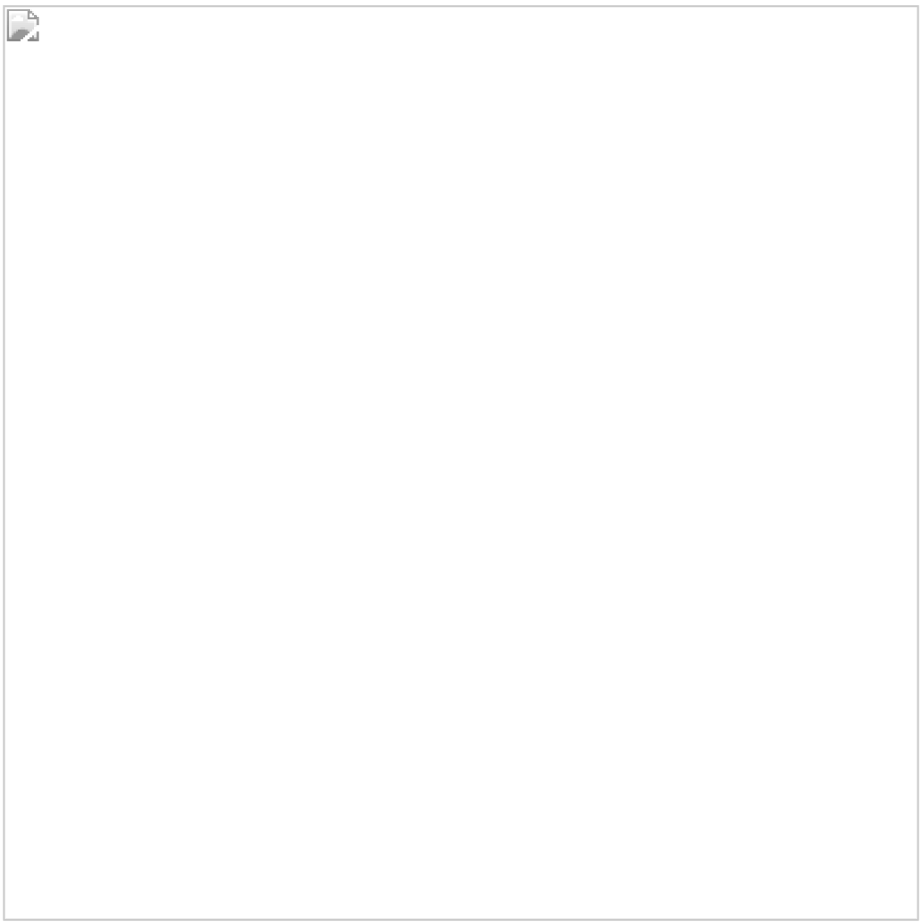
COLORING THE CLASSICS

Snow-White

A Tale from the Brothers Grimm



Once upon a time, in the middle of winter, when snowflakes fell like feathers from the sky, a queen sat sewing at a window framed in black ebony.

She pricked her finger, and three drops of blood fell upon the snow. The red looked so pretty upon the white that she thought,

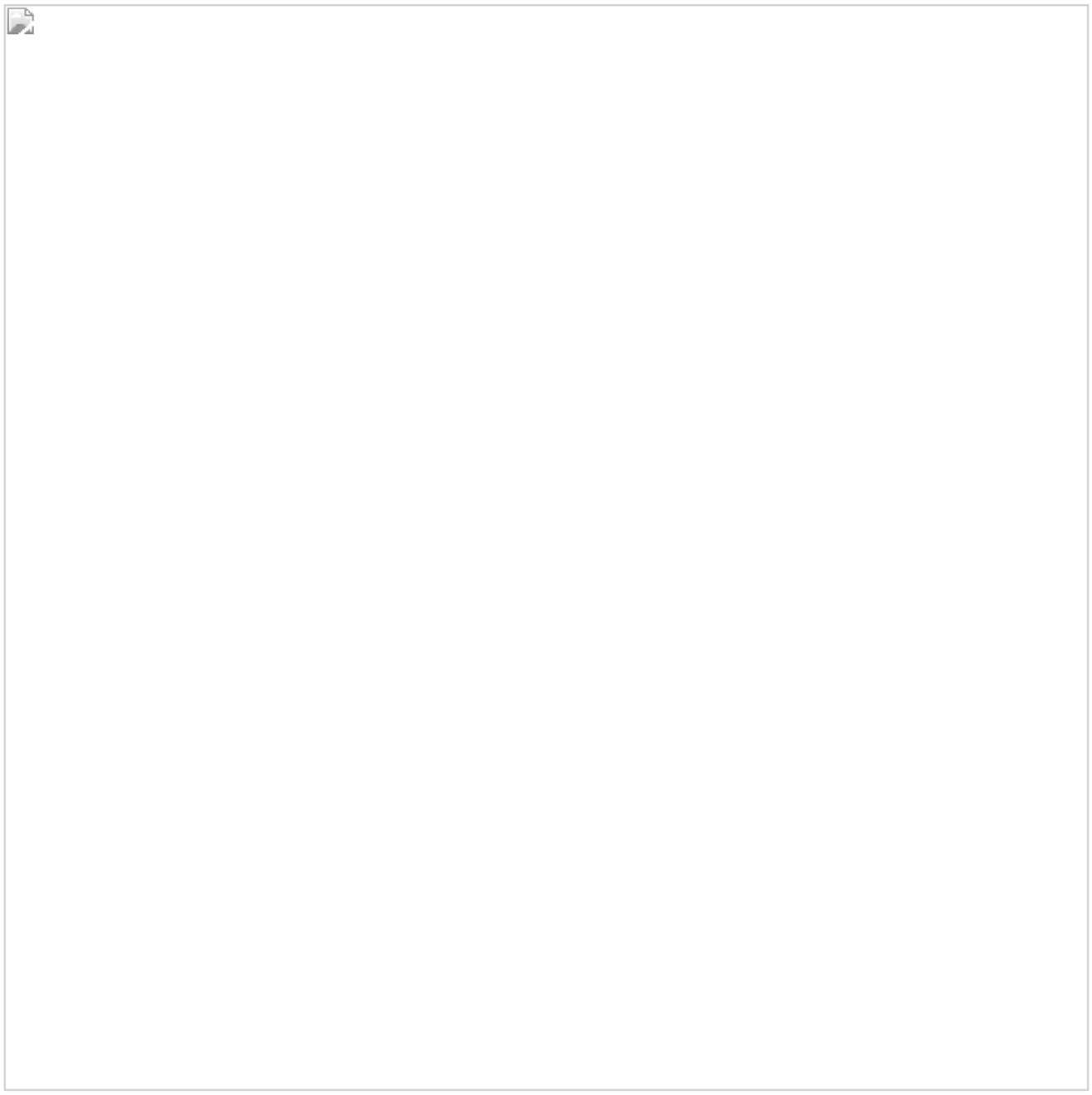
"Would that I had a child as white as snow, as red as blood, and as black as the wood of the window-frame."

Soon she had a little daughter, as white as snow, as red as blood, with hair as black as ebony: Little Snow-white. But when the child was born, the Queen died.

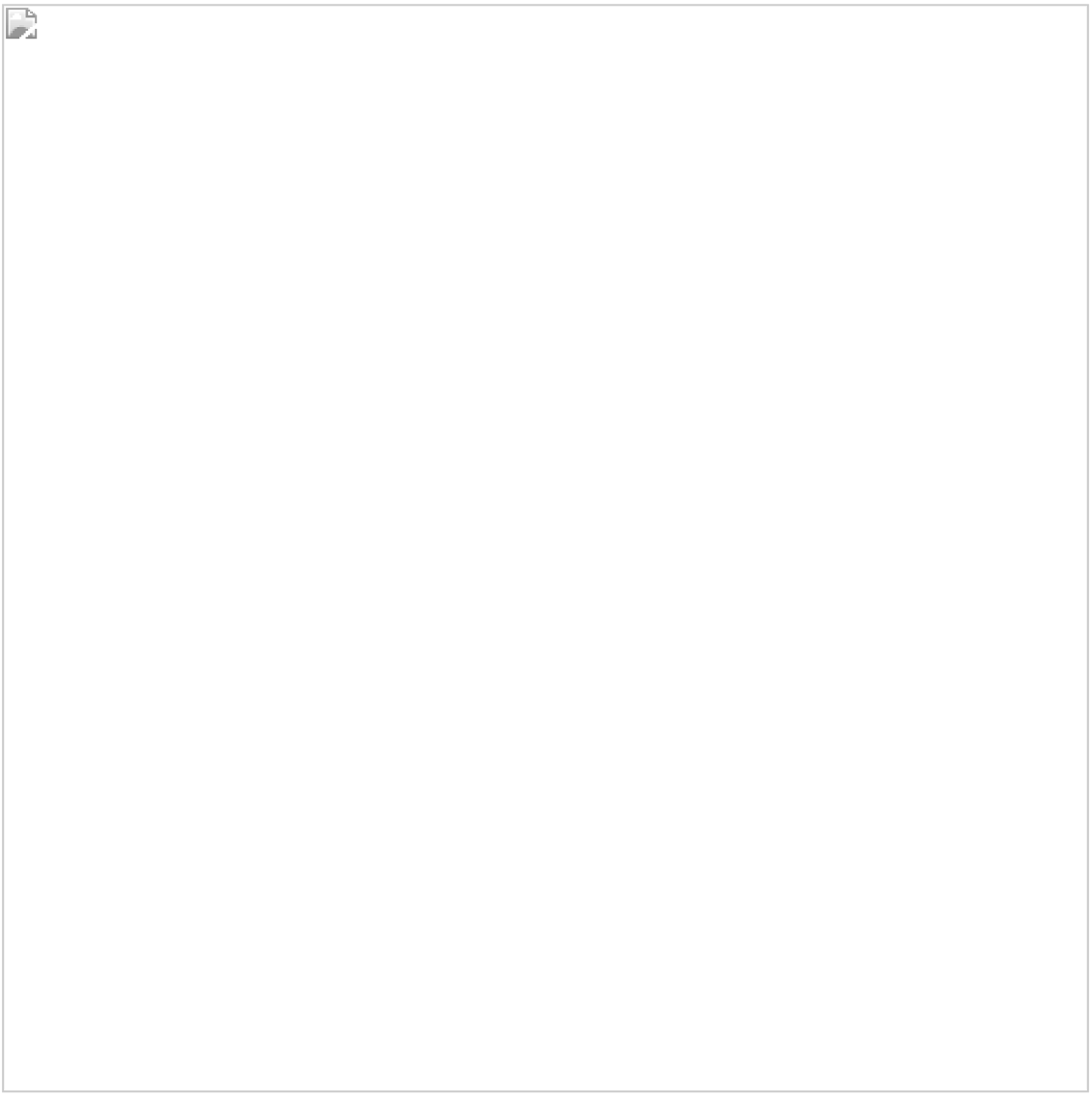
TALK ABOUT IT

Red drops on white snow, and the Queen wishes for three colors. What do you notice about them?

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The Looking-Glass



After a year, the King took another wife. She was a beautiful woman, but proud and haughty, and she could not bear that anyone else should surpass her in beauty.

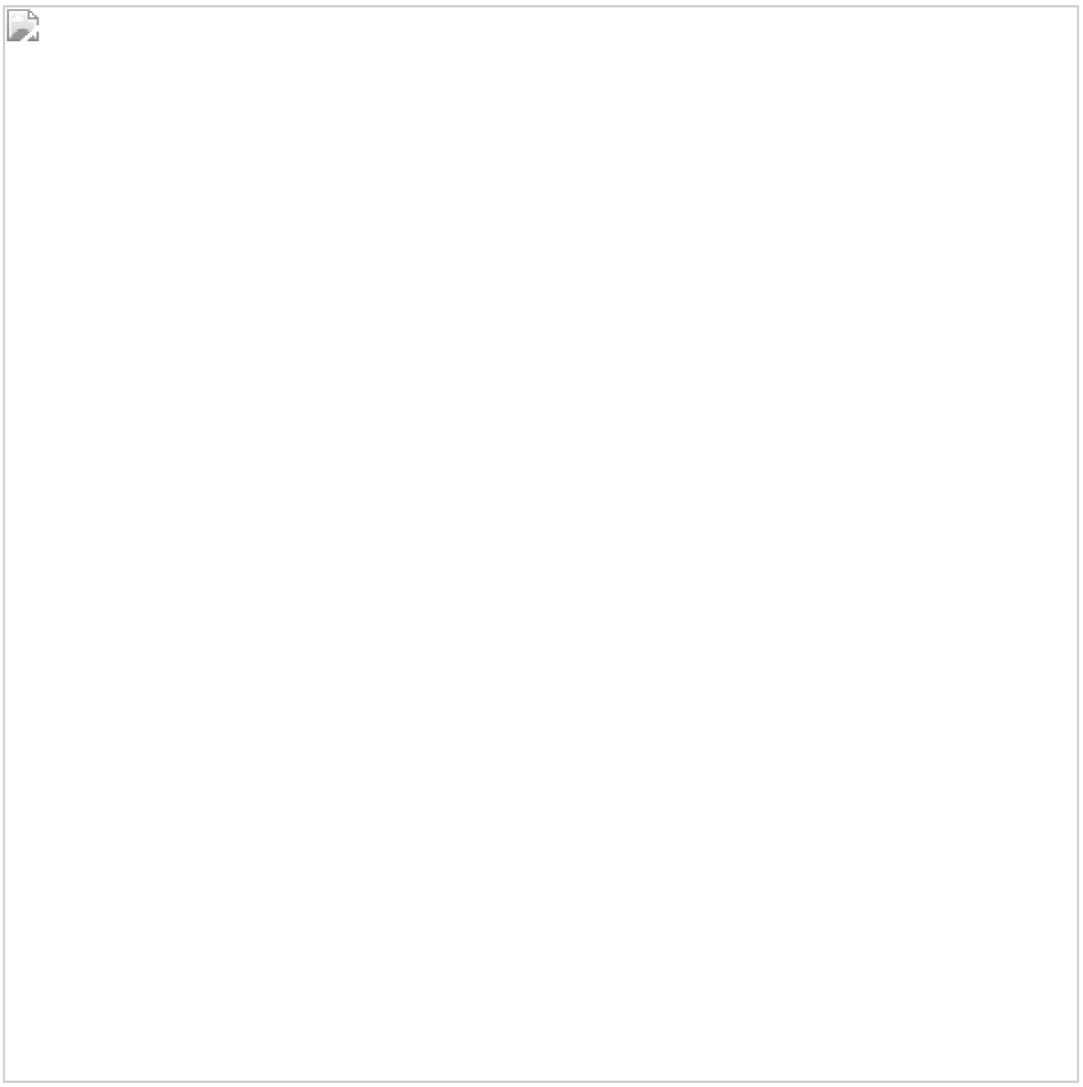
She had a wonderful looking-glass. When she stood in front of it she said,

“Looking-glass, Looking-glass, on the wall, Who in this land is the fairest of all?”

And the looking-glass answered, “Thou, O Queen, art the fairest of all!” Then she was satisfied, for she knew that the looking-glass spoke the truth.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Queen kept asking the looking-glass the same question. Why do you think she kept asking?

