

Planet Joey

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Planet Joey is a full-length drama that opens during the summer of 1985 in Mars, PA. Joey is an eleven-year-old tomboy and fanatical member of the *Star Wars Fan Club*. Her deepest desire is to become an astronaut and walk on the moon.

When Joey unearths her parent's evil plan to sell the house she grew up in and move to Oakwood, she hatches a counterplan that enlists the help of her best friend, Bonnie 'Officer' Patberg, and her dope-smokin' harmonica-tootin' cousin, Fitz, who has been recruited to help the family pack. Captain Joey shares her 'secret mission' with Admiral Fitzgerald who 'swears to secrecy' in exchange for more information about the sexy next-door neighbor— a stripper named Misty Morning.

Fitz turns to the dark side on the eve of Joey's holy confirmation when Misty Morning unceremoniously dumps him over the phone. Resentful of Joey's lack of empathy for his pain, he will now destroy Joey's naiveté after an 'Astronaut Party' that leaves Bonnie passed out, and Joey led offstage by Fitz, where he 'robs her tiny sky'. The next morning Joey prays to God and makes a heartbreaking confession, which Mom overhears.

Fall, 1985. While waiting for the moving van in the front yard, Mom and Joey have an exchange about whether or not to tell Dad about what happened to Joey when Bonnie arrives to say good-bye. Mom interrupts their conversation when the van arrives and Joey informs Dad that she is "ready to go to her new home now."

Winter, 1986. A recording of the Space Ship Challenger is heard, as the sound of tragedy bleeds into the sound of a blizzard, winds whipping. The HOUSE FOR SALE sign is buried in snow.