

# Earth To Andromeda: Hurling Toward Calamity

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## SYNOPSIS:

Beating odds of one in a billion, Andromeda's family wins the Intergalactic Visa Lottery allowing them to live on Earth for one year. Andromeda's equal parts terrified and giddy as they arrive in small town Buellton, Texas. It is literally and figuratively a world away from her home planet, Chiron. Adjusting to life in the tiny town is bumpy for the whole family, but turbulent for Andromeda, who struggles to find her place in the middle school social pecking order. It all begins the first day of school when Andromeda meets handsome Troy and is struck—like an asteroid out of the blue. Troy's affections, however, are closely guarded by petty Amber Rose, the beautiful popular girl who quickly becomes Andromeda's relentless antagonist.

Andromeda also meets a ragtag group of oddballs who become her nearest and dearest friends: wacky Rowena, dynamic duo Melanie and Dawn, kind-hearted Joy, and lovelorn Doug, whose crush on a classmate has long gone unrequited. After suffering one indignity after the next at the hands of school bullies, the group decides to take a stand and strut their stuff at the upcoming talent show. They practice at Rowena's house with Ro's talented older brother directing them but surrounded by all manners of craziness, including a Zen garden and pond *IN* the house and Ro's exceedingly eccentric mom.

While Andromeda tries to find her rhythm at school, her hapless father, Bern, seems intent on sabotaging their visit to Earth. Fired from his first job for practically burning the place down (by mistaking a paper shredder for a copy machine), Bern gets a job at Buellton's Space & Aerodynamics Research Laboratory and Jet-Propulsion Testing Plant. Already on thin ice with the directors of the alien visa program, Mr. Snodgrass and Ms. Smiley, Bern runs into trouble with the law when he accidentally kills and then reanimates the neighbor's cows. Unbelievably, he gets into more trouble when he shares forbidden Chironian technology with his Earth lab.

Certain that their expulsion from Earth is imminent, the family is surprised by the arrival of the Grands, a very worried Papa and Grams, who fly in after a Skype call gone awry. Furious and fed up, Snodgrass informs the family—they're being sent back to Chiron. Andromeda is understandably devastated, having made such good friends and deeply enamored with sweet Troy. The day of the talent show, their performance runs into some comical glitches, but still earns them the respect from their peers they wanted. Andromeda finally reveals her alien secret to her friends and heads home to prepare for departure.

At the eleventh hour, Bern gets a call from the President of the United States, who commends him for his tremendous scientific discovery and nomination for the Albert Einstein World Award of Science. Andromeda's family now must stay on Earth after all. And, eager to spend more time with her friends—including a boy named, Troy, Andromeda is thrilled.