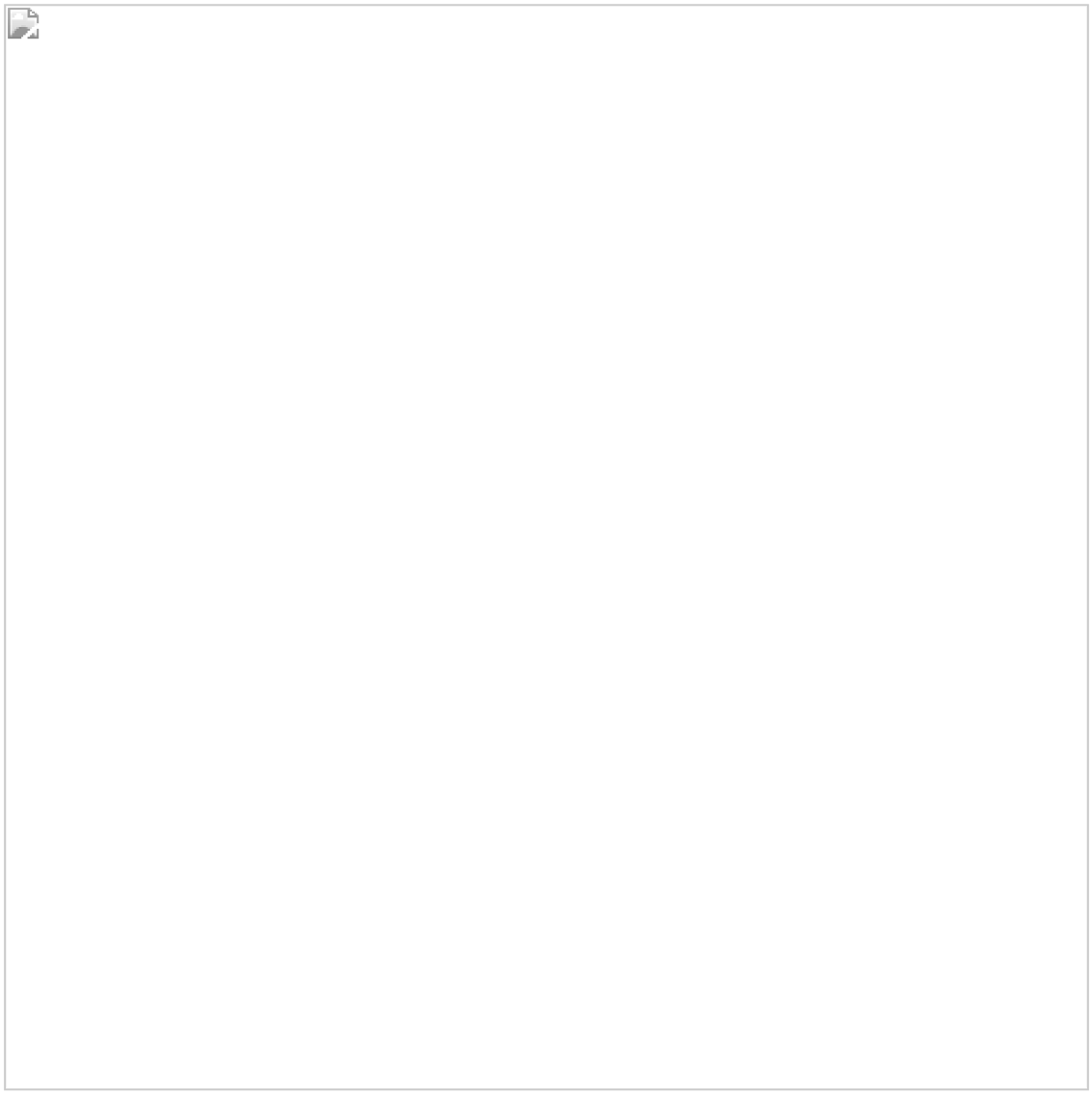


Think about it

1. What did the new Queen ask her looking-glass?

- ○ What time it was
- ○ Who in the land was the fairest
- ○ Where the King was

More Beautiful Still



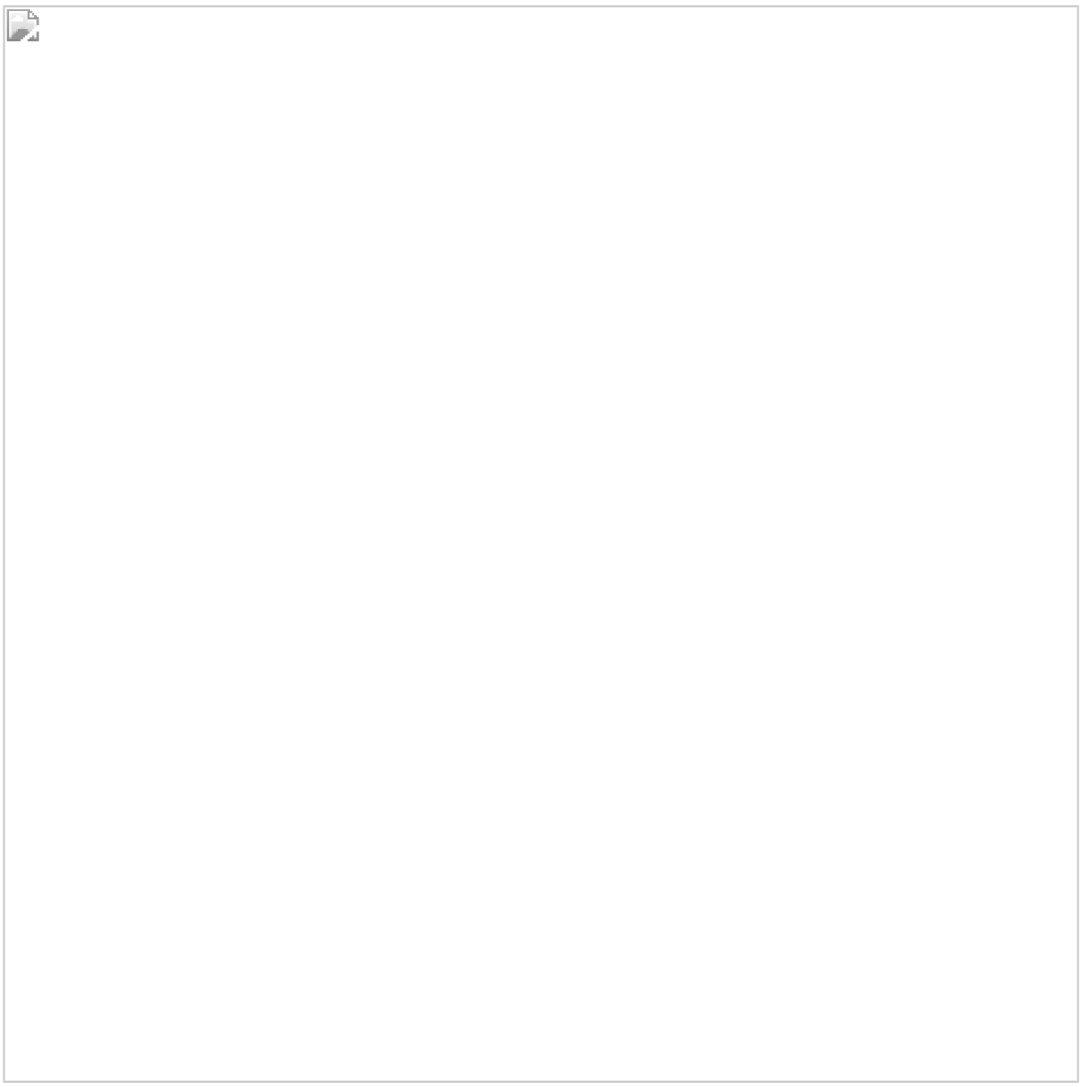
But Snow-white grew up, and grew more and more beautiful. When she was seven years old she was as beautiful as the day, and more beautiful than the Queen herself.

Once when the Queen asked her looking-glass, it answered, “Thou art fairer than all who are here, Lady Queen. But more beautiful still is Snow-white, as I ween.”

Then the Queen was shocked, and turned yellow and green with envy. From that hour, whenever she looked at Snow-white, her heart heaved in her breast, she hated the girl so much.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think envy is? Tell me what you think.

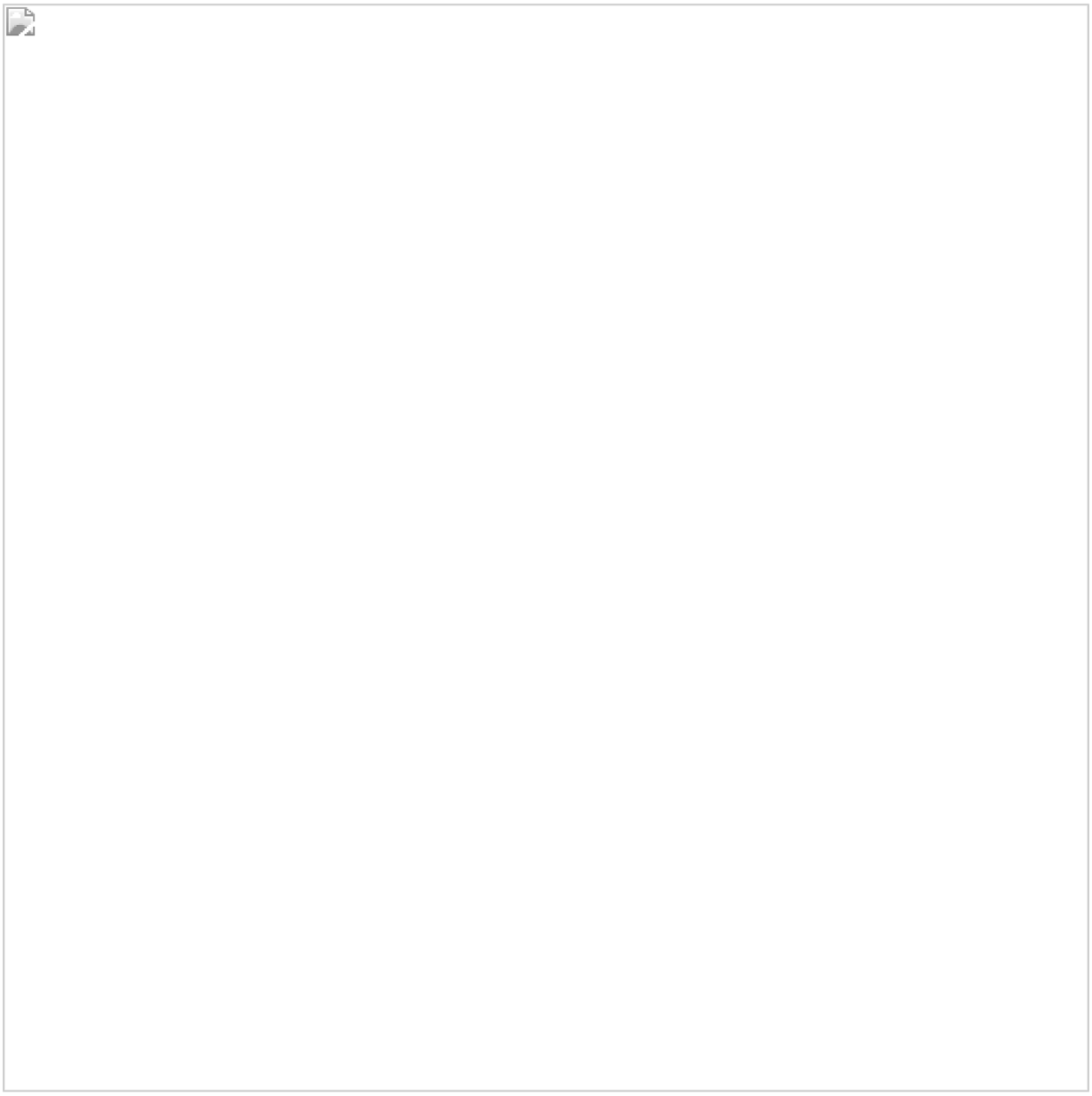


Think about it

1. How old was Snow-white when she became more beautiful than the Queen?

- ○ Three
- ○ Seven
- ○ Twelve

The Huntsman



Envy and pride grew in the Queen's heart like a weed, so that she had no peace day or night. She told a huntsman to take the child away into the forest.

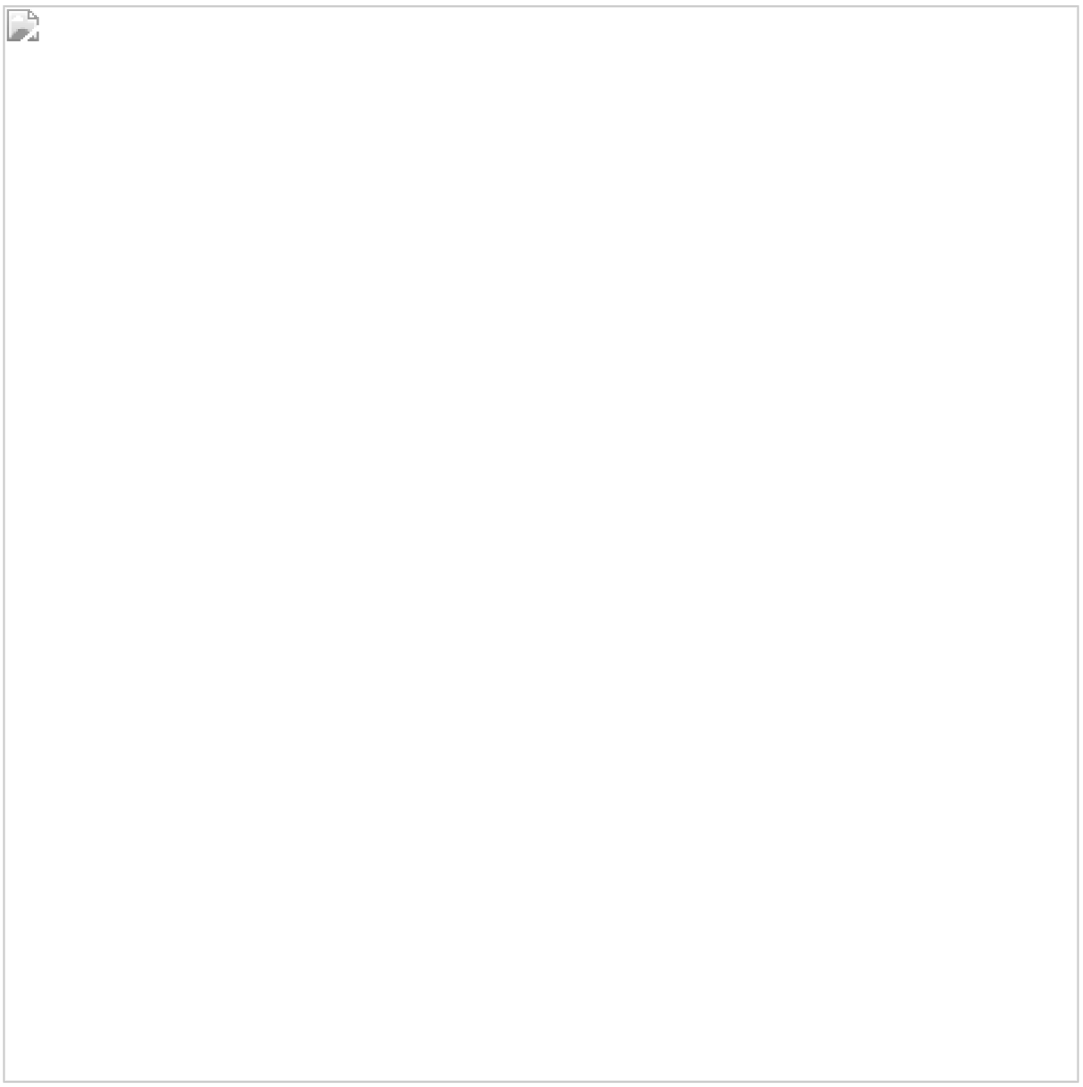
There Snow-white began to weep. “Ah dear huntsman, leave me my life! I will run away into the wild forest, and never come home again.”

Because she was so beautiful, the huntsman had pity on her. “Run away, then, you poor child.” Just then a young boar came running by. The huntsman took its heart to the Queen, and she thought it was Snow-white's.

TALK ABOUT IT

The huntsman let her go. Why do you think he did?

