

The Wicked Queen
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The Wicked Queen defends herself to Mirror as “the wickedest of all.”

Mirror, mirror on the wall --- I am so sick of being called the Wicked Queen! I am not wicked, I'm obsessive. There's a difference. All I ever wanted was to be the fairest in the land.

Okay, maybe *attempted* homicide was a bit extreme, but that doesn't make me wicked. Do you have any idea what it's like to constantly be around someone who is better looking than you? It's terrible!!

Besides, I was doing a favor for all of humankind. Snow White is just too happy for her own good.

And I am so sick of all those blue birds flying around the castle ALL the time. I mean who's to clean up after them? I know, I know. Snow White does, (and whistling ta-boot.) UGH! Well, I never *made* her do the chores. *SHE* refuses to let anyone else lift a finger and then turns it around and makes *me* look bad.

And now they have found *me* guilty? Who was ever found guilty of sharing food? Ok! OK! So maybe it was a poisoned apple. But really, community service? Cleaning up after all those dwarves?! I would have rather served hard time, but what can you expect from a jury of forest mice? Rats!!