

Who Loves You More?

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ABUELA AND ABUELO'S HOUSE

A tidy little home. Abuela and Abuelo are waiting by the door. There is a gentle knock. They open it. Little Ricky rushes inside.

LITTLE RICKY
Abuela! Abuelo!

ABUELA & ABUELO
Little Ricky!

Little Ricky hugs Abuelo and Abuela.

Lucille and Ricardo enter and exchange hugs and kisses.

RICARDO
(whispers)
Grandma and Grandpa are right
behind us.

ABUELA
Oh, you brought them?

LUCILLE
Well, my parents didn't get to see
them this weekend, so...

Grandma and Grandpa enter.

ABUELA
Oh, you tagged along. How nice to
see you again.

GRANDMA
Yes, dear, it's such a rare
pleasure.

ABUELO
Close the door, por favor. We don't
need to air-condition the whole
neighborhood.

Grandpa carefully closes the door.

ABUELO (CONT'D)
Little Ricky, Abuela has something
very special she make just for you.

LITTLE RICKY
What, Abuela?

Abuela goes to the table. Everyone follows. Abuela unveils a dish of homemade flan.

LITTLE RICKY (CONT'D)
Flan! I love Flan!

Abuelo dips a spoon and gives Little Ricky a taste.

LITTLE RICKY
Mmmm, this is the bestest flan I
ever tasted.

ABUELA
Then I'll make you some every
weekend, mi vida. Whenever you
come.

LITTLE RICKY
Then I want to come over every
weekend!

Grandma and Grandpa exchange a worried look.

GRANDMA
Well, flan is nice, dear, if you
happen to like it, but how much can
you eat? You must come to our house
next weekend - we have a special
treat just for you.

LITTLE RICKY
What, Grandma?

GRANDMA
It's a surprise.

GRANDPA
A special, wonderful surprise.

Abuelo and Abuela exchange a worried look.

SCENE 2 GRANDMA AND GRANDPA'S HOUSE

A small, homey house, with a structure the size of a refrigerator in the middle of the small living room, covered with a sheet.

Grandma and Grandpa are waiting by the door. There is an excited knock. They open it. Little Ricky rushes inside.

LITTLE RICKY
Grandma! Grandpa!

GRANDPA & GRANDMA
Little Ricky!

Little Ricky hugs Grandma and Grandpa.

Lucille and Ricardo enter and exchange hugs and kisses.

LUCILLE

(whispers)

Abuelo and Abuela are right behind us.

GRANDMA

Oh, you brought them?

RICARDO

Well, they were anxious to see the surprise.

Abuelo and Abuela enter.

ABUELO

(sarcastic)

We just had to see your wonderful surprise.

Grandpa goes to the large structure and whips off the sheet, exposing a carnival-sized cotton candy machine. He turns it on.

GRANDPA

Voilà!

LITTLE RICKY

Cotton Candy! I love cotton candy!

GRANDMA

(with a smug glance at Abuela)

Everyone loves cotton candy. And it comes in six flavors, so you never get tired of it.

LITTLE RICKY

Wow!

Grandpa swirls a cone of cotton candy and hands it to Little Ricky.

GRANDPA

And you can have some every weekend you come over.

LITTLE RICKY

You are the bestest grandparents ever! I want to come over every weekend!

Abuelo and Abuela exchange worried looks.

LUCILLE

Mom, Dad, that...thing...is too expensive, you're on a fixed income. It takes up the whole living room.

RICARDO

You have to take it back.

GRANDPA

It's not that expensive - and we'll have it paid-off in three years.

GRANDMA

Besides, nothing's too good for our little grandson.

Abuelo and Abuela exchange a worried look.

ABUELO

Well, that's muy bueno, but, you know, cotton candy is nothing but sugar and hot air. If you want to see something really special we get you, you come to our casa next weekend.

RICARDO

What did you get, Pappi.

ABUELA

It's a surprise. The most wonderful surprise.

Grandma and Grandpa exchange a worried look.

SCENE 3 - ABUELA & ABUELO'S HOUSE

The pristine house looks messy.

Abuelo and Abuela are waiting by the door. There is an excited knock. They open it. Little Ricky rushes inside.

LITTLE RICKY

Abuelo! Abuela!

ABUELA & ABUELO
Ricitico!

Little Ricky hugs Abuelo and Abuela.

Lucille and Ricardo enter.

ABUELA
I suppose...they...are right behind
you.

Grandma and Grandpa enter. Grandpa slams the door.

GRANDPA
Sorry. Don't want to waste any of
your precious air conditioning. So
what's this big surprise?

ABUELA
I'll get it. I'll be right back.

Grandma and Grandpa face off against Abuelo like gang members
before a fight.

Abuela returns, holding a puppy.

LITTLE RICKY
A puppy! Oh my gosh, a puppy! You
got me a puppy!

Abuela hands Little Ricky the puppy while giving Grandma and
Grandpa a smug look.

RICARDO
Mom, you know we're not allowed to
keep a dog in our apartment!

ABUELO
We know. We'll keep him here.
Rickitico can play with him every
weekend. If he wants.

LITTLE RICKY
I want! I want!

Grandma and Grandpa exchange a worried look.

LITTLE RICKY
What's his name, Abuela?

ABUELA
Whatever you want, Rickitico.

GRANDPA
 (sarcastic)
 You should call him Sneaky.

LITTLE RICKY
 Sneaky is the bestest pet ever. Can
 we come here every weekend so I can
 play with sneaky?

Ricardo and Lucille exchange a shrug.

RICARDO
 Well, I suppose...if...

