



LEWISHAM YOUTH THEATRE

'Space Girl'

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Characters

<i>Mary Moon</i>	9 ½ year old girl, in Year 4, her nick name is Space Girl. <i>Marys</i> are in almost every scene as narrators plus:
Mary 1.	Scene 2,3,4. Pink Coat over her school uniform and a pink hat
Mary 2.	Scene 5,6,7,15.
Mary 3.	Scene 7,8,9. In Pink Space Pyjamas
Mary 4.	Scene 9, 10, 11, 12.

Marys Family:

Jonathan Joseph	Mary's brother likes to be called 'JJ'. He is 11 ½ and in year 6.
Mrs Maggie Moon	Mary's Mum and Marys Year 4 teacher.
Mr Mark Moon	Mary's Dad an astronaut and Planet Hunter.

Marys Friends:

Polly	Marys friend and also Sigh a Sorrow monster
Castor	Mary's friend and also Hue a Sorrow Monster
Luna	Mary's friend and also Mona a sorrow monster
Aurora	Mary's friend and also Wisp a Sorrow monster

Children in Marys Class:

Nat(asha)	In Mary's class and also Debbie Space Dragon
Leo	In Mary's class and also Dougie Space Dragon
Orion	In Mary's class and also the Space Commander
Armstrong	In Mary's class and also the Space Lieutenant

The Family from Mars;

Mike Mars	A new boy at school aged 10, and a Martian Boy.
Martin Mars	A new boy at school aged 9, and a Martian Boy.
Mathias Mars	Mike and Martin's Dad, and a Martian Space Man.

Space Song

*Have you ever looked way up high into the sky
There's a moon up there floating oh so high
Have you ever wondered why there's a moon up in the sky?*

*If you want to go to Germany with your family
You can do it yes you can
Drive the whole way in a van*

*You can even go to Paris France you could take a chance
On a boat or a plane, you can even take the train.*

*But you'll never make it to the moon
not sometime soon
Only 12 men ever been,
That's all the moon has seen.*

Scene 1;

All of the Marys introduce the story. They speak to the audience. All Marys are all in pink – all wear a pink hat or helmet. Mary 1 is in pink coat and balaclava type pink hat. Mary 3 has pink space PJS on.

MARY 1 Hi

MARY 2 Hello

MARY 3 Alright

MARY 4 (waves) I'm Mary. I'm quite brave but I do get scared... sometimes.

MARY 1 I'm Mary. I'm outgoing and I like football but I like to be on my own too.

MARY 2 I'm Mary. I'm cute

MARY 1 No I'm cute Mary.

MARY 3 I think you'll find I'm cute Mary

MARY 4 We're all cute Mary!

MARY 2 Okay okay, we all can be cute Mary, and I'll be kind, generous, clever Mary, the Mary who has all the friends.

MARY 3 I'd say you're the really annoying Mary! (*the other Marys laugh and agree*)

MARY 4 And this is my story

MARY 3 And my story

MARY 2 And my story

MARY 1 And my story. And it's a story about the moon.

MARY 2 A story about the moon, about Aliens and Astronauts and about me.

MARY 3 Mary Moon. That's my name.

MARY 4 And I love the moon

MARY 1 Ever since I was little I have looked up into the sky and wondered...Why?

MARY 2 Why is it there?

MARY 3 What's it for?

MARY 4 What does it do?

MARY 1 I dream of going into space, of going to the moon.

MARY 2 You see my Dad's a Space Man.

MARY 3 But he's never been to the moon... not yet.

MARY 1 He's a planet hunter.

MARY 2 That's a real job you know. He searches in space for new planets.

MARY 4 But that's not all he's looking for. One day he will find new life.

All Marys We are not alone.

MARY 1 That's what Dad always says. I'd love to go into space.

MARY 2 I would.

MARY 4 I would.

MARY 3 I would be the first.... Girl in space.

Scene 2 **Mary 1** is in this scene. *Mary 234 move to the side and watch and when they speak they are speaking to the audience.*

We are now in the Classroom. The children come on, Mary's friends Castor & Polly, Luna & Aurora and the others in the class Nat, Orion, Armstrong and Leo. Mary's friends greet her.

