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<u>Synopsis</u>

Many years ago, a King and Queen ruled over a prosperous and happy Kingdom. They were loved by their subjects for their kindness and generosity and would have been happy but for one thing, they longed for a child.

Then one day, the queen was overheard wishing for a daughter by a friendly fairy. The fairy granted her wish, and the King and Queen were blessed with a baby girl who they called Snow White. But the queen became sick and when she died everything changed.

In time, the King re-married. His new Queen, Pandora, was a beautiful but coldhearted woman who was extremely vain. She spent hours admiring her reflection in a magic mirror that always declared her to be, 'the fairest in the land'.

The King realised his mistake too late and died of a broken heart, leaving Snow White in the care of her wicked stepmother.

Snow White grows into a lovely young woman and eventually, when the evil Queen asks her mirror her usual question - it replies that Snow White is the fairest in the land. The Queen flies into a terrible rage and orders her manservant to kill Snow White, but he cannot carry out her orders and sets the princess free in the Haunted Forest. She wanders lost and alone until, with some help from the good fairy, she finds a cottage belonging to seven dwarfs. The friendly dwarfs take Snow White in and keep her safe and in exchange she cooks and keeps their cottage clean while they go to work as apple farmers in the family orchards. Meanwhile, Snow White's friends are baffled by her disappearance and it's only a matter of time before Pandora finds out she has been betrayed. The queen sets out to finish off her stepdaughter and it soon becomes a race against time to save Snow White. Luckily there is a handsome Prince on hand and with a little help from the fairy he sets out to rescue the Princess.

Characters

Snow White – The Princess; sweet and kind and loved by all, except her evil Stepmother.

Prince David of Essex – The hero; he's very dashing, rather flamboyant, and just a little dandy.

Lucas – Prince David's aide; intelligent and well-spoken and always on hand to advise the prince.

Nurse Poppy Cox- (The Dame) Snow White's nurse; she has cared for the Princess since she was a baby and loves her like a mother.

Pip – Nurse Poppy's son; he works at the palace as an odd job boy and grew up with Snow White.

Queen Pandora – Snow White's evil stepmother; a vain and wicked woman who will stop at nothing to be the fairest in the land.

Fairy Blossom – Snow White's Fairy Godmother; a kind fairy who watches over Snow White from a distance but can't resist interfering every now and then.

Hatchet – The Queen's right-hand man; he's not particularly bright and he's a bit of a coward. Despite appearances he's not as bad as you think.

Déjà vu – The Queen's magic mirror; a trapped spirit who can venture outside of the frame - but must always return. It's impossible for Déjà vu to tell a lie. **Bianca** – The Queen's handmaiden; a street wise lady-in-waiting. She is well

savvy and says 'like' a lot in general conversation.

The Dwarfs

Charlie – The eldest dwarf. Head of the household; he always takes charge.

Dippy – A sweet-natured but not overly bright dwarf.

Glitzy – A diva! Born to be on the stage, always uses *jazz hands* and says 'tah-da!'

Jolly – A cheerful dwarf who's bubbly and excitable, almost to bursting point.

Brainy – A well-educated dwarf who tends to quote random facts and figures even if they are not relevant.

Noisy – A noisy dwarf, he shouts <u>everything</u> and is always very loud.

Cranky – A quick-tempered dwarf, who is usually stroppy and argumentative.

Chorus 4+

<u>Act 1</u>

- Scene 1 Snow White's Birthday
- Scene 2 Meet the Dwarfs
- Scene 3 Journey to the Centre of The Forest
- Scene 4 Midlife Crisis
- Scene 5 Love at First Sight
- Scene 6 Surprise!
- Scene 7 Let's Call the Whole Thing Off
- Scene 8 My Lips Are Sealed
- Scene 9 Forest Friends

<u>Act 2</u>

Scene 1	Welcome Back
Scene 2	The Exposure
Scene 3	Consider Yourself One of The Family
Scene 4	Make A Run for It
Scene 5	Time to Say Goodbye
Scene 6	Spirit of The Mirror
Scene 7	Get Me to The Church on Time
Scene 8	Finale

<u>Scene Plan</u>

<u>Act 1</u>

Scene 1	Tabs into Palace
Scene 2	Tabs
Scene 3	In the Haunted Forest
Scene 4	Tabs
Scene 5	The Palace
Scene 6	Tabs
Scene 7	(Back to) The Palace - Birthday party
Scene 8	Tabs
Scene 9	Haunted Forest - Dwarfs Cottage

