

426 The Two Girls, the Bear, and the Dwarf.

During the winter two sisters (called "Snow White" and "Rose Red") invite a bear into their hut. Three times the sisters rescue an evil dwarf who was going to steal some treasures, but he is ungrateful and insults them [F451.2. 3.1, K1111.1, F451.6.1, F451.5.2.1].

Thereupon the bear (who had been enchanted by the dwarf) catches him. The dwarf offers treasures to the bear if he will devour the girls instead of him. But the bear kills the dwarf and thus is disenchanted and turns into a prince [D763]. The prince marries one of the sisters and his brother (who was not mentioned until then) the other.

Remarks: Retold by Wilhelm Grimm from a tale by Karoline Stahl (1818).