

The Great Pizza Contest

Readers Theater Script By Riley Roam

Based on the book by Riley Roam and the
Live Stage Show produced by Page Turner Adventures

Characters:

Narrator #1

Narrator #2

Vincent Van Dough

Leonardo Da Munchi

Mayor Ann Chovi (can change to Dan Chovi for a boy)

Nan Chovi

Principal Lynn Guini (can change to Len Guini for a boy)

Police Chief Al Fredo (can change to Ali Fredo for a girl)

Salvador Deli

Townspople (There can be as many townspeople as you'd like. They'll be split into two groups-Dough and Sauce.)

Town Person #1-Dough

Town Person #2-Dough

Town Person #3-Dough

Town Person #4-Dough

Town Person #5-Sauce

Town Person #6-Sauce

Town Person #7-Sauce

Town Person #8-Sauce

Suggested Music:

La donna e mobile by Giuseppe Verdi

Setting/Staging:

The pizza-loving town of Mozzarella. The group should be split into two distinctive groups. Vincent's side (dough) and Leonardo's side (sauce).

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NARRATOR #1

In the town of Mozzarella, everyone loved pizza!

ALL

We love pizza!

Narrator #2

In fact, that's all anyone ever ate.

ALL

Breakfast. Lunch. Dinner.

Pizza! Pizza! Pizza!

NARRATOR #1

Two pizza makers lived in the town, VINCENT Van Dough and
LEONARDO Da Munchi.

Narrator # 2

They both had very different ideas about the best way to make a pizza.

VINCENT

I think the dough is the best part of the pizza!

LEONARDO

I think the sauce is the best part of the pizza!

NARRATOR #1

They could never agree.

NARRATOR #2

They were always arguing.

VINCENT

Dough!

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LEONARDO
Sauce!

VINCENT
Dough!

LEONARDO
Sauce!

NARRATOR #1
Principal Lynn Guini agreed with VINCENT.

PRINCIPAL LYNN GUINI
The dough is the best part of the pizza!

NARRATOR #2
Al Fredo, the Police Chief agreed with Leonard.

POLICE CHIEF AL FREDO
Are you kidding? The sauce is the best part.

NARRATOR #1and #2
Everyone in town started to argue

TOWNSPEOPLE-DOUGH
Dough! Dough! Dough! Dough!

TOWNSPEOPLE-SAUCE
Sauce! Sauce! Sauce! Sauce!

TOWNSPEOPLE-DOUGH
DOUGH!

TOWNSPEOPLE-SAUCE
SAUCE!

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TOWNSPEOPLE-DOUGH
DOUGH!

TOWNSPEOPLE-SAUCE
SAUCE!

ALL
Oh!

MAYOR ANN CHOVI
Stop!

NARRATOR #1
Said MAYOR Ann Chovi.

MAYOR ANN CHOVI
I'm sick of all this fighting. Tomorrow we will decide once and for all who makes the best pizza in this town.

NARRATOR #2
The next day, everyone in town piled into the MAYOR's kitchen.

NARRATOR #1
It was a very big kitchen.

MAYOR
Welcome everyone! Let the Great Pizza Contest begin!

(The townspeople cheer)

NARRATOR #1
Vincent Van Dough went first.

MAYOR
Vincent, why is your pizza the best?

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VINCENT

That's easy! I make the best dough and everyone knows
the dough is the best part of the pizza!

TOWNSPEOPLE-DOUGH
Dough! Dough! Dough! Dough!

VINCENT

I have a secret for delicious dough. Would you like to hear it?

(Everyone leans in closer)

VINCENT

First, I knead the dough. I knead it this way. I knead it that way. Then I throw it in
the air and....

(Everyone leans in even closer)

VINCENT

It sticks to the ceiling!

(The townspeople look confused)

MAYOR

Vincent we want to taste your pizza. How can we taste it if the dough is stuck on the
ceiling? How do you get it down from there?

VINCENT

Ah, that's part of the secret. How do you think I get it down from there?

TOWN PERSON#1
With a ladder!

VINCENT

No, no, no!

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TOWN PERSON#2

Lasso?

VINCENT

Nope.

TOWN PERSON#3

Trampoline?

VINCENT

No again!

MAYOR

Vincent, how do you get your dough down?

VINCENT

I sing to it!

ALL

Huh?

VINCENT

I'll show you. You can do it with me. First, I get down on one knee...

I clasp my hands together...

Then I sing....Come-a down. Come-a down. Oh please come-a down!

All

Come-a down. Come-a down. Oh please come-a down!

NARRATOR #1

Everyone started to sing!

NARRATOR #2

Everyone? Even the narrators?

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NARRATOR #1

Yup!

(Everyone sings, or the dough people can sing while the sauce people watch.)

