

Scene 1

In a clearing on the island. Two angry adults are tugging on ropes that are tangled in the trees.

**William:** What could go wrong? What could possibly go wrong, you said!

**Victoria:** Skydiving is as safe as travelling by train, - well nearly.

**William:** Not this time

**Victoria:** OK, so that immense gust of wind didn't help

**William:** We are miles off course on some sort of island

**Victoria:** Yes, and where are our children?

**Violetta & Lauren** *{from inside a large tree}*: Mum, Dad where are you?

**Victoria:** We are over here girls

**Violetta:** I thought we were going to land on that fancy beach!

**Lauren:** The one with the fairground and free banana boat rides

**William:** Yes, yes we were.

*They gather together looking around in confusion.*

*Just then Isaac and Frank hurriedly enter. They are acting suspiciously.*

**Isaac:** Quickly, there is no time to lose

**Frank:** coming boss

**William:** Hey, you, where are we?

**Isaac:** *(noticing for the first time the family who are gathering in their parachute cords)* Oh, yess.. well, look here - this is Ulgarugoo island - but the locals call it Paradise Island - you are very welcome.

**William:** Thank you - can you tell us how to get off it please

**Violetta:** Ahh, Dad - but it might be fun!

**Victoria:** Your father did not spend all that money for us to end up here - when our holiday guide clearly stated that we would be treated to a five star welcome once we landed - come on lets go

**Frank** *(whispering to Isaac):* Look at the fancy clothes and jewellery!

**Isaac:** *(to the family):* Please let my associate show you the way to the prison, I mean pier, at the water's edge..

**Victoria:** How kind - yes - show us to the pier: I am sure a boat will arrive for us shortly

**Isaac** *(to Frank):* Get the ropes ready, and be sure to take their mobile phones first..

*Everyone walks towards the water's edge - Frank and Isaac prepare to kidnap them*

Scene 2

At the other end of the island, entering from the bridge come: Tom, Sam, Scarlett, Rachel and Zac

**Scarlett:** So what you are saying is that we have been forgotten?

**Zac:** Yes dear, I mean no dear, not exactly

**Rachel:** How could they forget about us?!

**Tom:** Quite easily, it seems

**Sam:** I'm not surprised that they went without us - Dad took ages phaffing around with his camera

**Zac:** Sea-lions do not usually behave like that - I just had to get a photo!

**Rachel:** ..or ten - honestly Zac if we hadn't stopped for those photos the boat would still have been there - now they are gone!

**Tom:** And it is two full days until the next boat arrives on Monday morning. We are marooned!

**Zac:** Well we are temporarily stuck on this island, but there may be others here - let's investigate!

*They set off walking through the allotment..*

Scene 3:

Emerging from a bush: Levi (carrying equipment) and Lily are dressed as explorers

Levi: I think there was one little thing..

Lily: One little what?

Levi: One item that we didn't bring with us for the expedition - oh wait no that's right: we did actually pack everything in the whole world! - and it is of course my job to carry it all.

Lily: The main thing is that you aren't complaining - you never, ever complain do you?

*Levi flings the equipment down and looks grumpy*

Lily: I mean you are a glass half full man, time after time

Levi (*muttering*) I could be emptying glasses right now down at the Pig and Fiddle if I hadn't agreed to come along on this stupid expedition.

Lily: We might be about to find the long lost stone of Ulgarugoo - you had better be ready to film me making that historic discovery - and lipstick, I will be needing my lipstick and that fancy hat with the feathers in it..

**At the water's edge**

**Bill:** who gets all this money then (*holding a bulging wallet*)

*Frank snatches the wallet*

**Frank:** IT'S MINE!

*Enter Rose and Charlotte pushing Victoria and William who have their arms and legs tied and are wearing gags. Rose gives an evil chuckle*

*Charlotte prods William with a stick. William looks furious and makes some indecipherable sounds*

