

Once upon a time,

Herr and Frau Silberhaus and their children, Clara and Fritz, prepare for a festive Christmas party. A special guest is due to arrive... the mysterious toy maker and beloved family friend, Dr. Drosselmeyer. He arrives at the party with gifts for the children and magical dancing toys that amaze and entertain all of the guests. For Clara, his godchild, he brings a special gift - a Nutcracker. A very jealous Fritz tries to take the Nutcracker away from Clara, and breaks it! Dr. Drosselmeyer repairs the toy, and exhausted from the joyous celebration, the guests return home and Clara sleepily says goodnight.



Thankful for her help in the battle, the Nutcracker Prince takes Clara to celebrate in the Kingdom of the Sweets. They begin their journey through the beautiful Winter Forest where they meet the Snow Queen and King, and dazzling snowflakes dance joyously around them.



Arriving in the Kingdom of the Sweets, Clara and the Nutcracker Prince are welcomed by the Sugarplum Fairy and her Cavalier. Upon hearing the exciting story of victory over evil, the Sugarplum Fairy declares that there will be a festival in honor of their guests. All the Sweets in the Kingdom appear to dance for Clara and her Nutcracker Prince, including the Sugarplum Fairy! But soon it is time to go home, and as she waves goodbye to her magical friends, Clara knows that this will always be her most special Christmas.

In the middle of the night, Clara visits the Christmas tree to search for her Nutcracker. She finds him, but is startled by mice who are as big as Fritz! The Mouse King arrives and orders his mice to scare Clara away, but Dr. Drosselmeyer appears to help her. As he uses his magic to make the Christmas tree grow bigger and bigger, the toy soldiers and the Nutcracker come to life. A battle begins, and just when it looks as though the Mouse King might win, Clara throws her slipper and distracts him. The Nutcracker stabs the evil Mouse King, and wins the battle.



The Nutcracker