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Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

**A pantomime written
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CAST (in order of appearance)

Snow White – the Princess; she is sweet and kind and loved by all - except of course her evil stepmother.

Prince David of Essex – Snow White’s love interest and our hero; he’s very dashing, rather flamboyant and just a little dandy.

Lucas – Prince David’s aide; the intelligent and well-spoken right-hand man of the Prince who is always ready to advise on all matters.

Nurse Poppy Cox – the Dame, Snow White’s nurse; she has cared for the Princess since she was a baby and loves her like a mother.

Pip – Nurse Poppy’s son; he works at the palace as an odd job boy and grew up with Snow White.

Queen Narcissa – Snow White’s evil stepmother; she’s a vain, wicked and selfish woman who will stop at nothing to be the fairest in the land.

Fairy Kindheart – Snow White’s fairy godmother; she’s a kind fairy who watches over Snow White from a distance but can’t resist the odd interference.

Hatchet – the Queen’s right-hand man; he’s not overly bright and he can sometimes be a bit of a coward. Despite appearances he’s not as bad as he seems.

Déjà Vu – the Queen’s magic mirror; a trapped spirit who can venture outside of the frame—but must always return. The mirror cannot tell a lie.

Bianca – the Queen’s handmaiden; she’s a typical teen from the ghetto with aspirations to run her own salon. She is streetwise and likes to say ‘like’ a lot.

THE DWARFS

Boris – a dwarf who thinks he’s the leader of the pack and likes to take charge.

Dippy – a sweet-natured but not overly bright dwarf who asks a lot of questions.

Glitz – a diva! Born to be on the stage, always using *jazz hands* and saying ‘*tah-da!*’

Jolly – a cheerful dwarf who’s bubbly and excitable, almost to bursting point.

Brainy – a well educated dwarf who has a tendency to quote random facts and figures even if they are not relevant.

Noisy – a noisy dwarf, he shouts *everything* and is always very, very loud.

Cranky – a quick-tempered dwarf, he is often stropky and argumentative.

Chorus of Palace Staff, Party Guests & Forest Animals

Time - long ago

Place - the kingdom of *Wherever*

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

1. "Mr Blue Sky" (ELO) (Snow White, Bianca and Chorus)
2. "9 To 5" (Dolly Parton) (Dwarfs)
3. "Help!" (The Beatles) (Queen)
4. "Perfect" (Ed Sheeran) (Snow White & Prince)
5. "On My Own" (Les Miserables) (Snow White)
6. "We Go Together" (Grease) (Dwarfs, Chorus & Snow White)

ACT 2

7. "I Want To Break Free" (Queen) (Déjà Vu)
8. "Shine a Light" (McFly) (Prince)
9. "Consider Yourself" (Oliver!) (Dwarfs)
10. "It's In His/Her Kiss" (Cher) (Prince & Chorus)
11. "Is This the Way To Amarillo?" (Tony Christie) (Audience Participation Song)
12. "Reach" (S Club 7) (Company)

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ACT I

Scene I

Front of tabs

A mirror frame sits SL

(SFX Bells) Fairy Kindheart enters SR

Fairy Kindheart Welcome, I am Fairy Kindheart and this is the Kingdom of *(insert town)*, home of Princess Snow White. Once a happy place, it has fallen into ruin and despair under the reign of Snow White's wicked stepmother, Queen Narcissa. She is a beautiful but incredibly vain woman, who frequently consults her magic mirror Déjà Vu, to ensure that she is the fairest in the land.

Queen Narcissa *(off stage)* Magic mirror, great and grand,
Who is the fairest in the land?

Fairy Kindheart Uh-oh! That sounds like her now, catch you later.

Fairy Kindheart exits. (SFX Evil intro) Narcissa enters SL

Queen Narcissa I said...Magic mirror, great and grand,
Who is the fairest in the land?

(SFX Dr Who Tardis) Déjà Vu steps into the frame

Déjà Vu Your Majesty,
With flawless skin and perfect hair
Your beauty is beyond compare.

