

BREAK DOWN OF CHARACTERS

- **Black Stache:** A notorious and very flamboyant pirate, Black Stache terrorizes the seven seas in search of a worthy adversary. Heartless and snobby, he is partial to the poetical and theatrical; and also not terribly bright. Actors must have great comedic timing and not be afraid to act in a big, broad, and sometimes over-the-top style.
- **Molly Aster:** A young girl and Starcatcher apprentice, Molly is taken aboard the ship Neverland as precious cargo. Curious and intelligent, she is only beginning to understand the confusing romantic longings that come with her age. She will risk anything for the sake of what is right.
- **Boy/Peter:** A lonely and hardened orphan who doesn't miss much, Peter is nameless, homeless, and friendless at the beginning of the play, and a hero by the end. He wants a home and a family more than anything, and dreams of a life of being free. Looking for an actor who can be genuinely earnest and sweet, while also heroic.
- **Grempink:** The schoolmaster of St. Norbert's Orphanage for Lost Boys, Grempink is mean and malodorous; he revels in keeping his boys in the dark and malnourished.
- **Mrs. Bumbrake:** Molly's nanny, a stereotypical British cad; outfitted with the duty of teaching Molly about womanhood. She still has enough charm in her age to attract a sailor or two.
- **Bill Slank:** The vicious orphaned captain of the good ship, Neverland. Does not possess the capacity to lead anyone but himself. Slank is greedy enough to send boys to their doom for the chance of gaining starstuff.
- **Smee:** Black Stache's first mate. He is single-mindedly dedicated to his captain's every whim.
- **Prentiss:** An orphan, Prentiss is ambitious, hyper articulate, and logical. He yearns to be a leader, even when he knows in his heart that he'll never be one. He can also be a bit of a blowhard with a touch of cowardice.
- **Alf:** A seafarer; an old sea dog who is proud of his tenure. His kind heart gives him an appeal to the feminine sensibility. The ladies like him.
- **Lord Leonard Aster:** Molly's father, a loyal subject to the Queen. The very model of a Victorian English gentleman, he is a faithful friend and a secret Starcatcher.
- **Captain Robert Falcon Scott:** Lord Aster's old school friend, the captain of the Wasp, Britain's fastest frigate. Lives with nautical bravura and heroic patriotism.
- **Ted:** An orphan obsessed with food. A natural performer, Ted has an easy wit and is quite poetic with language.
- **Other characters:** Fighting Prawn, Hawking Clam, Mack Sanchez, Teacher

- **Ensemble-played by all actors:** Sailors, Seamen, Seafarers, Orphans, Pirates, Mermaids, Mollusks, Narrators

THE PLOT

It is 1885 during the reign of Queen Victoria and two ships from the British Empire set sail on the high seas for the imaginary kingdom of Rundoon.

On one ship, The Neverland, three orphan boys encounter a smart and witty girl named Molly Aster, the daughter of an English lord and minister to the queen. Also on board is a trunk full of precious starstuff that Molly has promised to protect. One of the orphans, known only as Boy, is bitter and unpleasant. Once he meets Molly, his lonely and miserable world is turned upside down.

On the other ship, The Wasp, Molly's father, the famous starcatcher Lord Aster, guards a decoy trunk from pirates who are in search of treasure. The pirate captain, Black Stache, discovers the ruse and goes after The Neverland.

A violent storm ensues, and Molly and the orphans find themselves trying to save the valuable trunk from Black Stache, his men, and the both of the ships' crews. The Neverland is torn asunder in the storm.

In the midst of all the upheaval, Boy meets Black Stache who gives him the name of Peter while trying to convince him to become a pirate. The trunk is almost in secure hands, when in order to save himself from drowning, Peter rides it through the waves to a nearby island.

And the adventures have only begun! What becomes of Molly, Peter, and the other lost boys? Why is everyone after the starstuff and what does it do? Does anyone—or anything—ever stop Black Stache and the pirates? Discover more than ever about these classic characters you thought you knew.