Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

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Characters:

Snow White
Evil Queen
Mirror/Handsome Prince
Woodsman
Dwarves (lines to be distributed by Director)

Scene 1

The scene opens in the palace. The queen stands before the mirror, combing her hair.

Queen: Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?

Mirror: You are, queen, I tell you true, no one in the land looks better than you.

Queen: You're absolutely right.

Mirror: I know.

There is a knock, and Snow White enters.

Snow White: Mother? I was just wondering if I could go to my friend Princess Alice's house for dinner.

Queen: Don't call me mother! I'm your step-mother. You may call me your Majesty. And no, you can't go to Alice's for dinner.

Snow White: But ...

Queen: No buts. Leave me alone. I'm looking at myself, and I don't want to be interrupted.

Snow White: Okay.

Snow White exits.

Queen: The nerve of that girl. Always asking me for favours. I am so patient, and as kind as I am beautiful.

The queen continues to primp and preen, and the lights go down.

Scene 2

Lights come up on the dwarves' cottage. The dwarves enter, tired.

Dwarf : Man, I'm beat.

Dwarf : Me too.

Dwarf : I'm hungry.

All : Me too!

Dwarf : All right. Who's going to make supper?

All : Not me!

Dwarf : Someone has to.

Dwarf : But we're all too tired!

Dwarf: I guess that means we order pizza again. (all groan) We really need to hire a maid or something!

They all flop onto their beds, and the lights go down

Scene 3

Lights up on the palace. It is another day, the queen stands before her mirror again.

Queen: Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?

Mirror: You're pretty cute, my darling queen, but not the fairest I've ever seen.

The queen gasps.

Queen: What! How can that be? Listen mirror, here's how it goes: I ask who's the fairest, you tell me it's ME! And no lying!

Mirror: Sorry Queen, I cannot lie. The sweet Snow White has caught my eye. You are beautiful, it's true, but Snow White's more beautiful than you.

Queen: That's it! I've had it with that girl! She's toast. (goes over to a phone, picks it up, dials, waits a minute, then-) Nigel? Come see me immediately. I have a job for you.

The queen hangs up and makes a face at the mirror. It sticks its tongue out at her in response. She throws a blanket over it. A knock is heard, and the woodsman enters.

Queen: Ah, Nigel. You are my most loyal woodsman, aren't you?

Nigel: Yes, your majesty.

Queen: I have a job for you, Nigel. I want you to get rid of Snow White.

Nigel: Get rid of her?

Queen: Yes. Take her out into the woods and chop off her head. I want her gone.

Nigel: Can't I just buy her a one-way ticket to Mongolia?

Queen: No! She must die. Now get going. (he starts to leave) Oh, and Nigel?

Nigel: Yes.

Queen: Bring me her heart. I want proof that she's dead.

Nigel: Okay.

Nigel leaves, sad. The queen gloats and the lights go down.

Scene 4

Lights up on Snow White and Nigel deep in the forest.

Snow White: I really don't think we're going to find any flowers, Nigel. It's the middle of winter.

Nigel: I know. Actually, Snow White, the queen wants you dead. I'm supposed to kill you. But I can't. So you must run away, far, far away, and never return.

Snow White: But...

Nigel: Just run!

Snow White runs off.

Nigel: All right. Now to find a deer... I do need to bring back a heart. (He sits and waits with his knife for a moment, then gives up) Oh, never mind. I'll just stop in at a butcher shop on the way home.

Nigel exits.

Scene 5

The dwarves' house. We hear a knock, then Snow White enters, nervously.

Snow White: Hello? Hello? Anyone home? (to herself) I know I shouldn't barge in but it's so cold out there.

Snow White looks around, tidies a bit, humming, then sits down and falls asleep. The Dwarves enter.

Dwarf : Whoa. Something's different here.

Dwarf : It's cleaner.

All: And there's a girl sleeping on our sofa!

Snow White wakes up. She's startled, and so are the dwarves.

Snow White: I'm so sorry! Is this your house?

Dwarves: Yes.

Snow White: I'm sorry I came in without asking. It's jut that it's so cold outside and...

Dwarf : Did you clean up in here?

Snow White: Yes. Well, I needed somewhere to sit down and ...

Dwarves: You're hired!

Snow White: What?

Dwarf: We've been needing someone to look after the house. If you'll cook and clean for us, you can stay!

Snow White: Well, I do need a home ...