Queen Narcissa Absolutely right, Déjà Vu.

Déjà Vu As you know, the spirit of the mirror cannot lie; it is one of my many qualities.

Queen Narcissa It's a shame your magic can't conjure up some extra revenue; the reserves in the royal mint are dangerously low.

Déjà Vu You do lead a rather lavish lifestyle, my Queen!

Queen Narcissa Silence, mirror! I've simply made a few bad investments on the stock market recently.

Déjà Vu Like what?

Queen Narcissa I brought shares in boxing gloves, which took a dive; I have stocks in Stannah Stair Lifts which continue to slowly decline and on top of that, I invested heavily in designer underwear but the bottom fell out of the market.

Déjà Vu You've not had much luck, have you?

Queen Narcissa That's about to change. It's Princess Snow White's birthday today and with that in mind I have arranged a small celebration.

Déjà Vu What are you planning now?

Queen Narcissa I've invited a wealthy prince to attend our little soiree.

Déjà Vu Who is he?

Queen Narcissa Prince David of Essex. I picked his name from the Royal Rich List, have you heard of him?

Déjà Vu Essex is the wealthiest kingdom in the realm! By all accounts Prince David is quite a catch.

Queen Narcissa Where do you get your information, Déjà Vu?

Déjà Vu Hello Magazine, my Queen!

Queen Narcissa So this prince, he's a handsome sort, is he?

Déjà Vu I believe he is a rather dishy fellow.

Queen Narcissa All the better, Déjà Vu, I've contrived this little get-together so we may be introduced. With my beauty and his fortune we will be a formidable power couple.

Déjà Vu You certainly will, your Majesty, and a party is the ideal solution for Snow White to do a little socialising too; she doesn't get out enough.

Queen Narcissa Snow White! I don't want her hanging around cramping my style.

Déjà Vu People will expect to see her at her own party.

Queen Narcissa Well they will be sorely disappointed! Give that brat half a chance and she would have my throne.

Déjà Vu My Queen, you are blowing things out of proportion, the Princess doesn't want your throne.

Queen Narcissa She hates me, Déjà Vu.

Déjà Vu Don't be so melodramatic! With her gentle nature I doubt Snow White is capable of hating anyone; try being a little more...motherly?

Queen Narcissa Ugh, I am not her mother!

Déjà Vu You're all the family she has.

Queen Narcissa That is unfortunate! Rather inconsiderate of the King to pop his clogs and leave *me* to raise *his* daughter. I hate kids. They're revolting! (*Boos from the audience*) Oh shut up...this is exactly what I mean; the only thing they're good for is showing us how to use YouTube. Anyhow, I haven't got time to discuss the pros and cons of parenting, we still have the final arrangements to make before the guests arrive.

Déjà Vu Yes, my Queen.

They exit as the curtain opens on a grand hall in the Palace where everyone is preparing for the up coming party. Chorus are maids and butlers etc. Snow White enters wearing a pretty party dress

Snow White Good morning.

Chorus Happy birthday, Snow White.

Snow White Thank you.

Bianca OMG, you look like, well Gucci!

Snow White Is that a good thing, Bianca?

Bianca A hundred per cent.

Pip It's a lovely day for a party, Snow White.

Snow White I'm so excited, Pip. My stepmother has never allowed me a birthday party before.

Bianca Yeah, that is like, a bit suspect.

Snow White Do you think she's finally warming to me?

Bianca I wouldn't like, get your hopes up.

Snow White It doesn't matter, I am so looking forward to it that nothing can spoil my mood.

Song 1

(SFX Royal fanfare) Queen Narcissa enters with Hatchet as Pip presents Snow white with an apple

Pip Here, Snow White, I picked this especially for you on your birthday.

Snow White Thank you, Pip. Apples are my favourite!

Hatchet stands guard as Narcissa steps forward and everyone looks busy

Queen Narcissa Some people are so easily pleased! Have you finished your chores yet, Snow White?

Snow White But it's my birthday. I thought I would be excused today.

