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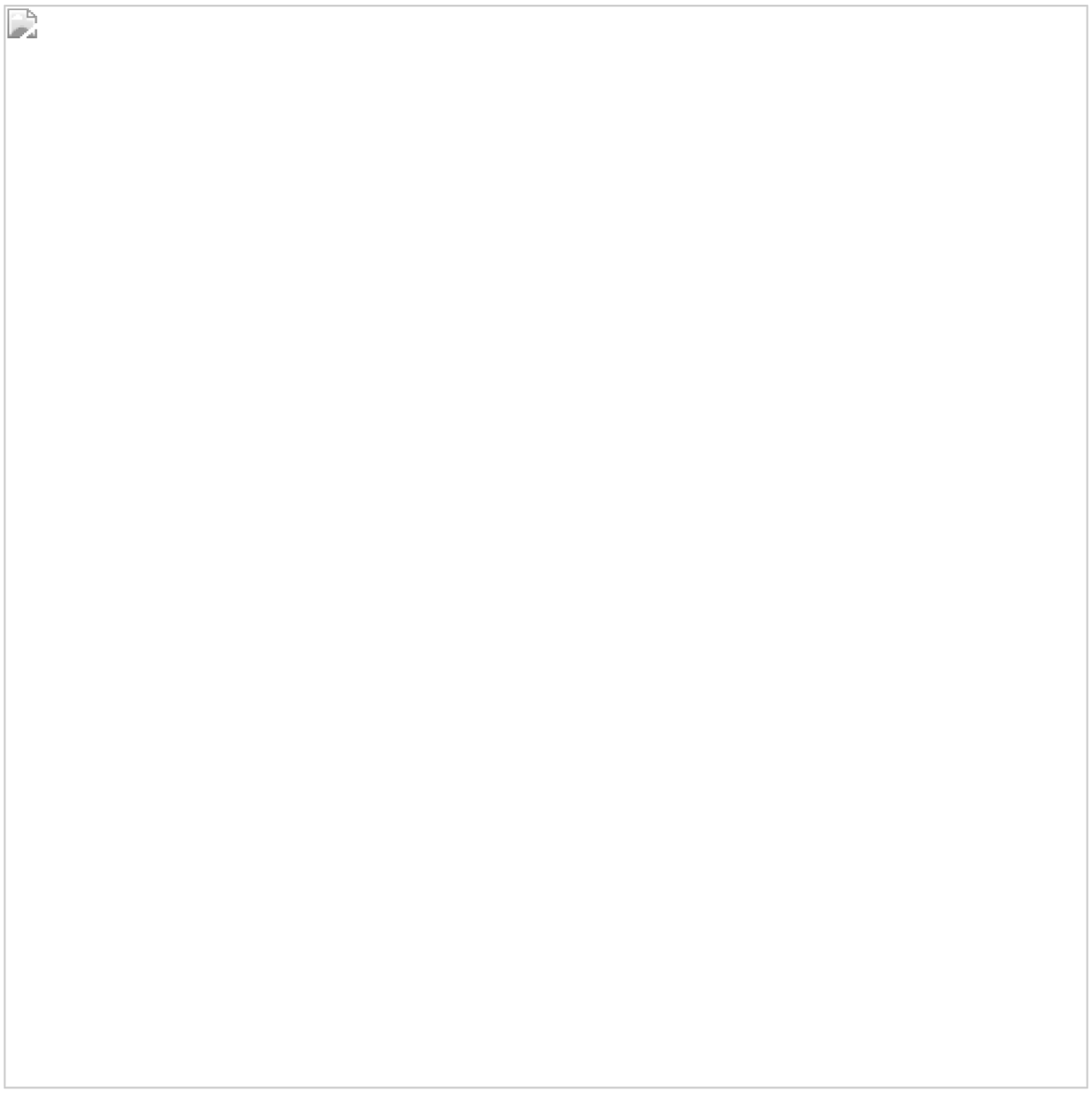
Peter and Wendy

The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up



"All children, except one, grow up."

Wendy, John and Michael Darling lived at Number 14 in London. Their nurse was Nana, a big, kind Newfoundland dog who walked them to school with an umbrella in her mouth in case of rain.

TALK ABOUT IT

Nana is a dog and a nurse. What do you think a dog nurse does all day?

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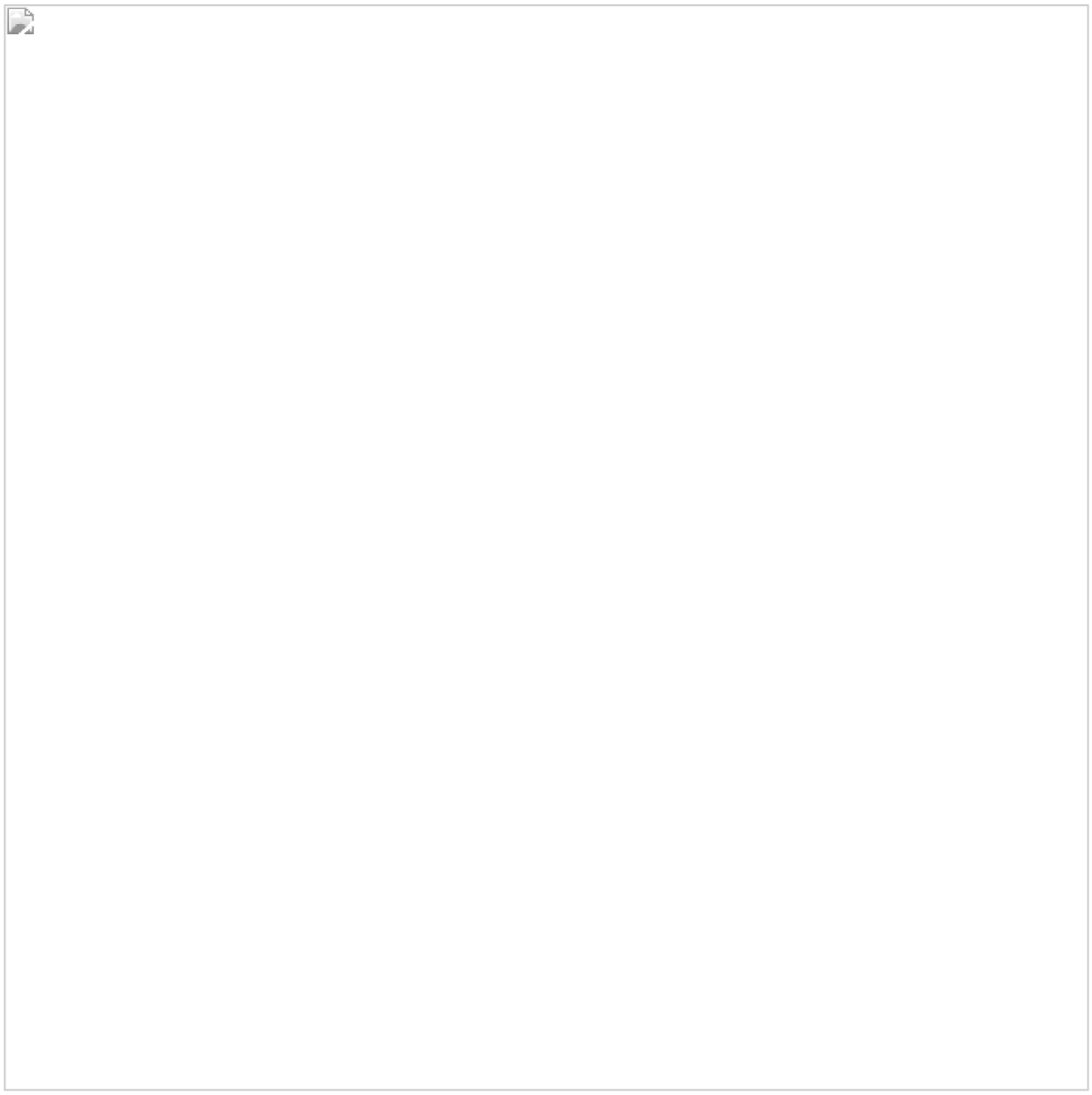

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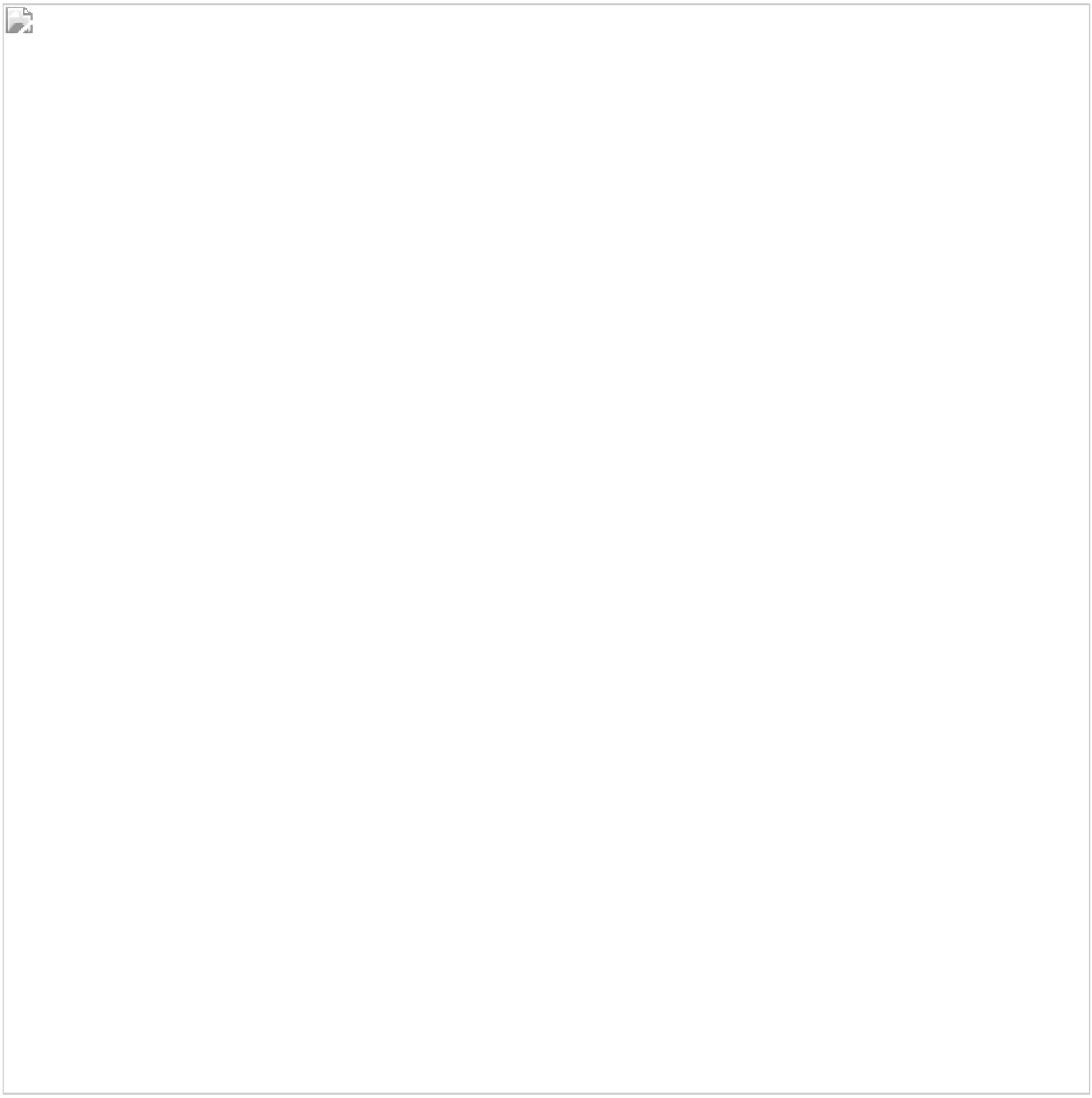
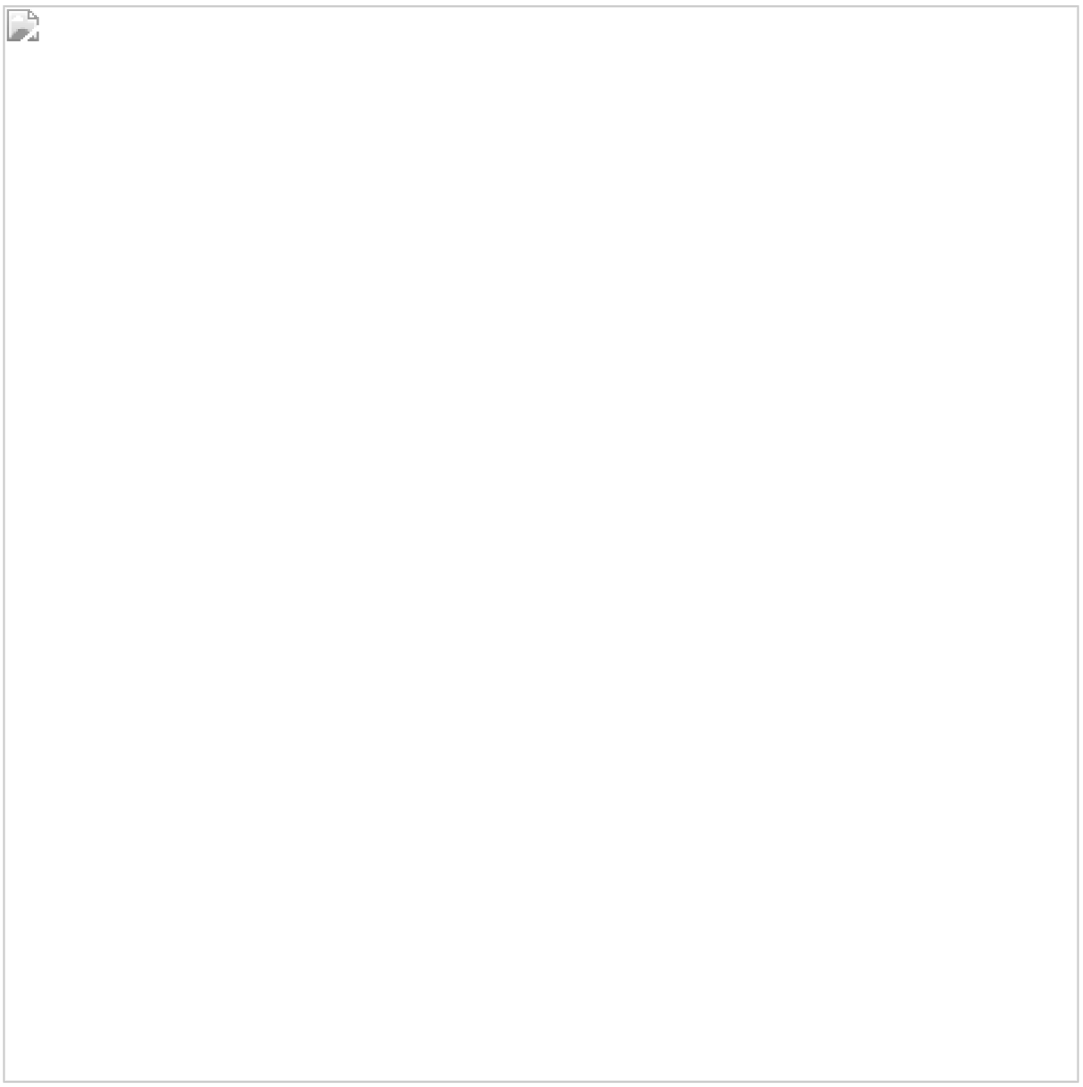


Each night Mrs. Darling tucked them in and lit the little night-lights. She told them the lights were “the eyes a mother leaves behind her to guard her children.”

