

# **Snow doll**

## **A Tale Play**

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### **Characters**

Narrator

Deer

Squirrel

Rabbit

Weasel

Snow doll

*[It's been snowing continually for few days and now the jungle is entirely white.\* Everywhere you look is snow and snow; on the bushes, on the branches and even on the trunks of the trees.*

*Well, It's winter and it's taste is snowing and scattering snowflakes. Snowflakes are good food for the ground and plants. Also they irrigate completely the sown field and the rivers and the sea. But they have another usage, Do you know what I mean?*

*Yeah, snow playing, the play that is favourite of all children. look! Now the rabbit, weasel and squirrel and deer are out of their nest and play with snow. Rabbit snowballs to weasel. Weasel jumps and takes it, then snowballs to rabbit. Squirrel and deer stands up and are watching their play.]*

**Deer:** What a good play!

**Squirrel:** yeah, it's a good play. By the way, dear deer, do you want to play like rabbit and weasel?

*[Deer is clearly happy of this word, smiles at him.]*

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\* Note: All the sentences into the square brackets [...] and by *italic font* can be expressed by a narrator or storyteller.

**Deer:** of course I want, squirrel!

**Squirrel:** Well, first we should make a snowball.

*[Squirrel dips his hands into the snow immediately, gathers some snow and roles it around and around, so that it becomes like a ball.]*

**Squirrel:** so, it's our snowball.

*[Squirrel lifts the snow ball, flinches himself and suddenly throws the snow ball to deer. deer, smiling, jumps and takes the snow ball.]*

**Deer:** cheer! What a good play, how pleasure it gives!

*[Deer says this word and throws the snow ball immediately to squirrel, squirrel looks at rabbit and weasel, as soon as he takes the snowball.]*

**Squirrel:** looks at here! Now, we have a snowball just like you.

*[Rabbit who has just taken the snowball from weasel laughs and shows it to squirrel.]*

**Rabbit:** But our snowball is bigger than yours.

*[Then throws the snowball for weasel. Weasel takes and lifts it and shows it to squirrel and deer, meaning our snow ball is bigger than yours. Squirrel looks at their snow ball and then their selves. Then fells the snowball on the snows as if some thought comes to his mind, adds some snow to it, roles it around and around and makes a big snowball.]*

**Squirrel:** now, look at here, we also have a big snowball.

*[Being happy he jumps up and down, throws the big snow to deer.]*

**Deer:** Wow, what a big snowball!

*[Smiling throws it to squirrel. Now rabbit and weasel stands up and watch their play. But rabbit suddenly calls weasel as if a thought comes to his mind.]*

**Rabbit:** dear weasel, let's make a big snowball, even bigger than ball of deer and squirrel.

**Weasel:** It's good. In this way playing is more enjoyable.

*[Weasel immediately fells the snowball on the ground, then rabbit and weasel quickly pile up snow so that make a snow hill.]*

**Weasel:** Well, now how can we role around and around this very big snow ball.

**Rabbit:** Wait a minute. It's not necessary to role it. Now we have a snowball instead of snow hill.

*[Now deer and squirrel are gazing at snow hill.]*

**Weasel:** Well, how can we play with this snow hill, now?

**Rabbit:** We can make a slide instead of play ball! A snow slide!

**Weasel:** It sound good! We can even make a home with snow! A snow home!

**Rabbit:** no, a snow slide is better. It's very enjoyable!

**Weasel:** no, a snow home is better. It's very enjoyable!

*[Rabbit goes to the top of the hill and sits there. then slides himself down as if he is sliding. then laughs and claps for himself.]*

**Rabbit:** Well. Down! How enjoyable is slide! Come here deer, weasel, come and play!

**Weasel:** No, I don't like this play. I want to make a snow home with this snow hill. A snow home!

*[Then weasel goes toward the snowhill and starts to make a hole in it in order to make a home. rabbit who is clearly unhappy with rabbit's work suddenly starts to cry.]*

