

Candy Land

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This is the story of three young girls named Kya, Lelo, and Rory, who played Candy Land. It's not your typical board game story but it's not Jumanji either.

On this day, Lelo was roleplaying with her friends.

"Avast!" said Lelo's friend, Kya. "You'll be walking the plank today!" Lelo and Kya are at sleepover at their friend's Rory's house. They are in Rory's bedroom just hanging out.

"Oh no!" Lelo said, slowly walking backwards near the edge of the bunk bed. As Lelo jumps off the bed onto a teal bean bag, Rory looks at her phone surprised.

"Hey guys!" Rory excitedly yelled with her phone in hand.

"What?" Said Kya jumping off the edge of the bunk bed.

"According to this TikTok, if you grab a Candy Land board game, place exactly 13 tootsie rolls on the board, and chant "Immersive CandyLand" 3 times you'll go into the game!" Rory explained as she showed them the video.

"That just sounds like something made up." Lelo said as she grabbed her phone to watch the video again.

"Oh, come on!" Nagged Kya, nudging Lelo's arm.

"I mean," Said Rory digging in her messy closet for the game. "It'll be fun!" Rory smiled when she finally found her old game.

"Oh fine." Groaned Lelo but she went downstairs to grab the bag of tootsie rolls she saw earlier. "Let's see if this will actually work." She said walking back in the room. The girls made a circle of tootsie rolls on the board.

“Alright!” Shouted Kya, very inappropriately considering it was 1:00 AM and Rory’s parents were asleep. Rory got on TikTok and paused on the CandyLand video to make sure they were doing it right.

“Ok, so we just say Immersive Candy Land 3 times.” Instructed Rory. They all were holding hands around the game.

“Immersive Candy Land, Immersive Candy Land, immersive Candy Land!” They all say at once.

“...” They silently look at the Candy Land game for about 20 seconds.

“Well this was fun.” Lelo said sarcastically. As she walked away, a pink bright light came from the box. “What was tha- AAAA” Lelo screams as she gets sucked into the Candy Land game.

“Why are you screaming- AAAA!” Rory screams as she gets sucked into the game too.

“Now it’s my turn!” Kya said happily as she jumped into the game. “Weee!” They all land on something soft. It’s a gumdrop!

“It actually worked!” Rory quietly mumbled to herself before stepping off the gumdrop onto a colorful platform.

“WHAT?!” Screamed Lelo as she slowly gets up with a stunned look on her face. “I can’t believe it worked, this changes everything I know about everything! I mea-“

“Hey, other people are here!” Said Kya interrupting Lelo. And sure enough, 3 other kids were there.

“Greetings.” Said an Anonymous voice, the voice came from a candy castle that seemed far away, “My name is Ruler Candy.”

“Now that just seems unoriginal.” said Lelo, being pessimistic.

“And welcome to...Candy Land!” Ruler Candy’s booming voice continued,
“These 2 teams shall be battling for the prize of \$100 worth of candy!”

The girls nervously look at each other, not really knowing what was happening.

“I think we should just cross our fingers that this isn’t some crazy Hunger Games situation.” Kya joked but crossed her fingers just in case.

“Eh, I really hope it’s not.” Said Rory nervously.

“And the challenge starts!” Roared Ruler Candy. Their team goes first. Kya is holding her fingers crossed and they roll the dice, it lands on a 5. Their platform, unexpectedly, moves 5 places. The other team moves 6 on their first turn. The game has officially started.

“We’re gonna win this!” The other team yells, taunting Lelo, Rory, and Kya. But soon they get lost in the Lollipop woods and the girls team takes the lead.

“We are so close!” Said Lelo, “We just need to avoid that molasses swamp and we will be at the castle in no time!”

“Winners coming through!” Someone annoyingly said from the other team as they moved past them on the board.

“We gotta win this.” Said Lelo, sounding very irritated.

“But why?” Said Rory leaning over Lelo. “I thought we were not trying to take this competitively.”

“I’m not,” said Lelo, obviously taking this competitively. “I just want to beat them.”

“Let’s just have fun, I mean, we’re in Candy Land!” Kya said as she threw both girls giant lollipops she picked from the ground.

“You’re right,” Lelo said while turning around. “but I still want to win.”

“Fair enough.” Rory chuckled.

It was their turn to play. They ended up on the same space as the other team. The castle with colorful ice cream cones towers was no longer in the distance but so close that they could literally taste the sweet air surrounding it.

“We’re gonna win this.” Said someone on the other team, but they ended up one space before the finish line. You could feel the tension in the air as Ruler Candy announced that it was the girls final turn.

Kya and Lelo are both crossing their fingers, hoping it’ll help their chances. Rory rolls the die. They need a 6 to actually win the game. The die starts rolling, rolling, and rolling, it stops on its side, it either lands on one side or the other. The die drops. “It’s a....a....a 6! We win!” Rory yells while running towards the castle!

“YES!!” Lelo and Kya excitedly scream and run towards the castle too.

They made it to the castle doors and were greeted by Ruler Candy who handed them a large golden envelope.

“Thanks, but what about our candy?” Rory nervously asked as she opened the envelope.

“Oh yes.” Said Ruler Candy as he wiggled his hand around. Suddenly, 3 bags of Candy appeared right by their feet.

Rory pulled out the letter from inside the envelope and read the note out loud.

“Don’t believe everything you see on TikTok!” Rory read out loud while trying not to laugh.

“I think we all learned a very valuable lesson tonight,” said Lelo putting her arms around her friends.

“And what would that be?” Said Kya looking at Lelo.

“I dunno.” Shrugged Lelo and all the girls laughed!