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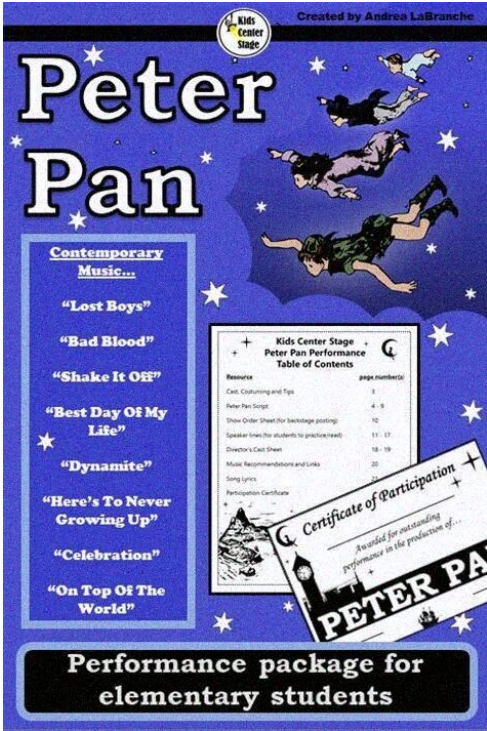
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Author : J. M. Barrie (1854-1937)
(Revised by M. Jacobs and Graham S.)

Scene 1

Narrator: Once upon a time there was four siblings named Wendy, Minda, Michael and John. They lived in London in a very big house. Every night Wendy, the oldest sister, told her siblings stories about the adventures of Peter Pan.

Michael: Tell us more about Peter Pan! I'm really excited about it!

John: Yes, please Wendy! Tell us another story! Please, please!

Wendy: It's late and tomorrow we have school.

Minda: You always say that on weeknights! I want to stay up!

Wendy: Now, close your eyes and go to sleep. Good night and sweet dreams.

Michael and John: Good night, Wendy.

Minda: Boo!

Narrator: A few hours later they woke up frightened because they heard strange noises in the room.

John: Did you hear that?

Michael: Yes, did you, Wendy?

Wendy: Yes... what's that light over there?

John: Where? I'm scared!

Minda: You're always scared!

Michael: What is it? It's so bright!

Wendy: It's...

Scene 2

Tinker Bell: Yes! It's me Tinker Bell!

Wendy, Michael, John: Tinker Bell!

Toink: Ta! da! It's also me, Toink!

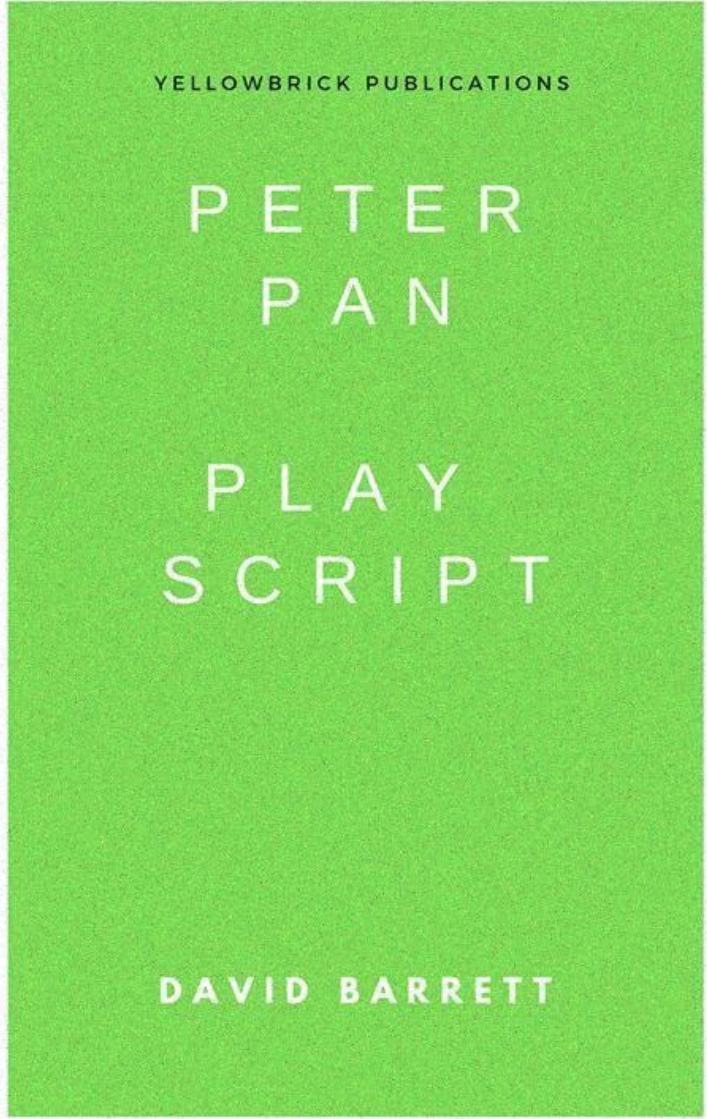
Wendy: Toink?

