My Childhood Game

Like “Cops and Robbers,” “Secret Agent” is a creative and imaginative game. You have to prepare for this game and set up the rules. There are certain people who like to play the game. I think this game is in some ways like the real world, but it is also different. I don’t know if all kids play Secret Agent, but in my family we have a great time playing it and using our imaginations.

First, to play Secret Agent you will need to make up code names like “Black Cobra” or “The Fog.” Everyone should pick a name that sounds mysterious and powerful. Then you will set up a mission, like a bank robbery or a murder. Next, everyone has to pick a weapon for themselves. This is my favorite part, because to pick the right weapon you have to imagine you are going into battle. Once you have chosen your names, mission, and weapons, you are ready to review the rules and start playing.

There are many rules in the game Secret Agent. Some of the rules usually stay the same. First, you never die. Second, once you’re done with your part of the mission, you help your teammates. Finally, have fun and use your imagination! Rules can be added, discarded, or changed, but your idea needs to be reasonable and everyone playing
has to vote on it.

Most of the time, I play this game in the summer when my cousins Omar and Diego come from Bakersfield. I mainly play with Omar because Diego is only two years old, but we find a way for Diego to play by letting him run around and get saved by us. We meet our other cousins who live in Oakland and all the cousins play together. For the four cousins who are closest in age, it is like a reunion game for us since we don’t see each other often. When we play the game, we get to feel close again by having fun together and making up missions that are exciting for everyone.

I think that Secret Agent is similar to real things in the world because it has C.S.I. and F.B.I. situations. You can even use parts of stories that you see on TV shows or in the news to make your missions more interesting. Then again, it’s different because you can’t die, the weapons aren’t real, and you use your imagination.

Although some people might think that using your imagination is childish or not important, it actually is more than just playing games. For me the most important thing about playing Secret Agent is that it is a way the kids in my family feel close even though we live far apart.
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