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Who Was the Real Snow White?

Snow White's real name was Blanche Neige and she was born in New York on 14th February, 1904. She got the nickname Snow White when she was very young because of her pale, white skin. She loved to sing and entertain her parents at their beautiful family home as a little girl.



The three were

wonderfully happy together but sadly her mother Beatrice died at the age of only 30. Her father Benedict was heartbroken and Snow White was miserable so they looked after each other for a few years.

Mr Neige decided to get married again after he met a glamorous woman called Maledicta. Snow White mistrusted her new stepmother who thought she was very important and treated other people unkindly. "I'm the classiest dame in New York." she boasted to everyone but they all liked Snow White better. Maledicta decided to get rid of her stepdaughter. On June 8th 1924 she instructed her bodyguard to take Snow White to the river and shoot her!

Luckily he couldn't do it so instead he left Snow White alone by the docks. She has said that she was so unhappy at that moment she nearly drowned herself. She was then saved by the sound of music from a nearby jazz club. She entered the club to ask for help where the musicians took pity on her. The Seven Jazzmen invited her to stay but said she'd have to be their singer. A reporter from the New York Times called Jon Draper heard her and fell in love with her fabulous voice. Afterwards he wrote an article about this amazing new singing sensation and soon she was famous all over the city. Her stepmother pretended to be pleased but really she was furious! She held a grand party on New Year's Day 1925 to celebrate Snow White's success. Maledicta gave Snow White a cocktail with a poisonous cherry in it. As soon as she tried to drink it Snow White collapsed and the paramedics couldn't revive her.

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The whole of New York was devastated by the loss. Her friends the Jazzmen carried the glass coffin into the church at her funeral but they were so upset that they stumbled and bumped it on the ground. Onlookers were amazed when Snow White opened her eyes. Doctors realised that the cherry had only been stuck in her throat and the knock released it. Jon Draper told the police about the poison and they arrested Maledicta and she was sent to prison for 10 years.

Snow White and Jon married after he became the band's manager. The couple and the Seven Jazzmen travelled the world and made many hit recordings. Maledicta wrote to Snow White from jail and apologised for her jealous behaviour. Once she was released she became the singer's biggest fan.



Snow White has often been called the greatest singer of the 1920s and her records are still popular today.

