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# **Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs**

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## CHARACTERS

**King Archibald**

**Queen Belladonna**

**Snow White**, the King's daughter

**Prince Rupert**

**Percival Potts**, the chamberlain

**Nurse Knick-Knack**, Dame

**Scratch & Sniff**, comic duo

**Prologue**

## THE DWARFS

**Prof, Grouchy, Cheery, Blushful, Snoozy, Snotty, Dipstick**

**Garkon**, a waiter, **Waitress, Chef**,

**Mirror**, (voice over)

**Chorus** of Villagers, Little Chefs, Bears, Trees etc.

## NOTES ON THE PRINCIPALS

**King Archibald** Dutiful husband and father with an eye for the ladies.

**Queen Belladonna** Beautiful wife but extremely vain and determined to be the most beautiful whatever it takes – definitely the villainess of the piece.

**Snow White** Principal Girl, beautiful, devoted to her father. Good singing voice required.

**Prince Rupert** Principal Boy who immediately falls in love with Snow White and determines to rescue her when she goes missing.

**Percival Potts**, the chamberlain, who is involved with a lot of the comic action and with a tendency to be slapped all over the place.

**Nurse Knick-Knack**, the Dame and like Potts involved in a lot of the comic action.

**Scratch & Sniff** Comedy double act who can never seem to do anything right.

**The Seven Dwarfs** Each of their names largely determine their characters but all should be loved by the audience.

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT 1

**Prologue** (front of tabs)

**Scene 1** The Great Hall of Castle Whatnot

**Scene 2** A leafy lane near Castle Whatnot (FOT)

**Scene 3** The Forest of Dingley Dell

**Scene 4** A corridor in the vaults of Castle Whatnot (FOT)

**Scene 5** The Great Kitchen of Castle Whatnot

### ACT 2

**Scene 1** The cottage of the Seven Dwarfs

**Scene 2** The Queen's bedroom in Castle Whatnot (FOT)

**Scene 3** The Dingley Dell Wishing Well

**Scene 4** A path in the Forest of Dingley Dell (FOT)

**Scene 5** The cottage of the Seven Dwarfs

**Scene 6** An ante-room in Castle Whatnot (FOT)

**Scene 7** The Great Hall of Castle Whatnot

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT 1

Song 1 "Is This The Way To Amarillo?" (Villagers)

Song 2 "I'm A Believer" (Prince Rupert & Snow White)

Song 3 "You're Just Too Good To Be True" (King Archibald & Queen Belladonna)

Dance (Optional) "Teddy Bears' Picnic"

Song 4 "Old MacDonald Had A Farm" (Nurse & Chamberlain)

Song 5 "Go West" (King & Chorus)

### ACT 2

Song 6 "Heigh Ho" (Dwarfs)

Song 7 "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" (Snow White & Dwarfs)

Song 8 "I'm Wishing" (Snow White)

Song 8a (reprise) "I'm Wishing" (Nurse & Scratch)

Song 9 "Delilah" (Nurse, King, Prince & Potts)

Song 10 "Exactly Like You" (Prince, Scratch & Sniff)

Song 10a (Reprise) "Heigh Ho" (Dwarfs)

Song 11 "These Boots Are Made For Walking" (Scratch & Sniff)

Song 12 (Finale song) "My Way" (Ensemble)

## ACT I

### Prologue

*Enter through the front tabs the Prologue, complete with a large storybook*

**Prologue** Good ladies, evening and gentlemen! I knew I should have rehearsed that! Let's start again, shall we?  
Good evening ladies and gentlemen. And good evening boys and girls. How are we all? Are we alright?  
Well, we'll soon put a stop to that! I bet you're wondering what I'm doing here aren't you? You're not the only one! I am the Prologue and it's my job to fill you in..., on the bits that you missed at breakfast this morning. Didn't you know that this is a serial (cereal)! Well are you all sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin.

