

Hi Sahara,

How are you? I've never written to you before because I had to cram too much into the days before and after Xmas. But now I'LL TAKE a break and I will write to you about my Christmas holidays.

On the 24th I was invited to a dinner together with some friends of mine. We were 10 people around a ~~delicious dish prepared~~ table full with delicious dishes. It's a little bit strange to see ~~on one table~~ lots of guests around one single table! AS You know Covid ~~has produced~~ invites-distance and reduces d crowded events. Even though we were only 10 "vax people", I ~~really~~ felt a little bit strange and anxious!

Nevertheless the dinner was good: we had some appetizers, salmon small sandwiches and brut, hand made pasticcio, milanese with French fries. At the end, Elvira, who comes from Serbia, cooked for us a typical Balkan sweet ~~whose names~~ the name of which I don't remember now...but it tasted so good!

At Christmas I went out for dinner with my special family. I really enjoyed the times I spent together with them. It was a particular atmosphere: the fire was popping and warming the room softly, the dishes smelled and looked delicious, and once tasted they suggested nice sensations and reminded me of old times when women used to cook for hours for their family.

During Twixmas (I've just discovered that the period between Christmas and New Year is so called: P) it was a wonderful quiet period. I used to sleep till nine in the morning (for me it's unusual), read lots of books and studied for the exams I'd ~~have take~~ on the 14th January.

At New Years' night Eve I organized a dinner with friends at home, but as Covid has made its work among us..., I had dinner only with a friend of mine, Tiziana! We ate, ~~drinked~~ DRANK and chatted all night long till we were exhausted. We went to bed at almost 3 o'clock in the morning. We had a fish dinner: we cooked risotto ai frutti di mare and branzino SEABASS with potatoes. We waited for ~~noon~~ MIDNIGHT and then we toasted to the New Year with Champagne and Panettone. We organized an interesting game, which consisted of IN asking each other questions ~~related to~~ about our expectations for ~~the~~ 2022 which had just started.

It was a nice and useful time for us to reflect ~~on each other~~.

What about you? Did you have dinner with Tom and Johanna? How is she? Has she grown? I've never seen her since 2019! I think she is 13 now.

Does Tom enjoy his new job? You wrote ~~to me that he was a little bit in panic~~ he panicked a little because of the boss' new requests and expectations ~~last time~~ in your last mail.

I wish he ~~would~~ could get organized in his new work and get through the odds/~~overcome~~ difficulties. I know he is a well reading man and I trust ~~in~~ his qualities.

I think that's all for now.

Let me know about you and your Christmas holidays ASAP!

Kisses,

Marzia.