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SLIMMING SEA REVIEW



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Last month after my mother suggested that I shed weight in order to attract a potential husband, I bought Guaranteed Ultra Slimming Tea from a departmental store near my house. The salesman enlightened me it is the best brand of slimming tea there is, hence worthy of its price of BDT 1200. When I read the product description on the packet, I was blown away. Either the person who had written it had memorized the dictionary and decided to throw adjectives at random or the product was actually capable of such providing such wholesomeness. "Brimming with the goodness of exquisite herbal infusions, this tea provides a quintessential, ineffaceable experience for tea connoisseurs, promising finesse and guaranteed weight loss within 2 weeks! Besides the amazing benefits of weight loss, this tea detoxifies the body, revivifying it from within and giving you a youthful glow that will leave everyone at utter confusion about your age! So, enjoy your weight loss journey to the fullest and rediscover a new beautiful you!" was what it said.

Curious about the genuineness of the product, I started my 2-weeks slimming journey. I drank eight ounces every morning after waking up, and every night before going to sleep. Even though the taste is somewhat horrible and reminds you of cow piss, my determination kept me going. I didn't exercise or stick to a slimming diet. The results I received after just two weeks of drinking Guaranteed Ultra Slimming Tea are indeed magical! Within two days, I could notice the sharpening of my facial features and enhanced collarbones. But because the taste was so vomit-inducing, I decided to add artificial sweeteners, and started to gulp it down while pinching my nose close. Within five days, I noticed my potbelly had started to deflate. Even my skin started glowing so much that NASA scientists would have mistaken it for a nebula. Also, I had severe constipation, and I noticed this tea helped my nudges become gentle.

Within a week, I had the body of a Victoria's Secret model. My mother was so impressed that she even bought the tea for herself. On the tenth day, I had lost so much fat from my body that I could start walking on the streets wearing whatever I wanted. In fact, I turned so skinny that this one time I was almost blown away by a gust of wind. On the fourteenth day, I became a global phenomenon. Surviving with only 0.00000001 percent body fat, I became a topic of research among scientists all over the world.

I must say, I am very impressed with this product. I would certainly recommend Guaranteed Ultra Slimming Tea to everyone. I have even heard that if you continue taking it for a few months, you will become invisible, but nobody eventually came back to affirm the tale.

P.S. Guaranteed Ultra Slimming Tea certainly didn't pay me to write this review.

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ODD FOOD COMBOS YOU NEED TO TRY

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Some food combos are plain bizarre. You take a look at two food items together and despite all common sense, and the little voice in your head screaming "THEY DON'T WORK TOGETHER", sometimes they really *do* work. Well, reserve your judgement and give some of these a try first, and then open your mind to the possibilities out there.

ICE-CREAM WITH PARATHA

Beginning our list of terrifying sounding combinations is using ice-cream as your side for a paratha meal. While you'd normally single out *aloo dom* or meaty items for your side dish, ice-cream works surprisingly well and provides a nice sweet balance to the taste. Mixed ice-creams, like a combo of vanilla and chocolate go surprisingly well with the paratha. Bonus points if it melts, it's basically like sweet jhol, but it works just as well when it's frozen.

CHEESE AND HONEY SANDWICHES

Definitely tamer than the last one, honey and cheese make for a pretty great partnership in terms of texture. Now unless you like dipping cheese into honey and eating that alone, you'd probably do well by making a grilled cheese sandwich and adding some honey to it. If you're feeling a little cray cray, you can certainly add some more wacky (or normal if you want to be boring) items to the sandwich to enhance your experience.

DOUGHNUTS WITH SALSA

Back again to more wilder territories, I don't blame you if you have the same look of disgust and shock my friends had when I tried this. If there's one thing trying random foods together taught me it's

that sweet things tend to work really well with savory, or spicy as this one would have it. Tiramisu donuts in particular seem to go really well with chunky salsa. Of course, don't use too much salsa, then at a point you'll just stop tasting the doughnut entirely.

SUGAR BIRYANI

I think an entire nation cried out in horror in unison, and raised their pitchforks now. Okay, before you write up hate mail and death threats to me, please consider this: adding raw sugar packets to your biryani actually works really well, no matter how disgusting it sounds. The sweetness really improves on the normal taste, and feels a little like a candy experience with a big meal. Gross to think about, great to try.

PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA

Ok now you can bring those pitchforks back. I mean, what monster actually enjoys this? Start the witch hunts now folks, this one really calls for it. But hey all jokes aside, it's actually a pleasant experience, and far better than most vegan pizza experiences (at least pineapple tastes good, unlike kale).

All in all, taste is subjective, and some people will still find some or all of the above disgusting (or delicious). Just reserve the judgement at the door and give all these a try with an open mind. Who knows, you might end up discovering a new favorite food. Or if you're the type to experiment, end up making your own combination to get people's stares at when you tell them it's good.

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