



\*Actual house this book is based on ([link](#))

# The Lunar House

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## Prologue

Dr. Inthera looked up at 34 Flash Lane. She had just built this house and was going to sell it for a very low list price and pay for maintenance. She named this Seabrook House “Sand by Me”. Hopefully, some boring old family would buy this home and be Dr. Inthera’s test subjects. This wasn’t any old house, it was a rocket!

## Chapter 1

### The Savings

James Bling sat on his bed coding. His cat, Shoshanna, jumped on his bed. "You're the only one that understands me, Shoshanna." James Said. His Echo Show that he had coded to have a personality lit up and said, "What about Me?"

"You too, Alexa," said James.

"James! Are you doing your homework?" Yelled his mom through the house. James thought about this. Technically, he was doing his homework. He was supposed to work on this code project for the new robot the robotics club was making. He wasn't in the robotics club, but now and then he did little things for them, and they did little things for him. They were the ones that had put the battery pack on his echo show. His best friend Sam was even on the team! But one thing was stopping him. Greg. Greg Inthera. He is a Super Rich kid with parents that have their own robot building factory. He was always calling James a nerdy coder and that he didn't do "real robotics," even though Greg didn't know very much robotics. Whatever. That didn't really matter.

"Yes" He said to his mom.

"Math?" his mom said.

"Fine. I'll do it." Said James. He opened up his math book just as he heard a car pull into the driveway. He went downstairs to greet his stepdad. His ANNOYING stepdad. His real dad coded robots at Inthera labs. But his real dad had disappeared while doing his job. They had said that he had been electrocuted by a robot, but James felt otherwise. One of those robots wouldn't do something like that. "I have good news!" said his stepdad. "We have enough money to buy a vacation house at Seabrook!"

"But I want to go to Inthera Labs!" said James.

"Shut Up nerd." said his stepdad.

"Go a little easier on him, Ted!" said his mom. "He just lost his dad!"

"Edna, that was three years ago!" Said his stepdad. "He needs to ditch his dad and his nerdy stuff and join the soccer team like his brother!"

"Stepbrother" James corrected him. "My real brother is teddy." It was true. His 4 year old brother teddy was his REAL brother. He was 1 when their dad had disappeared.

"Well, Nathan is your brother now." James's stepdad said.

"Well, at least he is sorta nice and you aren't!" said James.

"At least he's cool and you're not!" said his stepdad.

"Ok everyone, stop it!" said James's mom. "Lets go buy a Vacation house."

## Chapter 2

### 34 Flash Lane

“This one!” said James's stepdad. “It’s cheap and huge, what is bad about it?”

“I see something!” said James’s mom. “It’s shared. Are we sure we want to share a vacation house with a stranger?”

“Whatever.” said his stepdad “If it’s cheap, it works.”

“Ok.” said his mom and clicked the purchase button. 5 days later, they were on the road. James was in the middle with Nathan, and Teddy was in the back. James was on his computer coding. “Can you make me a fan page?” asked Nathan.

“If you buy the domain name,” said James.

“How much do they cost? I have \$30.00” said Nathan. “They cost about 100\$” said James.

“Oh. How much do you have?” said Nathan.

“About 50\$” said James.

“James, give your brother 50\$” said James’s stepdad.

“What? Why?” said James.

“Because your brother is cool and you're a nerdy coder“ said James's stepdad.

“You sound like Greg Inthera.” said James.

“Well, He’s a cool nerd. I wish HE was my son and not you!” said James’s stepdad. That made James stop talking. “I miss your dad and Shoshanna” said his echo show.

“I do t-” James stopped talking.

“Why Shoshanna? I thought you were jealous of her.” said James.

“No reason.” said James's echo show.

“Ok...” said James.

One hour later they arrived. “Wow! This place is huge!” said Teddy, and made sure to run around the whole house at least three times. It was true! It had two stories AND a basement! James walked to the side. “I think I’ll explore by myself.”

