

The Chronicles of El Energos

It was a dark, dreary, rainy, cold, mid-October night. Wearing dark green leotards and a flowing red cape El Energos was coming back from defeating The Slime Man in Paris, he was glad to be home after a very long ten days. Tired, and hungry El Energos got home, took off his cape, and went to the fridge to see what he could eat, not much, the fridge was bare. He went to the cupboard and grabbed a can of tuna “This will have to do” he said. After fixing himself a bite to eat, he sat down in his favorite leather chair. He got comfortable in his ripped and torn chair that he refused to replace after years of use. He leaned over, and picked up a newspaper from the big pile on his wooden coffee table, the headline read “Oil Prices Reach \$100 a Barrel”. Shocked and dismayed that oil prices could reach such unbelievable highs El Energos started searching through some of the other papers in his big pile and everyone he saw started with headlines such as “Oil Crisis Continues”, “Global Oil Prices Continue to Rise”, and “People Can’t Afford to Drive”. El Energos, being the intuitive hero that he is, thought to himself “is there any way that I can use my superpowers to lower the price of oil?” Unlike other superheroes, El Energos was thinking of taking a break from fighting the forces of evil anyways, and he thought that this would be the perfect opportunity; he could take a break, and solve a major economic problem. Reading into these articles more deeply, El Energos found out that every 10% rise in the price of oil cuts global economic growth by a third of a percentage point over the following year. El Energos also read that the reason oil is so expensive is because there is such a high demand for it. He thought hard to himself “If these evil oil companies did not take advantage of the high demand for oil, than the oil prices would be lower”. He remembered the lessons he learned in economics 101. It’s all about “supply and demand”.

He slowly got up from his leather chair and carefully walked towards his wooden bookcase. He gently extracted a book out of the bookcase. This was no ordinary book; this book contained the hidden keypad for the code to get into his lab. He entered the code and slowly pressed enter. The bookcase moved and exposed a doorway into the lab. El Energos entered through the doorway and stopped to take a look at some of his other experiments. You see truth be told had El Energos not become a super hero, he would have become a chemical engineer, so as a hobby he runs experiments. All of his experiments had to do with his powers, and they were all doing very well. Traveling farther into his lab, he finally got to where he wanted to go, his nice, shiny, new car. He started to study his car in more detail than he ever had before; he examined the fuel tank, looking at the path that the gas and oil take when they are put into the car. Our hero stayed up all night with his car examining and studying. When seven o'clock came around, El Energos had a very good idea of how his car worked. Spending the next few days experimenting on his car, El Energos found a way to use his powers to power the car without gas.

What powers make El Energos so special? El Energos has the ability to harness the nitrogen found in the air and turn it into any type of energy. Usually El Energos harnesses the energy and than shoot it from his fingers, but he found a way, in his lab, to harness the nitrogen, and concentrate it into a form of energy to power cars, greatly reducing the need for gasoline. In addition to his discovery of powering cars, he found that he could use the same idea to power houses, reducing the need for natural gas. What a find!

After El Energos was done experimenting with his car and house he realized that he could change the whole economy by just making the price of an oil barrel drop. "Such an easy thing to do" he thought to himself. So he used his powers on all of the cars in his neighborhood

and his neighbors loved that they didn't have to buy gas anymore. As El Energos began to use his powers on other people's cars he noticed that more and more people wanted this on their cars. The demand for this modification skyrocketed and El Energos began to be badgered by reporters wanting to interview him, and car companies wanting to study him. Before long almost everyone in the world had one of his modifications on their cars. Three months from that day El Energos was once again sitting down in his favorite chair, reading newspapers with much different headlines. "Oil prices falling rapidly", and "The Economy Receives a Much Needed Boost". El Energos was very glad that he could use his powers to defeat the evil oil companies. Our hero is looking forward to fighting the forces of evil again, and oh yes, maybe now he will finally look into replacing that torn and ripped leather chair, but not today, for all he needs now is a nice long nap.

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