

## Book 1: A Land Called Earth

Dodge's spacecraft tumbled through the air, leaving a spiraling trail of white-hot flame. Finally, the ship plunged towards the Earth, crashing down near a field in the outskirts of Toronto. The impact was brutal, sending up a plume of dust and debris.

Dodge was stranded on this strange planet, and the impact had left him groggy and struggling to breathe. As he slowly regained consciousness, he frantically scanned the area, worry coursing through him. Things had gone wrong, and he didn't know what the future held for him.

Dodge was a little green round alien, and his suit had become his only protection against this planet's environment. After trying to catch his breath for a few moments, he grabbed a dextrose pack with purified water from a locker and placed it in a tiny slot in his helmet. The blue light signifies that the oxygen-enriched liquid was flowing through his suit, and he could finally breathe without gasping for air.

Surveying the wreckage, Dodge realized that crucial equipment was obscured by debris. He couldn't locate his communications device, which would be essential in contacting his superiors. Dodge carefully scanned the surrounding area, finally detecting the faint hum of his communicator. It was a long walk, but he had no other choice but to retrieve it.

Dodge gazed around, and his eyes lit up as he saw the glowing Toronto skyline in the distance. Despite the crash, he couldn't help feeling excited about this unknown, beautiful planet he had landed on. His childlike curiosity had kicked in, and he started to feel hopeful. No matter what, he had to complete his mission and way back home.

The crash had left the nearby field a smoldering wreckage, and Dodge realized he needed to find cover to assess his situation better. With the grace of a trained acrobat, he leapt towards a nearby tree, attached his suit to it, and climbed up to the safety of the canopy.

Once he was secure up in the tree, he took a breath and surveyed his surroundings from this high point. The night sky was clear, and the moon shone bright as day. Dodge couldn't see any other signs of life nearby, but at least he wasn't alone.

Dodge's mind began to race. Who knew what kind of creatures lived on this planet? How long would he be stranded here? Despite the uncertainties, his mission remained clear: he had to remain unnoticed and complete his mission, no matter what.

Using his suit's advanced technology, he followed the signals of his communications device. But as he walked, he became aware of something moving in the shadows. Before long, he realized that he was being followed.

Dodge tensed up, his heart beating faster, and he felt like something's not right. How could he evade these unknown creatures without communicating with them? And what would they do if they caught him?

Taking a deep breath, he activated the thrusters in his suit, launching himself forward. The unknown creatures now far behind, and Dodge could no longer hear their footsteps pounding behind him. He still sprinted with all his might, dodging obstacles along the way.

Dodge made it to the city, he did his best to blend in with the humans. He quickly realized that his green skin and unusual attire made him incredibly conspicuous. Passersby stared at him, their eyes widening in shock and fear.

Dodge tried to keep his head low and focus on his mission, but each time he encountered someone, he could see their eyes widen, and they quickly hurried away from him. The more he was seen, the more Dodge became anxious, and he started to believe that he would never be accepted on this planet.

He began to feel like a foreign being, completely out of place in this strange world. People seemed to move away from him like a school of fish darting away from a predator. The more he tried to blend in, the more he stood out.

Dodge tried to attract as little attention as possible, but every time he walked past someone, he could hear them whispering and murmuring between themselves. He felt like a circus animal being paraded for people's entertainment, and the sensation unnerved him. He continued to stumble through the unfamiliar streets of Toronto, trying to make sense of the strange world he had crashed into. The towering buildings and bustling crowds were completely foreign to him, and he felt lost and alone. He had never felt so out of place before.

As he wandered through the streets, he suddenly heard the sound of a bicycle bell ringing. He turned to see a young boy riding towards him, his face lit up with curiosity. Dodge hesitated, unsure if he should approach the child.

But the boy was not afraid of Dodge's unusual appearance. He stopped beside him and asked, "Hey mister, are you okay? You look lost." His voice was soft and kind.

Dodge was surprised by the boy's friendliness. He hesitated before replying, "Yes, I'm lost. I'm not from here."

The boy's eyes widened with excitement. "Really? Where are you from? Are you an alien?"

Dodge couldn't help but smile at the boy's innocence. He decided to answer the boy's questions, hoping that he could make a friend in this strange new place. He told the boy about his home planet and how he had crash-landed on Earth. The boy listened with fascination and asked more questions.

As they continued to talk, Dodge felt a connection with the boy. He realized that he hadn't spoken to anyone like this in a long time, and that he had missed the simple pleasures of conversation and companionship.

Suddenly, the boy's hand reached out to touch one of Dodge's gadgets. Dodge panicked and accidentally activated it, causing a loud noise to scare the boy. The boy started crying and ran away on his bike.

Dodge felt terrible. He had ruined his chance to make a friend on Earth. But at the same time he knew that he had overreacted and hurt the boy's feelings. He decided to find the boy and apologize.

It didn't take long to find him again. This time, the boy was sitting on a park bench, wiping away his tears. Dodge approached him cautiously.

"Hey," he said softly. "I'm sorry for scaring you earlier. I didn't mean to startle you. Can we try again?"

The boy looked up and nodded. "Okay," he said, "but no more loud noises, okay?"