**Rabbit:** Uho, uho, uho, uho ...

**Weasel:** Well, why are you crying, rabbit? snow home is better than snow slide!

**Rabbit:** Uho, uho,... No, snow slide is better than it. Uho, uho ...

**Weasel:** No, home is better!

**Rabbit:** Uho, uho,... No, slide. Uho, uho...

**Weasel:** No, home!

**Rabbit:** Uho, uho ..., slide!

**Weasel:** No! Home!

**Rabbit:** Slide.

**Weasel:** home.

*[Deer who just like squirrel is gazing at rabbit and weasel suddenly. first smiles, then takes their snowball and puts it on the snow hill. Now squirrel, weasel and rabbit are gazing at the hill and snowball.]*

**Deer:** How this play is played?

**Rabbit:** Which play?

**Squirrel:** It must be the ball and the hill play! yeah?

**Deer:** No!

**Weasel:** So what is the name of what you have made?

**Deer:** This can be a doll! A snow doll!

**Squirrel:** A snow doll?

**Deer:** Yeah, this is the so – called doll’s body.

*[He smiles and shows the snow hill.]*

**Deer:** And this is it’s head, for example.

*[While he smiles again, he shows snow ball.]*

**Rabbit:** So, where is it’s head and feet?

**Weasel:** So, eyes and eyebrows?

**Squirrel:** So, nose and mouth?

**Deer:** It’s easy! I make it’s hands and feet with branch of tree.

*[Deer runs and bring some withered branches. With two of branches makes hands for the snow doll and with other two branches makes feet for it]*

**Squirrel:** How good! Now, I make eyes for the snow doll.

*[He searches his pockets and brings out two walnut.]*

**Squirrel:** and this is the snow doll’s eyes!

*[He puts the walnuts on the snow doll’s face in stead of it’s eyes and rabbit immediately brings one carrot and puts it on it’s face instead of nose.]*

**Rabbit:** And this is the snow doll's nose.

*[Suddenly a thought comes to weasel's mind; he gets his fur hat from his head and puts it on the snow doll's head.]*

**Weasel:** Well, this is the snow doll's hat.

**Squirrel:** How good! Now we have a snow friend with whom we can play a snow doll!!

*[The animals claps enjoy fully and goes around the snow doll.*

*But suddenly the snow doll starts to move.*

*It seems that rabbit is a little afraid of it. He goes back ward. And he is about to fell inside the snow hole.]*

**Rabbit:** It is strange! What does the snow doll do?

**Weasel:** Well, it must be a kind of play!

**Squirrel:** How good! I know this play!

*[Squirrel moves like the snow doll and makes strange sounds just like the doll. It's not clear that the snow doll is happy or sad, he just shakes more and makes more stranger sounds.*

*Now, weasel and squirrel also shake themselves and make strange sound.*

*And the snow doll, instead of shaking himself and making strange sound, suddenly start to cry.]*

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho ...

*[Now, rabbit and weasel and squirrel, instead of playing, are gazing at the snow doll.]*

**Rabbit:** What happened, snow doll?

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho ...

**Weasel:** Well, why are you crying now?

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho, uho, uho ...

**Squirrel:** I think he is crying because we didn't play good with him.

*[Squirrel says this word and again starts to shake himself and make strange sound. weasel and rabbit do the same work, But the snow doll cry more.]*

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho, uho, uho ...

*[Deer standing and gazing at his friends and snowy, suddenly some thought comes to his mind.]*

**Deer:** Wait a minute, I think snow doll has a problem.

*[Squirrel and weasel and rabbit stop playing. Surprised, look at deer]*

**Weasel:** What problem?

**Deer:** It seems snowy wants to say something but he can't.

**Rabbit:** Why?

**Deer:** Because we're not made month for him.

*[Deer goes to the snow doll immediately and makes a line on his face as if it is his mouth. then smiles at him.*

