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In the town of Mozzarella everyone loved pizza. That's all they ate for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA!

The town had two pizza makers - Vincent Van Dough and Leonardo Da Munchi.



*Vincent thought the dough was the most important part of the pizza.
Leonardo thought the sauce was the most important part of the pizza.
No one in Mozzarella could agree. They were always arguing.*



Tired of all of the arguing, Mayor Ann Chovi announced
“Tomorrow we will have a contest and decide once and for all
who makes the best pizza in Mozzarella. My daughter Nan will be
the judge.”

The next day everyone crowded into Mayor Chovi’s kitchen.
“Let The Great Pizza Contest begin!” shouted Nan.

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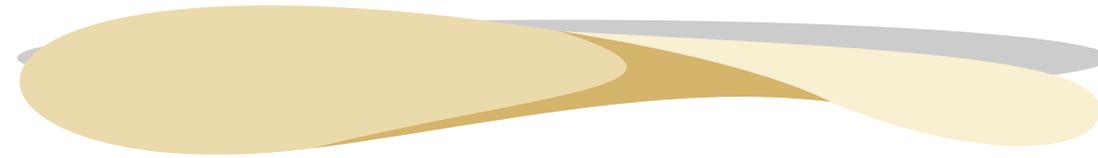
“Vincent,” said Nan. “Why is your pizza the best?”
“That’s easy,” said Vincent. “The dough is the most important part of the pizza and I have a secret recipe for delicious dough.”

“First, I knead the dough,” he explained. “I knead it this way. I knead it that way. Then I throw it high in the air and...
SPLAT! It sticks to the ceiling.”



Nan scratched her head. "Vincent we can't taste your dough if it's stuck to the ceiling. How do you get it down?"
"How do you think I get it down?" Vincent asked.
"With a ladder?" said Nan.

"No," Vincent shook his head.
"Lasso?" shouted someone from the crowd.
"Nope."
"Boomerang?" said someone else.



“Again, no.” Vincent wiggled his eyebrows and said, “I...

SING TO IT!”

He dropped to one knee, clasped his hands together, and sang...

“Come down, come down. Oh, please come down!”

THWAP!

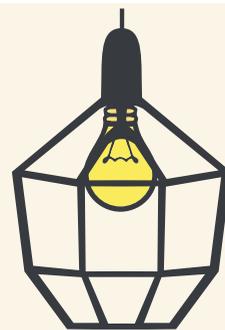
Vincent caught the dough. He puts sauce on the dough, sprinkled cheese, and put it in the oven.

When it was finished baking Nan took a bite and said, “The pizza is okay but this pizza is not the best in town.”

“Humph!” said Vincent.



“Bring in the next pizza maker,” shouted Mayor Chovi. Leonardo Da Munchi bounced into the kitchen. “Leonardo,” said Nan, “why is your pizza the best?”



“That’s easy,” Leonardo answered, “the sauce is the most important part of the pizza and I have a secret recipe for super sauce. First I mush tomatoes. Does anyone know what I use to mush my tomatoes?”



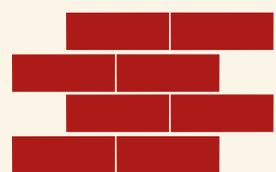
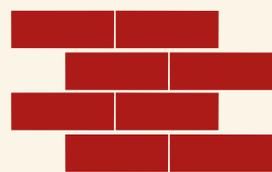
“A blender?” said Nan.

“No,” Leonardo shook his head.

“Baseball bat?” shouted someone from the crowd.

“Nope.”

“Steam Roller?” yelled someone else.



“Again, no!” Leonardo wiggled his mustache.

“I use...my...**FEET!**”



Leonardo jumped up and down on the tomatoes.
SQUISH! SQUISH! SQUISH!
He added salt and pepper and sang...
“Some spice! Some spice! Ooh that’s so nice!”



Then he spread the sauce on some dough, sprinkled cheese, and
put it in the oven.
When it was done Nan took a bite and said,
“The pizza is okay but this pizza is not the best in town.”
“Humph!” said Leonardo.



Now what would they do?
Who should win The Great Pizza Contest?

DOUGH!

VINCENT!

DOUGH!

**DOUGH
RULES**

DOUGH

SAUCE!

LEONARDO!

SAUCE!

**SAUCE
IS THE BEST**

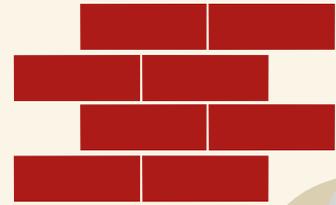
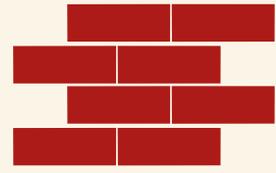


Nan had an idea. She told everyone her plan.

*“That’s not bad,” said Vincent.
“Very interesting,” said Leonardo.
They gave it a try and it worked!
Can you guess what they did?*



Yes! They made one pizza together and it was...
THE BEST PIZZA IN TOWN.



Everyone in Mozzarella lived happily ever after until...



One day a pizza maker named *Salvadore Deli* came to town and said, "The cheese is the most important part of the pizza!"

But that's another story...





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