Disney's new Christmas movie The Nutcracker And The Four Realms inspires the courage to be yourself

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1 Renowned film maker Lasse Hallström and leading Hollywood stars Keira Knightly and Helen
2 Mirren take the magic of Christmas to new and boundless heights in Disney's latest movie, *The*
3 *Nutcracker And The Four Realms* – […]

4 We all know and love the Christmas tale of *The Nutcracker*, but in this all-new version Clara - who
5 is played by exciting new young talent McKenzie Foy - finds herself on an extraordinary journey
6 to a parallel world as she searches for a special key that will unlock a gift from her late mother.
7 This world is both baffling and beautiful, filled with magical lands and intriguing inhabitants.

8 Keira plays the role of Sugar Plum Fairy, the beloved regent of the Land of Sweets (the yummiest
9 of the realms with gingerbread architecture and gum drop decor!). […] "Keira Knightly is
10 magnificent. She brings so much to the character," says producer Mark Gordon.

11 Helen Mirren brings a new character to life, the much-feared leader of the dark Fourth Realm,
12 Mother Ginger. […] "I just love the idea that she's slightly piratical. She has a wooden sword, her
13 clothes are all tattered and torn and she's not in pristine condition like Sugar Plum. Mother Ginger
14 is very rough and ready."

15 […] The themes in *The Nutcracker And the Four Realms* centre around realizing your potential
16 and finding your strength through the love of your family.

17 "I love you because you're so different. You see the world in a unique way. When you realize
18 that's your greatest strength, you can change the world, my girl," Clara's mother Marie says to
19 Clara before she dies. […] Clara has a special bond with her wise but eccentric godfather
20 Drosselmeyer, who is played by the formidable Morgan Freeman.

21 And while the all-new movie isn't a ballet, filmmakers felt the story wouldn't be complete without
22 paying homage to the ballet that endeared the story in the hearts of audiences around the world.
23 Principal dancer for American Ballet Theatre Misty Copeland portrays the Ballerina Princess and
24 celebrated Ukrainian ballet dancer Sergei Polunin dances as Sweet Cavalier. […]

25 Magical, inspirational and universally relatable, *The Nutcracker And The Four Realms* celebrates
26 the real magic of Christmas – the love of family and having the courage to be yourself.

A. Read the article and write down the differences between this Disney film and traditional ones

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B. Vocabulary : find synonyms for the following words

Great (l.5)= ---------- look for (l.6)= ---------- enigmatic (l.7)= ----------

Despotic(l.11) = ---------- rebellious (l.12) = ---------- spotless (l.13)= ----------

Connection(l.19) = ---------- made it well-liked (l.22)= ---------- understandable (l.25) = -------

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