

**Title: The School That Helped the World: Rescue from Pluto**

**By: Catherine deBlieux and the students of Fall 2024 Jack Segal Academy**

**Narrator: Catherine deBlieux**

- Brianna.....Rich Twin and student (Mars)
- Sofia..... Rich Twin and Student (Mars)
- Ellie Burger.... Isabel the student (Jupiter)
- Holland.....Matilda the student (Jupiter)
- Tille.....Tille the Teacher (*Map of earth*)
- Ruthie..... Ruthie the Teacher (*Map of earth*)
- Aspen..... Super Hero Girl student that can turn tears into magical objects (Uranus)
- Amelia..... Amelia the Cat (Uranus)
- Charlotte..... Charlotte the Cat (Neptune)
- ✓ Arthur..... Astronaut
  
- Harvey..... Lava Man
- Jaxon..... Jaxon the Shark
- Jonah N..... Jonah the Shark
  
- ❖ Ben.....Ben the Hacker (Saturn)
- ❖ Daniel..... Daniel the Hacker (Neptune)
- ❖ Jonah U.....Jonah the Hacker that loves sharks (Saturn)

### **Scene 1: The School to Help the World**

**Narrator:** (Opens the play) “Welcome to a world where imagination knows no bounds, and heroes come page in all shapes and sizes. Our story begins at the School to Help the World, where students and teachers are always ready for an adventure!”

**(ENTER MIA AND LEAH from SL... as they say dialogue they walk across to SR)**

NARRATOR: Mia and Leah are twins. The are students are the School to Help the Worl. They offer the campus one of the largest endowments for fundraising. Daddy! There is just one problem.

MIA & LEAH: Dad! We need more money.

MIA: Let me ask.

LEAH: No, I am going to ask.

MIA: No, me!

**(Exit SR and the rest of the class of students and cats reenters)**

NARRATOR: Mia and Leah liked to help people. One day in science class, Mrs. Tillie and Ruthie were overlooking a map with a magnifying glass and noticed a big problem. The science teachers raised their concern to the class.

RUTHIE: Class, we have to save the planet.

TILLIE: Your assignment today is to come up with ideas on how to save the world.

***(students gather in half circle)***

NARRATOR: In lab, Mia and Leah would work with their friends Matilda, Isabel, and of course the campus kitty, Amelia and super hero girl Aspen. They were conversing when a visiting astronaut came to visit.

ISABEL: But we have to save the planet earth before I turn 18.

LEAH: You have only been wanting to “turn” 18 since you were 11.

MIA: Yeah, like 7 years already.

MATILDA: Guys. We need to find a solution to the world problems and how we are going to save the planet. But how?

NARRATOR: Just then the Arthur the Astronaut thought of an idea.

ARTHUR: I have an idea. I will become an astronaut and use my space rocket and travel to Pluto. I will find clues on how we can extend life.

ALL: Good Idea

***(Exit)***

## **Scene 2: PLUTO a place far, far away**

- **Setting Pluto**
- **Characters: Lava Man (*playing with Lava goo*), Jonah Nash and Jaxon (*sitting in a small pond*)**

***(Enter Sharks and Lava Man upstage)***

NARRATOR: On Pluto there were two alien sharks. One shark was a megalodon that had been teleported from the planet earth by Lava Man. The other shark was Jaxon his distant brother. They were cast far away to the surface of Pluto to prevent their super laser powers from being used to destruct the world.

JONAH NASH: One day we will return to earth.

JAXON: Yes, but how? ***(stage whisper)*** Lava Boy here has us captive.

LAVA MAN: It’s Lava Man. And now I will create lava to make your tiny ocean pond even tinier.

JONAH: But I am a Megalodon. I barely have enough room as it is.

JAXON: ***(whispering)*** Be quiet Jonah.

LAVA MAN: Do I hear complaining?

JONAH: No Lava boy.

LAVA MAN: It’s Man!

NARRATOR: And with that Lava Man made the water which the sharks lived became smaller, but not before the sharks could set off their beacon device to the universe.

### **Scene 3: THE UNDERGROUND**

- Setting: Underground station where hackers live.
- Characters: three hackers Jonah Usik, Daniel, and Ben on their computers with monitors.

***(Enter 3 Hackers with Monitors and STAR of DAVID)***

NARRATOR: Meanwhile on Earth a team of Hackers were bored and seeking a mission of their own. They had the new top Secret Telescoping Apparatus of Recording to protect and learn about the universe. They try to learn its capabilities.