GRANDPA
 Before you answer, you should come
 to our house next weekend. We have
 a wonderful surprise for you.

GRANDMA
 We do?

GRANDPA
 Of course we do. Remember? The
 amazing surprise?

GRANDMA
 Oh, of course, dear. My silly
 memory. We got you a very, very,
 very amazing surprise.

The two sets of grandparents glare at each other with
 undisguised hostility.

Ricardo and Lucille exchange a worried look.

SCENE 4 GRANDMA AND GRANDPA'S HOUSE

The house is a complete mess.

Grandma and Grandpa are waiting by the door, their clothes in
 disarray.

There's a sound of commotion coming from the bedroom.

A knock at the door. Grandpa opens it.

LITTLE RICKY
 Grandma! Grandpa!

Abuelo and Abuela rush in behind him, followed by Lucille and
 Ricardo.

ABUELO

Okay, show us the damn surprise!

GRANDPA

Would you mind getting it, dear.

GRANDMA

No, you get it, dear.

GRANDPA

Fine!

He takes deep breath and exits the living room.

The sound of a struggle and a loud crash.

RICARDO

What was that? Is Grandpa okay?

GRANDMA

He's fine!

Grandpa returns with a monkey, in a pair of diapers, clinging to his head.

LITTLE RICKY

A monkey! A real monkey!

Grandpa pries the monkey off his head and hands it to Little Ricky.

GRANDMA

(to Abuela and Abuelo)

Lots of people have puppies, but only Little Ricky has his own monkey.

LITTLE RICKY

This is the bestest gift ever, ever, ever! I want to come here every weekend. I want all my friends to come here. I want to move in with Grandma and Grandpa so I can play with my monkey all the time.

LUCILLE

Mom, you...you can't take care of a monkey!

GRANDPA

He's no trouble at all. We just have to remember to give him his medicine.

LUCILLE

You have to change monkey diapers!

GRANDMA

I changed your diapers, dear, it's no big deal.

RICARDO

No, that's crazy. You have to take him back!

LITTLE RICKY

No! I love him! What's his name?

ABUELO

(sarcastic)

You should call him Loco! Loco the monkey!

LITTLE RICKY

I love Loco! Please don't take Loco back! I'll take care of Loco every weekend, forever!

ABUELO

Well, you don't mind shoveling monkey shit. But Abuela and I, we got an even bigger surprise, Rickitisimo.

RICARDO

Dad, no...

ABUELA

Much, much bigger.

LUCILLE

You're all on a fixed income! And you're going to spoil Ricky.

ABUELA

That's what grandparents are for, isn't it?

LITTLE RICKY

I can hardly wait for next weekend.

Grandma and Grandpa exchange a weary look.

SCENE 5 - ABUELA & ABUELO'S HOUSE

The house is in complete disarray, littered in dog poop. The couch is chewed up. Sneaky is chomping on a torn curtain.

Abuelo and Abuela are waiting by the door.

No knock. Instead, the door is flung open. Grandpa, Grandma, Lucille and Ricardo fight to get through first. Little Ricky is knocked to the ground.

LITTLE RICKY

Ow!

Little Ricky gets up and enters, nursing a bruised arm.

GRANDPA

Hurry up, we have to get back to the house. We locked Loco in the closet.

GRANDMA

Are you sure?

GRANDPA

I think so. I don't know.

Everyone scans the living room for a sign of the new gift.

RICARDO

Okay, papi, what's the big surprise?

Abuelo goes to the sliding glass door and opens the curtain. Outside is full-sized swimming pool.

ABUELA

Rickitisimo, you like?

LITTLE RICKY

I...I...it's like magic!

ABUELO

We even got it heated, so you can swim all year. Even in Winter. Every weekend.

LITTLE RICKY

You are the bestest, bestest, bestest Abuela and Abuelo ever!

RICARDO

Pappi, you...you...oh my god!
You've lost your minds. You don't
have the money for this.

ABUELO

I do.

ABUELA

Your father cashed in his life
insurance.

ABUELO

And I got a second mortgage.

RICARDO

Papi, this was a very bad idea.

LUCILLE

Really, really bad.

ABUELA

Why? A swimming pool is a good
thing to have. Abuelo and I are
even thinking about taking swimming
lessons.

RICARDO

Papi, we weren't planning on
telling you this now, but...

LUCILLE

We're moving to Orlando.

LITTLE RICKY, GRANDMA, GRANDPA, ABUELA
& ABUELO

What! No!

RICARDO

It's a better job. And a great
opportunity. I can't pass it up.

LITTLE RICKY

But what about Sneaky, and Loco,
and the cotton candy machine, and
the swimming pool.

LUCILLE

You can visit on the holidays,
Ricky.

RICARDO

And we can go to Disney World
whenever you want.

LITTLE RICKY

Disney World? I love Disney World!
Can we go to Disney World every
weekend?

All four grandparents share a worried look.

SCENE 6 - GRANDMA AND GRANDPA'S HOUSE

Grandma and Grandpa are sitting on the soiled couch. The living room is devastated, littered with used monkey diapers. Loco is chittering and banging from inside the closet door.

Grandma and Grandpa are eating cat food.

GRANDPA

I was wondering, dear, do you think
Abuelo will let me borrow his
swimming pool?

GRANDMA

You can't swim, dear.

GRANDPA

I know. Neither can Loco.

Grandma looks at the closet, turns to him and nods her head.

They go back to their cat food.

After a pause:

GRANDPA (CONT'D)

I sure miss the little brat.

GRANDPA (CONT'D)

Me too, dear. Me too.

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