<u>Act 2</u>

- Scene 1 Palace Queens Private Chambers
- Scene 2 Tabs
- Scene 3 The Haunted Forest Dwarfs Cottage
- Scene 4 Tabs
- Scene 5 Back to The Haunted Forest Dwarfs Cottage
- Scene 6 Tabs
- Scene 7 Palace Ballroom for Finale

Suggested Songs

<u>Act 1</u>

Song 1. Mr Blue Sky – ELO/Keep on Movin' – Five/Don't Stop – Fleetwood Mac (Chorus and Cast)

Song 2. Teamwork – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (The Musical)/We're All in This Together – High School Musical (Dwarfs)

Song 3. Help – The Beatles (Queen Pandora)

Song 4. Just the way you are – Bruno Mars/Shivers – Ed Sheeran (Snow White & Prince David)

Song 5. Somewhere Over the Rainbow – The Wizard of Oz (Chorus & Snow White)

Song 6. One Bad Apple – The Osmonds

<u>Act 2</u>

Song 7. I'm Coming Out – Diana Ross/I Want to Break Free - Queen (Déjà vu)

Song 8. Holding Out for A Hero – Bonnie Tyler (Fairy Blossom)

Song 9. I Don't Need Anyone but You - Annie (Dwarfs & Snow White)

Song 10. It's In His Kiss (Shoop Shoop Song) – Cher/Kiss the Girl – The Little Mermaid (Cast)

Song 11. (Audience Participation Song) Is This the Way To (Insert town name instead of Amarillo) – Tony Christie. Anything simple, seasonal, or well known that can be adapted. (The Dwarfs with The Audience)

Song 12. Reach – S Club 7/Never Gonna Not Dance Again – Pink/You Can't Stop the Beat - Hairspray

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<u>ACT 1</u>

Scene 1

Snow White's Birthday.

Front of Tabs.

(SFX Magical bells) Fairy Blossom enters.

Fairy Blossom Hello there, what a lovely surprise! We don't see many guests at the palace these days. I'm Fairy Blossom and this is the home of Princess Snow White. Once upon a time it was a bright and happy place but just like the rest of the kingdom, it's fallen into ruin and dis-repair under the reign of Snow White's wicked stepmother, Queen Pandora. She's a beautiful but incredibly vain woman, every day she consults her magic mirror, Déjà vu, to ensure that she remains the fairest in the land. **Pandora** (*Off stage*) Magic Mirror great and grand who is the fairest in the land? **Fairy Blossom** Uh-oh, that sounds like her now! I'd better be off, but don't worry, I'll be back later.

Fairy Blossom exits. SFX Evil intro. Pandora enters.

Pandora I said...Magic Mirror great and grand, who is the fairest in the land?

SFX Harp crescendo. Déjà vu enters.

Déjà vu My Queen,
With flawless skin and perfect hair
Your beauty is beyond compare.
Pandora Absolutely right, Déjà vu.
Déjà vu The spirit of the mirror can't lie; it is one of my many qualities.
Pandora It's a shame you can't magic up some extra revenue; the royal reserves are dangerously low.
Déjà vu You do lead a rather lavish lifestyle my Queen!
Pandora I didn't ask for your opinion, Mirror! I've simply made a few poor investments on the stock market recently.
Déjà vu Like what?
Pandora I bought shares in boxing gloves that took a dive. I bought shares in Stannah Stair Lifts that slowly declined, and I invested heavily in designer underwear just as the bottom fell out of the market.
Déjà vu You've not had much luck!

Pandora That's about to change. It's Princess Snow White's birthday today and I've arranged a small celebration.

Déjà vu What are you planning?

Pandora I've invited a wealthy Prince to our little soiree.

Déjà vu Who is he?

Pandora Prince David of Essex, I picked his name from Who's who. Have you heard of him?

Déjà vu Essex is one of the wealthiest kingdoms in the realm! By all accounts, Prince David is quite a catch.

Pandora Where do you get your information, Déjà vu?

Déjà vu Hello magazine, My Queen!

Pandora So, this Prince David is handsome, is he?

Déjà vu I believe he is a rather dishy fellow.

Pandora All the better, Déjà vu. I've contrived this little get together especially so we can meet. With my looks and his fortune, we'll make a formidable power couple.

Déjà vu You certainly will, Your Majesty. A party is also the perfect opportunity for Snow White to do a little socialising; she doesn't get out enough.

Pandora Snow White! I don't want her hanging around, cramping my style.

Déjà vu It's her birthday, people will expect to see her at her own party.

Pandora Then they will be sorely disappointed! She doesn't know it yet, but poor Snow White is sadly going to miss her birthday celebrations. That brat would would have my throne, given half the chance.

