

Peter Pan

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Peter Breaks Through

Preview Questions

1. Who do you think Peter Pan is?
2. What would happen if children never grew up?
3. Would you like to stay a child forever?

All children, except one, grow up. They soon know that they will grow up, and the way Wendy knew was this. One day, when she was two years old, Wendy took a flower to her mother.

Mrs. Darling cried, "Oh, why can't you stay like this forever!" From that point, Wendy knew that she must grow up. You always know after you are two. Two is the beginning of the end.

The Darling family lived at Number 14. Mrs. Darling was very beautiful. Mr. Darling used to tell Wendy that her mother not only loved him but also respected him. He was one of those deep men who knew about stocks and shares. Wendy came first, then John, then Michael.

Because they were poor, the children's nurse was a

big dog called Nana. She always made sure the children were clean, and she was up in a moment if one of them coughed in the night. She usually carried an umbrella in her mouth in case of rain. Nana was a very good nurse, and Mr. Darling knew it. However, he sometimes wondered if the neighbors talked. There never was a happier family until Peter Pan arrived.

Mrs. Darling first heard of Peter when she was tidying up her children's minds. Every good mother tidies her children's minds when they are asleep. It is quite like tidying up drawers. All the bad thoughts are put away neatly at the bottom of your mind, and on top, she puts all your prettiest thoughts so that you can put them on in the morning. Sometimes, when she was tidying her children's minds, Mrs. Darling found things she could not understand. One of these was the word "Peter." She did not know anyone called Peter, but it was in the minds of all three children.

"But who is he, my pet?" Mrs. Darling asked Wendy.

"He is Peter Pan, you know, Mother." At first, Mrs. Darling did not know. Then she remembered a Peter Pan who was said to live with the fairies. She had believed in him when she was small.

“But,” she said to Wendy, “he would be grown up by now.”

“Oh no, he isn’t grown up,” Wendy said confidently. “He is the same size as me.”

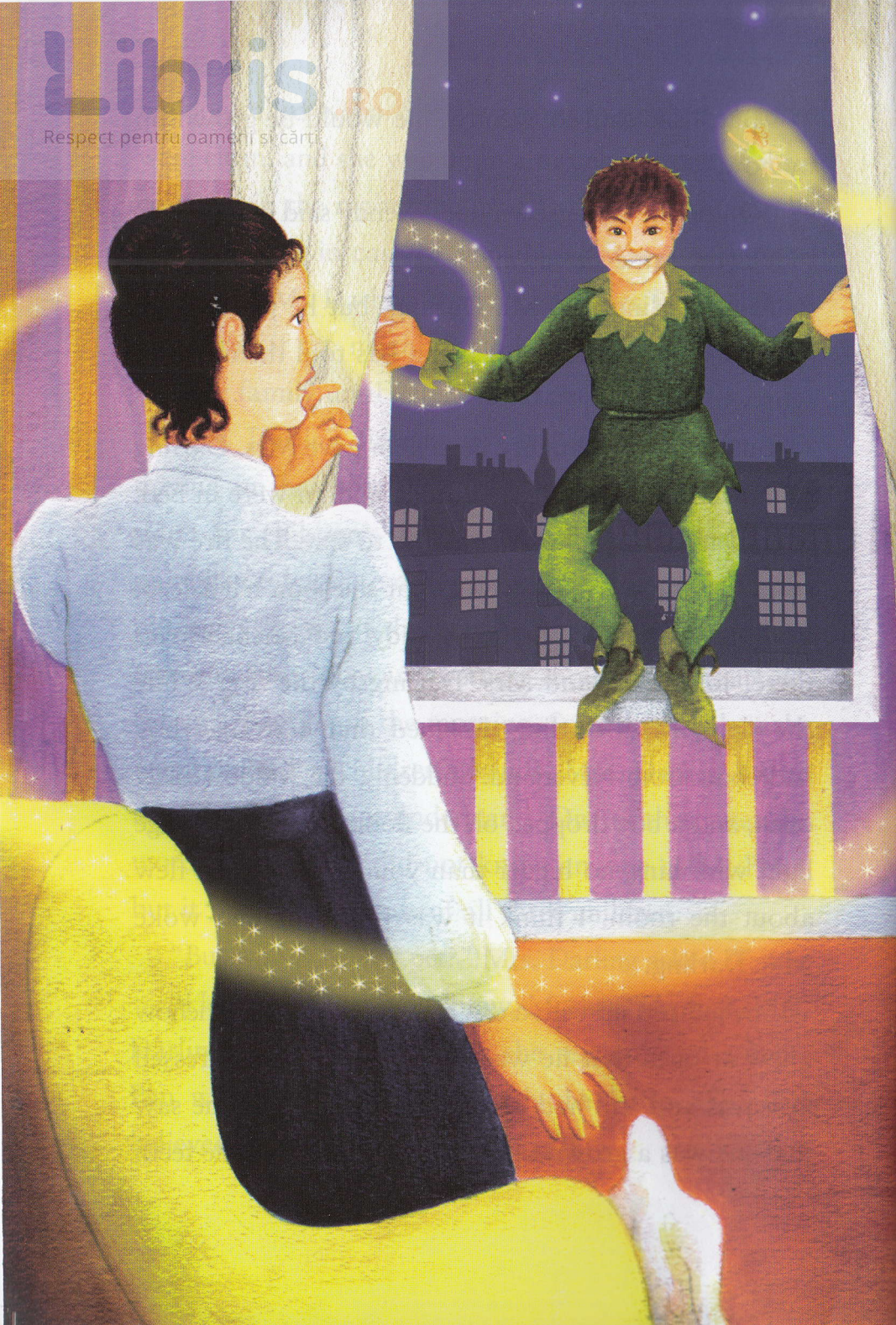
5 Mrs. Darling told Mr. Darling, but he just smiled. “It is just some story that Nana has told them. Don’t worry about it.”

