

Too Much Soda

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Trevor giggled as he cracked open another can of cola. It was his fourth already, and he was feeling very hyper. "I love this stuff. It makes me bounce off the walls."

"It gives me extra energy to party!" Trevor's friend Kevin shouted. He'd already had three cans, too.

An idea came to Trevor suddenly. "We should drink the whole case."

"Wow. All 24 cans? That's a lot." Kevin grinned at the thought.

"I think if we did it, it'd be awesome. We'd have so much fun."

"What would we do?" Kevin wondered.

"I don't know, run to Mars and back?" Trevor laughed and slurped down another long sip.

Trevor's sister, Harriet, walked in the room and shook her head at the mess they were making. There were chips all over the floor, their dirty feet were on the coffee table, video games were everywhere, and empty cans of soda were starting to pile up.

Harriet was always disapproving of his behavior. It wasn't his fault that girls didn't know how to have fun. "You guys are making a mess."

"We're drinking soda until we go crazy!" Kevin shouted.

"You mean until your teeth fall out of your face and you both get stomach aches." She replied, snorting. Older sisters liked to snort and think they were smarter.

"Yeah, right." Trevor replied. "We'll run miles around the neighborhood and stay up for three days beating high scores."

"You'll be in bed by eleven and wet the bed if you drink too much." She warned them.

Trevor and Kevin laughed at her. "No way! We would not. You clearly do not understand awesomeness."

They both guzzled their soda and went to the fridge for another. Harriet left them alone, at least for another couple hours. When she came back, they were still playing hard, but they weren't interested in drinking any more.

"I feel sick." Kevin whined.

"I never want to eat another chip or drink another soda again."

An hour later, they both felt even sicker. They fell asleep before midnight, as she'd predicted. Harriet smiled. They'd learned their lesson the hard way, especially when mom made them clean up the next day.



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