- Polly Space Girl! Where have you been?
(the friends gather round and chat)
- MARY 2 That's what my friends call me. That's me (*pointing to MARY 1*)
- MARY 3 I don't mind the nickname. I like it. Makes me feel special.
- Nat Cool hat
- Aurora It's not a hat Nat, it's a helmet. Mary's Dad got it for her Birthday.
- Castor Come on space girl. Don't talk to that monster. (*referring to Nat*) Or that one.
(referring to Leo)
- Leo I'm no monster – I'm Space Dragon argggh!
- Orion With laser eyes burning a trail of fire.. roar... you cannot escape us
Earthlings!!!

(The others join in and they pretend to be scary monsters and space men the friends react. Polly is scared, Castor is cross, Luna laughs, Mary1 is calm and smiles)

- Polly Stop it Leo. Space Dragons! You can't get fire in space, there's no air! Silly!
- Armstrong *(as if he is speaking into a mic)* Ground control to Mary Moon, over!
- MARY 1 Hi Armstrong.
- Armstrong Is your dad really a space man Mary?
- MARY 1 Yes he is, well sort of....
- Nat Cool Dad.
- Castor You know he is Armstrong. How many times have you asked Mary that?
Honestly. Mary do you want to come to my house after school?
- Nat Has he actually been in a rocket?
- Orion Have you ever been in a rocket Mary?
- Polly You don't get rockets in Catford Orion! Silly!

MARY 2 I'm really proud of my Dad.

(*The Teacher enters Mrs Moon, Mary's Mum the class are noisey and still playing space*)

Mrs Moon What on Earth! Settle down! Settle down.... 4M! Settle down!!!

(*everyone stops now as Miss has shouted. Everyone except Mary who speaks quite loud and everyone looks and listens to her*)

MARY 1 Actually, my Dad's a Planet hunter. He searches in space for new planets and one day....

Mrs Moon Alright Mary. That's enough! Thank you, stop showing off. (*everyone laughs*)

MARY 1 I'm not Mum... I mean miss. (*everyone laughs*)

Orion You called her Mum!

Castor She is her mum Orion! She's called Mrs Moon remember.

Nat Yes but still.

Mrs Moon Now it's almost the summer holidays (*they cheer*) and next year you will be in year 5. And as is a tradition in our school... Yes Luna

Luna What's Atradition Miss?

Mrs M Good question Luna. A Tradition is a way of doing something that we do again and again. So, the tradition is that each year we choose a category or a theme to name our classes after and next year our theme is space. (*They ooh*) Yes I thought you might like that. So, let's think about that. What can you remember?

The children act out the solar system and remember facts about the planets

Mum Well done everyone that was so good, I might get you to do that at the end of term assembly.
(there is a knock at the door/someone at the door – Mike, Martin and his Dad are there, dressed in green.)
Oh hello. Come in come in. Everyone, this is Mike and his brother Martin and this is Mikes Dad. Mike is joining your class next year. He's not been in the country long so I expect you all to help him settle in.

(Mikes Dad speaks to Mike in Spanish or whatever language the actor can speak)

Mr Mars Thank you for the welcome Mrs Moon. Mike is looking forward to joining you all next term and Martin will be in year 4. *(They leave)*

Armstrong Woow, out of this world. What language was that?

Castor Armstrong it was just Spanish! Was it Spanish? *(she is asking her friends)*

(Polly & Aurora and Luna shrug because they don't know either. The bell rings for end of school.)

Mum Goodbye Mike and Martin. Goodbye everyone, have a good weekend.
(Everyone leaves except MARY 1 and Mum.)

Scene 3

Mum Alright love? You know, I wish you wouldn't go on about your Dad so much, it's not like he's actually been to the moon.

MARY 1 But Mum he might go there one day.

(A boy appears on stage looking annoyed and mum and Mary turn and look at him)

Mum Oh Mary I forgot, your brother is picking you up tonight.

MARY 1 But I thought Dad was picking me up tonight.

Mum No he can't he's.... working... far away *(Mum is clearly keeping something secret from Mary)*

MARY 1 Oh. Where? How far?

JJ Oh come on will you.

(Mum talks to JJ as Mary 2 speaks to the audience)

(The next conversation is in the background to cover MARY 2's speech)

Mum Go straight home Jonathon don't go to the park

JJ But mum

Mum And make sure Mary has some juice when you get in

JJ But Mum!

MARY 2 So that's my mum. My teacher you can imagine what that's like!
I'm in year 4. I'm 9 but I look at least 10.

JJ Squirt! You look like an 8-year-old in that hat!

MARY 1 It's a helmet!

MARY 3 This is my brother he's 12 in August. He's in year 6.

JJ Look when you get to secondary I'm not taking you home you know.

MARY 4 His name is ...