## Chapter 3

### The Control room

James walked through the house. “This IS impressive,” Thought James as he walked downstairs. He looked around. Couches, chairs, And two doors. He opened a door. A hallway with some bedrooms and a bathroom. He went back out into the main area and went through the other door. There was a laundry room and another door that seemed to be a room taking up all the other space on that side of the basement. He tried opening it but it was locked. He looked at the knob, but there was no lock! Then he noticed something under the handle. It was a LED light! At the moment, it was red. He detached the handle and sure enough, there were wires coming out. If only

Sam was here. But Wait! His family owned the Creekside Cottage just down the street! He walked back up to the main floor. "Is Sam here?" He asked his mom.

"Oh yeah! I forgot he owned a house around here! I'll text his mom." James's mom said. She tapped on her phone. At least 15 seconds later, it buzzed again. "Why yes! He is! How about me and your stepfather go and bring home cinnamon rolls from downtown, and you, Sam, and your brothers stay here!" said his mom.

"OK!" said James. His mom tapped her phone more. "He'll be over soon!" she said. Ding-Dong! Went the doorbell. In walked sam. "You were fast." said James.

"Be back soon!" Said his mom.

"Come into the basement," said James.

James and Sam went to the locked door.

"Could you unlock this?" said James pointing at the broken doorknob.

"Of course!" said Sam.

10 Minutes later, it was ready. The LED light turned green.

"You did that pretty quick!" said james as he screwed back in the doorknob

"Fast as YOU can hack a security system." said Sam.

James opened the door and gasped! Inside was a dark room with light only coming from four monitors on a desk at the back of the room. There were wires strewn everywhere, and there was a monitor on each side of them.

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Dr. Inthera was sitting in a chair on her private island in the bahamas.

"Nice to take a break" She said. Her phone buzzed.

"The new people are at their vacation house. Guess Who it is Gregory! It's the Blings! Looks like he'll be joining his father today." she said.

"I don't care." said Greg. "And stop calling me Gregory, you know I hate that!"

"Well, you're missing out!" said Dr. Inthera. She Pressed a button on her phone.

"It is done. IT IS DONE!!!!!"

## Chapter 4

### BLAST OFF!!!!

Sam and James walked through the room. There were so many wires, it was hard to walk! Suddenly, all the monitors turned green and showed a picture of a cell phone. Below the picture, White text blinked "SMART DIAGNOSIS ACTIVATE" There was a loud beeping as one of the monitors showed the live security camera feed of the living room. The bay window seat opened up and out came a steering wheel. One of the chairs near the couch moved towards the bay window, making Teddy topple over. "Ouch!" he said.

"What did you do now, James?!?!" said Nathan.

"Nothing!" James yelled through the beeping.

Suddenly, the screen flashed to a 10 second countdown and the house shook. The screen now read: GET TO CONTROLS IMMEDIATELY.

James and Sam ran upstairs. James sat down in the chair by the bay window. There was now a monitor in front of him displaying the countdown. As it reached three, the house shook even more. James looked out the window and gasped. They could see the wall of the basement coming out of the ground as they rose higher, and higher, and higher.

“You really messed up this time!” Said Nathan over the noise.

“It wasn’t my fault! The house did it itself!” said James.

The countdown had reached zero and they WHOOSHED through the clouds. Suddenly, the shaking stopped. The heaters turned on and seemed to be providing oxygen. Sam looked out the window. “Well folks,” He said. “I believe we are now in space!”

## Chapter 5

### Shoshanna’s Story

“Ok, What happened?” Said Nathan. “WHY are we in space?”

“I don’t know! How many times do I have to tell you this?!?” Said James.

“Well SOOORRY, Mr. Grumpy. ” said Nathan.

“Ahhhh, brotherly love,” said Sam.

BUMP! Something bumped somewhere in the house. BUMP. there it was again!

“It’s coming from upstairs!” Said James.

Sam and James went upstairs. To the left was a bathroom.

“Nothing in there,” said James.

