

DR. NEFARIO

(exploding)

Gru! You and I have been working on this for years. It's everything we've dreamed of! Your chance to make history: become "The Man Who Stole the Moon!" But these girls are becoming a major distraction. They need to go.

(delivering the ultimatum)

If you don't do something about it, I will.

Nefario gives Gru a meaningful look. Gru is stunned by the ultimatum. What's he going to do?

GRU

I understand.

And he leaves. Dr. Nefario stands there, deep in thought.

DR. NEFARIO

Good.

INT: GRU'S GARAGE - DAY

We see Gru's SHRUNKEN SHIP parked in the garage. Some minions are hanging out by the Xerox machine, copying their butts. They giggle each time a copy comes out.

MINION

(giggles)

Butt.

And then something happens. The ship begins rumbling.

And then expands back to its normal size. Uh-oh.

The minions don't even notice and continue to copy their butts.

INT: GRU'S LAIR - DAY

Gru sits on the floor having a tea party with the girls. He pours a cup for the fluffy unicorn they won at Super Silly Fun Land.

GRU

...Alright, now when we put our cups together we will make the clink sound with our mouths. Ready? Edith?

GRU AND EDITH

Clink.

GRU

There we go. And now we drink!

They all take a sip.

GRU

And Agnes?

GRU AND AGNES

Clink!

GRU

Very good.

The DOORBELL RINGS. Gru heads out.

GRU

Excuse me girls.

GIRLS

Aw. Come on.

GRU

Don't worry I'll be back. Keep clinking.

INT: GRU'S LAIR - CONTINUOUS

Gru opens the front door. Revealing Miss Hattie. She doesn't look happy.

GRU

Oh, Miss Hattie. What are you doing here?

MISS HATTIE

I'm here for the girls. I received a call that you wanted to return them.

This hits Gru like a ton of bricks.

MISS HATTIE

And, also I did purchase a Spanish dictionary.

She SLAPS Gru across the face with the dictionary.

MISS HATTIE
I didn't like what you said.

GRU
But...I...

Gru hears a THROAT CLEARING. Turns and sees Dr. Nefario watching from across the room. Realizing he has no choice, he turns back to Miss Hattie.

GRU
Oh. I will get the girls ready.

EXT: GRU'S HOUSE - DAY

Gru carries their bags to the car as the girls line up next to Miss Hattie's car. Eyes welling up with tears. She's waiting impatiently for the goodbyes to be over. Standing across from them is Gru. Determined not to let any feelings show.

As Agnes is about to get into the car she turns and grabs Gru's leg.

AGNES
Don't let her take us, Mr. Gru!
Tell her that you want to keep us!

Gru wants to respond. But can't do it. The disappointment in the girls' eyes is devastating.

Miss Hattie snorts. She's had enough of this.

MISS HATTIE
Alright girls. Come on, let's go.

MARGO
Goodbye Mr. Gru. Thanks for everything.

SLAM! Miss Hattie shuts the door. Then fixes Gru with a stern, judgmental look, hops into the car and drives off. Gru watches the car go, his heart breaking. Dr. Nefario approaches him.

DR. NEFARIO
I did it for you own good. Come on, let's go get that moon.

Dr. Nefario smiles. Gru looks at Dr. Nefario. Somehow he's not feeling the same degree of excitement.

GRU

Right.

Nefario watches as Gru heads back to the house, clearly depressed. Dr. Nefario sighs. Watching the scene from the window are a couple minions, sobbing uncontrollably.

INT: GRU'S LAIR - DAY

Gru sits alone at his table eating lunch.

INT: GRU'S LAIR - DAY

Gru sees the minions busy at work cleaning the wall where the girls had extended his family tree to include them. He makes a face.

INT.- HATTIE'S OFFICE

We see a CU of Margo's face. We pull out and its revealed she's in the box of shame...along with the other girls, in their own individual boxes.

INT: GRU'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Gru lies in bed. He looks at his hand, reaches and pulls up the covers to find the head (ala the horse's head in the Godfather) of a doll.

Gru SCREAMS.

EXT: GRU'S HOUSE

The peaceful serenity of Gru's house is broken by his scream.

A flock of resting birds flap off into the distance.

INT: MISSION CONTROL

Minions are working around the rocket and on the computers at mission control.

INT: GRU'S LAB - DAY

Gru walks through a tunnel in his PINK SPACE SUIT. He puts on his helmet and looks at the rocket in all its glory.

INT: FLASHBACK - DAY

We see Little Gru staring up at the moon, eyes filled with hope and imagination.

INT: GRU'S LAB - DAY

Back to reality. Gru steps onto a lift and he and Dave ride it to the top of the rocket. Dave produces the ticket to the recital and hands it to Gru. Gru looks at it.

GRU
What is this for?

MINION
(gibberish)

GRU
The recital? I...I am the greatest
criminal mind of the century! I
don't go to little girls' dance
recitals!

Gru scoffs and turns back to the rocket, ready for his mission.

Dave is barely able to catch the ticket without falling off the platform. He sneaks up and sticks it in one of Gru's suit pockets. He whistles like nothing happened.

Gru steps into a hatch in the rocket.

INT: ROCKET - DAY

Gru fastens his safety belt and the hatch door slams shut. He continues to ready the ship for takeoff when Dr. Nefario's face appears on a screen, giving an update.

DR. NEFARIO (O.S.)
(on monitor)
Opening launch bay doors.

KA-CHONG! Suddenly a slit of sunlight appears through the cockpit window as massive hangar doors open overhead.

INT: GRU'S LAB - DAY

Dr. Nefario begins the countdown on the video monitor.