

Vector stares back at his dad. Trying to figure out a way to save face.

VECTOR
No I didn't.

MR. PERKINS
Oh really?

VECTOR
You just wait until Gru sees my latest weapon: Squid Launcher. Oh yeah!

He produces a SQUID LAUNCHER. He fires it over the balcony. It connects with a BANK CUSTOMER off screen.

BANK CUSTOMER (O.S.)
(screams)
There's a squid on my face!

Vector cocks the squid launcher as threateningly as you can cock a fish weapon, causing a new squid to appear.

VECTOR
Don't worry. The moon is as good as ours.

INT: GIRLS' ROOM - NIGHT

Gru tries to put the girls to bed, but they're running all over the place.

GRU
Come on, it's bedtime! Did you brush your teeth? Let me smell, let me smell. You did not. Put on your PJs! Hold still! Okay, seriously, seriously! This is, this is beddy bye time. Right now. I am not kidding around. I mean it!

EDITH
But we're not tired.

GRU
Well I am tired!

Agnes holds up a copy of the book Sleepy Kittens.

AGNES
Will you read us a bedtime story?

GRU

No.

AGNES

Pretty please?

GRU

The physical appearance of the
please makes no difference. It is
still no. So, go to sleep.

EDITH

But we can't. We're all hyper.

MARGO

And without a bedtime story we'll
just keep getting up and bugging
you. All night long.

The girls look up at Gru. He sighs.

GRU

Ahh, fine.

The girls smile expectantly. Gru takes the book from Agnes
and sits down on the floor next to the girls' beds.

GRU

Alright, alright. "Sleepy
Kittens." Sleepy Kittens?

He opens the book, revealing that there are three KITTEN
FINGER PUPPETS attached to it.

GRU

What are these?

AGNES

Puppets. You use them when you
tell the story.

He sticks three of his fingers through the back of the book,
operating the finger puppets. Then begins reading.

GRU

Okay, let's get this over with.
(reading)
*Three little kittens love to play
They had fun in the sun all day
Then their mother came out and
said,
"Time for kittens to go to bed."*

Gru looks up from the book.

GRU
Wow, this is garbage. You actually
like this?

AGNES
Keep reading!

EDITH
Come on!

Gru shakes his head, GROANS, and turns the page.

GRU
Okay, alright, alright, alright...
*Three little kittens started to
bawl,
"Mommy, we're not tired at all."
Their Mother smiled and said with a
purr,
"Fine, but at least you should
brush your fur."*

EDITH
Now you brush the fur.

There is a little BRUSH attached to the page. Gru picks it
up and unenthusiastically brushes the puppet kittens' fur.
The girls smile.

GRU
This is literature? A two year old
could have written this. Alright.

He turns the page and continues reading.

GRU
*Three little kittens with fur all
brushed
Said, "We can't sleep, we feel too
rushed."
Their mother replied with a voice
like silk,
"Fine, but at least you should
drink your milk."*

AGNES
Now make them drink the milk.

He makes the puppets drink milk from the saucer depicted on
the page.

GRU
 (groaning)
 I don't like this book. This is
 going on forever.

He turns the page. As he does Agnes snuggles up next to him.

GRU
*Three little kittens with milk all
 gone,
 Rubbed their eyes and started to
 yawn,*

All three girls unconsciously yawn. As does Gru.

GRU
*"We can't sleep, can't even try."
 Then their mother sang a lullaby.*

Gru turns the page.

GRU
*"Goodnight, kittens, close your
 eyes
 Sleep in peace until you rise.
 Tho' while you sleep we are apart,
 (starts to get emotional)
 "Your mommy...loves you with all
 her heart."*

Tears well up in his eyes. The girls look up at him.
 Realizing what's happening, he immediately slams the book
 closed.

GRU
 The End! Okay, goodnight!

And he quickly runs for the door.

AGNES
 Wait!

Gru stops.

GRU
 What?

AGNES
 What about goodnight kisses?

Gru tries to keep his emotions in check as he responds.

GRU

No! No! No! There will be no
kissing or hugging or kissing.

He leaves. Margo turns to Agnes.

MARGO

He's not going to kiss us
goodnight, Agnes.

AGNES

I like him. He's nice.

EDITH

But scary.

AGNES

Like Santa.

INT: HALLWAY - NIGHT

Gru walks down the hallway, past the framed "Gru Family Tree" on the wall. Does a double-take, noticing that the girls have drawn with crayons below it to make themselves part of the family. Nefario walks up behind him.

DR. NEFARIO

Only forty-eight hours to the
launch. And all systems are go.

Gru is uncomfortable and begins picking up after the girls: shoes, socks, toys, goldfish crackers, etc.

GRU

Um...about that. I was thinking
that maybe we could move the date
of the heist.

DR. NEFARIO

(ready to explode)

Please tell me that this not as a
result of the girls' dance recital?
Is it?

GRU

No-- the recital? Don't...that's
stupid. I just think it's kinda
weird to do it on a Saturday. I
was thinking maybe a heist is a
Tuesday thing...right?