But one evening Mr. Darling was cross and in a hurry, and he chained Nana outside in the yard. That was the night the window was left without a guard.

TALK ABOUT IT

What does Mrs. Darling mean when she calls the night-lights her eyes?

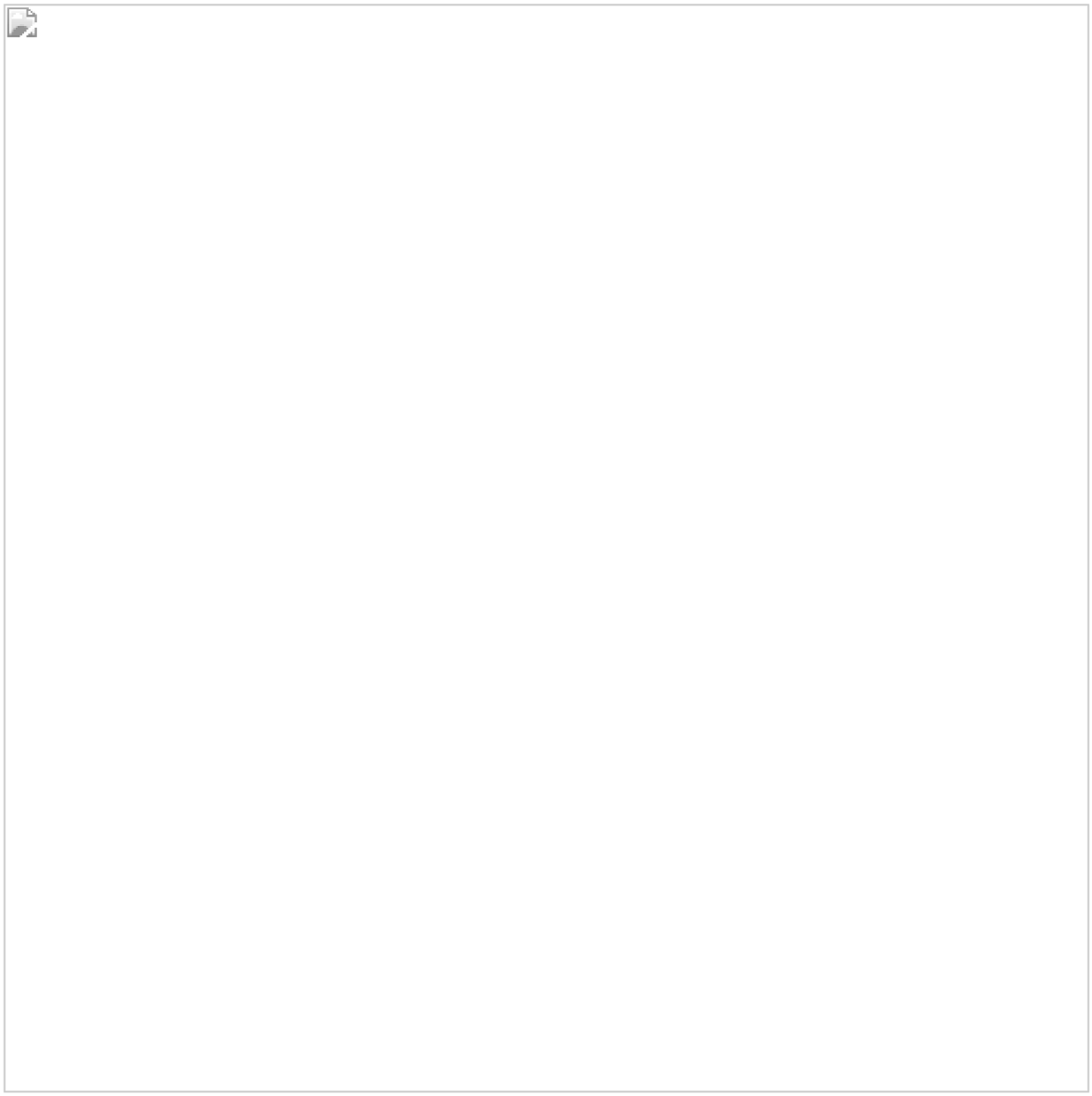


Think about it

1. What did Mrs. Darling call the night-lights?

- ○ Little stars
- ○ The eyes a mother leaves to guard her children
- ○ Fairy lamps

The Boy at the Window



That night a boy flew in at the window, dressed in leaves. With him came a tiny light that darted about: a fairy named Tinker Bell, who talked in the tinkle of little bells.

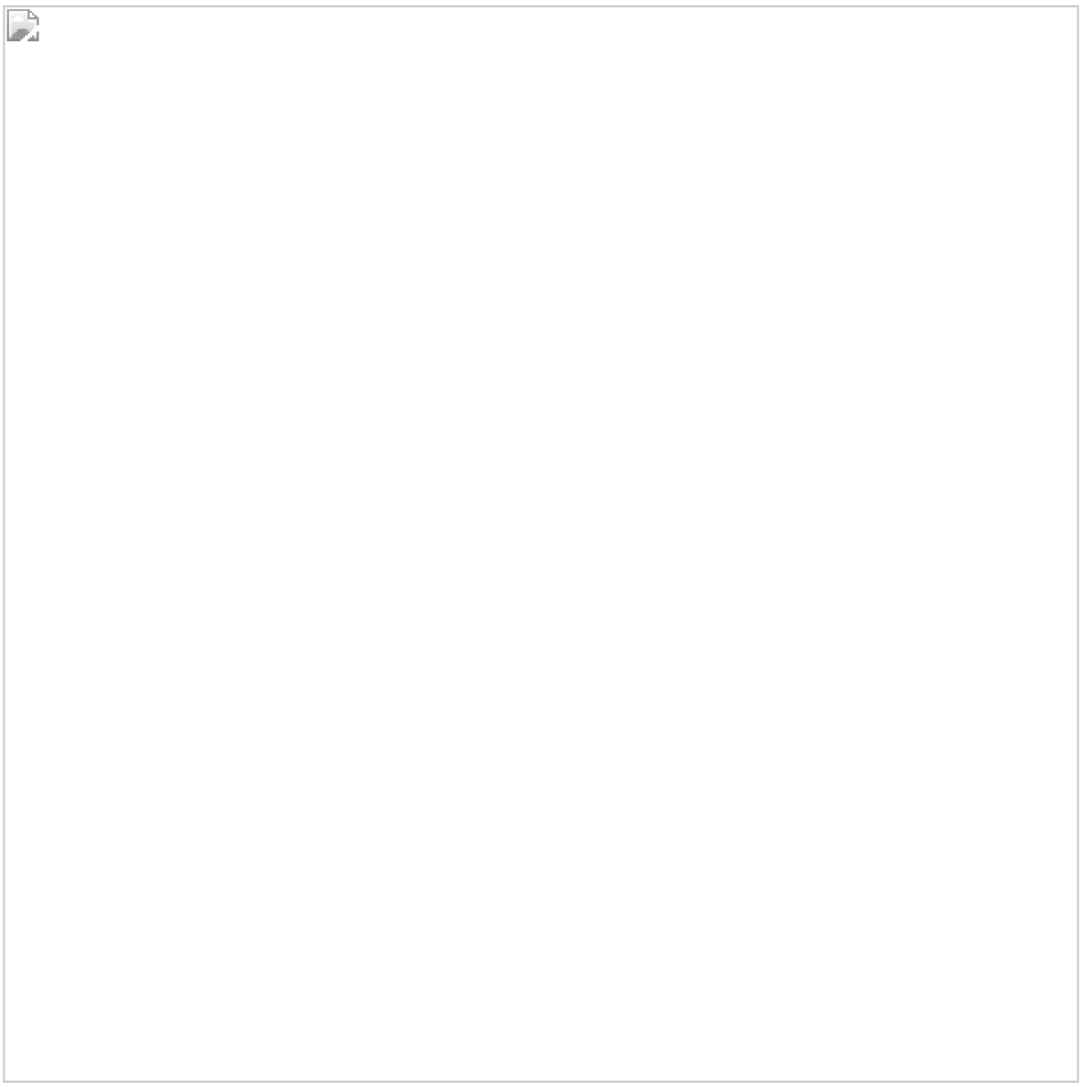
The boy was Peter Pan. He had come back for his shadow, which Nana had caught in the window on an earlier night. He tried to stick it on with soap, and when that failed he sat on the floor and cried.

Wendy woke up. She did not laugh at him. She got out her sewing things and sewed his shadow back onto his feet.

TALK ABOUT IT

Wendy helped Peter instead of laughing at him. How do you think that made Peter feel?

The Boy at the Window · another picture



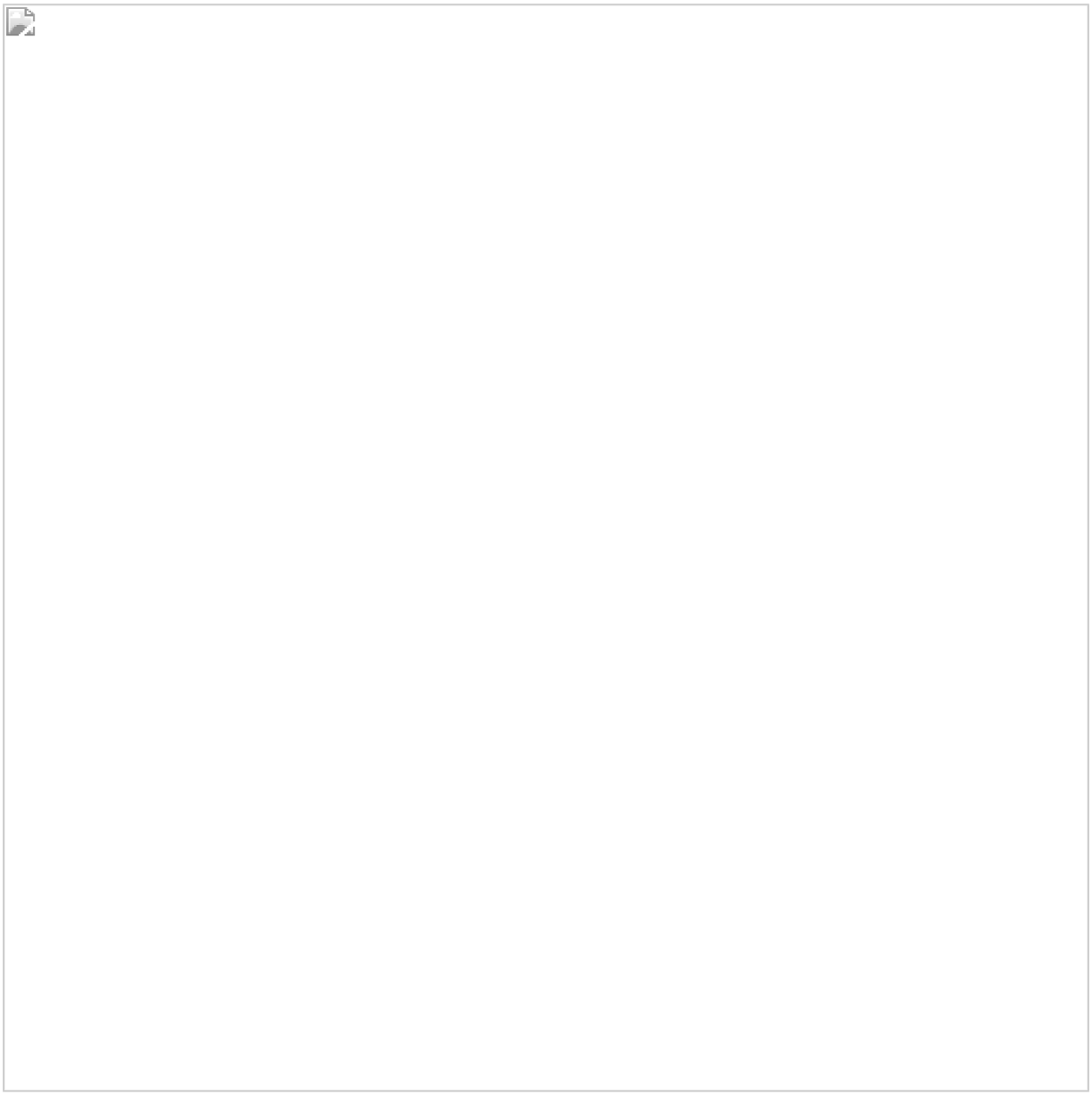
Think about it

1. How did Wendy fix Peter's shadow?

- ○ With glue
- ○ She sewed it on
- ○ With soap

2. Why do you think Peter cried when his shadow would not stick?

A Kiss and a Thimble



Wendy offered Peter a kiss. Peter did not know what a kiss was, so he held out his hand. Wendy kindly put a thimble in it instead.

