## ATTACK OF THE DOHICKERS!

A Children's Play by Kris Thompson and her granddaughter Penny Caruthers

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#### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

AMILIA:	Teenager of the H.A.H.A. race (human animal hybrid anomaly), resident of the planet MPC2, and big sister to Samantha. Just graduated from the Space Academy. Half human, half fox.
SAMANTHA:	Preteen of the H.A.H.A. race (human animal hybrid anomaly), resident of the planet MPC2, and little sister to Amilia. Half human, half fox.
BOB:	Adult of the Human race and resident and International Representative of planet Earth.
LARRY:	Adult of the Dohicker race and invader from planet NPC84 with a fancy, richey-rich accent. He always appears with, and speaks for, his brother Darryl and his other brother Darryl which can be played by extra actors without lines or by costuming to reflect three individuals.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Humans on Earth have not taken care of their animals and the last breed has gone extinct. Planet Earth is under attack by the Dohickers of planet NPC84 who have always wanted to harvest Earth's humans for food and labor but are deathly allergic to a variety of animal breeds which once populated Earth...until now. Earth has no other choice than to reach out to its ancient sister-planet, MPC2 for help from its inhabitants, the HAHA race, which are human-animal-hybrid-anomalies.

#### HISTORY

Four and a half billion years ago, a planet began to form. A giant comet hit the forming planet, splitting in two, creating planet MPC2 and planet Earth which it jettisoned into another solar system. The planets eventually developed to share many similarities, but their primary difference is that Humans and Animals formed as separate species on planet Earth, while H.A.H.A. race (human animal hybrid anomaly), formed as one race on MPC2.

#### TIME

In the year 9595 (use In The Year 2525 as preshow music if possible)

#### SETTINGS

Initial:In a galaxy far, far away...a forest on Planet MPC2Transitional:SpaceFinal:A forest on Planet Earth

#### ACT I

#### Scene 1

**SETTINGS:** A forest on Planet MPC2

AT RISE: AMALIA and SAMANTHA are in the forest gathering food.

(AMALIA and SAMANTHA enter forest during the following dialogue.)

AMILIA

(Pointing to a musher.)

There. Grab that one.

#### SAMANTHA

Oh! I see it.

(SAMANTHA plucks musher and hands to AMILIA who puts it in her basket.)

AMILIA (pointing)

Come on Sam, I see a lot more mushers over there.

(AMILIA leads SAMANTHA further into the room where they both kneel, gather food, and put food in basket.)

#### SAMANTHA

Oh, look here. Some googooberries!

(SAMANTHA stands and picks and brings to AMILIA'S basket.)

#### AMILIA

Nice!

(SAMANTHA & AMILIA continue to gather during dialogue.)

SAMANTHA

Amilia, why do we call them googooberries? Seems such a silly name.

AMILIA

No idea.

SAMANTHA

And why do we call these mushers? Also silly.

#### AMILIA

Still no idea.

#### SAMANTHA

Look it up, would you?

#### AMILIA

No! We're busy gathering. We have to fill this basket and two more before returning to the village.

#### SAMANTHA (pouting)

Please? If I was old enough to have an intergalactic communication device, I'd look it up myself. But Mom and Dad said I have to wait till I'm older!

#### AMILIA

Alright fine. I'll do it. But if we're late, it's your fault.

 (Pulls out her intergalactic communication device and messes with it, types, and then holds it up and around, trying to connect.)

 Why is Verizon service always so bad in the forest? Oh wait. I got it!

 (Speaks the next line while typing into her intergalactic communication device.)

 Why do we call them mushers and googooberries?

#### SAMANTHA

What's it say?

#### AMILIA (reading)

It says that the names come from our sister-planet, Earth, where they're called mushrooms and blueberries.

#### SAMANTHA

Our sister-planet? What's that?

#### AMILIA

Well, over four billion years ago our planet, MPC2, was being formed when a giant comet hit it and split it in two making our sister planet, Earth, which spun off into another solar system.

#### SAMANTHA

Oh. Wow. I had no idea.

#### AMILIA

You'll learn all that and more when you go to the Intergalactic Space Academy next year.

#### SAMANTHA

(Pointing across the sky.)

Amilia. What's that in the sky?

SAMANTHA

AMILIA

Sounded like a spaceship landing. Also not good.

signal.)

(BOB enters from dining room, holding a large laser weapon and warily looking around. Alarmed, AMILIA protectively gets in front of SAMANTHA.)

(Messes with her intergalactic communication device, holds up trying to get a

AMILIA (CONT.)

Get behind me Sam!

Akkk! Verizon! Why?

Yikes! What was that?

(AMILIA brandishes her butter knife WITH BUTTER at BOB.)

Please don't butter me! I come in peace!

Peas? What are peas?

