

Cairo

Egyptian Arabic transcript:

القاهرة مدينة كبيرة مش بحجمها، بغناها، وكتر الحاجات إلي جواهاها. عشان تزور القاهرة، تزور كل حته في القاهرة، إنتا محتاج على الأقل شهر، عشان تكتشف كل حته فيها وعشان تشوف الثقافة الإسلامية إلي فيها، الحضارة الإسلامية، الحضارة المسيحية، الحضارة الأوروبية، الإغريقية، الفرعونية إلي فيها. يعني القاهرة هي خمس حضارات في بعض، فهي محتاجه وقت، بس محتاجه صحة. لأنو هي زحمة، في الصيف ببقى حار، بس بيبقى جوها حلو في الشتاء، كمان إحنا دلوقتي بنعاني من التلوث. فإلي بييجي يزور القاهرة ببقى عامل حسابوه أنو في فترات الهوا مش نقي أوي، فلازم يطلع بره القاهرة شوية ويرجع لها تاني... هي مدينة غنية، فيها حجات كتير، لو ما شفتش القاهرة بيئى مشفتش ربع الدنيا.

English translation:

Cairo is a big city -- not in its size, but in its richness, due to the large number of things in it. In order to visit Cairo, you need at least ... in order to visit all of Cairo, you need at least a month, so that you can discover each part of it, and so you can see the Islamic culture present in the city ... the Christian culture, the European culture, the Greek culture, the Pharaonic culture that is in it. I mean, Cairo is made up of five civilizations put together. As a result, it requires time, but it also requires health, because it is overcrowded, and it is hot in the summer. But its weather is beautiful in the winter. Also, we now suffer from pollution, so the person who comes to Cairo has to be prepared for periods when the air is polluted, so he has to go out of Cairo a little, and return to it once more, and such. But it is a rich city. There are a lot of things in it. If you haven't seen Cairo, then you haven't seen a quarter of the world.

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