Their new apparatus for recording launched in space was top secret. It was called the STAR of David for it was designed to protect the world.

JONAH USIK: I can't wait... Next week is shark week!

DANIEL: I am bored.

BEN: If you are so bored, why don't you help me understand all the things STAR of David does to find world peace.

DANIEL: It needs a key.

BEN: What?

DANIEL: See right there? It needs a key to unlock the full potential.

JONAH USIK: Hey guys. Did you know sharks have the ability to detect weak electric fields?

DANIEL: Yes. I did. Being a golden hacker is not easy. I am just too smart.

JONAH USIK: Guys, I am picking up that strange beacon again from out of space. The STAR of David is pinging again. We need that key to transmit!

NARRATOR: And with that the hackers now had something to try and hack-finding a key so they could transmit the message.

***(Exit HACKERS)***

### **Scene 4: The Astronaut's Mission**

- *Setting:* The astronaut's spaceship on Earth, transitioning to space.
- *Characters:* The Astronaut, Teachers, Students, Sharks and Lava Man

***(Enter Arthur with a Rocket ship and students to place planets on stage. Students then look at Rocket until it launches)***

NARRATOR: With the help of the School to Help the World, Arthur was about to launch into space.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS COUNT DOWN: 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1... Blast off.

***(Students now place themselves in positions to hold planet-see assigned planet under cast name)***

NARRATOR: Everything was going as planned. He passed the planets.

***(as Arthur passes in rocket student holds up cardboard representations of planet after planet)***

First Mars, then Jupiter, next Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and finally got to Pluto. As he passed the planets he got colder and colder traveling away from the sun. He landed his space ship carefully on Pluto. But he did not know what he was about to get into.

ARTHUR: (***exiting rocket***) I wonder what earth will look like from Pluto... (***he sees sharks and immediately panics***) ... Oh No!!! What are those? Shark-liens!

JONAH NASH: Is that what I think it is?!

JAXON: A space ship. With an astronaut. Yummy! I can't wait to eat him.

JONAH: You can't eat him. No.... I have an idea. We will hold him hostage with our lasers.... (***evil Laugh***). Then we will send a beacon to return home to earth.

JAXON: Hey, that's not a bad idea.

JONAH: No more hot lava! No more hot lava.

***(Lava Man Enters as they begin chanting no more hot lava... no more hot lava)***

LAVA MAN: What? Did someone call my name?

NARRATOR: Lava Man realized the sharks had a captive human prisoner and that he was in trouble. Lava Man would not risk the astronaut's safety and cause alarm. He had to act quick!

JONAH: Yes. Lava Boy. We have a prisoner.

JAXON: What are you going to do about it?

ARTHUR: Help! Help!!! Don't leave me!!!

LAVA MAN: I will be back!

NARRATOR: Lava Man had to act quickly and get help. And with that Lava Man thought quickly and used his teleporting powers to return to earth to seek help.

***(All exit)***

### **Scene 5: Teleporting for a Cause**

NARRATOR: Lava Boy Teleported to the New York City and landed in a field by School to Help the World where two kitties playing with their super hero friend Aspen. He called the cats.

LAVA MAN: Here kitty kitty.

AMELIA and CHARLOTTE: Meowth

LAVA: Great. (***with extreme disappointment***) Of course, I would be in a dire situation and I find cats. Cats can't talk.

AMELIA: Yes, we can.

CHARLOTTE: Who do you think we are Mister?

LAVA: Whoah.

ASPEN: How can we help you?

LAVA: Who are you?

ASPEN: I am Aspen, I have super powers to collect tears and make magic from them.

LAVA: I have to find someone capable of sending signals to outer space to bring home an astronaut stuck on Pluto.

ASPEN & AMELIA & CHARLOTTE: Pluto?

AMELIA: Wait? Would this be an astronaut named Arthur?

LAVA: I think so?

ASPEN: Oh no. We have to tell the school.

CHARLOTTE: Let's go guys!

NARRATOR: And with that, the Kitty and Aspen took Lava Man to school.

***(Exit)***

### **Scene 6: Back at the School to Help the World**

***(Enter students and teachers)***

NARRATOR: Back at the School to Help the World experiments were underway when in stormed Lava Man.

