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The Last Gingerbread Cookie

by Anita Amin

Mia hopped off her sled. She climbed the snowy steps to her front door.

As soon as Mia went inside, she smelled something good. It smelled like Christmas spices. That meant Mom must be baking Christmas treats!

Mia pulled off her snowsuit and rushed to the kitchen.

Mom was there. She was decorating cookies.

“Gingerbread men!” Mia cried. She loved eating gingerbread cookies. She also loved watching Mom decorate them.

Mom had made gingerbread girls and boys. She had decorated them with icing, candy, and fruit.

Mia's favorite cookie was a girl with raisin eyes. It had a dress made out of marshmallows and gum drops.

“Do you want to decorate this last one?” Mom asked, pointing to a bare cookie.

“What if I mess up?” Mia bit her lip. Mom had made the other cookies look so pretty. Mia wanted the last cookie to look just as pretty.

“You won't,” Mom said. “But if you don't like it when you're done, we can always fix it.”

Mia looked at the cookie. How should she decorate it?

She looked at Mom. Mom was wearing a pretty red dress and white apron. Mia smiled. She knew how to decorate her cookie.

Mia put red icing on her cookie. She put a row of white marshmallows on the red icing. She used raisins for the eyes. She used red gum drops for the lips and hair.

“I'm done, and I think it's pretty.” Mia showed Mom her cookie.

Mom grinned. “It's me!”



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