WITH MY
LITTLE
DAUGHTER...

SHE'S
AMAZING...I
HAD SO MUCH
FUN WITH HER!

THAT'S GREAT
TO HEAR! I
THOUGHT YOUR EX
DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA
OF YOU SPENDING
TIME ALONE WITH
YOUR DAUGHTER



SARAH
IS SIX NOW, AND
LARISSA DOESN'T
HATE ME ANYMORE...
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M
GONNA STEAL SARAH
FROM HER

I'M
HAPPY THINGS
ARE WORKING
OUT FOR YOU



I'M
REDISCOVERING
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A
PARENT. I DON'T WANT TO
MISS SARAH GROWING
UP...

HEARING
SOMETHING LIKE
THAT MAKES ME
BELIEVE IN
HUMANITY...

MY
FATHER WENT
OUT TO BUY
CIGARETTES AND
NEVER CAME
BACK



HEHEHE!

THAT'S A JOKE, RIGHT?

LOOKING SAD!



OH!

SORRY...

IDIOT!

OF COURSE, IT'S A JOKE!



HEHEHE!

HAHAHA!




AND THE WEEK PASSED WITHOLIT ANY SURPRISES TILL...

FRIDAY

A
CORPORATE
EMAIL... PEOPLE
SHOULD STOP
SENDING THESE
EMAILS ON FRIDAYS...

"IMPORTANT UPDATE
REGARDING YOUR POSITION..."
"WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU
THAT YOUR ROLE WILL BE
ELIMINATED DUE TO A RECENT
MERGER... WE WANT TO
SUPPORT YOU THROUGH THIS
TRANSITION. YOU WILL
RECEIVE..."




SO
THAT'S IT...
AFTER SACRIFICING
EVERYTHING IN LIFE
FOR THIS JOB, THIS IS
HOW I'M THANKED... AT
LEAST I HAVE A GOOD
SEVERANCE FUND...


SOME HOURS LATER...

WHAT
DO I DO NOW?
FIND ANOTHER
CORPORATE JOB... SELL
MY SOUL AGAIN JUST TO
END UP WITH NOTHING? OR
SHOULD I TAKE THE
CHANCE TO OPEN MY
OWN BUSINESS...


TAP
TAP



IT'S SAD...
BUT MAYBE THIS
IS AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR A NEW LIFE!



BUT WHAT
IF I FAIL AS A
BUSINESS OWNER? I
COULD LOSE EVERYTHING
I WORKED FOR... ALL
THESE YEARS CLIMBING
THE CORPORATE
LADDER...



I'LL
TAKE MY TIME TO
THINK IT THROUGH... I
DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT
KIND OF BUSINESS I'D WANT
TO START. I'LL NEED TO
STUDY, RESEARCH... IF I DON'T
FIND SOMETHING THAT FEELS
RIGHT FOR ME, I CAN SCRAP
THE PLAN BEFORE IT EVEN
BEGINS AND LOOK FOR A
NEW CORPORATE JOB

SOME DAYS LATER...

BOTHERED

YEAH...
THAT'S HOW
THEY REPAID MY
DEDICATION

SO,
YOU'RE
SAYING YOU
GOT FIRED...?




I'M GOING TO
OPEN MY OWN
LOCAL
BUSINESS

SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

CURIOWS





THAT'S
WHY I DON'T
WANT TO START
AN OFFICE JOB. I
WANT TO BUILD
SOMETHING I CAN
BE PROUD OF

**YOU?
RUNNING A
BUSINESS?**

**IF YOU
BARELY HAD A
LIFE WORKING
FOR A COMPANY,
WITH YOUR OWN
BUSINESS, YOU'RE
GOING TO BURN
YOURSELF OUT**

I SEE...
YOU'RE AN
ADULT, AND IT'S
YOUR LIFE, SO DO
WHAT YOU WANT. BUT IF
IT DOESN'T WORK OUT,
DO YOU HAVE A
BACKUP PLAN?

ACCEPT MY
FATE AND GO
BACK TO
CORPORATE
LIFE...



THANKS,
LARISSA. SARAH
IS, AND WILL
ALWAYS BE, MY
NUMBER ONE
PRIORITY!

