

# SNOW WHITE

## A GRIMM BEGINNING



Everyone knows Snow White - how she was hated by her wicked stepmum but escaped to live in the forest before being tricked into eating a poisoned apple and appearing to die. Then, of course, the handsome prince comes and plants a smacker on her chops and she springs back to life, ready to marry him. And they all live happily ever after. But if you believe that's the real story, you'd better think again!

Snow White has come a long way. She first turns up hundreds of years ago in stories from Albania and Russia, but the one we know best is German, thanks to those old spinners of fairy tale yarns, the Brothers Grimm.

They're the ones who tell us about the wicked queen's magic mirror, the huntsman who's supposed to take Snow into the woods and kill her, and the glass coffin where Snow's body lies after she's eaten the apple.

However, even their version isn't quite how we know it today. For instance, their queen is actually Snow's mum, not her stepmum. Imagine your mum getting your teacher to take you out of school and conveniently 'lose' you during a PE lesson, and you've got a pretty good idea of how Snow must have felt.

The Grimms - what a great name for a pair of children's storytellers! - also give the queen a rather unpleasant end, when she's forced as a punishment to dance in burning hot shoes until she dies.





# DID YOU S-KNOW...?

**Snow White** was played as a cartoon character as early as 1933 - by **Betty Boop**.

**The Brothers Grimm** wrote another fairy tale entitled **Snow White and Rose Red** - about a completely different character altogether.

**Walt Disney's Oscar** for his film **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** was accompanied by seven miniature Oscars.

The seven cheeky little chappies we know and love are actually the invention of Walt Disney, who helped to develop their own individual characters and gave them much more prominence in the story overall. It was an important step for Disney, who was turning the story into his first animated feature film in 1937, against the advice of everyone from studio bosses to his own wife.

In some versions, the seven dwarfs have been given different names, such as the colours of the rainbow or the days of the week, but it's Bashful, Happy, Doc and the others who are remembered by most of us. Mind you, it could have been worse: among the early possibilities were such wonderful characters as Jumpy, Baldy, Tubby and Burpy!

While Walt's was the first animated feature film to tell the tale, he's not the only one to have brought Snow to life. She's appeared in Broadway plays, video games, a whole stack of pop songs, endless films and television adaptations - and even a horror movie.

In fact, she's enjoying a new wave of popularity, thanks to two Hollywood movies released in 2012 - *Mirror Mirror* and *Snow White and the Huntsman*.

But strangely, there could be more to the whole magical story than meets the eye, if one German researcher is to be believed: Snow White might have been an actual living person.

With the catchy name of Maria Sophia Margaretha Catherina von Erthal, this real-life Snow was the daughter of a German mirror manufacturer who was taken in by poor miners after she escaped the cruelty of her new stepmother. The miners, who lived in poverty and had little food, were short - not quite dwarfs, but you get the idea.

You don't believe it? Well, spookily, there's now a museum in the castle where Maria Sophia was born. And its biggest attraction is a mirror that is still referred to as the Talking Mirror.

Michael Davies  
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# DIARY OF A WICKED QUEEN

## Monday

Sent Huntsman off on an errand this morning. Got him to take Snow White with him. Only expecting Huntsman to come back. (Not sure how to spell a wicked laugh - is it "Woargh-ha-ha-ha-ha!")? Now, what am I going to do with the rest of my week?



## Tuesday

Experimented with a few disguises this morning. I'm loving the old wrinkly with the apple but it's good to try new things, I always think.

Quite liked the godmother outfit and I reckon I can carry it off - as Mirror always says, who's the fairy-est of them all?

## Wednesday

No word from Huntsman - think he must have forgotten his blackberry. Took a stroll in the woods but I felt as if there were lots of little eyes watching me. I wasn't happy. Mind you, I wasn't grumpy either. Came home for a lie down but in the end I wasn't sleepy. Maybe I'll go and see the doc...





## Thursday

Bit cross with Mirror today. Could have answered a lot quicker when I asked him my usual. Definitely a hint of hesitation. Think I might go mirror shopping tomorrow.



