



Shock! Crash!

Titay loves to play, but she doesn't like to do household chores. Is it

right to play all day and not help your family? What could happen?

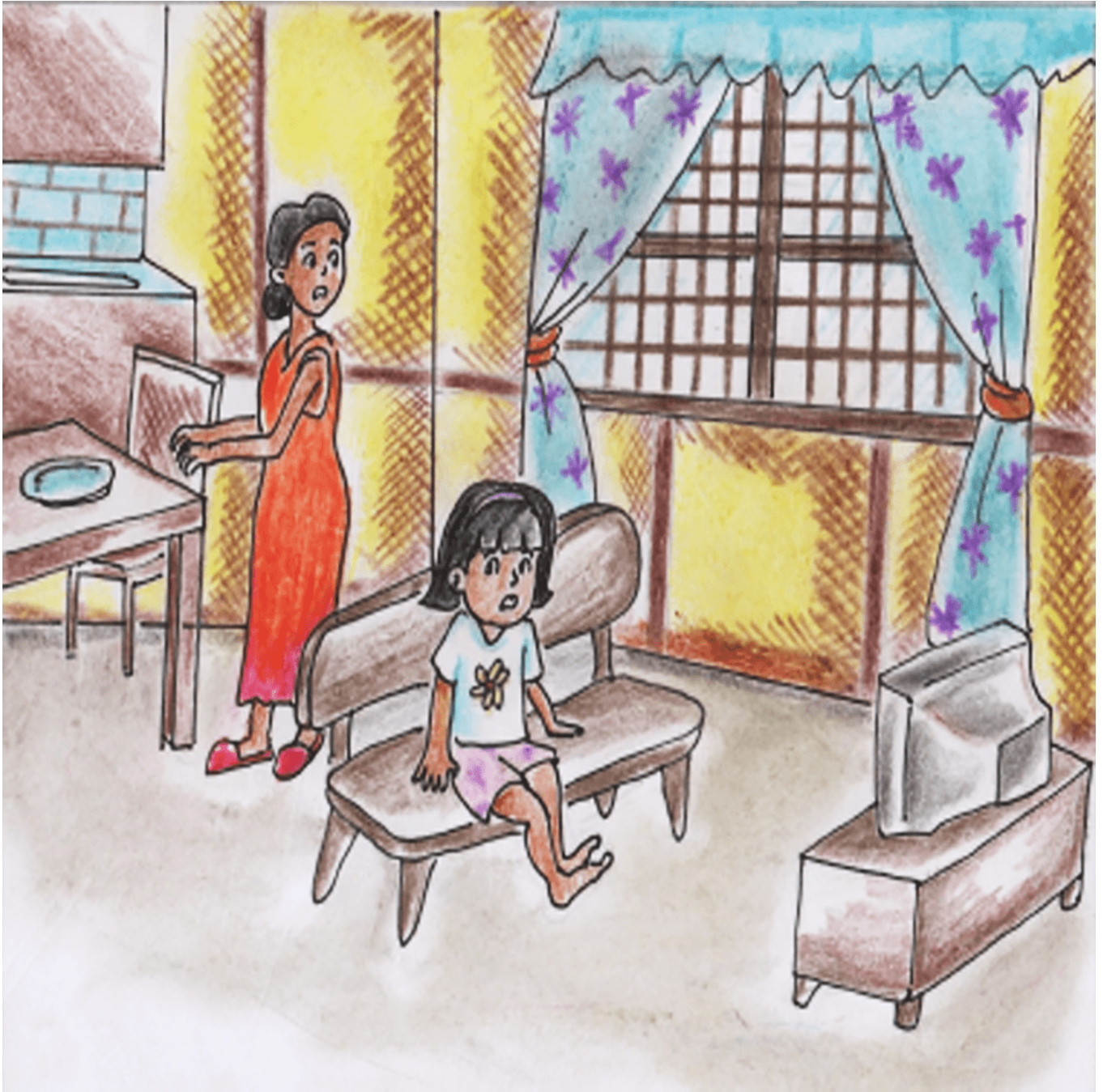


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“Titay, where is the vinegar and soy sauce that I asked you for? Mother asked. “I haven’t seen it, Mama,” Titay replied. “You couldn’t find it or you haven’t opened the box yet? Mother asked.



“If I didn’t watch TV, I wouldn’t be asked to do errands.” Titay slowly crawled outside but her brother saw her. “Titay where are you going? You haven’t made your bed yet,” her brother said. “I’ll do it later kuya,” Titay replied. “My beautiful sister, do it first,” replied her brother.



“One, two, three, four,” she counted as she cleaned. “Fluff the pillows, fold the blanket, pick up the banana peel, put away the scattered books.”



While cleaning, Titay saw Cora from the window playing chase. "They are playing while I'm cleaning. Hmm, I'm not Cinderella. I'm Titay." Titay looked out the window. "It's too high, I can't jump out." She checked the door, then sneaked out.



“Oh, are you done? That was fast,” her brother said. “Well, that’s me,” she boasted. “Wow! That’s my girl. Now, you better help your brother cut these beans.” Mother said. “Here we go again,” Titay thought.



“Yes mother, but first I need to pee.” Then, Titay walked to the kitchen and went out through the other door. “Titayyyy!!!! Her mother called. “I wish my name wasn’t Titay,”



“Kuya, can I ask something?” “Sure,” her brother replied. “Kuya, did papa and mama teach you the household chores?” “Yes, papa and mama showed me how to do the chores, then we did them together, then I did them on my own,” explained her brother.



“Ah, that’s why papa and mama showed me how to do the chores, just like they showed you!” Titay answered. Her brother laughed. “Why do you think they did that?” asked her brother. “So, I would know how when I grow up,” Titay answered. “Wow! That’s right sister,” he said. But in her mind, she just wanted to play.



After eating lunch, Titay began doing the dishes in a hurry. "Cora's group is waiting for me. If I don't show up, they will replace me. What should I do? Aha! I know." She smiled to herself. Then, she quickly put the dishes in the cupboard and left.



Kablang! Crash! Titay heard something crash in their kitchen. She ran back inside and saw the broken dishes on the floor. The cat was licking the plates. Her mother also hurried to the kitchen.



“I’m sorry Mama, I did something wrong. I should have washed the dishes before I put them away and left to play.” Titay apologized. “I expect that it won’t happen again.” stressed her mother.



Titay was sad and had no appetite that night. Her favorite plate and glass were broken. Those were gifts from their grandma. Now she wouldn't be able to use them anymore.



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