Salami and Chocolate Suprise



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Grumble

Sometimes at home the water cuts off. When that happens, we hear some strange sounds coming out of the pipes in the walls. One time those strange sounds were coming from my stomach.

Grumble grumble grumble ...

Besides grumbling, my stomach hurt too. I was suffering doubly. I kept my arms on my stomach.

"Ohhhh!"

"Shirin, are you okay?"

"Mom, I have a stomachache."



I tried to ignore my mom's question. I was pretty sure she hadn't realized what I had eaten yet. When she left to get me some warm socks, I prayed that she wouldn't go into the kitchen. If she went into the kitchen, she could easily understand why I had a stomachache. Luckily though, she came back with her same concerned face and a pair of thick socks. I knew she hadn't gone into the kitchen because if she had she'd be angry, not concerned.



My mom thinks cold causes everything. She thinks I have a headache because I don't wear my hat, that I have a flu because I don't wear my sweater, that I have a stomachache because I walk around without socks on. Unfortunately there is no relationship between my stomachache and my bare feet. The culprit isn't the cold. It isn't me either. The guilty one is completely my sweet tooth. I repeated this little speech a few times in my head so that I could have it ready when my mom inevitably went to the kitchen and everything was revealed. I had to be ready to defend myself.



After my mom gave me the socks and a blanket and told me to lie down on the sofa, she left again. I wanted to go to sleep but the grumbling in my stomach just wouldn't stop.

Ah!

Why didn't they warn me? I heard that, then I heard my mom coming back into the room with heavy steps. I knew it was all over. The evidence had been found. The time for me to defend myself was coming, and fortunately I had prepared for it.



"Shirin! Did you drink the giant bottle of soda that was in the fridge?"

"It wasn't giant."

"It's no wonder you have a stomachache. Someone who is hungry and drinks that much soda instead on an empty stomach will definitely get a stomachache."

"It was just big. Not giant. And I wasn't hungry..."

"We haven't had dinner yet. How could you be full?"

"I ate two slices of bread with chocolate and

salami. Then I was thirsty, so I drank the soda."

What?!

Bread with chocolate and salami?



Naturally, after my mom had put all that good food in the fridge, I went to eat it. When my mom opened the packages and put the food on the plates, she said that I could taste them. So, I tasted them. But I couldn't quite understand the taste, so I had to taste them again. And again. And again...

About an hour later, the plate was empty but my stomach felt like it was about to explode. And since I had just eaten a container of chocolate cream and a bunch of





Of course, I drank it right away, but when the lamb-like soda met with the lion-hearted salami and chocolate in my stomach, things got ugly. It felt like there was a brawl in my stomach. The salami was chasing the cho-

colate and the soda was trying to break it up. When I thought it had stopped, they would start up again.