

DR. NEFARIO  
Commencing launch sequence, and we  
are good to go in t-minus ten  
seconds. Ten...nine...eight...  
seven...

The rocket begins to rumble and smoke begins to come from the base.

Minions run from their posts for cover.

DR. NEFARIO  
Six...

EXT: MR. MCDADE'S HOUSE.

Mr. McDade waxes his car, checking his reflection in the hood. Suddenly the ground begins to rumble below his feet and a shadow covers him. He looks up at the huge rocket taking off from Gru's backyard. His jaw drops.

Just then, Vector runs up beside McDade. McDade watches as Vector pulls out his squid launcher and aims it at the rocket and fires.

SPLAAAT! The squid connects with the rocket and sticks to it. It's attached to a line which is attached to Vector. Vector hands the gun to Mr. McDade. The line quickly takes up slack and--

THWOOSH! Vector is yanked into the sky, after the rocket.

EXT: SKY - SAME

SHOOOOOOM! The rocket tears through the sky, toward the heavens. Vector goes up with it, attached by the squid line.

VECTOR  
Oh yeah!

EXT: ROCKET - SAME

Vector climbs up the rope to the rocket.

INT: ROCKET - SAME

Gru gets on the communicator.

GRU  
Nice work, doctor. All systems go.

And then, in the window--

Vector! An evil smile on his face.

VECTOR

Boo-yah!

Gru jumps in shock. Then pushes down the toaster button on the control panel.

EXT: ROCKET - SAME

The whole of Gru's rocket is now electrically charged. Vector is zapped off the rocket when he is electrocuted.

VECTOR

Aaaaiigghhhhhh!

He falls through the air, headed straight for the ground below. Then he remembers.

VECTOR

My flight suit!

Vector pulls a ripcord and SAILS unfurl on either side of his suit, making him look like a flying squirrel. The wind catches the sails and Vector begins to soar across the sky.

VECTOR

Oh yeah. Once again, the mighty Vector--

SPLAT! He smacks right into the side of an electric tower.

VECTOR

Aaaaiigghhhhhh!

EXT: SKY - SAME

The rocket reaches the edge of earth's atmosphere.

The same floating minion from earlier happens to be in orbit. He sees the rocket and barely manages to get out of the way!

INT: ROCKET - SAME

Gru closes his eyes and holds on for dear life as the ship violently shakes and rumbles. The view through the cockpit goes from pale blue to deep purple to the blackness of space.

GRU  
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!

Suddenly the shaking stops and everything is still.

INT: GRU'S LAB - DAY

The minions erupt in cheers.

INT: ROCKET - SAME

Gru looks out the window at the moon in the starry distance.  
A smile comes across his face.

EXT: THE MOON - LATER

The massive pale sphere floats in space. Over the horizon,  
Gru's ship appears. The rockets power down and it silently  
hovers above the lunar surface.

SSSSSSST! Doors open and Gru emerges in a space suit. He  
holds the Shrink Ray in his hands and faces the enormous  
lunar body.

He stares up at moon. Its size is overwhelming. He feels  
like a speck floating in front of it. He smiles and takes  
aim at the pale yellow world in front of him. Breathes deep,  
then--

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZCHEEEEEEEET! A BOLT OF ENERGY fires from the  
gun and engulfs the moon. Then slowly, it begins to shrink.  
Smaller and smaller. Gru's eyes widen as the edges of the  
moon come into view.

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZCHEEEEEET! The moon continues to shrink.

EXT: OCEAN - DAY

A group of SURFERS ride massive waves, loving it.

SURFER  
(stoked)  
Woooooo-hoooooo!

And then suddenly the waves collapse into nothing.

EXT: FORREST - NIGHT

A werewolf howls at the moon but is changed back to a man when the moon disappears. He darts back into the woods.

EXT: THE MOON -

Gru's hand reaches out to the TINY MOON.

GRU

Ha! I've got it! I've got the moon! I've got the moon!

Gru does a flip, unhindered by gravity and floats around and around. He's giddy as a school boy.

And then, subtly his mood changes. Somehow having the moon isn't as satisfying as he thought it would be.

Silently floating in the vastness of space, Gru looks small and alone. And extremely unfulfilled.

Just then, something drifts out of his pocket. It's the ticket to the dance recital. Gru stares at it. Suddenly wanting to be with the girls more than anything. He looks at his watch.

GRU

I can make it.

INT: GRU'S LAB - DAY

Dr. Nefario and the shrunken minion manage the blinking, flashing lights of ground control.

Suddenly the tiny minion begins to wobble. MRRRRUUUMPH! The minion returns to its normal size!

DR. NEFARIO

Wait a minute. How...

MINION

Kevin!

The minion kisses Kevin repeatedly.

EXT: SPACE - DAY

SHOOOOOOOM! Gru's rocket shoots through space like a bullet.

INT: ROCKET - SAME

Gru steers the ship toward the earth, which grows larger in the cockpit window. Pushing hard on the throttle.

GRU  
Come on, come on!

INT: STAGE - SAME

The girls are behind the curtain. Agnes is peering out at the audience. There is an empty chair in the front row. She turns to Margo and Edith.

AGNES  
He's still not here.

MARGO  
Why would he come? He gave us up.

AGNES  
But he pinkie promised!

The DANCE TEACHER shows up.

DANCE TEACHER  
Girls, girls-- places!

EDITH  
No, we can't start yet! We're still expecting someone!

Agnes looks up at the dance teacher with puppy dog eyes.

AGNES  
Can we just wait a few more minutes?

The dance teacher sighs.

DANCE TEACHER  
Alright. But just a few more minutes.

When she leaves, Margo turns to Edith and Agnes.

MARGO  
He's not coming, guys.

Edith and Agnes look shaken by this. Could it be true?