Déjà vu My Queen, you are blowing things out of proportion again, the Princess doesn't want your throne.

Pandora She hates me, Déjà vu.

Déjà vu Don't be so melodramatic! I doubt Snow White is capable of hating anyone; You should try being a little more...motherly?

Pandora Ugh, I am not her mother!

Déjà vu You're all the family she has.

Pandora That is unfortunate! It was rather inconsiderate of the King to pop his clogs and leave *me* to raise *his* daughter. I hate children, they're revolting! *(Boos from the audience)* Oh, shut up! This is exactly what I mean; the only thing they're good for is showing you how to use TikTok. Besides, I haven't time to discuss the pros and cons of parenting, I have some final arrangements to make before our guests arrive. **Déjà vu** Yes, my Queen.

They exit as the curtain opens on a grand hall in the palace. Chorus are maids/butlers, and everyone is preparing for the upcoming party. Snow White enters wearing a pretty party dress.

Snow White Good morning. **Chorus** Happy birthday, Snow White. **Snow White** Thank you. Bianca OMG, you look like, well Gucci!
Snow White Is that a good thing, Bianca?
Bianca Like, a hundred per cent.
Pip Are you looking forward to the party, Snow White!
Snow White Oh Pip, I'm so excited. My stepmother has never allowed me a birthday party before.
Bianca Yeah, it is like, kinda suspect.
Snow White I think she's warming to me.
Bianca I wouldn't like, get your hopes up.
Snow White Well, I don't care why she's done it, I'm just happy she has. Nothing can spoil my mood toady.

Song 1

Pip hands Snow White an apple.

Pip Here Snow White, I picked you this apple for your birthday.Snow White Thanks, Pip, apples are my favourite!Pip I know.

(SFX Royal fanfare) Queen Pandora enters with Hatchet. Hatchet stands guard.

Pandora Why are you all standing around like idiots?

Everyone looks busy.

...Snow White, what's that? I've told you before, no eating on the job. I don't want sticky fingerprints all over my best china.

Snow White It's just an apple, Pip gave it to me for my birthday.
Pandora Some people are so easily pleased! Have you finished your chores?
Snow White But...it's my birthday, I thought I'd be excused.
Pandora You thought wrong. Sweep the floor and polish the silver. Everyone has to earn their keep; why you should be any different?
Maid Because she's the Princess.
Pandora Are you speaking to me?
Maid (Meekly) Yes.
Pandora You're fired!
Pip You can't do that!
Pandora I just did!

Maid bursts into tears and runs off.

Bianca That is like, well savage!

Pandora That's your fault, Snow White! Now you'll have to finish her work too.
Snow White But...
Pandora Unless, you'd rather I cancel the party.
Pip You wouldn't?
Pandora Oh yes, I would.
Pip Oh no you wouldn't.
Pandora Try me!
Snow White It's okay, Pip, I'll do it.
Pandora Wise decision! (*To Pip and Bianca*) You two have your own duties, Snow White can manage perfectly well on her own.

Pip and Bianca begin to protest.

...You can always go join your friend at the job centre? (*She points after the sobbing maid*)

Pip and Bianca exit mumbling their protests

...Right, what's next on the itinerary? Hatchet, have you completed the security checks? **Hatchet** Sorry Your Majesty, I forgot.

Pandora You hopeless halfwit; you need to be more responsible.

Hatchet My last boss always said I was responsible...especially if something went wrong.

Pandora I'm a very demanding employer; I need to know that you can perform under pressure.

Hatchet I don't know about that, but I do a pretty mean Bohemian Rhapsody.

Pandora Just get on with it and report back when it's done.

Hatchet Yes, Your Majesty.

Hatchet exits.

Pandora (To chorus) As for you lot, get back to work!

The chorus continue working. SFX Thunder and lightning. Queen Pandora exits with a wicked laugh.

Chorus Why do you let her boss you around, Snow White?
Chorus You should be queen, not her.
Chorus It's what your father wanted.
Snow White I'll never know what he saw in Pandora.
Chorus Your father was devastated after your mother died.
Chorus Pandora fooled him into thinking he had a second chance at love.
Chorus When she became queen, she let her true colours show.

Chorus The King died of a broken heart.
Chorus I heard she dabbles in black magic!
Chorus I heard she was kicked off Love Island!
Snow White Why does she hate me so much?
Chorus She's jealous, you're young and pretty.
Chorus She needs to be the 'The fairest in the land', that's why she's always questioning her magic mirror.
Snow White Well, I won't let her upset me today; Let's get ready for the party.
Chorus (Snow White an apron) Here, put on this apron to keep your dress clean.

