

# Rochelle's Birthday Surprise

Read the story below and decide why Rochelle might have done what she did. Write your answer in the space provided.

It was Saturday, the day of Rochelle's birthday party, and she was so excited she could hardly keep still. She had spent the whole morning decorating her house with streamers and balloons. She had set the table with matching plates, cups and napkins. Best of all, she had baked and iced cupcakes for each of her friends, without anyone else's help.

Rochelle's little brother Remy was his usual bouncy self. "Happy birthday, Rochelle," he yelled, running around the kitchen and waving a balloon he'd torn down from the wall, where Rochelle had taped it up.

"Calm down," she ordered. Remy's jumping was making the counters tremble and Rochelle feared her cupcakes would fall on the floor. "Get out of here, and quit tearing down my decorations or I won't give you the cupcake I made for you."

"I get a cupcake? Yay!" Remy shouted, bouncing around as boisterously as ever.

"Stop it, Remy, you'll ruin everything!" Rochelle wailed. Remy didn't stop. Finally, Rochelle picked up a cupcake. "This one was going to be yours," she told Remy, and threw it to the floor, where it landed upside down with a plop. Remy stopped bouncing, looked down at the cupcake, and began to cry.

Why did Rochelle ruin Remy's cupcake?