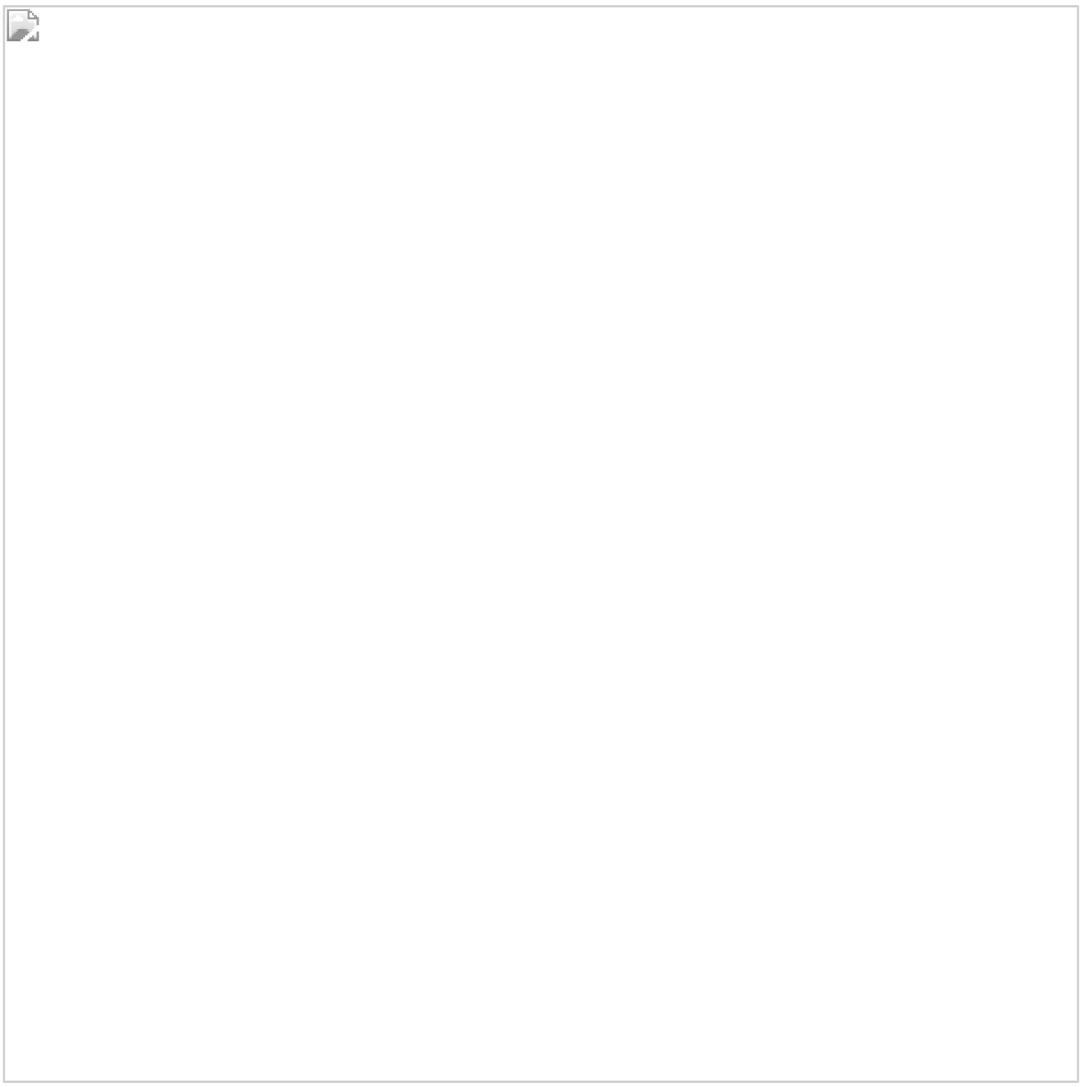
In return Peter gave her a button made from an acorn. Wendy put it on a chain and wore it round her neck. Keep your eye on that button.

Peter told Wendy he lived in the Neverland with the Lost Boys, boys who had fallen out of their prams. None of them had a mother, and none of them knew any stories. Would Wendy come and be their mother?

TALK ABOUT IT

Peter did not know what a kiss was. What does that tell you about him?

A Kiss and a Thimble · another picture

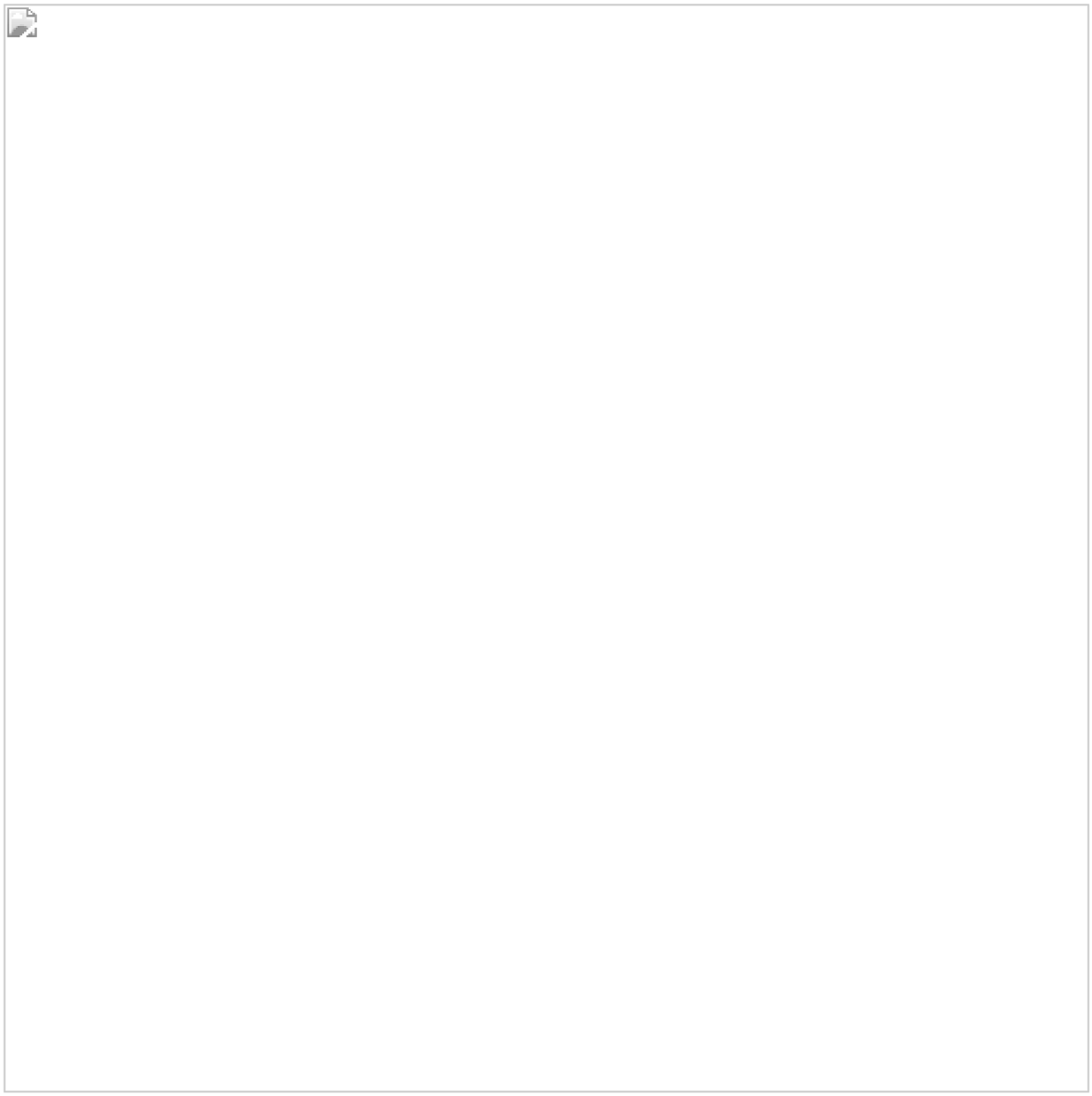


Think about it

1. What did Peter give Wendy?

- ○ A thimble
- ○ A button made from an acorn
- ○ A feather

Away They Fly



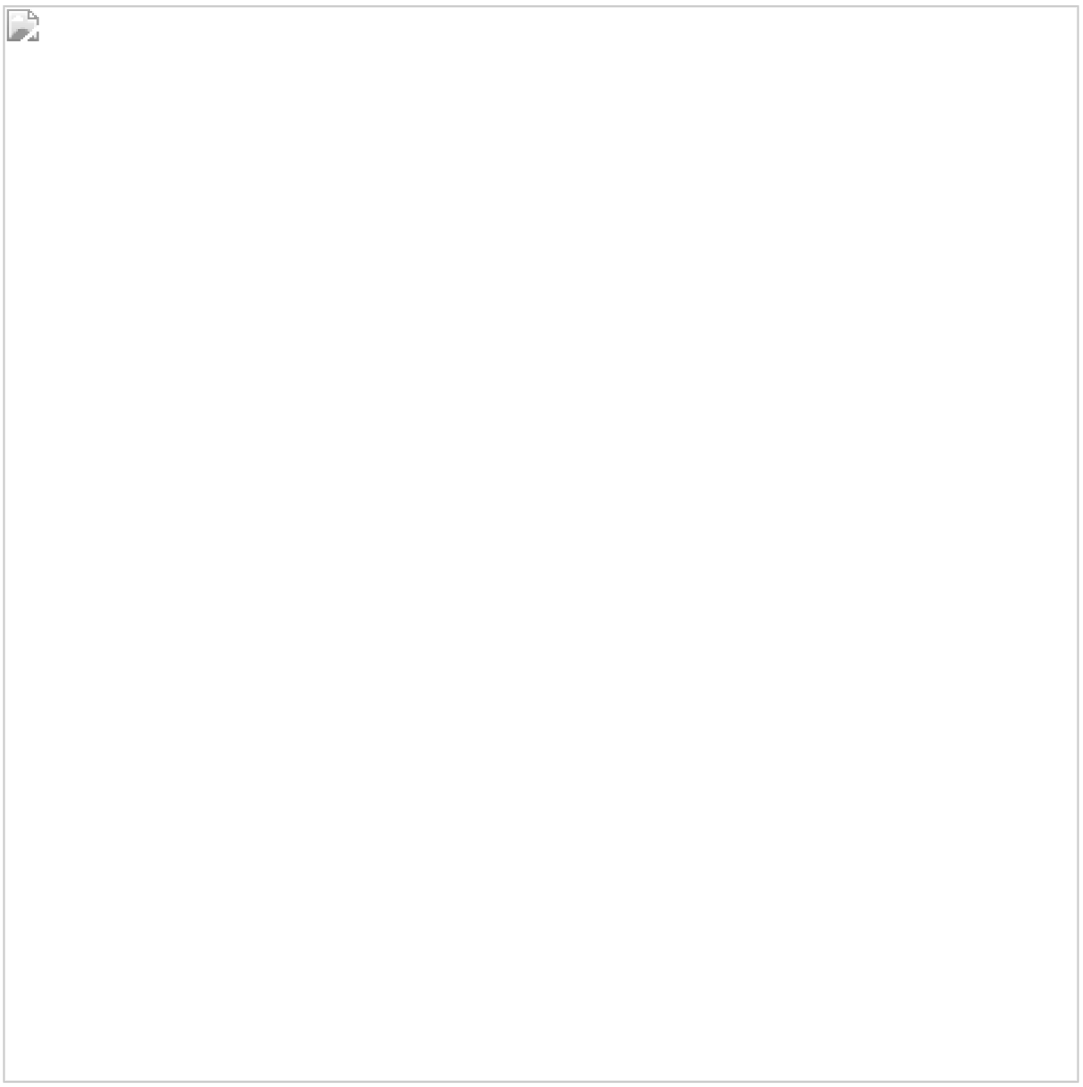
Peter taught them to fly. “You just think lovely wonderful thoughts,” he said, and a little fairy dust helped too.

Wendy, John and Michael rose up off their beds and out the window. Far below, Nana broke her chain and ran to fetch Mr. and Mrs. Darling. But when the parents rushed into the nursery, the beds were empty.

“Second to the right,” said Peter, “and then straight on till morning.” They flew over the sea for days. Sleepy Michael dozed off and dropped, and Peter swooped down to catch him.

TALK ABOUT IT

What lovely wonderful thought would you think to fly?



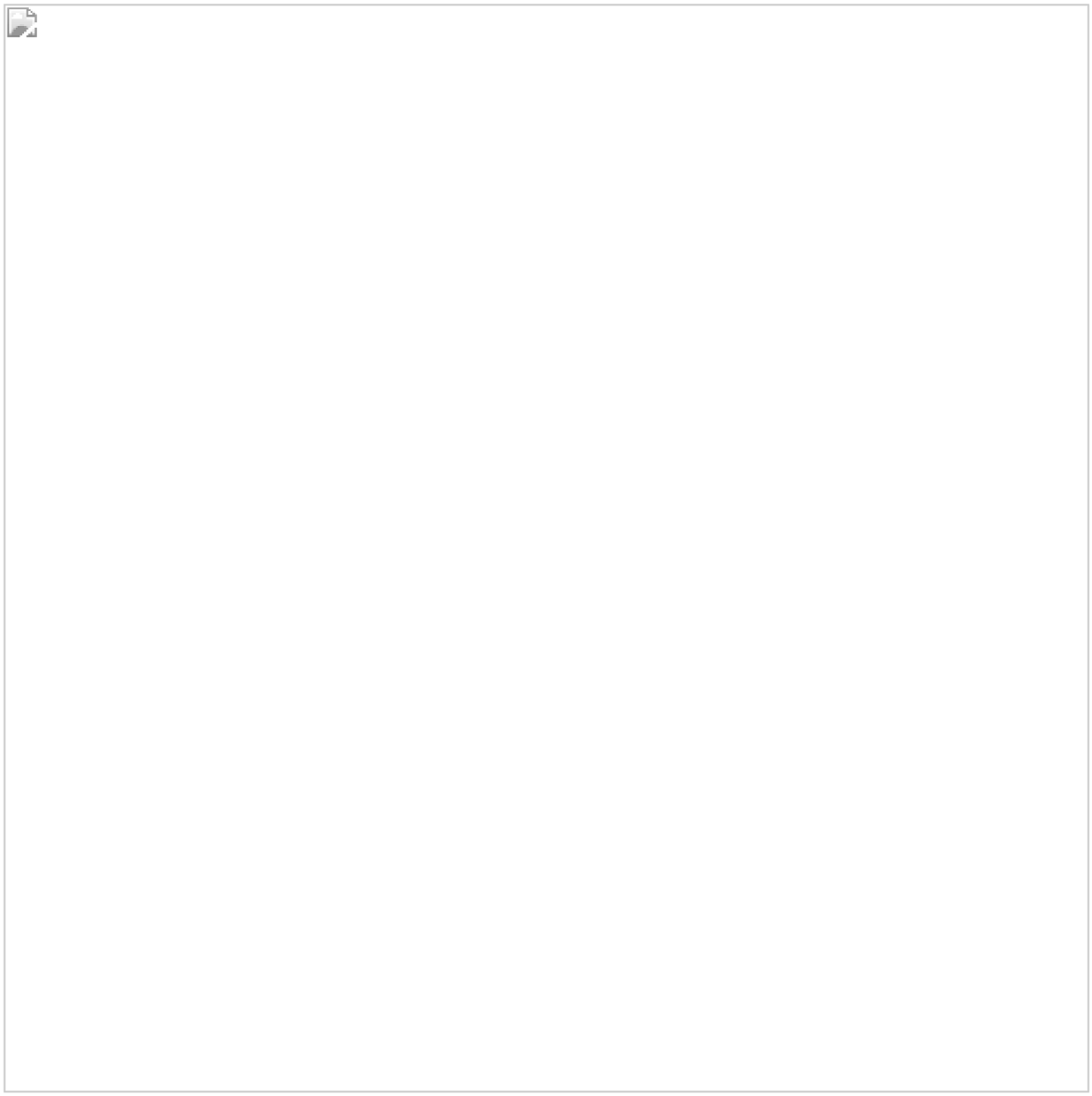
Think about it

1. How did Peter say to fly?

- ○ Flap your arms hard
- ○ Think lovely wonderful thoughts
- ○ Jump off the roof