Toink: I'm Tinkerbell's best friend! (giggles)

Narrator: Then something extraordinary happened. Peter Pan appeared right there in the middle of the room.

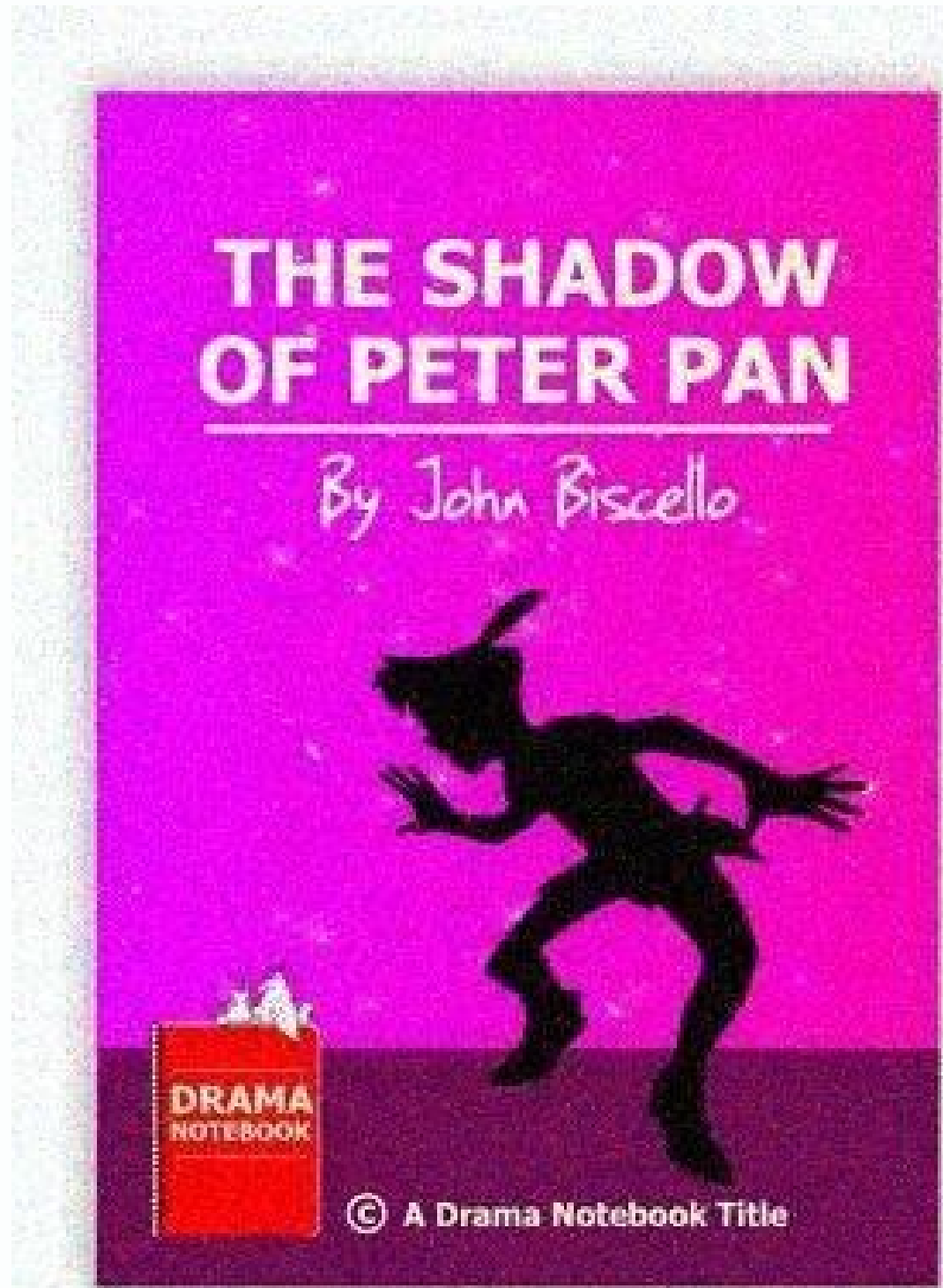
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If it does, then all the struggles would not have been for nothing. This publication aims to spark memories and perhaps even evoke a sense of nostalgia. Do you hear the faint echoes of whistle blowing or the sound of waves crashing against the shore? Let's take a trip down memory lane and revisit some chapter headings like "Chapter II, No. 1 teaches Wilkinson (his master) a Stern Lesson—We Run away to Sea" or "Chapter III, A Fearful Hurricane—Wreck of the 'Anna Pink'— We go crazy from Want of Food—Proposal to eat No. 3—Land Ahoy." Two chapters out of sixteen, and they're just a taste of what's in store. Are you still capable of scaling the dreadful Valley of Rolling Stones or cleansing your hands of pirate blood? Can you relive the moment when Mr. Seton-Thompson taught you how to make fire by rubbing sticks together? The illustrations that follow are photographs taken by myself, with some even capturing phenomena that had to be invented afterwards because we were always off doing the wrong things when I pressed the button. We aimed to combine instruction with amusement and perhaps our words to the pictures will help prove it. We see No. 1 in a fir tree, recently tied to it, describing the Cocos nucifera as 'the fruit is undoubtedly recent, bearing unopened fruit.' He goes on to recognize the Mango (Magnifera indica) by its lancet-shaped leaves and the cucumber-shaped fruit. No. 1 was certainly the right sort of voyager to be wrecked with, though No. 2 sometimes protested