NUTCRACKER

Short movie. Story follows the Tchaikovsky ballet. Written and directed by Zoltan Demme. For the DVD of the elaborated movie you can check internet or nearby retail stores.

Flying helicopters appear on the screen.

NARRATOR 2

These helicopters have been flying and flying here to unfold some secrets. They represent us people. We are surrounded with secrets everywhere. And desiring to understand almost every single one. ...Nutcrackers we are. Lifelong we crack some sorts of nuts and see what is under the shell. If having hard times in life tough nuts we also must crack... Otherwise, the Nutcracker is the hero of tales of many nations. He is a prince in a palace containing some strange chambers underneath. There are many nuts in each chamber among the cobwebs. And there is one important secret inside each single nut...

The title appears. NUTCRACKER.

NARRATOR 2

And last the Nutcracker is a dear doll in households of romantic centuries. A puppet that has a long jaw used when someone cracks a nutshell. A puppet who some nights revives...

The Nutcracker is searching for nuts in a chamber. All the nuts he checks have a written title on the shell. Nutcracker cracks one of them titled 'The Heaven'.

NUTCRACKER

- Nothing inside? Could it be possible that the Heaven does not exist?

Nutcracker cracks another nut.

NUTCRACKER

Is this the Hell really? With flowers filled?

GARDENER 1

Yes, young man! Have a look around! I am happy to show you everything! Here blossoming Japanese nut trees you see! Flowers of Chinese, especially spicy nut! Nutmeg flowers from Argentina! Manola nut of India. And the Mexican nut yielding in springtime. Five trees of them had already yielded nuts! This fresh crop we are refining now! Quite delicious, vanilla-flavored nuts!

GARDENER 2

He is not interested! He wanna know else! Are there here damned sins or not?

GARDENER 1

- Nobody, young man! Hell disappeared from here! Hell had been built down and placed into you and into all other people! You are not understanding me! Think for a while! All humans could have enemies! But each single person has solely one rather dangerous enemy! He himself! ...Still not understanding me! Around twenty years you are! Just watch what your organism makes very soon! You'll lose teeth, have headaches more and more, and sleep worse and worse! Some years pass and you'll spot even something gray in your hair!

GARDENER 2

- Or think how much stupid nonsense you made in your past! Many things you spoiled irreversibly! In the future you'll spoil more and more! Sorry about! Though, for doing beautiful things, you are also able. Great thing, values, or richness! Nobody would obstruct you! Just one, one single person! Your enemy, yourself ... Why to torture here the organism of any person? He himself will make it! Why to damage the life here of any other person? He himself surely will do it!

GARDENER 1

- Yes! Hell transformed into a virus present in everyone! Hell, as defined, does not exist at all! Here light feelings and happiness are floating in the air!

Nutcracker picks up another nut titled: Worlds beyond the Universe.

NUTCRACKER

- Worlds beyond the Universe. Could it border the Universe? Could it be that any other world is existing than the Universe? Nut compatible for Windows 98, Windows 2000, Windows NT of your computer.

Nutcracker puts the nut into the computer.

NUTCRACKER

- Started. Could it be that I'll know what is over the Universe? Go on!
- Go on! Go on! I do have to know what exists over the Universe! Go on!
 - The Aurus Stars! Awfully far away!
 - The latest, the farthest stars. Go! What is beyond the border?

The computer stops and states: NOTHING. It also states the distance traveled: INFINITY. It marks the infinity both + and - signs with..

NUTCRACKER

- Nothing? What? Tell me something about nothing! ... Hmm. ... Then tell me something about the infinity! Go on! Go on! Go!!! ... Coming back? Coming back to the earth! I know now why! It came up to infinity with positive numbers! It ran into infinity, which is plus and minus in all cases! And I forced it further to run! Going further, making the next step, it must use negative numbers! Soon we will be there where we're starting. At zero.

Nutcracker turn off the computer. He picks up another nut titled: The Golden Age.

