

SONOMA WHITE and the SEVEN DOLTS

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Dedication

To my daughter Christina...whose sweetness, talent and sense of humor have shown me the meaning of "happily ever after."

STORY OF THE PLAY

Humor abounds in this bubbly, high-spirited version of the classic fairy tale. Meet Sonoma White (Snow's cousin), the Seven Dolts (no relation to the dwarves), the Wicked Queen who still isn't the most beautiful even with 49 facelifts, and the Magic Mirror who pretends he is deaf.

After the Wicked Queen bops Sonoma on the head with a Macintosh (that's apple, not computer), Sonoma is rescued by the dolts; Sloppy, Crabby, Silly, Sneaky, Wimpy, Smelly, and Spam. Even though Sonoma is one of those irritatingly upbeat people, the dolts soon fall in love with her for she helps them become better people. ("What don't we do, Silly? Never wash our heads in the toilet bowl!")

When the Wicked Queen finds out Sonoma is not dead, the dolts rush to the rescue with sunglasses for the Mirror. If the Magic Mirror can't see anything, she can't tell the Wicked Queen about Sonoma and all can live happily ever after!

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(Flexible cast of 11)

NARRATOR...Moves the story along.

SONOMA WHITE...Beautiful and upbeat, almost too upbeat.

THE WICKED QUEEN...Will go to any length to be beautiful.

THE MAGIC MIRROR...Pretends to be deaf.

THE SEVEN DOLTS

SLOPPY...Needs a bath.

CRABBY...Wakes up on the wrong side of the bed.

SILLY...Duh!

SNEAKY...Has a clever plan.

SMELLY...His feet can wake up anyone.

WIMPY...Scared of everything.

SPAM...The leader of the dolts.

Author's Note: The director may choose to cast a male actor in the role of the Wicked Queen to make her even less attractive. The Seven Dolts can be played by either male or female actors, depending on talent, size and availability.

SETTING

The Narrator sits in a small rocking chair, DSR. The entire SL area comprises the magical forest where Sonoma frolics. The USC area is the castle where the Wicked Queen and Magic Mirror converse.

PROPS

NARRATOR: Elaborately decorated book of fairy tales reading *Sonoma White and the Seven Dolts*.

QUEEN: Rifle, small dead bird, crown, old black cape, apple, "feety" pajamas, cold cream, sleep mask.

MAGIC MIRROR: Large gold frame.

SONOMA: Flowers, clip-on tie for Sloppy.

SMELLY: Boots, scrub brush, rubber ducky, towel, shower cap.

SLOPPY: Small leisure suit.

CRABBY: Book entitled *The Power of Positive Complaining*.

SNEAKY: Book entitled *Right and Wrong*, dark sunglasses.

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(AT RISE: NARRATOR sits in a small rocking chair, SR holding an elaborately decorated book of fairy tales, the cover of which reads SONOMA WHITE AND THE SEVEN DOLTS.)

NARRATOR: This is the story of Sonoma White and the Seven Dolts. Notice I didn't say Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs...most of you already know that story. This is about her cousin, Sonoma White. You'll get to meet the dolts later...*(Opening the book and reading)* Once upon a time...in a far-off land...a long, long time ago...in a magical kingdom...long ago and far away...in days gone by...*(Gestures to indicate "and so on")*...there lived a young girl named Sonoma White.

(SONOMA enters from SL.)

SONOMA: What a beautiful morning! The sun is shining. The birds are singing. The breeze is blowing. This must be the most wonderful magic kingdom in the world! The sky is so blue. The trees are so tall. The grass is so green. The deer are so dear.

NARRATOR: As you can tell, Sonoma was one of those positive people who always looked on the bright side of things.

SONOMA: *(Happily)* What a great day to be alive! It might even be a great day if you're not alive, but, of course, I can't say for sure...because I am alive and always have been. At least, since I was born...which, as I remember it, was also a great day to be alive.

NARRATOR: Sonoma lived with her sisters, Off White, Pearl White and Ivory Snow, who don't appear at all in this story. Most of her time was spent happily frolicking alone in the forest.

SONOMA: I love this forest. The sky is so blue. The trees are so tall. The grass is so green. The deer are so dear.

NARRATOR: On the other side of the kingdom, however, lived a wicked, old queen.

(The WICKED QUEEN enters USR.)

QUEEN: Oh, what a delightfully dreary day! The storm clouds are hovering. The flowers are drooping. The spiders are scurrying. The snakes are slinking. The garbage is decaying...and I even detect a faint smell of skunk in the air!

NARRATOR: As you can see, Sonoma White and the Wicked Queen were as different as day and night.

SONOMA: *(Waving at the sky)* Hello, little birdie! *(SHE skips off merrily.)*

(A moment later, the QUEEN pulls out a rifle from the folds of her gown and shoots up into the air. Something small and feathery falls by her feet. She tosses the rifle off stage and puts the dead bird in her pocket.)

QUEEN: Well, there's dinner for tonight.

NARRATOR: The queen was a mean one all right. They say that when she was younger, the Wicked Queen was actually somewhat attractive. But after 49 face-lifts, 12 tummy tucks, and a tragic wrinkle cream accident, she had lost a little of her sparkle. Yet, the Wicked Queen still imagined she was beautiful. Year after year, she would ask her Magic Mirror the same question.

(The MAGIC MIRROR enters USC and stands stiffly facing DS. The Magic Mirror is dressed all in black and holds a large gold frame around his or her face.)

QUEEN: Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?

MIRROR: What?

NARRATOR: Unfortunately, after all these centuries, the Magic Mirror was quite old and becoming a little hard of hearing.

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