MARY 4 Johnathan Joseph! (*said at same time as Mary 1*)

MARY 1 Johnathan Joseph! (*he pulls the hat as she shouts his name over her face*)

JJ Don't call me that (*he looks around worried someone might hear his name*).
From now on ... my name is.. 'JJ'. That's what I'm called now. Okay?

MARY 1 Okay . JAY JAY! (*as if she's making fun of him*)

JJ Anyway you won't need to call me anything 'cus you won't be speaking to
me... understand? (*He knocks her hat off or out of her hand*)

MARY 1 Oi! Mum said you'll have to take me to school.

JJ I know what mum said, but she don't need to know does she. Does she?!

MARY 1 I suppose not.

JJ Good little 'Space Girl'.

(*He puts Mary's hat on his own head and pretends to be floating in space – this makes Mary and JJ laugh*)

MARY 1 JJ! Hmm... I think I'll call you... Jonny JoJo!

JJ What did you say... Alien Brain? I'll get you, I will!

MARY 1 No no no Okay JJ. JJ, give me back my hat

JJ Hat? I thought it was a helmet?

(*they chase and play they are having fun, he finally puts the hat back on Mary and they exit*)

Scene 4 . At Marys home

MARY 4 When we got back home Mum was there already, and so was Dad.

MARY 3 I thought Dad was working and Mum was at a meeting.

(Mary 23 and 4 shrug and look surprised)

JJ I thought Mum was at a meeting and Dad was working.

MARY 1 Yes me too. Woo! Dads talking really quietly. What's he saying?

JJ I don't know 'cause you're talking! Shush up!

(JJ and Mary listen in unseen by Dad & Mum)

Mum They can't make you go.

Dad They can Maggie.

Mum But it's so far away.

MARY 2 Who are THEY? And where's he going? *(said to Mary 3 and 4)*

MARY 1 Dad?

(Mary is seen by Dad and mum)

Dad Mary! Moonbeam! How's my little moon beam?

MARY 1 I thought you were working and you had a meeting.

Mum Oh Mary never mind now. Go and do your homework. Jonathan....

JJ Mum it's JJ.

Mum Help your sister Jonathon.

JJ Oh What?!

Scene 5 MARY 1 swaps with MARY 2. JJ leaves

MARY 2 My turn.

MARY1 After that they argued all evening.....

(mum and dad continue to argue and JJ plays the tv loud and mum shouts at JJ and then it goes quiet and dad disappears)

MARY 2 ... and then it was quiet and Dad wasn't there like he'd 'disappeared'.
Mum, where's dad?

Mum What? Oh.. he's gone to Grans.

MARY 3 Then it was Saturday: No dad.

MARY 2 Mum, where's Dad?

Mum He had to work ... overtime.

MARY 4 Then Sunday: still no dad

MARY 2 Mum! Where is my Dad?

Mum Oh, your Dad went out early you missed him love.

MARY 2 No I didn't.

Scene 6 At School, Monday morning.

MARY 4 And now it's Monday and I'm at school

(Polly Castor, Aurora & Luna come on an we are in the playground at lunch. The other children are there too)

MARY 4 I feel angry but I keep it inside me all day. I don't speak to anyone. Not to any of my friends! And then at lunch they make me! They wouldn't leave me alone.

(Mary pulls her hat right down on her head so it's like she disappears and eats her sandwich. Castor Aurora & Polly and Luna try to get her attention they take it in turns to swipe her hat and sandwich throwing the hat from one to the other)

MARY 2 What are you doing! Give me my hat! Oi that's my sandwich! Give it back!

Castor No way! You've been acting weird all day. Tell us what's wrong with you Space Girl.

MARY 2 DONT call me that!

Luna Don't call you that? But you love that name!

Polly Oh no! This is not the Mary Moon we know! She must have been captured by aliens and replaced with this replicant. Are you an alien?

(Polly throws the hat at Mary)

MARY 2 Polly!!

Aurora Well, she knows your name.

Polly Doesn't prove anything.

Castor Do you know who I am?

MARY 2 Just leave me alone. All of you!!

(Mary rams her hat on her head and sits with her back to the friends and eat her lunch angrily)

Luna Oh come on Mary we're just messing. Come on... Space Girl! What's wrong Mary is it your stinky brother?

MARY 2 *(She doesn't answer)*

Aurora Did you get a detention from your Mum for calling her mum in class?

