



The Mystery Pizza

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Ana and Lily stepped into the dimly lit, dusty old room. Ana's eyes widened, a shiver running down her spine. "El makan da mesh normal..." she whispered, meaning "This place isn't normal..." Lily just rolled her eyes playfully, "La la la... enty daiman drama." She teased, "No, no, no... you're always so dramatic."



They ventured deeper, their footsteps echoing softly on the creaky floorboards. A faint, mysterious rustling sound made Ana freeze. "Estanna... shofty el 7eeta di?" she asked, pointing to a peculiar section of the wall, "Wait... did you see this wall?" Lily glanced over, unimpressed. "Ya benty da 7eet... 3ady." she replied, "Girl, that's just a wall... normal."



Suddenly, with a loud CLANG, an old metal bucket tumbled from a shelf nearby, startling them both. Lily shrieked, jumping high into the air, "EEEH DA 🤯" she cried, "WHAT IS THAT?!" Ana, now with a triumphant smirk, looked at her friend. "كنت بقولك... el makan mesh 3ady." she declared, "I was telling you... this place isn't normal."



Lily, still a bit shaky, clutched Ana's arm. "Tab yalla nemshy?" she pleaded, "So, should we leave?" But Ana's eyes gleamed with curiosity, the mystery now irresistible. "Nemshy eeh bas!" she scoffed, "Leave what?! Ana 3ayza a3raf feeh eeh." She insisted, "I want to know what's in here."



Ana, full of determination, began to meticulously examine the strange wall section she had noticed earlier. She pressed, she tapped, she wiggled, until her fingers brushed against a cleverly hidden latch. With a satisfying click, a small, secret door swung inward, revealing a dark opening.



Both girls gasped, their eyes wide with anticipation. Lily, still a little nervous but intrigued, pulled out her phone and switched on its flashlight. A beam of light cut through the gloom, illuminating the dusty, confined space within the wall. What could possibly be hidden in there?



As the light pierced the darkness, a most unexpected sight came into view. Lily's jaw dropped, then a wide grin spread across her face. "...Pizza?" she exclaimed in disbelief, for nestled perfectly within the secret compartment was a pristine, slightly glowing pizza box.



Ana blinked, a tiny flicker of disappointment crossing her features before she chuckled. She carefully pulled out the pizza box, weighing it in her hands. "Ana msh za3lana bas honestly... kan 3ayz gold." she confessed with a playful pout, "I'm not upset, but honestly... I was hoping for gold."



Despite the lack of gold, the aroma wafting from the box was undeniably golden. They sat cross-legged on the floor, carefully lifting the lid to reveal a perfectly preserved, steaming hot pizza, somehow fresh and delicious. Their faces instantly lit up with pure, unadulterated joy.



Sharing slices of their unexpected treasure, Ana and Lily burst into laughter. The mystery had been quite thrilling, but the reward was even better. "El ghomod kan zyada... bas el pizza kan a7la." Ana declared, "The mystery was extra... but the pizza was better." It was indeed the best kind of discovery.