

An EXCERPT from SNOW WHITE from ACT 1 Scene 2

Previously, it has been established that **SNOW WHITE** is an orphan living with her beautiful but demanding and unpopular stepmother, **QUEEN MALEVOLENT**. The **QUEEN**, who not only is fixated on remaining young and beautiful, is also determined to use aspects of modern technology to help her maintain her status. **BILLY** is a servant in the **QUEEN**'s household, friends with **SNOW WHITE** and liked by everyone in the Palace. He has told everyone that the **QUEEN** has a secret Elixir she drinks to keep her young but everyone thinks this is just another of **Billy**'s silly jokes! **BILLY** is always joking but sometimes his attitude and fun tests the patience of the **QUEEN**, and so...

Enter Queen carrying a very smashed/broken 'lap top'

QUEEN: Billy!

Enter BILLY

BILLY: I'm here... are you calling me?

QUEEN: Yes, Billy, you come here at once!
Of course, I am calling... you dunce!
And what pray has happened to this?
Just look at it! It's all in bits!

BILLY: Oops! Isn't it working?

QUEEN: **Don't** insult my intelligence!
It's not good for your future!

BILLY: **TV** insults your intelligence, but-
... nothing rubs it in like a **computer!**

QUEEN: What happened to my lap top, pray?
And how did it end up this way?

BILLY: I played Chess on it. I played 345 times!

QUEEN: Games played online? I dare not guess-
How did this happen playing Chess?

BILLY: I lost 354 times.

QUEEN: Yet I still fail to understand
Why it's in this state, in my hand!

BILLY: Well, it could beat me at Chess, but it sure as heck couldn't beat me at kick-boxing!

QUEEN: Once again you make me cross!
You will pay to replace this loss.
Due to previous clumsiness,
I've had to buy at great expense
The latest new technology
For the mirror- **(sharply) you** broke for me!

BILLY: You are never going to let me forget that I broke your magic mirror last week, are you?

QUEEN: No! Bad luck! That is true I fear-

BILLY: Yeah, too true! Seven more years working **here!**

QUEEN: Seven more years 'til your debt is gone
And you've paid for the harm you've done!

I want improvements to be made.
I plan to update and upgrade.
I am off now to surf the net!

BILLY: I'm off to do that too- I like surfing! **(mimes swimming)**

QUEEN: I haven't dismissed you yet!

BILLY: I'm catching a wave! **(Billy mimes surfing)**

QUEEN: Catching a wave? You are doing what?
Stop messing about- stop! You clot!
This stress won't help me look my best
I need to take a calming rest!
Not a wrinkle, crinkle or line
Must mar my beauty any time! **(Points at audience)**
Keep that scurvy rabble away!
I've had enough strife for one day. **(Exits)**

BILLY: Who rattled her cage this evening? Snow White was right she does seem to be in a worse mood than usual! I wasn't making it up about her Elixir though. I bet she's sneaking off to partake of a few sips to keep those wrinkles away! Maybe I could get my hands on it and sneak a few drops into Dolly's washing, then all the washing would be wrinkle, crinkle and crease free... and non-iron! No-one would call me silly then!

SONG

Got to go, Boys and Girls, I'm hoping to meet up with my best mates later in their cottage in the woods. We could have a takeaway pizza and a pals' night in. They should be home from work by now. See you later! (***Exits***)