

OUT OF THIS WORLD

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This screenplay addresses the Social-Emotional Learning skill: self-management

I. The ability to successfully regulate one's emotions, thoughts and behaviours in different situations. Effectively managing stress, controlling impulses, and motivating one's self.

II. The ability to set and work toward personal and academic goals.

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

The school bell rings. We come down through the clouds to an elementary school in a quiet neighbourhood. We hear the voice of our teacher.

MS. PENELOPE (V.O)
Breathe in... breathe out...
breathe in... breathe out...

We dissolve through the exterior of the school down to MS. PENELOPE'S classroom.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

STUDENTS are sitting at four-person tables in a classroom. The teacher, MS. PENELOPE, is standing at the front of the class addressing the students. SONNY and EV are seated across from one another at a four-person table.

MS. PENELOPE (CONT'D)
Belly breathing helps you calm down
and focus. Try it with me.

MS. PENELOPE puts her hand on her belly and breathes in slowly. All the students, including EV, copy her. The only student not participating in the exercise is Sonny. He is too busy drawing and not paying attention.

MS. PENELOPE lets the air out of her belly slowly and all the students copy her again.

MS. PENELOPE (CONT'D)
Breathe in, two, three, four and
out, two, three, four. And again,
breathe in, two, three, four and
out, two, three, four.

MS. PENELOPE and all the students do the belly breathing exercise again. Meanwhile, SONNY nudges EV so she'll look at his drawing. Distracted, EV opens an eye and looks at SONNY who is becoming very animated and excited. Other students start to notice his disruptive behaviour, too, and become annoyed. LULU death glares at both of them.

MS. PENELOPE (CONT'D)
Breathing can help you relax and
focus. Now that we're calm, I can
tell you about our very special
guest! The world famous astronaut,
Lotta Orbitz, is coming today.
She'll tell us all about outer
space!

MS. PENELOPE smiles brightly. The entire class chatters
excitedly.

MARIKO
Can she teach us how to moonwalk?!

SONNY leans across the desk towards EV.

SONNY
Look at this, Ev!

EV's eyes light up with interest. We pan down to SONNY's
drawing. Sonny's drawing comes to life, and we're pulled into
the artist's fantasy.

INT. SONNY'S DRAWING - DAY

The doodle of a female astronaut, LOTTA ORBITZ, comes to life
and begins running through the corridors of a luminous
spaceship. A monstrous alien creature chases close behind,
swiping at her with its slimy tentacles. She fires a web from
her smart watch. The glowing net whooshes past the creature
and bounces off the hallway wall.

SONNY (V.O) (CONT'D)
Pew, pew, pew! Raarrhh! Grrr! Oh
no!

LOTTA ORBITZ is grappled by the alien, it pulls her closer to
its open jaws. She wriggles free and tangles the creature up
in its own tentacles. The alien collapses, and Lotta does a
moonwalk victory dance to celebrate.

SONNY (V.O) (CONT'D)
Take that, you yucky old alien!

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

LOTTA turns back into a drawing on the page. EV laughs. SONNY
laughs, too. Their giggling catches the teacher's attention.

MS. PENELOPE
(Clears her throat)

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EV sits straight up and looks attentive. SONNY gulps, smiles
sheepishly, and tucks his drawing aside. MS. PENELOPE
maintains eye contact while continuing to speak.

MS. PENELOPE (CONT'D)
 There is so much to learn from Ms. Orbitz this afternoon, so you'll need to stay focused during her presentation.

SONNY
 Laser-focused!

SONNY and EV nod in agreement. MS. PENELOPE nods, too. She turns to address the whole class again.

MS. PENELOPE
 Lotta Orbitz investigates Martian plant life. She mixes DNA together to create plants that are strong enough to survive on Mars!

SONNY's eyes light up with curiosity. MS. PENELOPE continues to talk but her voice fades away. Thrilling music begins to play. SONNY's eyes widen and he begins to draw again. The world fades out around him and his surroundings begin to look like the planet Mars.

SONNY
 (Whispers in amazement)
 No way, Jose!

INT. SONNY'S DRAWING - DAY

We're back into the drawing world, on Mars this time. LOTTA ORBITZ is fertilizing plants in her lab, her assistants (who look like the kids from SONNY's class) are helping her trim and water. A carnivorous alien plant bites LOTTA ORBITZ on the arm.

SONNY (V.O)
 Oh!

Suddenly, LOTTA starts to turn green.

SONNY (V.O.)
That's not good!

Her head grows into the head of a Venus flytrap. She grows a huge tail that looks like a vine.

SONNY (V.O.)
 Yikes!

She whips her tail around and sweeps some kids way up into the air. As they fall back down she opens her mouth to eat them.

SONNY (V.O)
 (Whispers with intensity)
 Oh no you don't, Missy!

SONNY and EV appear in full astronaut gear. They draw their smart watches and rush in to help. They fire a net and rescue the kids, preventing the alien from devouring their friends.

EV
Hey, look out!

ASTRONAUT EV ducks for cover from the alien's acid spit.

EV (CONT'D)
Yuck!

ASTRONAUT SONNY is fighting the mutated LOTTA. He's up close and personal.

SONNY
Take... huh?

MS. PENELOPE(V.O)
Earth to Sonny, Earth to Ev, are
you two there?!

SONNY stops, interrupted by MS. PENELOPE's voice coming from afar. He stares blankly at the mutated Venus flytrap who sounds a lot like... MS. PENELOPE! The image fades and the real MS. PENELOPE is standing in front of SONNY, looking very disappointed. We return to reality.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

EV sinks into her seat, embarrassed.

