

EXT: SPACE - SAME

Gru's ship approaches the edge of the Earth's atmosphere.
In flames from the friction of re-entry.

INT: GRU'S LAB - DAY

Dr. Nefario grabs the radio.

DR. NEFARIO
Gru, Gru can you hear me?

INT: ROCKET

Gru grits his teeth as he tries to hold the ship steady.

GRU
Aaaahhhhhhhh!!!

INT: GRU'S LAB - DAY

Dr. Nefario only gets back static from his call. He turns to
the minions.

DR. NEFARIO
Quick! We've got to warn him, and
fast!

Nefario hops on his old-person scooter...and shoots forward
at 2mph.

INT: ROCKET - SAME

Gru grits his teeth as he tries to hold the ship steady,
flames flickering in the windows. Sweat rolls down Gru's
face as the heat becomes unbearable.

GRU
Aaaahhhhhhhh!!!

INT: DANCE STUDIO - SAME

The lights dim. Classical music begins to play and the
curtains slowly open. All of the girls come out and begin
dancing, big smiles on their faces. And at the end of the
row are Margo, Edith and Agnes looking sad.

Every parent in the crowd fires up a video camera in unison.
Except for one audience member.

Vector.

INT: GRU'S SPACESHIP - SAME

Gru looks down at the city below, trying to locate the dance studio.

GRU
(confused)
Okay, okay, there's the library...
that's Third Street, that's the
dance studio, there, there, there
it is!

EXT: PLAYGROUND - EVENING

Children swing on swings, dig in the sand and play tag. Then they all stop upon hearing a rumbling sound. They all look up to the sky and...

TCHEEEWWWWW! The spaceship roars through the sky, just above the kids.

A rocket booster falls from the ship, landing on a merry-go-round. It IGNITES, spinning the merry-go-round at a hundred miles an hour.

They all cheer.

EXT: STREET - SAME

The spaceship touches down in the middle of the street. The tires screech and smoke as cars and pedestrians dive out of the way.

INT: ROCKET - SAME

Gru sees the dance studio up ahead and slams on the brakes. SCREEEEEECH! The rocket speeds straight toward the dance studio. THOOMPH! The brake parachute activates. Slowing down, it gets closer...closer...and...stops right at the building.

INT: DANCE STUDIO - CONTINUOUS

The door swings open and Gru rushes in.

Gru stops in his tracks upon seeing--

The empty dance hall. A janitor is taking down the folding chairs.

JANITOR
Sorry, buddy. Show's over.

GRU
Over?

Gru can't believe it. Then something catches his eye. He makes his way over to a chair in the front row. Removes the sign taped to it. Stares at it. Written in child's handwriting is--

"Margo, Edith and Agnes' Dad."

Crushed, he stares at the paper. He turns it over and suddenly gets a concerned look on his face.

He throws the paper aside and tears out of the Dance Studio. The paper flutters to the ground. It lands with the back-side up. It reads: BRING THE MOON - V.

EXT: VECTOR'S FORTRESS - NIGHT

Gru runs up to the front gate and begins pounding on it.

GRU
Vector! Open up!

A huge TV monitor appears from over the gate. Appearing on it is Vector.

VECTOR
First give me the moon. Then we'll talk.

AGNES (O.S.)
Mr. Gru!

VECTOR
Zip it, Happy Meal.

Gru produces the shrunken moon and holds it up to the monitor.

Gru places the moon in a small tube, which sucks the moon up into Vector's fortress.

GRU
Now...the girls.

VECTOR
Actually, I think I'll hold onto
them a little while longer.

GRU
No!

Oh yeah! Unpredictable!

Gru watches helplessly as the monitor retracts back inside
the building and disappears.

GRU
No!

Gru grits his teeth. Spots a security camera. Looks
directly into the camera with fire in his eyes.

GRU
Listen close you little punk. You
have no idea who you are dealing
with. When I get in there, you are
in for a world of pain!

Gru stares into the camera, trying to contain his anger.

INT: VECTOR'S FORTRESS - SAME

Vector stares at a the monitor displaying Gru. He laughs.

VECTOR
(feigning fear)
Oh, I'm really scared.

Gru pulls back a fist and punches at the monitor. CRACK!
The monitor goes to static and Vector jumps. The girls
smile.

AGNES
He is going to kick your butt.

Vector looks a little worried. He presses a button that
activates HEAT SEEKING MISSILES.

EXT: VECTOR'S FORTRESS - SAME

The missiles launch from the fortress. Gru watches as they
launch outwards, and begin their return towards him.

He stands, determined and at the last possible second acts! Moving like a maniac-ninja, he leaps through the missiles, threading the delicate needle, flipping and dodging before hopping off the last one. The missiles careen into Vector's fortress walls and explode!

Gru begins his unrelenting march to the girls. A shark jumps out of Vector's moat and dives at him. In one punch, Gru knocks the beast back into the water.

INT: VECTOR'S FORTRESS - SAME

Vector watches this on a monitor. Beginning to panic.

VECTOR
What? He punched my shark!

EXT: VECTOR'S FORTRESS - SAME

Gru is about to kick down the front door when...TCHROOOOM! The entire building begins to rumble and the entire room lifts off, detaching itself from the rest of the building. It's an escape pod!

Gru sees the pyramid in Vector's backyard. Climbs to the top he leaps and grabs onto the side of the escape pod.

EXT: SKY - SAME

SHOOOM! The escape pod soars up into the air.

SHOOOOOM! Gru's ship, piloted by Dr. Nefario streaks after him.

INT: GRU'S SHIP

DR. NEFARIO
There he is!

Dr. Nefario zooms in on Vector's escape pod and sees Gru holding on for dear life.

EXT: SKY - SAME

Dr. Nefario speeds towards Gru.