

A watercolor illustration of a coastal town. In the foreground, a large stack of various bagels is piled up. The bagels are golden-brown and topped with different ingredients like sesame seeds, cheese, and herbs. In the background, a harbor scene unfolds with several boats, including a small wooden boat and a larger white boat. The town features colorful houses with red roofs and a prominent white lighthouse with a red roof and a glass-enclosed top. The sky is a mix of soft pinks and blues, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

# The Great Bagel Adventure

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**Once upon a time in  
a cozy town, there  
lived a cat who was  
also a detective. His  
name was LaBeef.**



LaBeef lived in the  
great state of Maine,  
where he could look  
at the ocean.



He liked to spend time  
walking in the woods and  
saying hello to the trees.

And on Saturdays he would visit his favorite bagel shop for breakfast.





The bagel  
shop sold  
the the  
tastiest  
bagels in all  
of Maine.




One Saturday,  
LaBeef invited  
his friends  
Henry the  
hedgehog and  
Evan the  
elephant to join  
him for bagels,  
with extra  
cream cheese.





But when  
they arrived,  
the baker  
told them all  
the cream  
cheese had  
gone  
missing!



“Don’t worry, baker”  
said LaBeef, “We’ll  
help you find the  
cream cheese!”

LaBeef, Henry and Evan  
decided to take the train  
around town to look for  
the cream cheese.






First, they  
looked at  
their  
favorite  
playground,  
but they  
didn't find  
any cream  
cheese  
there!

They  
looked at  
their local  
farm  
stand, but  
there  
wasn't  
cream  
cheese  
there  
either!





“Let’s check the construction zone!” said Henry. He used the digger to search.



"Great detective work,  
Henry!" said LaBeef,  
"You found the cream  
cheese using the digger!"

LaBeef,  
Henry and  
Evan headed  
back to the  
bakery to tell  
the baker the  
good news!







“Thank you  
so much for  
finding the  
cream  
cheese!”  
said the  
baker. “How  
would you  
like free  
bagels?”

The baker gave LaBeef, Henry and Evan a feast of giant bagels. All thanks to Henry! “You’re a great detective, Henry!” said LaBeef, “Would you like to join my detective agency?”



Henry said yes! He and LaBeef worked as detectives together and always kept bagels and cream cheese at their office.



The  
end!



Merry  
Christmas!