*The snow doll open and close his mouth for few times and then gaze at deer.]*

**Snow doll:** Oh, why didn't you open my moth sooner? I was near to be suffocated.

*[Deer, again gaze at deer, overwhelmed with joy!]*

**Deer:** Hello snow doll!

*[Other animals immediately say hello to the snow doll. But snow doll not only doesn't reply but also turns away his face from them. He must show them that he doesn't like them.]*

**Snow doll:** Who are you? no body knows!

*[Deer is un happy because of snow doll's behave our, but again smiles at snow doll cause deer is so kind!]*

**Deer:** We are animals of this jungle and like to play with you.

**Snow doll:** What meaning less word? I you play with me?

**Weasel:** yeah, well, what's the matter with it?

*[Snow doll look at the animals as if they are some little ant!]*

**Snow doll:** It's all problem. You with your ugly and dirty face want to play with a beautiful and clean snow doll like me?

*[Venter forward, neck raised, head back ward and sound up, the snow doll said the word "like me", as if he is the king of the snow!*

*Squirrel who is offended of the snow doll's behaviour, Frowns at snow doll.]*

**Squirrel:** What word is your word?

*[Now weasel and squirrel Frown at snow doll and gaze at him.]*

**Weasel:** Well, there are lost of things that are both white and beautiful.

**Rabbit:** It's right, just like this snow.

*[Deer is so kind that still is smiling instead of frowning.]*

**Deer:** My friends are right. Do you know that your whiteness and beauty is from this snow.

*[The points to snow. but snow doll instead of looking at snow, gaze at deer proudly.]*

**Snow doll:** What meaning less word! Do you know what I'm very different from the snow?

**Deer:** What difference for instant?

**Snow doll:** Well, I'm a snow doll, not just a piece of ordinary snow!

*[Squirrel runs forward, stands up just in front of snowy and gaze at him.]*

**Squirrel:** So, you accept that you are made of snow!! yeah?

**Snow doll:** Yeah, But as I said I'm different from the snow! For example, I have two big and beautiful eyes that no one has.

*[Squirrel who is so sad is near to cry.]*

**Squirrel:** But those are my walnuts!

**Snow doll:** What? these are my big and beautiful eyes. And I have a pretty and fragrant nose that no one has!

*[Now, rabbit is about to cry.]*

**Rabbit:** But that's my carrot!

**Snow doll:** What? this is my pretty and fragrant nose. By the way, I have a for hat that no one has!

*[Now weasel is near to cry.]*

**Weasel:** But that's my fur hat!

**Snow doll:** What meaningless word! Also I have two hands and two big and strong feet that no one has.

*[Deer instead of becoming sad, again smiles and look at snow doll very kindly.]*

**Deer:** But all you've said is ours, snow doll.

**Rabbit:** That's right. If i didn't give you my carrot you had not been so beautiful.

**Squirrel:** If I didn't give you my walnuts, you had not been so beautiful.

**Weasel:** And if I didn't put my hat on your head, now you had not been so beautiful.

**Snow doll:** What meaning less word. I had never thought you were so stingy and selfish.

*[Weasel, rabbit and squirrel seems to be very annoyed, they from at snow doll, but deer still smile at him.]*

**Snow doll:** But I'm not in the mood to play. Just this.

**Deer:** Why?

**Snow doll:** I said I'm not in the mood. Is playing compulsory?

**Deer:** No, It's not compulsory. Do as you wish, snow doll!

*[Deer still smiles at snow doll, as if he is still hopeful that snowy play with them.*

*But snow doll Frown at him and turns away his head. Some thought comes to squirrel's mind and he calls his friend.]*

**Squirrel:** Let's let this proud snow doll stay alone and Follow our play.

**Rabbit:** Which play?

**Squirrel:** Play ball. We can make a big snow ball and we all play with it.

**Weasel:** But snow house is better. We can make a big snow home and we all play in it.

**Rabbit:** Slide is better. We can make a big snow slide so that we can all play with it.

*[Squirrel, weasel and rabbit start to struggle with one another. each one try to prove his play is better.]*

*Deer standing and smiling them, raise his hand and says: "sh!"*

*It must mean that all should notice him.]*

**Deer:** How his making a big snow ball, first? And then, when we became tired we can make a snow home! Then, when tired, we can play with snow slide. In this way we all play.

