

Lucy Saves CHRISTMAS

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Lucy the gingerbread girl rushes down the street dodging anything that's in her way! She gets to the Town Hall door and rushes inside. The trumpets blast, Mrs. Claus walks up to the stage. She blows her nose into her tissue and wipes her red watery eyes with it. *Oh no* thinks Lucy, *this can't be good*. Mrs. Claus announces that Santa's missing and Christmas will have to be canceled! Lucy jumps up and volunteers to find him.



Lucy heads out to Sugar Plum Valley. She knows that is Santa's favorite place to eat! She looks behind every bush, tree, rock, and everything that was in Sugar Plum Valley. Santa wasn't anywhere. Where to next? Lucy takes out her map and decides the next place she will go is Chocolate Woods! Santa always gets his favorite chocolate bark from there.



Lucy gets to the edge of Chocolate Woods. She grabs her flashlight, takes a deep breath, and heads in. SNAP! Whimper! *What's that*, wonders Lucy. A puppy jumps out of nowhere, covering Lucy in kisses! The puppy was so cute! She names him Cocoa and asks for his help. Cocoa barks in agreement. They look all over, but they don't find Santa in Chocolate Woods either.



Next, Lucy and Cocoa head to Marshmallow Marsh. Another one of Santa's favorite spots. Cocoa sniffs all over the ground trying to find Santa's scent. Suddenly, Cocoa smells something pepperminty! The scent leads to the edge of Marshmallow Marsh. Cocoa spots something red and white stuck in marshmallow stickiness! Santa's hat! Cocoa barks for Lucy to come. Lucy sees Santa's hat in the marshmallowyness! She tries to get Santa's hat and she gets stuck! Cocoa grabs a branch and helps pull Lucy out!



Now it is getting late, so they go back to Town Hall. Lucy and Cocoa update Mrs. Claus. Mrs. Claus sadly announces there is no other choice, Christmas will have to be cancelled. Lucy and Cocoa go to Santa's bag room to empty the presents. Lucy climbs up the ladder. When Lucy gets to the top of the bag, she can't believe it... she finds Santa!! He is stuck in the bag! Lucy pulls on Santa's legs and Cocoa pulls on Lucy. They work together until Santa pops out!



Lucy tells Santa all about her adventures searching for him. Santa laughs and says he lost his hat when he was picking marshmallows. They all go back to Town Hall to share the good news. Mrs. Claus happily hugs Santa, and all the elves cheer and throw their hats in the air! Santa quickly gets his sleigh ready, then takes off to deliver the presents just in time. It's going to be a Merry Christmas after all!