MS. PENELOPE
You two really need to pay better
attention, or you could miss
something that is out of this
world!

The lunch bell rings, and MS. PENELOPE dismisses the class. Not really paying attention to MS. PENELOPE's words of wisdom, SONNY turns his attention back to EV.

SONNY
I just made up the best story ever!

EV hesitates.

EV
Sonny, you know I love your stories
- but let's keep them for lunch
time, so we don't disappoint Ms.
Penelope again.

SONNY nods his head in somber agreement.

SONNY
You're right. Sorry, Ev.

EV

That's ok. So what happens next?!
We still need to find an antidote
to change her back!

Sonny nods eagerly. They start to gather their belongings and continue to talk as they break for lunch.

INT. SCHOOL GYM / AUDITORIUM - AFTERNOON

SONNY is sitting in an aisle seat. EV, LULU, TAYLOR and JUSTIN cut past him and sit a few seats away in the same row.

SONNY

(yelling loudly.)
Ev! Ev! Over here!

SONNY is motioning excitedly for Ev to come to him. He is making a scene. LULU shakes her head in disapproval and turns toward EV.

LULU

He's probably gonna get you in
trouble again.

EV is unsure how to respond, but walks over and sits down beside Sonny. He looks elated.

SONNY

Ev, wait for it - Are you ready? I
added stuff to our adventure. Check
it out!

SONNY slaps another drawing down on his knee. EV looks at the comic strip.

EV

Wow! This is awesome!

The lights in the auditorium dim. Everyone's attention is turned to the stage. There's much anticipation and excitement in the air. SONNY and EV look up.

SONNY

She's here!

The curtains pull back to reveal their special guest, LOTTA ORBITZ, wearing an impressive astronaut flight suit - all spotlights on her. The kids clap, very excited for their guest. A large screen rolls down behind her, and the presentation is about to start.

SONNY (CONT'D)

This is gonna be epic!

SONNY quickly goes back to drawing. Meanwhile, the doors to the back of the auditorium burst open to reveal a real robot - the Mars Rover Curiosity! LOTTA ORBITZ uses an iPad to drive the robot down the aisle, past the kids, and onto the stage. A follow spot lights the way. Everyone's jaw drops! EV looks to SONNY - excited to share this cool moment with him - but he's too busy drawing. EV tries to get his attention.

EV
(whispers)
Sonny...

EV glances at MS. PENELOPE to see if she overheard, but the teacher doesn't notice them yet. SONNY's drawing suddenly blocks EV's view. He waves the paper excitedly in her face.

SONNY
This is so cool! Look! Look! Ev!
Whoa!

The auditorium around SONNY starts to fade away and look more Mars-like. He turns the page over and starts to draw again. He's missing the entire presentation! EV looks at the stage, at the drawing, back toward the stage. As cool as the presentation is, Sonny's drawing fantasy still looks like fun.

On stage, LOTTA ORBITZ is showing off photos from her missions. Mizuna lettuce growing aboard the International Space Station, tomatoes grown in an LED-lit box; Zinnia, the first flower to grow in space - boldly growing where no flower has grown before!

DECISION MOMENT:

EV
Sonny's stories are awesome, but
sometimes we get carried away! I
don't want to disappoint Ms.
Penelope or ruin the presentation
and I love outer space!

ALTERNATE ENDING:

We see a glimpse of Option B through a vision. EV and SONNY are giggling over the drawing. They are both very excited and animated - they jump right out of their seats in the middle of the presentation!

EV (V.O) (CONT'D)
If Sonny and I start having too
much fun, we might get carried away
again.

This behaviour attracts the attention of MS. PENELOPE, LOTTA ORBITZ, and the entire class. Everyone stares at SONNY and EV in silence. We hear crickets. EV and SONNY are so embarrassed!

EV (V.O) (CONT'D)
What should I do?

Option A: This is the Gold Standard Choice that primarily shows Self-Management

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EV (CONT'D)
Well... I don't want to hurt your feelings, but Lotta Orbitz is really cool and I don't want us to miss out! We can always draw and tell stories later, but this is our once in a lifetime chance to see a real astronaut. Look!

SONNY
Huh?

The Mars Rover waves a robotic arm and nods its ChemCam head "hello" toward the audience. LOTTA puts on her science goggles. Turning to a pile of rocks set up on the stage for the demonstration, the Curiosity vaporizes one for analysis with its laser!

SONNY (CONT'D)
Whoa! I...I don't know what to focus on, Ev! I have so many ideas. I need to draw right now!

EV
How about we do that belly breathing thing Ms. Penelope showed us? It's supposed to help us focus.

SONNY looks confused, but EV closes her eyes and puts a hand on her belly. Ev begins to breathe in and out deeply and slowly. Sonny sees this and copies. Sonny breathes in, and out. Quietly.

SONNY
Two, three, four... Thanks Ev, that really helped.

When the kids open their eyes, they see LOTTA ORBITZ holding packs of freeze-dried strawberries and ice cream - real astronaut food! LOTTA pops a berry in her mouth.

MS. PENELOPE

Now who wants to try some real
space food?

SONNY & EV (TOGETHER)

Cool!

The students all line up by the stage to get space food and check out the robot. They are eating happily, talking amongst themselves and doing the moonwalk with LOTTA ORBITZ and the Mars Rover. We pan up through the auditorium and out of the school, into the bright blue sky.

The End.