



The Camel Hero of Candyland

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Once upon a time, there
was a country called
Candyland, where the
houses were made of
gingerbread, the rivers
flowed with chocolate,
and the clouds were pink
cotton candy. Happy
children lived there, like
Candy and Lolly, who ate
magical sweets all day and
always stayed healthy and
strong.





In Candyland, rain didn't exist. When the cotton candy clouds turned dark, crunchy popcorn would rain down, and the lightning bolts were streaks of delicious whipped cream. It was a perfect and sweet world.



But one day, the sky
turned gray and
threatening like never
before. Real rain, made of
water, began to fall! The
sugar houses started to
melt, and the giant
lollipops that served as
trees began to crack.
Everyone, young and old,
was terrified.



When the storm ended,
the sun came out again,
but it revealed a disaster.
In place of the town
square, there was a huge,
deep lake of water.
Everything was ruined,
and the inhabitants of
Candyland were very sad.

Just when all hope
seemed lost, a tall, lanky
figure appeared on the
horizon. It was a camel!
But not just any camel.
This camel, named Drop,
was incredibly thirsty
because he hadn't had a
drink in a thousand days.



Drop approached the lake, lowered his long neck, and began to drink. He drank and drank, gulp after gulp, without ever stopping. The children watched with their mouths agape, noticing that the water level was dropping before their very eyes.

Incredibly, Drop drank
every last drop of water
from the lake! The sun
dried the ground, and all
the inhabitants of
Candyland cheered,
surrounding their new
hero. "Thank you, Drop!
You saved us!" they
shouted in unison.

With the town dry again,
everyone got to work
rebuilding. And this time,
Drop the camel stayed
with them, a friend
forever. Candyland
became a sweet and happy
place once more, with
one more hero.