The Huntsman · another picture

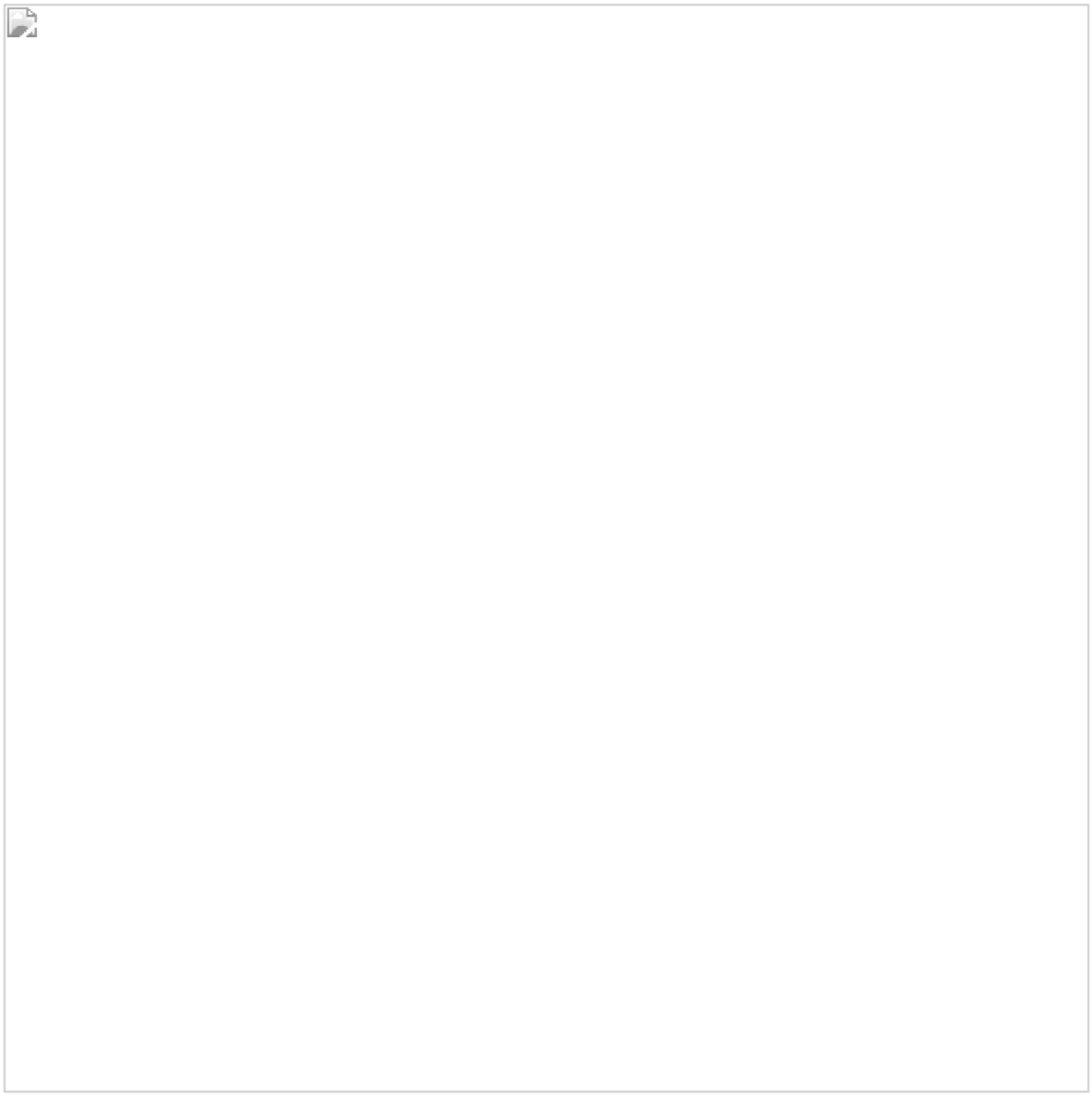


Think about it

1. What did the huntsman say to Snow-white?

- ○ “Run away, then, you poor child.”
- ○ “Come back to the castle.”
- ○ “Hide in the well.”

The Little Cottage



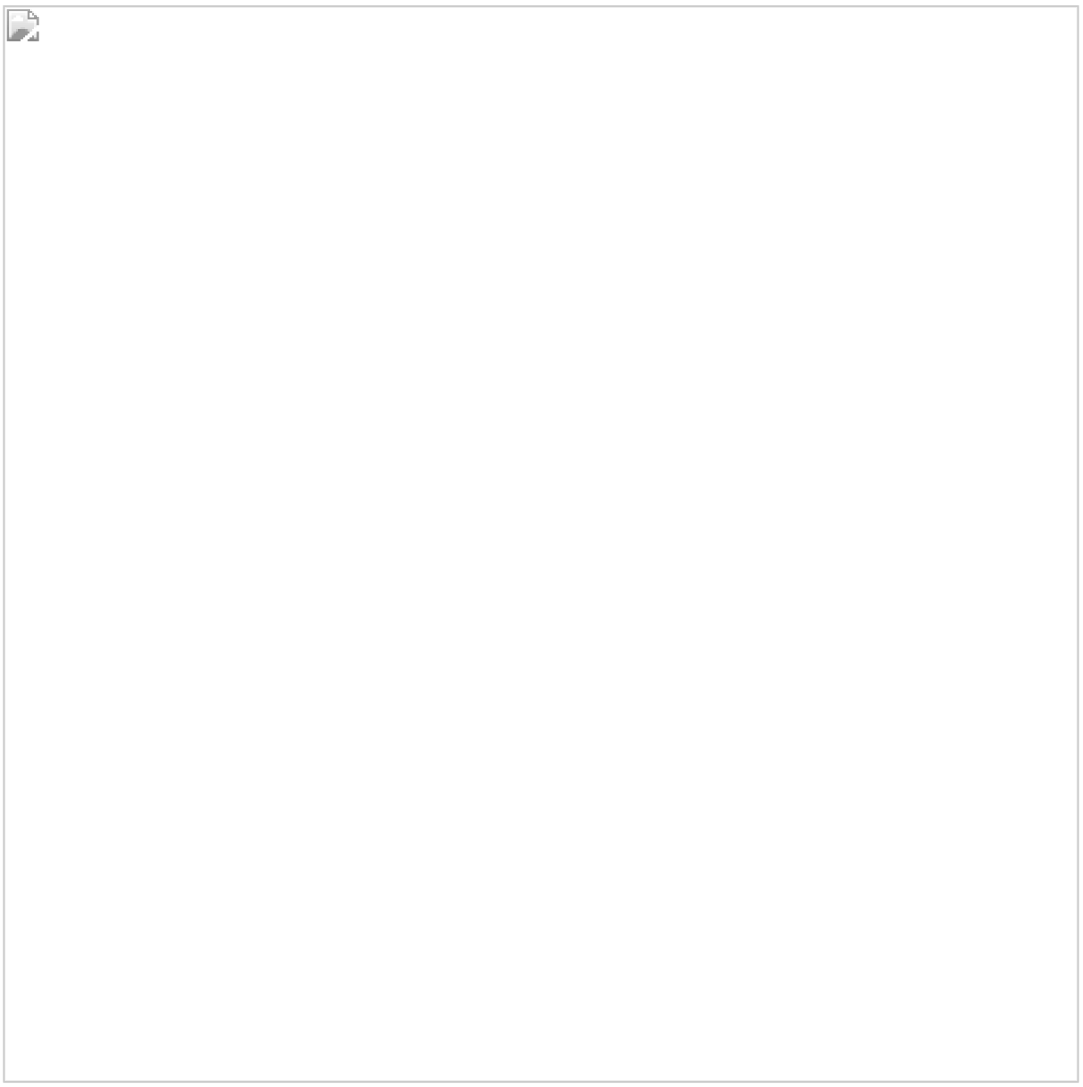
Now the poor child was all alone in the great forest, so terrified that she looked at every leaf of every tree. She ran over sharp stones and through thorns, and the wild beasts ran past her, but did her no harm.

Near evening she saw a little cottage and went in to rest.

Everything there was small, but neater and cleaner than can be told. On a table with a white cover were seven little plates, seven little spoons, seven little knives and forks, and seven little mugs. Against the wall stood seven little beds side by side.

TALK ABOUT IT

Seven of everything! What would you want to find in a cottage when you were lost?

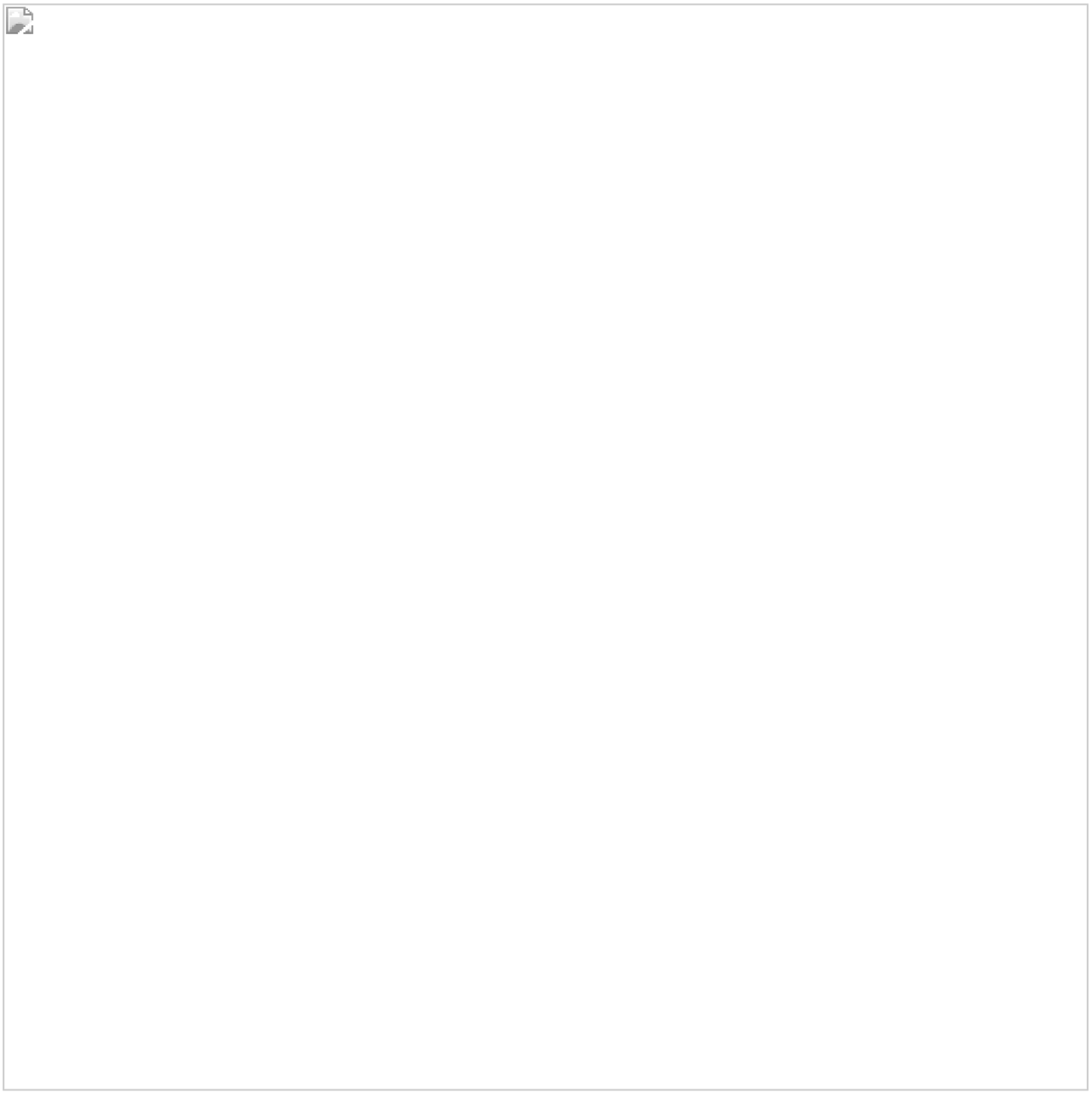


Think about it

1. How many little beds were against the wall?

- ○ Three
- ○ Five
- ○ Seven

The Seventh Bed

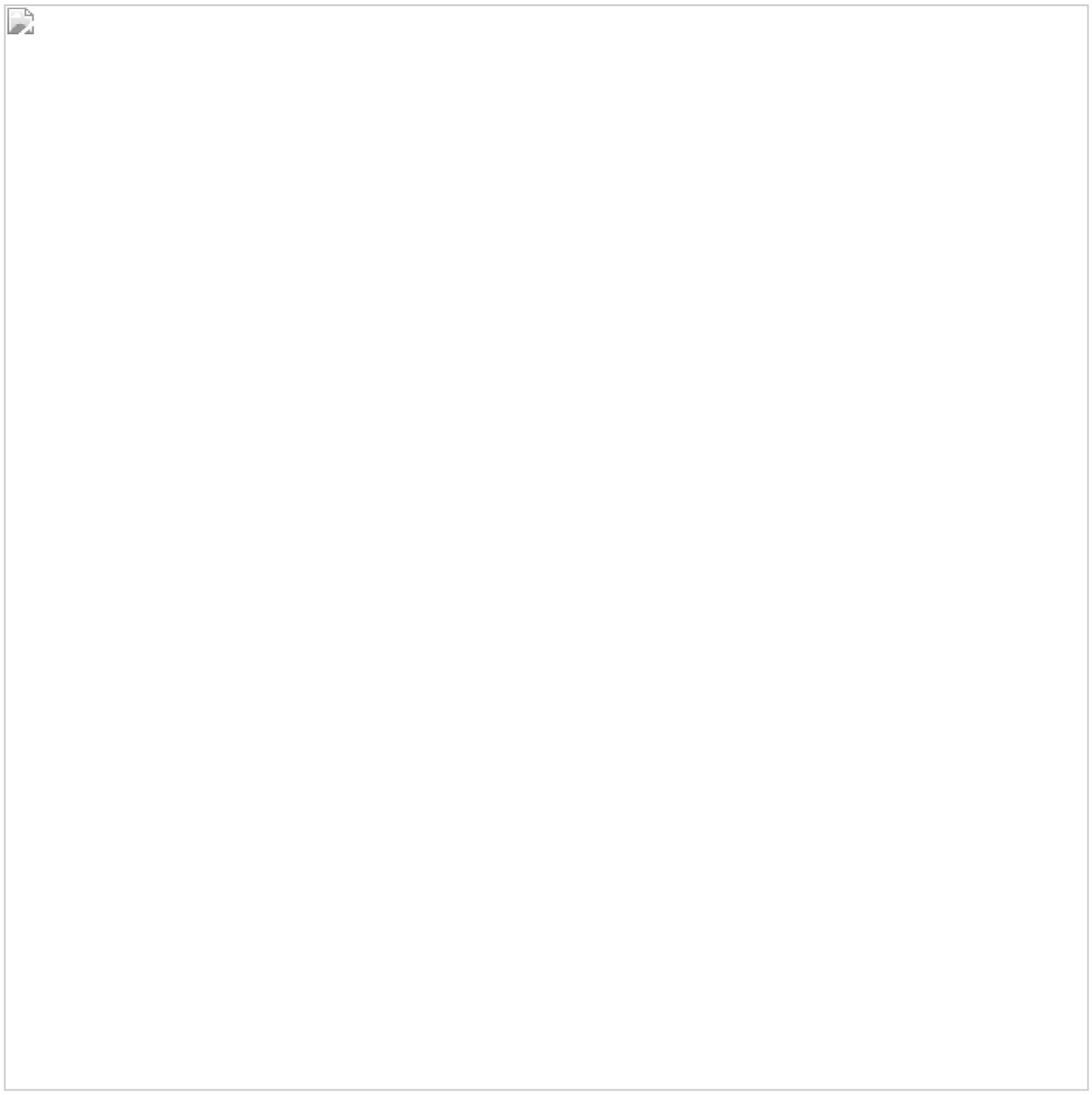


Little Snow-white was so hungry and thirsty that she ate some vegetables and bread from each plate and drank a drop of wine out of each mug, for she did not wish to take all from one only.