## Friday

Decided not to trade in Mirror. On reflection, I could see lots I liked in him. Instead, I had a go at not being wicked, just to see if I could. Lasted 4 minutes, 11 seconds. Then I sacked the timekeeper.

At the third stroke, you will have been happy for... 4... minutes...



## Saturday

I love weekends. I make sure everyone in the castle works just the same as every other day. Some people in the real world take time off to spend with their families, but not me. There's no rest for the wicked, I always say.



## Sunday

Still no news of Huntsman and SW. Been nearly a week now. Probably got lost in the forest with all those little creatures. Ah well, heigh-ho.

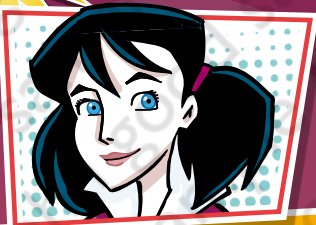




# WRITE YOUR OWN SNOW WHITE STORY

Here's your chance to tell your very own version of the Snow White story. Make it as sensible or as silly as you like.

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived a beautiful girl with...



**A** skin as white as snow.



**B** an imaginary friend named Norman.



**C** a curious liking for peanut butter and jam sandwiches.

The girl was called Snow White and she lived with...



**A** her evil stepmother, the Wicked Queen.



**B** Norman and all of Norman's imaginary friends, also called Norman.

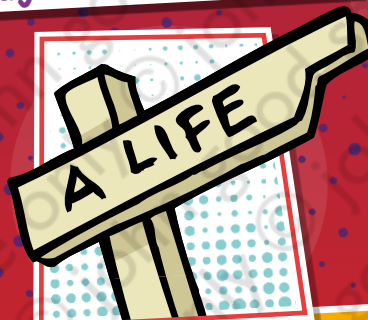


**C** the knowledge that she wasn't real.

One day, the Wicked Queen's magic mirror told her...



**A** Snow White was now the fairest of them all.



**B** to get a life.



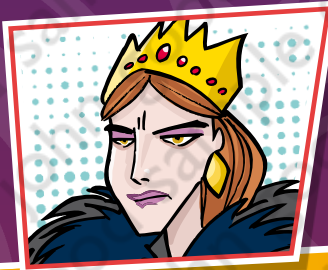
**C** her bum looked big in that dress.



Which made the Queen...



**A** order the Huntsman to take Snow White into the woods and kill her.

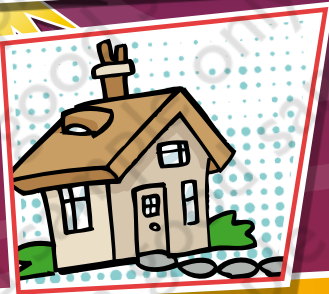


**B** a bit cross.



**C** eat bran flakes to try and lose a dress size by Christmas.

But the Huntsman couldn't kill Snow White and instead she...



**A** went to live in a miner's cottage.

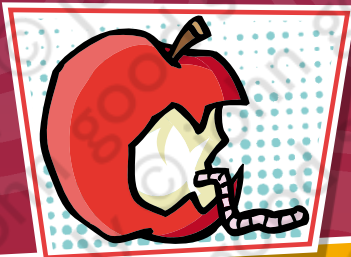


**B** sold secret pictures of the Queen to a celeb magazine.



**C** opened a chain of shops flogging Snow White merchandise to tourists.

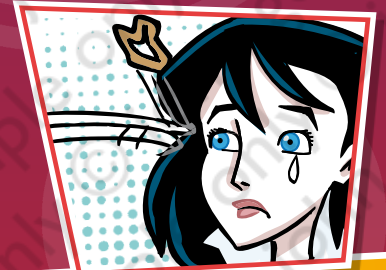
However, the Queen visited Snow White in disguise and...