2. How do you think Mr. and Mrs. Darling felt when they found the empty beds?

The Neverland



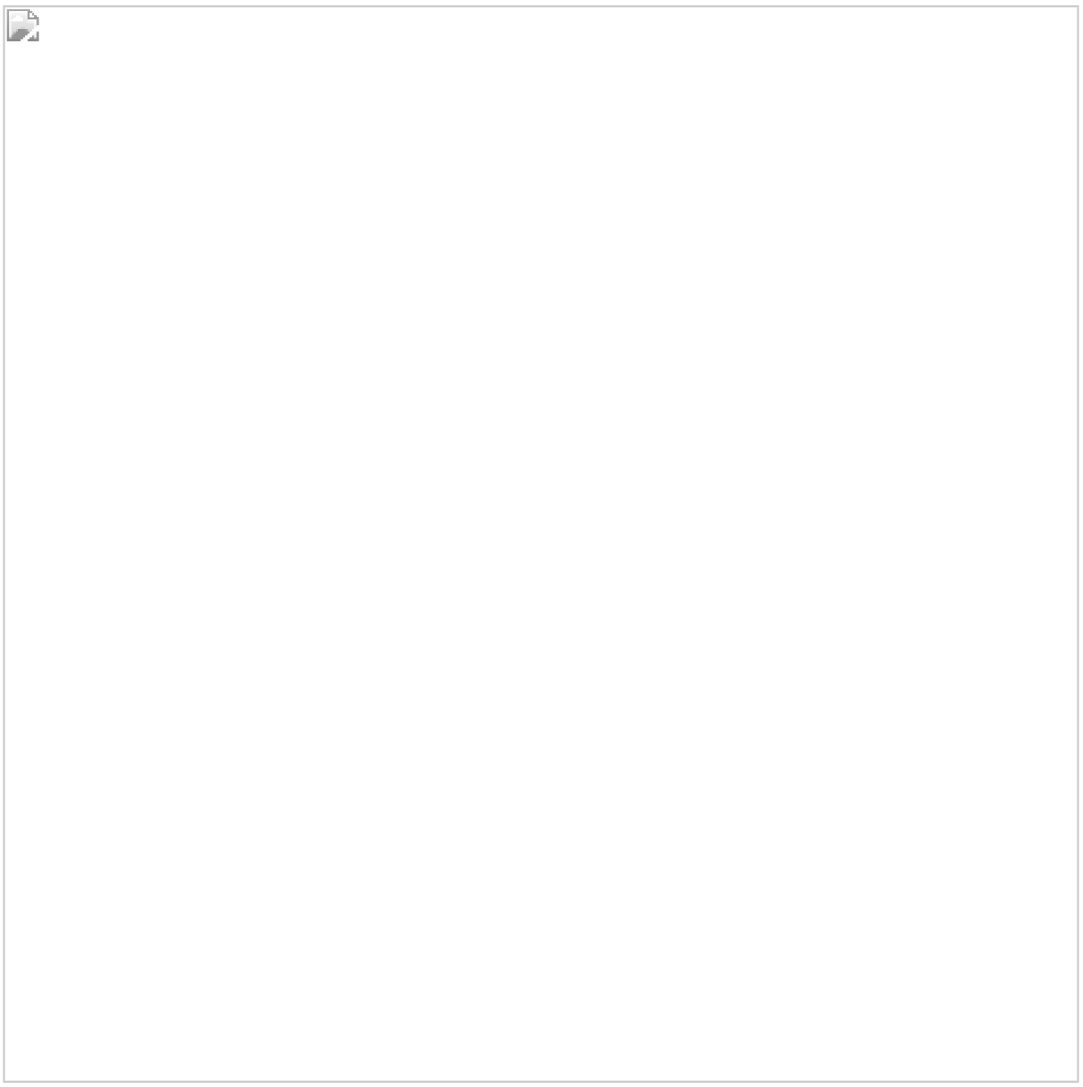
At last they saw the island, with its lagoon, its flamingoes and its woods.

The Lost Boys lived there in bearskins: Tootles, Nibs, Slightly, Curly and the Twins. Their home was under the ground, and each boy went in through his own hollow tree.

Pirates lived there too, with their captain, James Hook. Long ago Peter had cut off Hook's right hand, and now Hook wore an iron hook in its place. A crocodile had swallowed the hand and liked the taste, so it followed Hook everywhere. It had also swallowed a clock. Tick, tock. Whenever Hook heard ticking, he ran.

TALK ABOUT IT

If you had your own hollow tree door, what would your home underground be like?

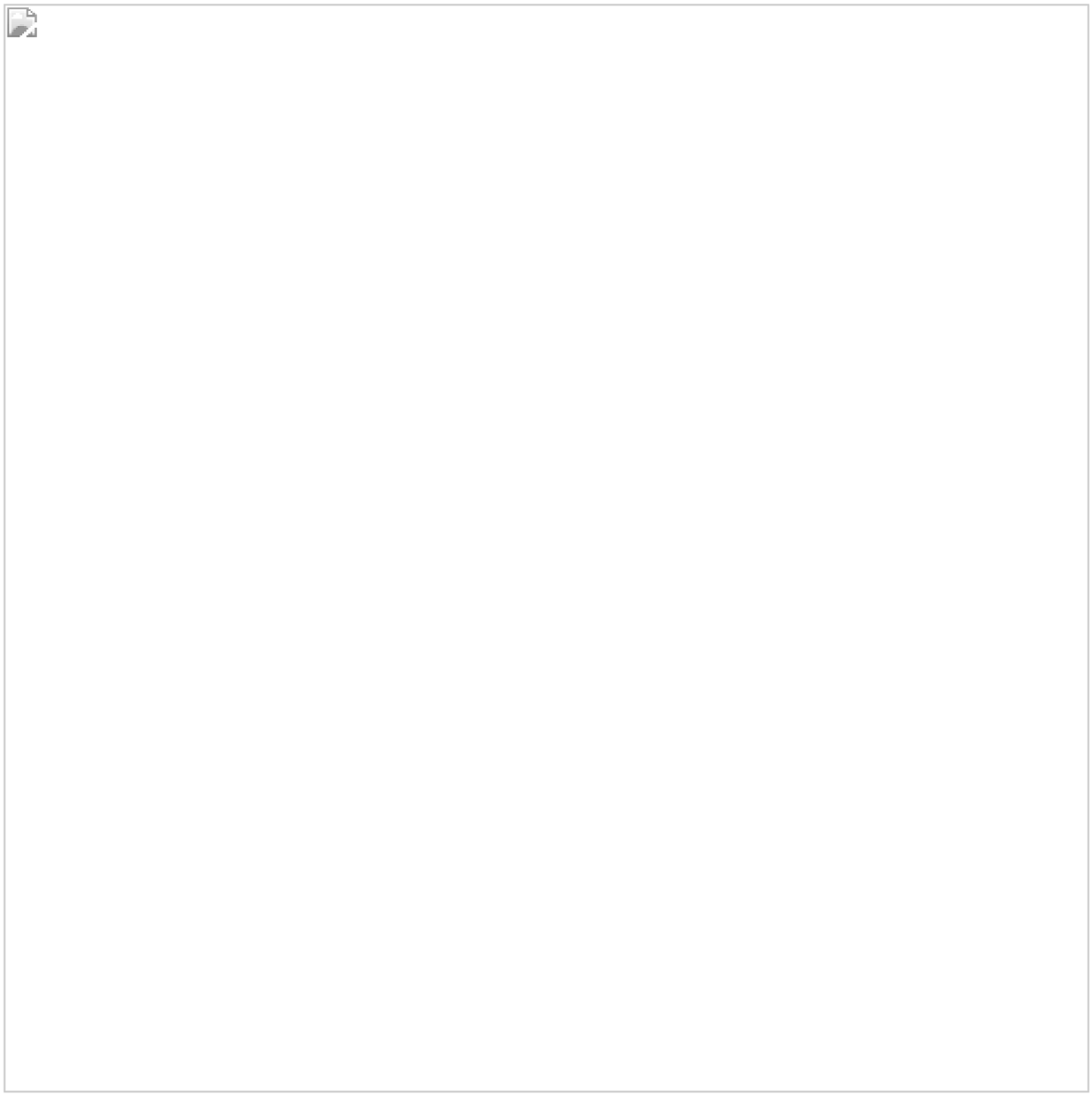


Think about it

1. Why did Hook run when he heard ticking?

- ○ It meant dinner time
- ○ The crocodile that swallowed a clock was near
- ○ A storm was coming

Poor Tootles



Tinker Bell was jealous of Wendy. She flew ahead and told the Lost Boys that Peter wanted them to shoot the great white bird that was coming.

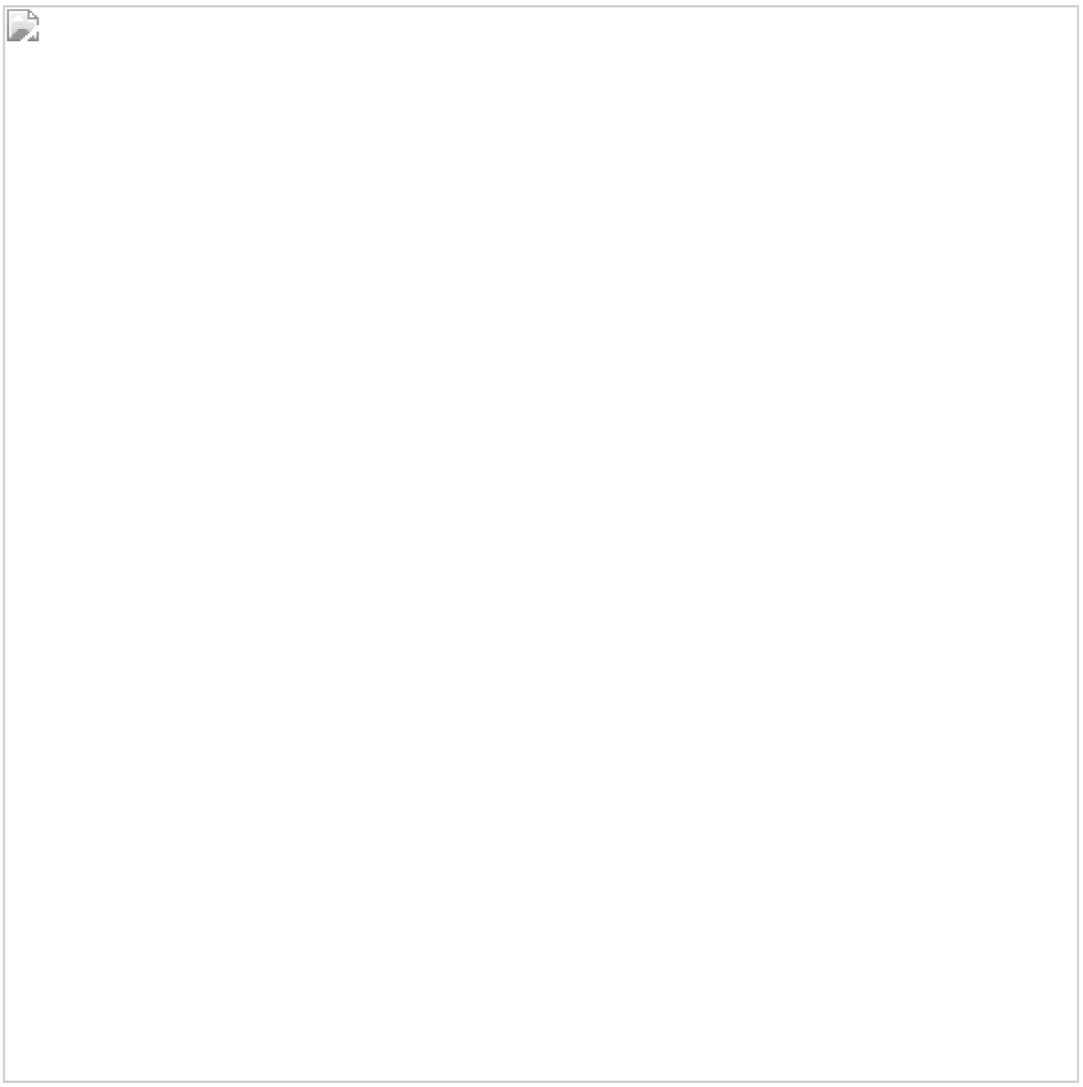
Tootles believed her. He shot an arrow, and Wendy fell to the ground. The boys ran up and saw that it was not a bird at all. It was a lady, the mother they had longed for.

Tootles was heartbroken. He told Peter to punish him. But Wendy moved! The arrow had struck the acorn button, and it had saved her. Wendy whispered, "Poor Tootles." She was not angry with him.

TALK ABOUT IT

Wendy forgave Tootles right away. Why do you think she did?

