

THE END OF THE CENTURY

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Zachary - teenager, 13 years old. Smarter, wiser older brother who has just returned from the past. He is also very scientific. Zachary tries to let Joshua get a glimpse of the past, but Joshua does not believe until too late.

Joshua - boy, 11 years old. Joshua is the disbelieving younger brother of Zachary. He is quick, witty, funny, but also a little smart-alecky. Stubborn but persuadable, he isn't ready to "tesser" (time travel) until it is too late.

EXT. FRONT YARD - DAYTIME

Joshua is working on his bike. Suddenly, Zachary falls in. Joshua nervously jumps and knocks his bike over.

ZACHARY

Whoa! Hey, Joshua, I've just returned from the past!

JOSHUA

What do you mean "the past"?

ZACHARY

Do you remember the timeline book that our history teacher gave to us to record historical events in?

JOSHUA

Uh... (shakes head "no")

ZACHARY

She called it the Book of Centuries. Remember?

JOSHUA

Oh! Yeah, I still have mine. What about it?

ZACHARY

Do you remember how we used to pretend we could use it to travel back in time?

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JOSHUA

Sure! That was fun!

ZACHARY

(Exited)

I just found out that it's really possible!

JOSHUA

(Laughing)

Uh-pph. - Prove it.

ZACHARY

(Digging in his bag)

(Pulls out a vase)

This is from the Bronze Age Mycenaean era of Ancient Greece.

JOSHUA

(Smart-alecky)

A scene? On a Broadway stage? I thought Broadway was in Manhattan!

ZACHARY

(Frustrated)

No, you know, Mycenae! We studied it in school! One of the earliest Greek civilizations to thrive on the Peloponnesus Peninsula!

JOSHUA

(Rolls eyes stubbornly)

Yes. - But how do I know that you got THAT from Ancient Greece when our *mom* could have got that when *she* went to Greece.

ZACHARY

She *could've*, but she didn't. I took this from what looked like a giant beehive. Turns out it was tomb of a Mycenaean king. I also noticed that the locals seemed to be very proud of the city's huge walls. They called them Cyclopean and claimed they had been made by giants.

JOSHUA

Uh-huh. So you stole mom's pot from a giant beehive and saw walls made by fairy-tale giants. I see.

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ZACHARY

No, I'm serious. Look here. This is (MORE)

ZACHARY (cont'd)

Patrick Henry's copy of the constitution.
(Pulls an old sheet of paper out of his bag)
He threw it in the fire, but I grabbed it before
it could burn completely.

JOSHUA

(Disgusted)

Patrick Henry was a patriot. He wouldn't do
anything like that. Besides, you haven't given me
any proof.

ZACHARY

(Angry)

Do you see the burn marks? And yes, your
"Patriot" believed that the constitution
endangered the rights of the people.

(Relaxing)

It wasn't until they added the Bill of Rights
that he actually accepted it.

JOSHUA

Whoa. So you robbed a tomb on a "Broadway stage"
and burnt your fingers in Patrick Henry's
fireplace. Do you have anything else in your bag?

ZACHARY

Yup. I saved the best for last.
(Retrieves some army gear out of his pack)

JOSHUA

Wow! That's a paratroopers uniform from World War
II, isn't it!

ZACHARY

Actually, it is! This is from D-day, the Allied
invasion of Normandy. The plan was to secure a
supply beach so the Allies could recapture France
from the German Nazis. I actually parachuted in
on Omaha beach, the largest of the 5 landing
shores.

JOSHUA

So that game really is possible!

ZACHARY

Well, sort of. I had to use dad's old
watch-
(Produces watch)
-in conjunction with the Book of Centuries.

JOSHUA

I'm not so sure I understand.

ZACHARY

See, you have to set the time on the watch back *first*,
and then you can decide where you want to go.

JOSHUA

Then what are we waiting for? Let's go!

ZACHARY

We can't.

JOSHUA

(Furious)

Whddaya mean we can't!?! Weren't you just telling me we
could!?! Why can't we?!

ZACHARY

Well, the molecular spatial aspect of the chronos is
no longer at its zenith in the vortex with the kairos,
so it is virtually impossible to - t-tesser.

JOSHUA

English?

ZACHARY

The t-time ran out.

THE END