

Gru goes back to his studying his plan. Vector comes over and sits next to him.

VECTOR
I'm applying for a new villain
loan. Go by the name of "Vector."

Gru is irritated and slides down the couch.

VECTOR
(gives Gru a smile)
It's a mathematical term. A
quantity represented by an arrow
with both direction and magnitude!

He points to the arrow/equation on his chest. Gru attempts to ignore the guy. He has now moved down to the end of the couch. Vector slides down to sit right beside Gru.

VECTOR
Vector. That's me. Cause I'm
committing crimes with both
direction and magnitude. Oh yeah!

Gru continues to ignore the guy. But he won't stop. Vector holds up a futuristic-looking gun with a PIRANHA inside the barrel gasping for air.

VECTOR
Check out my new weapon. Piranha
gun! Oh yes! Fires live piranhas.
Ever seen one before? No you
haven't-- I invented it. You want
a demonstration?

The piranha falls out of the barrel.

VECTOR
Oh...ah...shoot. So difficult
sometimes to get the piranha back
inside my...

Vector and the piranha tussle on the ground. Vector pulls the piranha off of his nose.

Gru is dying. Get me out of here. Thankfully, the Receptionist speaks up.

RECEPTIONIST
Mr. Gru? Mr. Perkins will see you
now.

INT: MR. PERKINS' OFFICE - DAY

Gru sits across from MR. PERKINS, the bank's unforgiving loan manager, a monster of a man with devil's horn-like hair. Gru is surrounded by charts and models showing how he's going to steal the moon.

GRU
...so all I need is money from the bank to build a rocket, and then the moon...is ours.

MR. PERKINS
Wow. Well, very nice presentation. I'd like to see this *shrink ray*.

Gru squirms in his seat.

GRU
Absolutely. Will do. Soon as I have it.

Mr. Perkins grimaces, disappointed.

MR. PERKINS
You don't have it? And yet you have the audacity to ask the bank for money.

GRU
Apparently.

MR. PERKINS
Do you have any idea of the capital that this bank has invested in you, Gru? With far too few of your "sinister plots" actually turning a profit?

Perkins walks around the room.

MR. PERKINS
How can I put it?

Mr. Perkins pulls an APPLE from his coat.

MR. PERKINS
Let's say this apple is you. If we don't start getting our money back...

Mr. Perkins squeezes the apple and it explodes.

MR. PERKINS

Get the picture?

Gru gulps loudly. Mr. Perkins returns to his seat.

MR. PERKINS

Look, Gru, the point is there are a lot of new villains out there. Younger than you. Hungrier than you. Younger than you. Like that young fellow out there named Vector. He just stole the pyramid.

Gru reacts to this. That loser he just met in the lobby stole the pyramid?

GRU

I've got it, I've got it. Um, so...as far as getting money for the rocket.

MR. PERKINS

Get the shrink ray. Then we'll talk.

Gru sighs, defeated.

INT: BANK OF EVIL - DAY

A beaten down Gru leaves Mr. Perkins' office. He walks past Vector, who is trying to stick the piranha back in his gun. Looks around, then casually pulls out his Freeze Ray gun and freezes his head. Vector moves his eyes to look at Gru before his body hits the floor.

The piranha jumps into the air and on top of the now defenseless Vector. He give out a SCREAM as he is bitten.

EXT: SHOT OF ASIA FROM SPACE

A satellite shot of a large land mass on Earth. A flashing red square shrinks down over a river running through the landscape. ZOOM IN to an overhead view of a massive industrial complex located on the island.

EXT: SKY - DAY

GRU'S SHIP speeds through the sky.

INT: GRU'S SHIP - SAME

Gru sits at the controls. A couple of minions are with him.

INT: SECRET LAB - DAY

A worker pushes a covered cart through the halls and into a lab. Two other workers open a sliding door which allows an ELEPHANT to walk into the room.

EXT: SKY - DAY

Gru's plane continues to fly through the air toward the lab.

INT: SECRET LAB - SAME

The worker is pushing the SHRINK RAY, a futuristic-looking weapon, down the hall. It now sits in the center of a large room, aimed at the elephant on the other side of the room.

INT: SECRET LAB - SAME

The walls of the lab are lined with flashing lights and monitors scrolling data. Through a window, two KOREAN SCIENTISTS in white lab coats look in at the weapon. One of them flips a switch.

The Shrink Ray begins to hum. Lights begin to flash. The humming gets louder as it charges up.

INT: CONTROL ROOM - SAME

The men look excited. They check their computer monitors. All systems are go.

The Shrink Ray hums louder. It begins to glow. The scientists grab each other. This is it.

FZZZZZCHEEEW! A bolt of energy shoots out and hits the elephant across the room. SHOOOM! The huge animal suddenly shrinks down to the size of a mouse. Makes a tiny high-pitched trumpet SOUND. The scientists look at the shrunken elephant...then they notice what's happening in the lab.

INT: SECRET LAB - SAME

VZZHHHHT! A LASER cuts a large circle in the ceiling.
 WOOOOOSH! A minion rides down on a giant claw that grabs the
 Shrink Ray. The lab workers PANIC.

EXT: SKY - SAME

Gru's MASSIVE AIRCRAFT hovers above the research facility
 with the claw's arm leading from the belly of the ship.

INT: SECRET LAB - SAME

A minion riding the claw arm plucks the Shrink Ray from its
 stand. The minion "carefully" tries to ascend through the
 freshly cut hole.

MINION
 (laughs)
 Suckers!

The minion bumps his head, OW! Then tries to exit again.

MINION
 Suckers.

The minion bumps his head again, OW! Then finally exits.

EXT: SKY - DAY

The minion rides the arm up into Gru's plane. The plane
 takes off into the sky.

INT: GRU'S SHIP - SAME

Gru sits at the controls. A couple of minions are with him.

GRU
 Aha, we got it!

The arm places the Shrink Ray in a glass case. Gru and
 another minion revel in their success. Then--

VZZZZZZHT! A laser cuts a hole in the ceiling right above
 the Shrink Ray. WOOSH! A giant claw enters Gru's ship. The
 claw grabs the case with the shrink ray. Gru and the minions
 stare, stunned.

Gru stares out the front window, seeing--