Queen Narcissa Well you thought wrong. Sweep the floor and polish the silver. Everyone else has to earn their keep; why you should be any different?

Chorus Girl Because she's the Princess.

Queen Narcissa Are you speaking to me?

Chorus Girl (*meeekly*) Yes.

Queen Narcissa You're fired!

Pip You can't do that!

Queen Narcissa I just did!

Chorus Girl bursts into tears

Bianca That is like, well savage!

Queen Narcissa It's your fault, Snow White! Now you'll have to do her work too. Unless you'd rather I cancel the party?

Pip You wouldn't dare!

Queen Narcissa Try me!

Snow White It's okay, I'll do it.

Queen Narcissa Wise choice! *(To Pip and Bianca)* Don't you two have your own duties to attend to? Snow White can manage perfectly well by herself.

Pip and Bianca protest

You can always join your friend in the unemployment line? *(She indicates the sobbing girl)*

Pip and Bianca exit grumbling

Right, what's next on the agenda? Hatchet, have you done the security checks?

Hatchet Oops! I forgot, Your Majesty.

Queen Narcissa You forgot? You're hopeless; you need to be more responsible.

Hatchet I am. In my last job when something went wrong they always said I was responsible.

Queen Narcissa I'm a very demanding employer; I need to know that you can perform under pressure.

Hatchet I don't know about that, but I do a pretty mean Bohemian Rhapsody!

Queen Narcissa Get on with it and report back to me immediately.

Hatchet Yes, Your Majesty.

Hatchet exits

Queen Narcissa *(to Chorus)* Get back to work.

They all busy themselves as Queen Narcissa exits with a wicked laugh

(SFX Thunderclap)

Chorus 1 Why do you let her boss you around, Snow White?

Chorus 2 You should be the Queen, not her.

Chorus 3 It's what your father wanted.

Snow White My father isn't here.

Chorus 1 I don't know what he saw in Narcissa.

Chorus 2 I heard she dabbles in black magic!

Chorus 3 I heard that she was thrown off Love Island!

Chorus 1 When your mother died the King was devastated.

Chorus 2 Narcissa used her charm and beauty to deceive him into thinking he had a second chance at love.

Chorus 3 But once she was Queen she let her true colours show.

Chorus 1 The King died of a broken heart.

Snow White But why does she dislike me?

Chorus 2 She's jealous.

Chorus And conceited, always questioning her magic mirror to ensure she's...

All *'The fairest in the land'*.

Snow White We should get on; we have to get the palace party ready.

Chorus 3 *(producing an apron)* Here, put on this apron to keep your dress clean.

They help Snow White put on the apron

Snow White Thank you.

They all exit

(SFX Comedy intro) Nurse Poppy enters opposite

Nurse Poppy (*stretching and yawning*) Is it morning already? I haven't been sleeping too well lately! I have a recurring dream that I'm running in the Olympics, every time I hear the words 'on your marks, get set, go' - I wake up with a start. Last night I dreamt that there was a horse in my bed...it was a nightmare! (*To audience*) Oh hello, are you here for the party? I'm afraid you're a little early, I'm Nurse Poppy Cox...like the apple! But everyone calls me Nursey. I've cared for Snow White since she was knee-high to a grasshopper when I came to the palace with my son Pip. Speaking of Pip, I don't suppose you've seen him have you?

Pip enters carrying a present wrapped in birthday paper

Pip Why are you standing around in your pyjamas, Mum?

Nurse Poppy (*startled*) Pip, where have you been?

Pip I went to (*insert local shop*) to get eight cans of Sprite, but when I got back I realised I'd only picked 7Up!

Nurse Poppy What have you got there?

Pip The postman just delivered it.

Nurse Poppy It's a birthday present for Snow White.

Pip I'll put it over here for her.

Pip places the present downstage

Nurse Poppy You can't leave it lying around; there are some dodgy folk in (*insert town*).