because none of these strutting observations were given to him. No. 3 is surprisingly absent from most of the pictures, but this might be because the lady already darkly referred to used to pluck him from our midst for his siesta at 12 o'clock, which was the hour that best suited the camera. He was lounging around on the sofa, doing absolutely nothing. But then, there's this scene where Nos. 1 and 2 are outside, looking grumpy because their brother is inside making a racket with some weird instrument. The music, according to No. 3 (who's not actually there), is super annoying to anyone with any culture, but the songs are like those from ancient Arabia - full of poetic imagery. It's probably what he was thinking while sulking on the sofa. The Boy Castaways has sixteen chapter headings, but that's it - no actual text. Some people might complain about that, but honestly, there are worse ways to write a book than this. Those chapter headings actually give away some of the plot from Peter Pan, but there were lots of other cool stories from our Kensington Gardens days that never made it into the book. Like that time we reached the South Pole before Captain Scott did, and left our initials for him to find - kind of like what was going to happen later on. In The Boy Castaways, Captain Hook shows up, but he's called Captain Swarthy here, and he seems to be a black guy from the pictures. People in the know think this character is based on someone's real life, which is pretty weird. He had lots of battles with us (although I don't think we ever got his right arm), before we got to that super intense chapter called "We Board the Pirate Ship at Dawn - A Rakish Craft - No. 1 Hew- them-Down and No. 2 of the Red Hatchet - A