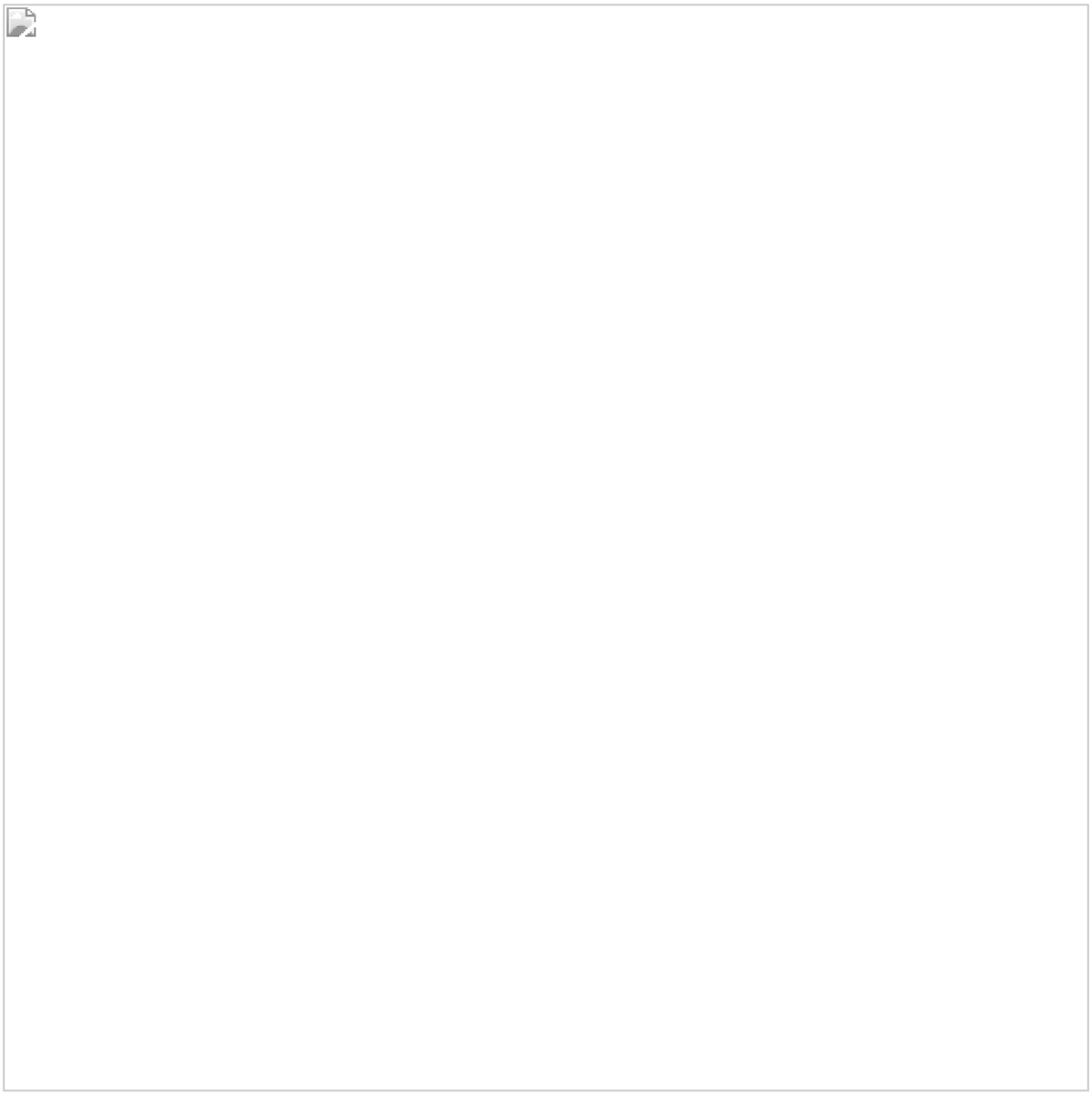
Then, as she was so tired, she lay down on one of the little beds. But none of them suited her. One was too long, another too short. At last she found that the seventh one was right, and she said a prayer and went to sleep.

TALK ABOUT IT

Snow-white took only a little from each plate. What do you think of that?



Who Has Been Here?

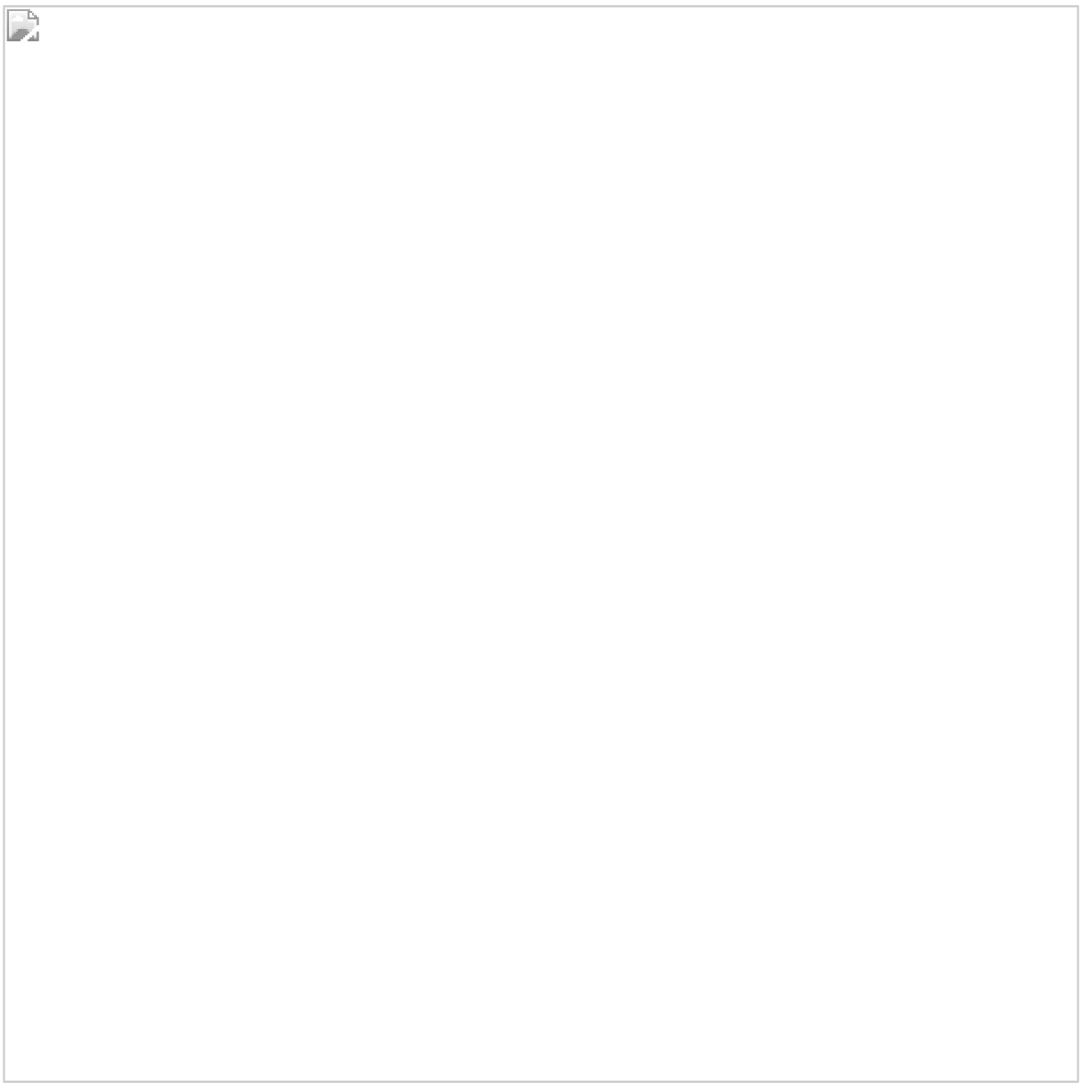


When it was quite dark, the owners of the cottage came back. They were seven dwarfs who dug and delved in the mountains for ore. They lit their seven candles and saw that someone had been there.

The first said, “Who has been sitting on my chair?” The second, “Who has been eating off my plate?” The third, “Who has been taking some of my bread?” The fourth, “Who has been eating my vegetables?” The fifth, “Who has been using my fork?” The sixth, “Who has been cutting with my knife?” The seventh, “Who has been drinking out of my mug?”

TALK ABOUT IT

Does this remind you of any other story? What do you remember about it?

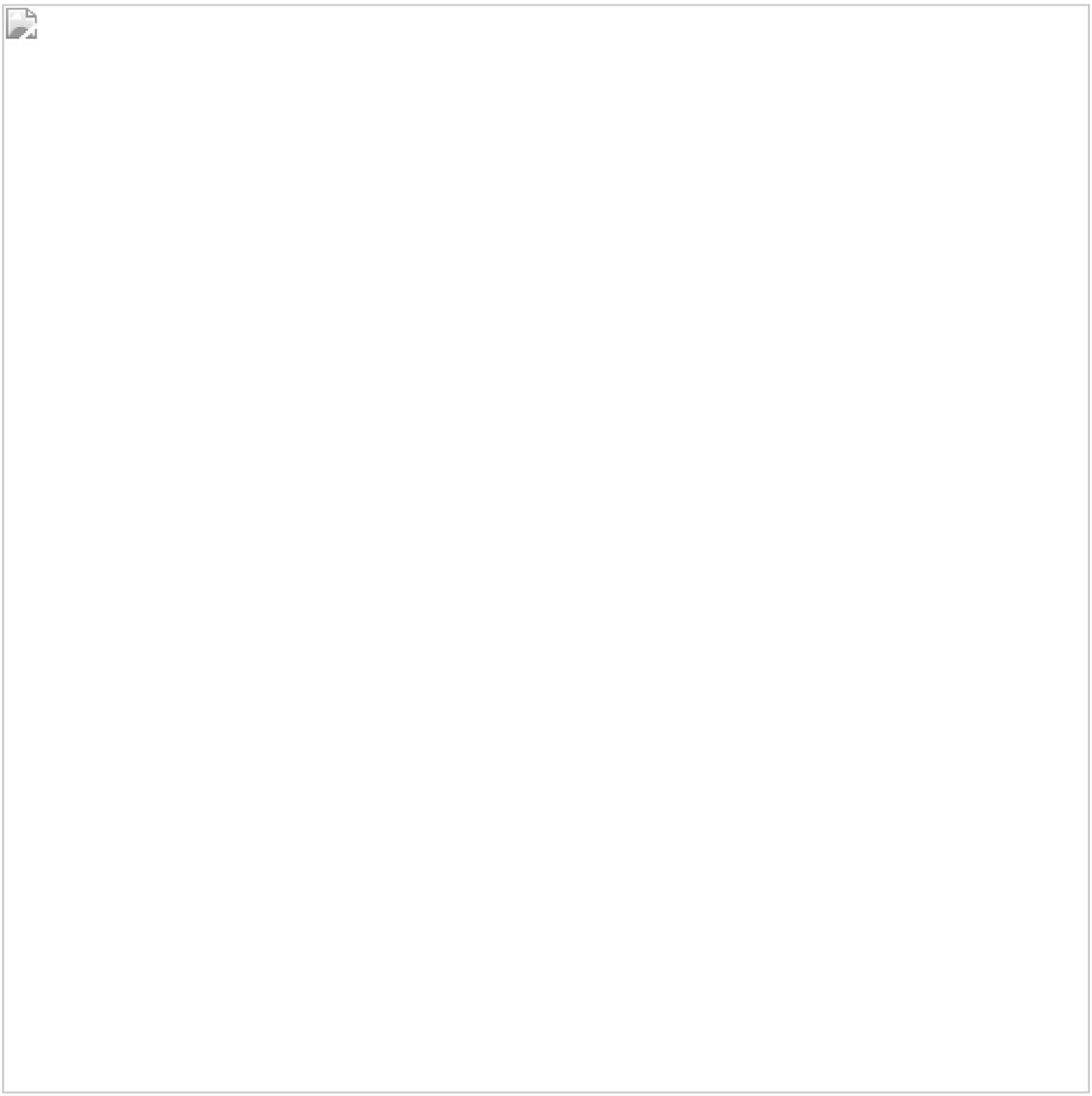


Think about it

1. What did the dwarfs do in the mountains?

- ○ Dug and delved for ore
- ○ Baked bread
- ○ Herded goats

What a Lovely Child



The first dwarf found a little hole in his bed. “Who has been getting into my bed?” he said. The others each called out, “Somebody has been lying in my bed too.”

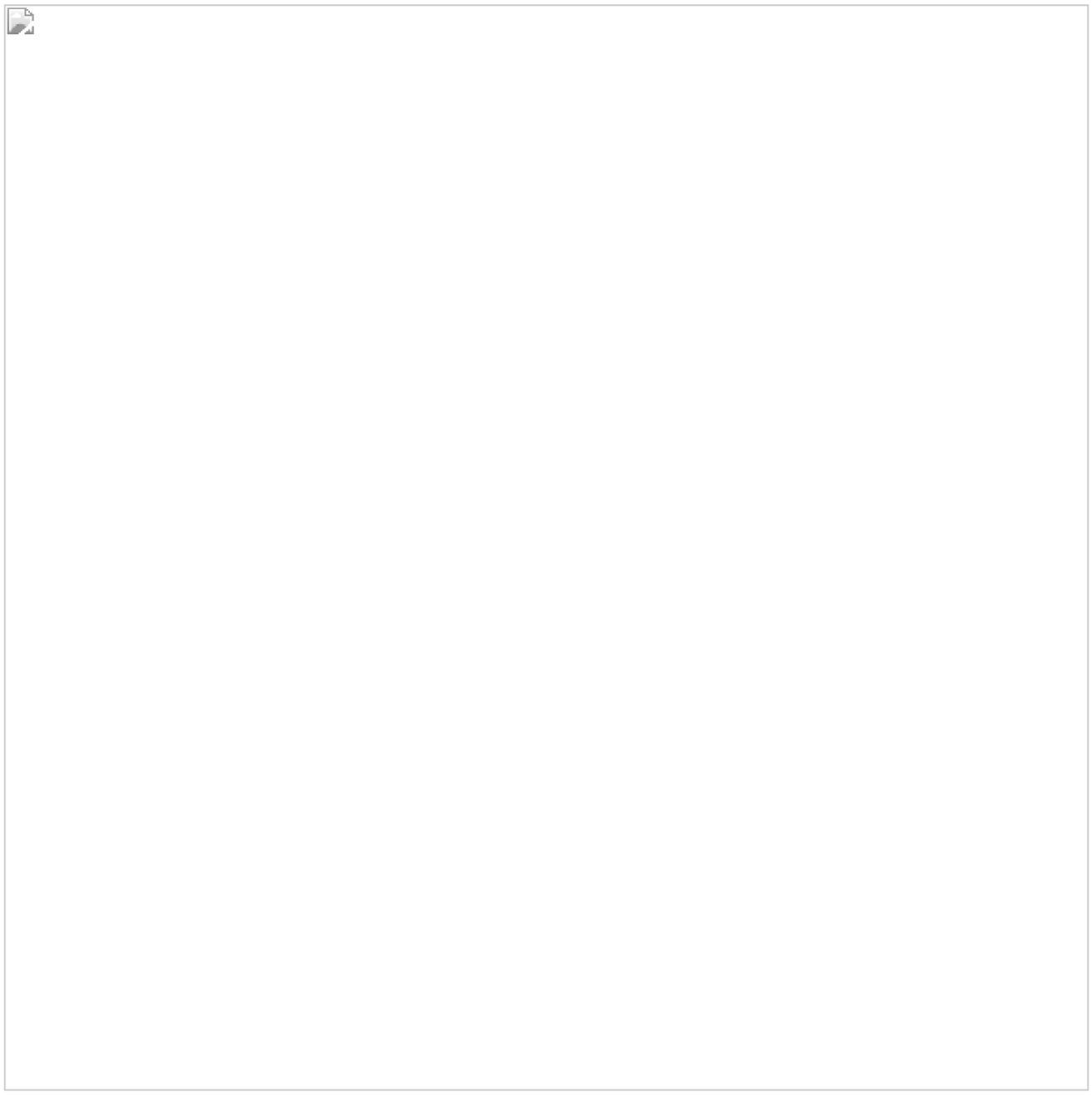
But the seventh dwarf looked at his bed and saw little Snow-white, asleep. He called the others, and they brought their seven little candles and let the light fall on her.

“Oh, heavens! oh, heavens!” cried they, “what a lovely child!” They were so glad that they did not wake her up. The seventh dwarf slept with his companions, one hour with each, and so got through the night.