Poor Tootles · another picture



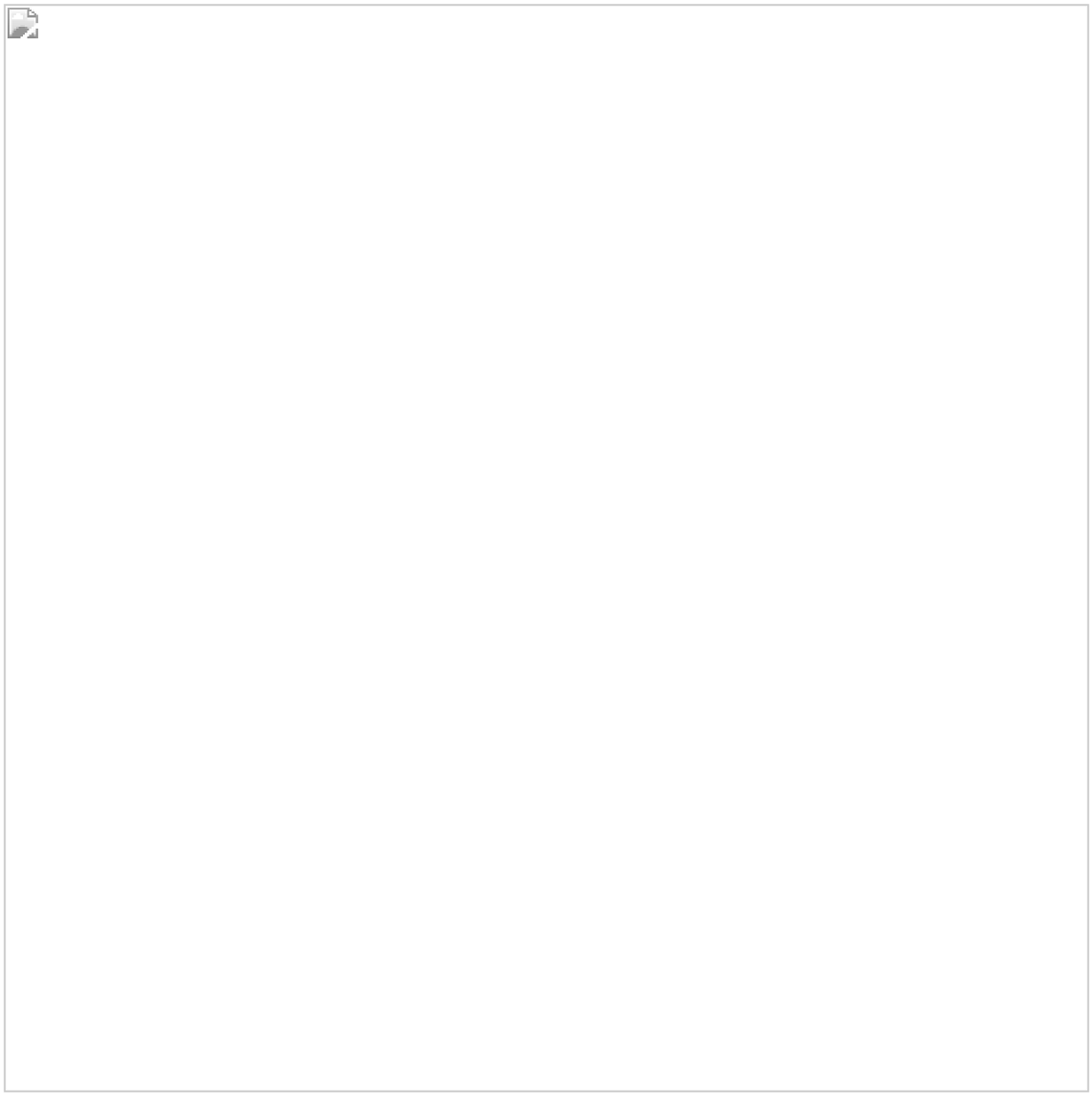
Think about it

1. What saved Wendy from the arrow?

- ○ Her coat
- ○ The acorn button Peter gave her
- ○ Tinker Bell

2. Tinker Bell was jealous. What could she have done instead?

The Little House



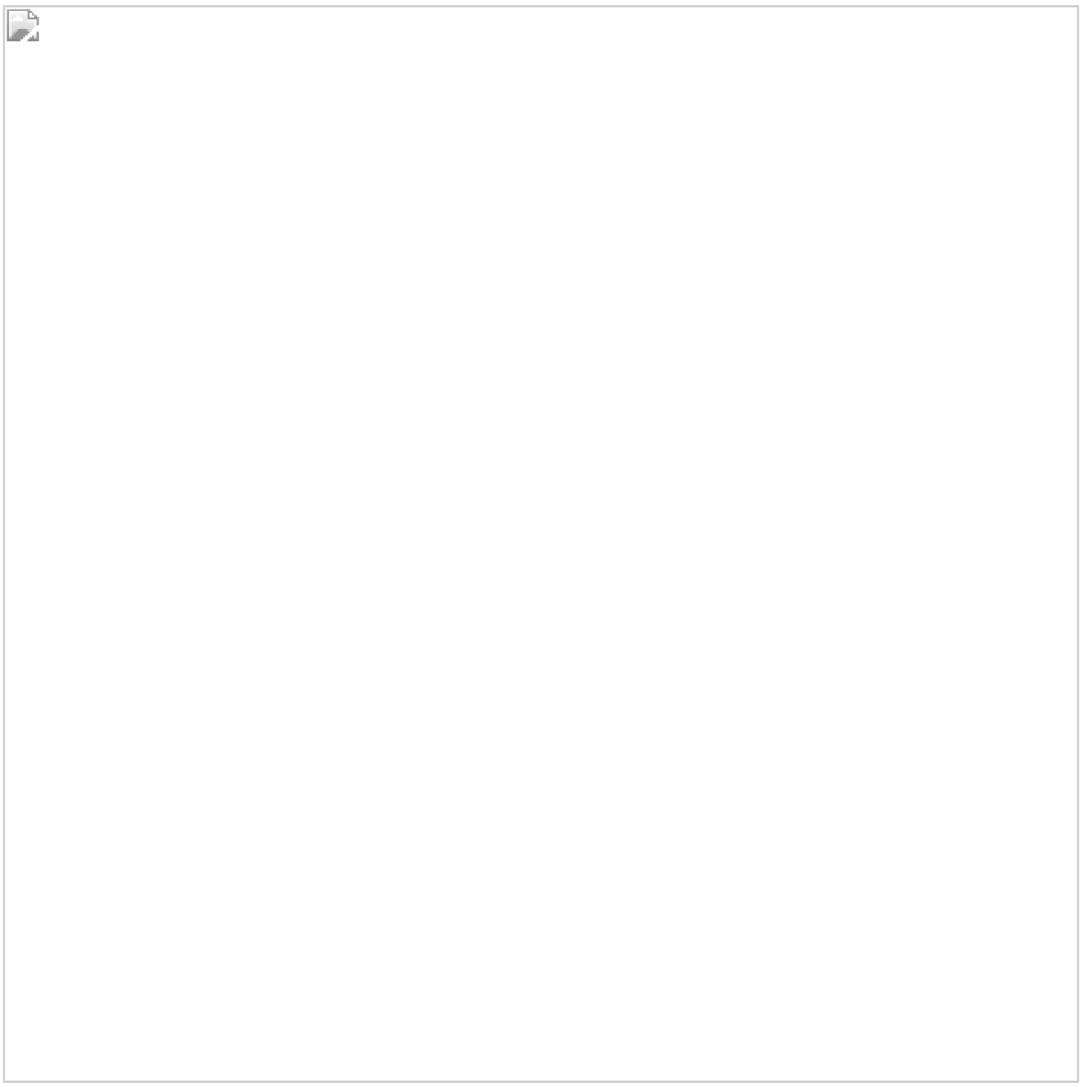
Wendy was too weak to be carried underground, so the boys built a house around her right where she lay.

It had little red walls and a roof of mossy green. Tootles gave the sole of his shoe for a knocker. John's hat became the chimney, and smoke came out of it straight away.

When Wendy woke, the boys knelt and asked her to be their mother. “Very well,” she said, “I will do my best.” Then she took them all inside, and Peter stood guard outside all night.

TALK ABOUT IT

Every boy gave something to build the house. What could you give to make someone feel at home?

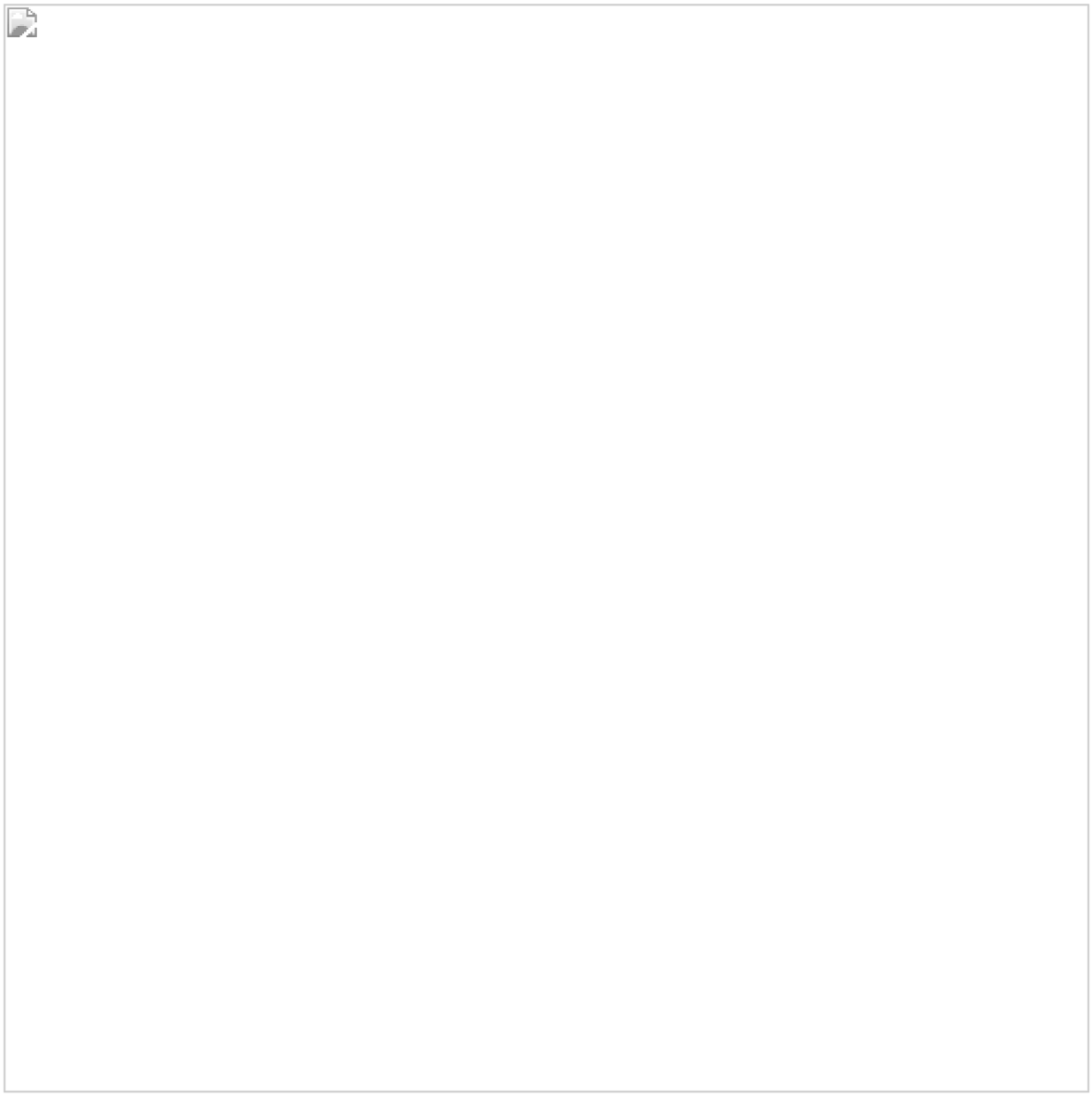


Think about it

1. What did the boys use for a chimney?

- ○ A teapot
- ○ John's hat
- ○ A hollow log

The Home Under the Ground



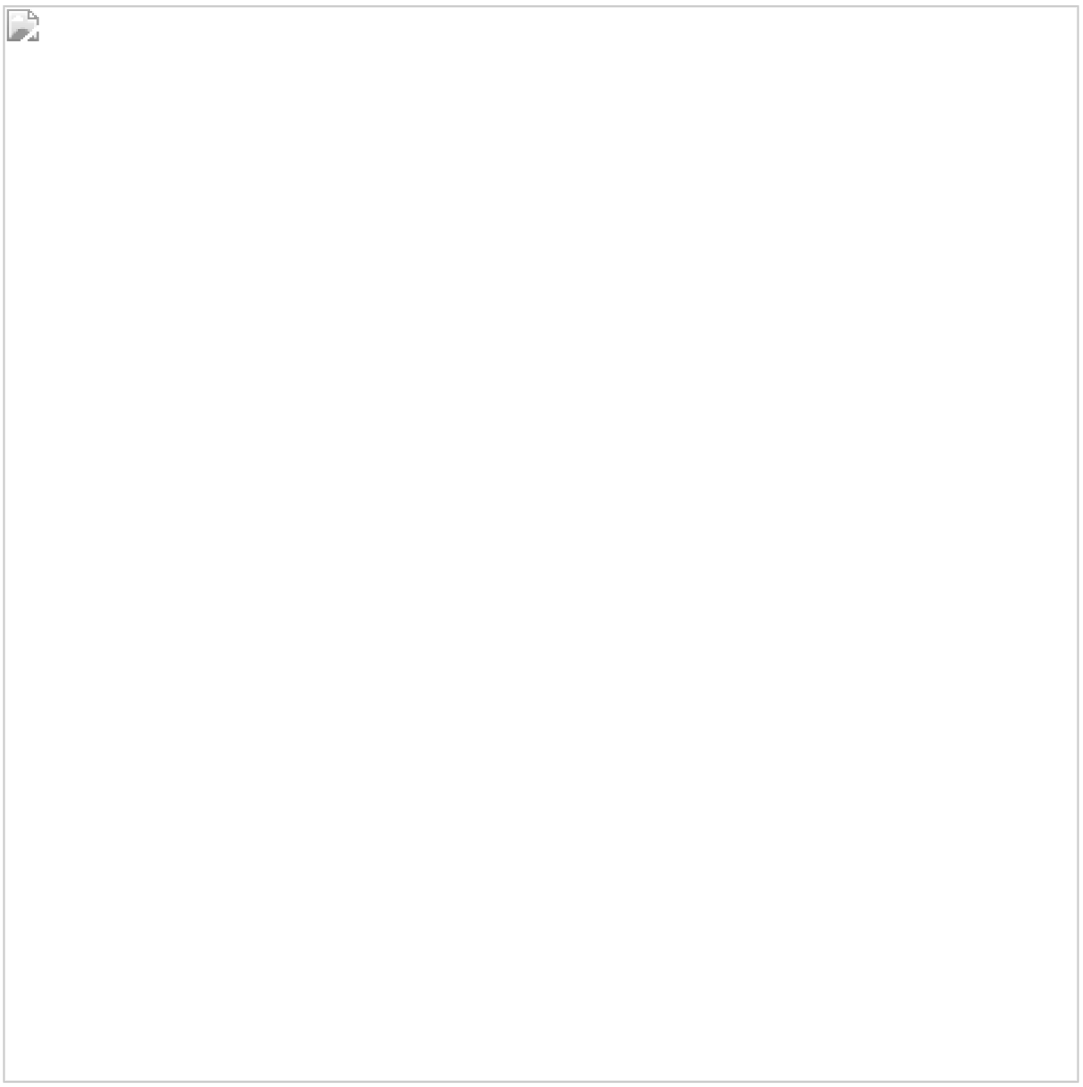
Wendy looked after them all. She cooked, mended their socks, and tucked them into one big bed, which let down from the wall at half past six. Michael, the smallest, slept in a basket.

