

'DENTITY CRISIS
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When I was eight years old, I saw a production of Peter Pan and odd things kept happening. Like the ropes flying the children would break and the children would crash to the stage floor. And then the crocodile was real, and fell off the stage, crushing several children in the front row. And Wendy seemed to get fatter and fatter until finally by the second act she had to be moved with a cart. And remember how Tinkerbell drank some poison to save Peter? And then Peter turns to the audience and says that if everybody claps real hard to show that they do believe in fairies, then maybe Tinkerbell won't die. and so then all the children started to clap. we clapped so hard our palms started to bleed.. Then suddenly the actress playing Peter Pan turned to the audience and she said, " that wasn't enough. You didn't clap hard enough. Tinkerbell's dead " and refused to finish the play. Then everyone started to cry.. No one could see anything through all the tears, the ushers had to come help the children out of the theater. I don't think any of us were ever the same after that experience.