

THE NUTCRACKER
IN JULY

6P

Dedicated to the wonderful
people who run, attend and
dance at 6th Position.



On the night before Christmas, all through the house, all the Stahlbaum are stirring - including every mouse. It's time for a Christmas party! The girls are nearly ready, Mrs Stahlbaum's best dressed, it's time to open the door and let in the guests.

Uncle Drosselmeyer toils away in his workshop. As he paints and paints his toys, he sheds a tear. Someone he loves has been missing for many years....





As the guests arrive,
the girls think about
what they want for
Christmas.

Clara has one wish - to be a
real ballerina! Marie has a wish
too, which is to have the best
party ever (at all cost!).

Something magic is in the air...

Uncle Drasselmeyer performs everyone's favourite: magic tricks. This year is extra special - he has brought something truly magical, life-sized dolls that can dance and play!



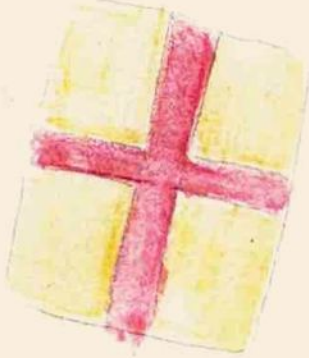


Now, it's time for gifts!

Marie gets a new doll, Mrs Stahlbaum gets a new pearl necklace, and Clara gets the best gift of all - a Nutcracker.

While the party guests are dancing, Drosselmeyer tells Clara a secret....

"Once upon a time, the Nutcracker used to be a girl, until she was cursed by the wicked Mouse Queen. Now she waits for the day that someone will break her curse....."





Marie, jealous of Clara's present, tries to take the Nutcracker from her sister.

SNAP!

The Nutcracker is broken.

Luckily, Drosselmeyer is there to fix her.

As the party guests leave, Mrs Stahlbaum says it's time for bed. To end her magical Christmas Eve, Clara sleeps under the tree with Nutcracker.



BONG!

The clock twelve strikes!



Drosselmeyer sends the Christmas Star to watch over Clara.

But wait! The ballerina doll comes to life with a warning - the Mouse Queen returns.... and she is here to make sure the Nutcracker never breaks her curse.

Drosselmeyer springs to action, he quickly shrinks Clara down to the size of a mouse.

With a wave of his hand, the Nutcracker comes to life.

The battle begins....



CLASH!

CLANG! With a flurry of swords,
the Mouse Queen attacks. The battle rages on,
until - stab! The Nutcracker falls down....





Thinking quickly, Clara grabs her pointe shoes and smacks her. The Mouse Queen grabs her minions and flees.