They had adventures every day. Once, on the Mermaids' Lagoon, Peter and Wendy were left on a rock as the tide came up. A kite carried Wendy safely home, and a kind Never bird gave Peter her own floating nest for a boat.

Wendy was happy. But she began to worry that John and Michael were forgetting their real home.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think it would be like to have no grown-ups at all? What would you miss?

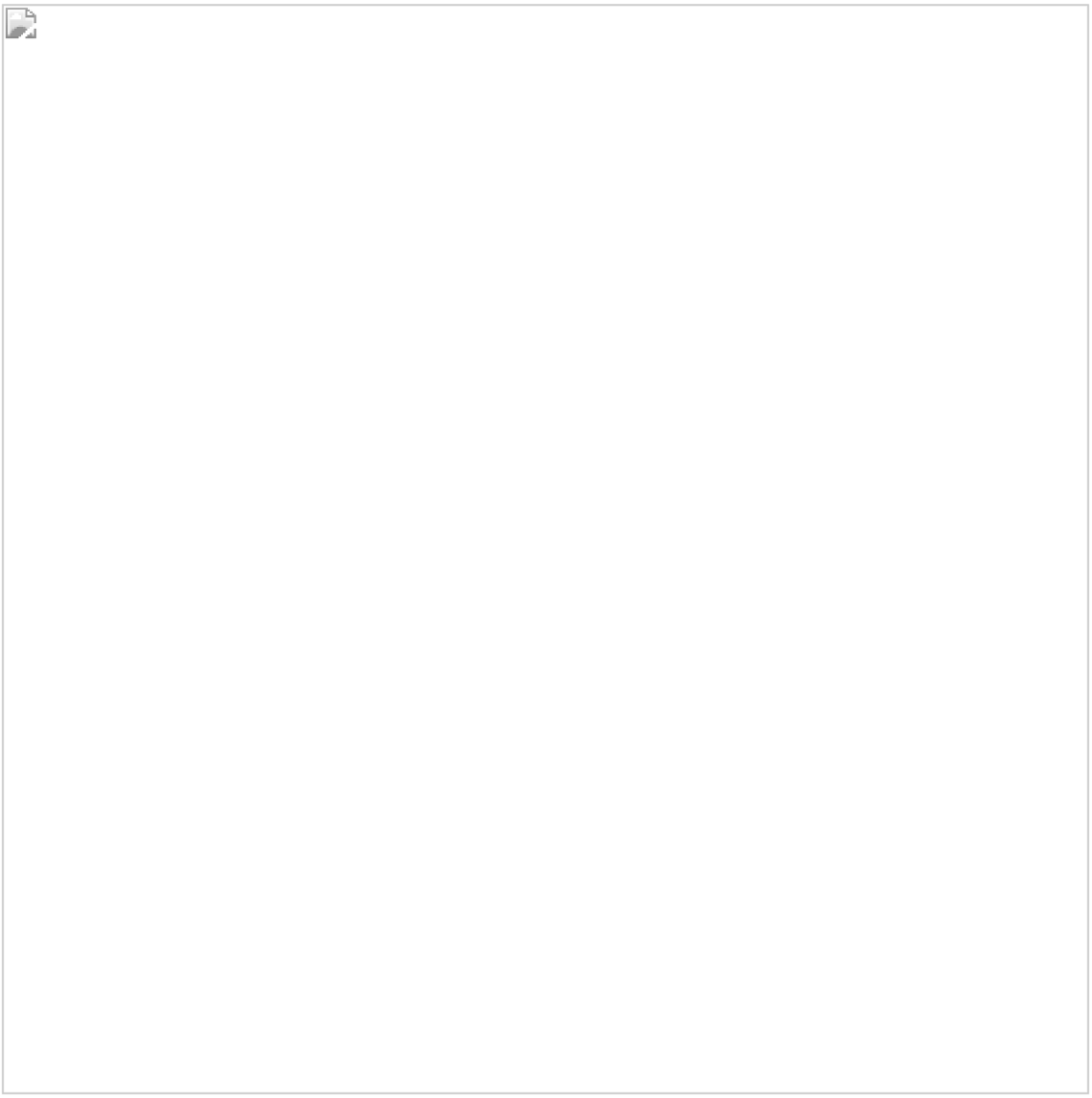


Think about it

1. How did Peter get off the rock in the lagoon?

- ○ He swam
- ○ A Never bird gave him her nest as a boat
- ○ The pirates rescued him

Wendy's Story



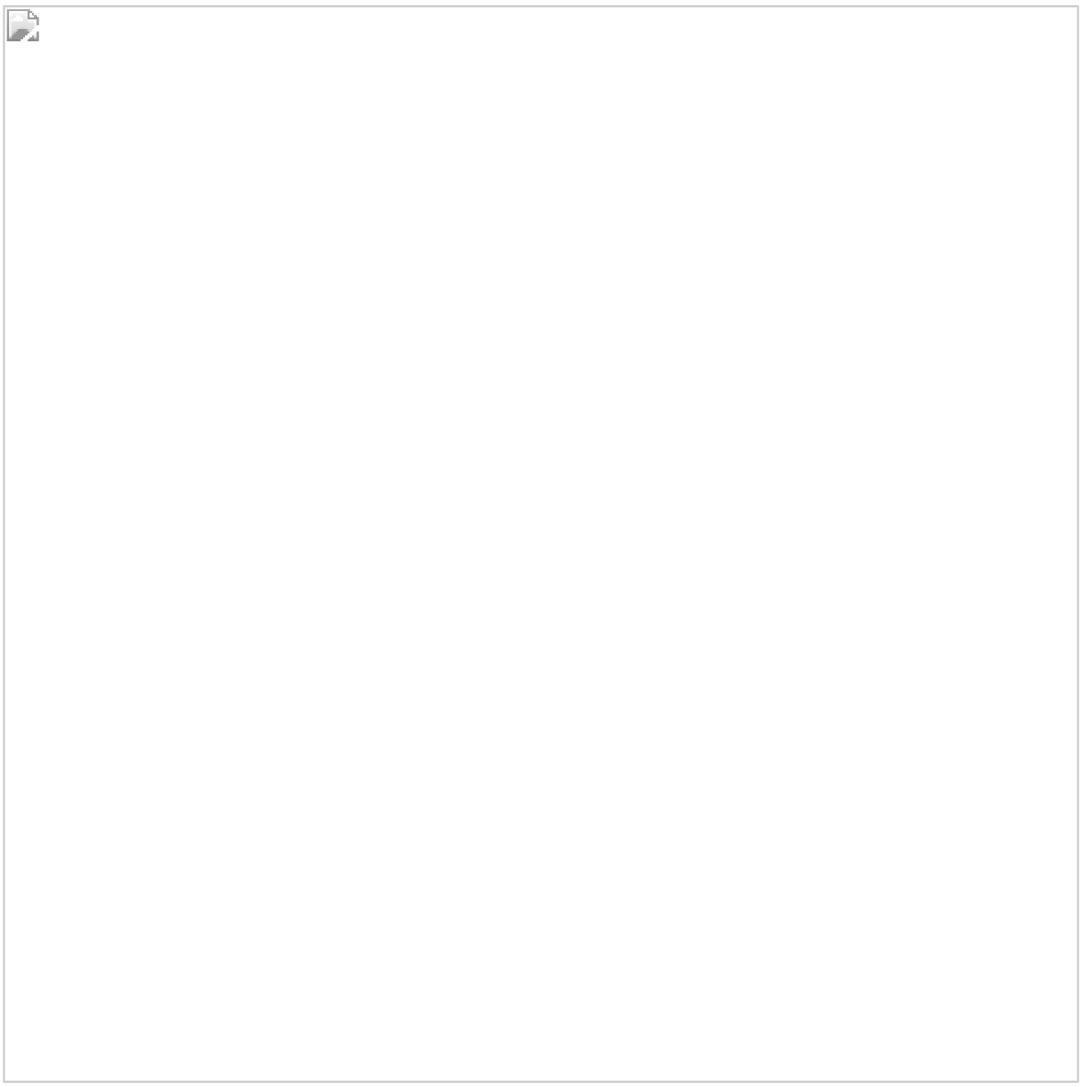
One night Wendy told the boys a story about a mother who always leaves the window open, so her children can fly home whenever they like.

Peter groaned. “Wendy, you are wrong about mothers.” Long ago, he said, he had flown home and found the window barred, and another boy asleep in his bed.

Now Wendy was frightened. What if her mother stopped waiting? They must go home at once! Wendy even asked if the Lost Boys could come too, and they shouted yes. Only Peter would not come. He did not want to grow up.

TALK ABOUT IT

Peter said mothers forget. Wendy said they keep waiting. Who do you think was right, and why?

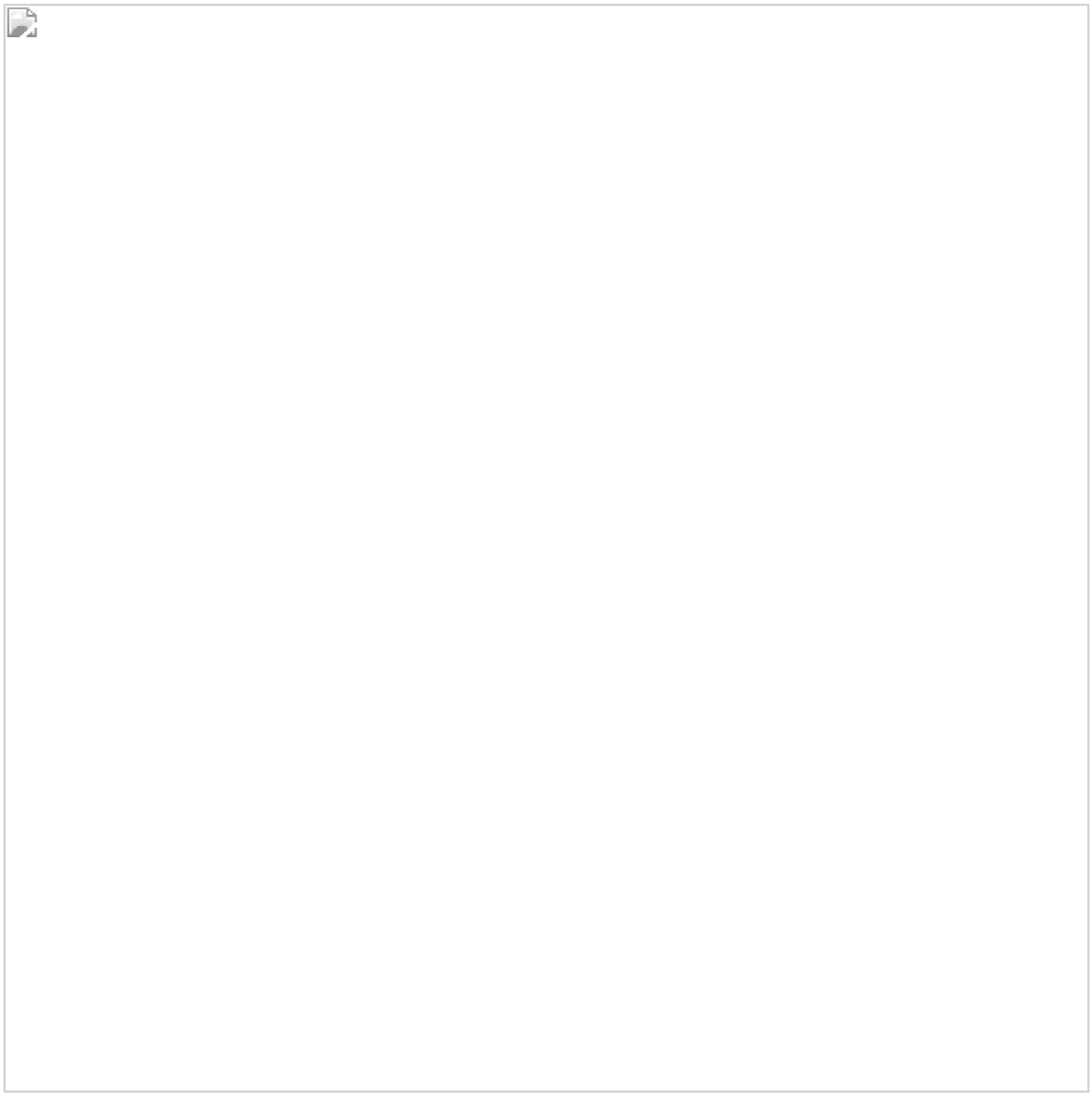


Think about it

1. Why did Wendy decide to go home?

- ○ She was bored
- ○ She was afraid her mother would stop waiting
- ○ Peter made her leave

