THE GAME OF SUGAR PLUMS

NCE upon a time there was a country made of candy where the Sugar Plum Fairies lived. Way in the heart of Sugar Plum Country grew a tree which was said to be the only one of its kind in the entire world. This tree was different from all other trees, for where ordinary trees grew leaves and flowers, this wonderful tree grew nothing but Sugar Plums all year round. If you close your eyes and think of a Candy Store, an Ice Cream Parlor, Christmas Morning, and a rainbow, all rolled into one, you will have a pretty good idea of what this Sugar Plum Country looked like!

Now, if you like to pretend, do exactly as I tell you, and you may play the game of Sugar Plums. The object is to be the first player to reach the tree in the center of the board with four gumdrops in your possession.

Open the board and put all the little wooden "Gum Drops" in the candy striped bag. Place the bag somewhere near the board. Each player selects one playing piece. Now you are ready to start at the "Welcome Gate." The first one to say "Sugar Plums" backwards ("Ragus Smulp") will lead the way — Let's see who will be first to reach the Sugar Plum Tree.

The first player spins the Sugar Plum Fairies' magic spinner and moves his piece (which is really you in disguise) to the very first Sugar Plum on the trail that matches the color that the needle points to. Going from left to right, each player spins, in turn, and skips along the Sugar Plum Trail according to the colors he spins.

When you pass over, or land on, a place marked "Take A Sugar Plum," you may draw a gumdrop from the bag. Once you have four gumdrops, you may head straight for the Sugar Plum Tree in the center of the board.

The Sugar Plum Fairy still has a surprise or two in store for you! You must be careful of your gumdrops — because, if another player lands beside you on the very same Sugar Plum, you must give him one of your gumdrops! However. once you have four gumdrops, you may take any path leading into the tree; or, if you land on a Sugar Plum beside a Fairy. you may take the magic rainbow and slide right to the foot of the tree. Remember, the one who gets there first is the winner.

When you play this game at a party, it's fun to tuck a small bag of real gumdrops at the foot of the Sugar Plum Tree for the winner to claim.

Questions on the play of this game will be answered gladly if correct return postage is enclosed with your letter. Address:

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