

TV

Short

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1. INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

HANNA

A teenage girl, 17 years old, curls up in the couch, watching TV, with the remote in her hand.

Click, she taps the remote, the channel changes, a commercial for some new drug is playing. Commercial listing side effects

HANNA

Nausea as a side effect? Isn't this ad nauseating enough already?

Tap, changes the channel again, a fitness program comes on. "are you ready to get up and exercise?!"

HANNA

Nope! School is enough work for one day. Don't need anything else.

Tap, skips to another channel, cartoon playing.

HANNA

(Disgust)

Ugh! Cartoon art styles are just so awful these days. Whatever happened to the good stuff? This is just... No.

Tap, channel changes, The News comes on.

HANNA

Oh great, let me guess, politics again? Yeah I figured, nope, hard pass.

Tap, changes channel, History channel is on

HANNA

Ahh yes, the boring people, the ones that think aliens did everything.

HANNA (CONTINUED)

(frustrated)

Why is tv so boring?! Is there nothing good on here? What's the point of having tv then?

CRASH, the sound of a plate breaking in the background.

HANNA
Mom?!

SAMANTHA (OFF SCREEN)
Yeah?

HANNA
What was that?

SAMANTHA (OFF SCREEN)
Oh, a plate fell and broke, nothing
to worry about, I'm fine.

HANNA

Taps the remote, the cooking channel comes up, Hanna pauses.

HANNA
Mom? Are you making dinner now?

SAMANTHA (OFF SCREEN)
That's the plan! Why, you hungry
already?

HANNA
No, just just wondering if you
needed any help.

SAMANTHA (OFF SCREEN)
Ok what did you do?

HANNA
Nothing! Just a bit bored, that's
all.

HANNA

Tap, she turns off the tv, springs to her feet, walks up to
the doorway of the kitchen, leans on the door post, and
stares at her mother.

2. INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

HANNA
Soooo? Need help?

SAMANTHA
Ummm.... Nothing good on tv?

HANNA
Boring

SAMANTHA
What about homework?

HANNA

Don't have any.

SAMANTHA

Hanna, I love you, but you can't cook.

HANNA

But I can learn. I thought you wanted me to learn. So teach me. I'm a fast learner.

SAMANTHA

Not what your last report card said.

HANNA

Oh come on, that's different. I can't believe my own mother doesn't want to spend time with me.

SAMANTHA

Wha... Well that's not true. Ok fine. You can help.

HANNA

(excited)

Great! So what are we making?

SAMANTHA

Rice with stew chicken, your favorite.

HANNA

Aww, thanks mom, I love you

SAMANTHA

Just go wash go wash the rice.

SAMANTHA

She proceeds to give hanna instructions step by step, and they both work on making dinner.