**A Well Frosted Sea**

**Log Line**

When a salty jaded fisherman’s boat capsizes he must overcome a greedy shark like insurance company, in order to keep his business alive, by selling cupcakes.

**Act I**

The story will open with the protagonist out on a standard fishing trip. We will see him slinging ropes, chains, and nets around the ship to catch fish. Off handedly the fisherman will look over the side of his boat and notice fishing boats that had gone farther out to sea with huge hauls. Looking at his measly haul he scoffs and remarks about how lazy fisherman are going further out to catch more fish while his tried and true spot will get him the big haul. While the fisherman is setting up his next and last net it breaks with a full haul of fish. Being mad and upset he returns to the dock with no haul. When he arrives he is greeted by his loan shark. With a smirk and a big grin, the loan shark makes his way over to the fisherman who is wrangling his broken net. He greets him with a sarcastic remark and then explains how the fisherman is overdue on his payments and will soon take legal action toward him. In a rage the fisherman yells at the shark and tells him to leave. As a final jab to the fisherman the shark mentions that the boat was what he set for collateral. Shocked the fisherman is thrown out of his vessel and the lacky’s to the shark start to riffle through his stuff. He is then escorted off the dock. Upset and taken back the fisherman dials his old friend to ask for help.

We cut away after the phone call and see the two in the living room of the friend’s house. He is holding his child as the fisherman explains the story to his friend from his perspective. Somewhat rudely the fisherman asks for some money to get his boat back and fix his net. Sadly, the friend cannot offer any money to the fisherman. He explains that it would put his family in even greater risk than his wife’s new business. As a final desperate attempt, the fisherman asks if there is anything that he can borrow. With some contemplation the friend asks the fisherman if he would be willing to work for his wife. Reluctantly the fisherman agrees to the proposal and starts his work at the “Cake N’ Bake” cupcake store.

**Act II**

After a rough night’s sleep on the fisherman’s dingy bed he heads over to the “Cake N’ Bake” to start his first shift. Upon arrival the wife greets the fisherman and explains her company’s goal. She then forces the fisherman into the company uniform and puts him front and center at the register while she cooks some new cupcakes in the back. Unsurprisingly a young woman who enters the shop intrigued by the eccentric design of the store as the first customer. In his usual fashion, the fisherman greets her like he would a fellow fisherman with a cold frown and a furrowed brow and a gruff voice. Not to be deterred the woman flirtingly remarks back to the fisherman while she buys a dozen cupcakes to sample with her friends. With a smile and a wink, she leaves the store leaving the fisherman in a haze.

After the opening the fisherman returns the next day where the wife greets him and alludes to their poor opening. Although to the fisherman’s surprise, the owner gives him the assignment to deliver a couple dozen cupcakes to a party. She explains that as part of the service, the client requested that the delivery man also hand out the cupcakes individually at the party. Taking a deep breath, we cut away to the fisher man giving his best attempt at the party greeting the host with a crooked smile. As is part of the service the fisherman sets up a table with extra cupcakes where he is greeted with the woman who meet him his first day. Realizing that he must put on a good impression he puts on a big weird smile and starts to deliver the cupcakes to the guests. Beginning with the host’s family the fisherman heads from group to group where each one gives him a different response to his funny smile. Before leaving the party, the fisherman starts to pack up as he notices that the woman he met is smiling and looking in his direction. Giving his first genuine smile the fisherman finishes packing and heads out of the party.

Coming back to the store from the party the fisherman realizes that his performance was poor and that he was getting laughed at. Feeling defeated the fisherman returns the company car to its place and heads home for the night. Upon arriving the next morning, he learns of the success of the second day of the stores opening with him not at the counter. Learning this makes the fisherman feel incompetent and he considers quitting the job. He then takes up the counter again gloomy as ever and finishes his shift. After another hard day he heads home. 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.

After learning of the potential fallout of his late payments the fisherman decides to stay with the cupcake company. However, the next morning as the fisherman is setting up he is greeted by the loan shark at the cupcake store. Being nosey the loan shark asks the fisherman when he will next be paid. Not having a valid response, the fisherman turns red and starts to become unsettled. 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. He then smirks as he leaves the store. In a rage the fisherman crushes a cupcake sending cake flying all over the store. 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. With nowhere to sleep the fisherman saunters back to the cupcake store and sleeps outside its front door.

**Act III**

The next morning the fisherman is greeted by the owner who happened to be passing by to pick up another order of cupcakes. After showing the flyer to her and explaining his situation to her, the fisherman begins to walk away from the store. He tells her that he is quitting and will not be coming back to the store ever again. While he slowly walks away the owner hears him quiver and start to tear up. Upset the owner chases him down. She explains to him that his service has been the most well received from the customers. Elaborating she mentions how his quirky smile made the party fun for the guests and that his demeanor became a talking point for customers on their second day. She then remarks that their still might be time to save his boat and fix everything if that is what he truly wanted. Accepting her plea, the fisherman straightens his uniform and thanks the owner. 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. When meeting the fisherman, they scoff at him and give him a hard time. At first the fisherman gets mad but then can calm himself down. He explains to the fisherman that he is selling cupcakes to get his boat and home back. After some thought the fishermen try the cupcakes and love them. He then runs around town to meet the participants at the party. Remembering his funny smile, they greet him happily and agree to buy more of the cupcakes. Lastly with one final tray the fisherman returns to the woman’s friend’s house and sells his last tray without issue. However, after counting the total from selling all the cupcakes the fisherman only had enough money to pick between his home and his boat. In a split decision the fisherman decides with the owner that he should get his boat back while he stays with his friend. Fearing the loss of his boat the fisherman arrives at the auction house to win it back. A couple hands start to raise up. On the final bid the fisherman is beat by an over the phone bidder. Sad and defeated the fisherman begins to walk out of the auction house only to find out that the winner of the boat was the woman.

As it turns out the woman knew about the plot to win the boat back by selling the cupcakes. Baffled the fisherman asks why she would bid on his boat. 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.