



Wendy & Peter Pan

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Tootles, whose nickname is 'Little Tootles', is in Neverland. Prior to this speech, Tootles and the Lost Boys have been told that Pirates are hunting them. Unarmed, Tootles ran to fetch a bow and arrow, but this means that Tootles has been separated from the group. In this speech, Tootles is hunting a crocodile and a bird. Aiming his bow at the sky, Tootles accidentally shoots Wendy.

TOOTLES: *(with his eyes closed)* I can shoot the crocodile- I know I can if only im- *(opens eyes and the Crocodiles has gone. Gives us, downcast.)* brave. *(Stops suddenly and stares at the forest floor, where Skylights has been despatched.)* There's... *(Tests it)* blood on the ground. Boys? Boys! What if they've been taken- what if it's my fault- what if-

(Tink appears- as a small, bright light)

Tink! You're back! Have you seen the boys? Did you see what happened- there's blood? Look- there's- a bird? No- listen- Peter wants me to shoot a bird? Where? It's a very big white bird. No, but really I have to find the boys- 'brave'? Peter said I was brave? I have to shoot it because I'm the bravest? Me?

(Tootles looks up- the aims his bow and arrow up at the sky)

You're right- you're right, Tink. If Peter wants it doing then I'm the man for the job.

(Tootles aims his arrow at the bird. Tootles shoots- the arrow soars high. Tink's light flights off)

I hit it! I hit it, Tink! Go and tell Peter, Tink- tell Peter I hit the bird! I am the bravest! Tell Peter, tell Peter I hit the-

(Wendy comes tumbling to the ground and lands in a heap. Tootles looks at her)

Tink? That doesn't look like a bird. Tink? Where have you gone?

(Tootles goes close to Wendy and inspects her)

I think I might have made a mistake.

(Pause. Tootles steps back in horror. Tootles sees the Lost Boys approaching and covers the bird up as best he can.)

What- this? It's a white bird- it's a big white bird- that's all it is- Tink said that Peter said that I should shoot it and I did- I shot it and hit it because i'm brave, okay- so there. You should cheer like you do when Nibs hits a bird, go on- cheer.

Act 2, Scene 3