AGNES

Higher! Higher!
 (laughs)

GRU

(to Miss Hattie)
How do you remove them?
Is there a command? Some non-stick
spray? Crowbar? Okay, girls:
let's go!

Gru shuffles out with Agnes still attached.

EXT: MISS HATTIE'S HOME FOR GIRLS - DAY

Gru's car pulls away from the orphanage. The flames from his exhaust causes a LITTLE KID'S balloon to pop. He cries.

Gru flips on the turbo and rockets down the street.

INT: VECTOR'S BATHROOM - NIGHT

A bottle of mouthwash sits in a CUP near a bathroom sink.

VECTOR

Pretty impressive. What are you looking at? Boo-yah!

VZZZHTT! Suddenly, SHRINK RAY WAVES hit them and the bottle shrinks.

VECTOR

You got shrunk, tiny mouthwash!

Vector blasts the sink.

VECTOR

Take that.

Vector laughs.

VECTOR

You done been shrunk!

Then his cell phone RINGS. He jumps, aiming the shrink ray. Then realizes it's his phone and answers it.

VECTOR

Yello? Oh, I got the shrink ray, all right. No, I'm not playing with it. Gru? Don't make me laugh. No.

(MORE)

VECTOR (CONT'D)

PS, he is NOT getting the moon and PPS, by the time I'm done with him, he's gonna be begging for mercy!

Vector fires the Shrink Ray at his toilet, shrinking it.

VECTOR

(abruptly changes tone)

Okay, bye.

He hangs up the phone. Then turns to the tiny toilet. Frowns, uncomfortable.

VECTOR

Aw, look at you; a little tiny toilet for a little tiny baby to --

Suddenly the pipes burst, spraying water everywhere!

VECTOR

Ahh! Curse you tiny toilet!

EXT: GRU'S LAIR - DAY

Gru and the girls get out of the car and walk to his front door.

GRU

Okay. Here we are: Home sweet home.

The girls look around. The large black house is very intimidating. They huddle close together. Margo then recognizes the place.

MARGO

So this is, like, your house? Wait a second. You're the guy who pretended he was a recorded message.

GRU

No, that was someone else.

Margo furrows her brow, not convinced. Gru opens the door, and they enter.

INT: GRU'S LAIR - CONTINUOUS

The girls look around, taking in the scary looking interior. Images of demons and Gothic evil are everywhere. Agnes turns to Gru, nervous.

AGNES

Can I hold your hand?

GRU

Ahhh no.

They go deeper into the lair. Edith pulls Margo aside.

EDITH

When we got adopted by a bald guy, I thought this'd be more like Annie.

Just then Kyle comes around the corner, his eyes lighting up as he sees the girls. He licks his chops and is about to chomp down on Agnes with a slobbery mouth full of teeth when Gru stops him with a rolled-up newspaper.

GRU

No hey...!

Gru jumps behind the girls.

GRU

Kyle. These are not treats.
These are guests.
 (to the girls)

Girls, this is Kyle, my...dog.

AGNES

Oooh, fluffy doggie!

Kyle runs off scared.

AGNES

Aww.

Margo turns to Gru, accusingly.

MARGO

What kind of dog is that?

GRU

He's ahhh...I don't know.

MARGO

Do you really think this is an appropriate place for little kids? Cause, uh, its not.

Gru shrugs, surrounded by all the inappropriate things in his house. He turns and sees a curious Edith checking out an open IRON MAIDEN.

GRU

No, no! Stay away from there! It's fragile!

SNAP! The spiked door snaps shut with her inside. RED LIQUID starts spilling out onto the floor. Gru stares at it. Margo and Agnes GASP.

GRU

Well, I suppose the plan will work with two.

EDITH (O.S.)

Hey! It's dark in here!

Gru opens up the iron maiden, revealing Edith standing there completely unharmed. So small she fit between the spikes. She holds up something.

EDITH

It poked a hole in my juice box.

Red punch drips out of the juice box. Edith SPITS out the straw.

INT: KITCHEN - DAY

Gru stands in front of the girls.

GRU

As you can see, I have provided everything a child might need.

Gru points to a DOG DISH FILLED WITH CANDY, a DOG DISH FILLED WITH WATER and NEWSPAPERS spread out on the floor. The girls stare.

GRU

Now I've got--hey!

Edith has smashed a vase of toxic chemicals, which is now sizzling on the tile floor.

EDITH

Somebody broke that.

GRU

Okay, okay, clearly we need to set some rules. Rule number one: You will not touch anything.

MARGO

What about the floor?

GRU

(irritated)

Yes, you may touch the floor.

MARGO

What about the air?

GRU

(more irritated)

Yes, you may touch the air.

EDITH

What about this?

Edith holds a dangerous looking RAY GUN.

GRU

Ahhhhh! Where did you get that?

Gru shields himself with a frying pan.

EDITH

(shrugs)

Found it.

Gru grabs the gun from her, then continues.

GRU

Okay, rule number two: you will not bother me while I'm working. Rule number three: you will not cry or whine or laugh or giggle or sneeze or burp or fart. So no, no, no annoying sounds. Alright?

AGNES

Does this count as annoying?

Agnes opens her mouth and drums on her cheeks.

GRU

Very.

(reaches for the door)
I will see you in six hours.

Gru slams the door. The girls stand there in silence. Margo sees the somber faces on the other girls and tries to cheer them (and herself) up.

MARGO

Okay don't worry, everything's going to be fine. We're going to be really happy here. Right, Agnes?