

A REVISION OF THE FAIRY TALE BY
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The illustration depicts a young girl with long, curly hair, wearing a dark, heavy winter coat and a hat. She is standing in a snowy, forested landscape. To her right is a large, dark, crystalline structure that resembles a giant's foot or a large, dark, crystalline object. The scene is illuminated by a soft, blue light, suggesting a snowy or icy environment. The overall mood is mysterious and magical.

The
Snow Queen

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Skills Work

Adverbs

An adverb gives more information about a verb.

The girl played **happily**.

The cat snuggled **warmly** by the fire.

Carefully, the boy opened the box.

Your turn

Write a sentence using these adverbs

Slowly, noisily, quietly, accidentally

Predictions

What type of story might this be?

What might the story be about?



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Chapter 1 – The Mirror and its Fragments



The Mirror and Its Fragments



Well then, let's begin, and when we come to the end of our story, we will know more than we do now. There was once a very bad goblin — so nasty that you could say he was a real demon. One day this goblin created

an enormous mirror that had magical powers. Anything beautiful reflected in it shrank in size to almost nothing. Everything that was worthless or ugly became large and looked even worse than ever. Seen in the mirror, the most lovely landscapes looked like boiled spinach, and the nicest people became ugly and unfriendly.

Their faces changed so much that they couldn't even be recognized. If a good or helpful thought passed through a person's mind, it appeared in the mirror as an awful frown. The goblin would roar with laughter, pleased with the cleverness of his invention.

Those who studied at his goblin school (for he ran a goblin school) declared the mirror a miracle. They said that at last you could see what the world and mankind really looked like, and they showed off the mirror all across the land. Then they decided to fly up to heaven with it, and to sneer and scoff at the angels there. The higher they flew, the harder it became to hold on to the mirror, until suddenly it dropped from their hands to the earth, where it shattered into more than a hundred million pieces.

Some of the fragments were nearly invisible, and the wind carried these specks all over the world. Each little fragment had the same power as the whole mirror. Whenever one flew into somebody's eye, it would stick there, and from then on that person would see only the bad side of life. If a fragment stuck in somebody's heart, the heart became a block of ice.

A few fragments were made into eyeglasses, and when people put on these glasses they saw things quite differently. The goblin laughed and laughed.

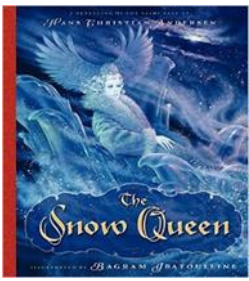
Not all the fragments of glass landed right away. Some tiny ones floated about in the air. And so begins our story.

The goblin and the Mirror

Once there was a goblin and he **possessed** a mirror. The mirror was **no ordinary mirror** and the goblin was **wicked**. He was **so full of mischief and evil** that he **warped** the mirror, **twisting and ruining** everything it reflected.

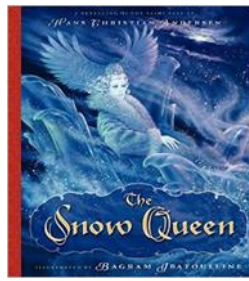
One day, the **mischievously wicked** goblin **ordered** his Imps to take the mirror up to the heavens to **tease and torment** the angles, **but** as they flew higher, the winds became powerful and **viciously** ripped the mirror from the Imps. **Quickly**, it **plunged** towards the earth and smashed into millions of pieces.

Some of the **tiny fragments** of glass got stuck in peoples eyes making the world **appear horrid and evil**. Other pieces landed in people's hearts, making them **cold and uncaring**. The goblin **delighted in the misery he had created**.



The goblin and the Mirror

Paragraph Structure



- **Box 1** – About the goblin and his mirror and the misery the goblin brought with his mirror
- **Box 2** – The goblin became bored and sent mirror to the heaven, the mirror fell to earth and smashed
- **Box 3** – The mirror split into tiny pieces. The pieces landed in peoples hearts and eyes. The goblin was happy as the mirror made the world appear evil.

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