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On Our Cover

FRONT: THE DEVIL'S SOOTY BROTHER

“What’s the matter?” asked the devil. “You look so gloomy.”

“I’m hungry and have no money,” said the soldier.

“If you hire yourself out to me as my servant,” the devil said, “you’ll have enough for the rest of your life. But you’ve got to serve me seven years, and after that you’ll be free. There’s just one thing I’ve got to tell you: you’re not allowed to wash yourself, comb your hair, trim your beard, cut your nails or hair, or wipe your eyes.”

“If that’s the way it must be, let’s get on with it,” the soldier said, and followed the devil all the way to hell.

BACK: SNOW WHITE

The mirror spoke:

“You, my queen, may have a beauty quite rare,
But Snow White is a thousand times more fair.”

The queen shuddered and became yellow and green with envy. From that hour on, her hate for the girl was so great that her heart throbbed and turned in her breast each time she saw Snow White. Like weeds, the envy and arrogance grew so dense in her heart that she no longer had any peace, day or night. Finally, she summoned a huntsman and said, “Take the child out into the forest, kill her, and bring me back her lungs and liver as proof of the deed.”

Excerpts from “The Devil’s Sooty Brother” and “Snow White” by the Brothers Grimm, translated from the German by Jack Zipes. Sculptures and photographs by Shaun Tan. See more of Tan’s work on page 116.

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