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In this entry, $\sqrt[3]{2}$ indicates the real cube root of 2.

Consider the extension $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$. The minimal polynomial for $\sqrt[3]{2}$ over \mathbb{Q} is $x^3 - 2$. This polynomial factors in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ as $x^3 - 2 = (x - \sqrt[3]{2})(x^2 + x\sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4})$. Let $f(x) = x^2 + x\sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4}$. Note that $\text{disc}(f(x)) = (\sqrt[3]{2})^2 - 4\sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{4} - 4\sqrt[3]{4} = -3\sqrt[3]{4} < 0$. Thus, $f(x)$ has no real roots. Therefore, $f(x)$ has no roots in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ since $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Hence, $x^3 - 2$ has a root in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ but does not split in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$. It follows that the extension $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ is not normal.