

CHUPACARTER AND THE HAUNTED PIÑATA

have been happier. He thought he was making new friends. But then, on the big day, the day of Miguel's big birthday bash, they unleashed their *master prank*.

"Instead of singing 'Happy Birthday' and cheering Miguel on while he blew out his candles and opened presents, the kids began singing 'Nighty Nighty, Little Mikey,' a song they had written just for the occasion. No one really remembers the exact lyrics. But whatever they were, I can promise you they weren't very nice. Then, just like they'd all planned, every single kid—all one hundred plus—walked right out of the party, taking Miguel's presents and leaving him all alone, with tears burning in his eyes and an unspeakable pain in his heart."

"Hold up," Ernie interrupted. "I thought the song they sang was 'Miggy Miggy, Little Piggy'?"

"It doesn't really matter *what* the song was called," Liza snapped at him, clearly getting annoyed. "They could've sung 'Blue Suede Shoes,' for all we know. The point is, they made a huge show of mocking him and then they all walked out, flash mob-style. One of the kids even went as far as busting up Miguel's birthday piñata, a priceless work of art which was given to him by his maternal grandfather, suppos-

