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The people who are letting me stay in their garage told me that the landlord is coming today, so I would have to stay outside in town, because she might not like the idea of me sleeping in the garage. So Webster and me are walking ~~at~~ ~~the~~ around town today.

Last Wednesday the family that I am staying with went to Bakersfield. They asked me to look after their son. He is four years old. He gets motion sickness ~~and~~ (like me) and they did not want him to go through the canyon. So they asked me if I would look after him while they were gone.

As they drove away, I thought

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to myself, "I have no idea how to babysit a four year old child,"

I went inside the house and turned on the television, "Kids like television," I thought to myself, But he had different plans, He came out of his room and said that he wanted a bowl of Trix. And he wanted it in his room, So I got a tray and made him a bowl of Trix. He stayed inside of his room for twenty minutes or so. Then I heard him talking. I went to his room, I could not fully understand what he was saying but the last word was "Trix." So I made him another bowl. About twenty minutes later, I heard more noise coming from his room. He wanted more Trix. I'm not sure how healthy it is ~~to~~ for a child to eat three bowls of Trix cereal

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but, judging from the other cereals in the kitchen (Cocoa Puffs, Fruit Loops, etc.) I was convinced that the parents were not too concerned about his sugar intake. Besides, I was afraid that he might throw a temper tantrum, so I gave him another bowl of Trix.

"This is the last one," I told him. I went inside the living room and watched the television. It had been an hour since I gave him his first bowl of Trix. He came into the living room and announced that he wanted to play video games. I told him that I don't know how to play video games, nor do I know how to switch the TV to "video game playing mode." He got a little irritated and went back to his ^{room} and had a temper tantrum.

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Five minutes later he came inside the living room, and sat down next to me, and we watched "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." The whole thing. He didn't ask for anything more. We just sat there quietly and watched the movie. When the family came home they were surprised that there were no toys strewn on the floor or blocks thrown everywhere. They asked ~~if~~ if I cleaned up after him. I told them ~~no~~ no. "He made no messes at all," I said, "We watched "Willy Wonka," and he was a good boy. He didn't make any messes at all,"

They were very happy it all went well for their son and me.

I will write soon,

Joe H.