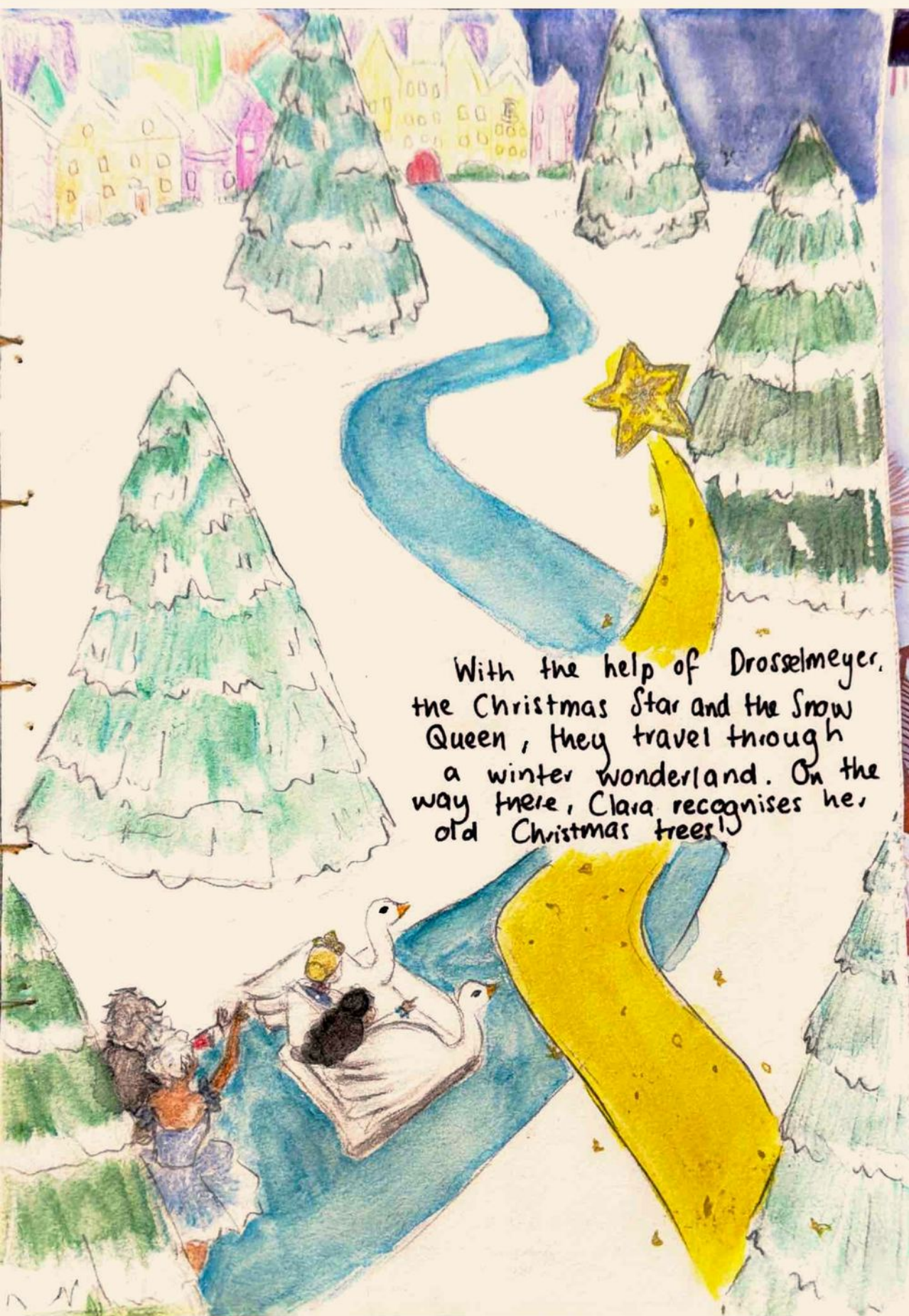
As the Nutcracker lays injured, all hope seems lost....

All of a sudden, the Christmas Star appears. She works her magic and heals her doll.



But to Clara's surprise, it's not her doll, but a real girl appears!

The Nutcracker Princess is over the moon. She thanks Clara and invites her back to her home, the Kingdom of Sweets.



With the help of Drosselmeyer,
the Christmas Star and the Snow
Queen, they travel through
a winter wonderland. On the
way there, Clara recognises her
old Christmas trees!



At the Castle of Sweets, the Nutcracker introduces Clara to the Sugar Plum Fairy. After hearing their story, to thank Clara for breaking the curse; she throws a party in her honour!

