



SURPRISE!

It was the crack of dawn at Mouseford Academy. The sun was beginning to come up on the **HORiZON**, painting the sky a fabumouse shade of pink. It was a special day for the students at Mouseford: **Winter vacation had begun!**

Even though there were no classes on that **cold** morning, someone had set the alarm clock . . .

RINGING!





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“Time to get up, Pam,” whispered Colette, silencing the **sound** of the alarm clock and sitting up in bed. “Pam?”

How strange. Her roommate’s bed was empty.

“Two steps ahead of you, Coco,” Pam said with a grin, appearing at the foot of Colette’s bed, fully dressed. “I’ve been up **FUREVER!** I just could not stop thinking about the **surprise** breakfast we planned for Nicky and Paulina. And the more I thought about it, the hungrier I got!”

Colette chuckled. “Well, this room does smell **delicious!**”

She got dressed quickly as Pam pulled a wicker basket tied with a bow out of the closet. Then the two girls filled the basket with the **muffins** they had bought the night before at the **Daisy Bakery**.



Yum!



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“It’s perfect, let’s go get Violet,” Colette announced.

Just then, there was a gentle **knock** on the door.

“Wow!” Pam said after opening it to discover her friend Violet. “Sorry I sound **surprised**, Vi. I just can’t believe you woke up this early. We all know how you hate getting up in the morning. Did you bring the supplies?”





“**TA-DA!**” said Violet, holding open her canvas bag. Inside was a large thermos of **HOT** water and a tin filled with various types of tea. “I know I’m not a morning mouse, so I planned ahead. I packed everything last night, and all I had to do was **roll** out of bed and get dressed this morning.”

Quietly, the three friends scurried down the hall to Nicky and Paulina’s room.

But when they **knocked** on the door, they were surprised to discover Nicky and Paulina were already up and dressed.

“Why are you guys awake?” squeaked Colette. “Your flight to **Canada** doesn’t leave for hours!”

“We were too excited to sleep!” explained Paulina. “But why are you three awake?”

Pam held up the basket filled with **whisker-licking-good** breakfast treats



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and announced, “We’re here to surprise our friends who are leaving for Canada . . .

with a yummy
BREAKFAST!”

Two sets of overlapping pink hearts, one on the left and one on the right, framing the text. Each set consists of two hearts of different sizes, with the smaller one overlapping the larger one.