## TED - PRENTISS - MOULY · BOY (Peter)

Stort -

Alf exits. The door shuts behind him.

TED: I got a sick feeling about this.

PRENTISS: I'll think of something.

Molly steps from the shadows.

MOLLY: No you won't.

BOYS: (startled) Ahhh!

MOLLY: In my experience, boys're sadly slow thinkers.

TED: What is it?!

PRENTISS: What are you?

MOLLY: I'm a girl.

They edge away, the Boy hiding behind Ted and Prentiss.

PRENTISS: No way.

TED: We saw a girl once-

PRENTISS: -headmaster's daughter.

TED: It was nothing like you. It was all—(characterizing that awful girl of yore) aarrgh, rowrr, hiss!

MOLLY: (officious) Who's the leader here?

PRENTISS: Who wants to know?

MOLLY: Molly Aster. Doctor Pretorius back home says I have an extraordinarily high level of brain power.

PRENTISS: If you're so smart, how come you're stuck on this dirtbucket?

MOLLY: I'm not stuck. I'm going to meet my father in Rundoon. He has important things to do.

PRENTISS: We have important things to do.

TED: No we don't.

PRENTISS: I'm the leader, and I say we got some things.

BOY: (to Molly) He's not the leader.

Molly recognizes the upside-down Boy from the crate.

MOLLY: You.

BOY: You.

MOLLY: How old are you?

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MOLLY: I'm thirteen.

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MOLLY: Wait - I just remembered: today's my birthday. I'm fifteen.

**BOY**: If you were thirteen and today's your birthday, you'd be fourteen.

MOLLY: I only celebrate odd-numbered birthdays.