NUTCRACKER

- Snowing outside! The Golden Age! Because there'll be time when the so much awaited Golden Age arrives into the earth! And then, on foreheads of humans, a third eye will grow! All hidden labors of the Universe humans will sense with it! None of the secrets will remain unrevealed! Humans will know how the Universe was born! How the life was born of inanimate nature! Is God existing or not? ... They will know everything! Eternal happiness, Nirvana spreads on the entire earth!

Nutcracker cracks the nut.

NUTCRACKER

- Where they are? With their third eye? Knowing secrets. ... They hung themselves up? After having known all secrets?

Nutcracker runs to another chamber.

NUTCRACKER

- Other kind of nut is needed. Different than the previous ones. I need somebody who says to me something!

Nutcracker picks up another nut titled: Mermaids.

NUTCRACKER

- Mermaid? What does this word mean? Mermaids. Probably they're deep-sea creatures! Here we go. Mermaids. I remember now! Partly beautiful girl, partly fish mermaid is!

Nutcracker cracks the nut. We see small strange creatures heaped up on a fish market: the head and body of them looks like fish, while the bottom part of their body looks like the legs of girls and women.

NUTCRACKER

- What a stench! Awfully smelly!

NUTCRACKER

- But I did not want white cobwebs. But ghosts instead! Those who know the Beyond!

Among the huge cobwebs ghosts stand up.

NUTCRACKER

- No thanks at all! I'm glad you are out of the nut! ...Just a second! ...Please! About the Beyond I wanna ask you!...

All the ghosts disappear. Nutcracker picks up another nut.

NUTCRACKER

- Rather this one! No label on!

Nutcracker cracks the nut. We see three old men working with fruits and fruit syrups in a garden.

NUTCRACKER

- What are you doing?

PHILOSOPHER 1

- Improving different fruits from green nuts! For us peel is important! Not the content inside, it's under the shell!

PHILOSOPHER 2

- Besides, we do apples with taste of nuts! Oranges with mild nut aroma! Lemons with nutty zest! These chemical syrups we use when completing our job.

NUTCRACKER

- But sir...! Who are you...?

PHILOSOPHER 2

- We are philosophers!

NUTCRACKER

- Philosophers? Philosophy? What is that?

PHILOSOPHER 1

- Philosophy answers the all-important questions emerging in the world.

NUTCRACKER

- Philosophy discovers hidden contents? It provides very new information?

PHILOSOPHER 2

- Please...! In details only! Humans have been already informed very well about essence and essential elements of the world! We know everything that is relevant.

NUTCRACKER

- We know everything? We know nothing important!

PHILOSOPHER 1

- No! Do know, please! ...People don't like the fact that the essential processes of the earth, of the space, of the Universe are already understood! But this is the truth! Sure there will be further discoveries! About details! Sooner or later HIV we will cure, cancer we will cure, and so on. But nothing new will appear about the final, fundamental problems.

NUTCRACKER

- Many will appear, sir! We still know nothing about lots of worlds. Domain of spirits! Worlds of aliens!

PHILOSOPHER 1

- Because none of them exists! Vainly humans like to believe in--or I myself like to believe in! They still do not exist.

NUTCRACKER

- But that time when traveling faster than light ray in galaxies...It turns out...

PHILOSOPHER 1

Nothing turns out, sir!

PHILOSOPHER 2

- No faster speed! It won't be even after millions of years. During the life of the tenth humankind, of the fiftieth humankind.

PHILOSOPHER 3

- Sir, you crack and crack nuts in vain! There is nothing significant under the shells! The basic questions all had been answered. However, the cover, the coat, is still very interesting. The fruit, the fruit, that is important now and not something under the shell.

PHILOSOPHER 2

- Do you know that in Paradise how beautiful and delicious fruits and nuts were ripened? Cherries with nut aroma. Pineapples with nutty piquancy! Nutty pears! We have to reconstruct Eden on earth as soon as possible! You too ought to work for Eden instead of cracking nuts! This is the duty of a reliable person nowadays!

NUTCRACKER

- But what is this entire Universe? What is the essence of it?? The essential questions!! These always stayed unanswered!

No answer. Philosophers work with enthusiasm without saying a word. The Nutcracker leaves them, steps into another chamber, and searches for another and again and again other nuts.

The end.