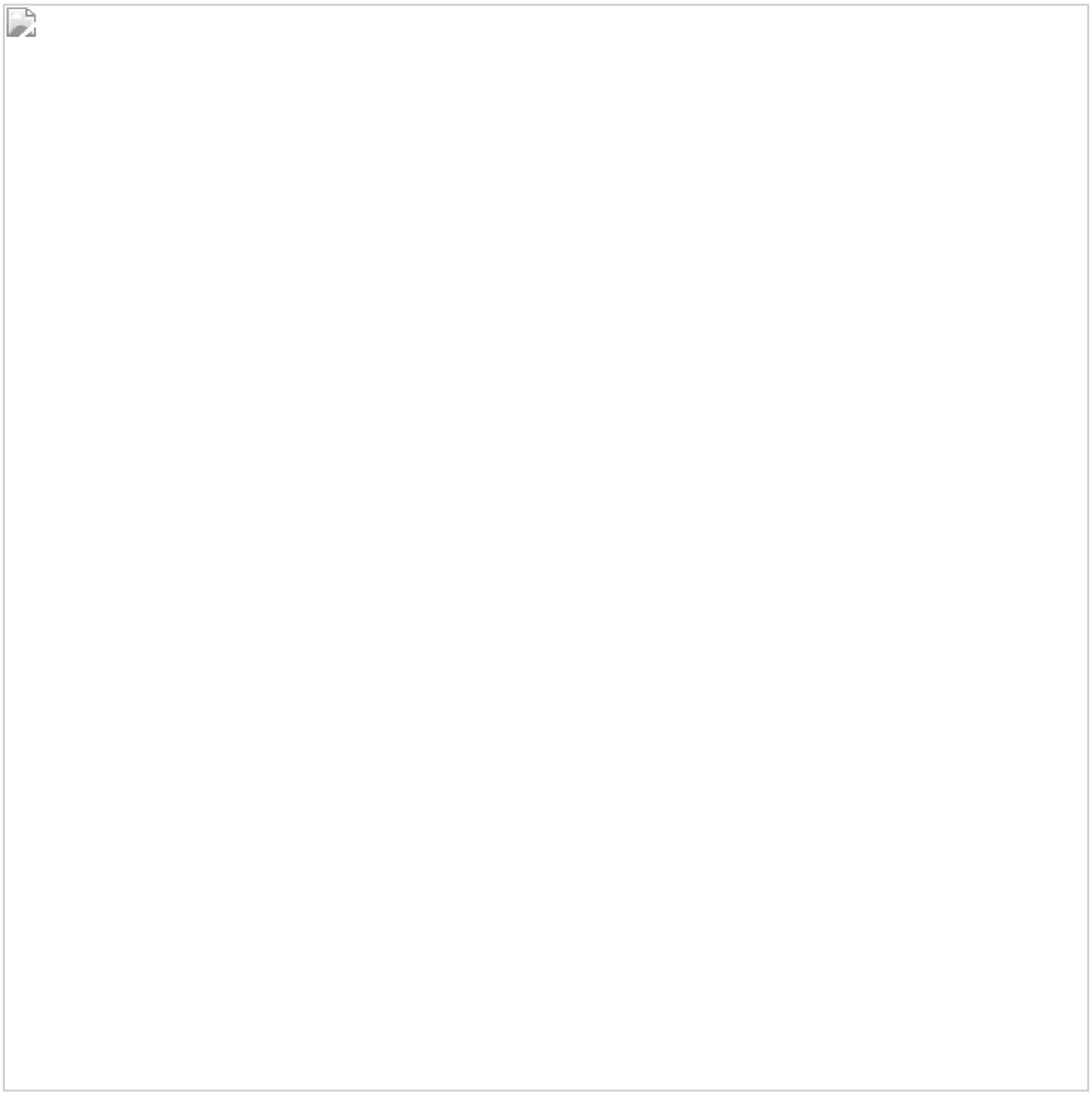
TALK ABOUT IT

How do you think the dwarfs felt when they saw her?

What a Lovely Child · another picture



You Can Stay With Us



In the morning Snow-white woke and saw the seven dwarfs. They were friendly, and she told them her name and how the huntsman had spared her life.

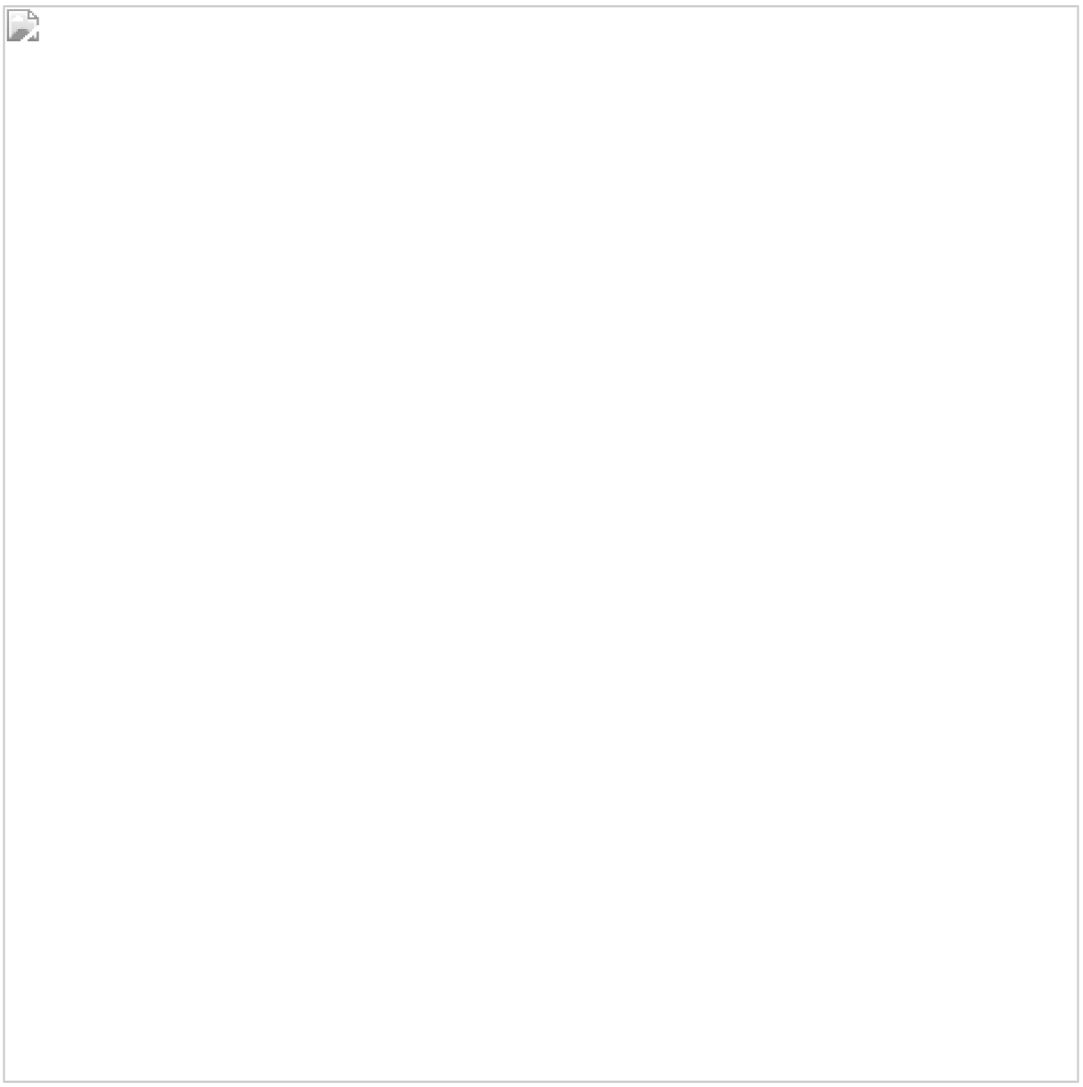
The dwarfs said, “If you will take care of our house, cook, make the beds, wash, sew, and knit, and if you will keep everything neat and clean, you can stay with us and you shall want for nothing.” “Yes,” said Snow-white, “with all my heart.”

But the good dwarfs warned her, “Beware of your step-mother, she will soon know that you are here; be sure to let no one come in.”

TALK ABOUT IT

The dwarfs welcomed Snow-white in. What would you want a new friend to know about your home?

You Can Stay With Us · another picture

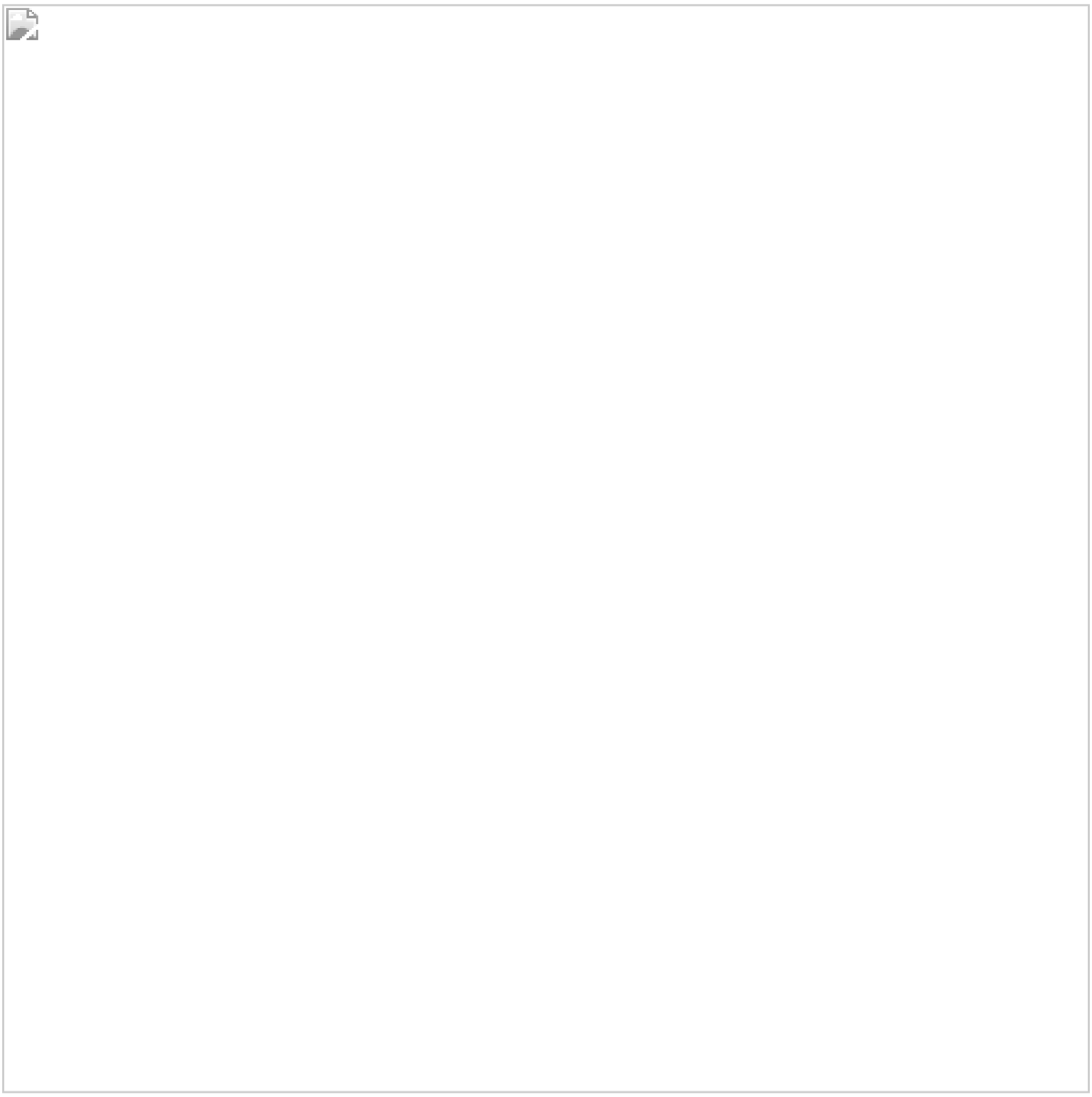


Think about it

1. What did the dwarfs warn Snow-white to do?

- ○ Let no one come in
- ○ Go home soon
- ○ Fetch water each day

The Peddler-Woman



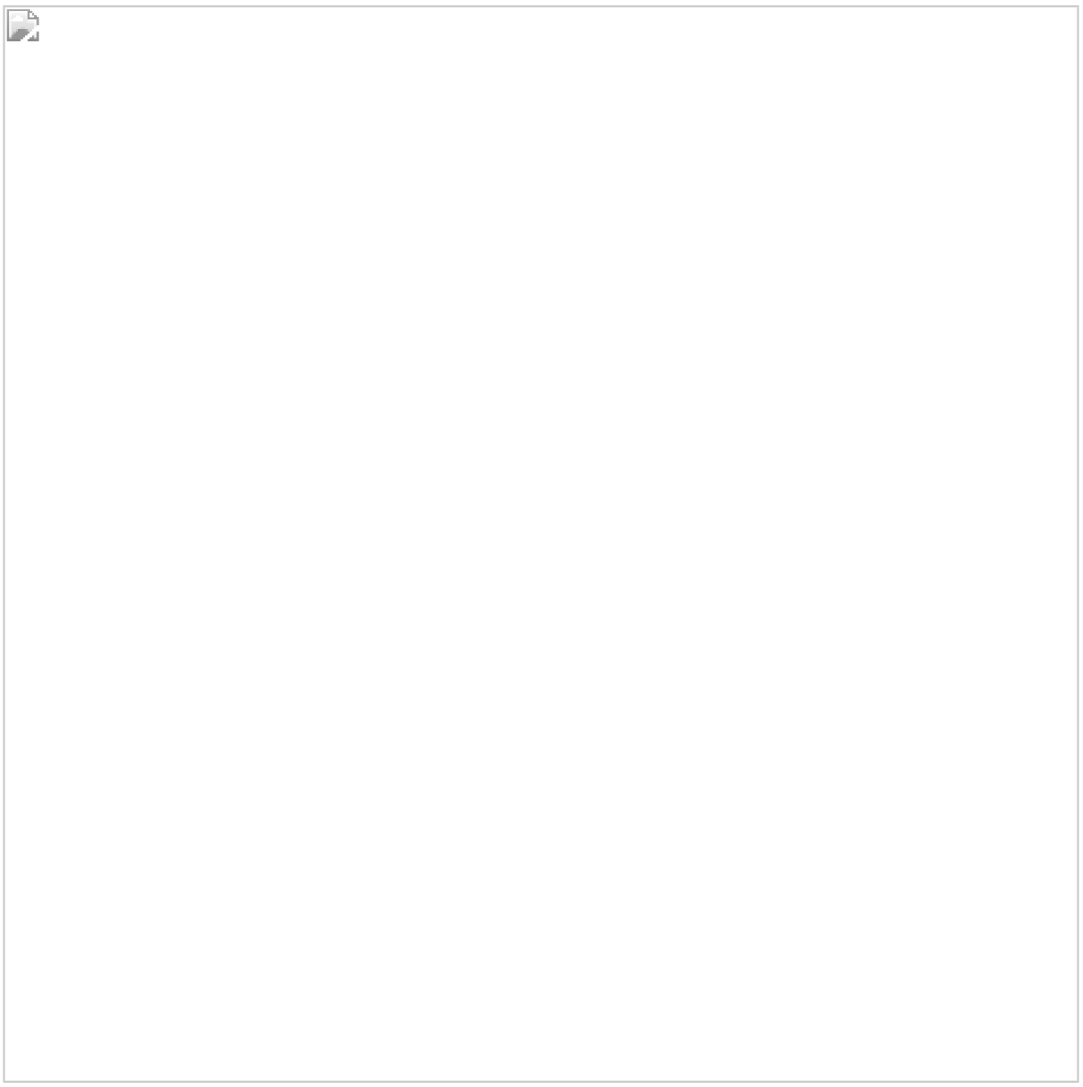
The Queen, thinking Snow-white dead, asked her looking-glass, and it answered, “Oh, Queen, thou art fairest of all I see, But over the hills, where the seven dwarfs dwell, Snow-white is still alive and well, And none is so fair as she.”

The Queen painted her face, dressed like an old peddler-woman, and went over the seven mountains. She knocked and cried, “Pretty things to sell, very cheap, very cheap.”

Snow-white bought bright laces. “Come,” said the old woman, “I will lace you properly for once.” She laced so tightly that Snow-white lost her breath and fell down as if dead.

TALK ABOUT IT

Snow-white opened the door because the woman seemed nice. What do you think about that?

