

Too Many Tamales

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"This must be it," she said. "The ring must be in that one! We'll each	15
take a bite. You first, Danny."	21
Danny was the youngest, so he didn't argue. He took a bite. Nothing.	34
Dolores took a bite. Nothing. Teresa took a big bite. Still nothing. It was	48
Maria's turn. She took a deep breath and slowly, gently, bit into the last	62
mouthful of tamale.	65
Nothing!	66
"Didn't any of you bite something hard?" Maria asked.	75
Danny frowned. "I think I swallowed something hard," he said.	85
"Swallowed it!" Maria cried, her eyes big with worry. She looked inside	97
his mouth.	99
Teresa said, "I didn't bite into anything hard, but I think I'm sick." She	113
held her stomach with both hands. Maria didn't dare look into Teresa's mouth!	126
She wanted to throw herself onto the floor and cry. The ring was now in	141
her cousin's throat or worse, his belly. How in the world could she tell her	156
mother?	157
"But I have to," she thought.	163
She could feel tears pressing to get out as she walked into the living room	178
where the grown-ups sat talking.	184
They chattered so loudly that Maria didn't know how to interrupt. Finally	196
she tugged her mother's sleeve.	201
"What's the matter?" her mother asked. She took Maria's hand.	211
"I did something wrong," Maria sobbed.	217
"What?" her mother asked.	221

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