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OPEN ON: A BAKERY COUNTER SOMEWHERE IN MIDDLE AMERICA. A COUPLE (JAY AND TARAN) AND LOOKING AT ITEMS BEHIND THE GLASS WHEN THE OWNER (AIDY) WALKS OUT.

AIDY

Hey guys welcome to Cheaper by the Dozen.

JAY

Thanks a lot.

TARAN

We just love your bakery.

AIDY

Well thanks so much that's so sweet of you.
Here, try one of our new key lime pie cookies.

TARAN

Aww thank you so much. That's so sweet of you.

JAY

We were wondering whether or not you bake wedding cakes? We've had pretty much everything else you make and it's all just so wonderful.

AIDY

Why yes we do. We can easily create any cake you'd like.

TARAN

That's so good to hear. This is the last thing we've needed to take care of.

JAY

Agreed. Let's get this all taken care of today while we are here.

AIDY

Well you guys certainly know what you want.

SHE GRABS A CLIPBOARD AND A PEN.

AIDY (cont)

Let's see, when will you need the cake for?

JAY

Saturday, August first.

AIDY

Well that is coming up quick.

JAY
Sorry for the short notice.

TARAN
Now that everything is legal and all
we just couldn't wait.

AIDY
Legal?

JAY AND TARAN TURN AND SMILE AT EACH OTHER AND SHARE A QUICK
KISS.

JAY
Yup. You've seen the Facebook profile pictures
I'm sure all rainbowed up.

TARAN
Love wins!

AIDY
Oh no.

TARAN
Excuse me?

AIDY
No.

AIDY TEARS UP THE ORDER FORM

AIDY (cont)
I am evoking my religious right to say no to
this abomination.

JAY
Abomination?

TARAN
We just want to get married and celebrate with
your delicious cake.

AIDY
No no no. As a Christian I cannot sell you
a wedding cake.

JAY
You could just give it to us then.

TARAN AND JAY CHUCKLE AT THE IDEA. AIDY IS DISGUSTED. ANOTHER
CUSTOMER (CECILY) WALKS INTO THE STORE.

TARAN

I think it's rather crazy that you are refusing to make us a cake, a cake we are willing to pay you for, because you don't believe we should be able to get married.

AIDY

Well that is my right and you can't make me. In fact, give me back my cookie as well.

TARAN LOOKS AT THE COOKIE, THEN A JAY, WHO MOTIONS TO HAND IT BACK TO HER. HE RELUCTANTLY HANDS IT OVER.

TARAN

I didn't even get to try it.

AIDY

Good because I don't even want you to have my free cookies.

JAY

Honey he's not interested in your cookies.

TARAN

Stop it. You guys are gross. You're grossing me out.

CECILY

I think they are adorable.

AIDY

Well you think wrong. You're all wrong.

JAY

More importantly, it's just not good business to send customers away.

AIDY

I don't care. I'd rather eat the profits then serve you two.

AIDY SHOVELS THE COOKIE INTO HER MOUTH, CRUMBS FLYING ALL OVER.

AIDY (cont)

(with a mouthful of cookie)

I'd rather go out of business before...

AIDY STARTS COUGHING AND CHOKING ON THE COOKIE. SHE IS THROWING HER ARMS AROUND HER NECK LOOKING AT JAY, TARAN AND CECILY FOR HELP.

CECILY

Oh my god I think she is choking.

TARAN
Sure looks like it.

CECILY
Do either of you guys know the Heimlich maneuver?

JAY
I do.

AIDY RUNS OUT FROM BEHIND THE COUNTER AND UP TO JAY

CECILY
Well what are you waiting for?

JAY
Me? Oh nothing. It's just that it is my right to decide who I get to perform the maneuver on.

TARAN
Aren't you being just a little extreme sweetie?

JAY
(almost crying)
She offended me and took away your cookie babe.

TARAN
If my soon to be husband, whether you like it or not, saves your life, can we have all of the cookies?

AIDY FRANTICALLY SHAKES HER HEAD YES.

JAY
But if I just wait for her to die I could have all of the cookies anyway.

CECILY
That's terrible.

JAY
I'm only kidding...mostly. Doesn't feel so good to be discriminated against does it.

AIDY SHAKES HER HEAD NO.

JAY (cont)
Lucky for you I took an oath that day at CPR to do all I can to help anyone who was in trouble. Even racists, bigots and bad dressers.

JAY PULLS AIDY IN AGAINST HIM AND STARTS THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER ON HER. AFTER A COUPLE OF TRIES THE COOKIE COMES FLYING OUT. AIDY IS OUT OF BREATHE AND FALLS TO THE FLOOR.

TARAN

There you go. You're going to want to clean that up. Pretty sure that's against some health code or something.

JAY WALKS BEHIND THE COUNTER, WHICH AIDY IS NOW CLIMBING UP OFF OF THE FLOOR HOLDING ON TO AND PULLING HERSELF UP. HE REACHES IN THE DISPLAY AND PULLS OUT THE ENTIRE TRAY OF COOKIES.

JAY

We'll be taking these.

TARAN & JAY

And live from New York it's Saturday Night.