MARY 2 *(She doesn't answer just tries to blank them)*

Polly What then? Is your Dad 'lost in Space' *(They Laugh Mary cries)*

Castor Oh no. It is your Dad. Don't cry Mary.

Luna Don't cry Mary.

Castor Oh Mary!

Mary2 He's gone and I don't know where. I asked my mum she wouldn't tell me.

Aurora He's probably at your Nans or at work, my Dads always at work.

Mary 2 No he's not.

- Luna Maybe he's gone to Mars.
- Mary 2 Don't be silly Luna no one's been to Mars, it's 225 million kilometres way.
Even in the fastest rocket it would take, like, at leastat least ... a month or two. And I saw my dad last week.
- Luna I was joking Mary. I was just trying to cheer you up. I'd love to go to Mars though, wouldn't you?
- Castor No I would not Luna.
- Luna What about you Mary?
- Mary2 No. Not Mars. I'd go... to the moon.
- Polly The moon! Just ... the moon?
- Mary2 Well, you say that, but no one's even set foot on the moon for 50 years.
- Aurora Woo that's longer than my Dads been alive.
- Castor Maybe that's where he's gone, the moon
- Aurora Who?
- Castor Her Dad.
- Mary 2 Yes, maybe. And maybe he's found it.
- Luna Found what?
- Mary 2 New life Luna.
- Polly You mean 'Aliens'?
- Mary 2 We are not alone you know Polly.
- Aurora That's what your dad says isn't it!
- Mary 2 Yes. And my dad will find it.
- (JJ enters as they are talking he has overheard what has been said and he too is angry)*
- JJ Mary. Just shut up!
- Castor JJ! Leave her alone. What do you want anyway?

JJ I've gott-a take you home. Mum said.

Luna JJ we think your dads gone to the moon.

JJ What!

Aurora Maybe he's found it.

JJ What?

Mary 2 Maybe Dad's found New life JJ.

JJ Not this again Mary!

Mary 2 We're not alone JJ

JJ What Little green men

Mary 2 Maybe. Oh! I hope he's alright.

(the friends comfort Mary as they have all just realised that little green men could have kidnapped dad)

JJ Look Mary Dads just gone and he's not coming back!

(All the friends and Mary are horrified they look at JJ)

All together

Luna JJ!

Polly Jonathon!

Castor Oh brother!

Aurora Don't be silly!

Scene 7 – The Mary 2 swap with Mary 3 . The scene moves from school to home.

MARY 3 It's my turn now. You wouldn't know to look at him but JJ misses Dad too. But he's angry on the outside. That's why he's shouting at me.

JJ Come on Mary!

(They go home. Mum enters with their supper plates, they are surprised,)

MARY 4 That night. The atmosphere at home is weird. Like all the oxygen has been sucked out. We eat our supper in front of the TV.

(Mum hands them plates of food and points for them to sit in front of the TV)

JJ What?

MARY 4 We are NEVER allowed to do that.

MARY 3 What's going on Mum?

(Mum collects the plates even though they haven't finished)

JJ Mum! I haven't finished.

Mum JJ don't shout!

JJ What? I didn't even say anything...

Mum JJ!

JJ I hate you. It's all your fault! (*he rushes off to his room we hear music playing really loud*)

MARY 3 What's going on Mum?

Mum Jonathan! Turn that down!

MARY 3 Mum..... I think.... Dad has been kidnapped by Aliens.

Mum JJ did you hear me? Turn it down!

MARY 3 I think they've probably taken him to the Moon...

Mum What?

MARY 3 Luna thought it might be Mars but it really couldn't be Mars because that's too far away and ...

Mum Not now

MARY 3 don't worry, because...

Mum Mary not now....

MARY 3 I'm gonna find my Dad

Mum You're going to bed!

MARY 3 But Mum

Mum Now. (*Angry*) Mary please..(*Softer*)please

MARY 3 Alright Mum. (*they hug*) Don't worry Mum

(*Mum puts Mary to bed. Mary is in her space suit PJS.*)

Scene 8; Mary's bedroom

MARY 1 I didn't want to go to sleep. I was so worried about my dad. But I was so tired, and Mum tucked me in and told me a story about the moon.

Mum And Mary was very brave and she was the first Girl in space.

MARY 1 And I fell asleep just like that. Oh am I snoring?

Mum Good night my little Moon Beam.

(*Mum leaves. And a rumble and wooshing noise starts smoke and blue lights*)

MARY 2 I don't know how they got there, I was asleep but I bet they just appeared, in a cloud of space dust.