**A** tricked her into eating a poisoned apple.



**B** made her watch the scariest monster movies ever.

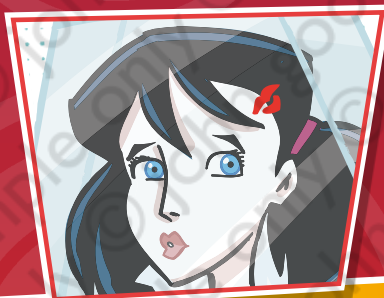


**C** flicked her repeatedly with an elastic band until she cried.

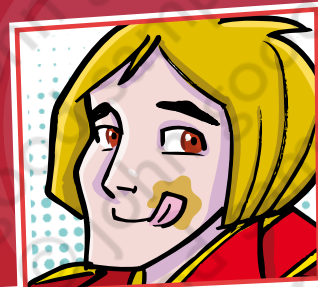
Finally, a prince arrived and kissed Snow White, thus...



**A** waking her from her deep sleep before marrying her.



**B** proving he was a bit weird for kissing a girl in a glass coffin.



**C** showing he didn't mind the taste of peanut butter and jam.

**THE END**



# PANTO PUZZLERS

## GREETINGS!

Snow White likes to say hello to children from all over the world. See if you can help her by working out which greeting on the left matches the language on the right.

Hola	German
Guten Tag	Arabic
Konichiwa	Russian
Witaj	Japanese
Bonjour	Italian
Buon Giorno	Hindi
Namaste	Spanish
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## WICKED QUEEN TONGUE TWISTER!



*Wicked Widows Walk Within  
the Willow Woods in Wet Weather*

See how quickly you can say this  
without getting muddled!

## MAGGOT'S MYSTERY APPLE MAZE



CORE  
BLIMEY!

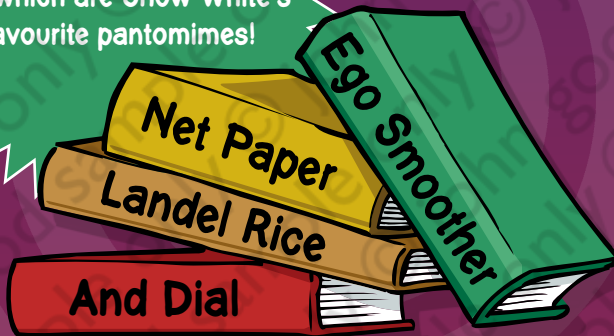
Finish

Help the maggot burrow its way through the apple maze.



# PANTO TITLE TEASER!

Unscramble the titles to find out which are Snow White's favourite pantomimes!



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the seven differences between these two miners?



There are 7 apples, 7 boots and 1 axe hidden on these pages. Can you find them?



**1 SPY!**

# HUNTSMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE



Use the code to work out the secret message!

A  
B  
C  
D  
E  
F  
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H  
I  
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Secret message:

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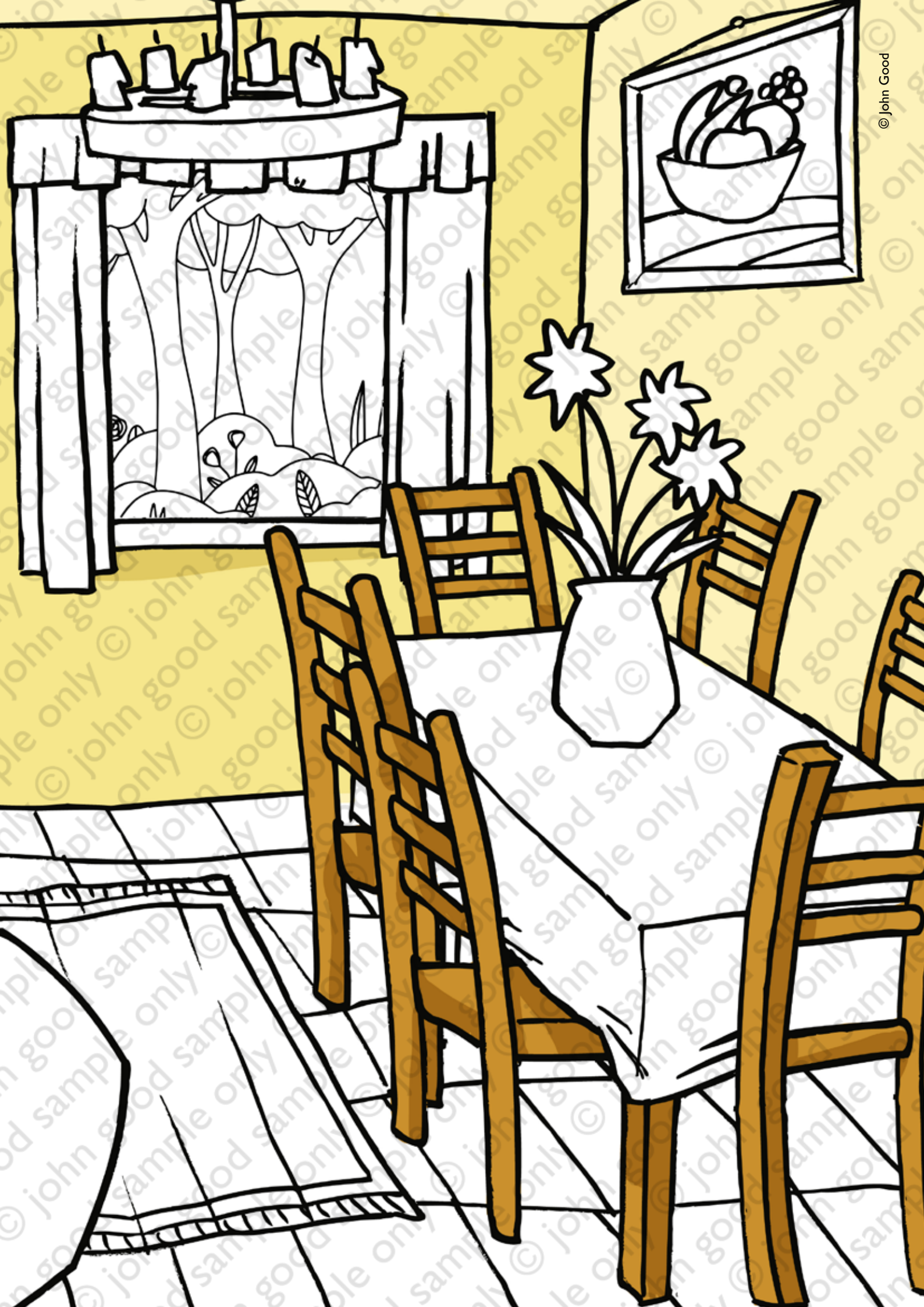


# COLOUR US IN...

Don't just leave the  
page (Snow) White!  
Add some colour!









# HUNTSMAN'S WORDSEARCH

The Huntsman is bored waiting for Snow White and has carved a wordsearch into the tree that contains all the things he can spy in the forest. See if you can find all the words listed below.

Collect any leftover letters to spell out a hidden message.

K	W	H	F	H	S	U	R	H	T
I	O	S	Q	V	I	R	R	E	L
N	R	E	F	E	N	I	S	D	T
G	H	E	L	F	R	G	N	G	A
F	R	I	I	L	E	E	I	E	R
I	T	E	E	L	T	S	I	H	T
S	E	A	G	T	T	S	X	O	F
H	F	T	L	D	O	O	F	G	T
E	H	E	E	M	A	A	V	L	L
R	B	L	A	C	K	B	I	R	D

BADGER ☐

BLACKBIRD ☐

BUG ☐

FERN ☐

FUNGI ☐

FOX ☐

HEDGEHOG ☐

KINGFISHER ☐

LEAF ☐

NETTLE ☐

OAK ☐

OTTER ☐

SQUIRREL ☐

STILE ☐

THISTLE ☐

THRUSH ☐





# AMAZING MINING MAZE

Oh no! One of the miners is stuck in the mine. Can you help him reach the surface while avoiding all the bears?



**CLUTTER COTTAGE**

Snow White is cleaning up the cottage. Can you help her find these items...

- 1 BOW TIE
- 4 HATS
- 4 BOOTS
- 15 SOCKS (there are 7 pairs and 1 odd one!)

