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CHAPTER 1 Where We Begin All Over Again

t was an average night at Belching Walrus Elementary. The doors were locked, the hallways were quiet, and the moon and stars shone brightly through

the high windows. Oh, and also all the food in the Cafeteria was jamming out.

No, what I meant to say is that the food in the Cafeteria at



Belching Walrus Elementary actually comes alive each night to party. Every night.



And ever since the folks from the other rooms in the school helped stop Baron von Lineal's evil plans... Okay, what I meant to say is ever since the folks from the other rooms at Belching Walrus Elementary helped stop Baron von Lineal's *misguided* plans, they've been coming to the Cafeteria each night to hang out as well. And, as always, our favor-

ite foodie friends—Slice (a brave

slice of pizza), Scoop (a triple scoop ice cream cone—vanilla, chocolate, AND strawberry), and Totz (a crunchy, delicious, and trendy tater tot)—were doing their own thing under the utility sink.

Of course, their new friends came around often to say "Wassup."

Before we go on too long, it might be a good idea to meet some of our new friends. After all, if you



don't like these new friends, you might decide to put this book down and do something completely differ-



ent. Maybe you'd prefer to swim in a pool filled with chocolate pudding? Or drink a big glass of warm prune juice? Maybe you'd rather be buried under a pile of chubby, yapping puppies? So, here goes:



Ducky

Type: Brass paperweight

Job: Sitting on papers (it sounds boring, but someone

has to hold papers down!)

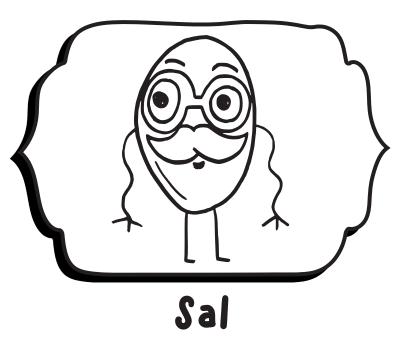
Personality: The strong, silent type

Strengths: Weightiness, strong sense of right and wrong

Weaknesses: Slow, a little clumsy, waddles

Hobbies: What's more fun than sitting on papers?

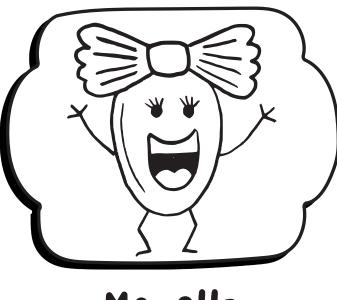
Catchphrase: None. Does not speak.



Type: An Egg

Flavor: Eggy protein with a hint of cholesterol, maybe a bit saltier than Monella
Personality: Cheery, organized, energetic
Strengths: Protective of Monella
Weaknesses: Fragile (almost like an egg!)
Wobble Factor: High
Hobbies: Speed walking, but dancing is his secret talent. Shhh . . .

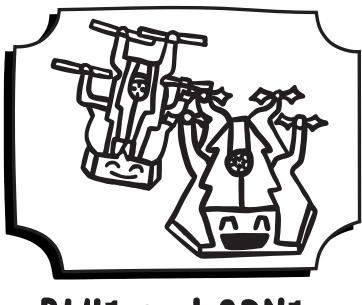
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Monella

Type: Also an Egg

Flavor: Also eggy protein with a hint of cholesterol Personality: Brave but maybe a bit reckless Strengths: Protective of the Pantry Weaknesses: Also fragile (almost like an egg!) Wobble Factor: Even higher Hobbies: Speed walking



BLU1 and GRN1

Type: Drones

Job: Completing directives

Strengths: Flying, zippiness, no fear

Weaknesses: Limited battery life, no sense of humor, noisy

Hobbies: "Hobbies do not compute." Catchphrase: "Beep, bop, boop." Just like in your own school cafeteria, there are plenty of other yummy folks bouncing around, but you'll meet them as the story goes on (unless you stopped reading a few pages ago and are currently searching for a pool filled with chocolate pudding or a pile of chubby, yapping puppies). No matter, we're going to forge ahead with our story about Belching Walrus Elementary. So, if you dare (and if you aren't thirsty for some warm prune juice), read on.