In front of them were two bedrooms. To the right was Teddy's bunk room, and to the left was James's room. There was also a hallway to Nathan’s room. They went into the bunk room. Nothing was bumping around in there, but James’s echo show was gone. They went into Nathan's room. There was a suitcase in there that didn’t look like Nathan's suitcase, and something was trying to open it. On the bed sat James’s echo show.

“What's going on? Said James.

“Go see for yourself” said James’s Echo show.

James looked behind the suitcase and there was Shoshanna!

“Wha- what are you doing here Shoshanna? Shouldn’t you be at home?” Said James surprisedly.

“No,” said Shoshanna.

“How are you talking?!?” said James, stunned.

“I was an experiment. I was zapped by a robot and it gave me the capabilities of a human. For example, I am now smart and I can live as long as a human. Your dad took me in because he felt bad for me because I was zapped by the ray. Now could you help me open this suitcase? I’ll take the Main floor room.” Said Shoshanna.

“Oh, and I can also get you back to your dad since we’re on our way.”

“Really? He’s alive?” James said.

“Yes, and doing very well. I’ll set a course once we get this suitcase downstairs and open.” said Shoshanna.

“Gee, Thanks!” said James.

## Chapter 6

### New Speeds

They went downstairs and unloaded Shoshanna’s suitcase.

“What did you mean “He’s on the way?” asked James.

“Wow, they really didn’t tell you. I thought you were faking it this whole time, but no. I guess that’s really what Inthera does.” said Shoshanna.

“Your father- well, he was shot into space by Dr. Inthera, and he now lives on Planet X235,” said Shoshanna.

“MY DAD LIVES IN SPACE AND YOU NEVER TOLD ME?!?!?” James yelled at Shoshanna.

“Okay, okay, I wasn’t supposed to talk, okay? I’m gonna go set the coordinates.” said Shoshanna.

She tapped on the steering wheel and it opened a mapping software. The house turned, and went left. James walked over to the controls And sat down with Shoshanna in his lap. A notice popped up on the screen. “PLEASE FASTEN SEAT BELT” it said. Seat belts popped up in the chairs. “Get Buckled!” said Sam. A three second countdown appeared. 3... 2... 1... they blasted into space.

## Chapter 7

### Space Warrior

“AAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!!!!” said Nathan. “TOOO FASSSSTTTT!!!”

“Oh get over it,” said Shoshanna.

“Shoshanna can talk? AUUUGGGHHH!!!” said Nathan.

“Poor choice,” said Shoshanna. “Should NOT have talked”

Suddenly, They came to a halt. Everyone slid against the windows.

“Mmmph mmmph mmmph mmmph!” said Teddy.

“You got that right!” said Sam.

Out the window ahead of them was a marvelous planet. It was shiny and blue, with purple spots. It looked somewhat like Earth (except for the purple dots, of course). As they got closer, they saw spaceships floating around the purple dots. They got closer, and closer, and closer, until they were hovering above the planet. Shoshanna went over to the controls and pressed some buttons on the steering wheel. The screen started doing a loading symbol and

then said “FOUND.” Then the house started moving towards one of the purple dots. It got closer, and closer, until they could see purple grass and trees. The house moved along the trees until they came to a large plain with a crashed ship in the middle. The ship had been changed into a tent, and there were weapons scattered around it. Suddenly, the house started to make a basement-sized hole on the edge of the plain. The house landed and turned off the heaters.

“My dad lives here?” said James.

“Yes.” said Shoshanna. “His ship crashed here and he set this up. His new ship wouldn’t fit everything.”

A small ship with a domed top that was about the size of a small carpet flew in and landed on the grass near the wreckage. The top opened and out stepped a man covered in armor. He looked like Jango Fett! Then he took off his helmet and it was their dad!

“Dad?” said James.

“James?” James’s dad said.

“Is that you?” said James and his dad together.

“How did you get here?” said James’s dad.

“Why are YOU dressed like a Mandalorian?” asked James.

