

PETER AND THE ST★RCATCHER

BACKGROUND INFO (SPOILER ALERT)

SETTING

The play is set in 1885 during the reign of Queen Victoria, ruler of the British Empire. The characters' journey spans the high seas, several ships of pirates and seafarers, an orphanage for lost boys, and a tropical island.

SYNOPSIS

Have you ever wondered how Peter Pan got his name? Or how he met Tinkerbell? In this swashbuckling grown-up prequel to *Peter Pan*, a dozen brilliant actors playing pirates, mermaids—and of course, our favorite Lost Boys—set out for an adventure filled with ingenious stagecraft and the limitless possibilities of theatrical storytelling.

ACT ONE

The play opens with two ships about to take sail from London to Rundoon: The Wasp and the Neverland. Aboard the Wasp is Lord Aster, charged with delivering a precious trunk (it's full of star stuff, a magical substance that makes you whatever you want to be and even fly!). Meanwhile Aster's daughter, Molly, and her Nanny, Mrs. Bumbrake, travel with the shady Captain Bill Slank on the Neverland. Also on Slank's ship are three orphans—Prentiss, Ted, and an unnamed Boy (Peter). Just before the ships set sail, Slank discovers the trunk holds a great treasure and switches it with a trunk full of sand.

Once at sea, the Wasp is taken over by the most feared pirate of the seven seas, Black Stache and his first mate, Smee. Black Stache opens the trunk of sand, figures out the switch and commands the Wasp to bear down on the Neverland. A sea fight ensues and the Neverland sinks! The Boy (Peter) escapes and floats off on the trunk full of star stuff as the lost boys, Mrs. Bumbrake, the lovable Pirate Alf and Molly all swim for a nearby island.

ACT TWO

On the island, Peter, the lost boys, and Molly are captured by the Mollusks (the native Indians) who plan to feed them to a giant crocodile called Mr. Grin. Meanwhile Black Stache and Smee (his first mate) search for the trunk on the island. Peter, Molly, and the lost boys escape the crocodile but are hotly pursued by the Mollusks. In trying to get away, Peter is knocked into a pool of water filled with Starstuff. There he meets a wise mermaid, Teacher, who gives Peter his last name: Pan. From every side of the island, the separate parties gather to fight for the trunk of star stuff.

Will the Indians catch Peter and his friends? Will Blackstache kill them all? What's the deal with the little yellow bird that makes friends with Peter? And most importantly who will get the trunk full of star stuff?

CAST OF CHARACTERS

THE ORPHANS

BOY (PETER): The hero Peter Pan, who earns his name during the course of the play. At the start, he is nameless, homeless, and friendless. He is a survivor. All he wants is a

home and a family.

PRENTISS: Peter's friend from the orphanage. He longs to be a leader, but doesn't have the skills to do so.

TED: Another of Peter's friends from the orphanage, Ted is obsessed with food. He is often called "Tubby" by Prentiss.

THE BRITISH SUBJECTS

LORD LEONARD ASTER: Molly's father and a loyal subject to the Queen of England. He is a Starcatcher— a protector of powerful starstuff.

MOLLY ASTER: Lord Aster's daughter and a true leader. She is an apprentice Starcatcher.

MRS. BUMBRAKE: Molly's nanny.

CAPTAIN ROBERT FALCON SCOTT: Captain of the Wasp.

GREMPKIN: The mean schoolmaster of St. Norbert's Orphanage for Lost Boys, where Boy, Prentiss, and Ted lived as orphans.

THE SEAFARERS

BILL SLANK: The Neverland's vicious captain.

ALF: An old sailor, and love interest of Mrs. Bumbrake.

MACK: An incompetent sailor who wants to be anywhere but under the thumb of Bill Slank.

BLACK STACHE: The world's most feared pirate. He and his crew take over the Wasp. Black Stache is searching for a hero worthy of opposing his villainy.

SMEE: First mate to Black Stache. Single-mindedly dedicated to his captain's every whim.

SÁNCHEZ: A hardworking Spanish pirate.

THE ISLANDERS

FIGHTING PRAWN: King of Mollusk Island. He has vowed to kill any Englishman that visits his kingdom.

HAWKING CLAM: Son of Fighting Prawn and Sweet'n Sour Shrimp.

TEACHER: Formerly a salmon, now a wise mermaid whom Boy meets on Mollusk Island.