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DGM – 4000

**Outline / Beat Sheet**

**Opening Image / Homeostasis**

The story will open with the protagonist out on a standard fishing trip. He has a rough and gruff demeanor about him as he slings ropes, chains, and nets about the ship.

**Theme**

For this story, the theme will be redemption through change. Every action that the main character takes that would go against his character ends up in his favor.

**Catalyst / Inciting Incident**

For this story, the inciting incident will be the breakage of the fisherman’s last net with a full haul of fish. Upon returning to the dock with no haul he is greeted by his loan shark. While there he explains that the fisherman is overdue on his payments and will soon be liable. Due to the contract that the fisherman has signed his boat is held as collateral on his loan. With no boat to fish and no family to help him, the fisherman reaches out to an old friend.

**Break into Two**

After reaching out the fisherman meets with his old friend. Sadly, the friend cannot offer any money to the fisherman because it would put the security of his family at risk including his young daughter. However, the friend offers the fisherman a position at his wife’s new up and coming cupcake business. Reluctantly the fisherman agrees to the proposal and starts his work at the “Cake N’ Bake” cupcake store.

**B-Story**

After a rough night’s sleep and a grueling humiliating morning at the “Cake N’ Bake” the fisherman is greeted with his first customer. Unsurprisingly it is a young woman who enters the shop intrigued by the eccentric design of the store. In his usual fashion, the fisherman greets her like he would a fellow fisherman with a cold frown and a furrowed brow. Not to be deterred the woman flirts with the fisherman after buying a dozen cupcakes to sample with her friends. With a smile and a wink, she leaves the store leaving the fisherman in a haze.

**Fun and Games / Rising Conflict**

After an abysmal opening, the fisherman returns the next day. To his surprise, the owner gives him the assignment to deliver a couple dozen cupcakes to a party. As part of the service, the client requested that the delivery man also hand out the cupcakes individually at the party. Upon arrival, the fisherman does his best to put on a good impression with a forced goofy smile. As he sets up the cupcakes he comes to realize that the woman he met is also at the party. Not to be embarrassed he commences the service handing out the cupcakes with comedic results.

**Mid-Point**

Coming back to the store from the party feeling defeated the fisherman learns of the success of the second day of operations. Learning this makes the fisherman feel incompetent and considers quitting the job. However, upon returning home, he is greeted with a final notice from the loan company of his impending liquidation of not only his boat but also his home and possessions.

**Bad Guys Close In**

After learning of the potential fallout of his late payments the fisherman decides to stay with the cupcake company. However, after a decent day’s work, the fisherman is greeted by the loan shark at the cupcake store. Sensing that the fisherman would not be able to pay on his debts, the loan shark hands the fisherman a flyer for an upcoming auction with the prized item being his boat. Seeing his distress, the owner of the store sends the fisherman home to rest for the day. However, upon returning home he is greeted with a locked door and an eviction notice.

**All is Lost / Lowest Point**

With nowhere to sleep the fisherman saunters back to the cupcake store and sleeps outside its front door.

**Finale / Climax**

The next morning the fisherman is greeted by the owner who happened to be passing by to pick up another order of cupcakes. After explaining his situation to her, the fisherman begins to walk away from the store suggesting that it would be the last time. Upset the owner chases him down and divulges all the good that he has done and suggests that there is still time to fix things. She suggests that the fisherman help her bake a huge batch of cupcakes and sell them in various places promising the profit of the venture to him to reclaim his boat and home. After a rigorous cooking spree, the fisherman heads out to sell the cupcakes. During his journey, he meets with many other old fishermen, the participants of the party, and the friends of the woman. However, even after all the cupcakes had been sold the fisherman only had enough money to pick between his home and his boat. Fearing the loss of his boat the fisherman arrives at the auction house to win it back. Sadly, he is unable to win the boat. However, he finds out that the winner of the boat was the woman.

**Final Image / Resolution**

As it turns out the woman knew about the plot to win the boat back by selling the cupcakes. She explains to the fisherman that she loved seeing him at the store and wanted him to continue selling cupcakes. Thus, she proposed that she would give the fisherman back his boat if he used it as a secondary location for the cupcake store. Happy with the idea of owning a new business the fisherman and the shop owner both agree to use the boat as a secondary location and delivery option. Overhearing the plot to use the boat, the loan shark accepts his defeat and exits the auction house in a rage. To end the story off we see the renovated boat sailing along the coast as the fisherman and woman enjoy their first date.