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The Nutcrackers And The Sugar-tongs

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Once upon a time, in a quaint little kitchen, there lived two best friends: a pair of Nutcrackers and a set of Sugar-tongs. They were inseparable, forever sitting side by side on a table by a plate, gazing out the window at the wondrous world beyond. The Nutcrackers, with their long limbs and strong jaws, would often dream of grand adventures that lay waiting for them in the blue hills and green meadows.

One day, the Nutcrackers could no longer contain their desire for excitement. They turned to their faithful companion, the Sugar-tongs, and spoke of a daring plan: "Don't you wish we could leave this dull life behind, Sugar-tongs, and ride along the hills and meadows, just like the people do on their horses?" The Sugar-tongs, always supportive, answered without hesitation, "Of course!"



With hearts brimming with excitement, the duo hopped down from the table and hurried down the long staircase. As they descended, the Nutcrackers cracked with anticipation, and the Sugar-tongs snapped with glee. They reached the stable, where the horses were waiting, and each selected a pony to embark upon their great adventure.

The other inhabitants of the kitchen watched in astonishment as the Nutcrackers and Sugar-tongs prepared to leave. The Cat, the Mice, and the Rats from Norway scrambled out of their hiding places, shocked at the sight of their two friends setting off on such a daring escapade.

Word of the Nutcrackers and Sugar-tongs' adventure spread quickly through the kitchen. The Cups and Saucers danced wildly, while the Plates and Dishes peered out the window in disbelief. The Salt-cellar, Mustard-pot, and Soup-ladle all joined the commotion, each responding in their unique ways to the extraordinary spectacle unfolding before them.

As the Nutcrackers and Sugar-tongs mounted their cream-colored, speckled ponies, the Frying-pan declared the entire situation to be a grand illusion. The Tea-kettle hissed in agreement, and together, they led the rest of the kitchenware in a chaotic rush to witness the great Nutcracker-Sugar-tong race.

The Nutcrackers and Sugar-tongs, now on their noble steeds, rode all around the yard and then through the town, leaving the entire household in awe. They galloped by the station and raced towards the beautiful shore. As they rode, they vowed never to return to their old lives, their hearts overflowing with the thrill of their newfound freedom.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, the Nutcrackers and Sugar-tongs rode further and further away. The townsfolk could still hear the Sugar-tongs snapping and the Nutcrackers cracking, their laughter and joy echoing through the air. Until, at last, they vanished from sight, their forms fading into the distance, never to be seen again.

And so, the Nutcrackers and Sugar-tongs embarked on a grand adventure, leaving behind their mundane lives to embrace the wondrous world that awaited them. Their tale would be told and retold in the little kitchen, inspiring countless generations of kitchenware to dream of their own exciting escapades.

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