

## Family Album, USA

### Episode 21 “[A Big Fish in a Little Pond](#)“

#### Act 3

**Michelle** I love my school. I have so many good friends there now. I wouldn't miss a day even if I were really sick.

**Susan** Come and sit down for a minute, Michelle. I'd like to talk to you about something. Something important.

**Michelle** What's wrong, Susan?

**Susan** Oh, there's nothing wrong, Michelle. But your daddy and I are talking about something that I'd like your opinion about.

**Michelle** I know. I heard you talking about it the other night when I was trying on my new clothes. It's about moving to Los Angeles.

**Susan** You're right. How do you feel about it?

**Michelle** Well, I really wouldn't want to move, but...

**Susan** But?

**Michelle** But if you and Daddy wanted to, I guess you know what's best for the family and for me.

**Susan** That's very considerate of you, Michelle. But what about your friends?

**Michelle** I'd miss them a lot, but I know what it feels like to miss someone.

**Susan** Honey, we don't have to move if you're not going to be happy about it.

**Michelle** Does Daddy want to move?

**Susan** I think so. He's going to tell us tonight about the job offer.

**Harry** Well, how was everybody's day today?

**Susan** Michelle was chosen to do the school poster for the play this year.

**Harry** Congratulations, Michelle! That's something! And how was your day, Susan?

**Susan** I see you're in a good mood. Why don't you tell us about your day?

**Harry** I met with Bill York.

**Susan** It's OK to talk about it, Harry. Michelle knows all about it.

**Harry** Really?

**Susan** Really, Harry. Michelle and I have all kinds of feelings about leaving New York, the family, and friends. But is you think you should take the job, we're behind you.

**Harry** What about Michelle's school?

**Susan** We'll move after the school term.

**Harry** What about her new friends?

**Michelle** I'll make new friends wherever we are as long as we're together.

**Susan** We're a family, Harry. Whatever you think is right for you is right for us.

**Harry** I am so touched. The two of you are really something.

**Michelle** We love you, Daddy.

**Harry** And I love you.

**Susan** OK. Now, tell us about your talk with Mr. York. Did you take the job?

**Harry** Nope.

**Michelle** What?

**Susan** No? You didn't take it?

**Harry** No, I did not take the job.

**Michelle** But, Daddy, I thought...

**Susan** Harry, you didn't turn it down because of me...

**Michelle** Or me?  
**Harry** No, no. I turned it down because of me.  
**Susan** How's that?  
**Harry** Well, I began to think about you and about Michelle, and then I asked myself, do I really want to work for the biggest company in the country?  
**Susan** And?  
**Harry** And I don't. I went into business for myself because I like being my own boss. I run my own company. I'm a big fish in a little pond. I'm not really sure I want to be a little fish in a big pond.  
**Michelle** Oh, Daddy, does that mean we don't have to move?  
**Harry** That's right, sweetheart.  
**Susan** Are you sure?  
**Harry** I couldn't be more sure, Susan.  
**Susan** I'm glad if you are, Harry.  
**Harry** And besides, how could I live in Los Angeles when all my favorite people live here?  
**Susan** Your favorite people?  
**Michelle** Who's that?  
**Harry** The Stewart family, of course.