

The Great Tomato Explosion



Jake felt faint when he saw the mess in the kitchen. Red stains were everywhere! His little sister Maya stood there, her hair braided and covered in tomato sauce.

“I can explain!” she exclaimed. “I was making a volcano for science class, but I thought it had failed!”

Jake walked through the narrow strait between the counter and the fridge, trying to maintain his balance. “You turned our kitchen into a disaster zone!”

Maya looked down. “I complained to myself because it stayed still for so long. I thought I had made a mistake. Then suddenly—BOOM! Tomato lava everywhere!”

Jake grabbed some towels. “We can’t wait. Mom will be home soon. We have to obtain some soap and start scrubbing. This mountain of a mess won’t clean itself.”

Maya nodded and started wiping sauce off the walls, aiming to be helpful. At least her entertaining experiments were never boring, even when they remained difficult to clean up.