ALL I
CAN DO IS WISH
YOU LUCK, PAOLO.
AND DON'T FORGET,
YOU HAVE A
DAUGHTER

Mabel's
Patisserie

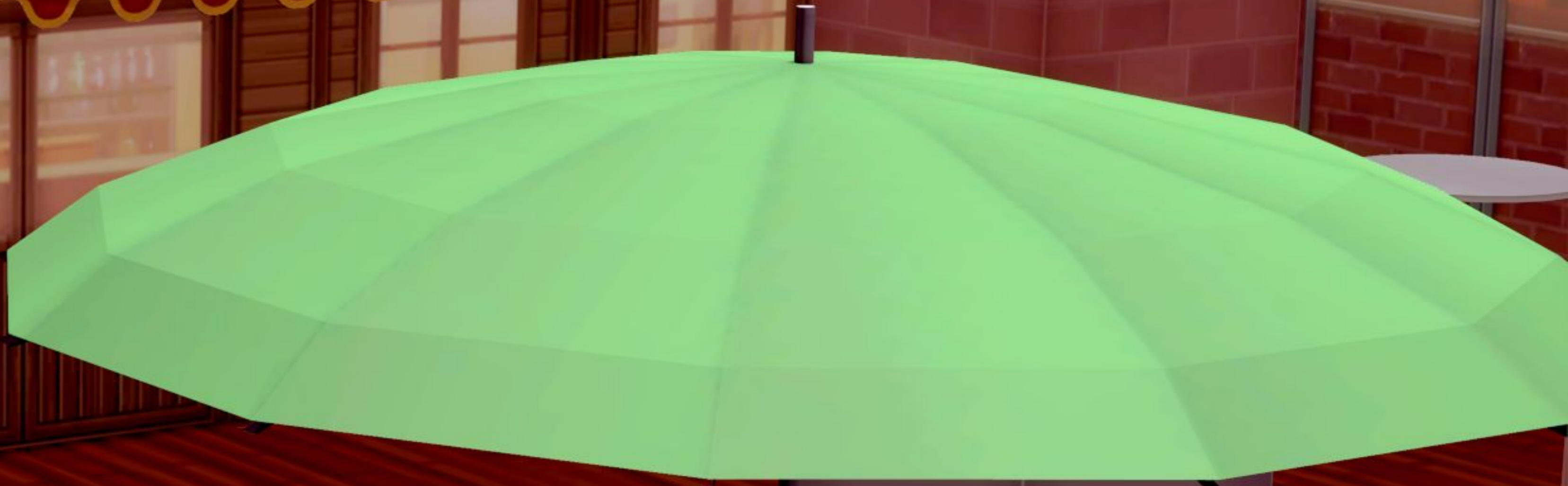
Mabel's

TIME
PASSED... I
HIRED AND TRAINED
PEOPLE, RENTED A
PLACE, AND FINALLY, MY
PATISSERIE WAS READY
TO OPEN.

Mabel's
Patisserie

Mabel's

I
NAMED IT
MABEL'S. BUT
WHY MABEL'S?
WHO IS MABEL?



A young man with short, spiky blue hair and large blue eyes is standing behind a wooden counter. He is wearing a dark red suit jacket over a light green shirt and a blue patterned tie. He is holding a white cardboard box with the word 'Pastries' written on it. The background shows a kitchen with a brick wall, a shelf with jars, and a counter with a red pot and a white pitcher. A large speech bubble on the right contains text about naming a bakery. The text 'HAVE A NICE DAY!' is written in large, stylized letters at the top.

HAVE A NICE DAY!

DURING MY BRAINSTORMING PROCESS, I REALIZED THAT A VINTAGE WOMAN'S NAME WOULD EVOKE THE CHARM OF A TRADITIONAL BAKERY. THE FINAL CHOICE CAME DOWN TO MABEL OR CONSTANCE... CONSTANCE IS A GREAT NAME TOO, BUT BEING CALLED CONNIE? NO ONE DESERVES THAT...

DADDY! YOU'RE

SELLING CAKES!



HELLO DADDY!

HI!

HEY,
LARISSA!

HELLO,
SWEETIE!



YOU FOUND A NICE PLACE! SO MANY PEOPLE HERE! WHAT A GRAND OPENING!

SO, I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS...

HMMM



WHAT'S YOUR
ROLE HERE, AND
WHO IS MABEL?



I'M
MORE ON THE
ADMIN SIDE



HMM...





AND
MABEL IS
MY BUSINESS
PARTNER!

OH, COME ON!

**YOU'RE NOT
FOOLING ME
WITH THAT ONE!**

**THEN... WHERE
IS SHE?**

**I'M TELLING
THE TRUTH!**





SHE'S
MORE OF A
CREATIVE MIND
AND INVESTOR,
SO SHE'S NOT
HERE

WHEN
DID YOU
BECOME A
PROFESSIONAL
LIAR?

DO
YOU THINK I
STILL BELIEVE
IN SANTA?

HEHEHE!





THE
OPENING WAS A
GREAT SUCCESS,
SO MANY PEOPLE
SHOWED UP, SARAH
WAS REALLY HAPPY,
AND I GOT TO TROLL
LARISSA!