Holocaust of Pirates - Rescue of Peter." (Hey, Peter gets rescued instead of doing the rescuing? I know what you're thinking, but we're not going to spill all our secrets.) The scene where the pirates get wiped out is at Black Lake (which later became Mermaids' Lagoon when women were allowed in).

Captain Swarthy doesn't die from getting eaten by a crocodile, although there are crocodiles around. I think he had multiple deaths because everyone wanted to kill him one-on-one. On special occasions, like when No. 3 pulled out his own tooth, we gave the deed to him but took it back while he was resting. There's only two pictures in the book that show what happens to Swarthy. One is called "We string him up," where Nos. 1 and 2 are pulling him up a tree by a rope, looking super serious like Athos from The Three Musketeers. His face looks like it's a grinning mask, which is kind of is.

The other picture is called "The Vultures had Picked him Clean" and tells its own story. The dog in the book seems to have been training to be Nana someday, originally belonged to Swarthy (or maybe Captain Marryat? And that first picture of him looks really thin, skulking, and hunched, like it's patrolling the island for the monster's benefit, which doesn't give away much about his future domestic life. He was destined for great things. We persuaded him to leave his old life behind and join us, and later on, there's a poignant illustration that foreshadows the Darling nursery, titled 'We trained the dog to watch over us while we slept.' In this scene, he too is sleeping, in a position eerily similar to his human charges; any issues we had with him arose when he discovered he was part of a story and sought to mimic everything we did. He was eager to prove he understood the game, often going beyond what you would do, never claiming credit for killing Captain Swarthy. While not entirely without initiative, he came up with his own idea to bark a warning at exactly 12 o'clock, signaling No. 3's keeper might be on their way (Disappearance of No. 3). He became so accustomed to living in the world of Pretend that when we arrived at the hut the next morning, he was often already there, looking slightly goofy but with a new bark he'd invented that puzzled us until we realized he was demanding the password. Always willing to take on extra tasks, like becoming the tiger mask, and when you triumphantly returned home from a fierce battle with that mask, he proudly joined the procession without ever acknowledging it had once been part of him. Years later, he watched the play from a box in the theater, and as familiar scenes unfolded before his eyes, I've never seen a dog so agitated. At one matinee, we even let him take over for the actor playing Nana, and I doubt anyone in the audience noticed the change - though he introduced some 'business' new to them but old to us and you. Heigh-ho, I suspect this reminiscence is muddling him with his successor, as there had to be one, the loyal Newfoundland who perhaps applied for the role by bringing hedgehogs to the hut as offerings for our evening meals. The head and coat of him were copied for the Nana of the play. They seem to be emerging from our island, don't they, like the little people of the play, all except that sly one, the main figure, who draws farther away into the woods as we approach? No. 4 spotted a fleeting glint and waved his foot in response, thus bringing Tink into existence. It's essential to note that their bond wasn't built on sentimental moments; instead, No. 4 grew suspicious of Tink's motives, suspecting she was drawn to the hut for supper leftovers. He pursued her with malice. Rummaging through a cluttered drawer can be an effective way to revisit the past. As you search for something specific, unexpected treasures often emerge from the shadows. This is how I stumbled upon my scattered reading materials, including stray leaves from Peter's original manuscript. Upon returning these fragments to the drawer, they vanished as if infused with a touch of mischief.

The contents of this drawer also yield scraps of Mr. Crook's enchanting music and other unfinished projects related to Peter. Here lies a response from a young boy who sat in my box seat and, unfortunately, asked what he enjoyed most about the show.

He replied, "I think I liked best was tearing up the programme and dropping the bits on people's heads." This is often how I'm left reeling. A copy of my favourite play programme remains within this drawer. In Peter's early days, No. 4 couldn't attend due to illness, so we brought the show to his nursery in the countryside, an impressive array of vehicles akin to a travelling circus. The lead roles were played by the youngest performers from the London company, and No. 4, at five years old, watched solemnly from his bed, never once cracking a smile. This marks my sole appearance on the real stage, and this programme copy shows I was regarded as an actor so poorly that they printed my name in smaller letters than the others.

I've mentioned little about Nos. 4 and 5, and it's high time for me to conclude. They enjoyed a long summer day, and now they're off to school. On Monday, as it appears, I escorted No. 5 to a children's party and styled his hair in the ante-room; by Thursday, he placed me against an underground station wall, saying, "Now I'm going to get the tickets: don't move till I come back for you or you'll lose yourself." No. 4 transitions from being astride my shoulders fishing, knee-deep in the stream, to becoming a stern literary critic while still a schoolboy. Anything he disapproved of, I abandoned, and perhaps the world has thus been deprived of masterpieces. There was, for instance, an unfortunate little tragedy that I liked until I foolishly shared its subject with No. 4, who then frowned, saying he had better take a look at it. He read it, patted me on the back as only he and No. 1 could, and said, "You know you can't do this sort of thing." End of a tragedian. Occasionally, however, No. 4 enjoyed my efforts, and I walked in azure that day when he returned with a letter, dear to me. I offered my book Margaret Ogilvy to someone with a comment "Not so bad." He was hesitant initially but eventually accepted the offer. When I asked him why he wanted it, he said his desk was full of useless items and I could remove some of them. However, he revealed that he had already read the book, which surprised me. He explained that people like to keep unusual things as mementos.

Later, he wriggled out of the room and returned with a friend, announcing they would take it. The person then recalled times when I got rebuffs from others who lost their faith in fairies and became disbelievers. However, I had a special triumph where I managed to bring someone back to believing in fairies for at least two minutes. This was during a fishing trip with his friends to the Outer Hebrides. The person then shared a story about how they believed in meeting Johnny Mackay, their favorite gillie from previous summers, on a wishing pier. When asked whom he wanted to see most, he replied that he would like to see Johnny.

I encouraged him to wish for Johnny and as the ropes were thrown on the pier, he saw Johnny waiting for them. The person was thrilled and spent the next month with Johnny, neglecting me. This episode is not part of my play Peter Pan, but it's a cherished memory that I hold onto. Need assistance with an IT&M production? Our team is always available to lend a hand. To discuss a show or inquire about a non-committal license, simply reach out via email or call us at +44 (0)203 488 6292.