Clap Your Hands



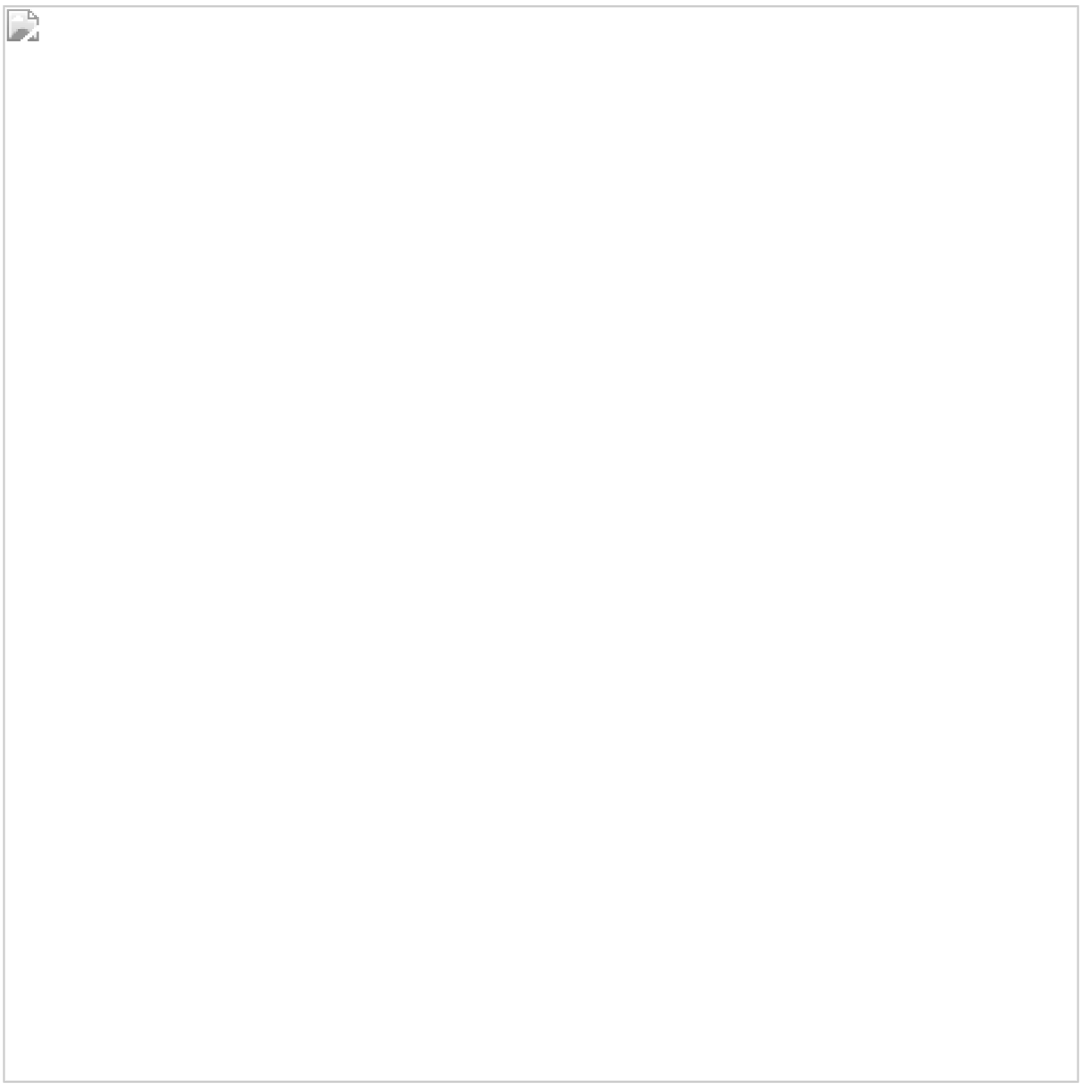
But the pirates were waiting above the trees. As each child came up, a pirate grabbed them and carried them off to Hook's ship.

Peter was asleep below. Hook crept down and dropped poison into Peter's medicine. When Peter woke and reached for the cup, Tinker Bell flew between him and it and drank it all herself.

Her light grew faint. She was dying. Peter turned to every child who was dreaming of the Neverland. “If you believe,” he shouted, “clap your hands; don’t let Tink die.” Many clapped, and Tink's light grew bright again.

TALK ABOUT IT

Tinker Bell was jealous before, but here she gave everything for Peter. What changed?



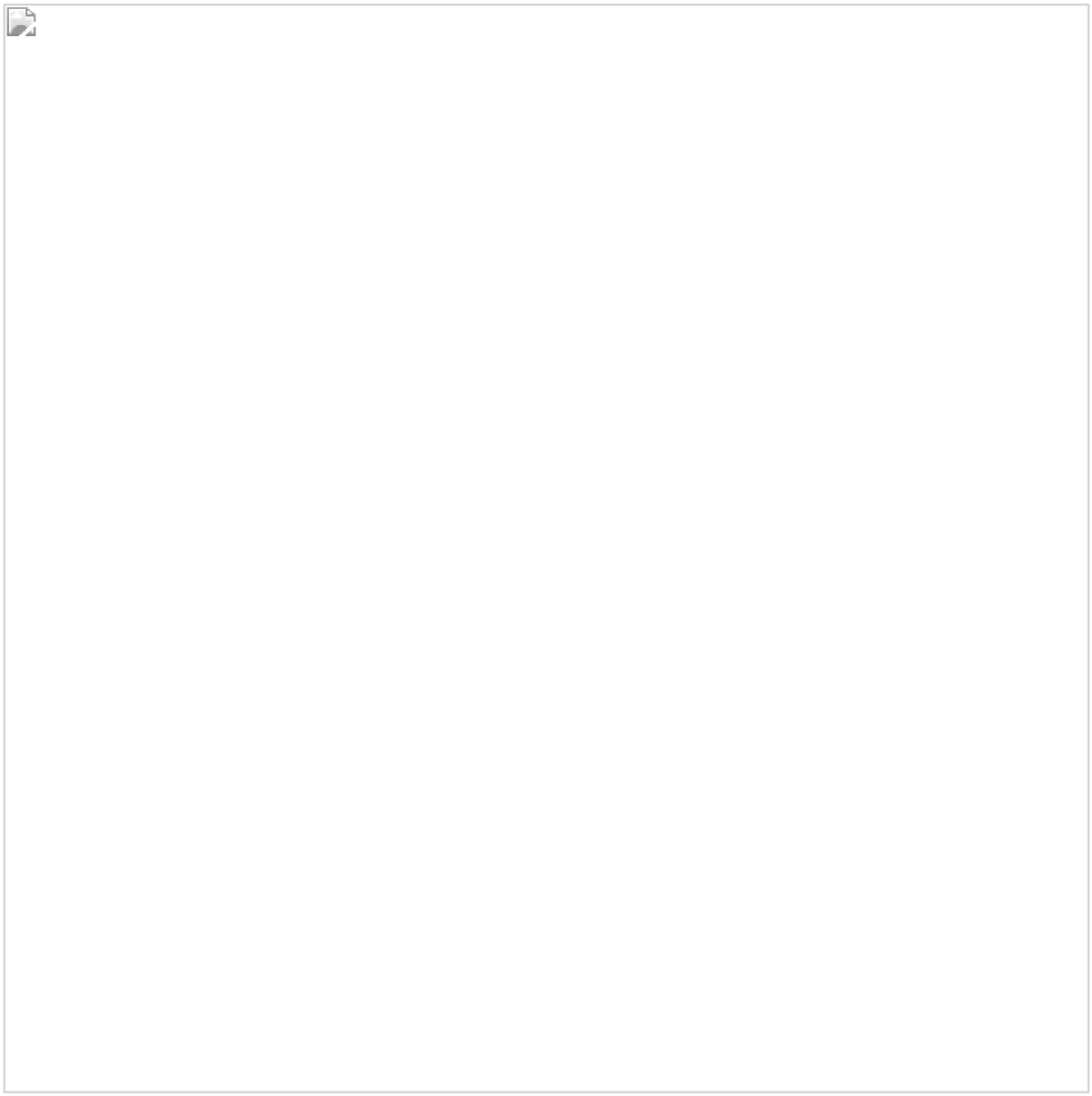
Think about it

1. How did Tinker Bell save Peter?

- ○ She drank the poison herself
- ○ She hid the cup
- ○ She called the Lost Boys

2. Would you have clapped? Why?

The Pirate Ship



On the ship, the boys were tied up and Wendy was tied to the mast. Even Hook felt lonely sometimes. “No little children to love me!” he sighed.

Then they heard it. Tick, tock. Hook shook with fear, but it was not the crocodile. It was Peter, ticking to fool him.

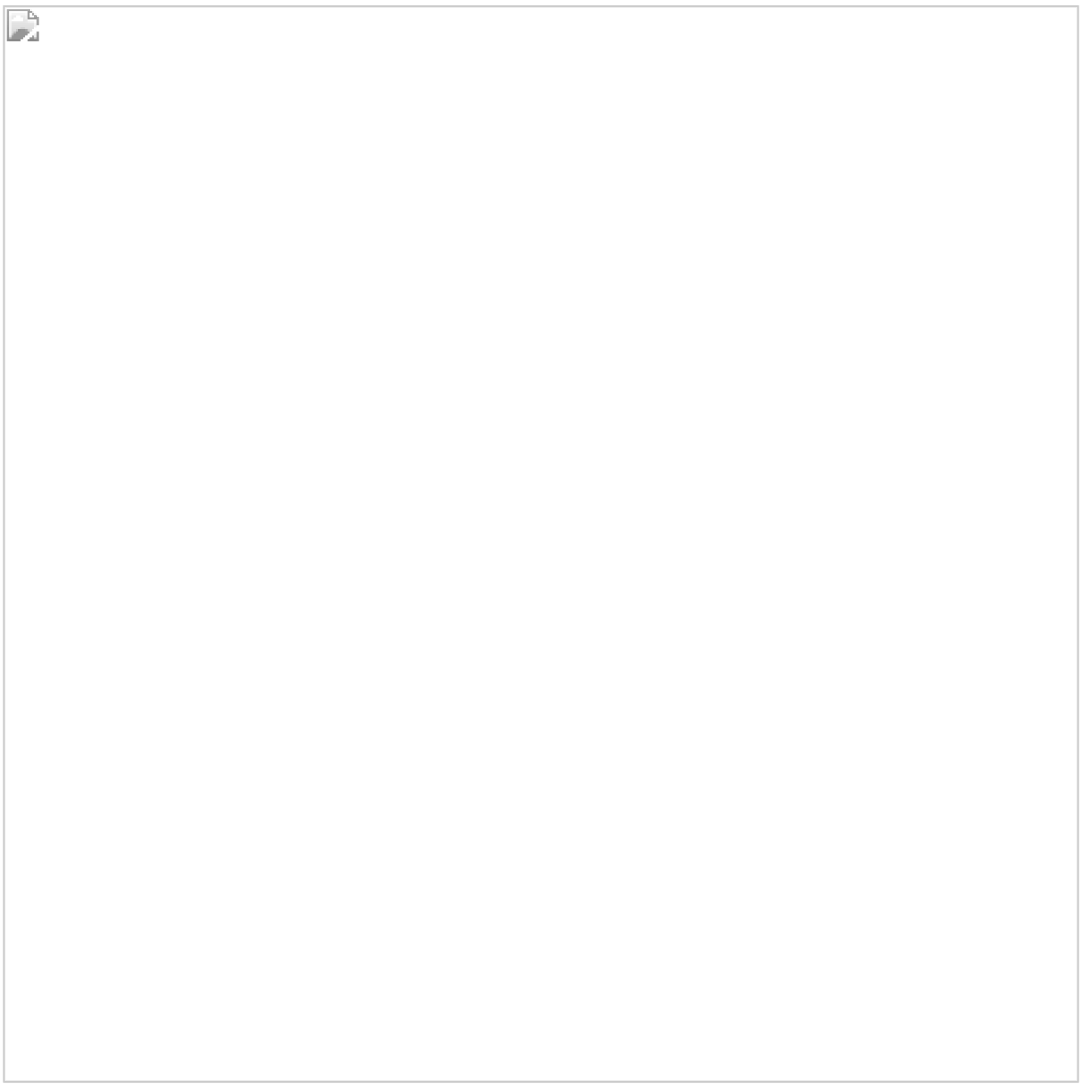
Peter cut Wendy free and the boys fought bravely. At last Hook went over the side into the sea, where the crocodile was waiting, and he was never seen again.

That night Peter cried in his sleep, and Wendy held him close.

TALK ABOUT IT

Hook said no children loved him. Why do you think that was?