Peas are tiny round, sometimes delicious with butter coincidentally, green vegetables but that's not what I said. I said I come in peace. Like not war, but peace.

SAMANTHA Ohh...peace. That's nice, right sister? AMILIA Do you swear you come in peace? BOB Yes! AMILIA Pinky swear?

AMILIA

It's a spaceship! And not one of ours. That's not good. I'd better call MPC2 Space Control Center!

(Loud OS sound of spaceship landing.)

BOB

AMILIA

## BOB

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BOB

Sure.

### (BOB and AMILIA pinky swear and then put down their weapons.)

#### AMILIA

BOB

Ok who are you and what do you want?

My name is Bob.

AMILIA I'm Amilia and this is my little sister Samantha. Where you from Bob?

SAMANTHA (mimicking AMILIA)

BOB

Yea Bob, where you from?

I'm from planet Earth.

#### SAMANTHA

Ohhhh...I just learned about Earth! Is it a nice place, Bob?

BOB Yes...well, it used to be. I also just learned about your planet, MPC2. Quite a well-guarded secret on Earth.

#### SAMANTHA

Your Earth is our sister-planet!

Wow. You're awfully young to know such things.

AMILIA (pridefully)

Samantha's only 11. I'm 16. And here on MPC2 we <u>all</u> learn about our history at our Intergalactic Space Academy.

Cool.

AMILIA

BOB

So, Bob, why you're here?

BOB

#### SAMANTHA (mimicking AMILIA)

Yea, Bob, why you're here?

Don't they teach English at the academy?

Exqueese me?

Oh. Sorry. Listen, I'm here because Earth has a problem, and we believe that MPC2 has the answer.

Splain me, Lucy.

Oh! You have the Lucille Ball show here?

- What? No. Lucy is what we generally call strangers that we don't yet trust.
  - BOB (sarcastic)

AMILIA

That makes perfect sense. Well, planet Earth is being invaded by Dohickers of the planet NPC84.

SAMANTHA

Dohickers? Mom and Dad used to tell us scary stories of the Dohickers. Said they would eat us if we didn't go to bed on time.

AMILIA

That's made up to get kids to go to bed. Dohickers are real...but they're notoriously famous for being highly allergic to animals, so they wouldn't eat us since we're human-animal hybrids! And I highly doubt they would invade Earth given the massive number of animals you have there, Bob.

BOB

But that's just the problem....all our animals have become extinct!

#### SAMANTHA

(to AMILIA) What does extinct mean?

AMILIA

I don't know. We don't have that word in our language. Care to explain, Bob?

SAMANTHA (mimicking AMILIA)

Yea, Bob, care to explain?

BOB

AMILIA (offended)

BOB

AMILIA

BOB

BOB

I'm so happy to have graduated from Lucy! Well, this might get y'all a little angry, but we didn't take care of our animals and now they're all gone. Caput. Forever. You're not going to see them again. Fini.

#### SAMANTHA (getting teary)

BOB

All the animals, Bob? That's so sad.

Fraid so.

#### AMILIA

I am beyond disappointed in you human beings and I still don't know what you want from us.

BOB Right. I've been sent as a representative of the plant Earth to formally request help from MPC2's Intergalactic Space Control Command. Just the presence of members of your race, the Human-Animal-Hybrid-Anomalies better known as the H.A.H.A.s –

#### AMILIA & SAMANTHA

HAHA! (they say this every time the name of their race is mentioned.)

#### BOB

-would make it impossible for Dohickers, who are highly allergic to animals, to continue their vicious assault campaign against Earth. Millions of human lives are at risk.

AMILIA

I see, Bob. Too bad you didn't give the same consideration to your animals.

#### SAMANTHA (mimicking AMILIA)

Yea, Bob, the same consideration.

#### AMILIA

But I will text Command Central, fill them in, and find out what can be done. (Gets out her international communication device and starts trying to get a signal, holding device up and around.)

Ugg! No signal again!

#### SAMANTHA

Stupid Verizon!

BOB

Oh yea. They're the worst. Used to be good. Now, not so much.

#### AMILIA

(Gets signal.)

Ok, here we go.

(Types a bunch then waits.)

I see the dot-dot-dot, Bob.

#### SAMANTHA

(to BOB) That means they're typing a reply, Bob.

#### BOB

Yea. We have the dot-dot-dot on Earth as well.

#### AMILIA

OK. Command Central says they're going to prepare the troops. Samantha and I are to accompany you to planet Earth in your spaceship.

#### SAMANTHA

Hurray! (realizing) Wait...I get to go?

#### AMILIA

You know Mom and Dad are away and you're not allowed to stay home alone until you're 13.

#### BOB (sarcastic)

That makes perfect sense. I'll go get my spaceship. (Exits forest.)

