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"The Time Machine"

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THE TIME MACHINE



There once was a boy named Tom. Tom lived with his parents in Springfield, Illinois. His parents were very nice, but they always found chores for him to do. "Tom, take out the garbage! Tom, empty the dishwasher!" were common sounds around the house.

One day, while hanging up the laundry, Tom noticed a piece of smooth shiny stuff. He got a shovel and started digging up the material. When he was done, Tom brushed off the dirt and found it was a strange box! Tom took the box and looked at it carefully.

The box was about the size of a baseball helmet with a bunch of buttons and levers. In bold letters on a big green button were the words, "PRESS ME." Tom, being the curious type, pressed the button. A hologram came out of the box showing an old man with curious facial hair.

He said, "Whom who has found this Time-unit 6500, congratulations. You can use this time machine to travel to any point in history." The hologram described how to use the box, pointing to use the box, pointing to a keyboard and screen for the year, month, and day. The hologram then switched off. Tom typed in the screens, "October 20, 2070." The time machine whirred a bit, then started buzzing. The scenery around Tom blurred and went fuzzy, then cleared.

Tom was standing in a big city. The buildings were made of the same material as the time machine and stretched into the sky. Robots clanged by on wheels and tracks while strange airships flew above. "Wow, this is pretty cool!" Tom exclaimed.

While he was looking at the surroundings, a little robot rolled up to him, rubbing against him like a cat. "Aww, this is cute. I always wanted a pet," Tom thought. He picked up the little robot and typed the present date on the time machine. Tom returned home and went inside, carrying a new friend from the future.

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