*During the ensuing dialogue the words are acted out by puppets from a "Punch & Judy" style box at the side of the stage*

Once upon a time, long, long ago there lived a handsome King and a beautiful Queen who loved each other very much. They did! They loved each other very, very much. In fact they loved each other so very much that they decided to have a baby. And so, after a bit, the Queen gave birth to a beautiful baby girl whom they called Snow White. The King and Queen were very happy. They were! They were very, very happy. In fact they were very, very, very happy. Then, in the middle of all this happiness, the Queen suddenly fell ill and died. The King was very sad. He was! He was very, very sad. In fact he was absolutely gobsmacked with unhappiness. Anyway, after a little period of mourning, followed by a little period of afternoon and a little period of evening the King met another beautiful princess. Ooh, she was beautiful, but ooh, was she vain. She was! She was very, very beautiful, but she was very, very vain. But because she was so very beautiful the King decided to marry her. However, not long after the King had married his new bride he soon found out that not only was she very beautiful and very vain, she was also very bossy, and she used to boss him about something awful! Anyway, the King did not mind too much for he spent a lot of time with his lovely daughter Snow White who was slowly growing up into a beautiful young girl. The Queen meanwhile was becoming more vain and even more bossy and she would go up to her magic mirror each day and ask:

**Queen** Mirror, mirror on the wall  
Who is the fairest one of all?

**Mirror** Of all the people that I've seen  
You are the fairest one, my Queen.

**Queen** Right! And don't you forget it!

**Prologue** Isn't she bossy!  
Well now that I have filled you in I 'spose that I am done,  
So I'll just say good-bye because it's time to start Act One.

### Scene 1

*The Great Hall of Castle Whatnot*

*The scene opens with all the villagers happily singing to each other*

#### Song 1 (Villagers)

**Villager** (to all the villagers) Do you know, there's nothing like a good song to make you forget all your cares and worries.

*Enter Chamberlain Potts as the Villager speaks*

**Potts** That's right! And that was nothing like a good song!

**All** Oh no, not Chamberlain Potts!

**Potts** Oh yez!

**All** Oh no!

**Potts** Oh yez!

**All** Oh no!

**Potts** Oh yez!

**All** Oh no!

**Potts** Today's a day of celebration

For everyone in Whatnot Nation,

It is the birthday of our Queen.

**Villager** She looks just like an old baked bean!

**Potts** Watch your language!

**Villager** English, what's yours?

**Potts** Ooh, I'm not standing for this.

**Villager** You'll have to, there aren't any chairs!

*A fanfare sounds, heralding the entrance of the King and Queen*

**King** Good morning, all my subjects.

**All** Good morning, Your Kingship.

**King** Nice to see you, to see you...

**All** Nice!

**King** Now then, in view of the fact it's the Queen's birthday I thought today I'd start by singing one of (*current pop group*)'s songs.

**Queen** (*flattered and delighted*) Oh Archibald!

**King** But then I thought why should I? They never sing any of mine!

**Queen** (*annoyed*) Oh Archibald!

**King** And talking of your birthday how about a little birthday kiss?

**Queen** What, now, in front of all these people?

**King** I'm sorry, my precious, I didn't realize it was their turn! After you, Potts.

**Potts** (*suddenly paying attention*) Beg pardon, sire?

**King** Kiss the Queen.

**Potts** What now, in front of all these people?

**King** Not you as well!

**Queen** (*dragging him across the stage*) Have you lost your marbles?

**King** No, they're quite safe here in my trousers!

*The King checks his trouser pocket to make sure at the same time as Snow White enters*

**Snow** Good morning, everybody.

**All** Good morning, Snow White.

**Villager** How beautiful you look today, Snow White.

**Snow** Why thank you.

**Queen** (*angrily*) Snow White, where have you been?

**Snow** I've been preparing a little surprise for your birthday.

**Queen** (*mildly interested*) Oh yes? What is it?

**Snow** I've baked you a cherry flan.

**Queen** (*disappointedly and sarcastically*) Oh, how sweet.

*Snow White passes the flan to the King who in turn passes it to the Queen*

**King** Yes, isn't she. And the cake doesn't look bad either!

Let the joyous news be sung, our dear Queen is forty one!