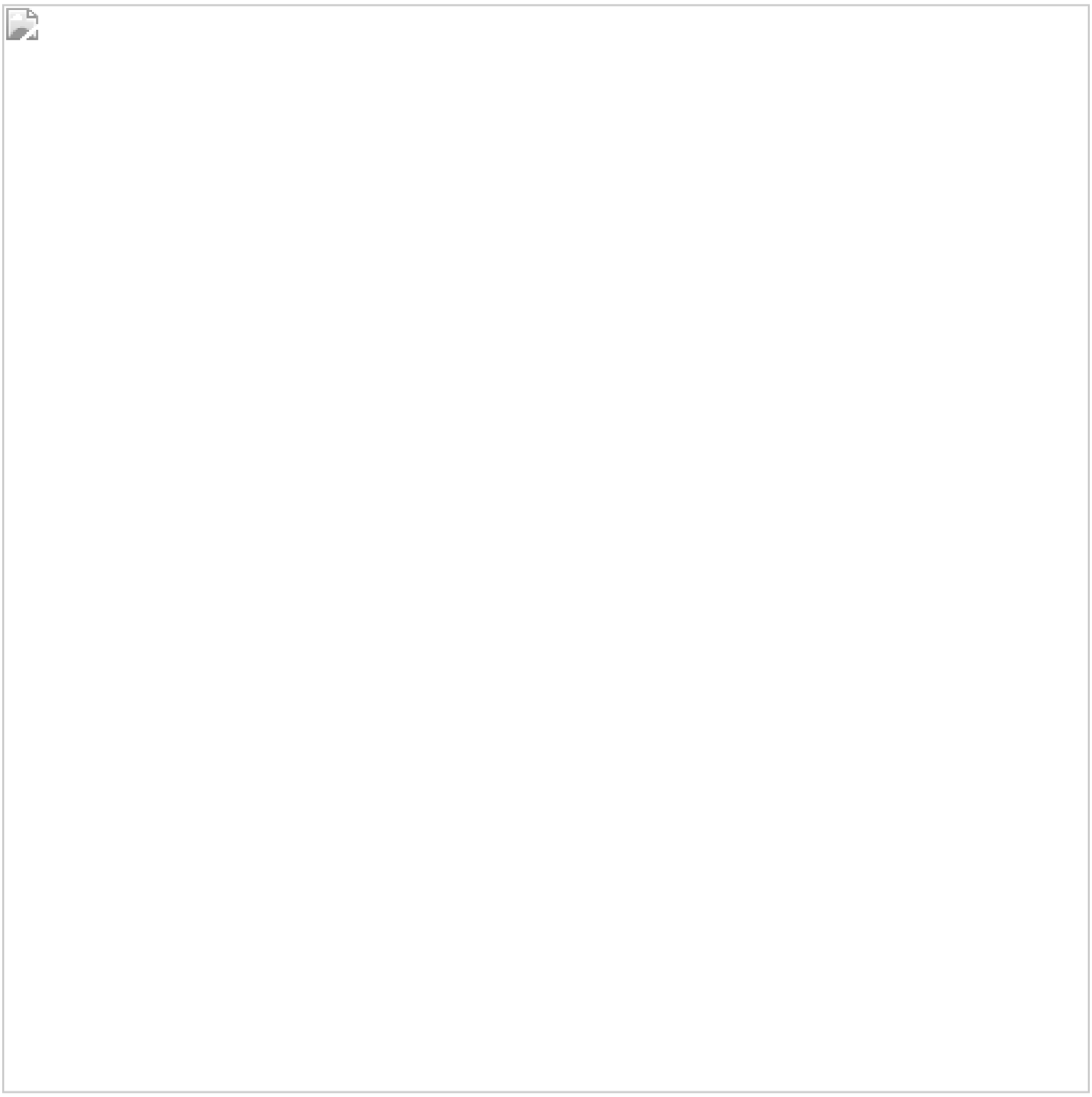


Think about it

1. What did the old woman sell Snow-white first?

- ○ Stay-laces
- ○ Apples
- ○ A comb

The Dwarfs Help Again



When the dwarfs came home and found Snow-white on the ground, they cut the laces. She began to breathe, and after a while came to life again.

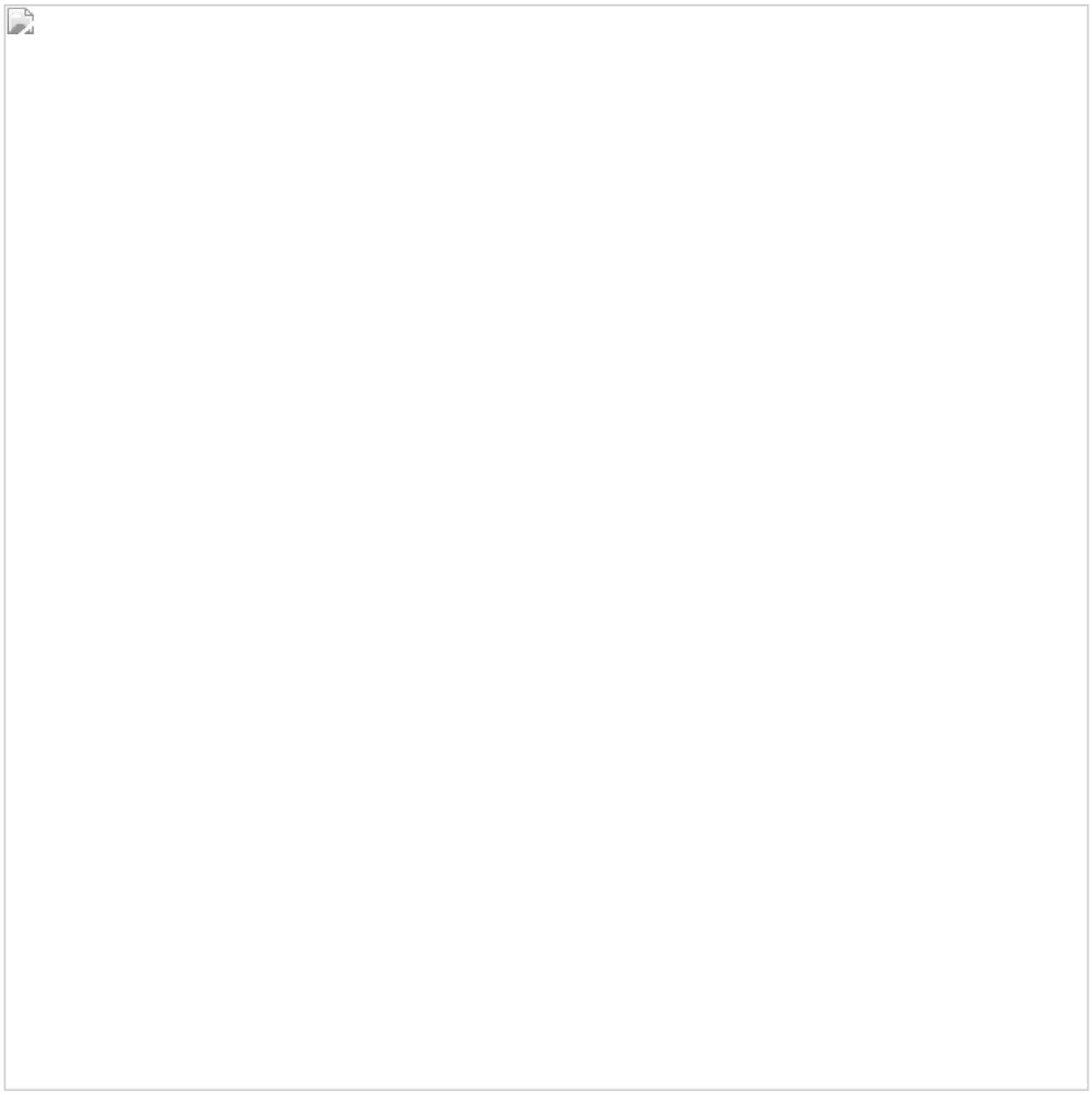
But the looking-glass told the Queen that Snow-white was alive. So she made a poisonous comb, took the shape of another old woman, and went over the seven mountains.

“Go away; I cannot let any one come in,” said Snow-white. But the comb pleased her so well that she opened the door. Hardly was the comb in her hair when she fell down senseless. The dwarfs came home, took the comb out, and she came to herself.

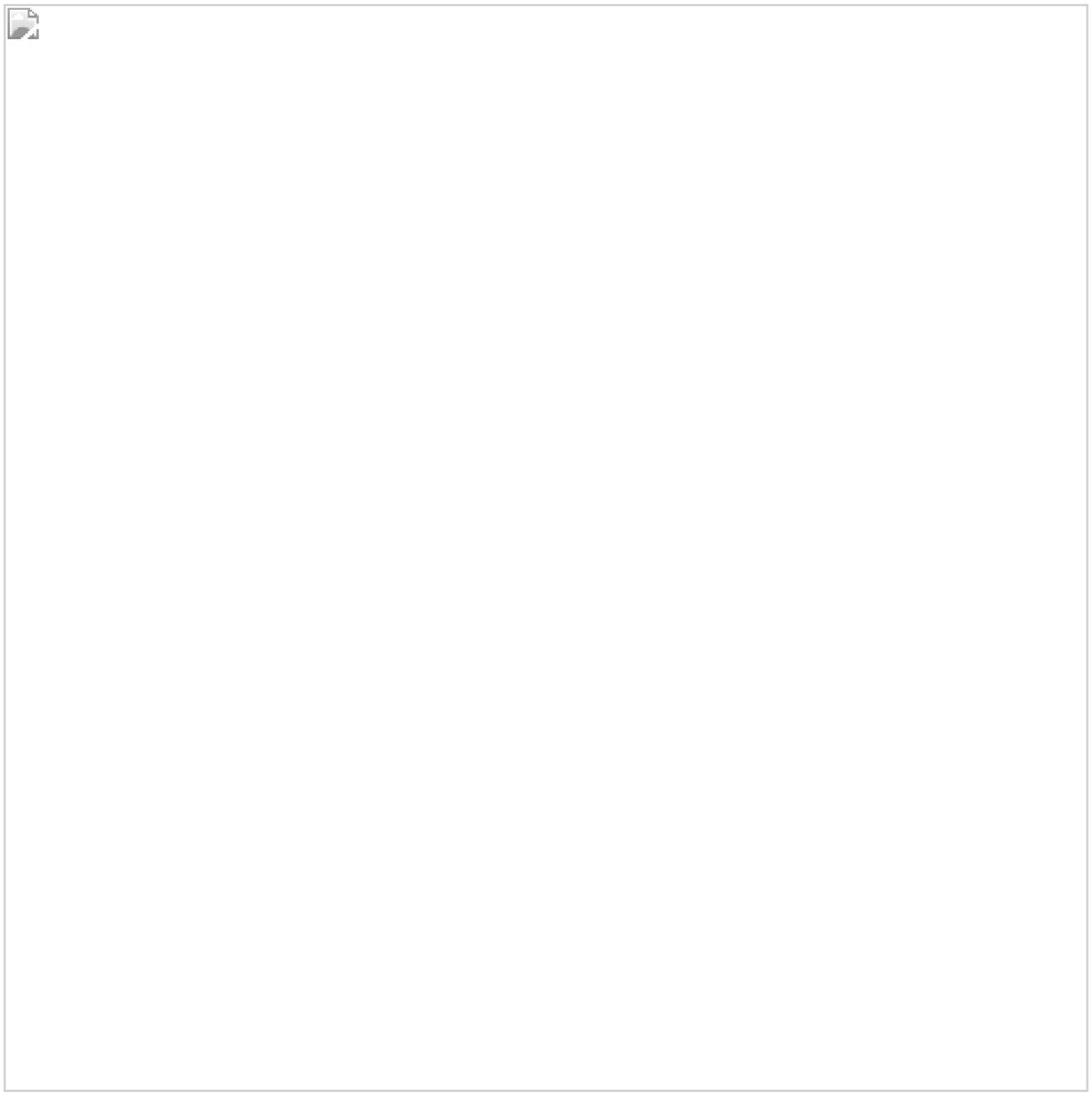
TALK ABOUT IT

The dwarfs warned her twice, and she opened the door anyway. What do you think about that?

The Dwarfs Help Again · another picture



The Apple



“Snow-white shall die,” cried the Queen. She made a poisonous apple, white with a red cheek, pretty to look at.

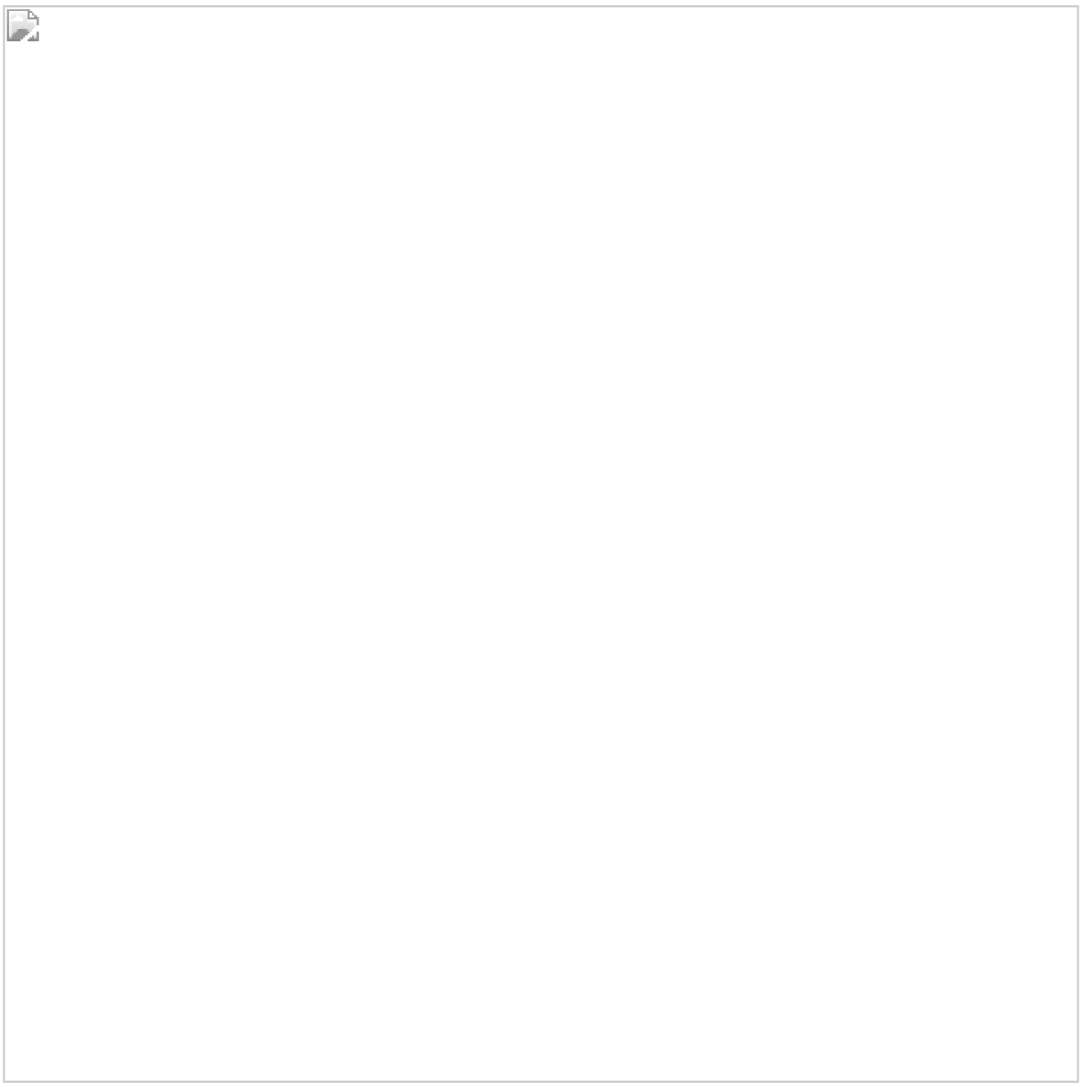
She dressed as a country-woman and went to the dwarfs' house with the apple. “No,” said Snow-white, “I dare not take anything.”

“Are you afraid of poison?” said the old woman. “Look, I will cut the apple in two pieces; you eat the red cheek, and I will eat the white.” Only the red cheek was poisoned. Snow-white took a bite and fell down.

The Queen said, “White as snow, red as blood, black as ebony-wood! this time the dwarfs cannot wake you up again.”

TALK ABOUT IT

The apple looked so pretty on the outside. What do you think about that?

