

TREAT

SMART COOKIE

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Most girls love chocolate.

It's a universal fact. Second runner-up to chocolate is ice cream. In the wake of Singles Awareness Day, girls all over Happy Valley are in search of chocolate and ice-cream and a giant Love Sac to ease their pain.

Where could we possibly find such a perfect marriage of all these things?

I present Smart Cookie as the ideal solution. It's bright and cheery, it has ice cream and chocolate, and yes, there's a giant Love Sac in the corner.

If you're unfamiliar with what Smart Cookie sells, let me say that it's basically the greatest ice cream sandwich I've ever had. You get it in your hot little hands in just a few simple steps. First, your friendly server lets you pick out a baked-from-scratch cookie off the rack. Next, they dig out a liberal scoop of smooth, creamy Dreyer's ice cream. Then they sandwich the two together. You pay for it. It costs less than you thought. You eat it. For your sake (and mine), you avoid salivating on yourself.

I chose a scoop of cinnamon ice cream on two double-fudge cookies and let me tell you, it was amazing. The cookie was still warm when I got it and the chocolate chunks were still slightly gooey inside. *It wasn't so hot that it melted the ice cream, but just warm enough to let you close your eyes and imagine you were back at Grandma's.* The ice cream soaks into the bottom of the cookie, softening it a little, but don't worry, it's still buttery-crispy on the top.

When and if you ever get over the euphoria of cookie and ice-cream, you'll notice pictures of "smart cookies" like Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton on the brightly painted walls. The place has the air of a coffee shop (hence why they sell Italian sodas and hot chocolate) and I have it on good authority that it's a hot spot for dates. The atmosphere is hip and friendly and—this is where the boys should take note—it's cheap. Nothing on the menu is over three dollars, and it's all home-made.

You can join the ranks of such "smart cookies" like Einstein and Newton and Bach just by eating there. Forget all that healthy stuff—cookies really ought to be the new brain food.