

The Worst Birthday



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Palabras

Los caramelos/los dulces – Candy



Golpear – to hit



La mejilla – cheek



Negar con la cabeza – to shake one's head



Molesto – annoyed or upset



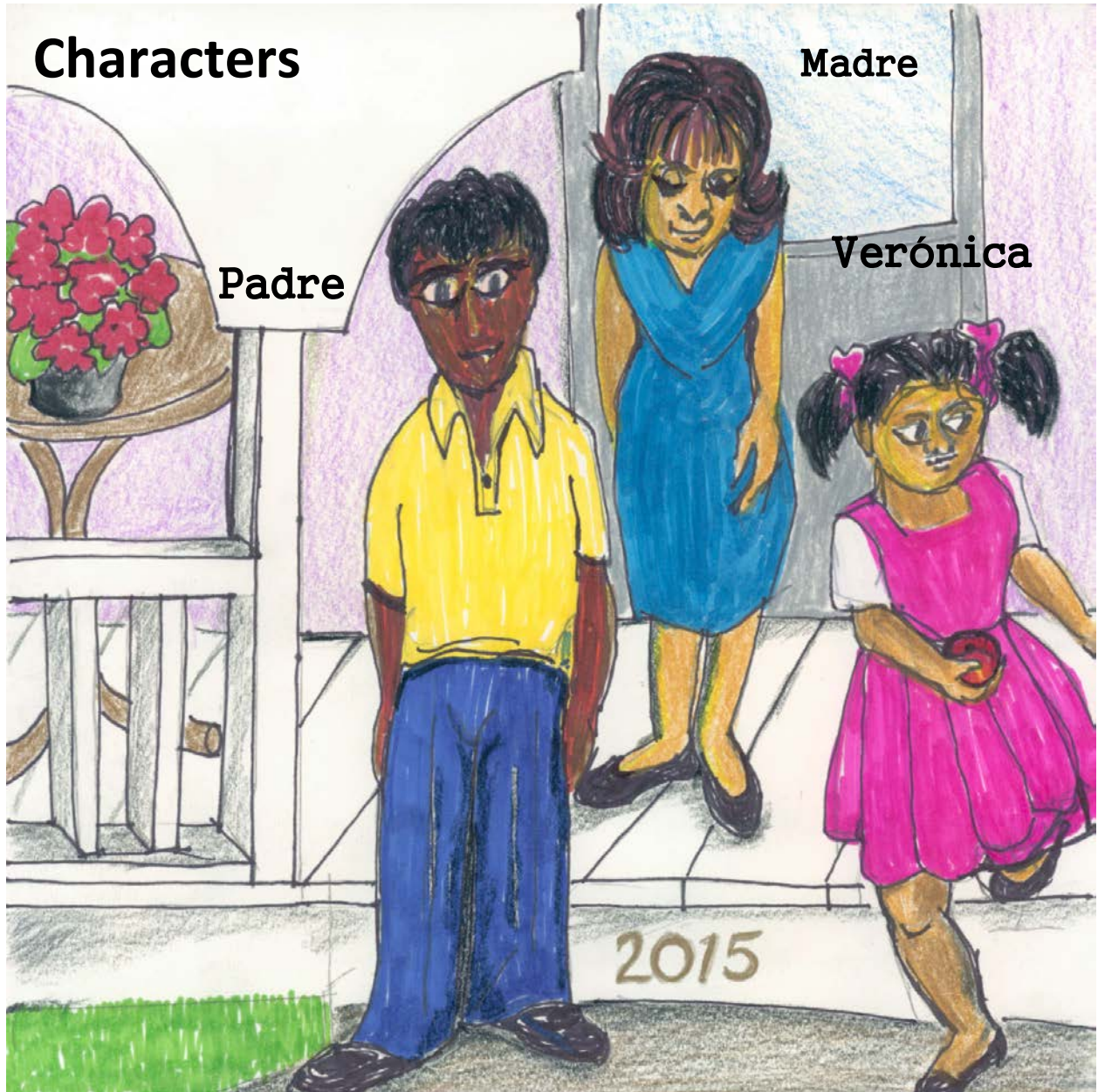
Curita – BandAid



Los ojos vendados – blindfold



Characters



Madre

Padre

Verónica

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Veronica was very excited for her birthday. She had waited her whole life for this day! She was finally five. This year, her parents promised her a party. This party would have a piñata! There would be candies for everyone. Veronica dreamed of the piñata every day.



Her parents bought her a piñata and a wooden stick. Veronica got up the day of her party and yelled: *“Finally, it’s my birthday!”*



Her friends started to arrive. There were gifts, cake, and fun games to play. Later, Veronica's father announced: "*It's time for the piñata!*"



The children yelled and ran toward the piñata, which was in the garden. One of the boys wanted to hit the piñata first. Veronica got in line behind him.



The boy put on the blindfold and took the stick. But instead of hitting the piñata, he accidentally hit Veronica in the cheek! Veronica began to cry.



Her father quickly picked her up and carried her into the house. He consoled her while he put a band-aid on her cheek. *“You’ll get a lot of candies!”* he told her.

