

ASTER/MOLLY

SCENE EIGHT

The Neverland – Bilge Dungeon

With the BOYS curled at her feet, MOLLY finishes her bedtime story.

Molly: And, as the Princess slept, a thick forest grew up around the castle, keeping everybody out. Everybody but one man. Boys?

Boy: *(nearly asleep)* The Prince, right?

Molly: The Prince, yes, very good. He chopped his way to Sleeping Beauty's room, saw his true love, and kissed her, just once, sweetly on the lips.

Ted: *(in his sleep)* Mmm . . . pork.

Molly: And True Love's Kiss broke the spell, the Princess found her Prince, and they all lived happily ever after – *(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.

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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 burp wheee!

Molly: Oh Daddy, not Dodo.

Aster: *Myah myah vrrreeep!*

Molly: Parrots? A flock of parrots?

Aster: *Vrrraaap, vrrrrreeep! 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! Vreeeeep!

The BOY appears.

Boy: What are you doing?

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

END