The Pirate Ship · another picture

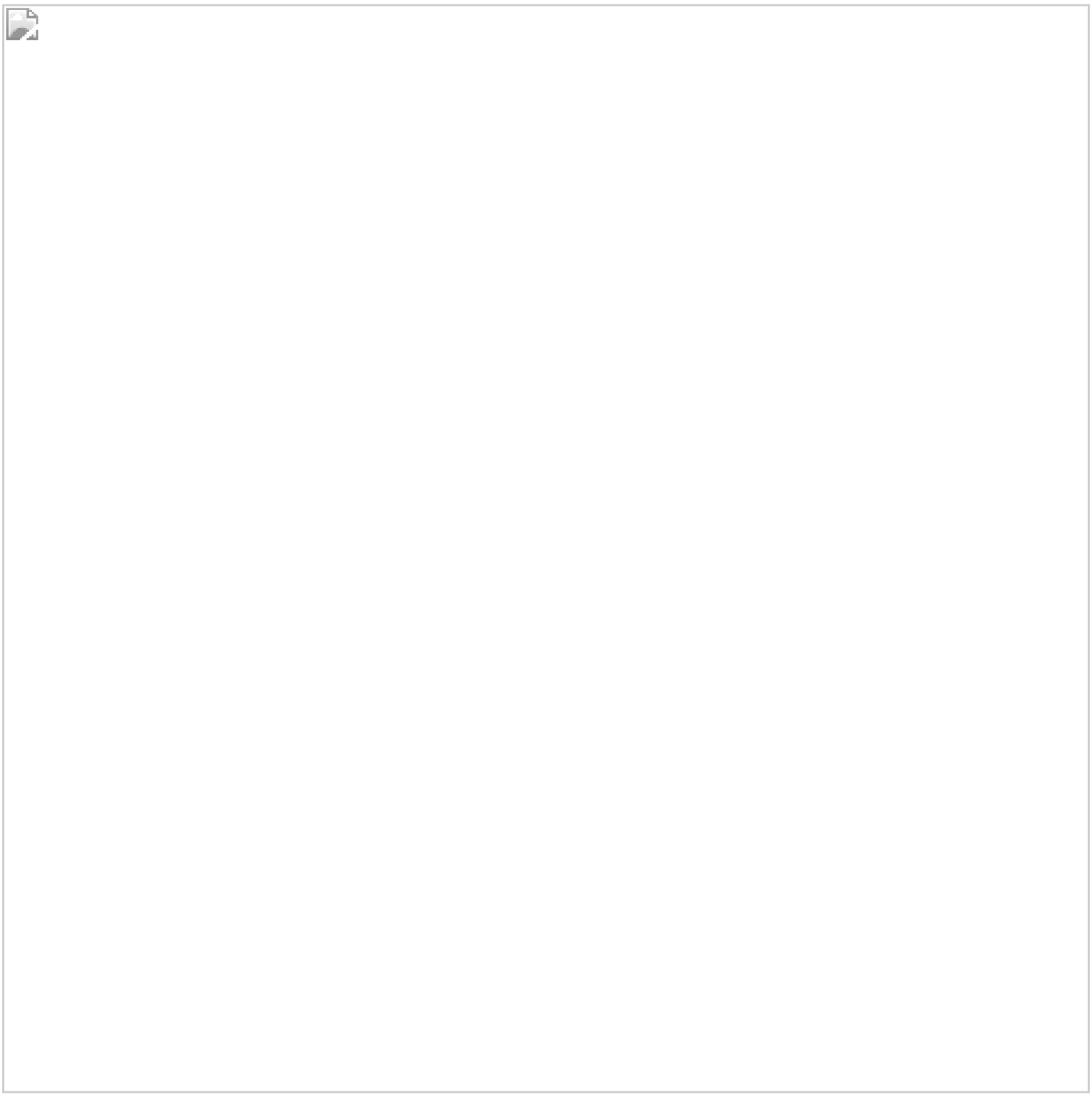


Think about it

1. What was really ticking on the ship?

- ○ The crocodile
- ○ Peter, pretending
- ○ A clock in Hook's cabin

The Window Is Open



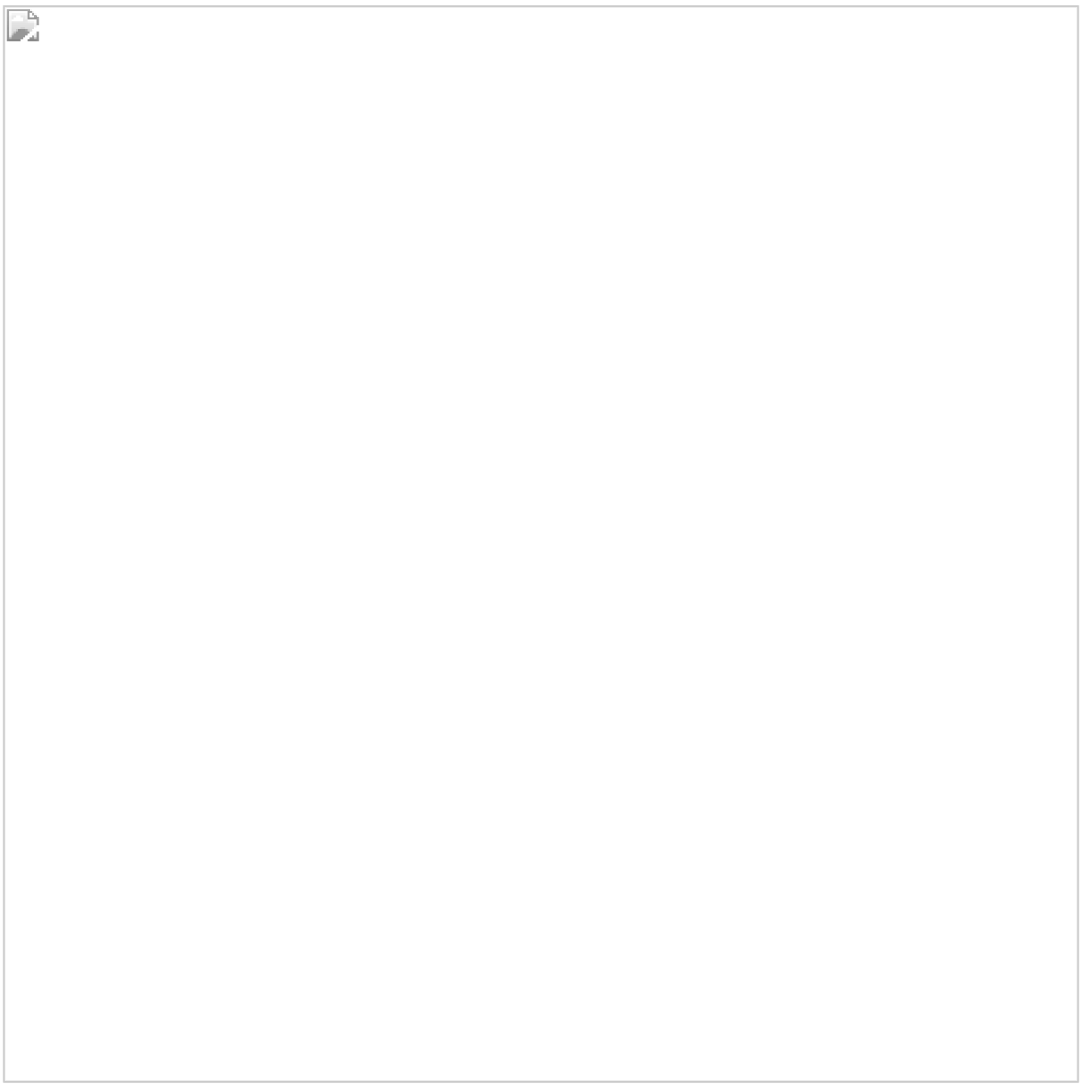
At home, Mr. Darling was so sorry for chaining Nana that he lived in her kennel. And Mrs. Darling said, “The window must always be left open for them, always, always.”

Peter flew ahead and shut the window, so Wendy would think her mother had stopped waiting. Then he saw two tears on Mrs. Darling's eyes. He tried not to care, but he could not stop seeing them. He opened the window and flew away.

The children slipped into their beds. Mrs. Darling thought she was dreaming, until they called, “Mother!” and she held out her arms. The Lost Boys came too, and the Darlings took them all in.

TALK ABOUT IT

Peter opened the window even though he wanted to keep Wendy. What made him change his mind?



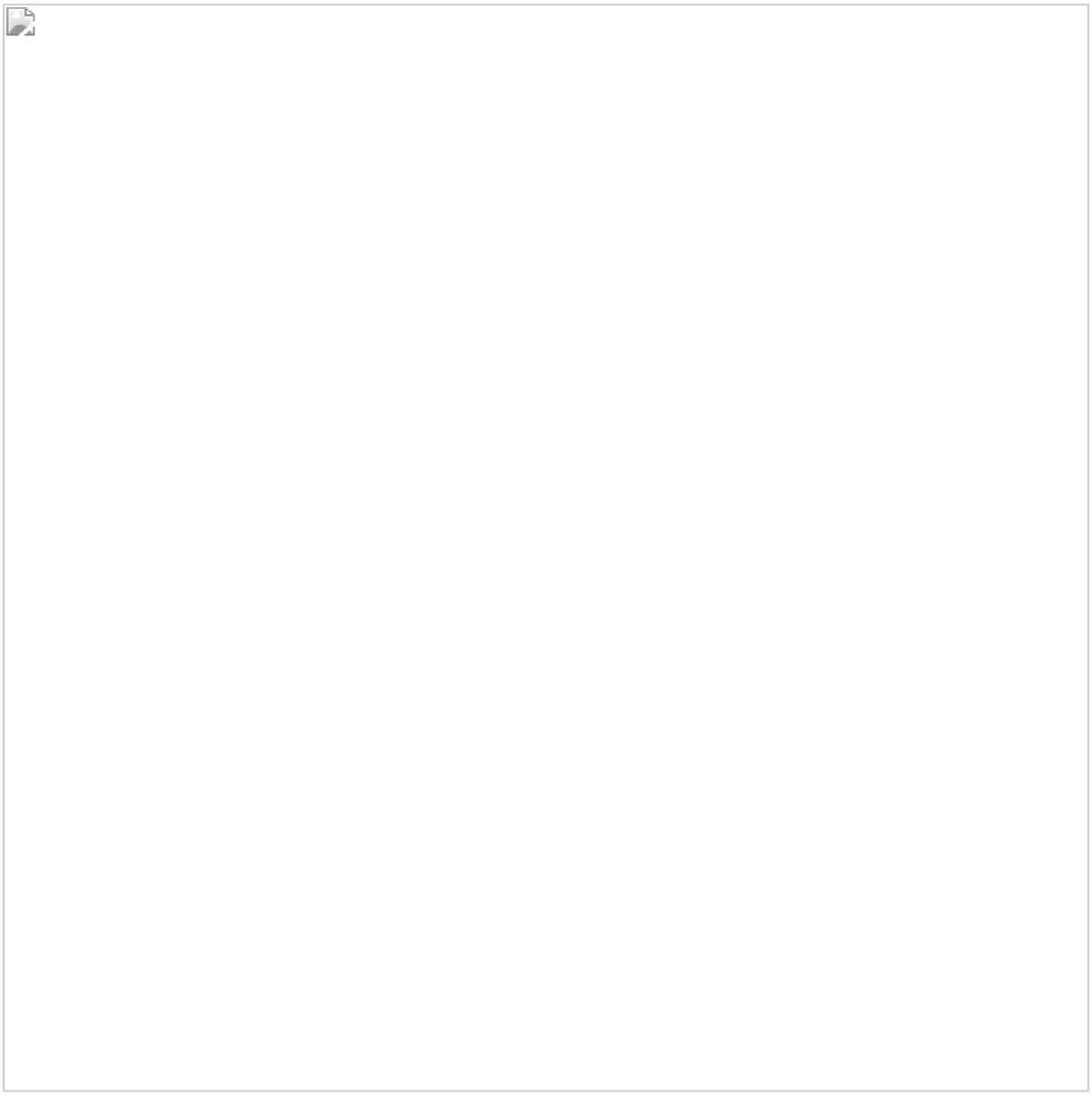
Think about it

1. Where did Mr. Darling live while the children were gone?

- ○ In the attic
- ○ In Nana's kennel
- ○ At his office

2. How do you think Mrs. Darling felt when she saw the beds full again?

When Wendy Grew Up



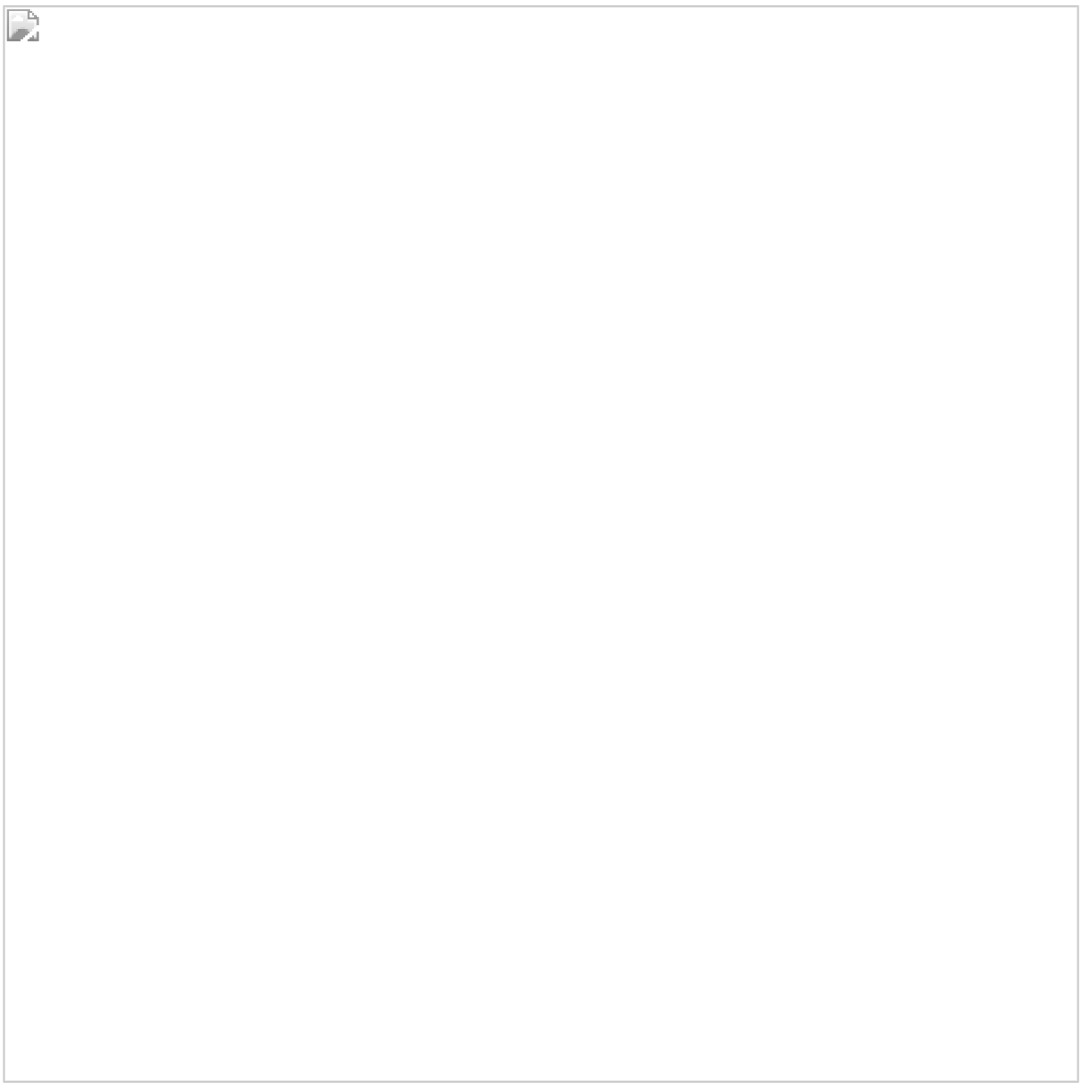
Peter would not stay. He did not want to grow up. But Mrs. Darling let Wendy fly to the Neverland each spring to do his spring cleaning.

The Lost Boys grew up, and so did Wendy. One day she had a little girl named Jane. When Peter came back, Wendy was grown, and he cried. But Jane flew off to be his mother for a while. “He does so need a mother,” Jane said.

Peter's last words to Wendy had been, “Just always be waiting for me, and then some night you will hear me crowing.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Peter never grew up, and Wendy did. Which do you think is braver, and why?



Think about it

1. Who flew away with Peter at the end?

- ○ Michael
- ○ Wendy's daughter, Jane
- ○ Tootles

2. Growing up means losing some things and gaining others. What do you hope to gain?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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