



Carlos and the Talking Television

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Carlos grabs his jacket and heads toward the front door, eager to meet his friends outside. Suddenly, a bright glowing television screen speaks up and asks where he is going.



Carlos stops in his tracks and answers with a quick sigh that he is just going out. The television insists that he cannot leave yet.



Carlos protests with a loud shout, wanting nothing to do with the television's demands. The television firmly tells him he must finish cleaning the large room first.



Grumpily shuffling his feet, Carlos walks into the big messy room to start putting everything in its proper place. He mutters to himself that nobody else ever seems to have these sudden chores.



While Carlos is busy tidying up, the glowing television calls out to remind him that he also needs to go shopping. Carlos groans as the list of tasks continues to grow longer.



Carlos drops his cleaning supplies for a moment and complains that all he really wants to do is go out and eat with his friends. The television stands its ground and refuses to budge.



The television explains calmly that all his duties must be completed first before he is allowed to enjoy any free time. Carlos throws his hands up in frustration at the strict rules.



Feeling overwhelmed and annoyed, Carlos loudly declares that he is always the one who has to do all the hard work around the house. The television listens patiently to his complaints.



The television gently points out the reality of the situation, reminding him that he is the only person living in the house. Carlos stops and actually considers the truth in those words.



Carlos smiles softly and admits that the television is completely right, realizing that sometimes he gets so used to the TV's friendly company that he forgets he is all alone.