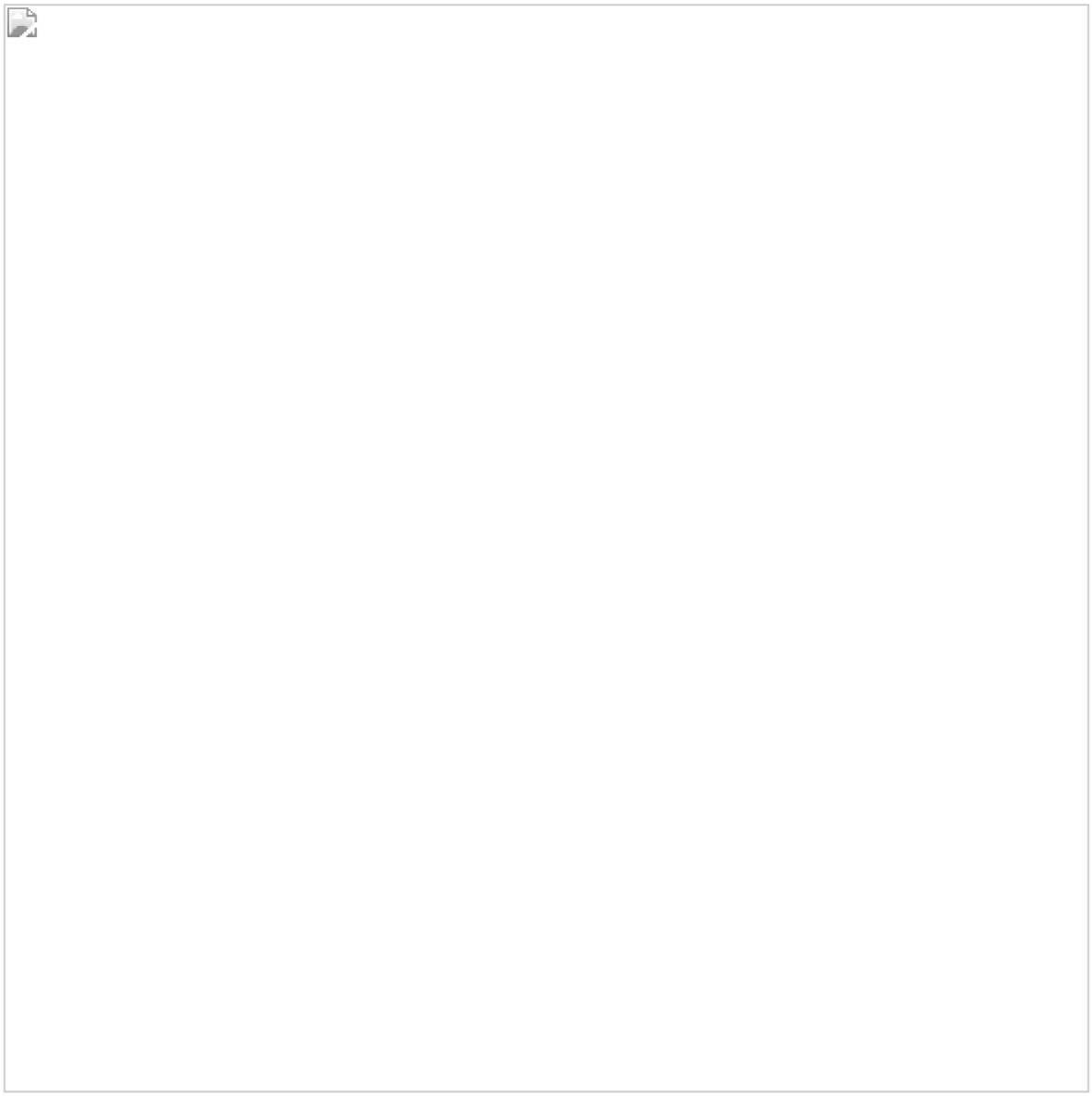


Think about it

1. Which part of the apple was poisoned?

- ○ The white part
- ○ The red cheek
- ○ The stem

The Glass Coffin



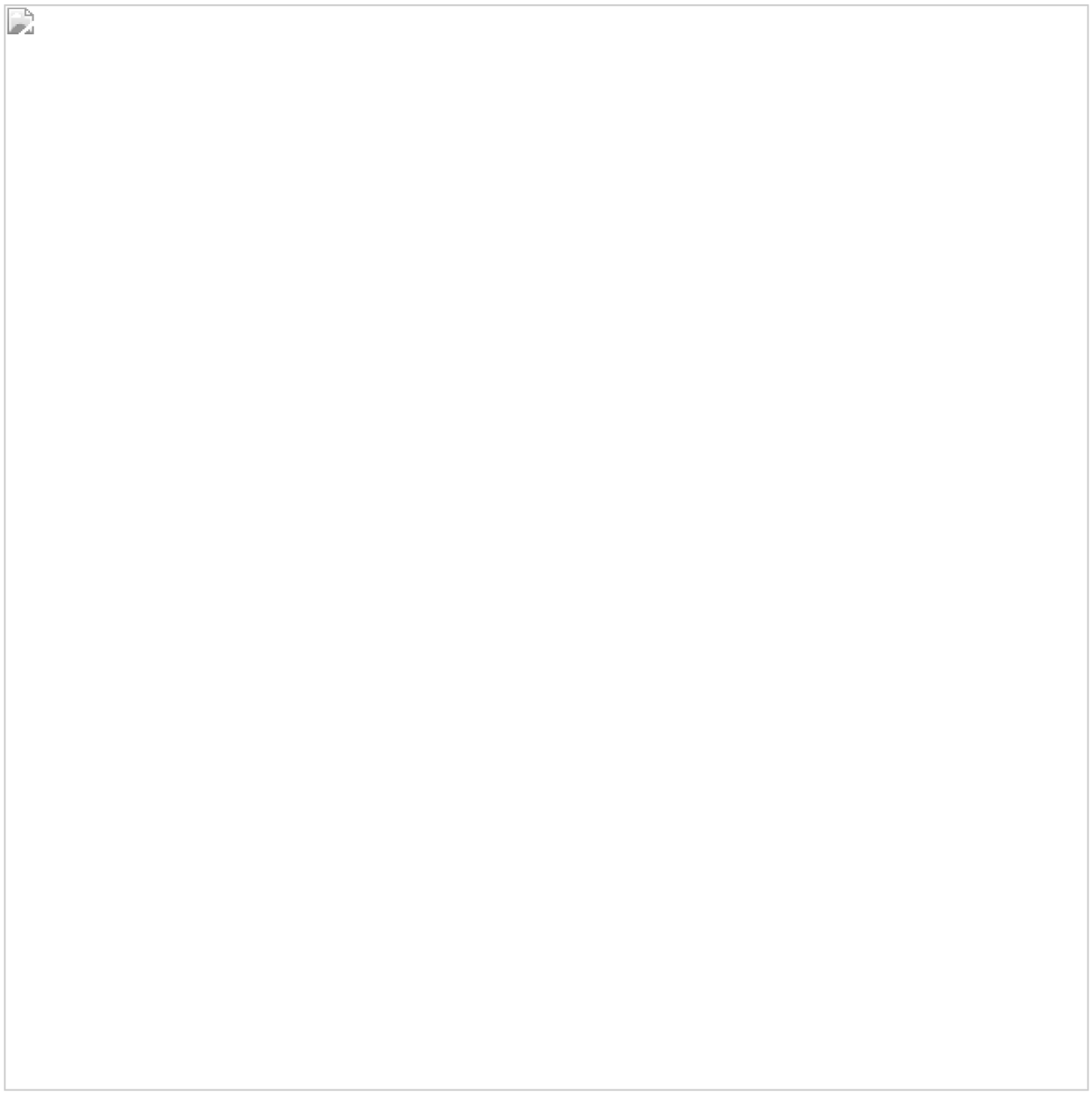
At home, the looking-glass answered, “Oh, Queen, in this land thou art fairest of all.” Then her envious heart had rest, so far as an envious heart can have rest.

The dwarfs found Snow-white on the ground, not breathing, and for three days they sat round her and wept.

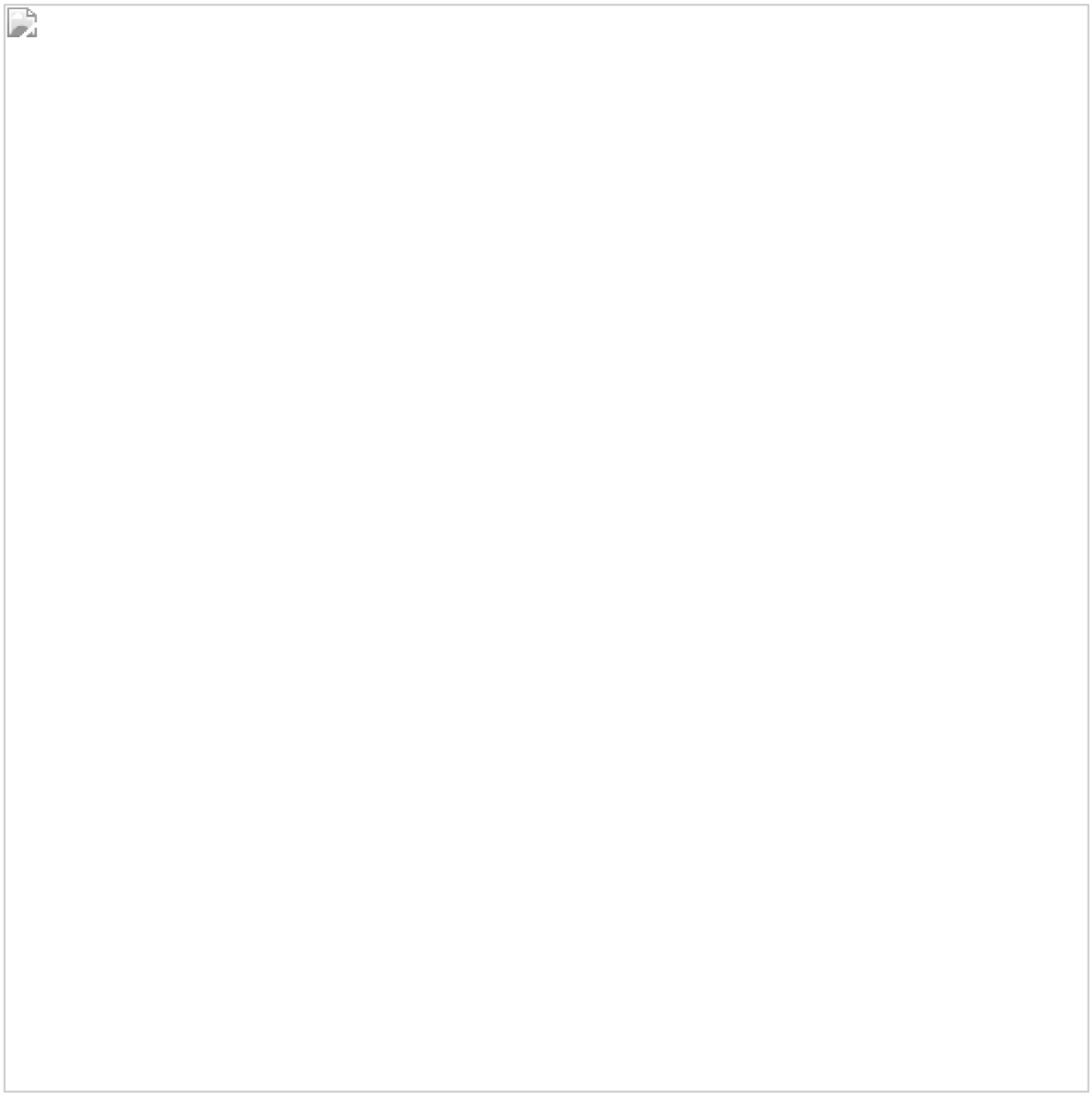
She still looked as if she were living, so they would not bury her in the dark ground. They made her a coffin of glass, and wrote on it in golden letters her name, and that she was a king's daughter. Birds came and wept for her too: an owl, then a raven, and last a dove.

TALK ABOUT IT

The birds and the dwarfs all came to be with her. What do you think they wished?



The King's Son



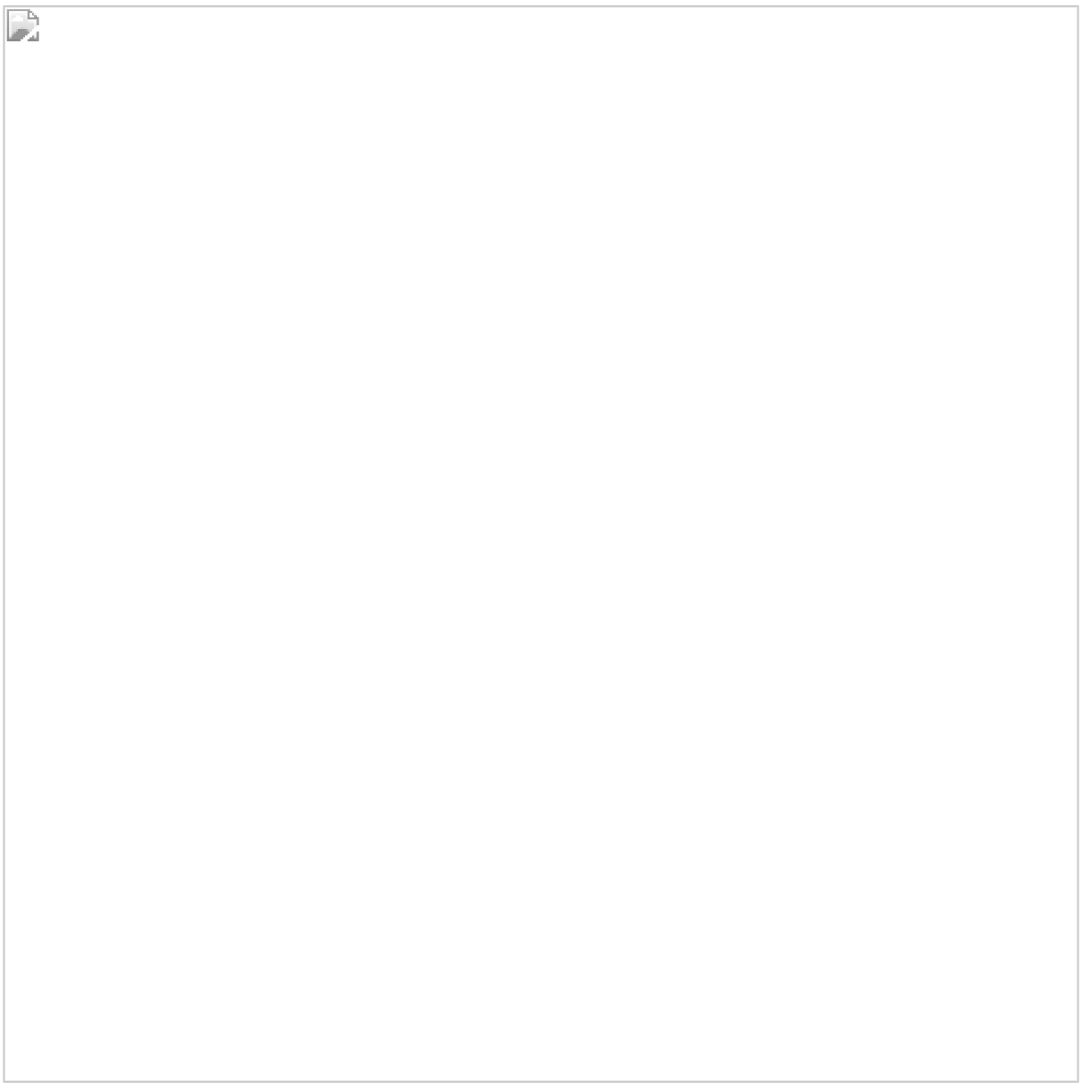
Snow-white lay a long, long time in the coffin, and she did not change, but looked as if she were asleep.

A king's son came into the forest and saw her. He said to the dwarfs, “Let me have the coffin, I will give you whatever you want for it.” But they answered, “We will not part with it for all the gold in the world.”

Then he said, “Let me have it as a gift, for I cannot live without seeing Snow-white. I will honour and prize her as my dearest possession.” The good dwarfs took pity on him and gave him the coffin.

TALK ABOUT IT

The dwarfs would not sell it, but they did give it. What changed their minds?