(*2 space men appear out of a cloud of blue smoke. Coughing and tumbling over each other. They brush themselves down as they get up.*)

Space Commander Stop pushing.

Space Lieutenant I'm not pushing. It's the portal it throws you about, I just bumped into you.

Commander Well don't.

Lieutenant Sorry! Why are we here anyway?

Commander Do you ever listen?

Lieutenant Yes. Usually I do but this time I didn't! We are all human you know.

Commander Not sure you are!

Lieutenant Alright alright. What does it say on the plasma screen, let me see.

(they push each other to be able to see the screen which the commander holds)

Commander Hmm, todays mission is.... very unusual. They have given a girl a special mission.

LIEUTENANT This girl? She's not very old. Year 3 do you think? She does have a space.... hat ...though.

Commander It's not a hat it's a Helmet!

LIEUTENANT And she's wearing a space suit.

Commander She's waking up. Ready?

LIEUTENANT Ready.

(from now on they use their space voices – maybe with an American accent)

MARY 3 Oh my! Who are you? What are you doing here?

Commander Mary Moon you have a mission. To the moon.

LIEUTENANT Your Father is in great danger and only you can save him.

MARY 3 What?

Commander We are not alone.

MARY 3 I know Dad is always telling me.

Commander Your father needs you. You must go to the moon and rescue him.

MARY 3 From Aliens?

LIEUTENANT We are unsure where he is or quite what has happened, but it is likely he has found...

MARY 3 New life! Yes! I'm sure of it. I hope he's alright.

Commander Only you can save him Mary.

MARY 3 I will. I will save Dad! But who are you? How did you get here? And how will I get to the moon?

Commander Think Mary think, you know all about the moon.

LIEUTENANT Think Mary think

MARY 3 How to get to the moon.

Commander You know about the moon

LIEUTENANT You do

MARY 3 I do

Scene 9

MARY 1 Moon Fact 1: The moon is 384,400km away from Earth, it's our nearest neighbour.

MARY 2 Moon Fact 2; If you went by car and you travelled at 100km per hour all the way no stopping it would take like from now until Christmas time.

MARY 4 Moon Fact 3: That's why you have to take a rocket to the moon,

MARY 1 Would you not have to go to America? That's where all the rockets are?

MARY 4 Not if your dad is a space man. Remember at Easter? Dad was in his shed and I took him a cup of tea? Remember what was in the shed?.....

Flashback

MARY 4 Dad. Tea. Mum says no biscuits cause it's nearly supper... what's that dad?

Dad Don't come in Mary.

MARY 4 What? Why not?

Dad You know this is my laboratory and it is top secret.

MARY 4 Oh let me look Dad. Please dad. Is that a rocket? Are you building ...a rocket!

Dad Never come in here on your own little moonbeam this place is full of danger.

MARY 4 Okay dad.

Dad Not a word to your Mum.

Dad takes the tea from Mary & disappears. Flashback ends

MARY 4 But now things are different, and it is dad who's out there where it's full of danger.

MARY 3 Oh dad.

MARY 4 Oh Dad

MARY 1 Oh Dad

Commander Come on Mary. To the shed.

LIEUTENANT To the laboratory

(They find Dads rocket)

LIEUTENANT Open the door.

MARY 3 Dad's rocket!

LIEUTENANT Sit in it go on.

MARY 3 Which button shall I press.

Commander & Lieutenant This one

(They each push a different button on opposite sides. Loud rumbling and wooshing as the engines engage. Count down from mission control. A countdown starts – could be recorded)

MARY 1 It's hot.

Commander 5

MARY 2 It's like the rides at the fair

LIEUTENANT 4

MARY 3 I feel sick

Commander 3

MARY 1 Close your eyes hold your breath!

LIEUTENANT 2

MARY 2 Put your Helmet on!

Commander 1

MARY 4 I'm flying

ALL Straight up.... to the moon!

(Mary 3 and the Commander and lieutenant look through a space window – they could hold this window or the Marys could. The earth appears behind them with a small rocket above it & the moon appears – could be a projection could be on sticks, they look forward)

MARY 3 Woow! Look at the earth down there all green and blue!
What's that noise?

(A loud crash sound)

Commander We've landed.

LIEUTENANT On the moon!

All the Marys gasp. A flashing light noise.

LIEUTENANT Captain the portal will soon be closed.

Commander Space Girl, our work here is done.

MARY 3 Wait, what?

LIEUTENANT Captain, we must leave.

