

POWER OUTAGE

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INT. HALLWAY - DAY

MARCI (boy, 12) enters the apartment, drops his school bag, then heads toward his room.

INT. MARCI'S ROOM - DAY

The window is covered with a curtain.

Marci sits in front of his laptop, the glow of the screen lighting his face. He's chatting with an AI chatbot.

ON SCREEN:

I got a C in math and history. But so did Boldi. Oh, and lunch was disgusting.

He presses Enter. He smiles and nods, apparently because of the reply.

The laptop and the lamp turn off.

A knock is heard.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

At the door is ENIKŐ (girl, 12), holding textbooks.

ENIKŐ

Hi, Marci! Can I study at you? The power's out, so I can't use the internet. Though I guess it's the same here too.

MARCI

It just went out here as well. But it's Friday - you can do your homework tomorrow. Want to play something?

ENIKŐ

What?

MARCI

Hmm...

Marci takes out his phone and starts typing to the AI.

ON SCREEN:

The power's out. What should we do?

MARCI (CONT'D)
 (looking up)
 It says we should play hot-and-cold
 treasure hunt.

ENIKŐ
 Okay!
 (she takes her sunglasses
 out of her pocket and
 turns to Marci)
 Hide it!

MARCI
 (takes them and starts
 looking around the
 apartment, then turns
 back to Enikő)
 Close your eyes!

Enikő closes her eyes. Marci leaves, then comes back
 shortly.

MARCI (CONT'D)
 All set. You can start looking!

They head toward the kitchen.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Enikő opens the fridge.

MARCI
 Cold! Not there!

Enikő opens a cupboard.

MARCI (CONT'D)
 Still cold!

Enikő leaves the kitchen, Marci follows.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

They step inside.

Enikő looks at the bathtub.

MARCI
You see, that's cold!

Enikő opens the bathroom cabinet. The sunglasses are there.

ENIKŐ
Yes! Finally! Got it!
(turns to Marci)
Your turn!

The lights turn on, and the air conditioners start running.

INT. MARCI'S ROOM - DAY

Enikő types on Marci's computer.

Marci is lying on his bed, on his phone.

THE END