

Escape from Pluto

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This story isn't about Earth. It's about a different planet, the planet that was demoted, Pluto. It all started when Pluto was demoted. That year in Pluto, they made it a law that all of the children born that year would only cause bad luck. So it was decided that they needed to be removed from society. There was only one way to change their fate. They would have to escape and leave their family behind. They were given until they were 13 to do this or they would be locked up for the rest of their lives.

It was Amethyst's thirteenth birthday in two days. She needed to escape before then, or it was over. She awoke on a Thursday, nothing special about a Thursday. Unless you're Amethyst of course, because today she and her family were going to plan how she was going to escape. Some other kids her age were coming too. They were planning to leave Pluto together.

Four children arrived at exactly 8:00 a.m. to discuss what they would do. They thought about taking a shuttle to Earth. It was the best choice, but it was so far away. They would need loads of melted gems to power the shuttle. They finally decided that Saturn was the best choice. The rings would keep Pluto people out. Saturn accepted people from other planets, and it would only take about 10 gallons of melted gems.

They all would meet each other at the station where a smuggler agreed to get them a shuttle if they gave him 1,000 dollars per person in return. As Amethyst ran her silver hair shone like a diamond when the star's light hit it. When she ran over the hill that blocked her from the station, she could barely see the other kids. The only reason she noticed them was because one of the boys that was coming with them had bright pink hair, which was very easy to spot in the night. But before she ran down the hill, she

noticed that there were three guards behind her. They were following her! She put on a black hood to cover her shining hair and snuck down to the station.

When she arrived at the door to the station, the other kids nodded at her to say hello, and she nodded back. Then, out of the shadows came a dark figure wearing all black, the only thing that wasn't covered was his green head of hair. He brought them to the shuttle and they gave him the money he had asked for. He left without a word. They started to fill up the tank with melted gems and then hurried to get in the shuttle. The guards were coming for them! They hurried to start up the engine. Just as one of the guards was going to open the door, the boy with pink hair slammed the door into the guard's stomach. The guard fell back, surprised, and the shuttle lifted off as fast as it could. Amethyst hugged him. If it wasn't for him, they would all be in jail for trying to escape.

After awhile they opened the shutters on the windows. The beautiful galaxy was right outside. While the shuttle was flying, they all had their faces pressed against the windows. The universe was beautiful, much better seeing it from her window than the poster she had in her room. Then, they saw Saturn's beautiful rings, which seemed to glisten with hope. As they lowered the shuttle onto the rocky ground of Saturn, they saw hundreds of people there waving at them and smiling. Some were even running toward them to help them out of the shuttle. They weren't ridiculed here, they were welcomed. Life for them had changed for the better. They would never regret the choice they made that day, never.