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# The Mystic Seven

## CHARACTERS

- A GIRL, *seeking the way to follow the Law of the Fire.*
- THE SPIRIT OF BEAUTY.
- THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE.
- THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE.
- THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.
- THE SPIRIT OF HEALTH.
- THE SPIRIT OF WORK.
- THE SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS.

*Two or more Camp Fire Girls.*

## SYNOPSIS

The Spirit of Wohelo has sent the Spirits of Beauty, Knowledge, Truth, Work, Service, Happiness and Health, representing the seven Points of the Law, to the aid of a Girl who is trying to follow the Law in order to become a Camp Fire Girl.

These Spirits, though invisible to the Girl, influence her thoughts and actions and she decides that it will not be difficult, after all, to obey the Law of the Fire.

The Mystic Seven may be given in the house, on a porch or on a lawn amid shrubbery.



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## COSTUMES

THE GIRL wears a simple morning dress.

THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS wear middy suits, outing hats and carry tennis racquets.

THE SPIRITS wear dresses of white cheese-cloth or any soft material, made rather full, reaching to the ankles. A scarf is fastened to the left shoulder, hangs straight and reaches nearly to the bottom of dress. White slippers or sandals should be worn. The scarfs and wreaths of flowers which the Spirits wear follow the rainbow colors.

BEAUTY, Violet Scarf, Pale Violet or Lilac wreath.

KNOWLEDGE, Purple Scarf, Dark Violet wreath.

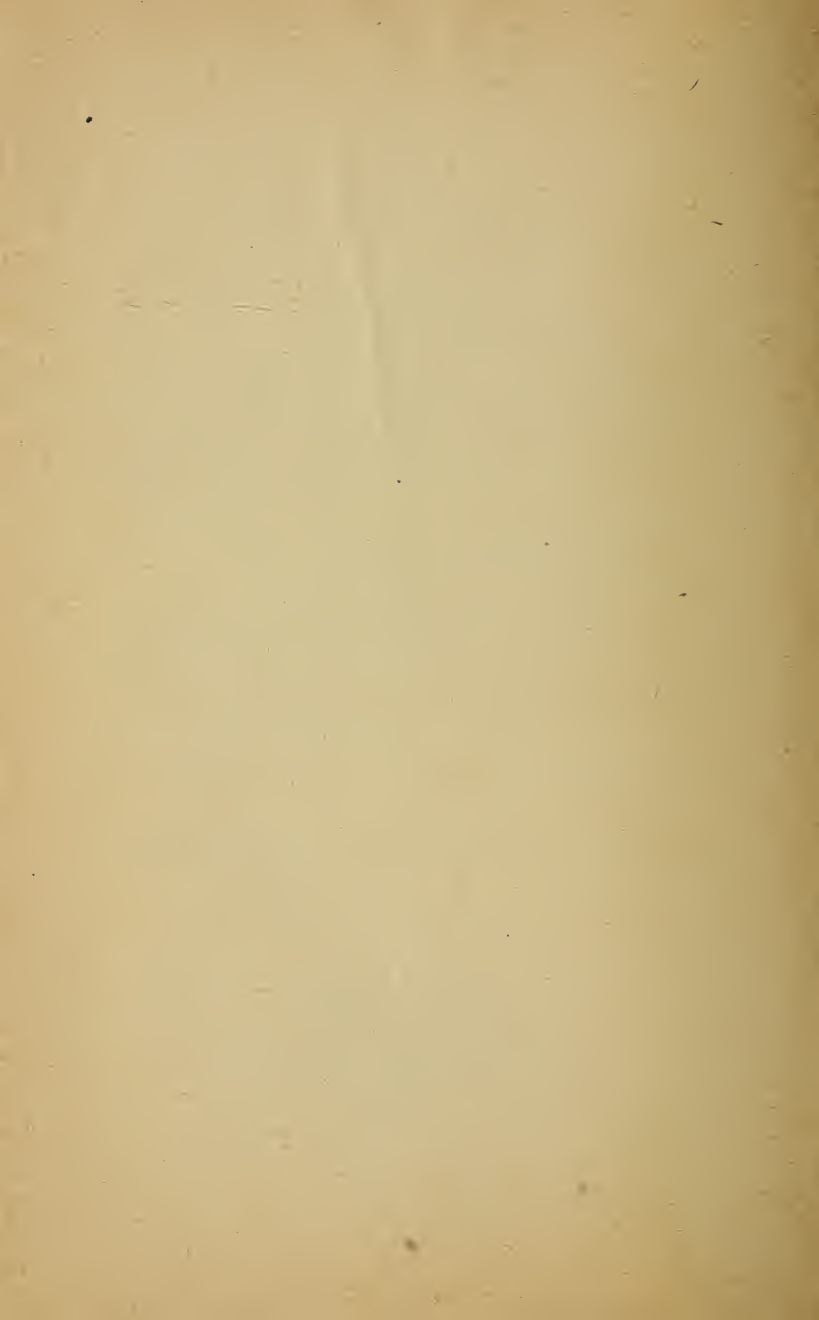
TRUTH, Blue Scarf, Forget-me-not wreath.

