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The woman grabs another handful of self-rising flour, tossing it into the large white bowl. She adds water now, purified, of course. That's the only way. "Next," the instructor sings, with great enthusiasm, "blend until evenly distributed." The woman knows better. Nothing is ever that simple.

The woman begins smoothing the bulbous head. Her aged fingers pick and pinch until the beginnings of a nose are evident. "Interesting," the baking partner concludes, her eyes shifting satisfactorily from the woman's creation to her own.

The instructor takes a moment inspecting each one. He runs his hands over new pinkish flesh, pauses shortly, then frowns. "Too small. Too many knots." Disappointment crowds his face, as he holds the baby up for the whole world to see. "It will have to do, there isn't any time to start over."

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