***(Quickly enters Lava Man, Cats and Aspen)***

CHARLOTTE: Meowth!!!!

AMELIA: Master look what we found.

***(They all react to the strange boy they bring to the school as if it were a mouse)***

TILLIE: That's it, no kitty treats for you bad kitty.

RUTHIE: What bad kitties! Bringing a strange boy to our school.

ISABEL: Kitties, what did you bring into our lab now?

MATILDA: ***(not looking up from her work)*** A Mouse... Yeah... We are working here. *(realizing it is a boy she screams)* Yuck!!! You can't have a boy in a science lab.

LAVA: I am not a boy. I am Lava Man.

ALL STUDENTS: ***(Squeal)***

LEAH: He will melt the ground.

ISABEL: Hey! Let's see what he has to say.

LAVA MAN: I need your help. There is an astronaut stuck on Pluto and he is running low on air. If we don't act fast, he will not be able to breathe.

RUTHIE: This is a job for...

**(CATS: *Dun Dun DUN -MOMENT*)**

TILLIE: The Hackers.

STUDENTS: What?!

TILLIE: There is no time.

RUTHIE: Come with us!

NARRATOR: And with that they left the campus and raced to the Underground to find the hackers.

**(Exit students, cats and Lava)**

### **Scene 7: The Underground Hacker Mission Control**

**(Enter Hackers)**

NARRATOR: The hackers were busily trying to unscramble the world problems...

**(in burst teachers and student group from Scene 6)**

When suddenly the students and teachers burst into mission control at the Underground Hacker lab. The hackers were working around the monitors decoding the STAR of David.

HACKERS: YUCK! Girls.

MIA & LEAH: Oh stop.

ISABEL: We need your help. An Astronauts life depends on you.

MATILDA: We need you to help us on a rescue mission.

DANIEL: Finally, something to do!

MIA: That is what your good at, right?

BEN: Not only are we good at rescues, we are great at rescues.

JONAH USIK: I have been following a beacon in space with STAR of David. Sharks are manipulating sound waves with electric currents.

LAVA: Yes. That's it. There are two sharks holding the astronaut hostage.

MIA: Can we teleport him home?

ISABEL: Yes. He was doing field research.

MATILDA: We have to save him.

BEN: Let me do an encryption on my program for STAR of David.

ALL Students: STAR of DAVID?

JONAH USIK: Secret Telescoping Apparatus of Recording. It uses ancient codes to record information across the space time continuum in order to do good for mankind.

TILLE and RUTHIE: **(Clear throat)**

JONAH USIK: and woman kind.

DANIEL: *(aside to audience)* You have to be so careful not to offend anyone these days.

***(Charlotte Picks up STAR OF DAVID and begins to pace. Everyone follows her.)***

CHARLOTTE: This is the machine Rabbi Segal prophesized would change the world.

BEN: But we need a key!

ASPEN: A Key?

HACKERS: YES! A Key.

NARRATOR: The students and teachers worked diligently to answer questions for the Hackers as they listened for the signal STAR of David was recording but could not get the signal clear.

***(Charlotte still holding the STAR walks off stage and they all follow after her)***

## **SCENE 8 - BACK ON PLUTO**

***(Arthur and Sharks enter STAGE LEFT as students and hackers stay onstage)***

NARRATOR: Meanwhile on Pluto. Arthur's oxygen was getting dangerously low.

ARTHUR: *(on radio)* Can't breathe. Can't breathe. If anyone on ground control can hear me, I am being held captive on Pluto by two sharks. Send help.

JAXON: Can't I eat the astronaut? Please? *(to Jonah N)*

JONAH N: No. I already told you. This astronaut is our ticket back to planet earth. Once the earthlings know we have him, they will teleport us back.

JAXON: And we can eat all the tuna steak we want.

JONAH: Let's Laser the door open and take him to the swamp.

ARTHUR: Send help over. *(he screams or improvises something related to don't eat me).*

NARRATOR: Arthur was in quite the pickle BUT the transmission was heard loud and clear at ground control!

***(SHARKS and Arthur Exit)***

## **SCENE 9 BACK AT HACKER LAB**

***(Former scene follows Charlotte back in as she carries the Star of David)***

NARRATOR: Back at the Hacker lab...

DANIEL: Wait... Golden Hacker here. Something is coming through. It's a clear transmission.

TILLIE: Do you hear that?