Commander You must complete your mission, meet strange new beasts, seek out new civilisations, boldly go where no girl has gone before.

LIEUTENANT Captain, I can't hold it much longer!

MARY 3 I feel a bit scared.

Commander This is what you always wanted Space Girl.

Lieutenant Remember what Dad says.

Commander & Lieutenant We are not alone

Space men disappear

Scene 10; The Marys swap.

MARY 4 It's my turn now. I am the brave Mary. Yes! I'm gonna find my dad.

MARY 1 I open the door.

MARY 2 I take a giant leap

MARY 4 For the first time a girl is walking on the moon. (*the marys echo her words*)

Mary 1 The moon

Mary 2 The moon

Mary 3 The Moon

MARY 4 It's so quiet. And the sky is.... Light and dark at the same time. That's weird.

Mary 1 Weird

Mary 2 weird

Mary 3 weird

MARY 4 The sun is behind me and warms my back, and there's my shadow.....
Waving back
(*She waves at her shadow*).

MARY 4 I feel better now.

MARY 1 Something moves behind me, scuttling from rock to rock.

MARY 2 I turn round slowly 'cause in space everything is in sloooow mooootion

Mike Please don't hurt me

MARY 4 What?

Martin We're looking for Dad.

MARY 4 Woo! What?

Martin We are looking for our Dad. It can't understand us Mike.

MARY 4 I'm looking for my dad too.

Mike It can understand us Martin. I'm Mike and this is my brother Martin.

Martin Martin and Mike Mars. Pleased to meet you.

MARY 4 I'm Mary. Mary Moon.

Martin Hi Mary! Oooo! (*Martin Hides with fear as Mary stretches her hand out to touch martin*)

Mary4 It's okay, I'm not going to hurt you.

Mike Really?

MARY 4 Really.

Mike Well you do look a bit....

Martin Scary.

MARY 4 Me? You look scary.

Martin Me? You're funny.

Mike So where have you looked?

MARY 4 What?

Mike For your Dad, where have you looked?

MARY 4 Oh I only just got here.

Martin Well, we 'wandered off' didn't we Mike.

Mike Martin!

Martin Dad said, 'don't wander off Mike, stay together'. But you did didn't you Mike!

Mike And you followed!

Martin I was 'staying together'. You 'wandered off'. And now we're are going to miss our tea.

Mike No we are not Martin. I know where we are. Well, I know where we are going.

MARY 4 Where are you going?

Mike To the Sea of Tranquillity. Dad's bound to be there.

MARY 4 Oooh I know that – the sea of Tranquillity.

Mike You do? Well you can come too then.

(*Mike Martin and Mary leave and the other mary's speak to the audience*)

Scene 11 The Moon continued.

MARY 1 The sea of tranquillity. That's awesome.

MARY 2 But there's no water on the moon.

MARY 3 No. Plenty of seas and oceans but no water.

MARY 1 The sea of tranquillity is full of dust and rocks from old old volcanoes.

MARY 2 Actually, I didn't know where the sea of tranquillity was, I'd just heard of it but we finally got there.

Mike Here it is: The Sea of Tranquillity. It is very .. tranquil.

Martin What?

Mike That means peaceful.

(*Suddenly they all see something and react with fear*)

Mary What's that? Some sort of (Monster is what she is going to say)

Martin Dad? Is that Dad Mike?

Mike No Martin that is not dad what would he be doing in a dusty sea.

MARY 4 What on earth is it?

Martin I think you mean what on Moon is it.

MARY 4 I suppose I do.

2 Space dragons swim up with a guide book and mobile phone. Filming.

Dougie I told you Debbie. Real life!

Debby So you did. What a strange looking bunch. Very 'different'. Especially that one (*She is talking about Mary*) with the 2 sticky out things (*She means her arms*) and the pink lump on top, (*She means her head*) very different. Do you think they bite?