WORK, Green Scarf, Wreath of Green leaves.

SERVICE, Yellow Scarf, Buttercup or Yellow Daisy wreath.

HAPPINESS, Orange Scarf, Nasturtium or Chrysanthemum wreath.

HEALTH, Red Scarf, Red Rose or Poppy wreath.



# The Mystic Seven

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SCENE.—*The stage should represent a sitting-room; one chair and a table at L. Books, vanity box, etc., on table. Stage could be set on a porch or on a lawn amid shrubbery with rustic furniture.—Time, Saturday morning.*

*(The SPIRITS enter, dancing; give a Scarf Drill or a Scarf Dance, at the end of which they form a semi-circle with the colors in rainbow order, as follows:*

*Violet, Purple, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red.  
Beauty, Knowledge, Truth, Work, Service, Happiness, Health)*

TRUTH. Behold! The Mystic Seven, we!  
Nature's colors fair, we show!  
*(All extend scarfs with right hand.)*  
Possess us, and you'll all agree  
'Tis then happiness you'll know.

BEAUTY. The earnest Seeker of Beauty,  
I shall always strive to aid.

SERVICE. Service and Work go hand in hand!  
*(SERVICE and WORK clasp hands.)*

WORK. With our aid, your debts are paid.

HEALTH. With perfect Health I crown your life,  
If earnestly you will seek;

HAPPINESS. And always Harmony, ne'er Strife,  
Doth true Happiness bespeak.



KNOWLEDGE. Without Knowledge, your life is naught!  
Therefore, ye who seek life's truth,  
Take careful heed! Learn all you ought,  
If you'd perfect be, forsooth!

TRUTH. Truth above *all*, you e'er must place,  
If another Rank you'd win!  
Truth brings you every grace,  
Molds your life, without, within!

HAPPINESS. Behold! The Mystic Seven, we!  
We never can dwell apart;  
Happy we are, as here you see,  
Work with us, head, hand and heart!

(SPIRITS *give a short dance and resume places in a semicircle.*)

SERVICE. We have been sent hither from the realm of Mystic Thought by the powerful Spirit of Wohelo. One who seeks to "Follow the Law" needs our aid. Dear Sisters, let us all work together faithfully to help the Seeker!

ALL. Agreed! (*They clasp hands.*)

HAPPINESS. Here she comes!

(*The SPIRITS dance slowly round, forming a large circle. The GIRL enters the circle from the rear. The SPIRITS form a semicircle at the rear of stage, disclosing the GIRL who is reading the Camp Fire Manual. GIRL walks slowly to front of stage.*)

GIRL (*reading*). "Seek Beauty, Give Service, Pursue Knowledge, Be Trustworthy, Hold on to Health, Glorify Work and Be Happy." It's too difficult! (*Throws book on table.*) I can never be a Camp Fire Girl and I do so want to join! The girls all have such good times! (*Takes up book.*) "Seek Beauty!" If you do not happen to be beautiful by nature, how can you attain it? (*Sits down by table, takes vanity box and looks at herself in mirror.*) Well, I am not so plain, after all! Perhaps by the judicious use of powder . . . etc.

(*Proceeds to fix up face, using plenty of rouge.*)



BEAUTY (*advancing slowly, stands back of her, shakes head solemnly*). No, my dear girl, that is not the way to "Seek Beauty!" Beauty of mind is the best Beauty to possess.

GIRL (*face half colored, stops, thinks a moment, suddenly rubs off color and says decidedly*). No! I shall not try to improve upon Nature! I shall take care of my own complexion and shall seek graces of the mind! They say the soul is reflected in the face. If I make my soul beautiful, it will shine through my face and I shall seem beautiful. (BEAUTY *nods her head approvingly*.) My! I am preaching myself a regular sermon! Where's my novel?

(*She takes book from table and reads. BEAUTY retires slowly, shading her eyes with scarf. The other SPIRITS shake their heads sadly.*)

TRUTH. I fear we can never persuade her!

SERVICE (*to WORK*). Let us try! (*They come forward, hand in hand, on tiptoe, and stand back of GIRL's chair.*) Mother has a headache this morning. Wouldn't it be nice to do something to surprise her?

WORK. It wouldn't take long to clean the dining-room!

