SMEE

Why didn't you say so? Presto Scottol

(SMEE lifts the Union Jack to reveal CAPTAIN SCOTT, trussed like a chicken with a gag in his mouth.)

ASTER

What? Robbie!

(to SMEE)

How dare you, sir? Release this man!

(Instead, SMEE strips ASTER of His Lordship's coat.)

SMEE

I'll take the key to that treasure trunk o' yours.

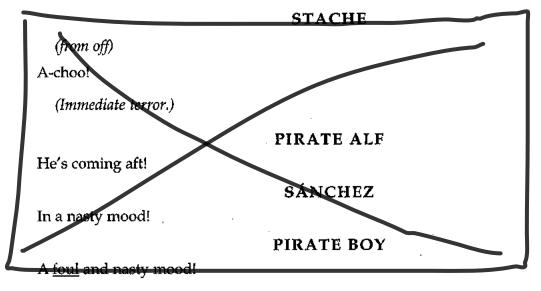
ASTER

You'll have to kill me first.

SMEE

(eyeing his two prisoners)

We were going to kill you second, but I'm flexible.



ASTER

What are you playing at?

SMEE

"Pirates," sir. The Wasp is now a pirate ship. Yer British crew's in chains below!

ASTER

There've been no pirates in these parts for a hundred years!

	SMEE	
We've been keeping a very low profile.		
	ASTER	
And you're the Captain, I suppose?		
	SMEE	
I, sir?		
	ASTER	
Aye, sir. You, sir.		
	SMEE	
No, sir. Not Smee, sir.		
	ASTER	
Smee, sir?		
	SMEE	
That's me, sir. But no Captain I, sir.	,	
	ASTER	
You lie, sir.		
	SMEE	
Oh no, sir. The devil himself's in charge hereabouts.		
	ACTED	

ASTER

The devil, you say.

SMEE

The Prince of Darkness. Our Satanic Supervisor. Foul and Nasty with the Cloven Hoof.

ASTER

And how would one identify him in a crowd?

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SMEE

By his legendary cookie-duster, that's how!

ASTER

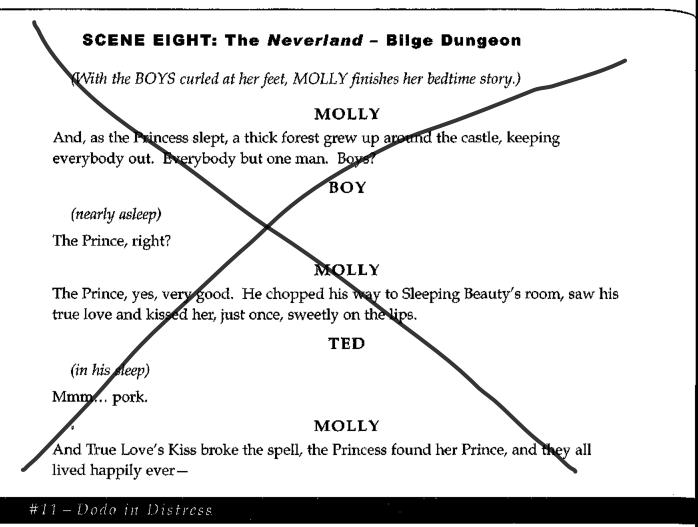
Whiskers?

SMEE

By his celebrated mouth-brow, that's how!

ASTER

Well, does he have a name?



START (Her amulet suddenly glows and rings.)

The amulet again! Talk to me, Daddy!

(MOLLY leaves the sleeping boys and heads for the deck. ASTER appears on the Wasp.)

NARRATOR ASTER

With the *Wasp* racing at flank speed for the *Neverland*, Leonard Aster clears his mind and tries to reach Molly.

(They lift their amulets away from their chests for better reception.)

MOLLY

Daddy, are you there? Hello, hello?

ASTER

Can you hear me now?

(adjusts amulet)

Can you hear me now?

MOLLY

Daddy - the Queen's trunk is here, on board the Neverland!

	ASTER
Not in English! Too dangerous.	
	MOLLY
Oh dear, please don't speak in –	
	ASTER
(ad libs)	
Brump burppel wheee!	
	MOLLY
Oh Daddy, not Dodo.	
	ASTER
Myah myah vrrreeep!	
	MOLLY
Parrots? A flock of parrots?	
	ASTER
Vrrrraaap, vrrrrrreeep! Eeeep!	

MOLLY

Parrots have taken over your ship? Well, what genius brought parrots --?

ASTER

PIRATES! We've been taken over by pirates!

MOLLY

Pirates! Oh, that hard "i" sound is so tricky-

ASTER

MOLLY! The *Wasp* is bearing down on the *Neverland*! Soon as we catch you, steer clear of Black Stache and BRING THE TRUNK TO ME!

MOLLY

I will!

ASTER

Don't let me down, Daughter! This is your mission now!

MOLLY

(ecstatic at the responsibility)

Yes, sir. Thank you, sir! Cwa-cwah! Cwa-cwah! Vreeeep!

(The BOY appears.)

END

-BOY

What are you doing?

(Startled, MOLLY lets go of her amulet. Lights out on ASTER.)

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