(OS sound of spaceship begins as BOB enters forest with spaceship.)

#### AMILIA

Impressive ship! Come on Samantha! Let's go!

(AMILIA, SAMANTHA, and BOB get in the spaceship and pretend it's taking off.)

BOB

AMILIA

BOB

Buckle up for safety. There are heavy intergalactic fines for riding without a seatbelt, and space police are hiding everywhere...especially in the nebulas.

Ticket quotas are the worst.

You got that right. Hold on tight girls!

(Spaceship starts to move, background changes from MPC2 forest to space.) SAMANTHA Wow! It's so beautiful up here! BOB I guess. I'm actually afraid of heights, so... SAMANTHA (getting teary) All the heights Bob? That's so sad. (MPC2 Spaceship Fleet Prop appears in the sky.) AMILIA (pointing) Look! The MPC2 Intergalactic Space Troops are with us! BOB Thank heavens! AMILIA Hey Bob. You should turn left up here before our third sun. BOB That's not the way I came. AMILIA Yea, but this time of day...I promise, you don't want to be stuck in sun traffic! BOB Well, it is your neighborhood! Turning left and warp speed ahead! SAMANTHA, AMILA, & BOB

AMILIA

BOB

Sorry...I should have known better. We have that on Earth as well. Hold on Cadets! Here. We. Go!

Woo Hoo!

That's Space Cadets to you, Bob!

(EVERYONE is looking out into space with wonder for a moment.)

SAMANTHA

Is that Earth?

BOB Right again! (EVERYONE is looking out into space with wonder for a moment.) SAMANTHA (anxious) Is that Earth? AMILIA Not quite. That's Lowyon in the Knight Solar System. BOB I'm impressed. You certainly know your planets. (EVERYONE is looking out into space with wonder for a moment but SAMANTHA is fidgeting.) SAMANTHA (anxious) Are we there yet? AMILIA No, Sam. We're not there yet. BOB It will be a while.

AMILIA

BOB

SAMANTHA

AMILIA

(EVERYONE is looking out into space with wonder for a moment.)

No. If my calculations are correct, that's Keithania, one of the JE6 planets.

Exactly right!

Is that Earth?

No. That's the moon of Sarjen.

SAMANTHA (pouting, dramatic) Oh. Ok. That's alright. I'll be fine. Don't worry about me.

AMILIA What? What's wrong?
SAMANTHA I have to go to the bathroom.
AMILIA What? I told you to go before we left.
SAMANTHA You most certainly did not! Bob, can we pull over at the next restroom? I really gotta go.
BOB Hey Girls-
AMILIA Cadets, Bob!
BOB Right! Hey Cadets, planet Earth is coming into view now.
SAMANTHA Thank goodness!
AMILIA

Wow. Just like it looks in the books!

# MUSICAL NUMBER

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BOB

(As BOB messes with spaceship controls, he begins to sing to himself to the tune of *Down by the Bay*, but loud enough for AMILIA and SAMANTHA to hear.)

Way out in space

Where the black holes grow

#### AMILIA

Hey! We know that song!

BOB

Together then!

#### BOB, AMILIA, SAMANTHA

Way out in space Where the black holes grow Back to my home I dare not go For if I do My comander will say Did you ever see a space cat Wearing a top hat Way out in space?

Way out in space Where the black holes grow Back to my home I dare not go For if I do My comander will say Did you ever see a colossal slug Drinking from a coffee mug Way out in space

#### END OF MUSICAL NUMBER

(OS Loud sound of spaceship landing as the background changes to EARTH forest and EVERYONE exits the spaceship.) SAMANTHA That was some ride! AMILIA Wow! What's with the colors Bob? BOB Wait, what? AMILIA The colors here. They're all wrong! BOB Oh yea. I hear they are much different than your colors, aren't they? I'm color blind, so... SAMANTHA (getting teary) All the colors, Bob? That's so sad. BOB Pretty much! OK, let me park my spaceship and notify my commander of our arrival, girls. AMILIA Exqueese me? BOB Sorry! Sorry! I meant Cadets! Keep a lookout for Dohickers and stay safe until I return!

BOB

(BOB exits forest taking or riding in spaceship.)

#### SAMANTHA

And I'd better go to the bathroom before I explode!

Prepare for landing!

(SAMANTHA exits to dining room to help BOB change into his LARRY costume. AMILIA makes herself busy gathering food and putting them into her basket. When LARRY IS almost into his costume, the OS sound of Dohickers approaching begins, chanting "Yo We Yo, Yo Weee Oh" the song of the soldiers from Wizard of Oz. Chanting continues, with LARRY chanting, until his first line in the scene.)

#### (SAMANTHA enters from dining room and rejoins AMILIA.)

#### SAMANTHA

I'm back!

