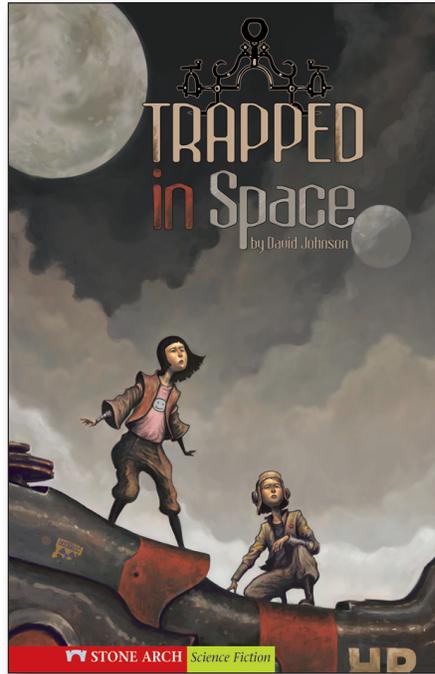




## READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



### **Trapped in Space** **by David Johnson**

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- Characters:**
- Sammi, a 14-year-old Earth girl – reads slightly above grade level**
  - Jak, a 13-year-old Earth boy – struggling reader**
  - Chad, an 18-year-old Earth pilot – reads slightly below grade level**
  - Narrator – reads above grade level**
  - Sound Effects – reads below grade level**
- Genre:** Science Fiction
- Ages:** 10-14

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- Narrator:** Sammi and Jak lived in a giant starship that explored outer space. They had landed on a planet with other crew members, and were going to explore it with the help of their pilot friend, Chad.
- Sammi:** Thanks for taking us on the trip, Chad.
- Chad:** Hope you like the ride. We won't be gone long, because I like to fly this baby fast.
- Sound Effects:** Zwooosh!
- Narrator:** As they flew over the planet, Chad pointed out some weird looking plants that shot spears.
- Chad:** I'll fly a little lower, but not too low. I don't want to take any chances.
- Jak:** Hey, look at that!
- Narrator:** Some of the plants fired off spears that hit the ship.
- Sound Effects:** Boing! Boing! Bang!
- Chad:** The noise of our ship must have triggered them.
- Sammi:** It's a good thing they can't hurt the ship.
- Jak:** Hey, what's that over there?
- Narrator:** A gray creature was lying in the sun. It looked like a shaggy dog, but it had three horns on its head.
- Sound Effects:** Bang!
- Jak:** What's that noise?
- Chad:** Hang on, we're going down!
- Narrator:** Chad landed the ship as quickly and as carefully as he could.
- Sammi:** What happened?

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- Chad:** We must have passed over another spear plant in the valley. A spear's gone right through the engine.
- Sammi:** How will we get back?
- Chad:** We won't. Not in this machine. I'll have to radio back to camp.
- Jak:** Are there any spear plants around here?
- Chad:** Yes. There's one over there. Don't worry, though. Once they've fired, it takes a few days for them to grow a new spear back.
- Narrator:** Chad tried to radio for help, but he got no response.
- Chad:** The radio signal is being blocked. I'm going to take the radio to the top of the hill. You two wait here.
- Narrator:** Chad left with the radio and Sammi and Jak waited. Two hours went by.
- Jak:** Chad must be in trouble.
- Sammi:** Let's climb up that hill. Maybe we can see him.
- Narrator:** As Sammi and Jak left the ship, they walked by one of the spear plants. It did not shoot a spear, but something else happened. The plant gave off a spray of pollen.
- Sound Effects:** Ssshhhhhhhhhhhhhh.
- Jak:** What's that smell?
- Sammi:** I don't know, but I feel sleepy.
- Jak:** (Yawning) Me too!
- Narrator:** The pollen put them both to sleep. They woke up hours later.
- Sammi:** Jak! Jak, wake up! It's one of those horned things!

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- Narrator:** One of the shaggy dog creatures was standing over them. Jak walked over to it. Sammi screamed.
- Sammi:** Agggh! Look out!
- Narrator:** The creature ran away.
- Jak:** Why did you do that? She was only trying to help us.
- Sammi:** How do you know that? How do you know it's a she, anyway?
- Jak:** I don't know. I just feel it in my head.
- Sammi:** Jak! You mean you can read their minds?
- Narrator:** Can Jak read minds? Will he and his sister ever find their friend Chad? Will they be able to escape the valley of the spear plants? To find out more about the three lost friends, read *Trapped in Space* by David Johnson. Find out if the shaggy, horned creatures will help or harm the earthlings.