**All** Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,

Happy birthday, dear Queenie, we're all younger than you!

**Queen** (*furious*) How dare you!

*The Queen, in her rage, flan in hand, slaps it in the face of the King*

**King** My beloved, whatever did you do that for?

**Queen** Didn't you know that I was one of your biggest f-l-ans?!

**King** Well I think I'd better go and clean myself up.

*Exit the King*

**Queen** Snow White, go and give your father a hand.

**Snow** But Stepmother, I've only just arrived.

**Queen** Well you can only just go then, can't you! And the rest of you can clear off as well! I want a little time alone to reflect on my birthday.

*Exit all but the Queen*

And talking of reflection let me consult my magic mirror.

Mirror, mirror on the wall,

Who is the fairest one of all?

**Mirror** My Queen, I've always spoken true,

And every time I've said it's you.

But that no longer is the case,

There's someone else to take your place,

Another puts your looks to shame.

Do you want to know her name?

**Queen** I want to know her name alright!

**Mirror** Her name, dear Queenie, is Snow White.

**Queen** (*enraged*) This cannot be!

**Mirror** It is, it's true,

She is more beautiful than you!

You know that I can't tell a lie -

**Queen** Well then Snow White will have to die!

*Enter Nurse Knick-Knack*

**Nurse** Hello, Your Queenery! How are you?

**Queen** Nurse Knick-Knack! How dare you burst in uninvited! We are not amused.

**Nurse** Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't realise you had company.

**Queen** I don't.

**Nurse** But I thought I heard you say that we are not....

**Queen** (*interrupting*) I was using the Royal "we"!

**Nurse** Oh well then I'll come back when you've finished! (*She moves to leave*)

**Queen** Enough of this incompetence!

**Nurse** Incontinence as well! My, my, you are suffering!

**Queen** That's it, I'm going!

**Nurse** (*waving her hand in front of her nose*) Phew, I rather gathered you must be!

*The Queen exits, glaring furiously at Nurse Knick-Knack as she does so*

(*Noticing audience for the first time*) Oh hello! I didn't know there was anybody out there! I said hello!

(*Waits for audience reaction, then looks offstage as she speaks*) I don't think there is anybody out there! (*To*

*audience*) Look, I'll give you one last chance. Hello everybody. (*Audience reaction*) That's better! Well, I'd

better introduce myself or else you won't know what to call me, and I don't want any suggestions from you

either! My name is Nurse Knick-Knack, so named because I'm a little treasure! Well that's my story and I'm

sticking to it, and I am maid to Snow White. Who said old maid?! I'll have you know I'm a sick woman. I

am! I'm not well! No! I woke up this morning feeling a little dicky! I did! Mind you, I blame this

prescription the doctor gave me, three newspapers a day. When I told him I didn't think it was working he

told me not to worry but to keep taking the tabloids! At least I think that's what he said!

*Enter Snow White disconsolately*

**Nurse** Hello, Snow White. Oh blimey, what on earth's the matter?

**Snow** It's Stepmother, Nurse Knick-Knack. I spent all morning baking her a cake for her birthday but all she did was throw it back in my face.

**Nurse** No!

**Snow** Well actually she threw back in Daddy's face, but it seems whatever I try to do to please her isn't good enough. I'm beginning to think she doesn't like me.

**Nurse** (*to audience*) Whatever gave you that impression! (*To Snow*) What you need is a bowl of my homemade

soup to bring the colour back to your cheeks.

