

# House of Cards

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Carlos liked to build houses.  
His houses were not made of bricks and wood.  
His houses were made of cards!  
The diamonds and hearts were his walls.  
The spades and clubs were his roofs and floors.  
He could build very tall houses.  
They could have many floors.  
It took a long time and he had to be careful.  
If he made one wrong move, the whole house crashed down.  
It was a lot of fun, and he was good at it!

The only problem was his little brother.  
His little brother liked to blow them down.  
He was like the big bad wolf.  
He liked to knock them down, too.  
He was like Godzilla or King Kong.  
Maybe Carlos needed to start building houses with blocks!



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  - A. forts
  - B. houses of cards
  - C. block castles
  - D. paper cup towers
  
2. YES OR NO: Was Carlos good at building houses of cards?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  
3. What is Carlos' only problem?
  - A. his mother
  - B. his father
  - C. the weather
  - D. his little brother
  
4. FILL IN THE BLANK: The story says the little brother is like \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - A. a tornado
  - B. the big bad wolf
  - C. a hurricane
  - D. an earthquake
  
5. Carlos might have to start building houses out of what?
  - A. popsicle sticks
  - B. boxes
  - C. clay
  - D. blocks

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