Snow White puts on the apron.

Snow White Thank you.

Everyone exits.

(SFX Comedy intro) Nurse Poppy enters opposite in her pyjamas.

Nurse Poppy *(stretching and yawning)* Is it morning already? I haven't been sleeping too well lately! I keep having this dream that I'm running in the Olympics and every time I hear, 'on your marks, get set, go' - I wake up with a start. Last night I dreamt that there was a horse in my bed...it was a nightmare! Oh, hello, are you here for the party? I'm afraid you're a bit early. I'm Nurse Poppy Cox, like the apple! but everyone calls me Nursey. I've cared for Snow White since she was knee high to a grasshopper when I came to the palace with my son, Pip. Speaking of Pip, I don't suppose you've seen him, have you?

<u>ACT 2</u>

<u>Scene 1</u>

Welcome back

The curtain opens in the queen's private chambers, it is dark and spooky. Déjà vu's stands to one side, there is a table with a small box and some potions on it and a cauldron under a cloth.

SFX Magical bells. Fairy Blossom enters.

Fairy Blossom Welcome back, folks! While you've been enjoying your interval snacks, Snow White has settled nicely into the cottage of the seven dwarfs and believing that Hatchet carried out her orders, the queen has invented a story to account for Snow White's sudden disappearance. But the mood in the palace is un-easy and my plans for Snow White and Prince David are going nowhere. If things carry on like this, I may have to intervene.

Fairy Blossom exits, and Nurse Poppy enters opposite.

Nurse Poppy It's very quiet around here without Snow White; the queen said she was called away unexpectedly, but I can't shake the feeling that something's not right. I'm going to check her private chambers for clues.

Bianca enters and taps her on the shoulder.

Bianca Wha'sup, Nursey?

Nurse Poppy Bianca, what are you doing in the queen's private chambers?
Bianca Like, I could ask the same of you.
Nurse Poppy I'm worried about Snow White. She left so suddenly, without even saying goodbye.
Bianca It's well suspect! The queen said that her great aunt was sick, and she had to rush to her side. But like, she's never even mentioned a great aunt to me.
Nurse Poppy Nor me.
Bianca Ooh look, a present!

She goes to pick up the present. The audience respond with 'Look out, Pip'. Pip runs on.

Pip Hands off that present Bianca!

Bianca steps back.

... (To audience) You're getting good at this!

Bianca Like, you scared the living daylights out of me, Pip.
Nurse Poppy That's for Snow White.
Pip Why are you two sneaking around the queen's private chambers?
Bianca Like, we think the queen is lying about Snow White's whereabouts. What about you?
Pip I don't believe that rubbish about her great aunt.

Nurse Poppy Let's take a look around. Pip, keep a look out. Bianca, walk this way.

SFX Suspense music.

Nurse Poppy creeps around and Bianca creeps behind her, while Pip keeps a look out. Bianca spots the box on the table.

Nurse Poppy Have you found anything?
Bianca There's a box.
Nurse Poppy Don't touch that!
Bianca Why not?
Nurse Poppy Once you open up Pandora's box, you'll never close it.
Bianca It probably just needs some oil on the hinges.
Nurse Poppy Look, it's her mirror.
Bianca It's Déjà vu.
Nurse Poppy It doesn't seem at all familiar to me.
Bianca No, like, that's the name of her mirror...it's Déjà vu.
Nurse Poppy Oh, I see.
Bianca I bet it could tell us a thing or two.
Nurse Poppy (Looking closely at Déjà vu) If only we could make it talk.
Bianca You could try impersonating the queen, give it a go.

Nurse Poppy stands in front of Déjà vu.

Nurse Poppy (*In her own voice*) Magic mirror, great and grand, who is the fairest in the land?

Déjà vu remains silent.

...It didn't work! **Bianca** That's Because you sound nothing like Queen Pandora! **Nurse Poppy** You have a go then. **Bianca** (Impersonating the gueen) Magic mirror great and grand who is the

Bianca *(Impersonating the queen)* Magic mirror great and grand who is the fairest in the land?

Déjà vu My Queen, (seeing Nursey) OMG! What have you done to your face? That is ugly!
Nurse Poppy How dare you!
Bianca Ignore it, Nursey, it's lying!
Déjà vu I can't lie; it is one of the many qualities of a magic mirror.
Nurse Poppy (Realising it must answer truthfully) Really...that's handy. What do you know about Snow White's disappearance?
Déjà vu Nothing...much.
Nurse Poppy Are you lying to me?
Déjà vu (Tries to lie) N-N-N... Yes. Argh!
Nurse Poppy What's going on?
Déjà vu I can't say, I'll be smashed into a thousand tiny pieces.