**Snow** What sort of soup is it?

**Nurse** It's gold soup.

**Snow** Gold soup?

**Nurse** Yes, it's made with nine carrots! Won't be a jiffy.

*Exit Nurse Knick-Knack*

**Snow** Oh what am I going to do? I'm so unhappy...

*Enter Prince Rupert with a small step ladder*

**Prince** Excuse me, is this the castle of King Archibald of Whatnot?

**Snow** Yes that's right.

**Prince** Oh good. So am I in the right place for the party?

**Snow** Party?

**Prince** Queen Belladonna's birthday party.

**Snow** Oh, yes you're in the right place but I'm afraid you've missed the start of the festivities.

**Prince** Yes I know. I'm sorry about that. You see I hopped on a bus and there was this sign saying that small dogs must be carried, but I couldn't find one so I had to get off and walk.

**Snow** (*giggling*) Oh my, you're a funny one!

**Prince** Yes, that's what a lot of people keep telling me! Oh, but where are my manners? I haven't introduced myself have I? My name is Prince Rupert.

**Snow** Prince Rupert?

**Prince** Yes, Prince Rupert the Fair.

**Snow** Well I'm very pleased to meet you Prince Rupert. I am Snow White.

**Prince** What a lovely name for such a beautiful girl. Obviously no relation to that old dragon Queen Belladonna.

**Snow** Actually she's my stepmother. My real mother died when I was very young.

**Prince** Oh dear, I'm very sorry. (*Looking at the step ladder*) But at least we have something in common.

**Snow** We do?

**Prince** Yes! This is my step ladder, I lost my real ladder when I was very young too!

*They both laugh*

**Snow** Oh Prince Rupert...

**Prince** (*interrupting*) Now, now, there's no need for Prince Rupert. Please, just call me plain Rupert.

**Snow** If you insist.

**Prince** I do, I do.

**Snow** Oh plain Rupert, I must confess that before you came I was feeling very sorry for myself but you have cheered me up no end.

**Prince** My dear Snow White, I must also confess that I wasn't looking forward to coming here but now that I've met you I don't want to leave.

**Snow** (*coyly*) Why plain Rupert, what are you saying?

**Prince** I'm saying that, I wasn't looking forward to coming here but now that I've met you I don't want to leave!

**Snow** Oh, right!

**Prince** Yes, I have this sort of feeling that's it's difficult to describe.

**Snow** Try.

## **Song 2** (*Prince Rupert & Snow White*)

*At the end of the song Nurse Knick-Knack enters with a bowl of soup*

**Nurse** Here you are, Snow White, this'll put the hairs back on your.... (*she stops on seeing the Prince*) Oh excuse me, I didn't know you were engaged.

**Prince** Give us a little time, we've only just met!

**Snow** Nurse Knick-Knack, allow me to introduce you to plain Rupert.

**Prince** Er, *Prince* Rupert the Fair at your service.

**Nurse** What, the Rupert the Fair?

**Prince** We-ll...

**Nurse** Oh, do you know I've read so much about you.

**Prince** (*surprised*) Really?

**Nurse** Oh yes! I know all about Nutwood, and what you got up to with that Bill Badger and his Ping Pong! Not to mention....

**Snow** (*interrupting*) No no, Nurse Knick-Knack, not Rupert the Bear, Rupert the Fair!

**Nurse** Oh forgive me, Your Princeness. If I had been wearing my glasses I would never have mistaken you for a bear (*bare*) Rupert!