*[Squirrel, weasel and rabbit clap for deer.]*

*It means they are agree with deer.*

*Deer peering at snow doll smiles!]*

**Deer:** Who knows? may be snow doll likes our play!

*[Snow doll not only doesn't like deer's word, but also raises his hand and says: "sh!"*

*Well, his mean must be notice to him.]*

**Snow doll:** No! No I like your play, neither I let you play here.

*[Now, animals stand up and stare at snow doll.]*

**Snow doll:** Why are you staring at me? I said go and play somewhere else!

**Weasel:** Why?

**Snow doll:** Because I'm not in the mood of your play.

**Squirrel:** No, It's not the reason. The reason is that you are a proud snow doll!!

**Snow doll:** No, I just want to rest.

**Deer:** Well, maybe snow doll is right, It's better to let him rest.

*[This deer goes off the deep and, because he still is smiling at the proud snow doll. maybe his smiles have made snow doll proud.]*

**Snow doll:** So, why are you still standing here? I told you to go some where else.

*[Look! deer is again smiling at him, but rabbit, squirrel and weasel are angry with both the snow doll's behavior and deer's smile, frown at them.]*

**Squirrel:** Ok, I go to somewhere else to play. But I should take my walnuts and go.

**Snow doll:** Well, take your walnuts, you think it is very important for me?!

*[Squirrel takes his walnuts from the snow doll's face. Now, snow doll doesn't have eyes.]*

**Rabbit:** I go to another place to play, but I should take my carrot and go.

**Snow doll:** Well, take it. Do you think that a small carrot is valuable for me?

*[Rabbit takes the carrot.*

*Now, snow doll doesn't have any more.]*

**Weasel:** Well, thus I should take my hat, because I want to go to somewhere else to play.

*[Weasel takes the hat. proud snow doll who doesn't have hat now, is very angry and starts to cry loud!]*

**Snow doll:** Come and take all the things. I don't need any one of them.

*[Then he shakes himself so that his hands and feet fall down on the ground]*

**Snow doll:** I don't want these dry branches. Come here deer! Take your branches and go.

*[Deer is still smiling, and snow doll suddenly start to cry.]*

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho, uho, uho. You are very stingy and selfish. Uho, uho.

**Squirrel:** We aren't, proud snowy doll. We wanted to become your friend.

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho.

*[Deer know that snow doll doesn't have eyes any more, but he still smiles at him.]*

**Deer:** What a pity. If you let us to become your friend, this event never happened for you.

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho.

**Weasel:** Well. Now look at your ugly face. You are not beautiful any more.

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho .... No, I'm still a snow doll. Uho, uho.

*[How proud he is! well don rabbit! rabbit talks in a good way to him.]*

**Rabbit:** But proud snow doll, Now you are not different from a piece of snow.

**Snow doll:** But I'm still white and beautiful.

**Rabbit:** Just like a piece of snow.

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho.

**Squirrel:** My friends, it's better to let this proud snow doll stay alone.

*[Squirrel says this and moves away rapidly.]*

**Weasel:** He is right, proud person is not good for friend ship.

*[He says this and moves away rapidly.]*

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho.

*[Deer feels sorry for snow doll, But still smiles at him.]*

**Rabbit:** Let's go, deer! The sun has raised. The snow is about to melt. Then we can't play with snow.

*[He says this and moves away rapidly . Deer looks at the sky and the sun, then gaze at snow doll. It 's strange he doesn't smile any more.]*

**Deer:** I wish you had played with us, before the sun had melted the snow.

*[Deer looks at the snow doll and goes away slowly.]*

Now the sun is in the middle of the sky and gives warmth to the earth.

*[Snow doll who has become stifled of sun's warmth, is melting slowly.]*

**Snow doll:** Uho, uho.

*[The sounds of animals' playing is heard.*

*Squirrel, rabbit, weasel and deer are snow playing, a little far from us.]*

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