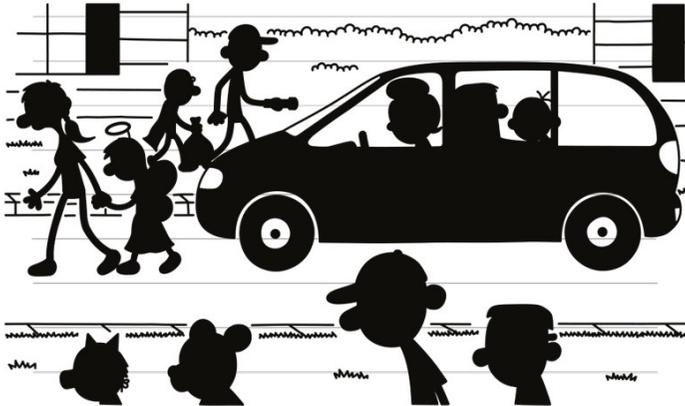


## Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down by Jeff Kinney

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Halloween

It took a long time to get to Mariana's house tonight because the street was full of little kids trick-or-treating.

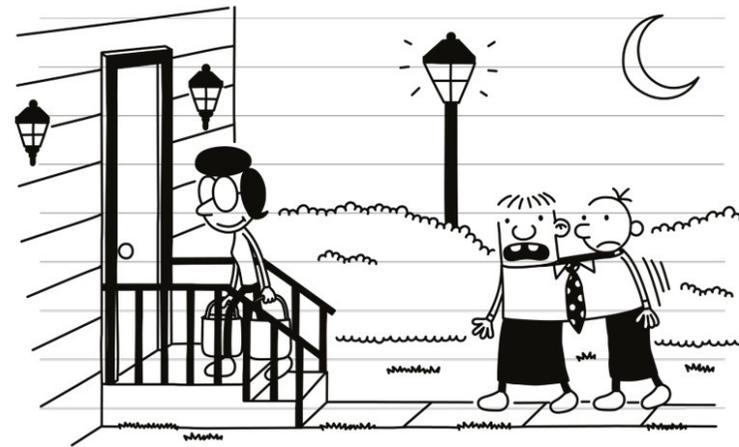


I was kind of GLAD we were a little late, because if we showed up right on time, we'd look like we were too eager. When we finally got to Mariana's, I told Mom thanks for the ride and not to come back for us until the party ended at 11:00.

But Mom turned off the ignition, got out of the minivan, and pulled some bags from the back.

When I asked her what she was doing, she said she was coming in to introduce herself to Mr. and Mrs. Mendoza.

I BEGGED Mom not to, but when she decides to do something, there's really no stopping her.



We rang the doorbell, but nobody answered. We could hear loud music coming from the basement, so Mom opened the door and we all stepped inside.

Mr. and Mrs. Mendoza were on the couch watching a horror movie, and they didn't seem too interested in getting up and chatting with Mom.