

SNOW WHITE

Once upon a time there was a princess whose hair was as black as night, whose lips were as red as roses and whose skin was as white as snow. She was called Snow White.

The King was a jolly man, but Snow White's mother had died when she was very little. He was lonely and so decided to marry again. The new queen was famous for her stunning looks, but her beauty had gone to her head. She was too busy preening in front of her enchanted mirror to pay much attention to poor little Snow White. Every week she would stand by her mirror and ask:

"Mirror, mirror, on the wall. Who is the fairest of them all?"

"It's you," the mirror always replied, "you know the truth I cannot hide."

The years passed and Snow White grew prettier and prettier. The Queen would scowl at her when she walked into a room and glare at the King when he told his daughter how lovely she looked.

The day came when the Queen stood before her mirror and heard the words that struck her vain heart like a knife.

"Mirror, mirror, on the wall. Who is the fairest of them all?"

"Queen, you are fair, it is true, but Snow White is fairer than you."



The Queen shrieked and ordered a huntsman to kill the young princess. The huntsman took Snow White into the woods, but he didn't have the heart to hurt her. Instead, he told her to run away.

Snow White ran until she came to a little house where seven dwarves lived. The dwarves told Snow White she could live with them.

jolly [ˈdʒɒli] веселый
famous [ˈfeɪməs] знаменитый
stunning [ˈstʌnɪŋ] великолепный
to preen [pri:n] прихорашиваться
enchanted [ɪnˈtʃɑ:ntɪd] волшебный
fair [feə] прекрасный
to reply [rɪˈplaɪ] отвечать
to scowl [skaʊl] хмуриться
glare [gleə] свирепо смотреть

to struck [strʌk] бить, ударять
vain [veɪn] тщеславный
to shriek [ʃri:k] визжать, вопить
huntsman [ˈhʌntsmən] охотник, егерь
to have the heart [hɑ:t] иметь смелость
to hurt [hɜ:t] причинять вред
dwarf [dwɔ:f] гном
wicked [ˈwɪkɪd] злой, злобный
to disguise [dɪsˈgaɪz] переодеваться

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When the seven dwarves found her, they laid Snow White in a sparkling glass bed. One day, a brave, young prince was riding through the forest. Struck by Snow White's beauty, he begged the dwarves to let him give her a farewell kiss.

As soon as their lips touched, the magic spell was broken and Snow White woke up. When the King discovered what his cruel, vain wife had done, he banished her forever and they all lived happily ever after.

But even though Snow White had left home, the mirror never lied, and the wicked Queen soon realized Snow White was still alive.

The cruel Queen disguised herself as an old woman and went to the woods. She gave Snow White a poisoned apple which made her fall into a deep, deathlike sleep.



deathlike ['deθlaɪk] смертельный
sparkling ['spɑ:kliŋ] сверкающий
to struck [strʌk] произвести впечатление
to beg [beg] просить, молить
farewell [fə'wel] прощальный
spell [spel] заклинание, чары
cruel ['kru:əl] жестокий
to banish ['bæniʃ] изгонять, прогнать
forever [fə'revə] навсегда