

WHITE, Juliet and Scrooge put on pieces that enhance their character. Play with finding makeshift microphones. Let there be a build-up into the game-show scenario. Ad libs are encouraged. Does someone play an instrument? Cover it with music!)

Good! All right contestants, introduce yourself to the audience!

JULIET: I hail from fair Verona where we'll lay our scene. In a story of tragic woe, I am the fair Juliet who lost her Romeo!

LOU: O-kay – NEXT! We're losing our audience! Can we liven things up! No more tragedy!

SNOW WHITE: With hair as black as ebony and skin as white as snow, I come from a fairy tale kingdom of a time not so long ago. I've taken flight from a Queen who's a fright and have always been known as "Snow White."

AESOP: I don't approve of bringing in Brothers Grimm stories when I, Aesop, have created much better ones.

SNOW WHITE: Then leave, please! And never darken this theater again. For I am the proud creation of the Brothers Grimm. And I am here on this show to win big, do you hear me – BIG! For years I have taken orders. From the evil Queen and then the dwarves! Clean this! Cook that! I've had it! Do you hear me? No more "Miss Nice Snow White!" It's my time to shine! My time to win! And I will win big and never be beholden to anyone again!

JULIET: Dost thou think that because I am so tragic and so young that thou can beat me at this game! You – toad! You – juggler! You – canker-blossom! Out dog! Out! Thou drives me past the bonds of maidenly patience!

(With that, Juliet rips off a wig from Snow White or attacks her in some other fashion. Snow White screams and promptly fights

back – perhaps tearing off a headdress from Juliet. Soon, they are clawing at each other, each being held back by an Echo.)

GEORGE: This is wonderful! Our ratings will soar!

(Scrooge comes forward – dressed in a nightgown and spectacles.)

SCROOGE: Is there no dignity? Are there no prisons for the likes of you?

(Juliet and Snow White stop and freeze. They turn to look at Scrooge and laugh. For he looks anything but dignified.)

JULIET: Who – art thou?

SNOW WHITE: Are you serious? Coming to a game show in your bedclothes!

SCROOGE: I am a man of considerable property and even more money. I, Ebenezer Scrooge, am a contestant on this game show and plan to win it all! I have a knack for accumulating wealth.

SNOW WHITE: We shall see about that.

(Juliet and Snow White dust themselves off. All position themselves getting ready to "play.")

LOU: Let's get started. Contestant number one: Mary's father has five daughters – Ana, Ene, Ini and Ono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

JULIET: But I ask you dear sir, what's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

LOU: Is that your final answer?

JULIET: Aye.

(BOBBI makes a "buzzer" sound.)

LOU: Wrong! Snow White, would you like to answer that?

SNOW WHITE: Of course. I am very good at names. I have lived with seven dwarves who had strange names and I always got them right. So, I shall answer this question about odd names. And I shall prevail and win and – what was the question?

BOBBI: Oh really! Mary's father has five daughters! Ana! Ene! Ini! Ono! What is the name of the fifth daughter?

SNOW WHITE: Ana... Ene... Ini... Ono... Wait! I detect a pattern. A, e, i, o U! That's it! The fifth daughter's name is Unu! I win! I'm happy! I get it all!

BOBBI: Oh really! *Mary's* father had five daughters! *Mary!* Do you understand that the answer is MARY?

SNOW WHITE: So – what are you saying – that I'm wrong?

SCROOGE: Let's not waste any more time. I am ready for my question. I am ready to take home more bags of gold!

LOU: Listen carefully. If – in a race – you overtake the last person – what position would you be in?

SNOW WHITE: Second to last!

BOBBI: (*Making a "buzzing" sound:*) It's not your turn!

SCROOGE: You cannot overtake the last person!

LOU: Correct! Absolutely correct! We have a winner!

(Bobbi makes "buzzing" sound and confers with Lou.)

We don't have a winner!

SCROOGE: But – I answered correctly!

LOU: But – Snow White compromised your answer! Perhaps you would have answered incorrectly if Snow White hadn't helped you by delivering the obvious incorrect answer. Do you see the logic?