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Flashback to baking school.	Dina saves money to buy the bakery.
Dina serves her first customer.	Dina opens the bakery and serves customers.

- How do the flashbacks deepen the reader's understanding of Dina's journey?

Show Dina's struggles and hard work, making her success more meaningful.

- What effect does starting the story with Dina's success have on the reader?

Creates curiosity about how Dina overcame challenges, engaging the reader.