

Candy Land's Biggest Secret

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Scene 1: Carl Chats with Mr. Minty

Time: daytime after school

Setting: Mr. Minty and Carl's neighborhood

At rise: Carl Caramel, an 8-year-old boy made of caramel, is walking home from school, but stopping at each neighbors door on the way to say hello. Mr. Minty, made of mint candy, a tidy older man, is quietly and precisely tending to his garden.

CARL

While walking home from school

Good afternoon Madame Sugar! Hi Mr. Nutella, how's the family?! Hey, what's up skittles?!

CARL sees a house that stands out because it's super clean, it has a really nice garden with plants perfectly taken care of. MR. MINTY is watering his plants. CARL Stops dead in his tracks in awe of how clean MR. MINTY's yard is.

CARL

Quickly and excitedly

Wow, Mr. Minty your house is the neatest house in all of Candy Land! You have so many pretty flowers and your lawn always looks perfectly mowed! By the way I'm Carl Caramel, we haven't talked before because my Mom says you hate kids, but I think you

seem like a nice guy! Your house is really unique. It looks almost like it could be a drawing, it's so clean!

MR.MINTY

dismissively

Thank you.

CARL

With annoying speed

Do you clean your lawn every day? How do you clean it? How does it look so nice?! Can I see what the inside of your house looks like? Oh, you know what I actually have to go, my Mom, is gonna wonder why I'm not home from school yet. But I will be back tomorrow after school to get the full tour.

MR.MINTY

annoyed

Oh, I'm busy tomorrow actually.

CARL

Okay, I can come to check it out at a different time then!

CARL exits the stage.

MR. MINTY

Ugh, finally he's gone. That carl caramel is too sticky! He would ruin all of my good furniture!

*MR MINTY goes to stage right starts doing a puzzle CARL stage left sits down and begins
to do his Homework*

CARL

Yells offstage to his mom

Sorry I got home so late Mom! I had to say hi to all of my friends in the neighborhood!
That grumpy old Mr. Minty actually talked to me, I think we're going to be good pals!

Says to himself, as he finishes writing

Alright, time to hit the hay. Huh, that's a weird phrase, I can't hit the hay, it would all
stick to me and would take weeks to pull it all out! Well, time to sleep!

MR MINTY

Starts to put his puzzle away

Time to put this puzzle away and then I can hit the hay! Oh wait, I would never sleep on
something as messy as hay. Well, time for bed!

Scene 2: The Dream

Time: the dream is set during the daytime

Setting: the dream is set in Mr. Minty's house.

At rise: Mr. Minty is gardening like in the first scene.

MR.MINTY

Wait, wasn't I just sleeping? Maybe I lack a profound amount of creativity if I am dreaming about watering my flowers. Well at least if this is a dream, that means I can make up a friend, so I won't be so lonely.

CARL enters stage right.

CARL

I'm ready for that tour!

MR.MINTY

Ugh! That's not what I meant. Fine, I'll give you a tour. But please be careful and don't get your sticky paws on my furniture. *MR. MINTY opens the door.* Follow me.

CARL follows and now they're in the house.

CARL

Wow, it's like *really* organized in here.

MR. MINTY

A bit angry

Thank you.

CARL wanders around some more in Mr. Mintys view. MR. MINTY guides CARL to the door:

MR. MINTY

Alright, the tour is over.

CARL

Wait! Where do those stairs lead to?

MR. MINTY

Its nothing. You can't go up there.

CARL

well, if it's nothing then why can't I go up there?

MR. MINTY

If you stop asking questions I can take you up there.

They go up the stairs

MR. MINTY

This is my room. Okay, now the tour is done, can you leave now?

CARL

Well, wait what's in that room? Can I see?

MR. MINTY

No!

CARL goes to open the door anyway. Stage to black.

Scene 3: Mr. Minty's secret revealed.

Time: Morning

Setting: Mr. Minty's house- no longer dreaming.

At rise: Mr. Minty is in bed.

MR. MINTY shoots up out of bed like he's just had a bad dream.

MR. MINTY

Oh no they found out my secret! (*Looks around*) Oh, thank gosh, I'm in my bed. It must have been a dream.

Knock at the door. MR. MINTY goes to answer it. Its' CARL

CARL

Hi, good morning Mr. Minty, I'm ready for the tour!

MR. MINTY

Wait I thought I gave you the tour?

CARL

What do you mean? You didn't give me the tour! Were you dreaming about me, Mr. Minty?

MR. MINTY

murmured

Maybe.

MR MINTY lets him in. CARL wanders around once more.

CARL

Wow, Mr. Minty, I wish I was clean like you. But I can't because I am just made of sticky caramel. I don't really tell people this but I got a really high fever when I was little and since then I have been really sticky. My parents aren't sticky or gooey like me. They are made of hard caramel, they've never gotten stuck to the couch like me, not even when it's the summertime! I'm just a goopy embarrassment...Sometimes I wonder if my parents wish I wasn't this way and that I was more like them... (takes a deep comical breath) But it's not all bad! I'm really good at catch and in baseball, my teammates call me sticky fingers! But still, things would be easier if I was tidy like you.

MR. MINTY

Well, I wasn't always clean like this. I used to be a slob and people used to make fun of me. They used to shout " I thought mint was supposed to be fresh!" So now I try to be as clean as possible but still, no one wants to be my friend.

CARL

Well, I can be your friend Mr. Minty!

MR MINTY

Really?

CARL

Yeah sure! I have been looking for friends as well! As long as you don't mind that I'm caramel coating your floors!

MR.MINTY

Not at all. I actually have something to show you.

They go upstairs. MR MINTY opens his secret room. It is filled with beanie babies all unorganized and dusty and messed up.

CARL

Wow! Mr. Minty, there's tipped over boxes everywhere! This is the biggest mountain of dusty old stuffed animals I've ever seen! I wouldn't think that you would have a messy room like this in your house!

MR. MINTY

Well yeah, that's why I keep it a secret. Because Mint's are supposed to be fresh and clean.

CARL

It's really cool that you collect stuff like this.

MR. MINTY

Well you know all of this stuff is from when I was your age.

CARL

Oh well, that's cool! You really had these for that long?

MR MINTY

Well yeah, they're collectibles!.. Do you want one?

CARL

excitedly

Yeah sure!

MR. MINTY

Okay, pick anyone you want.

CARL

Okay! (*Picks up a beanie baby.*) Oops I got it a little sticky.

MR. MINTY

That's okay you can't help but be a little sticky and I can't help but be a little messy. But we're still friends and that's what matters.

Costumes:

MR.MINTY: He is a mint so there's preferably a mint color scheme. A tie or bow tie.

Wearing business casual but a bit more casual side because he is at home.

CARL CARMEL: He is a child so the costume should be childlike. A pair of shorts and a T-Shirt. Wearing a hat to help cover from the sun because he is gooey caramel.

Props:

Backpack for Carl

At least one stuffed animal to be given to Carl at the end.

Watering can for Mr. Minty when he is gardening.