

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

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CAST

Oddjob (Narrator)

Queen

Prince

Snow White

Dwarfs:

Doc

Bashful

Happy

Sleepy

Grumpy

Sneezy

Dopey

N.B. Oddjob also plays the part of Fairy Nuff, but this character could be given to another person. Equally, the mirror could be a separate character.

Scene 1

The Royal Palace

ODDJOB Hi, everybody! Oh, you'll have to do better than that. Hi, everybody! That's much better. Well. My name's Oddjob - that's because I do odd jobs. A bit like a **(local reference)**. Anyway, my first job is being the Narrator. Are you all sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin. Once upon a time, a long time ago, BC - that's Before **(local reference)** - in a strange place not far from here, called Casteria or Caister as the locals called it - there lived an evil Queen called Belladonna. As well as being evil, she was very vain, and used to look at herself in the mirror every day.

Enter Queen, with a hand-mirror.

QUEEN **(to audience)** All right, you can start booing any time you like! **(Adlib with the audience)** **(She looks in the mirror)**
Ah, perfection!

Song 1: "I Feel Pretty" (Queen)

Mirror mirror in my hand
Who is the fairest in the land?

Oddjob comes on carrying a large empty frame in front of him/her.

ODDJOB **(giggling, to the audience)** This is my next job, playing the mirror. Bit silly, isn't it?

QUEEN Get on with it, you creep!

ODDJOB Er yes, of course. **(To audience)** Have to do a local accent here.
Of all the girls that I have seen
You are the prettiest, O Queen.
Except for one - now don't laugh,
Who lives in darkest **(local reference)**

QUEEN Her name! Quickly, I insist!

ODDJOB Don't get your knickers in a twist!
Her name's Snow White -

QUEEN No! 'S no fair!

ODDJOB Not Snow Fair, Snow White!

ODDJOB The Queen is overwrought (I'm back playing Oddjob now thank goodness) and gnashes her teeth. In short, she is in a tishwas! She resolves to put paid to poor Snow White.

QUEEN I'll kill her, see if I don't! Oh yes I will! (**Adlib with audience**)

The Queen exits, ranting.

ODDJOB Scene 2 takes place in the backwoods, not far from (**local reference**).

Scene 2

There is a table set for seven, with chocolates at each place. Behind the table is a bed (or settee).

ODDJOB The scene is a cottage, which our heroine has stumbled across. Here she comes now, stumbling.

Enter Snow White. As she enters, she stumbles.

SNOW WHITE That was a good trip! (**To audience**) Hi folks! I wonder who lives here. I knocked, but there was no answer. It's so tiny, with teensy weensy chairs and a teensy weensy table. Must be some teensy weensy people who live here. Oh look, chocolates! Quality Street! Wow! You know, confidentially, I'm a chocolate freak.

She samples one.

Ooh, caramel cream, I love them! Ooh, strawberry delight, I love them, too! Ooh, almond whirl, praline, coffee cream, I love them all!

She helps herself to them all.

Maybe that was a bit naughty. Think I'll lie down for a little nap. I feel full up. What a nice teensy weensy bed.

**She yawns, stretches and lies down. Soon she is asleep.
Presently we hear the strains of "Heigh-Ho".**

Song 2: "Heigh-Ho" (Dwarfs)

DWARFS Heigh-ho, heigh-ho,
It's home from work we go.
(**Whistle and repeat**)

The dwarfs enter and stand in a line. It is important that they are in a kneeling position all the time.

DOC Now, troops, sound off.

The dwarfs march on the spot.

DWARFS I had a good home and I left – left – left
Don't you think I was right – right – right.

DOC Sound off –

DWARFS Sound off –
DOC Sound off –
DWARFS Sound off –
 Sound off one two three four
 One two - three four!
DOC Troop, halt!

This is a bit of a shambles.

DOC What a shambles. Happy! Call the roll.
HAPPY What'll I call it, Boss? A jam buttie?

Laughs.

DOC Call the names on the roll. And don't call me Boss.
HAPPY Yes Boss!

Laughs.

HAPPY Happy! Oh, that's me! Well I'm here.
DWARFS Oh no you're not!
HAPPY Oh yes I am!
DOC Anyway, that's debateable.

They all look at him.

 Debateable. You know, something about which there is a debate. You know what debate is, don't you?
HAPPY Sure. Debate is what you catch fish with!

Laughs.

DOC Next.
HAPPY Grumpy.
GRUMPY Here. And I'm not pleased.
DOC Well, we would be surprised if you were, Grumpy. What's your grump today?
GRUMPY Well I object to him (**gestures towards Happy**) being happy all the time. I mean, what have you got to be happy about? We've lost the Ashes, the (**local reference**) team is playing rubbish, and everywhere you look, it's either Ant 'n Dec, or Simon Cowell. I could go on and on . . .
DOC Oh belt up, Grumpy.
GRUMPY (**Shouting**) Or Myleen Klasse!

Snow White

An abridged version of the classic tale featuring the Wicked Queen, the Seven Dwarfs, the Prince, and of course the Magic Mirror.

Plot Summary

The Wicked Queen's Magic Mirror tells her that her stepdaughter Snow White is the fairest in the land. She seeks refuge in the house of the Seven Dwarfs. The Queen, disguised as an old woman, gives Snow White the Poisoned Apple, but the Prince arrives in time and everything turns out just fine!
Running time: 30 minutes.

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