

## SCENE I

(Outside the Half-Moon, coming to the New World)

NARRATOR #1

After many months at sea, the Half-Moon finally reaches land. Hudson and his first mate, Robert Juet, go off on land and begin to explore the New World. But they don't know that there are strangers nearby.

ROBERT

Well, this isn't Asia.

HUDSON

No. But at least it isn't Greenland again.

ROBERT

This must be the New World. But where?

HUDSON

I'm not sure. But look over there.

(Points out in the distance.)

See that river? It heads North. Do you think it's deep enough to get the ship down?

(HAWK and TAMA hide nearby.)

NEOLIN

Foreigners. They must have come here to attack us.

TAMA

Neolin, be quiet. We don't want them to hear us.

NEOLIN

I don't care if they hear us, when we attack!

(They run towards HUDSON AND ROBERT and circle them.)

Stay where you are.

ROBERT

What should we do sir? The men are just back at the boat we have have them arm themselves and rush the shore.

HUDSON

Calm down. There's only two of them. We will talk with them.

NEOLIN

I think we have their leader.

(To HUDSON.)

Don't move!

TAMA

Neolin, calm down.

HUDSON

Now, we don't want any trouble. We just came over here. We have some food and maybe we could share and talk about things.

(Pretends to eat.)

TAMA

There, see? I think he's asking for a feast.

NEOLIN

A feast? I am starving.

(Puts weapon down.)

So, feasting it is.

NARRATOR #1

And so, after a misunderstanding, Hudson went with the Lenape and had a great feast. After that, the Dutch sailors and the Lenape started to get along.

## SCENE II

(Outside the Half-Moon on the land. HUDSON and UMEN are discussing a trade, while ROBERT and TAMA are looking over the things they have brought.)

NARRATOR #2

For weeks after they landed. The sailors traded peacefully with the Lenape. Huudson's crew brought many things from Europe and the Lenape had many things from the New World to exchange.

HUDSON

Robert, how do they look?

ROBERT

These beaver furs are some of the best I have ever seen. I think we can get a lot of money for them back home.

HUDSON

Anything else?

ROBERT

They brought some leather which we could use on the ship.

UMEN

Tama, how do they look?

TAMA

These tools are very well made and I've never seen anything like this. . .clear. . .stone.  
(She holds up a piece of glass.)

ROBERT

They seem to like the glass.

TAMA

Glass?

ROBERT

Yes, glass.

HUDSON

They really learn our language quickly. See if we can get more furs.

(TAMA walks to HUDSON)

TAMA

We will give you some more. These tools you have are very good. But if you want more furs you should go North.

HUDSON

North?

UMEN

The nations to the North, along the river have many good things to trade.

HUDSON

People up this river?

UMEN

Yes, your ship should be able to find them.

ROBERT

Do you think this could be the way we have been looking for?

HUDSON

I don't know. But it sounds like an adventure.

UMEN

So do we have a deal?

HUDSON

Of course.

(They shake hands.)

Thank you.

**SCENE III**

(The deck of the Half-Moon.)

NARRATOR #3

Henry Hudson is ready to explore this rive they have found and he hopes that it might be the shortcut to Asia they have been looking for. The trade has been good, but many of the Lenape have gotten sick and that has made some of them turn to violence.

HUDSON

All aboard. John, tell the crewmen to put up the flag, hoist the sails.

JOHN

Dad, the boat is all ready to sail.

RYAN

(Looks off the boat.)

Captain. It's the Lenape. They don't look too happy.

HUDSON

Get everyone together and ready to leave.

JOHN

Dad, they're shooting at us, what do we do?

(ROBERT runs on stage.)

ROBERT

Some of the men have been hit, Captain.

HUDSON

Robert, get us sailing. Ryan go get some water and bandages. Everyone on board. Sail.

(The CREW RUNS to do their jobs.)

ROBERT

Lift those sails. Return fire.

HUDSON

Hurry!

(They keep working.)

JOHN

They're stopping. We're getting away.

HUDSON

Good. Was anyone hurt?

RYAN

A few people have been hit by arrows, we need to treat them.

ROBERT

I'll help. Any orders, captain?

HUDSON

No, take care of the hurt and watch out for rocks. For now we sail North, to Asia.

**SCENE IV**

(The deck of the Half-Moon. Down the River)

NARRATOR #4

The Half-Moon had escaped danger and now was exploring this new river. Along the way they met many more tribe and traded successfully with them. What they really wanted though, was to find a path to Asia up this river.

JOHN

Dad, this river is so pretty.

HUDSON

I know, this “Mountain River” is in a beautiful land.

JOHN

This is a good adventure.

ROBERT

Captain, we're almost out of things to trade with. We've gotten so many furs, our ship is almost full.

RYAN

Maybe we can trade them when we get to Asia.

JOHN

Do you think we'll get there?

HUDSON

I hope so. If not, this land is still a wonderful new discovery. But I hope so.

RYAN

Well, the river seems to continue for as far as I can see. . .

(The CREW almost falls over.)

JOHN

What happened?

ROBERT

We've hit ground.

HUDSON

What?

ROBERT

We've hit ground.

HUDSON

What?

EVERYONE

We've hit ground!

JOHN

Oh no. The river isn't deep enough.

RYAN

What does this mean?

HUDSON

(Paces.)

If it isn't deep enough, we can't keep going.

ROBERT

This means it isn't the way to Asia after all. Do we turn back.

HUDSON

We'll have to. But don't worry everyone. We have found so much, this mission was still a success. Just not the one we were looking for.

**SCENE V**

(The docks in Europe. The Half Moon has returned. SALLY, KATHERINE and DEIC wait on the docks.)

NARRATOR #5

In 1610, Henry Hudson had returned to Europe with his ship. When a boat returns it is very exciting and so a group of people had come to welcome back the ship. Including Hudson's wife and a person from the Dutch East India company.

SALLY

Oh look, it's the Half-Moon. Does that mean Henry Hudson is on that ship?

KATHERINE

Yes, that's my husband. He's been gone for a long time. My son was gone too.

SALLY

Wow, I bet you' can't wait to see them.

KATHERINE

I can't. Oh there they are. Henry! John!

(HUDSON and JOHN enter. JOHN hugs KATHERINE.)

JOHN

Mom!

KATHERINE

You've gotten so big.

HUDSON

Katherine, it's so good to see you.

SALLY

Did you find what you were looking for Mr. Hudson?

HUDSON

Who are you?

SALLY

My name is Sally. I love adventures. So did you?

DEIC

Yes, Mr. Hudson did you?

HUDSON

We didn't find the passage this time. But we found a lot. But I need to report to the Dutch East India Company.

DEIC

I work for the company. What did you find?

JOHN

So much! We discovered a whole new part of the new world. And we got cloth and furs and leather.

SALLY

Did you?

HUDSON

We did.

KATHERINE

I'm so proud.

DEIC

You didn't find the passage.

HUDSON

No, but the mission wasn't a failure.

DEIC

I will decide if the mission was a failure or not.

(JOHN gives him some fur.)

HUDSON

I filled our boat with goods from the New World.

DEIC

This is great quality. Can you tell us how to get there?

JOHN

Of course.

SALLY

That's so cool.

KATHERINE

Hooray for my husband, the great explorer Henry Hudson!

EVERYONE

HOORAY!

BLACKOUT