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The illustration shows a woman with dark hair and blue eyes, wearing a white shirt and green skirt, standing in a doorway and looking surprised. She has her hand near her mouth. The room is filled with various items: a red bag on a shelf, a stack of books, a yellow basket with green clothes, a brown hat, a blue boot, a striped sock, a green jacket with a striped bow tie, a green bag, a green box with a blue sock, and a green bag with a blue sock. There are also some small starburst symbols on the floor.

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# MAKE YOUR OWN MINER

Follow the instructions below to create your own miner with moving arms and legs!

 Cut out

**You will need...** scissors, thin card, glue and nine paper fasteners.



(Always ask an adult to help when using scissors and paper fasteners)

## Instructions

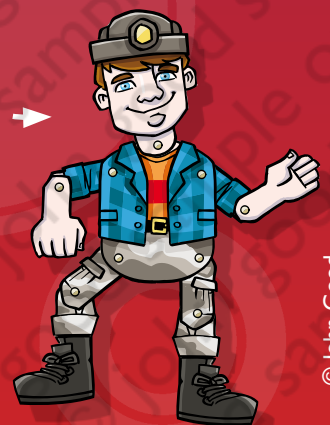
1 Cut out this page and glue it onto thin card.

2 Cut out the miner pieces and make a hole where the dots are.

3 Push the paper fasteners through the holes to join up the arms and legs then open up the fasteners on the back.



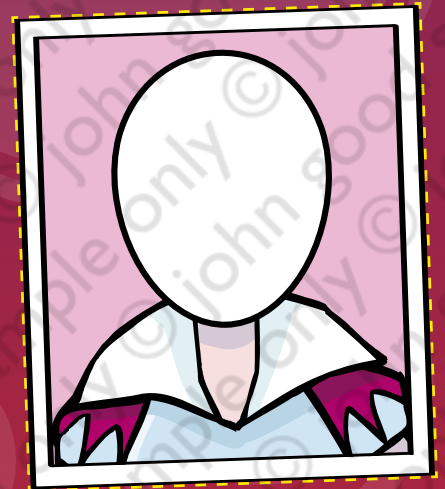
Finished miner





# PRINCE'S DOORPLATE

Pretend you are the king or queen of the castle with this funky nameplate!



Badges

## Instructions

1 Cut out this page and glue it onto thin card.

2 Cut your door sign, badge and tab along the (colour) dotted lines.

3 Fold the sign in half and very carefully cut along the dotted lines in the middle. (Ask an adult to help you with this)

4 Stick the badge on to the sign. Draw in a picture or add your own photo!

5 Write your name on the door sign and stick it on your door.



Finished Sign





# ANSWERS

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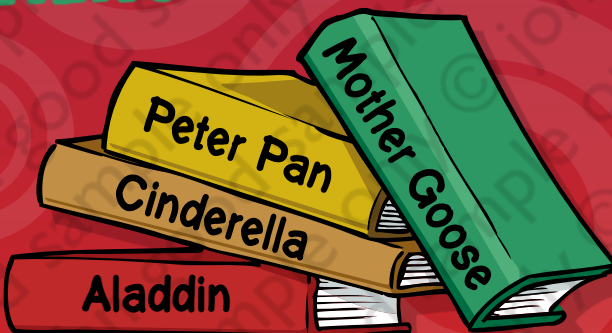
## HUNTSMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE!

Answer:  
WATCH OUT FOR RABBITS  
THEY'RE VICIOUS!

