

# Sir Cumference

and the  
Off-the-Charts Dessert

BART'S  
COOKIES

PIA'S  
PIES



A Math Adventure

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For Jen and Val, best bakers both;  
and for Scott, Annika, and Rachel,  
excellent eaters all—C. N.

For our new granddaughter,  
Olivia Modlinska Geehan, who is  
our Off-the-Charts Delight—W. G.

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baking the annual Harvest Sweet, the bakers must figure out a way to chart whose treats are the favorites.

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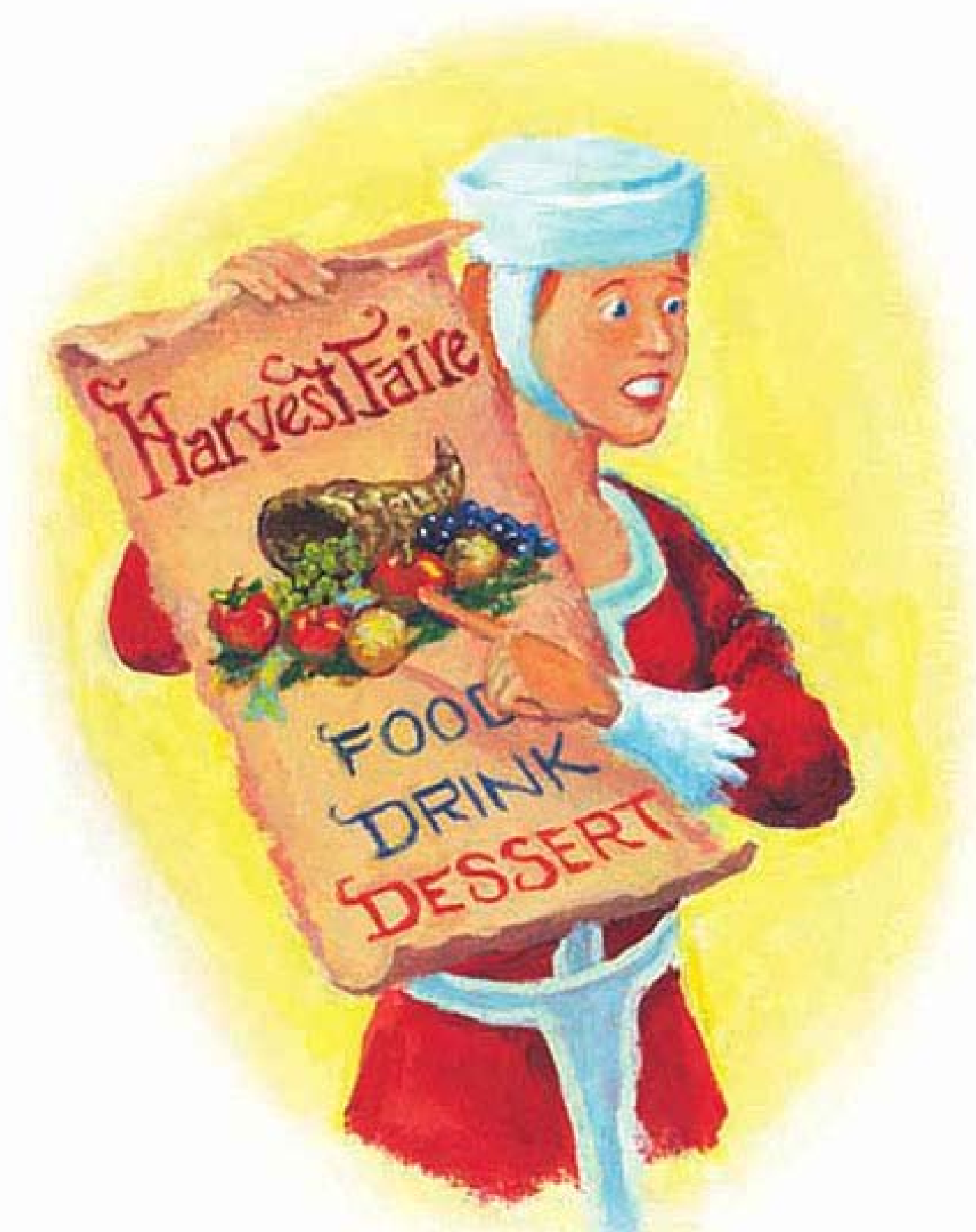
“Oh, dear,” muttered Lady Di of Ameter as she rushed down the castle corridor.

She ran headlong into her husband, Sir Cumference.