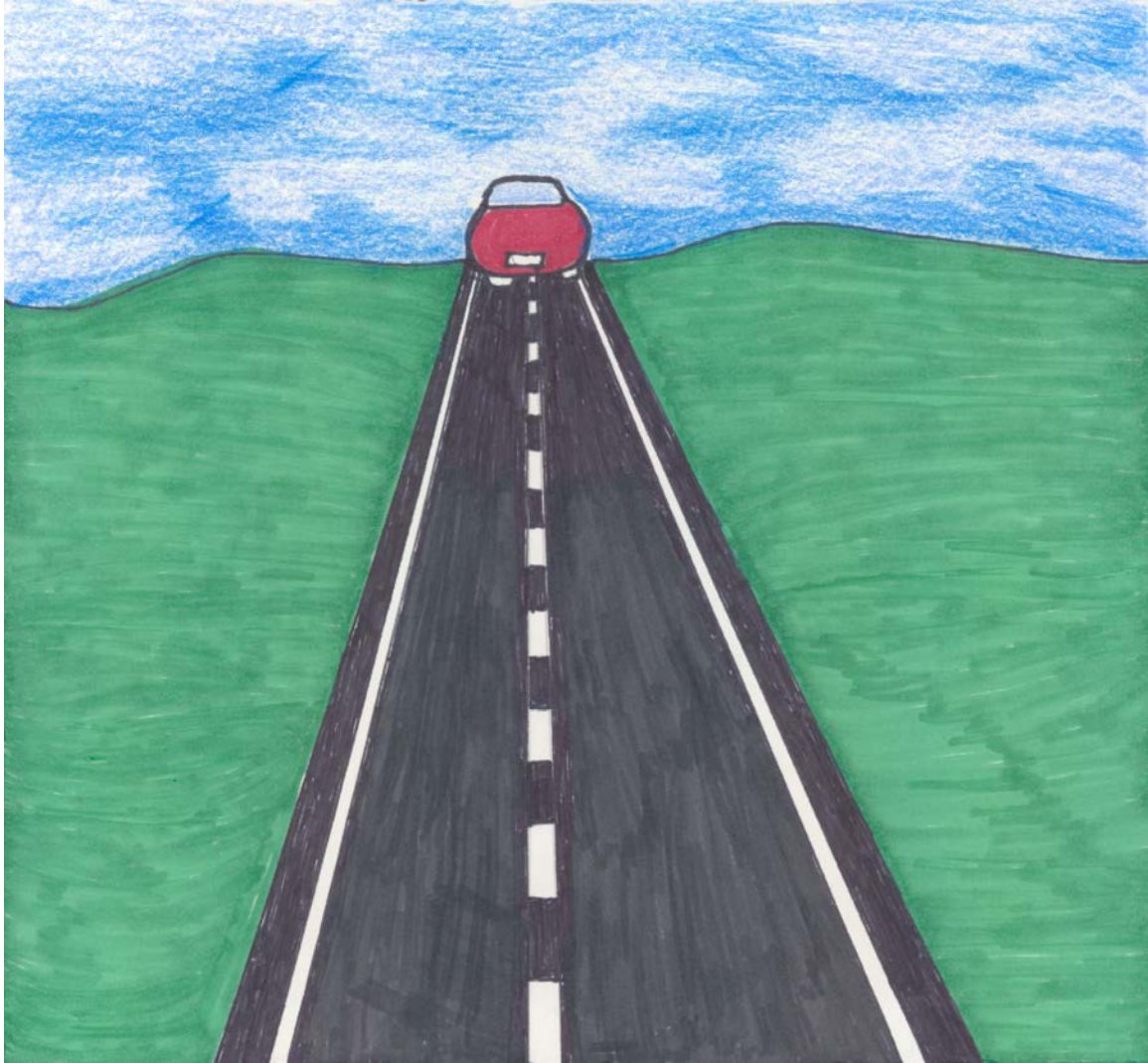


Suddenly, they heard the other children crying. The mother, who was in the garden, ran into the house. She looked very annoyed.

- *“You forgot to put the candies in the piñata!”* she told the father.

- *“What?”* he yelled back. *“I had to put the candies inside the piñata? I thought they were already there!”*, said her father.

-Veronica broke into tears and said: *“There are no candies in the piñata. This is the worst birthday of my life”*.



“I can’t believe it”, said the father. He left the house, got into the car, and left.

Veronica went out to the garden and saw her friends crying for the piñata being broken and without candy. She had thought that her birthday would be incredible. But now her cheek hurt, and there were no sweets for her or her friends.



The father bought lots of candy at the store and quickly returned home.



When Veronica saw her father arriving back, he was carrying a bag with candy for everyone. The bag contained chocolate, chewing gum, hard mints, and much more. “*Don’t worry,*” he told them. “*The candy is here now.*” Veronica and her friends ran to eat the sweets.



Afterward, Veronica gave her father a hug.

- *"Thanks for buying the candy, dad,"* she told him.

- *"Of course, my love,"* responded the father.

"We can learn a good lesson from this."

- *"What lesson?,"* asked Veronica.

- *"Even when things are going badly, they can still be fixed,"* he replied.

- *“You’re right, dad! This is the best birthday I’ve ever had.”*

- Her father laughed. *“I’m sure you’ll have a lot more birthdays,”* he responded.

- *“Thanks for a fantastic party!”* Veronica smiled.

And so Veronica, her parents, and her friends enjoyed the candies the rest of the afternoon.

The End

