

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs



STAGING: The three narrators should be placed in the rear of the staging area. They should each be standing behind a music stand or lectern. The other characters may walk around the staging area with scripts in their hands.

Narrator 1 X	Narrator 2 X	Narrator 3 X
Stepmother X	Snow White X	Chief Dwarf X

NARRATOR 1: Once upon a time there lived in a great castle a beautiful maiden. She was quite pretty, with blue eyes and long, flowing hair. Her skin was delicate and pale, so she was called Snow White.

NARRATOR 2: However, she also had a very evil stepmother—a stepmother who was very jealous of Snow White’s beauty.

NARRATOR 3: Every day the evil stepmother would stand in front of her mirror and ask the mirror a single question.

STEPMOTHER: Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who is the fairest one of all?

NARRATOR 1: The mirror always answered that the stepmother was, indeed, the most beautiful one in the whole kingdom.

NARRATOR 2: But, alas, one day the mirror told the evil stepmother that Snow White was now the most beautiful creature in the whole kingdom.

NARRATOR 3: As you might imagine, this made the evil stepmother very, very angry.

STEPMOTHER: [very angrily] Who does she think she is? She cannot be the most beautiful creature in the kingdom. *I* am the most beautiful. Snow White must die.

NARRATOR 1: And so the evil stepmother called one of her servants and told him to take Snow White deep into the forest and slay her.

NARRATOR 2: The servant put Snow White on a horse and led her into the deepest and darkest part of the forest.

NARRATOR 3: But he was overcome with guilt and could not kill this innocent maiden. So he left her in the forest, beside a tall tree, and hastened away. Snow White was all alone.

SNOW WHITE: [crying] It is so dark here. It is so lonely here. There are many strange sounds. I am very afraid.

NARRATOR 1: Finally Snow White fell asleep. At dawn the sounds of birds woke her. She looked around and saw many animals scurrying about.

NARRATOR 2: She soon found a path in the woods and began to walk along it. Before long she came to a meadow wherein stood a small cottage with a tiny door, tiny windows, and a tiny chimney.

NARRATOR 3: Snow White walked up to the very small cottage and knocked on the door. Nobody answered, so she pushed the door open and walked in.

SNOW WHITE: What a tiny, tiny place. And, look, there's a tiny table with seven tiny plates on it. Indeed, this table is set for seven people.

NARRATOR 1: Snow White went upstairs, where she found seven tiny beds. When she came back downstairs she had an idea.

SNOW WHITE: I know, I'll fix them all a fine dinner to eat. When they all come home, they'll have a fine meal before them.

NARRATOR 2: Soon there was a sound coming from the forest. It was the sound of people singing. Suddenly seven little men burst through the door of the cottage.

NARRATOR 3: To their surprise they found hot, steaming bowls of soup on the table. And the whole house had been cleaned from top to bottom.

CHIEF DWARF: [to Snow White] Who are you, and what are you doing here?

SNOW WHITE: My name is Snow White. I live in a faraway kingdom, and my evil stepmother wanted me killed because she is jealous of my beauty. I was taken into the forest by one of her servants, but he could not kill me. So he left me there and I eventually found my way here.

CHIEF DWARF: Very well. You may stay here with us. You can tend to the house while we work in the mines. You do not have to worry about your evil stepmother. We will take care of you and watch over you. You will be safe here.

NARRATOR 1: All the dwarfs jumped up and down and cheered for joy. They were all very happy to have Snow White stay with them.

NARRATOR 2: The next morning the seven dwarfs set off to work in the mines. Before they left they told Snow White to never open the door to any strangers.

NARRATOR 3: Meanwhile, the servant had returned to the castle. He told the evil stepmother that he had killed Snow White just as he had been commanded.

NARRATOR 1: Being very pleased, the evil stepmother turned to her magic mirror and asked it a question.

STEPMOTHER: Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who is the fairest one of all?

NARRATOR 2: Thinking that the mirror would answer that she, the evil stepmother, was the most beautiful one in the kingdom, she was quite surprised when the mirror told her that Snow White was still the prettiest.

STEPMOTHER: [very angrily] Oh, darn! Oh, drat! I must now go and teach that little girl a lesson she will never forget. She must die! SHE MUST DIE!!

NARRATOR 3: The stepmother disguised herself as an old peasant woman and filled a basket with apples, including one that had been poisoned.

NARRATOR 1: She climbed on her horse and rode off into the woods. Crossing a stream, she came upon the tiny cottage and knocked on the door.

SNOW WHITE: Who's there?

STEPMOTHER: It is just me. I'm an old peasant woman selling apples to make a living. Would you like an apple?

SNOW WHITE: I do not need any apples, thank you.

STEPMOTHER: But these are very fine apples. And they are quite delicious!

SNOW WHITE: I must not open the door to anyone. So thank you very much.

STEPMOTHER: Very well, I understand. But in case you change your mind, I shall leave one of my finest apples here by the door.

NARRATOR 2: With that the evil stepmother hurried back to the castle. Filled with curiosity, Snow White opened the door a crack and saw the apple on the porch.

- NARRATOR 3:** She grabbed the apple, slammed the door closed, and, being quite hungry, took a large bite from the apple.
- NARRATOR 1:** Instantly Snow White fell into a deep, deep sleep. The effects of the poison apple made her a lifeless form.
- NARRATOR 2:** That afternoon the dwarfs returned home from a day of working in the mines. There they found Snow White, lying lifeless and still on the floor of the tiny cottage.
- NARRATOR 3:** The dwarfs cried and cried. They carried her into the forest and gently placed her on a bed of rose petals.
- NARRATOR 1:** Each day they brought a rose and gently placed it beside the sleeping body of Snow White.
- NARRATOR 2:** Then one day, when they came to place their rose, they saw a young prince standing over Snow White.
- CHIEF DWARF:** That is Snow White. She has bitten into a poisoned apple and now is fast asleep. She sleeps here forever.
- NARRATOR 3:** The young prince took great pity on the beautiful maiden. He bent down and placed a gentle kiss on her lips.
- NARRATOR 1:** With that, the spell from the poisoned apple was broken. Snow White awoke from her sleep to discover the handsome prince standing before her.
- NARRATOR 2:** The young prince immediately asked Snow White to marry him and to live with him in a great castle.
- NARRATOR 3:** Snow White agreed. She said good-bye to the seven dwarfs and went to live with the handsome prince—happily ever after!