RUTHIE: They are speaking Shark-lien *(realizing this is Tillie's science experiment gone wrong)* I told you not to create those creatures.

MIA: What are you talking about?

ISABEL: (**Realizing**) Oh my gosh. It's true.

LEAH: What's true?

MIA: What are you talking about?

MATILDA: Legend says a teacher from this school created a massive shark mutation from DNA recovered from prehistoric shark bones.

ASPEN: What is DNA?

LEAH: Deoxyribonucleic acid... (PR: Dee-oxy-ribo-nuclay-ic acid). That's a mouthful of scientific words.

MIA: The stuff that makes up genes.

TILLIE: They were supposed to be pet fish but they kept growing, and growing, and growing until one day, they did not fit in the tank anymore.

RUTHIE: So, she released them in a pond in Central Park.

ISABEL: You should never release pets into the wild.

MATILDA: It damages the ecosystem.

LAVA MAN: That must be when I found the sharks and teleported them to Pluto for trying to bite me. They seemed dangerous.

ARTHUR: (**offstage but students hear him through the computers and Star of David**) Can't breathe. LET ME GO!!

MIA: We have to help Arthur. Daddy!!!

LEAH: How much money will it take?

MIA & LEAH: We need Daddy's Money!!!

(**twins begin to cry**)

BEN: You can't buy him out of this situation.

LAVA MAN: This is terrible.

JONAH USIK: We are all going to have to work together.

NARRATOR: As the twins began to cry hysterically, Aspen had an idea. She used a vial and collected the tears of the twins into a small magical vial.

AMELIA: What are you doing?

ASPEN: Collecting tears for creating something special. I have an idea.

NARRATOR: Aspen found a piece of metal and mixed the tears with the metal creating a sword.

(**Aspen runs off stage with vial and comes back on with a sword**)

But this was not just any sword. It fit perfectly like...

MIA and LEAH: (**suddenly they get excited and STOP Crying**) A Key!

TILLIE/RUTHIE: But what is the key to?



ISABEL/JONAH USIK: (*Exchange a look of excitement*) The Star of David.

MATILDA: That's it.

NARRATOR: They inserted the sword key into the STAR of David...

LAVA MAN: Nothing Happened.

ASPEN: I need your hand.

LAVA: But wait don't touch me. You may melt...

**(Aspen takes Lava Man by the hand and places his hand at the center.)**

How did you do that? No one can touch me.

ASPEN: I have super powers too, remember?

NARRATOR: When Aspen Placed Lava Man's hand on the shield of Star of David with the sword key, **Arthur was magically teleported home leaving the** sharks stranded on Pluto. The students all cheered and celebrated.

ARTHUR: I can BREATHE! Thank you!

**(SHARKS will be upstage using baby shark chomping gestures with arms)**

ISABEL: Welcome home Arthur.

MATILDA: You have had quite the adventure.

DANIEL: Well, this has been exciting.

JONAH U: Well now we know how to make the Star of David work. Here let me get your sword key.

ASPEN: Keep it. It may come in handy one day.

MIA: Glad to see you home.

LEAH: Yeah. What was Pluto like?

ARTHUR: Cold.

LAVA MAN: I can heat up the earth if you like.

ALL: NO!

TILLIE: What did you learn from space travel?

ARTHUR: I learned that mankind's greatest solution is to help one another.

ISABEL: (Looking at images) Judging by the images from out of space, we should do more to clean the oceans.

HACKERS: And work together with technology.

MIA and LEAH: And that money cannot buy everything.

MIA: Glad your home safe.

LEAH: Yes Arthur. Welcome Home!

MATILDA: (*phone rings*) Yes mom... It's my mom... mhmmmm.. mhhmmmm. Really. Hey guys it's my birthday. I am finally 18.

TILLIE AND RUTHIE: Cake all around.

TILLIE: And treats for the kitty.

CATS: MEOW!!!!!! (*singing song from meow mix*)

NARRATOR: Everyone got what they wanted. The hackers made new friends above ground. The students got to help the planet. The teachers got to educate, kitty got her treats, Aspen was able to use her powers for the good of the planet, and Matilda got her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday... finally.

(*SHARKS ONSTAGE*)

Except, the sharks. They did not quite get what they wanted. They got canned tuna instead from Lava Man and two tickets to Tahiti on an occasional teleport tour.

The STAR of David the Hackers encrypted did wonders for the world creating peace and unity and they all...

ALL: LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER