





One day, after the Queen had spoken to her magic mirror, the mirror replied:

"Famed is thy beauty, Majesty,
But behold, a lovely maid I see.
Alas, she is more fair than thee,
Lips as red as a rose,
Hair as black as ebony,
Skin as white as snow."

The Queen was furious. "Snow White!" she hissed. "It cannot be!"

At that very moment, Snow White was singing beside the castle well.

A handsome prince, who was passing by, stopped to listen. As soon as the Prince and Snow White saw each other, they fell in love.

When the Queen saw Snow White with the Prince, she was furious and decided to get rid of her stepdaughter.



The next morning, the Queen told her huntsman to take Snow White into the forest and kill her. "Bring back her heart to prove she is dead," she ordered.

The huntsman led the Princess into the forest but he could not kill her. He told Snow White to hide in the forest. Then he took an animal's heart to show the Queen that the Princess was dead.





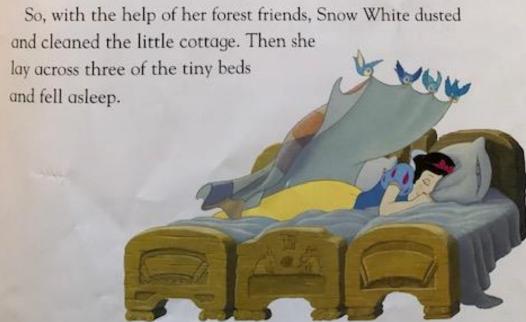
Snow White wandered deep into the forest. She was very scared but the animals led her to a little cottage. Snow White knocked on the door and went inside. She wondered who could live in such a tiny house.

There were seven dusty little chairs at the table. In the sink there were seven dirty spoons and bowls. And in the bedroom there were seven unmade tiny beds.

"Perhaps untidy children live here," Snow White said.









Evening came and the owners of the cottage returned.

They were seven dwarfs, who worked in diamond mines, deep in the heart of the mountain. The dwarfs marched along singing:

"Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, It's home from work we go!"



As soon as they entered the cottage, they knew something was wrong – it was clean! The floor had been swept and there was a delicious smell coming from a pot on the fire.

"What's happened?" they asked each other in amazement.









"Snow White, who dwells with the seven dwarfs, Is as fair as you and as fair again."

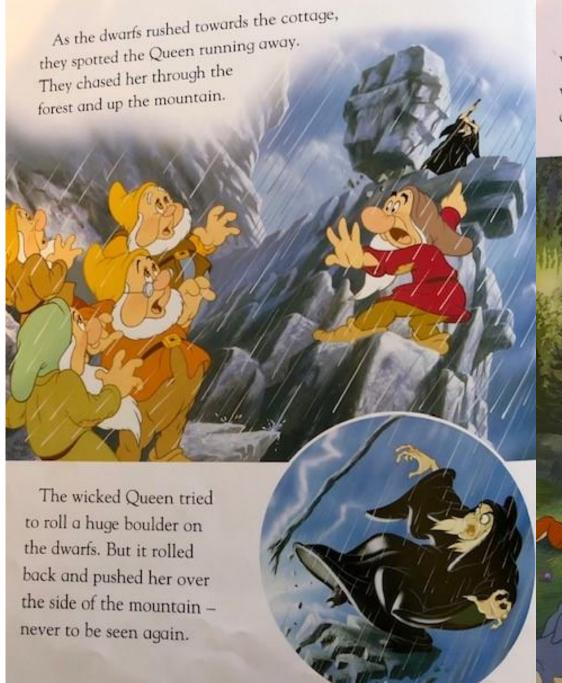
The Queen was furious. "Snow White must still be alive!" she screamed. She vowed to get rid of Snow White once

Down in the dungeon, the Queen cast a magic spell to disguise herself as an old pedlar woman. Then, chanting a magic spell, she dipped a bright red apple into a pot of bubbling poison.

"One bite of this and Snow White will fall into a sleep as if dead," she cackled. "Only a kiss from her true love will wake her!"







When the dwarfs returned to the cottage, they found Snow White lying on the floor as if she were dead. They could not wake her, so they took her into the forest. They placed her on a special bed and kept watch over her every day.







All at once, Snow White's eyes fluttered open. "She's awake!" the dwarfs cried, excitedly. The wicked Queen's spell was broken.

Before Snow White left to begin her new life with the Prince, she kissed each of the dwarfs. "I'll come and see you very soon," she promised them.

The dwarfs watched the Prince lead Snow White away to her new life. They knew they would miss her but they also knew that she and the Prince would live happily ever after.

