

(Chief thinks for a second. Then erases something on the paper)

Chief Next week.

(The scientists burst into the office)

Scientist #2 Sir Sir! We've figured it out!

(Chief hurries to shove his new form into a drawer)

Chief Great! Tell me how it works.

Scientist #1 Well, you set this dial to any point in time and then push this button and presto! You've traveled back in time. It sounds easy, but it can get pretty complicated so just make sure you have someone responsible for the job.

Chief Oh I've got just the man. Margaret!

Margaret What?

Chief Send in Officer McAllister.

Margaret Fine.

(McAllister kicks open the doors and walks in)

McAllister You wanted to see me Chief?

Chief God McAllister, you gotta stop kicking in my door! That's the 5th one this month!

McAllister I can fix it?

Chief No, just don't touch it... or anything.

McAllister Sorry Chief, it's just so exhilarating.

Chief It's ok. So, the reason I called you in here is to give you your next assignment. McAllister, the President has been assassinated.

McAllister Woohoo!

Chief No, not the current President. Abraham Lincoln.

McAllister My God! It can't be!

Chief ...are you serious?

McAllister What?

Chief Well, Lincoln's been dead for almost 150 years.

McAllister Oh... I knew that...

Chief
I was trying to set this whole thing up really dramatically but you pretty much just killed the mood.

McAllister
My bad.

Chief
I'll just tell you about it. Our leading scientists slash historians...

Scientist #1
Hi

Scientist #2
Hey

Chief
... have uncovered something huge!

McAllister
Wait, why do we have scientists slash historians? This is the police department.

Chief
I don't know... oh I've got it, they're part of our Never Ending Research and Development Squad.

(after a brief pause)

Scientist #2
Ha, get it? That shortens to NERDS!

Scientist #1
He's talking about us.

Scientist #2
Oh...

Chief
Anyway, they've pinpointed the exact moment in history that, if changed, could alter our future resulting in world peace. And that moment is the moment Abraham Lincoln was shot.

McAllister
How will changing that result in world peace?

Chief
I don't know, they figured it out with some equation thing. I'm just gonna roll with it. Anyway, you are the man I want to send back in time to make sure Abraham Lincoln does not get shot.

McAllister
Wait... does this mean I get to be a... Time Cop???

Chief
I guess if you want to call it that then yeah.

McAllister
Ha! You all made fun of me when I said being a Time Cop was my lifelong dream!!

FLASHBACK

(People around watercooler)

Chief
I don't know, probably meth. Ha. Hey, there's McAllister, lets ask him. Hey McAllister, if you could do anything in the entire world, what would it be?

McAllister Well... I'd travel through time, stopping criminals from every century. I'd be McAllister: Time Cop!

Chief Hahaha, time cop? That is the dumbest thing I've ever heard... ever! Hahaha

Random guy Hahahahaha

(A random guy walks up)

Other random guy Hey what's going on here

Chief Just laugh at him!

Other random guy Ok, hahahahaha.

Chief Hahahaha... stupid!

McAllister Stop it... just stop it! *cries*

END OF FLASHBACK

McAllister And I've never been the same.

Scientist #2 Wow Chief, you're a jerk.

Chief What? That's not how it happened at all. I remember that.

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Chief Huh, Time Cop. Cool.

END OF FLASHBACK

McAllister Well... you were laughing on the inside

Chief Indeed I was. But that's beside the point because the point is you are going back in time to kill John Wilkes Booth.

McAllister Wait I thought I was saving Abraham Lincoln?

Chief Yeah... that's the guy that shot him.

McAllister Oh yeah... so I'm killing someone... to promote world peace?

Chief
 If one person has to die so billions can live in peace then so be it McAllister... so be it!

McAllister
 Wow, my bad.

Chief
 Alright. Scientist guy!

Scientist #1
 Yeah

Chief
 Give him the run down of how to use this thing.

Scientist #1
 Alright. So... can you tell me what this is?

McAllister
 (to self) Please don't call on me please don't call on me please please please don't call on me.

Scientist #1
 McAllister, you're the only one this lesson is for.

McAllister
 Oh yeah.

(The Scientist starts to explain things very quickly. McAllister pretends to understand)

Scientist #1
 Ok, this knob here is used to set the frequency of travel, which is crucial to the time travel process, got it?

McAllister
 Yes.

Scientist #1
 Good. Now on this side is where you set your date, with the year, month, day, and approximate time rounded to the nearest tenth of a second taken to the quagilitive of the quantitative, make sense?

McAllister
 Uhh.. Yup.

Scientist #1
 Now, can you tell me what this side does?

McAllister
 Uh... No! I don't understand any of this, it's so complex. That side just looks like a toaster.

Scientist #1
 Well that's because it is. This side of the time machine is for making toast.

Scientist #2
 Ha, that was my idea... I thought, you know, why not make toast on the go?

McAllister
 Huh, seems simple enough.