#### AMILIA

Took you long enough!

#### SAMANTHA

Sorry. (hearing the chanting) Hey, what's that noise?

#### AMILIA (listening)

Steady yourself, Sister. I believe that is the sound of approaching Dohickers.

(LARRY, still chanting, DARRYL, and DARRYL enter from dining room looking very scary. Alarmed, AMILIA protectively gets in front of SAMANTHA.)

#### AMILIA (CONT.)

Get behind me Sam!

(Brandishes her butter knife WITH BUTTER at LARRY, DARRYL, and DARRYL.)

Stay back you vile creatures!

#### LARRY (amused)

Are you addressing us? Darryl, she just called us vile and is waiving butter at us!

#### AMILIA

You can't fool us. We know you're Dohickers! Admit it.

#### LARRY

Gladly. With pride! Dohickers through and through. But where are my manners? My name is Larry. This is my brother Darryl, and this is my other brother Darryl.

#### SAMANTHA

So nice to meet-

#### AMILIA

Don't talk to them Sam! They're ancient destructive creatures who have caused countless acts of genocide across all known solar systems. Now, Larry, Darryl and Darryl...what do you want from Earth?

LARRY

To eat all the humans we can and sell the rest! (Sneezes)

#### AMILIA (smirking)

(realizing he is allergic) You were saying?

LARRY

(to SAMANTHA) Soon <u>you'll</u> be on my dinner plate! (Sneezes.)

#### AMILIA (smirking)

You sure about that?

LARRY

(to AMILIA) And <u>you'll</u> be working in our factories! (Sneezes two times.)

AMILIA (smirking)

Gesundheit!

#### LARRY

Now that all your beloved animals are no longer here to protect you, it will be easy pickings! (Sneezes three times.)

#### SAMANTHA

Gosh, I hope you're not getting a cold, Larry. Tissue?

(SAMANTHA offers tissue to LARRY who gladly accepts and blows his nose loudly.)

LARRY

Nah...it's just allergies.

(Sneezes loudly)

AMILIA

You know Larry...

AMILIA & SAMANTHA

(One step closer per phrase to LARRY, scaring him backwards.)

Animals..come...in many...forms.

LARRY

Oh no! You're the dreaded human-fox mutations! (Sneezes twice.)

#### SAMANTHA

Mutations?! That's rude.

#### AMILIA

We're human-animal hybrids and members of the H.A.H.A. race!

#### AMILIA & SAMANTHA

HAHA!

#### SAMANTHA

And proud of it!

LARRY

Yea, but there's only two of you. You're no match for the entire Dohicker army! (Sneezes.)

(Loud OS sound of spaceships landing and MPC2 Spaceship Fleet Prop appears.)

AMILIA

Hmmm...looks like we've got company, Larry.

LARRY

Oh no.

(Starts sneezing a lot.)

I'm melting (like wizard of oz).

(LARRY continues sneezing a lot while AMILIA and SAMANTHA ad lib bless yous and throwing tissues etc... as LARRY continues sneezing and melts into ground. When LARRY stops moving, AMILIA nudges him with her foot to make sure he's dead.)

AMILIA (speaking to audience) And so ends our cautionary tale, teaching us to be kind to all living creatures.

#### SAMANTHA

What about Dohickers?

AMILIA

**Except Dohickers.** 

AMILIA, SAMANTHA, LARRY

The end!

END

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SCENERY

MPC2 PLANET BACKGROUND:	Forest trees purple and orange, grass blue, sky pink, three suns green.
SPACE BACKGROUND:	Traditional space, dark blue with swirls, stars, and planets etcmaybe led lights poked through holes.
EARTH PLANET BACKGROUND:	Forest trees brown and green, grass green, sky blue, one sun yellow

#### PROPS

SPACESHIP (LIFESIZE)	Bob's Big spaceship from Earth
SPACESHIP FLEET (SMALL)	Tons of small spaceships from MPC2
MUSHERS/MUSHROOMS	Colorful and dull that can be gathered
GOOGOOBERRIES/BLUE BERRIES	Colorful and dull that can be gathered
BASKET	To gather food
INTERGALACTIC COMM. DEVICE	Samantha's super smart phone
LASER WEAPON	Bob's earth weapon
BUTTER KNIFE W/BUTTER ATTACHED	Amilia's weapon
SATCHEL	Amilia's wears and in which she keeps her intergalactic
	communication device and butter knife with butter

LARRY

AMILIA

SAMANTHA

#### COSTUMES

3 Dohicker masks attached to make it look like 3 Dohickers unless two additional actors are playing Darryl and Darryl in which case they get their own masks.
1-3 Dohicker outfits including weird gloves and possibly tail

Fox Ears Fox Tail Fox Makeup Forest Dwelling Clothes

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