PUZZLE PLOT / A LITTLE MYSTERY 01

The Missing Marzipan Mouse

Eight hidden words. Six secret letters. One missing guest.

A small disappearance

At half past three, Nora Bell discovered that the marzipan mouse had vanished from her celebration cake. Its tiny chair and teacup remained.

Across the bakery counter, Aunt Edith lowered her newspaper. A folded note rested on the cake stand.

"You hid my mouse," Nora said.

"I gave it somewhere to wait." Edith nodded toward the note. "Our guest of honor deserves an entrance."

Nora unfolded the paper. Inside was a word search and a message:

Find the eight words. Keep only the bold letters on gray tiles that are not used by any word. Six will remain. Unscramble them to find our missing guest.

"Is this your idea of helping?" Nora asked.

Edith reached for a biscuit. "I prefer to think of it as keeping your pencil occupied."

The clock ticked toward four. Nora picked up her pencil. Where had Edith tucked the mouse?

G	W	E	T	Y	A	P	R	O	**N**
V	**B**	A	K	E	R	Y	**B**	L	M
K	S	O	A	A	G	N	I	A	C
T	V	W	G	U	O	P	S	G	**L**
C	E	**U**	B	B	H	N	C	R	O
D	S	A	B	U	**E**	A	U	H	C
S	D	**I**	**C**	K	P	P	I	O	K
B	R	L	S	U	F	K	T	**T**	G
N	P	**B**	V	B	P	**I**	B	K	D
W	K	**A**	**S**	U	V	N	A	D	B

Words to find

BAKERY
BISCUIT
NAPKIN
TEACUP
CLOCK
RIBBON
SUGAR
APRON

The solver's log

Unused bold gray letters: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

My hiding place: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

My notes:

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