There's a noise off stage.

SFX Harp crescendo. Déjà vu enters.

Pip Someone's coming!
Bianca Like, we'd better get out of here.
Nurse Poppy Wait, someone must know what's happened to Snow White.
Déjà vu Hatchet knows...Argh! That's a lie.
Nurse poppy Is it?
Déjà vu Y-Y-Y... No. Argh!
Bianca Like, I am well confused, does Hatchet know or not?
Déjà vu N-N-N...Yes. Argh!
Nurse Poppy Thanks, you've been very helpful.

They exit, Déjà is a nervous wreck.

Déjà vu I would say it's been a pleasure, but that would be a lie. My nerves can't take this much longer. Magic mirror tell me this, magic mirror tell me that. *(To audience)* I used to be a person, you know. I was just like you once; except I was mean and nasty. A fairy banished me to the mirror as punishment, but I've learned my lesson and I know I could change my ways if only I could leave the mirror.

Song 7

Déjà vu Alas, I'm destined to remain here in the mirror...only magic can free me from the curse.

Déjà vu sniffs and uses a handkerchief to wipe his glass as Queen Pandora enters.

Pandora I've been looking everywhere for Prince David, I think he's avoiding me.

What's wrong with you?

Déjà vu Am I glad to see you.

Pandora Why?

Déjà vu Nurse Poppy was here, asking questions.

Pandora Did you tell her anything?

Déjà vu You know I can't lie. I managed to keep your name out of it, but I let it slip that Hatchet is involved.

Pandora Hmm, that Hatchet has become a liability. I'll make sure they don't bother you again, Déja vu,

Déjà vu That's a relief! I wouldn't want to slip up and accidentally tell them where Snow White is.

Pandora You can't! She's dead, deceased, erased; I have her heart in that chest to prove it. I'm going to have it for supper with some fava beans and a nice bottle of Chianti.

(Wicked laugh) What is it, Déjà vu? You seem a little anxious.

Déjà vu Anxious, Your Majesty?

Pandora Are you keeping something from me? Tell me...Magic mirror great and grand, who is the fairest in the land?

Déjà vu Do I have to?

Pandora Yes.

Déjà vu My Queen,

You think Snow White is dead,

But I must burst your bubble.

It seems she is alive and well,

And steering clear of trouble.

I hate to disappoint you,

But her slaying was a hoax,

She's shacked up in the forest,

With seven little blokes.

Pandora Then whose heart is this?

Déjà vu You've been tricked, My Queen,

As you can probably guess.

Snow White's ticker still beats strong,

It's a pig's heart in that chest.

Her beauty grows with every day,

She simply is a vision.

I think your plan to bump her off,

Was a terrible decision.

Pandora Can I not trust anyone? That incompetent lickspittle, Hatchet, has sealed his fate! I'll see to him later but first; I'll find Snow White and finish her off myself.Déjà vu Be wary, my queen, Snow White is getting help from a good fairy.

Pandora Oh shut up, Déjà vu! I'm not afraid of a jumped-up little fairy.

SFX Knock at the door. **Pandora** Who is it?

Prince David (From off stage) Tis I; Prince David of Essex.
Pandora Ah! He's finally come to his senses. How do I look Déjà vu?
Déjà vu Gorgeous, my queen.
Pandora I know, now get lost. (Calls seductively) Enter.

Déjà vu exits as Prince David enters.

Pandora What a wonderful surprise, to what do I owe the pleasure? Prince David Queen Pandora, I must speak with you urgently. Pandora Must you? Prince David I have a question. **Pandora** Have you? Prince David I've met someone. **Pandora** Yes? Prince David Someone special. **Pandora** Yes? **Prince David** I think of her night and day. **Pandora** How charming! Prince David Actually, I'm David, Charming is my brother. Pandora Go on. Prince David I want... Pandora Yes? Prince David To ask... Pandora Yes? Prince David Snow White to marry me. Pandora Oh, yes, yes, yes. (She realises he said Snow White) Snow White? Prince David Yes, Snow White. Pandora You want to marry Snow White? Prince David I do. Do I have your blessing. Pandora No! **Prince David** Why not? **Pandora** For a start. she's...dull! Prince David She's not! Pandora She's unfriendly! Prince David She's lovely! Pandora Well...she's not here. Prince David I'll wait, she'll be back. **Pandora** (*Through gritted teeth*) Then how can I stand in the way of true love? Prince David Thank you, Your Majesty.