*Enter Isaac wearing a dark cape. Rose and Charlotte look scared of him*

**Frank:** Welcome master - we have found jewellery and money, but no phones yet

**Bill:** please Frank, can I have some more?

**Isaac:** SILENCE! I need to think (*strokes chin*)

*Victoria makes noises. Frank glares at her. Isaac removes her gag*

**Isaac:** what? What is it?

**Victoria:** this is ruining my Lipstick and turning into the worst day ever!

**Isaac:** why did I bother removing your gag: replace the gag!

*Charlotte and Rose replace the gag.*

**Frank:** What was that? I heard voices - more skydivers perhaps?

Scene 5: near the allotment

**Tom:** Dad will you please come back with the food bag.

**Zac (*from a distance*):** I just need to take one more photo - swallows don't normally do that sort of thing

**Sam:** But we are starving!

**Zac:** You mean that you want swallow something (*laughs at his own joke*)

**Scarlett:** That was the worst joke ever!

**Rachel:** I don't know how you put up with him Scarlett.

**Scarlett:** I don't know how he makes a living out of this stuff.

*Tom and Sam are digging around in the grass.*

**Tom:** Hey, what is this?

**Sam:** Let me see that and get a photo on my phone

*At that moment there is a scream from where Zac was taking a photograph*

**Scarlett:** Zac, is that yet another funny joke coming?

**Rachel:** I can't see him - is that someone wearing black over there?

Levi: what was that?

Lily: Do I look nice?

Levi: Do you want the truth or not?

Lily: *(thinks for a moment)* Not

Levi: You look beautiful today.

Scene 7: At the Edge of the water

Bill: Sounds like Frank has caught his prey

*Charlotte & Rose laugh with a cruel sound*

Violetta: Come on Lauren - let's get out of here

Lauren: Do you have your phone still?

Violetta: Yeah, come on

*Violetta and Lauren run away as fast as possible*

*Charlotte & Rose run after them. Frank arrives with Zac (who has his hands tied)*

Frank: Bill, get after them! *Bill runs after them*

Zac: well it could be worse: we could be hungry too

Isaac: You just can't get the minions anymore!

**Sam:** Mum, we found something, it is a massive stone with writing on it, look here is a photo

**Scarlett:** yes yes (*not really interested*) well now your father is missing and he has all the food with him

**Tom:** Not the haribo

**Rachel:** Yes, Tom, even the haribo

*Enter Lily and Levi*

**Lily:** I am ready to stop and freshen up - find me the bunion treatment box

**Levi:** Really?! - you have bunions?!

**Lily:** (*looks embarrassed*) just find the box - try under the harpsichord

**Scarlett:** Hello there - do you happen to know of any boats for leaving this island?

**Levi:** I'm sure I have one here somewhere! (*rummages through his bags*)

**Rachel:** And have you seen a man with a camera looking rather lost?

**Lily:** Camera eh? (*looking delighted*) Best get the hairdryer out too Levi.



**Scene 9: In the allotment area**

*Violetta and Lauren run past, chased by Rose, Charlotte and Bill. As they run Lauren can be heard to say:*

**Lauren:** Make the call Violetta - call the police!

*Beside the shed Stephanie and Chris are relaxing on two chairs. The phone rings.*

**Stephanie:** Hello..yes ..yes this is the rural police station . . yes. Yes

**Chris:** Who is it Stephanie, what do they want?

**Stephanie** (*cupping the phone*): it is a teenager who says that she has found a rock that we might be interested in. Sounds quite dull really.

**Chris:** Yes it does. Tell her we are busy solving a major crime

**Stephanie:** Really? Nothing ever happens on Paradise Island - I really don't know why they put a police station here.

*Meanwhile near the allotment:*

**Sam:** (*talking on her mobile phone*) It really is a cool rock, oh and our Dad has gone missing

**Stephanie:** (*cupping the phone*): now she says that Her Dad is missing!

**Chris:** right then, we best take a look

*Stephanie and Chris set off in the direction of where the Taylor family are standing.*

Scene 10: near the allotment

**Lily:** Did you say what I think you said?

**Sam:** What do you think I said?

**Lily:** (*beginning to hyperventilate*) rock, rock, have you seen it?!

**Sam:** (*shows phone*) What, this one?

*Lily can barely contain her excitement*

**Scarlett:** Calm down, please be quiet!

**Levi:** Good luck with that!

**Lily:** That rock is the only evidence of an advanced civilisation that once lived on this island! It is utterly unique (*then, more quietly:*) and worth a fortune..

