

PC PANTOMIME by PHILLIP BARRON

Two people on stage: DIRECTOR and a PRODUCER.

PRODUCER: So, what pantomime do you want to do this year?

DIRECTOR: I was thinking; Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.

PRODUCER: Ooh, can't do that. Dwarves see? It's a bit offensive to people of restricted growth.

DIRECTOR: Oh, well we could call it Snow White and the Seven People of Restricted Growth.

PRODUCER: Doesn't really trip off the tongue does it?

DIRECTOR: How about just Snow White?

PRODUCER: Can't use the word snow, it's slang for cocaine; don't want to be seen to be endorsing drugs.

DIRECTOR: White?

PRODUCER: Racist. Plus there's problems with the names of the seven people of restricted growth too. Bashful, that's offensive to shy people; Grumpy, that's offensive to people who suffer from depression; and as for Doc, well have you ever seen a medical certificate? That's a malpractice suit waiting to happen. Probably best if we just avoid that one all together.

DIRECTOR: Oh, what about Sleeping Beauty? Does that offend anyone?

PRODUCER: Narcoleptics and people of restricted facial attraction. Plus the witch poisons her with an apple; can't do anything to put kids off vegetables, we don't want to upset Jamie Oliver.

DIRECTOR: Jack and the Bean Stalk?

PRODUCER: Portrays people of unrestricted growth as homicidal maniacs.

DIRECTOR: Dick Whittington?

PRODUCER: The tale of Dick and his Pussy? I don't think so.

DIRECTOR: Well, maybe we can do a show instead? What about 7 Brides for 7 Brothers?

PRODUCER: Doesn't take into account the sensitivities of the gay and lesbian market.

DIRECTOR: Annie?

PRODUCER: Every time we put up the poster, someone draws an 'F' in front of it.

DIRECTOR: Brigadoon?

PRODUCER: Sounds like Frig a coon.

DIRECTOR: Oh for God's sake, there must be something we can do.

PRODUCER: Well, we could get Ant and Dec.

DIRECTOR: Do we have to?

PRODUCER: And then execute them live on stage.

Pause.

DIRECTOR: Yeah, I can't see anyone complaining about that.

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