

SUGGESTIONS AND NOTES ON "SNOWWHITE."

In conference with

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Dick
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GRUMPY'S CHARACTERIZATION

After dwarfs enter the house and see changes which have taken place,

GRUMPY says:

There's a curse on this house - I'm awarning you.
We'll all be drugged inter trubbil!!!

He doesn't enjoy the dance sequence, but surreptitiously keeps time with the music and when SNOWWHITE asks him to dance, he pouts and turns his back on her, or else goes into a snappy jig - - Dwarfs applaud, but when he sees SNOWWHITE applauding, he registers contempt.

He won't show his hands when SNOWWHITE asks him to hold them out for her to see, but sticks out his tongue instead.

Disgustedly washes his face and hands by dipping tips of fingers in water, and touching his cheek bones.

GRUMPY always acts as a hold-out, and he is crabby about everything until SNOWWHITE recovers from poison comb, then he weakens, but reverts to type again until her poison apple sequence, when he is as sorry as the rest.....
Sobs harder than all the others during the prayer.

Character suggested as being deaf - has a high, happy voice quality - Always busy doing something, like whittling; or peeling an apple with a long peel, or down to nothing but the core.

DWARFS all stare at SNOWWHITE without speaking, also stare at one who does dare to speak to her.....They push DOC forward to speak for them..... They can introduce themselves.

SNOWWHITE inspects their hands, and sends them out to wash up..... GRUMPY'S actions described in "Grumpy's Characterization Sheet."

Washing outside is full of fun.....action of catching soap.....soap in their eyesOne blindly reaching for a towel, and so forth.....Dinner bell rung by SNOWWHITE at the doorway, and they all pile in helter-skelter.

Might say grace at the table.....One quietly sucks up soup during this action.

Fade out reel on soup guzzling scene to Queen.

BIRDS tie apron on SNOWWHITE at dish cleaning action.

BIRDS pull spectacles off DWARF at the mine, to spread the alarm of SNOWWHITE'S danger at the hands of the QUEEN-WITCH.

No time to be taken at the mines to build up the personalities of the SEVEN LITTLE MEN.....Rather to pick up with them in action, happily singing a good marching song, or about, "Now our work is done, etc."

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Silly suggestions to be made by DWARFS as to what to make SNOWWHITE for a present, until SLEEPY suggests "Why don't you make her a bed?" - - - which meets with their approval.

DWARFS find door to their house open - - consternation.....One says, "It's never been open before!".....They sneak in.....Tense feeling begins to build up here.

DWARFS look in silly places for the one who cleaned up their joint.....Stress silly gags, such as looking into pot hanging on crane in the fireplace.

When JUMPY discovers SNOWWHITE, his hat goes up in the air as he gives a double look, and then tears out to the others.....

When they realize there is a girl in the house, they all bolt for the door, until DOC holds up his hands to stop them, and leads them back and into SNOWWHITE in Bed.....Comical tenseness in this action.

DWARFS sing a song for SNOWWHITE that they haven't sung in fifty years...

Beds all set.....SNOWWHITE could sleep in a little alcove set apart with home made curtain of clothes hung up.

QUEEN uses a lot of jolly ingredients in making up the potion for her

change into a FAT PEDDLER WOMAN.....

QUEEN paces the floor awaiting HUNTSMAN'S return.....

QUEEN works SKELETONS like marionettes to amuse the PRINCE, bound and gagged in the dungeon.....She might introduce "MR. BONES" to the PRINCE.

SKELETONS in closets and odd places.....One chained in a nonchalant pose.....

QUEEN tells the PRINCE, "I always liked Charlie's pose, Heh, heh!"

Suggestion made that QUEEN only has the power of witchcraft over her own domain, and captures the PRINCE to keep him in her power.

Queen wants to marry PRINCE, but he refuses to acknowledge "That she is the fairest in the land," since he has seen SNOWWHITE.....
Has him dragged away to think it over, or so that he will not interfere with her diabolical plans on SNOWWHITE Heh! Heh! Heh! is she a witch!

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