But soon, the **naughty** Peter Pan gave Mrs. Darling quite a shock. One night, all the children were in bed. Mrs. Darling sat down by the fire to sew. The fire was so lovely and warm, however, that she soon fell asleep. Look at the four of them—Wendy and Michael over there, John here, and Mrs. Darling by the fire. While she slept, Mrs. Darling dreamed that a strange boy had come from Neverland. Suddenly, the window blew open, and a boy dropped on the floor. He had a strange light with him, no bigger than your hand, which flew about the room. I think it was this light that woke Mrs. Darling.

20 She jumped up with a cry, saw the boy, and somehow knew at once that he was Peter Pan. He was dressed in leaves and still had all his first teeth. When he saw that she was a **grown-up**, he showed her his little teeth

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like an angry dog. Nana jumped at the boy and caught his shadow in her mouth. She was not quick enough to catch Peter. Mrs. Darling looked at the shadow. It looked like an ordinary shadow. She rolled it up and put it away in a drawer. Ah me!

The next Friday was a day that none of them could ever forget. "I should have been more careful," Mrs. Darling used to say afterward.

"No, no," Mr. Darling always said, "it was all my fault."

"If only we had not agreed to go to a restaurant called Number 27," Mrs. Darling said. On that Friday evening, Mrs. Darling had put the children to bed. Nana was outside. They could hear her **barking**.

"That is not Nana's unhappy bark," said Wendy. "That is her bark when she smells danger."

Danger!

"Are you sure, Wendy?"

"Oh, yes."

Mrs. Darling went to the window. It was closed. She looked out and saw many beautiful stars. They were crowding around the house, as if curious to see what was going to happen.

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Peter Breaks Through

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Peter gave Mrs. Darling a shock.
- _____ Nana was barking.
- _____ Peter showed her his little teeth.
- _____ Nana always made sure the kids were clean.
- _____ Mr. and Mrs. Darling went out to a restaurant.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. When she was two, what did Wendy bring to her mother?

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|----------------|-------------|
| a. An umbrella | b. A flower |
| c. A fairy | d. A leaf |

2. What kind of dog was Nana?

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| a. She was a big dog. | b. She was a lazy dog. |
| c. She was a mean dog. | d. She was a fat dog. |

3. When did Mrs. Darling first hear about Peter?

- a. When she took Nana for a walk
- b. When she was cleaning the children's room
- c. When she was sewing by the fire
- d. When she was tidying up her children's minds

4. What did some of the stars want Peter to have?

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| a. Some light | b. Some darkness |
| c. Some fun | d. Some music |

III. Match the word with the meaning used in the chapter.

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| 1. mind • | • a. to make the loud and short sound of a dog |
| 2. night-light • | • b. eager to know or learn |
| 3. fairy • | • c. the place in our heads where we think |
| 4. shadow • | • d. an adult |
| 5. naughty • | • e. an early form of a street lamp |
| 6. curious • | • f. having little or no money, belongings, or means of support |
| 7. grown-up • | • g. the dark image of something cast on the ground by light |
| 8. shock • | • h. doing wrong or bad things, or not doing what you are told |
| 9. bark • | • i. a sudden disturbance of the mind or emotions |
| 10. poor • | • j. a tiny magical creature |

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.

shadow

minds

visited

fairies

shocked

Mrs. Darling first heard of Peter when she was tidying up her children's 1 _____. She remembered that he lived with the 2 _____. One night, Peter 3 _____ her. Nana caught his 4 _____ and Mrs. Darling put it in a drawer. One evening when Mr. and Mrs. Darling went out, Peter 5 _____ the house.

Come Away, Come Away!

I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.

1. ____ It got dark as soon as the Darlings left the house.
2. ____ Peter could not attach his shadow to his body.
3. ____ Peter asked Wendy first if she wanted a kiss.
4. ____ Tinker Bell was caught under the blankets.
5. ____ The children needed fairy dust to fly.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Whose crying woke Wendy?

a. Peter's	b. Michael's
c. Nana's	d. John's

2. What did Wendy do with the acorn that Peter gave her?

a. She ate it.	b. She planted it in the garden.
c. She wore it around her neck.	d. She decorated it with color.

3. What place did all the children recognize?

a. Their backyard	b. The North Pole
c. Neverland	d. Magic Island

4. What part of Captain Hook's body did Peter cut off?

a. His left arm	b. His right hand
c. His right foot	d. His left hand