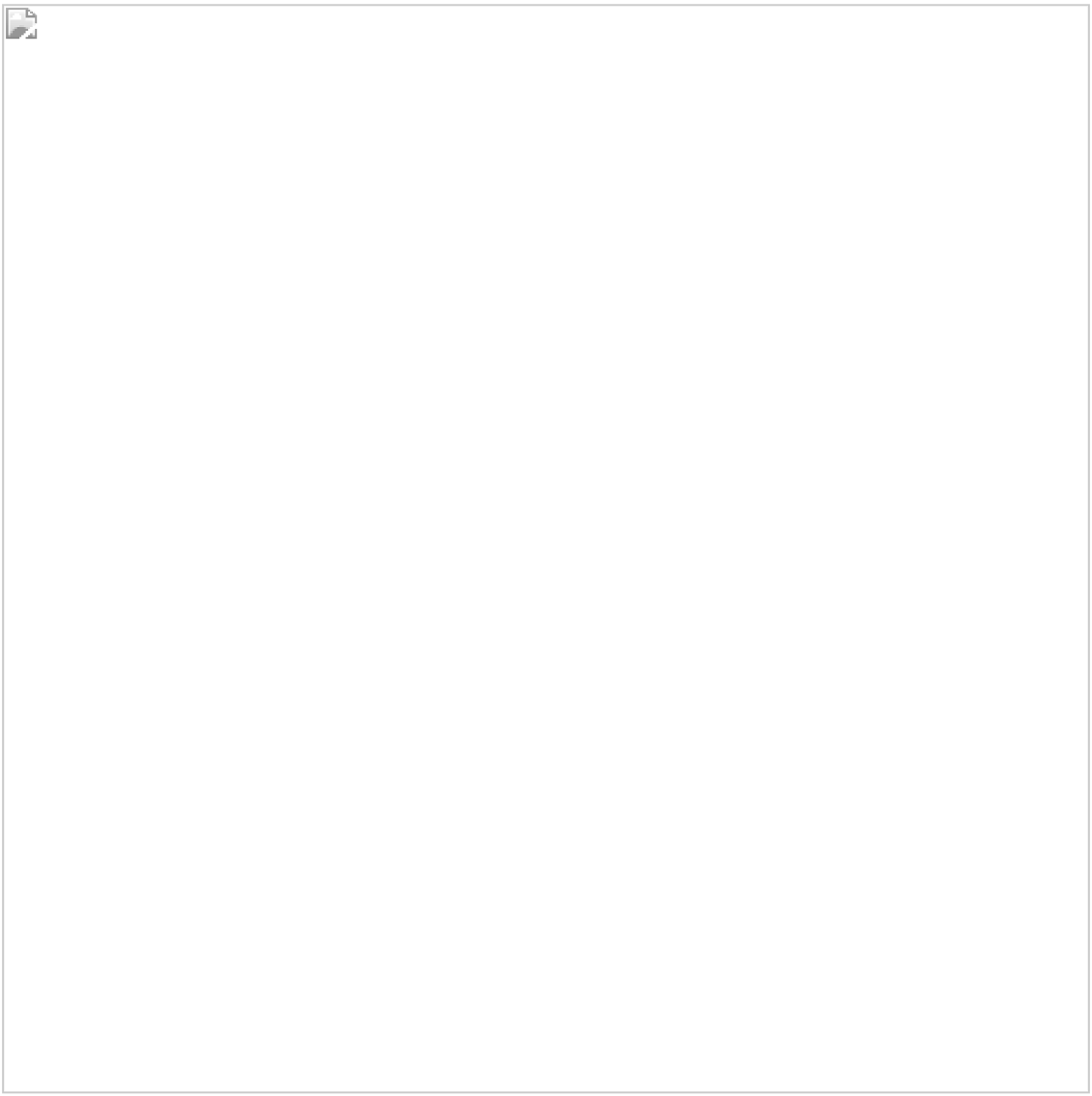


Think about it

1. What did the dwarfs say when the prince wanted to buy the coffin?

- ○ “We will not part with it for all the gold in the world.”
- ○ “It costs one gold coin.”
- ○ “Take it, it is yours.”

Alive Again



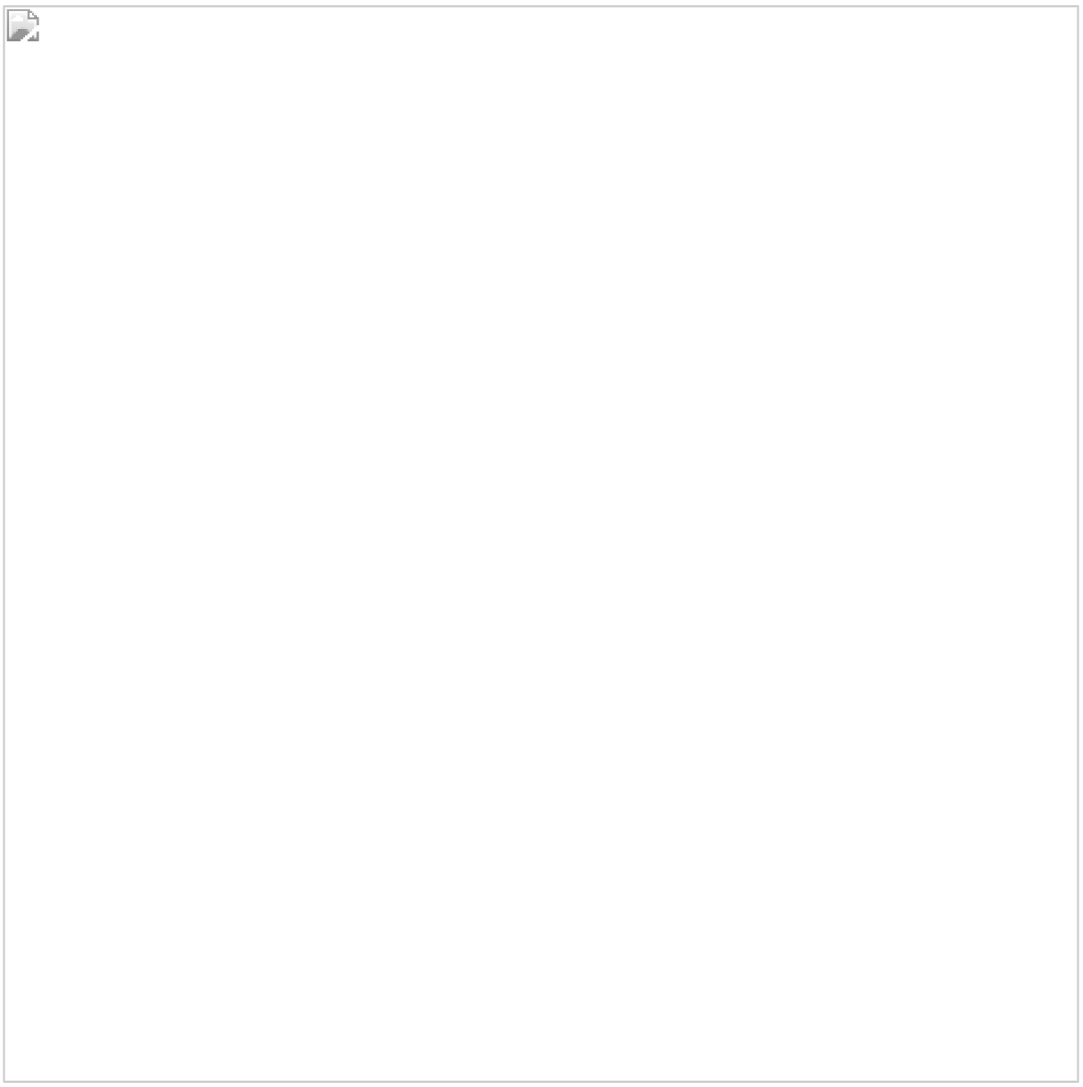
The King's son had the coffin carried away on his servants' shoulders. They stumbled over a tree-stump, and with the shock, the poisonous piece of apple Snow-white had bitten off came out of her throat.

Before long she opened her eyes, lifted up the lid, and sat up, alive once more. “Oh, heavens, where am I?” she cried. The King's son, full of joy, said, “You are with me,” and told her what had happened.

He said, “I love you more than everything in the world; come with me to my father's palace, you shall be my wife.” And Snow-white was willing, and went with him.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think Snow-white thought when she woke up?

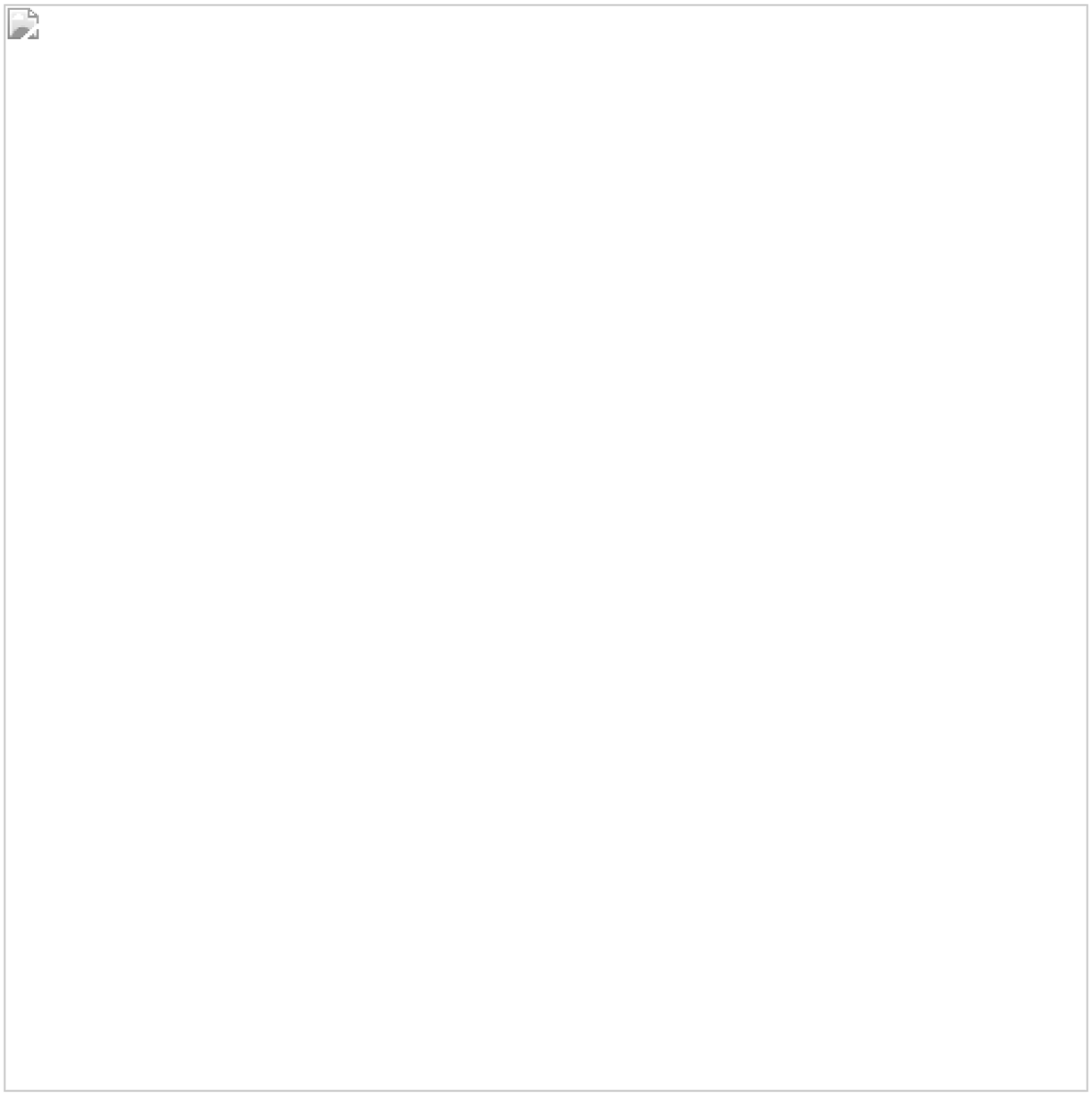


Think about it

1. What made the piece of apple come out of her throat?

- ○ A sneeze
- ○ A stumble over a tree-stump
- ○ A drink of water

The Wedding Feast



Their wedding was held with great show and splendour, and the wicked step-mother was invited to the feast.

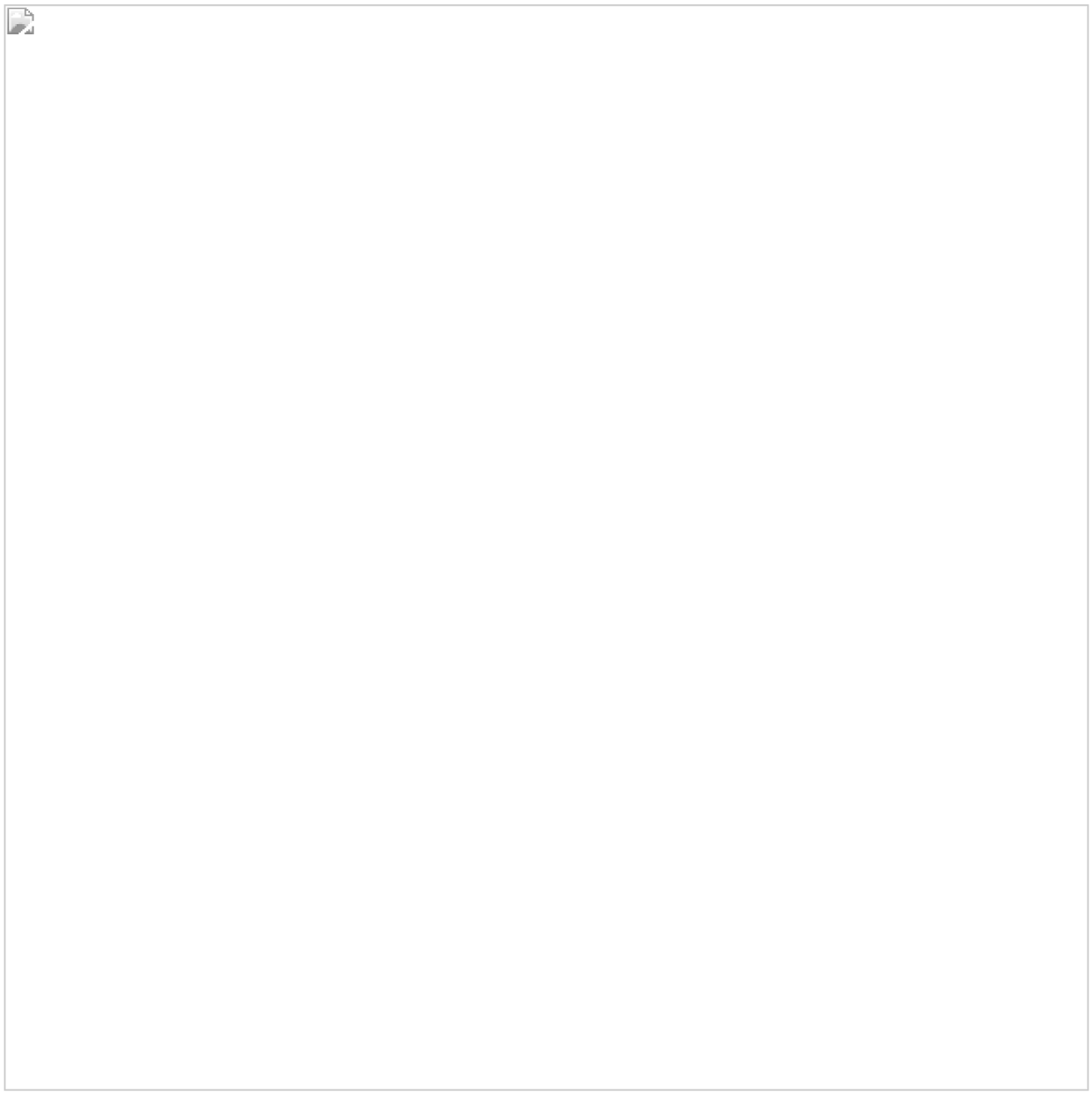
She asked her looking-glass, and it answered, “Oh, Queen, of all here the fairest art thou, But the young Queen is fairer by far as I trow.”

The wicked woman uttered a curse. She had no peace until she went to see the young Queen, and when she went in, she knew Snow-white, and stood still with rage and fear.

Iron slippers had been heated in the fire for her. She had to put them on and dance, until she fell down. And that was the end of the wicked Queen.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think the new young Queen did at her own wedding feast?



“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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