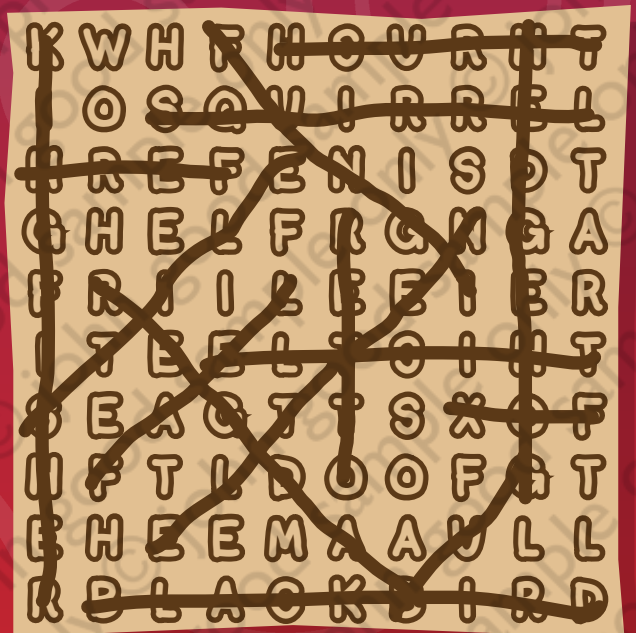
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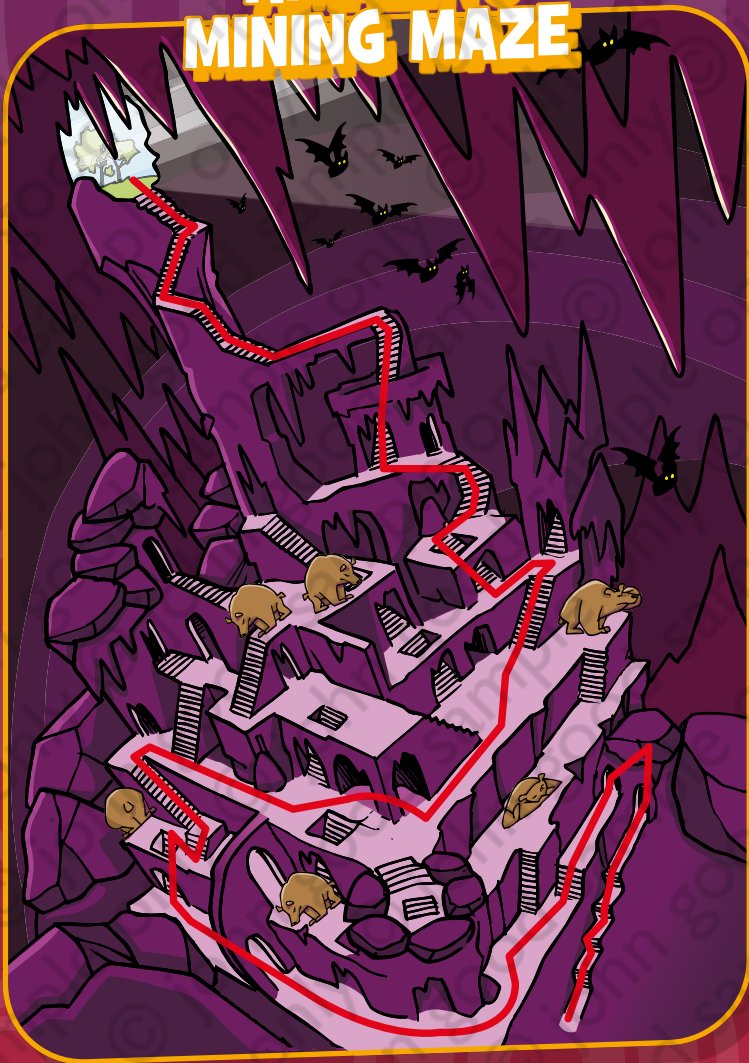


Hidden Message:  
WHO IS THE FAIREST  
OF THEM ALL



# ANSWERS

## AMAZING MINING MAZE





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Hola = Spanish  
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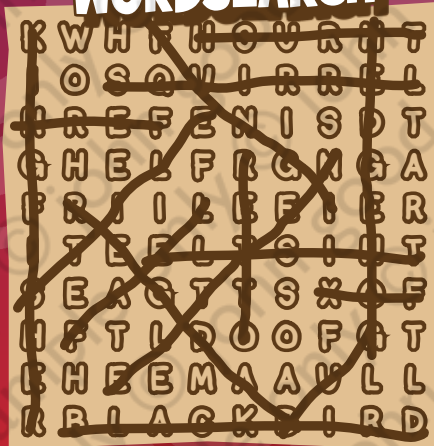
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## PANTO TITLE TEASER!

Ego Smoother = Mother Goose  
 Net Paper = Peter Pan  
 Wit When So = Snow White  
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