“Long story,” said James’s dad.

“Come inside and tell it.” said James.

They all sat down at the table by the bay window, which had gone back to normal).

“So, what’s the story?” said James.

“Well, I was working one day at my office when Mr. Inthera, Dr. Inthera’s Husband/Assistant, came into my office and said Dr. Inthera wanted to see me. I went with him until we got to a large testing lab. There were many inventions, but he led me to a rocket in the middle. Dr. Inthera was waiting next to it. She asked me to go into it and see if it was ok for kids, she wanted to take her son, Greg, on it. While I was looking she tapped on the window and I looked up. Suddenly, she closed the door and pressed the launch button. It blasted off very fast, and took me here. It crashed, and I got out with no injuries. I set this up, and slept here. Later, some aliens found me, and offered to give me this small ship for a deal. They gave me this armor and told me to find a creature that had been destroying their tribe. I went to their provided location, and all it was was another human. The same thing happened to him as to me. We became friends, and he stopped killing the aliens that he thought were bad, and they gave me the spaceship. Then aliens started hiring me to do that kind of stuff that the aliens THOUGHT I did. And actually, I was pretty good at it! Now, I’m one of the best “Assassins” in the galaxy!”

“Why didn’t you come back?” asked James.

“I never could find my way out of the galaxy.” said James’s dad. “And if I even did, with my spaceship, it would take years! And I still have so many friends here, it just seems silly! Not to say I didn’t miss you, though”

“Oh,” said James.

“How long has it been since we left? All the clocks in the house are showing some very odd language,” said Nathan. James’s dad got up and looked at one of the clocks. “In Earth time, it would be 1:27pm now” he said.

“Oh No!” Said James. We left at 1:13pm, so they will be getting back soon! Lets Go!” Sam ran downstairs.

“Are you coming daddy?” asked teddy. James’s dad was still for a moment.

“No honey, but you can talk to me with this.” James's dad said. He pulled out a device that looked like a hockey puck with a button.

“See you later!” James’s dad said as he put his helmet back on. He clapped his hands twice, and his jet pack turned on. He flew out the front door as the window seat changed and the 10 second countdown started. James sat down on the chair as Sam walked up the stairs. James waved to his dad as they got higher. The countdown had reached three. His dad waved back as they went through the atmosphere. They were in space now, and heading away from X235. “Bye-bye Daddy” said Teddy as they drifted away.

## Chapter 8

### Alert!

Dr. Inthera was feeling very pleased with herself. She had just sent Innocent people into space and nobody knew! She had come back from the bahamas, and was relaxing in her comfy office chair. But of course, this couldn’t last forever, because an Email popped up on Dr. Inthera’s computer. It looked like this:



From: Tim Inthera <[int346@intheralabs.com](mailto:int346@intheralabs.com)>

To: Kathrine Inthera <[mad\\_s\\_i@evilscientistgroup.net](mailto:mad_s_i@evilscientistgroup.net)>

Subject: It's coming Back!

I checked the House status, and you might want to check it:

[https://www.intheralabs.com/en-us/private/hrstatus/house\\_location?houseid=S-house\\_sbm-16389](https://www.intheralabs.com/en-us/private/hrstatus/house_location?houseid=S-house_sbm-16389)

~Tim Inthera, Assistant at inthera labs

Dr. Inthera clicked the link. It was the link to the locator for Sand By me. “The first one I launched. I was just feeling good about it. Why should I check it’s locator?” thought Dr. inthera. Then she noticed something. It had gone to planet X235, and then turned around and headed back toward earth. “We’ve got to stop them!” exclaimed Dr. Inthera. She pressed a button on her desk. “All



units, don't let sand by me get to earth!" she said. Then she pressed a button on her phone. "That'll help them go slower!" she said.

## Chapter 9

### Battle of the Houses

James and Shoshanna were fighting over the steering wheel. For some strange reason, the UFAST Drive had suddenly been disabled, and so was autopilot! At least the navigation system was working. Suddenly, the screen started blinking red. It said "PROXIMITY ALERT!"