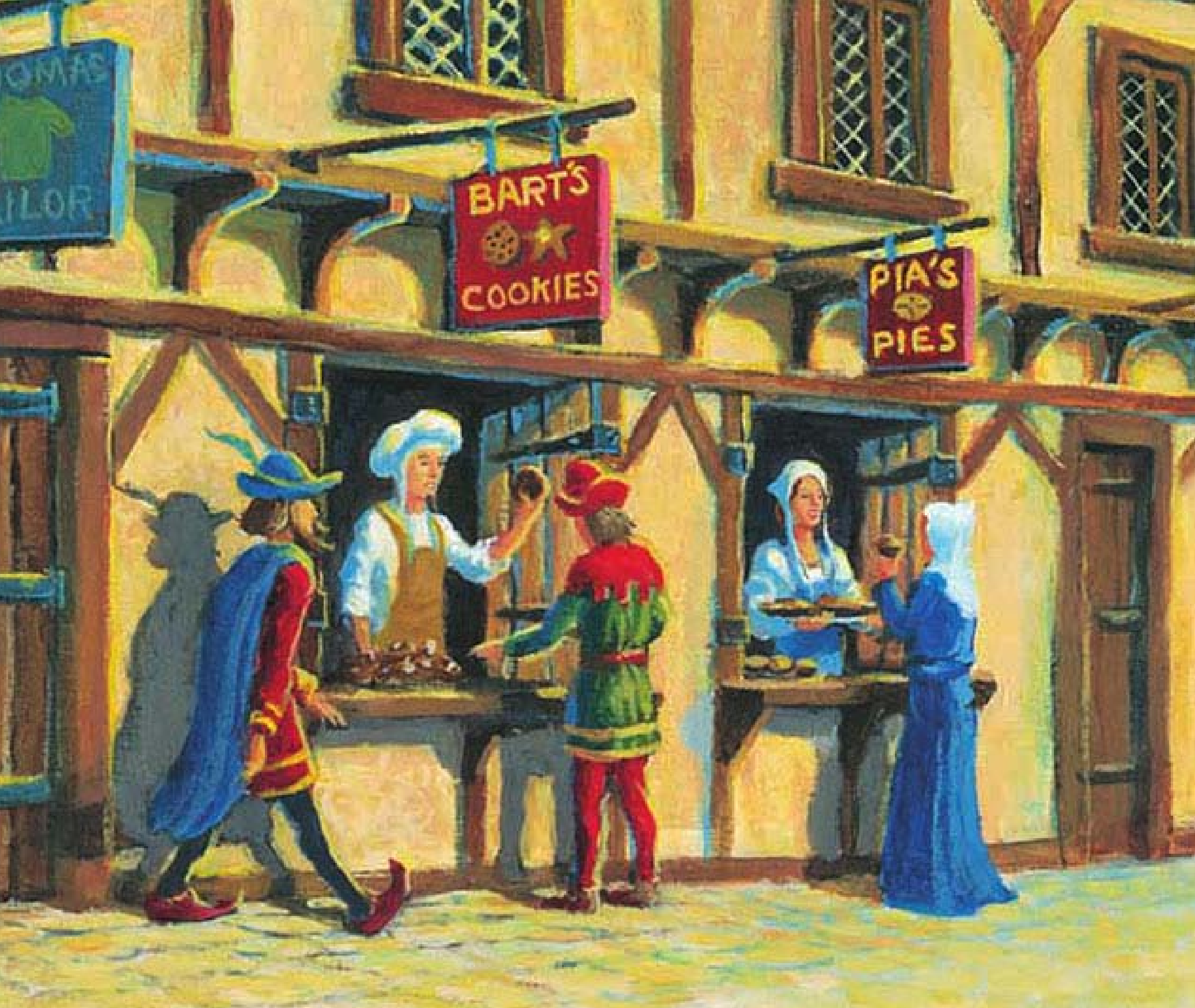
“What’s the hurry?” he asked her.

“The castle cook is in bed with the chills,” she answered, “and the Harvest Faire is just around the corner! We need to select the annual Harvest Sweet.”

“We’ll need someone to do the baking, too,” said Sir Cumference.







“The cook mentioned two bakers in town who might help us,” Lady Di said. “One is a woman named Pia from the French city of Chartres. The other is a man called Bart Graf, whose grandparents moved here years ago from Germany.”

“Excellent!” said Sir Cumference. “Let’s invite them to the castle.”



Later that day Sir Cumference and Lady Di sat in their banquet hall with the two bakers.

“Mmm!” murmured Sir Cumference, his mouth full of quince pie.

“Thank you, Sir Cumference,” Pia said, looking down her slender nose at Bart.

Lady Di bit into one of Bart’s cream cookies.

“Heavenly!” she declared.



“Thank you, Lady Di,” said Bart, lifting an eyebrow at Pia. Sir Cumference and Lady Di tasted all the desserts but could not decide which treat was the best.

“Since the Harvest Faire is for everyone,” Sir Cumference began, “let’s have the townsfolk choose.”

“Yes,” agreed Lady Di. “A contest! Tomorrow offer free samples of your top four treats. The townsfolk shall vote for their favorite of the eight selections.”

The bakers hurried back to their shops.

Clouds of flour dust billowed out of the two bakeries as Pia and Bart worked furiously.

Pia made quince, mince, custard, and apple pies.

“Ah!” she said, smelling their delicious aromas. “The townsfolk will love these!”





Meanwhile Bart was busy mixing and molding his doughs. He made cream, honey, ginger, and nut cookies. Wooden molds were scattered everywhere.

“Something for everyone!” he exclaimed, pulling the tasty treats out of the oven.





The next morning both bakers met in front of their shops to give away their sweets.

“Free desserts!” called out Bart. “What’s your number-one delight?”

“Get your free pastries here!” Pia countered. “Tell me your top choice.”



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