



Peter Pan

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Chapter 1: Peter Pan is coming

All the children grow up. All but one. They know this early on, and even though Wendy has known this for a very long time, she didn't think much of it until the day she met Peter Pan. Wendy lived in a big house in London with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darling, and her two brothers, John and Michael. They were very happy surrounded by their parents' love. Mrs. DARLING loved them dearly. Mr. DARLING loved them too, but he was very busy with his money problems. The maid who took care of the children was not what Mr. Darling wanted, but it was all he could afford. She was a Newfoundland dog named Nana. They had found her in the Kensington Gardens and since she seemed abandoned, they had hired her. Nana was no ordinary dog. She was actually a real gem. She could tell at a glance if one of her charges was suffering. And when Mrs. DARLING brought unexpected visitors to the children's room, even before they reached the threshold, the children would find themselves freshly dressed, hair slicked back. Like all maids, Nana was entitled to one night off a week. It was then Madame DARLING who replaced her. One evening when Madame DARLING was putting the sleeping children's minds in order, as every mother does every night everywhere on earth, she discovered an incomprehensible word in each of the three children: PETER. She did not know any Peter. The next day, Mrs. DARLING, very intrigued by this whole story, asked Wendy:

- Who is this Peter, dear?
- He's Peter Pan, Mom. A little boy who hasn't grown up. He sometimes comes to the edge of my bed and plays his pipe. He can fly too. He often comes to visit me.

And Wendy tells of the fantasy land where she lives in a house of leaves and has a wolf for a pet. John even added that there is a lagoon flown over by flamingos. Mrs. DARLING is overwhelmed by this conversation. Searching deep in her memory, she thinks she remembers that Peter Pan lives with the fairies. That night, Mrs. Darling is worried. The children's room, so calm, so restful, presents something strange. The toys are however arranged in their trunk, the books are put down in the library. She takes her work and starts to embroider. Little by little, her head tilts and slowly, very slowly, she falls asleep. She is dreaming... In her dream, the land of the imagination that Wendy spoke of is approaching. The

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