

Dadio commences his “composition” by assuming that we all know that in a piñata one can find such surprises as cupcakes, screws, bolts and larvae. But (now this is actually a good question for him) what might we find were we to open up a football?

Dadio started his research project by taking two footballs. One a Nerf ball, the other a standard football. He carefully plucked them off the shelves of Walmart so as to make his adventure feel more like a sixth grade science project. He bit them open, thinking cupcakes (or possibly larvae) might already be in them. Then when he realized he had to fill the footballs himself (a lesson he should have remembered from the first few times he purchases piñatas), he wandered Costco in search of a more “scientific” approach. It was the fifth of May and Mexican food was aplenty. Dadio emptied every tray of salsa, nacho chips and the like into his footballs, telling Costco employees that they were for homeless individuals who, coincidentally, were “sam of yuior most favorrriitist music estars fram de pass like Nick Jagger and Cosby, Stills and Slash.” He then came across a Harvard professor who was initially disgusted by Dadio’s vicious snacking, but then, he grew perplexed. The man, a timid individual in his early fifties with small spectacles and unattended hair, saw Dadio’s lab suit (for rib sauce-- “jest een case”) and microscope (which he used to choose the largest chips put on trays of free food) and asked, “How fascinating. It seems this is some sort of research project.”

Dadio, munching and spitting particles of food larger than a small child’s morsel, replied, “Ya, it bout vat in de football and nothing in it but now Mexican food... I got gas.”

“Brilliant!”, replied the elderly professor. Here was his understanding (as published in the *Harvard Review of Philosophy*):

Dr. McDuck’s research is a quintessential look at ontology. He asks, what is a football other than skin and air? And really, what is air? Is it Mexican food? Of course not, but, is it other than Mexican food? No one really knows.