**Prince** But why don't you wear your glasses?

**Nurse** You know me. I don't like to make a spectacle of myself!

**Snow** Nurse, plain Rupert and I are going to take a turn out in the grounds of the Castle.

**Prince** (*to Snow*) Are we?

**Snow** (*to Prince*) Yes we are!

**Nurse** Rightio, Your Ladyship.

*Snow White and Prince Rupert exit*

**Nurse** (*shouting after them*) When you've had your turn will it be my turn next?

*She is sharing this joke with the audience as Potts enters carrying a cake*

**Potts** Nurse Knick-Knack!

**Nurse** (*startled*) Oh Potts! You didn't half give me a turn!

**Potts** Did I?

**Nurse** Yes you did!

**Potts** Well, when you've had your turn will it be my turn next?

*Potts too shares this joke with the audience much to the disgust of Nurse Knick-Knack*

**Nurse** (*dragging Potts to the side of the stage*) We've just done that joke, you numskull.

**Potts** (*to Nurse*) Oh, have we? Sorry!

**Nurse** (*dragging him back*) And what are you doing with that tart on your arm?

**Potts** (*alarmed*) What?! (*Suddenly realising*) Oh, you mean the cake! Well His Majesty King Archibald...

**Nurse** (*interrupting*) I know who His Majesty is, you idiot!

**Potts** Well, His Majesty had me go out and get this cake for the Queen's birthday because the original one was accidentally defaced.

**Nurse** So I heard! Right in de face of de King!

**Potts** Yes, well that's as may be but he is also demanding to know what preparations have been made for the Queen's birthday banquet this evening?

**Nurse** Well why are you asking me? I am only Lady in Waiting to Snow White. Arrangements for state occasions are your pigeon, Pottsie!

**Potts** (*agitatedly walking around the stage as he speaks*) I know, but the pigeon flew off with all the arrangements, and now I'm in a right state!

**Nurse** All right, all right, I'll help you just this once. (*Taking the cake from Potts*) And for goodness sake put that cake down before that gets accidentally demolished too! Now then, would you like me to lay on a turkey?

**Potts** Well that's a good offer, Nurse Knick-Knack, but could we sort out the banquet first!

**Nurse** I was talking of a turkey for the banquet, you nitwit! (*She slaps Potts sending him crashing to the floor*) What are you doing down there?

**Potts** (*picking himself up*) Getting up!

**Nurse** Honestly, where did they find you?

**Potts** Well actually I used to be an actor.

**Nurse** (*to audience*) That explains a lot!

**Potts** You've heard of King Lear?

**Nurse** Yes.

**Potts** Well I played his brother, Chandelier!

**Nurse** Really!

**Potts** I didn't like the part though. It was too much hanging about!

**Nurse** (*grabbing him by the collar*) Have you quite finished?

**Potts** (*hoarsely*) I believe so.

**Nurse** (*releasing him*) Now, about the derangements for the banquet, do you have a list?

**Potts** No, I always stand like this!

**Nurse** Okay, you asked for it! (*Pointing offstage*) Do you see those shores?

**Potts** What shores? (What's yours)

**Nurse** Oh!, that's very kind of you. (*Calls off*) Garkon!

*Enter Garkon*

**Nurse** Ah Garkon, can I have a drink, please?

**Garkon** Oui, oui.

**Nurse** I'd prefer a glass of beer if it's all the same to you!

*Exit Garkon*

**Potts** Nurse Knick-Knack, are you going to help me with this evening's banquet or are you just going to stand there and start feeling grumpy?

**Nurse** (*looking around*) He's not come on yet, has he?

**Potts** No, (*looking offstage*) but the Queen is just about to. (*Pointing*) Look!

**Nurse** Ooh quick, we'd better scarper or else we'll be decaffeinated if she finds out we haven't organised the banquet.

**Potts** Don't you mean decapitated?

**Nurse** That too!

*As the Nurse and Potts exit off one side the Queen enters from the other and immediately goes to her magic mirror*

**Queen** Mirror, mirror on the wall,

Who is the fairest one of all?

**Mirror** I told you half an hour ago

The prettiest one is still our Snow!