- Dougie It's hard to tell. I have had my jabs though. I don't remember seeing these in the guide book. (*Dougie looks through the guide book*)
- Debbie I have to say, they won't believe this back home. Take a selfie Dougie go on take a selfie. (*Mike Mary & Martin move away*) Don't run away. Move slowly Dougie you're scaring them.
- Dougie You're scaring them Debbie.
- Debbie Am I though Dougie. You're scaring them.
- Martin We're not scared!
- MARY 4 I am a bit
- Debbie That's amazing, they speak.
- Mike Of course we speak
- Debbie All of them even the one with the pink lump on top.
- MARY 4 This can't be happening.
- Debbie Calm down... Alien. (*said to Mary*)
- MARY 4 I'm not an alien!
- Debbie Well you look like an alien.
- MARY 4 You look like an alien
- Debbie Why is it shouting? We're on our holiday. They promised us strange creatures they never said they'd shout at us! Oh Dougie. I only wanted a selfie.
- Dougie Hay hay come on now Debbie let's calm down.
- Debbie It called me an alien! ME!
- Dougie I know I know but maybe where it comes from that's a compliment.
- MARY 4 I'm not an 'IT'.
- Dougie Not an IT okay! Okay! It's cute though don't you think?
It's very sensitive.
- Martin We're just looking for our Dads, we lost them.

Debbie Careless.

Dougie What do these 'Dads' look like?

Mike Urm, everyone says I look like my dad only he's bigger than me of course.

MARY 4 I look like my dad too.

Dean Hmmm a big green thing and a big pink thing

Mary 4 My dad's not pink!

Martin Well my dad is!

Mary 4 Oh.

Dougie Yes we've seen them haven't we Debbie. You poor things. Debbie do you think we could help them? I don't think they'll hurt us, and it will make a great story to tell back home. What do you say?

Dean Okay okay. We can help. Well jump up then and hold on tight.

(they jump on the tails of the space dragons and are taken to the next scene)

MARY 3 On the back of the space dragons we flew across the dusty moon way from the sea of tranquillity to a much much much darker place.

MARY 2 They let us go and be bounced and bumped around and finally landed on the ground.

Debbie Wander round, your dads will soon be found.

Mary 4 Thanks Debbie and Dougie

Scene 12 - The Sea of Sorrow. Music: Clair De Lune by Debussy (suggestion only)

Mike That was sick.

Martin I feel really..... sad.

Mike We'll find our Dads Mary I know we will.

Mary 4 I hope you're right Mike. Where are we now?
This is not dust, looks more like mud.

(*SIGH MONA, HUE & Whisp enter, they are invisible sorrow monsters and they creep around and their moon dust makes Mary Mike & Martin increasingly sad and full of sorrow.*)

SIGH Arhhh (*A big sighing sound*)

Mary 4 Did you hear something?

Mike It is mud. I'm stuck.

Mary 4 So am I. Is Martin beginning to cry?

Martin I feel, I feel like I'll never see my Dad again.

(*the sorrow monsters make their sad moaning singing sounds*)

Mary 4 What is that noise it sounds so sad, like someone sighing and crying.

Mike I can hear it too!

Mona Moans

Hue Wails and cries

Si Sighs

Whisp Whispers

Mary 4 I want my Dad, I feel... I feel... like he's gone away and he's not coming back!

Martin Where are we?

Hue This is the sea of sorrow, a place of no tomorrow

Whisp A place of sadness, of badness, where every frown stays upside down.

Mike Oh no! This is the sea of sorrows. We can't stay here we will drown in sadness!

(*The sorrow monsters are invisible and whisper in the ears of the 3 who become sadder and sadder. The monsters whisper in the ears of Mary now*)

Mona Your dad went away the other day
Where he was going he didn't say

Sigh He could be lost or sad and alone
Did he leave a message or even phone?

Mary 4 No. I wish my Dad was here.

(*The Monsters whisper in Martins ear*)

Mona Dad told you to wait
 not wander away
 Don't mess about,
 don't chat or play

Sigh But you got lost
 and now you'll pay
 You're never going home
 You're here you'll stay!

Hue This is the sea of sorrow,
 a place of no tomorrow

Whisp A place of sadness, of badness
 Where every frown stays upside down.

Martin We'll never get home!

Scene 13: The Sorrow monsters conjure up 3 sad scenes of what might have happened to the Dads.

Mary 4 My dad could be kidnapped by aliens and they are holding him hostage...

(1st imagined scene - *Mr Moon is tied up and is being held prisoner by Mr Mars.*)

Moon But I'm a Planet Hunter

Mars A Planet hunter?

Moon That's right! I come in peace. Why won't you believe me?

Mars Why should we believe you? The moon is ours, we got here first. There's no room for Aliens like you.

Dad Aliens like me? You won't get away with this green Man!

Mars I think you'll find we are getting away with it Space Man. We've been here for years and you stupid earth people didn't even know! Ha ha ha

(*End of flash*)

Martin *My dad could be held prisoner and the monster aliens might be shouting at him. In a language he doesn't understand.*

(*2nd Imagined scene Mr Moon is holding Mr Mars Hostage in a reverse of the first one*)

Mars I said I come in peace. I don't understand you. What is your language? It sounds like Spanish? But I don't understand!

