Baking saved me from banking

J ohn Whaitie was a very keen baker. He loved the Great British Bake Off and spent his weekends baking cakes. He was known for his homemade biscuits and cookies. However, he never pursued a career in baking. Instead, he worked in a bank and found it lacking in creativity. He often wished he could bake all day long.

John Whaitie was destined for a highly paid but deathly dull job in the City when he won Bake Off. Now he's hoping to make even more dough, he tells Jenny Johnston.

John Whaitie/PA

The end credits were rolling in Bake Off when the offer was already coming in, so it's difficult to know what he would have done if Bake Off hadn't happened. Perhaps he would have continued working in the bank, or perhaps he would have pursued his passion for baking and opened a small business. However, Bake Off gave him the opportunity to fulfill his dream.

Meanwhile, some are saying they would have preferred a different role for John Whaitie. Perhaps a career in politics or entertainment, where he could use his charisma and quick wit to engage with a wider audience. But Bake Off has given him a new platform and he is making the most of it.

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