VINCEN'TS SONG

*Sung to La Donna E Mobile by Verde
(the movements are in parenthesis and italics)*

Vincent Van Dough's his name
And Pizza Dough's his game
(Everyone sways back and forth)

He likes to knead his dough
Pick it up and here we go!
(Pretend to pick up dough)

First we knead it this-a way
(Pretend to knead the dough to the left)

Then we knead it that-a way
(Pretend to knead the dough to the right)

Then we throw it in the air
(toss the dough in the air)

Then we catch it right down there!
(Catch the dough)

Then we knead it this way...
(Knead to the left)

Then we knead it that way...
(Knead to the right)

Then we throw it up....
(toss it in the air)

But it doesn't come down!
(Everyone gets down on one knee, clasps their hands together and sings)

Come-a down, come-a down
Oh, please come-a down

Come-a down, come-a down....

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VINCENT

Okay, here it comes! We catch it!

All

Ooomph! (*catching the dough*)
It's the best dough in town, hey!

NARRATOR #1

Vincent finished his pizza and gave a slice to the Mayor.

MAYOR

Well, the dough is delicious! (The Dough People cheer!)
But...the sauce is only so-so! (The Dough People groan.)

VINCENT

Humph!

NARRATOR #2

Vincent stomped out of the kitchen.

MAYOR

Send in the next pizza maker!

NARRATOR #1

Leonardo Da Munchi entered the kitchen.

MAYOR

Leonardo, why do you think your pizza is the best?

LEONARDO

That's easy! I make the best sauce, and everyone knows the
sauce is the best part of the pizza! (Sauce People cheer)

I have a secret recipe for delicious sauce. Would you like to hear it?

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MAYOR

Yes!

LEONARDO

First, I put tomatoes into a pot. Then I have to mush the tomatoes. Does anyone know how I like to mush my tomatoes?

TOWN PERSON#4

Hammer?

LEONARDO

No, no, no!

TOWN PERSON#5

Rolling pin?

LEONARDO

Nope!

TOWN PERSON#6

Steam roller?

LEONARDO

No again!

MAYOR

Leonardo, how do you mush your tomatoes?

LEONARDO

I use....

(Everyone leans in closer)

LEONARDO

My...

(They lean in closer)

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LEONARDO

Feet!

(They lean back and look disgusted)

LEONARDO

First I take off my shoes, then I step in the pot, then I jump up and down on the tomatoes! Squish! Squish! Squish.

ALL

Ewww!

LEONARDO

You're right - it's missing something. It needs some spice. Some-a spice. Some-a spice. Ooh, that's so nice! But I like to sing when I cook!

LEONARDO'S SONG

(Also sung to La Donna E Mobile)

Leonard is his name, and pizza sauce's his game

(Everyone sways back and forth)

He likes tomatoes...

Pick 'em up and here we go!

(Pick up imaginary tomatoes)

First we put them in the pot

(Put them in an imaginary pot)

Then we take off our shoes

(Mime removal of shoes)

Then step into the pot

(Step in the imaginary pot)

And you can feel them ooze!

Then we jump this way

(Everyone jumps to the right)

They we jump that way

(Everyone jumps to the right)

Then we taste the sauce...

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But it needs some-a spice!
(Hold up an imaginary spice shaker)

Some-a spice
(Shake spice to the left)

Some-a spice
(Shake spice to the right)

Ooh, that's so nice
(Everyone kisses their fingers)

Some-a spice
Some-a spice
(shake spice to the left and right)

LEONARDO
Okay, let's taste the sauce...It's the...

ALL
Best sauce in town, hey!

NARRATOR #1
Leonardo finished his pizza and gave a slice to Mayor Ann Chovi.

MAYOR
Well...the sauce is stupendous! (Sauce people cheer)
But the dough is only so-so. (Dough people groan)

NARRATOR #1
Now what would they do?

NARRATOR #2
How could they decide who made the best pizza in town?

TOWN PERSON #1
The dough is the best part of the pizza!

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TOWN PERSON #5

Are you kidding? It's the sauce!

DOUGH PEOPLE

DOUGH! DOUGH! DOUGH! DOUGH!

SAUCE PEOPLE

SAUCE! SAUCE! SAUCE! SAUCE!

NARRATOR #1

Then a child stepped out of the crowd.

NARRATOR #2

It was the mayor's daughter, Nan Chovi.

NAN CHOVI

I have an idea.

(Everyone leans in closer)

Nan Chovi

What if we work...together?

(Everyone gasps.)

ALL

Together?

MAYOR

What do you mean, dear?

NAN CHOVI

We'll use Vincent's dough and Leonardo's sauce together on one pizza.

(Everyone gasps again)

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VINCENT
Together?

LEONARDO
Together?

BOTH
Okay...Let's give it a try!

NARRATOR #1
They made one pizza together and gave everyone a slice.

NARRATOR #2
(To the crowd)
So, what do you think?

(The crowd cheers!)

NARRATOR #1
They loved it!

NARRATOR #2
In fact, they thought it was the....

ALL
Best pizza in town, hey!

NARRATOR #1
Vincent and Leonardo shook hands and decided to work together forever.
(Everyone shakes hands and comes together as one big group.)

NARRATOR #2
Everyone was happy and the Town of Mozzarella lived....

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ALL
Happily Ever After!

NARRATOR #1
Until....a new pizza maker named Salvador Deli came to town one day and said...

SALVADO DELI
I think the cheese is the most important part of the pizza!

(Everyone groans)

NARRATOR #2
But that's another story!

NARRATOR #1 AND #2
The End!