

No Action, No Adventure, Just Baking

You were given two choices: Spend all eternity in the Ice Prison of the All-Seeing GodStar, or agree to a work-release program.

You chose the work-release program.

Now you and a few of your old enemies are stuck in a kitchen - not even a super-kitchen, just an ordinary kitchen—baking bread, pastries, pies and cookies. Sanitizing sinks. Scrubbing out grease traps. *Not spending all eternity in the Ice Prison of the All-Seeing GodStar.*

Nice work if you can get it, right?



SUPERHERO BAKERY

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CREDITS

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INTRODUCTION

Superhero Bakery is a live action game for 3-6 players. Play it in a quiet space large enough to move around in. A few tables and chairs will be useful. An hour is great and two is plenty to play.

One player (probably you!) will be the Chef, the person who runs the bakery. The Chef's job is to facilitate the game by assigning tasks, causing tension, and eventually firing someone.

All the other players are the Chef's employees, who happen to be superheroes and supervillains on super-prison work-release.

BAKERY STAFF

The player of the Chef (who is perfectly normal) should ask each player to choose a character who sided with heroism or villainy during his or her superheroic career. If there are an even number of people playing supers, they cannot be evenly split between heroes and villains. If you have the Chef and four supers, they must be three heroes and one villain, or one hero and three villains, for example.

Each player should stand in front of the group and introduce themselves, crossing off one option in each category on the list as they do. No duplication of elements is allowed. The lists are on pages 3 and 4.

WHAT TO DO

This is a structured freeform game, so the plan is to bounce colorful characters off one another, apply some outside pressure, and see what happens. There is no win condition and no set outcome, other than somebody getting fired.

If you are the Chef, try to make it as mundane as possible. You have a schedule to keep, you have a business to run, and you have a bunch of employees who probably think their job is undignified and beneath them. Turn the screws on these fools and show them who the boss is.

If you are a superhero or supervillain, build up a compelling and funny backstory and tie it together with the other players. You almost destroyed the Eiffel tower? Which of your fellow bakers was the one who foiled your plan? Think of it like a soap opera and chew the scenery - but make sure somebody *else* chews the scenery harder, so they are the ones who get fired and sent back to space jail.

VARIATION

If you have an even number of players, maybe one character is an actual bakery assistant - a hard-working person making minimum wage who just wants to get the job done without any drama. Good luck with that!

DON'T BE A STRANGER

If you play Superhero Bakery I'd love to hear about it! You can always reach me at jason@bullypulpitgames.com



ACTUAL BAKING JOBS

Assign these for bread, pie, pastry and cookies individually

- Mix ingredients to make dough
- Roll, shape and cut dough
- Peel and cut apples and other fruit, assemble into filling
- Put bread dough in loaf pans and bake
- Put filling into pie and pastry crusts and bake
- Lay cookies on trays and bake
- Check for color and adjust temperature as needed
- Make icing and prep decorating station
- Decorate cakes, cookies and pastries
- Display finished goods in cases with signage

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

If an employee requires discipline, issue a verbal warning. If they misbehave again, “write them up” - issue a written warning. On the third offense, fire them. Firing an employee ends the game, and it should be your goal to issue warnings to everyone as a way of ramping up tension. Some things that can trigger a reprimand:

- Dress code (including visible tattoos or piercings)
- Sanitation and hygiene
- Theft and abuse of bakery property
- Use of superpowers on the job
- Tardiness and excessive breaks
- Poor work performance
- Insubordination and insolence

Remember to discipline them for the slightest infraction, pacing your verbal and written warnings to the time you have to play. Give them space to breathe, though, and let them roleplay among themselves.

OPERATIONS MANUAL

As the Chef, your job is to keep your super-powered employees in line and produce a lot of baked goods. Give them jobs to do - several at once for each, of course - and leave them to their work. Return occasionally to cajole, brow-beat and find fault. Let them know the use of superpowers is grounds for immediate dismissal and return to the Ice Prison of the All-Seeing GodStar. Here are some jobs to assign:

TEDIOUS JOBS

- Count out cash register drawer to \$300
- Man cash register and serve customers
- Fill pastry case
- Clean and sanitize sink
- Clean and sanitize mixer and work bench tops
- Clean and sanitize ingredient bins
- Clean bench can opener
- Wash, clean and sanitize hand tools
- Wash mixing bowls, sheets, pans
- Clean proof box and decorating station
- Wash floor

NASTY JOBS

- Scour stove hood and change filter
- Clean the cream case
- Clean bake ovens
- Weekly spray degreasing
- Clean drains
- Wash walls behind mixer and sink
- Clean freezer
- Drain grease from fryer and clean fryer
- Steam out garbage cans

I AM A HERO

Choose one option from each category and cross it off. Announce who you are and then pass the booklet to the next player.

MY TITLE IS

King/Queen | Captain | Professor | The Amazing | Jimmy/Jenny | Kid | Super

MY NAME IS

Regulon | Smasher | Lightning Bolt | Justice | Cheetah | Robot | Sparkle Motion

MY COOLEST SUPERPOWER IS

Whatever you think it would be.

I ONCE SAVED

Mexico City | A kitten that was more worthy than the lot of you | Enough money to buy a super-yacht | Millions of lives through public health initiatives | The President of the United States | Souls for Jesus | The entire planet—more than once, actually



AND I AM HERE BECAUSE I

Failed | Went rogue | Lost my mojo | Was too good | Gave it all up | Told the truth

I AM A VILLAIN

Choose one option from each category and cross it off. Announce who you are and then pass the booklet to the next player.

MY TITLE IS

Mister/Miss | The Unstoppable | The Dreaded | Dark Genius | The Impossible | Lord/Lady | Herr Doktor

MY NAME IS

Mezmo | Drakulus | Krunk | Inferno | Hatebeak | Krakenmaster | Abuela

MY MOST TERRIFYING SUPERPOWER IS

Whatever you think it would be.

I ONCE NEARLY DESTROYED

The Eiffel Tower | Gambia | The global financial infrastructure | The sun | The Patrioteers superteam | My own weakness

AND I AM HERE BECAUSE I

Was betrayed | Got caught | Tried to retire | Let hubris blind me | Am very clever and simply biding my time | Enjoy baking

