



Leo's Mighty Muscles

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Leo was the smallest and quietest baker in the sunny village of Oaktree. He spent his peaceful mornings meticulously decorating delicate, three-tiered cakes topped with swirling pink frosting.



One afternoon, Leo finished his absolute masterpiece, a tall sugary tower decorated with delicate spun-sugar butterflies. He stepped back with a proud smile, admiring every single sweet detail.



Suddenly, a runaway stray puppy darted into the bakery and slammed right into the table leg. The grand sugar tower wobbled, tipped over, and crashed into a sticky pile of messy crumbs on the floor.



A hot, sizzling wave of frustration surged up from Leo's toes to the tip of his nose. His cheeks flushed bright scarlet, his teeth clenched tight, and his heart pounded like a thunderous war drum.



With a loud snap and pop, Leo's arms began to swell and stretch! In a flash, his apron straps snapped open as his biceps ballooned into giant, boulder-like muscles full of incredible power.



Feeling a surge of frantic energy, super-sized Leo stomped outside into the village square to blow off steam. Seeing a massive fallen tree trunk blocking the main road, he marched over, grabbed it with one gigantic hand, and tossed it effortlessly aside.



The villagers gasped in awe as strong, grumpy Leo marched down the street doing amazing feats of strength. He lifted a heavy delivery wagon out of a muddy ditch and gently plucked a frightened cat down from a tall rooftop.



Working through his fiery mood, Leo helped rebuild a fallen stone bridge in record time, stacking heavy granite blocks like lightweight toy bricks. The whole town watched in amazement as his mighty workout transformed the village.



Standing among the cheering crowd, Leo took a long, deep breath and felt the hot anger inside him slowly melt away into peaceful warmth. A soft smile spread across his face as he looked at all the wonderful things he had accomplished.



As his mind grew calm and tranquil, Leo's giant muscles gently shrank right back to their normal, cozy size. He realized that while big feelings can be overwhelming, turning that intense energy into helpful actions can make anyone truly strong.