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FADE IN

**INT. BACKGROUND - PARLOR WITH A FIREPLACE. THE READER IS SEATED  
IN A VICTORIAN CHAIR HOLDING A BOOK CLOSED ON HER LAP.**

Music: Overture

READER

Gather around, children, and hear the  
story of The Nutcracker. I am here to  
read you a story that was written many  
years ago. This story is told in words,  
but did you know that a story can also  
be told in *dance*? *That* kind of  
*storytelling is called a ballet, and*  
*the dancers you will see in their*  
*beautiful costumes, plus many more, are*  
*all part of the Commonwealth Ballet's*  
*production of *The Nutcracker*. They*  
will help me tell the story.

She opens the book and begins to read.#

READER

It was Christmas Eve, a night for  
magic. Anything could happen! CLARA and  
her brother FRITZ waited outside the  
door to the parlor.

Music: Party Scene opening.

READER begins to show the picture to the audience.