Pip Good point! (*To audience*) Can you lot keep an eye on it for me? (*Audience respond*) If anyone goes near it you call out 'Pip, look out; there's a poacher about!' Will you do that for me? Great, let's have a practice; I'll be the thief...ready?

He sneaks up to the present and the audience respond

Oh come on, you made more noise than that on the way in! Let's try it again. (*Audience respond again*) Perfect, I knew you could do it. (*To Nurse Poppy*) Shouldn't you go and get dressed for the party, Mum?

Nurse Poppy There's plenty of time. Your dad and I used to dance; we met at a swinger's party you know...we loved Glen Miller! That was before...(she takes out a large hanky and sobs) his accident!

(*SFX Foghorn*) **Nurse Poppy** blows her nose

Hatchet enters

Hatchet What's up with Nursey?

Pip She's taking a trip down memory lane.

Hatchet Is that next to the High Street?

Pip C'mon, Mum, you know it upsets you to talk about Dad.

Nurse Poppy It helps me to remember him; my memory isn't as sharp as it used to be and I'll tell you another thing; my memory isn't as sharp as it used to be...sometimes my mind goes blank!

Hatchet Mine does that.

Pip Yours is always blank, Hatchet!

Hatchet My short-term memory is diabolical.

Nurse Poppy Cod liver oil is good for that.

Hatchet For what?

Nurse Poppy I had amnesia once, or was it twice? My husband used to say I was forgetful, right up until the day he...(she sobs again).

Hatchet What happened to him?

Nurse Poppy He was killed by a bear.

Hatchet You mean he was attacked by a grizzly?

Nurse Poppy No, he choked on a Gummy!

Hatchet That was a sticky ending; it must give you nightmares.

Nurse Poppy Not really, but I do have sweet dreams! (*She sobs again*)

Bianca enters

Bianca What's happenin', fam?

Pip Mum's reminiscing! Try to distract her and whatever you do, don't mention my dad's accident.

At some point Hatchet continues with the security checks - looking around whilst the conversation continues

Bianca You can count on me, Pip! , Nursey, you don't want Snow White to see you blubbing, do you?

Nurse Poppy (*composing herself*) You're absolutely right, Bianca, where is Snow White this morning?

Bianca I hate to be the *bearer* of bad news like, but she's in a bit of a *grizzly* predicament. The Queen's making her do her chores even though it's her birthday - that woman is like, *unbearable*! Snow White *pandas* to her every need but the Queen *pooh-poohs* all her efforts...they are simply *polar* opposites.

Nurse Poppy bursts into tears again

Like, what did I say?

Pip You should get your mum to give you some lessons in discretion, Bianca.

Bianca She's too busy working!

Nurse Poppy What does she do?

Bianca It's difficult to say really...she sells seashells on the seashore! (*Nurse Poppy has another outburst*) Cheer up, Nursey, things could be worse – you could be stuck in an underground hole full of water!

Nurse Poppy Oh Bianca, I know you mean well.

Hatchet makes his way over to the present; he makes a show of looking at it and goes to pick it up. The audience call out 'Pip, look out there's a poacher about'

Pip Hey, Hatchet, leave that alone! It's for Snow White. (*To audience*) Well done, you lot! (*To Hatchet*) What are you looking for?

Hatchet I'm doing security checks for the party.

Nurse Poppy stops crying abruptly

Nurse Poppy (*flirtatiously*) Ooh, do you want to frisk me?

Hatchet No.

Nurse Poppy I could have a concealed weapon under my dressing gown.

Hatchet I'm sure I won't find anything offensive.

Nurse Poppy (*aside in deep voice*) I wouldn't bet on it!

Hatchet You're not the criminal type.

Nurse Poppy Don't be so sure, I was quite the rebel in my teens. I was once arrested for stealing cooking utensils, but it was worth the whisk!

Hatchet All secure; I'll go and report back to the Queen.

Hatchet exits

Nurse Poppy I can't believe Narcissa is having Snow White do her chores on her birthday; one day she will answer for her wicked ways and I hope I'm there to see it!

The curtain closes