Moon What is it you're saying Alien? Do you come to take over? I will not allow it! Little green men we have been expecting you!

(End of flash)

Mike Maybe our Dads are in real danger, and at the last minute they see a massive meteor heading straight for them. And it's too late.

(3rd imagined scene the dads are really great mates in this one about to meet their end)

Mars This place is amazing, full on new life Mr Moon, look another new species.

Moon Woow. This is awesome Mr Mars. You are awesome. We are so different but we work so well together. Wait, what in heaven's name is that?

Mars A meteor and it's coming straight for us!

Mars It's heading this way. We've only minutes to live. Argh!

Moon Argh! You have been a good friend to me Mars. If you make it out, get a message to Mary tell her I didn't mean to go away without telling her.

Mars You'll make it Moon. But if I don't, tell the boys – I didn't mean to wander off.

Moon Mars! I'm proud to spend my last moments with you old friend.....

Both Argh!

(Flash ends)

Martin Why did you leave us dad?

Mike Dad didn't leave us.

Mary 4 Why didn't you tell me where you were going dad!

Mike It's the sea of sorrows. This place. We can't stay here. You gotta try and you gotta keep going come on Mary come on Martin.

They pull up their feet as if stuck in mud and finally all fall to the ground and the monsters vanish.

Mary 4 What happened?

Martin The sorrow monsters made us sad.

Mary 4 Thanks Mike. You saved us. Where are we now?

Mike The great crater.

Scene 14 Mary's swap hat/helmet.

Mary 2 Now it's my turn.

*They are now on the great crater and dad is there left and mikes dad is there right
The dads are not together, in fact they have not seen each other.*

Mary 1 We saw 2 lights shining as if someone was using a torch to look for something they had lost.

Mary 3 It was a big green thing and an astronaut.

Martin Dad

Mary 2 Dad

Mr Mars Mike, Martin there you are! I told you not to wander off. I've been looking for you everywhere.

Mike Sorry dad. But we did stick together.

Mr Mars You did. Well never mind you're here now. Come on boys.

Martin and mike wave at Mary who waves back.

Mr Moon Moon Beam what are you doing here?

Mary 2 Looking for you!

Mr Moon What!

Mary 2 If you go off without saying where you're going mum worries and JJ slams the door!

Mr Moon I didn't think. I was so busy with ..

Mary 2 Yes with work. Well you're here now dad.

Mr Moon Oh Mary I won't go away again with our telling you.

Mary 3 And I felt so much better. But how are we going to get home? How?

Mary 4 You don't need to worry about that when your dad's a space man.

Mr Moon Hold on tight moonbeam.

Scene 15 Sound and light effect of rocket coming back to earth

M 4 And before you know it we are back in the laboratory.

MARY 3 And mums there and JJs there and all my friends are there.

JJ Where have you been moonbeam?

Polly JJs been crying. He really missed you.

JJ Where were you?

Luna We looked everywhere.

Mary 2 Well I'm here now. I brought Dad too.

JJ Dad!

Dad JJ. Maggie I'm back.

Aurora Mary you found him. Did you really go to the moon?

Mary 2 We did and there was dust and dragons and green aliens and then we got stuck in space mud.

Polly Wait till we tell them at school, no one will believe us.

Castor It sounds just like a dream. Isn't that the new boy and his brother? What's he doing here?

(Mike & Martin enter)

Mike You okay Mary?

Mary 2 Mike! Martin. I can't believe it you're here!

Mike We moved in next door.

Polly Do you know them Mary?

Mary Yes. Is your Dad with you?

(Mikes Dad enters)

Mr Mars Boys, what are you doing? I'm sorry, we have moved in next door and they insisted on coming round.

Mary 2 Dad, look its Mr Mars, Mikes Dad.

Dad Please to meet you...Mr Mars, have we met before? You look familiar?

Mr Mars I don't think so.... Is that your space ship in the garden?

Dad Certainly is.

Mr Mars It's a beauty. Could I take a look?

Dad Of course, built it myself.

Mr Mars No! (*they begin to talk about space and space ships*)

Mary 2 Dad was right.

Polly Was he?

Mary 2 Yes

Arora That we're not alone?

Mary 1 That's right.

Mary 3 We are not alone.

Mary 4 None of us.

Mary 2 I can't wait for year 6.

Song cheering etc.....

THE END