

from Time and Space

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Casey, Luis, and Tyler are friends. One day they find a mysterious machine and an old journal from Luis's uncle.

1 Casey took the journal and looked through the pages. “How do you think it works?”

2 Luis waved his hands over the dials. “I guess you just set the date you want to go to and push the green button. I bet the machine does the rest.”

3 Casey moved the date to two weeks in the future. . . .

4 Luis saw a button that showed a picture of a door. He pressed it and the door slid back into place. It all seemed so old-fashioned and futuristic at the same time.

5 “Okay, strap yourselves into a seat,” Casey ordered. “Luis, sit on the end and then you can lean over and hit the button. It was your uncle who helped build it, after all.”

6 Luis snapped the straps across his chest. He reached for the button. He could just touch it with the edge of his finger.

7 “Three . . . two . . . one!” Tyler shouted.

8 Luis took a deep breath and stretched his arm a little further. As he pressed the button, a siren went off. He yelled and yanked his arm back.

9 That’s when he knocked his elbow against the lever labeled *Advance*. The date dials spun fast. Very fast. Months and years clicked by.

10 “Uh-oh!” Luis shouted.

11 Tyler’s eyes went wide. “Uh-oh? What does that mean?”

12 Luis felt the machine spin. Faster and faster. It felt like it must feel to be inside a tornado.

13 Luis tried to reach the Advance lever, but his arms were pressed against his sides. The machine twisted back and forth. He tried warning his friends that they were moving fast through time, but his lips felt like they were glued together.

14 Luis’s whole body shook. Then a blinding light filled the machine. His friends’ bodies seemed to twist like pretzels. Luis felt sick to his stomach as his own body twisted. . . .

15 He forced his mouth open and screamed. And the twisting feeling disappeared.

16 Luis couldn't see the time machine. He couldn't see his friends. He closed his eyes. Had they gone to the end of time? Was he alone?

17 When he opened his eyes again, the cloud was gone. He was sitting at a large control panel. There were people all around. They were talking. Machines were beeping. Luis turned to see Tyler and Casey seated next to him.

18 "Captain, are you okay?" a voice asked.

19 Luis blinked. A man in a metallic green jumpsuit stood behind Tyler.

20 What happened to the time machine? Where were they?

21 "What?" Luis asked.

22 "We've been given the all clear. We can go to docking speed, sir."

23 "Docking speed?" Luis asked.

24 "We've arrived at the space station, sir."

25 Luis looked at the large screen in front of them. It was showing a film with stars and a long white object in the middle.

26 Luis blinked. It wasn't a film. Or a screen. It was a window.

27 Luis looked at his friends. They stared back with wide eyes. . . .

28 They were on a ship going through space.

29 And he was the captain.

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Read the excerpt from *Time and Space*.

Think about how surprised Luis, Casey, and Tyler must feel about being on a spaceship in the future. In your own words, write a multi-paragraph story about what happens next to the three friends.

Use what you have learned from the passage to help you write your story.

Remember to —

- provide a beginning, a middle, and an end to your story
- put events in the order in which they happen
- include descriptions of people, objects, and settings
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar

Use the space provided to write your story.