Dodge promised to be more careful. He sat down beside the boy and they started talking again. This time, they talked about less serious things - hobbies, favorite foods, and pets.

As they talked, Dodge started to feel more at ease. He realized that this boy was not afraid of him, and that he had a chance to make a real friend on Earth.

When it was time for the boy to go home, Dodge asked, "Can we meet again? I want to show you some more of my gadgets."

The boy smiled and nodded. "Sure! Let's meet in the park tomorrow, okay?"

Dodge agreed, feeling a sense of excitement and possibility. Dodge felt grateful for the chance encounter. Maybe, he thought, he wasn't as lost on Earth as he had thought.

The boy then realized he didn't know how to get back home and asked if Dodge would help him.

As guilt weighed heavily on Dodge's heart, he couldn't shake off the memory of how he scared Timmy earlier. But fate had its way of bringing them together again, and this time, it was the beginning of an adventure that changed Dodge's life forever. Timmy shared his plight, revealing that he was lost and had no phone or means to contact his parents. Touched by his vulnerability, Dodge offered to help Timmy find his grandma's house, carrying him on his shoulders as they navigated through the bustling city streets with impressive speed and dexterity.

Along the way, Dodge's superhuman abilities didn't go unnoticed as he came to the aid of a woman with a flat tire and a man struggling with heavy grocery bags. As Timmy marveled over Dodge's holographic images and translator device, Dodge revealed more fascinating stories from his planet and the adventures he had traveling through space.

When they finally arrived at Timmy's grandma's house, Dodge was embraced by a warmth and kindness that he'd never experienced before. Over dinner, he regaled

them with more incredible tales and even helped fix the broken washing machine. As the night wore on, Dodge realized that he had found a new purpose in life, and it was all about helping people and making new friends.

Before he left, Timmy gave Dodge a special headband that would keep his thoughts and feelings safe, a gesture that touched Dodge's heart. And with a renewed sense of purpose and determination, Dodge left, knowing that his adventures now had a significant purpose - to do good in the world.

As Dodge walks away from Timmy's grandma's house, he can't help but feel conflicted. On the one hand, he's thrilled to have made a new friend and helped someone in need. But on the other hand, he still can't shake off the unease of feeling lost and unsure of his place on Earth.

Dodge continues wandering the streets aimlessly before coming across a park. He sits down on a bench and tries to collect his thoughts, but then suddenly, he hears a woman's voice crying out for help. He looks up to see a woman struggling to carry a large package, and without hesitation, he rushes to her aid.

As they talk, he learns that her name is Ms. Lee, and she's a widowed retiree who lives alone in a nearby apartment. She's been feeling overwhelmed lately, and she warmly thanks Dodge for his kind gesture. They walk together to Ms. Lee's apartment, where Dodge helps her with some chores and even fixes a leaky faucet.

As they work, Ms. Lee asks Dodge about his origins and what brought him to Earth. Dodge hesitates at first but eventually opens up and shares his story. And to his surprise, Ms. Lee is understanding and fascinated. She tells him that everyone goes through challenges when adapting to a new environment and encourages him to keep exploring and learning about Earth.

Over a cup of tea, they discuss their interests and past lives, and Dodge discovers that Ms. Lee used to be an artist. He shows her some of his own sketches from his travels, and she is impressed. She suggests that he join a local art class to meet new people and explore his talents. And with her encouragement, Dodge finally starts to feel like he has found his footing on Earth.

As he leaves, Ms. Lee gives him a warm embrace and invites him back anytime. Dodge realizes that he has made another friend, and he's beginning to settle into his new home on Earth.

As he walks back to his ship, he reflects on all the people he has met and helped on his journey so far. He takes off his helmet and feels the cool breeze against his skin, realizing that he's starting to embrace his new identity as a helper and explorer. And as he looks up at the stars and sets off into the galaxy, he knows that he's found a new purpose in his life.

And as a symbol of his dedication to helping others, he takes out Timmy's headband and cuts eye-holes in it. He puts it on his head, promising to live up to its meaning as he continues on his adventures.

Dodge finally returns to his home planet after months of travel through the galaxy. As he lands his spaceship, he can hardly wait to share his adventures on Earth with his fellow inhabitants.

A group of Dodges awaits him, and as he starts to speak about his experiences on Earth, something suddenly dawns on him - everyone on his planet is called Dodge, including him. In his excitement to share his stories, he must have forgotten how unique the name "Dodge" was to the Earthly people. He tells them of the beauty of Earth and how he's found a sense of belonging there as he helps others. And to his surprise, the other Dodges all share his enthusiasm for helping others and exploring new worlds.

Together, they make headbands, just like the one that Timmy gave him on Earth, as a symbol of their commitment to helping others. They decide to go back to Earth to explore and make a difference, just like Dodge did during his time on the planet.

As they take off in their spaceships, Dodge looks back at his planet and feels a sense of gratitude for the community he has on this planet. He knows that they will make a positive impact on Earth and that he's found a new purpose in life - to explore and make the galaxy a better place, no matter where he goes.

So Dodge took off for a new planet for his people to help as the other Dodges made their way to Earth.