**Queen** Right, that does it! (*Calling out*) Scratch! Sniff! (*pause*) Oh where are those two imbeciles?

*Enter Scratch, who races in and immediately stops. Almost immediately Sniff races in but fails to stop and crashes into Scratch, sending him flying to the floor before he has finished speaking his opening line*

**Scratch** Did you holl - aaahhh! (*Crashes to the floor. He quickly gets up glaring at Sniff*) I'm very sorry, Milady.

**Sniff** Yes, he's very sorry, Milady!

**Scratch** (*glaring once more at Sniff*) Did you holler, Milady?

**Queen** Yes I did, where have you been?

**Sniff** In the little boy's room like everyone else. Why, where was I supposed to go?

**Queen** (*annoyed*) Oh, I don't mean where have you been, I mean where have you been? (*Scratch and Sniff look totally perplexed*) I mean what have you been doing?

**Scratch** (*understanding at last*) Oh, I see! You don't mean where have we been, you mean where have we been!

**Queen** Exactly.

*Sniff meanwhile is still confused*

**Scratch** Well, we've been to see my cousin in hospital.

**Queen** Oh, and what's the matter with him?

**Scratch** He swallowed a pound coin.

**Queen** Really? How is he?

**Scratch** No change!

*Scratch bursts out laughing and gives Sniff a dig in the ribs at the same time. Belladonna is not amused!*

**Sniff** (*starting to laugh*) Oh I get it! You mean where have we been, not where have we been!

*Sniff now starts to laugh uproariously. The Queen and Scratch look at each other for a moment until Scratch slaps Sniff to bring him to his senses*

**Queen** (*sharply*) Look, I want you both to take Snow White deep into the forest..

**Sniff** (*interrupting*) Oh goody! There's nothing I like more than a tramp in the woods!

**Queen** (*glaring at Sniff*) I want you to take Snow White deep into the Forest of Dingley Dell.

**Both** Not the Forest of Dingley Dell?

**Queen** (*becoming increasingly annoyed*) Yes the Forest of Dingley Dell, and there I want you to kill her instantly.

*Scratch and Sniff look at one another bewildered*

**Sniff** (*to Queen*) To kill her instantly? What's her instantly?

**Queen** (*raising her voice*) Not to kill her instantly, just to kill her, instantly.

**Scratch** (*still somewhat bewildered*) Er, will that be all, Milady?

**Queen** I think that will be all for now, Scratch. Once she is out of my sight she will be out of my mind.

**Sniff** (*to Scratch*) I thought she was already out of her mind!

**Queen** Depart!, and do not darken my doorstep again until the dastardly deed is done.

**Scratch** Very good, Milady!

**Queen** Thank you, Scratch, I thought it was very good as well!

*Exit Scratch and Sniff*

**Queen** Snow White will very soon be dead,  
And I'll be the fairest one instead!

*The Queen cackles with evil laughter just as King Archibald enters*

**King** Ah there you are, my sweet. Are you feeling any better?

**Queen** What do you mean, am I feeling any better?

**King** I'm referring to that unfortunate misunderstanding this morning.

**Queen** Oh, that.

**King** Yes, that. I've come to kiss and make up.

**Queen** And just how do you propose to do that?

**King** I thought I'd sing you a little song.

**Queen** Oh no!

**King** Oh yes!

### **Song 3** (*King Archibald & Queen Belladonna*)

**King** (*to Queen*) There, I bet you enjoyed that didn't you?! And that's not all I've got for you. I've also bought you a little present.

**Queen** (*innocently*) A little present? For me?

**King** That's right, my dear, and here you are.

*The King gives the Queen the present and she eagerly unwraps it*

**Queen** (*on opening it*) Oh Archibald, what a lovely looking watch.

*The Queen gives Archibald a big kiss and then proceeds to wind it up and puts it to her ear*

**Queen** But dearie, it doesn't go.

**King** Yes, I know. I thought I could give you the works tonight!

*The Queen, appalled, suddenly notices the cake and straightway picks it up, and slaps it in the face of the King, exiting in disgust!*

**King** (*to audience*) What did I say? What did I say?

*The curtains close*