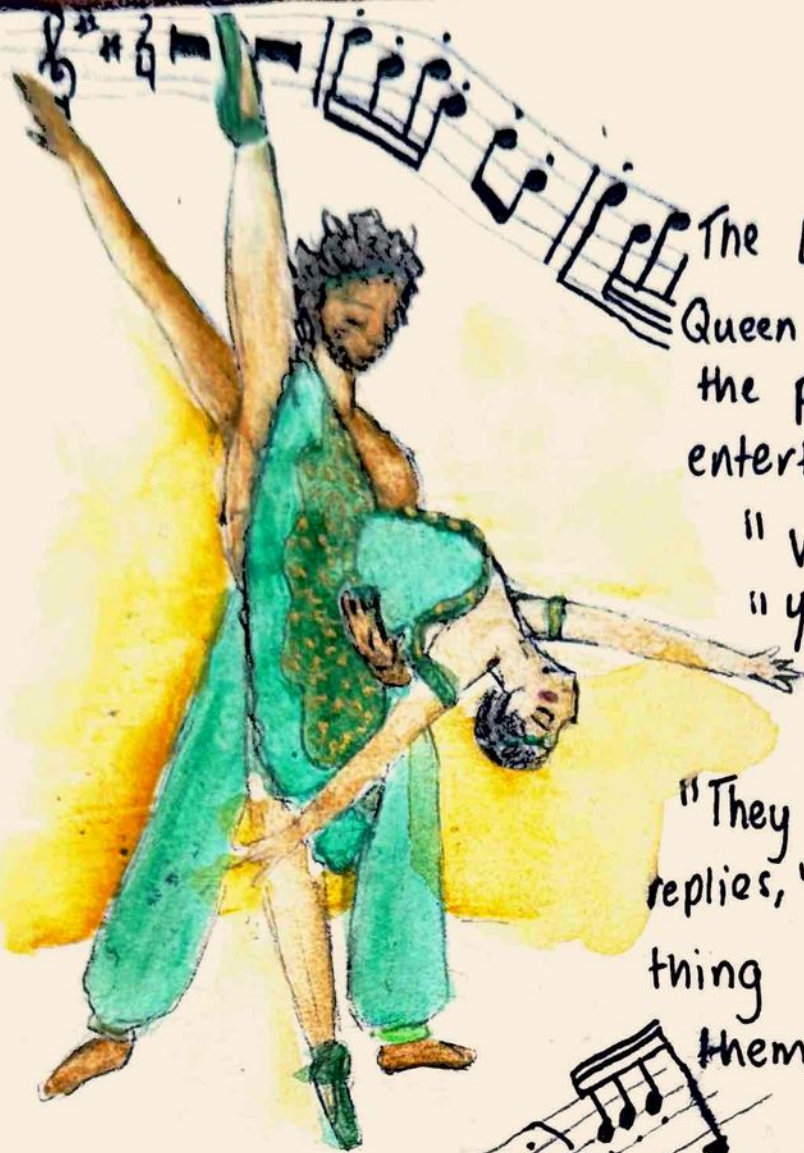
One by one, the
sweets start to dance.

The Lemon Queen wows
Clara with her lavish
meringues.



And the playful
puddings come out
to party.





The Lime King and Queen enchant while the passionate pavlovas entertain. 

"Wow!" Clara says.
"Your friends are amazing dancers."

"They are," the Nutcracker replies, "I learnt everything I know from them."





Now it's time for the
twirling candy canes
to flip and flounce
across the stage.

And don't forget
about the mischievous
gingerbreads, who have
come out to play!





Look! The dazzling
trifles are waltzing



And
now its
time for
the Sugar Plum
Fairy to dance.

Now the dancing is done, it's time for one more gift. "What is it that you wish for, Clara?"

Clara's heart fills with joy and she whispers "I wish I was a ballerina!"

Sugar Plum smiles. "I think I can fix that!"



And so, they danced.*

And danced.

And danced.



The Mouse Queen returns!

As the Nutcracker Princess and Clara tried to run, she blocked them with her wicked sword. The fight begins - again!



Clara, quick thinking, grabs the Mouse Queens sword and stabs her with it. With her dying breaths she lets out at a squeal. "I invoke my curse! I invoke my curse! Let my magic turn you back into a doll once more!"

Clara runs over to her Nutcracker, but it's too late.



It's too late.



Clara blinks twice, and suddenly, she's home?
It wasn't just a dream,
was it? But it had
all seemed so real.

Clara looks down
at her nutcracker,
was her friend really gone
forever?



Suddenly, there was two
sharp raps on the door.

"Miss Clara, there's
someone here for you!"
the nanny calls.

Who could that
possibly be at
this time of day?

"Hello Clara." Uncle Drosselmeyer says. "I have
someone who would like to see you. I think you
may have met before..."

"Yes." Clara smiles, "I believe we have."



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AFTERWORD

I first started this project with the expectation that I would not finish. Surprise to future me. This January I was fortunate enough to be in a position to audition (rhyme!) for The Nutcracker in July. I spent most of 2025 in poor health, with many a trip to the hospital on my roster. Being able to audition for this role, and to win being the Christmas Star, was a dream come true.

I made this book using the love I feel for my friends, colleagues and teachers. In these pages, you will find many reference photos from the 2025 production. I also tried to include as many recognisable faces as I could. My vision is that you might look through these pages and see your friends, or maybe even yourself.

Congratulations 6th Position - this was the best show yet! - Tahlia ♥