"Proximity alert? I don't see anything." said James.

"Wait, what's that?" said Nathan.

Four stars seemed to be getting closer by the second! Something moved in Shoshanna's bedroom. Sam looked inside. The TV on the dresser was showing feed from the security camera above the window in James's room, but it had a target in the middle. There was also what looked like a nerf gun connected to a wire hanging from the ceiling. Sam looked at the screen, and he noticed that there were more approaching stars! The four main stars looked REALLY close. The picture zoomed in on them. Sam was surprised at what he saw. They were all seabrook houses! He saw Heritage House, Sunset Retreat, Oceans Five, and A Sweet Treat! There were seven other houses, six of them were those one story houses at North Alder Park, and one of them was one of the two story houses in North Alder Park. Basically, all the houses in North Alder Park, except Captain Morgans and the other 2-story house. It seemed like the four in the front were admirals, the person in the 2-story house was a general, who commanded the teeny houses. But where was the boss? Could it be one of the four front houses, or something bigger? He didn't have time to think about that because guns suddenly rose out of the roof. He suddenly realized what everything in the bedroom was for. He jumped on the bed and tried to shoot, but the screen quickly flashed: GUNS DISABLED. People started screaming in the living room.

"Houses with guns!" they all shouted.

"James! I need you to go downstairs and hack into the computer system to enable guns!" shouted Sam.

"What?"

"Just do it!"

"OK!"

James ran downstairs.

"Shoshanna! Drive! Nathan! Guns! Teddy! Go Upstairs to James's room! I'll go with you!" Yelled Sam.

"Good you're not going in my room, or you'd be sorry!" said Nathan.

Sam rolled his eyes at him and walked upstairs to the bay window room. The other houses were in view. They got closer and closer.

"Why aren't they shooting?" Sam wondered aloud.

"Maybe they are from Inthera labs, and they want to board our house so they can turn it off and take it back without us in it, and the guns are just backup because we have ours out too." said Teddy.

“Well, either way, they aren’t gonna get to us” Sam said. BAM! Something landed on the roof. a window opened in Nathan's room. Someone walked out. They peeked through the door and there was James’s dad! He walked downstairs.

“Should we follow him?” asked Teddy.

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Everything seemed to be happening at the same time to Nathan. And of course, everyone else seemed to be cowering out of the action, like they always did. That's what the Acorn family did best. James and his family would never be true Blings. They will always be Acorns. Crawl back into your shell, Acorn! That's what Nathan always said to James at school, up until his dad remarried.

“GOT IT!” Shouted James from below. Nathan tried firing. It worked! He shot off the TV satellite, and that house seemed to be relying on it for orders. It stopped, and went to the side. The other houses started shooting. So did he. BLAM! BLAM!

“Video games are practice!” he shouted. “This is too easy!”

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Sam followed teddy down the front stairs. At the bottom, James’s dad opened the door and went outside. They followed, soon to realize that there was no gravity. James’s dad turned on his jetpack and went through the gate to the picnic area and hot tub. They moved their hands to follow him. They soon realized that there was gravity in the picnic area. They came down with a THUMP! James’s dad turned around. They hid behind the hot tub. James's dad walked through a door into the basement. They followed. He went into the bedroom and sat down in the bedroom. He clicked on the TV. There was feed from the camera by the guns. The red house that was designed by the sunset magazine was approaching way behind the other houses. It got closer, and closer, and suddenly, it shot the camera above the guns. All shooting sounds from upstairs were silent. James’s dad got up. They quickly hid in the bathroom. Through the other door, they could see him walking into the main space. They followed. He went upstairs. They followed.

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The sunset house was getting closer. James was scared. What would happen to them when they were breached? The red house’s deck connected with theirs. The front door opened. Out stepped Dr. inthera and her husband. They walked over to Sand By Me. The door opened.