Dwarves: Yipee! No more pizza!

Snow White looks a bit confused, but the dwarves are so excited that she soon smiles too.

Scene 6

Lights come up on the Queen, again in front of her mirror.

Queen: Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?

Mirror: I know you're gonna hate me, Queen, but Snow White's still the fairest I've ever seen.

Queen: Hah! You're wrong there! She's dead. See, I've got her heart. (Opens a box and shows the mirror, who grimaces with disgust) So tell me again-who's the fairest.

Mirror: You are really something else, but over yonder hills and dells, plumping seven little pillows, lives Snow White, with her fellows.

Queen: What!? All right, that's it. I guess if you want something done, ya gotta do it yourself. See ya, mirror. I'm off to the poison room! Hmm... maybe I should do something with fruit...

The queen stomps off.

Mirror: Uh oh, folks, you know what this means. You might want to close your eyes for the next few scenes.

Scene 7

Lights up on the dwarves' house. Snow White is sweeping happily, when she hears a knock.

Snow White: Come in!

The queen enters, disguised as an old crone, carrying a huge basket of apples.

Queen: Hello my dear. I'm selling apples for a penny a piece. Would you like to buy one for yourself?

Snow White: Apples! Oh, the dwarves would love some apples. And I think I have just enough to buy seven.

Queen: But what about for you?

Snow White: Oh, well, I just had some bread. I'm alright. But the dwarves would love them.

Queen: You'd better taste one, just to make sure they're good. Here, try one. It's on the house.

Snow White: Why thank you! That's very kind. (She bites into an apple, chokes and collapses).

Queen: (Throwing off her disguise) Hah! Gotcha. Now who's the fairest, eh? It's me, the queen, and no stupid mirror is gonna tell me otherwise.

The queen and her maid leave, laughing evilly. The lights dim, but do not go out completely. After a moment, the dwarves arrive home, and the lights go up again, but not to full brightness.

When they see Snow White on the floor, they are shocked and distraught.

Dwarf : Snow White!

Dwarf : Oh no! she can't be...

All: Dead!

Dwarf : There's only one thing we can do ...

Dwarf : We'll put her on a bed in the woods.

Dwarf : Why would we do that? If she's dead, shouldn't we just bury her?

All: Don't be silly!

They all gather round her, and the lights go down.

Scene 8

Lights come up on the palace. The queen stands, as usual, in front of the mirror.

Queen: All right, mirror, this is your last chance. Who's the fairest? And don't lie!

Mirror: Silly queen, you are so vain! I have to say it's Snow White again.

Queen: It can't be! She's dead. I killed her myself.

Mirror: Your poison apple failed, you know. Now she lies upon the snow, in a coma, but not dead. You've lost- get it through your head!

Queen: I hate you! (She picks up a candlestick and smashes the mirror. The frame falls away and the mirror is revealed to be a handsome young man.)

Mirror: I'm free! I'm free! An evil spell was cast on me which took me from my princely home and forced me to serve in mirror form. But now I can be man again- Wait a minute- I don't have to talk in rhyme anymore! Now outta my way, Queen. I'm gonna save the most beautiful girl in the world!

He runs out, leaving the Queen stunned and angry.

Scene 9

The lights come up on the dwarves in the forest, with Snow White lying in their midst.

Dwarf : Goodbye, Snow White.

All: Goodbye.

Dwarf : We'll miss you.

All: Wahhh!

The prince rushes in, now wearing a winter cloak.

Prince: Hold on, don't cry! (He bends down and kisses her) Wait for it....

Snow White: (Sitting straight up) Whoa! I just had the weirdest dream...

Dwarves: Snow White! You're alive!

Snow White: Maybe it wasn't a dream.

Prince: Snow White, you don't know me, but I just saved your life. And if you come with me, I'll make you a queen. And together we'll get rid of your evil stepmother.

Dwarf : A queen? Then who will cook for us?

Dwarf : And clean?

Dwarf : Don't go with him, Snow White!

Dwarf : Yeah, you don't even know him!

Dwarf : He is awfully handsome, though...

Prince: You guys can come with us too. I'll make you all knights, and you can have the best food the palace can make.

Dwarves: It's a deal!

Snow White: Well, it does sound pretty good. Give us a few minutes to pack, and we'll be right with you.

The dwarves and Snow White exit, and the prince follows. Lights down.

The end.