GIRL (*stirring uneasily, throws down book*). I cannot seem to enjoy that story this morning! (*Takes Manual from table; reads.*) "Give Service—Glorify Work." Service and Work apparently go hand in hand. (*Rises.*) I think I'll surprise mother by cleaning the dining-room.

(*Goes out, singing, followed by SERVICE and WORK, dancing and waving farewell to the other SPIRITS. The SPIRITS give a short dance and form semicircle again.*)

HAPPINESS. I wonder where Work and Service are? I should have gone also! The Seeker will need Happiness!

KNOWLEDGE. Yes, but she needs Knowledge more than anything!

HEALTH. I do not agree with you! If she have not Health, she can never attain any of the Points of the Law!

HAPPINESS. Gently, Sisters! Do not let us quarrel! We are here to help the Seeker! We shall each have a large share of her life hereafter.

BEAUTY. Here they come!

*Enter SERVICE and WORK.*

SERVICE. Oh, Happiness, we should have taken you with us!

WORK. Yes, she did the work thoroughly but did not really enjoy it.

HAPPINESS. I'll follow here hereafter!

*Enter GIRL, wearing apron and sweeping cap and carrying duster. She throws duster down, takes off cap and apron and throws them down also.*

GIRL. There! I'm glad that's finished! I do hate to clean! What shall I do next?

*(Sits down, takes up Manual.)*

*(KNOWLEDGE and HEALTH start forward; KNOWLEDGE gets there first.)*

KNOWLEDGE. You need me next, dear Seeker!

GIRL. I'll "Pursue Knowledge" and study my lessons for Monday. Oh, dear! I do hate to study!

HAPPINESS *(coming forward)*. If I am with you when you "Pursue Knowledge" you will enjoy studying!

GIRL. I suppose I might as well be cheerful about it!

HAPPINESS. That's better! Being happy will always help!

GIRL. Oh, dear! I never can learn this history! And we have a test on Monday! I hate dates, unless they are filled with candy! I'll tell my teacher that I was ill and then she'll excuse me!

*(GIRL takes novel and reads; KNOWLEDGE and HAPPINESS turn away; TRUTH advances.)*

TRUTH *(sadly)*. But that would not be the truth! A Camp Fire Girl is always "Trustworthy"!

GIRL *(sighing, throws down novel)*. I might as well

be truthful! (*Takes up History.*) I'll try again to get these dry dates through my brain.

(TRUTH *retires*; KNOWLEDGE and HAPPINESS *return and stand back of chair.*)

HAPPINESS. I am still here, dear Seeker!

GIRL. I think I can learn them, after all! (*She rises, walks up and down studying.* KNOWLEDGE and HAPPINESS *return to places in semicircle.*) Magna Charta was signed in 1215—William the Conqueror came over and the Battle of Hastings was in 1066—Queen Elizabeth reigned from 1558 to 1603—Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded in 1587—

CAMP FIRE GIRLS (*outside*). Wohelo!

GIRL. There are the girls! Hoo-hoo! Come in! (CAMP FIRE GIRLS *enter.*) Hello! Where are you going?

FIRST CAMP FIRE GIRL. Tennis! Come have a game with us!

SECOND CAMP FIRE GIRL. Yes, do! It's such a fine day!

GIRL. I cannot spare the time. You know I am trying to follow the "Law of the Fire" so that I may become a Camp Fire Girl. "Pursue Knowledge" seems to be important, so I am studying my History for Monday.

FIRST C. F. GIRL. Every point of the Law is important, but to my mind, "Hold on to Health" comes first. (HEALTH *comes forward, delighted.*)

GIRL. But I'm too tired! I cleaned the dining-room this morning! That's worth a bead, isn't it?

SECOND C. F. GIRL (*laughing*). You'll have to do it for a whole month before you can earn an Honor!

GIRL. Oh, dear! As long as that?

FIRST C. F. GIRL. I did the breakfast dishes, dusted the dining-room, cleaned my own room and took care of baby while mother went to market and I am not too tired to play tennis!

SECOND C. F. GIRL. Come along! After you have had a good run in this clear pure air and exercised all your

muscles you will feel rested and you will be surprised to see how easily you can remember dates.

FIRST C. F. GIRL. Let the Spirit of Health rule your life!

GIRL. I believe you are right! I will win my first Camp Fire Honor in Health Craft!

*(The three GIRLS go out arm in arm, singing "Along the road, etc.")\**

HEALTH. Health above all, you e'er should place,  
And all Honors you will win!  
Health above all! You'll win the race  
And perfect be, without, within!

*(HEALTH retires and takes place in semicircle.)*

TRUTH. Behold, the Mystic Seven, we!  
Sent hither by Wohelo;  
'Tis with our aid, you'll agree,  
The Seeker happiness will know!

*(The SPIRITS dance round stage slowly and go out.)*

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