“Hello James” said Dr. Inthera. “You have something I need. Proof. Proof that all this happened. Proof that I need to go to jail. It’s YOU. Your father was a good boy, he stayed. But you, no, you broke into my lab, AND left planet X235. Your father seemed to like it there didn’t he, and I wonder why he liked it there.”

“Because I couldn’t leave” said James’s dad and knocked Dr. Inthera out.

“Nice one.” said James.

“Where should we put her?” asked Teddy.

“I’ll lock her in the basement closet,” said James’s dad. “Then I’ll head back.”

“We’ll miss you!” said Sam.

## Chapter 10

### Back to Earth

James’s dad went upstairs to his ship. Shoshanna set a course to home. Everything had started the process of going back to normal. In three seconds, they turned off UFAST. They were approaching Earth. Suddenly it got VERY hot in the house. The oxygene heaters turned off, and then James realized why it was so hot: They were going through the atmosphere. Things started to shake again as Shoshanna steered toward the farm district. There were cars labeled PACIFIC BEACH PD. People stared as the house flew above them. Shoshanna pressed a button on the steering wheel and went into her room. She packed up her suitcase and made her room look like it was before. Slowly, the house landed in its original position. Once the house was safely landed, people started to pour in.

“What happened?” said James’s mom.

“Does this have anything to do with the sudden launches of many houses in North Alder Park?” asked a news reporter.

“I’ll have to tell you later, but I do have something to tell you.” said James, leading them into the kitchen and downstairs. “THIS is the one who launched us, and used the North Alder Park houses, A Sweet Treat, the Heritage House, Oceans Five, Sunset Retreat, and the Sunset Idea Home to try to keep it that way. KATHRINE INTHERA!” James said and opened the closet door. Out wobbled Dr. Inthera, looking dazed and confused.

“You’re going to jail!” said a police officer.

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That Night, the Bling Family packed up their belongings and got ready to go. They would go the next day.

“That was a short trip.” said Nathan.

“Mom, I need to tell you something about today.” said James.

“Sure honey. What is it?” said his mom.

“In space, there was someone.” said James “That you might be interested in”.

“Who?”

“Dad”.

“What?”

“He was launched into space by Inthera, and he lives there now and...”

“Yes?”

“He’s an Assassin in Space”

“Sorry?”

“You heard me. He’s an assassin in-”

“HA!” said James’s stepdad. “He wouldn’t survive a day in space, let alone be an assassin! He’s just some dumb nerd! I could do better than that, and believe me, I wouldn’t do well”

“I believe you,” said James’s mom.

“Sorry?” said James’s stepdad.

“I believe that you wouldn’t survive a day in space because you are so ignorant that the aliens would not like you and kill you for it. Me and my family will be staying here, and you are NOT ALLOWED HERE EVER AGAIN!”

“Wha-”

“You heard me. NEVER. Now leave this house RIGHT NOW!”

And they lived happily ever after.

## Epilogue

James walked upstairs. It was Teddy’s birthday, and he and his mom were gonna surprise him. He walked into Teddy’s room where his mom was waiting with Teddy’s presents.

“Pancakes ready?” asked James’s mom

“Yup,” said James.

“Ready? 1...2...3... surprise!” said James’s mom.

Teddy Woke up and looked down from his bunk.

“Wow!” said Teddy.

Suddenly, something started buzzing in Teddy’s Nightstand. They looked in the nightstand drawer and the hockey puck thing was buzzing. Teddy pressed the button and a hologram popped up.

“Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you! Happy birthday to dear Teddy, Happy birthday to you!” said a hologram of James’s dad. “Surprise! I got a new ship, and I am coming to visit you Today! Something landed in the road and the door by the garage opened. Someone walked upstairs. “Happy Birthday!” said James’s dad. He handed a small envelope to Teddy.

“I couldn’t get you a bike, but I hope my old spaceship will work. It’s in the garage.” Read Teddy. James and his mom smiled. “Thanks!” Teddy said.