Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed judges, and timekeepers, Have you ever noticed how life is just like a delicious piece of chocolate? You're never quite sure what you're going to get--unless, of course, you read the label, but where's the fun in that? Take, for instance, my recent trip to the grocery store. As I walked through the aisles, I felt like an explorer in a jungle, armed with nothing but a shopping list written in my husband's handwriting. His penmanship, by the way, is more cryptic than an ancient scroll. Is that "apples" or "antelope"? Only time and Google could tell. But on this adventurous grocery quest, I stumbled upon a new trend: organic everything. Organic vegetables, organic chips, even organic water! Yes, folks, water that's been naturally seasoned by the earth itself, for the low, low price of... your entire paycheck. As I stood there pondering the mysterious world of organic produce, I couldn't help but think, "What a time to be alive!" Our ancestors farmed their own food, and here we are debating whether "gluten-free air" is better than "all-natural air." Such is the vibrant tapestry of life, where the mundane meets the absurd, and humor is found in the simplest of tasks -- like figuring out if you're raising a plant or merely babysitting your new organic kale. So, my fellow evaluators, as we assess the world around us, let's remember to add a sprinkle of humor to our day. After all, every chocolate box has a desert-dry nougat just waiting for its turn in the

Thank you, and happy evaluating!

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