**Levi:** Perhaps you would be so kind as to show us where you found it?

**Sam:** You better follow us

*Sam, Tom, Levi, Lily, Scarlett and Rachel set off together in excitement. They don't notice Bill watching and listening from a nearby bush. Bill sneaks away towards the Water's Edge base.*

*Isaac, William, Victoria, Zac and Frank are in the base.*

*Enter Bill*

**Bill:**                      There is a mega valuable rock - we NEED to take it

**Frank:**                      Boss I think you should hear this

**Isaac:**                      Tell me more um, whatever your name is

**Bill:**                      There are lots of them, and those bumbling police are on the case now - we need to be quick!

*Enter Violetta and Lauren chased by Rose and Charlotte all out of breath and in need of sitting down.*

**Violetta:**                      Hi Mum, hi Dad we're back

**Lauren:**                      *(looking a bit embarrassed)* This island isn't very big..

**Isaac:**                      Right stay here, guard them all - we have treasure to find - here it is everyone, the big one at last!

*Exit Isaac, Frank, Bill eager to find the rock*

*Rose and Charlotte start by looking alert but soon look tired and sleepy.*

*Enter Captain John*

**Captain:**                      What on Earth! Are you my passengers?

**Charlotte:**                      No, they are, er just our friends who enjoy wearing fancy dress

*William and Victoria make frantic noises and signs*

*Captain removes their gags*

**Victoria:** Finally!

**William:** Thank you thank you thank you: 5 star luxury here we come!

**Rose:** Come on Charlotte, I think we ought to get out of here (*they run away*)

*Enter: Scarlett, Rachel, Tom, Sam, Levi and Lily*

**Zac:** I wish I had a gag at this moment

**Scarlett:** Yeah, me too (no more jokes)!

**Lily:** And where, may I ask, is this rock?

*everyone looks a bit uncertain..*

### **Scene 12: Still at the water's edge**

**Zac:** So what are you are telling me is that all these people are ready to climb aboard that splendid looking boat - some of them having been kidnapped and had wallets taken - yet you want us to go searching for some rock?

**Lily & Levi:** Yes

*everyone else groans*

*Enter Isaac, Frank, Bill*

**Isaac:** What is going on? Frank, Bill tie them all up. Where are the other minions? I can't stand a messy operation.

**William:** Now just hang on a moment. My family parachuted in to this island by mistake. Even if it is your island (which I don't believe it is) we have a booking on the mainland that this man is going to take us to in his splendid boat.

**Victoria:** And I for one intend to smarten up on board - now hand over my husband's wallet (*snatches back from Frank*) and my lipstick

**Frank:** Just hold on a minute - we run the show here (*moves closer threateningly*)

*Enter Stephanie and Chris*

**Chris:** Allo allo, what have we here then?

**Stephanie:** Looks like "David Beckham" and his assorted minions

**Chris:** The game is up David, there is nowhere left for you to hide on this island

**Stephanie:** You had better come with us

**Isaac:** The long arm of the law may reach us here, but there are other islands, bigger islands (some with fancy cave networks) where my cape-wearing colleagues are waiting - they will rescue me!

**Chris:** Tell that to the judge Mr Beckham

*Chris and Stephanie lead Isaac, Frank and Bill away towards the bridge.*

**Captain:** All aboard my ship, there are refreshments on the aft promenade deck.

*Zac, Scarlett, Rachel, Tom, Sam, Victoria William, Violeta and Lauren start walking towards the water.*

**Issac:** Calling from a distance) Save me William!

**William:** No, you bound, gagged and tortured me (by poking me with a stick)

**Isaac:** But William, I am your father! (*Isaac and Bill hum DV theme*)

**Lily:** Looks like our search continues Levi

**Levi:** (*looking exasperated*) But where could it be?

**Lily:** Let's unpack and see what we can find in that pack of yours!

*They sit down to unpack Levi's bags - pulling out an assortment of strange items, including a large scroll on which is written "The End".*