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Once upon a time there lived Mr. and Mrs. Darling with their three children Michael, John and Wendy and the family dog, Nana.
One night when the children were asleep in bed, a young boy named Peter Pan and his fairy, Tinkerbell flew into the nursery to look for Peter’s shadow, which he had left behind.
Peter found his shadow but he couldn’t join it on again. Wendy woke up and helped Peter to sew his shadow back on.
Peter was delighted and flew around the room waking Wendy’s brothers. With the help of Tinker Bell’s fairy dust, Peter taught the children to fly.
They all flew out of the window and soared into the starry night sky – flying over London to Neverland.
Meanwhile, in Neverland the Lost Boys, Captain Hook, the Pirates and Wild Beasts were following each other in the jungle.
Tinker Bell had arrived ahead of the others. She was jealous of Wendy and told one of the Lost Boys to shoot her down.

**Boom!**
The boy fired his arrow and Wendy tumbled down from the sky.

**Crash!**
When Peter returned the Lost Boys quickly realised that Tinker Bell had tricked them. Wendy woke up and the Lost Boys welcomed her.
At the Mermaid’s lagoon, the children were playing on the beach when suddenly a pirate ship arrived with Captain Hook and his crew of pirates, looking for revenge.
There was a fierce fight between the Pirates and the children until Hook was chased away by the Crocodile. Peter and Wendy narrowly escaped.
In the Lost Boys’ underground home, Wendy cooked supper and looked after Peter and the boys.

While the children were sleeping, Captain Hook and the Pirates came to kidnap the children. They poisoned Peter’s medicine and left him behind.
Peter woke up to discover that the Lost Boys had gone. To stop Peter from drinking the poisoned medicine, Tinker Bell drank the medicine herself to save his life. Tinker Bell began to die.

‘Do you believe in fairies?’ asked Peter.

‘If you believe in fairies clap your hands. Clap your hands to help save Tinker Bell!’ said Peter.

Tinker Bell was saved and they both set off to find Wendy and the boys.
On board the Jolly Rodger Pirate ship, the Pirates celebrated the capture of the children. Just as Hook forced the boys onto the plank, Peter flew on to the ship to save the day.

A daring final fight between all of the Pirates and children began. Eventually, Peter was triumphant. Hook jumped overboard and fell into the jaws of the Crocodile below.
The children gleefully celebrated. As Tinker Bell sprinkled the ship with fairy dust, the ship’s sails unfurled and it took flight for home.
The children returned home and Wendy, Michael and John were reunited with their parents. Mr. Darling welcomed the Lost Boys and asked them to be part of their family.

Wendy invited Peter to live with them all too. However, Peter realised that this would mean that he would finally have to grow up. Peter decided that he didn’t want to grow up and he flew back to Neverland.
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