Chief
 Alright, lets get this thing over with. Now McAllister, don't tell anyone you're from the future.

McAllister
 Ok... can I tell them I'm a time cop?

Chief
 No... tell them you're a plumber. No one questions plumbers.

McAllister Makes sense.

Chief Alright, now you get there, you kill John Wilkes Booth, then you get back here, you got it? I know you want to be Mr. Time Cop, but don't mess with any other parts of time, you hear me?

McAllister Sure thing Chief. Oh, I've got a question for the scientist guy!

Scientist #1 You know I DO have a name! It's-

McAllister Mr. Scientist, I'm kinda clumsy sometimes... what happens if I accidentally drop this thing or something?

Scientist #1 Then you will be trapped in that time period forever and the world will be doomed... ha, just kidding, we designed it with a special feature for just that situation here let me show you.

(The Scientist takes the time machine and holds it in the air and lets go. Once the time machine hits the floor, time rewinds itself until the time machine is back in his hands, fully in tact)

McAllister Wow

Scientist #1 Yeah, the second the outer component starts to break, it is designed to rewind time until it is fully in tact again.

Chief Perfect. Even you can't screw that up McAllister! So, you know what the plan is?

McAllister Shoot....Lincoln?

Chief No no no... shoot John Wilkes Booth.

McAllister Oh, yeah, I always get those two confused.

Chief Yeah... in that case I think I'll write it on your hand for ya... Shoot... John... Wilkes... Booth. There ya go.

McAllister Alright. Well, goodbye. I love you all. Even you Mr. Scientist.

Scientist #1 My name is-

McAllister Even if I don't return, I want you all to remember me for-

Chief McAllister, shhhh...

(The Chief puts his finger to McAllister's lips to shush him. He then quickly pushes the button on the time machine. In a flash, McAllister is gone)

Scientist #2
 You know, now that I think about, we've been science partners since biology class in 9th grade, and I don't even know your name.

Scientist #1
 Oh really? Well it's-

Chief
 Godspeed McAllister.... Godspeed.

(McAllister appears in the year 1865)

McAllister
 Wow... that was weird. Well, looks like I'm at the white house and Lincoln's up there giving a speech... now how to find this Booth guy?

Booth
 This will be the last speech he ever gives, or my name isn't John Wilkes Booth.

McAllister
 Well that was easy. Excuse me, I was sent from the future to kill you.

Booth
 What?

McAllister
 Ugh. (uses time machine to travel back in time a few seconds)

McAllister
 Excuse me, I was wondering if you wanted to dinner sometime or just go somewhere we can, uhh...talk.

Booth
 Dinner? Talk? Are you trying to get with me?

McAllister
 No no, I just want to be with you... alone. Ugh (travels back in time a few seconds)

McAllister
 Hey, lets hang out!

Booth
 You know, it's really nice that you would be willing to hang out with me. I don't have many friends you see and sometimes..(starts to sniffle) it just gets so hard...here in Lonelytown...population...me.

McAllister
 Yeah, I know what that's like. Everyone where I'm from just thinks I'm a total idiot so I don't have many friends either.

Booth
 Wow, we have so much common. So where are you from?

McAllister
 Oklahoma.

Booth
 Okla-what?

McAllister
 Crap not a state yet... Uh, well, I, uhh, Ok... arolina. O' Carolina. I love it. Cuz I'm from there. That's why I love it so much!!

Booth
 Which one?

McAllister
Come on Chief, that doesn't sound like world peace talk to me!

Chief
Yeah, well we'll see if you accomplished that.

McAllister
Wouldn't you guys just be able tell if I did or not? I assumed when I came back you'd all have warm fuzzy feelings inside.

Chief
Not exactly. Mr. Scientist over here... what was your name again?

Scientist #1
Oh, well thanks for actually caring. It's-

Chief
You took too long, don't care anymore. While you were gone the scientists put this room in a time shield, so whatever you did in the past won't directly affect us until we leave this room. That way if you messed up too bad we wouldn't be totally screwed.

McAllister
Oh... I'm glad to know you guys have such confidence in me.

Chief
Yup. Now scientist guy! Log on to Wikipedia and look up stuff about Lincoln and all that history jazz.

Scientist # 1
Wikipedia?

Scientist #2
Even I don't use Wikipedia... and I'm the dumb one.

Scientist #1
There's a lot of other sites I could use, I actually bookmarked quite a few of them so I could-

Chief
Use... Wikipedia!!

Scientist #1
Ok... let me check here. Well, looks like Lincoln wasn't shot... but it still has an article about the theater incident. Lets see what that's about it.

Chief
What did you do McAllister?

McAllister
Well, ha, funny story actually...

Scientist #1
It says here that John Wilkes Booth was going to assassinate the president, but then after talking with a plumber realized he agreed with the president's views and was on his way to his box to apologize when he was hit by a flying piece of toast? Damn, I knew the toaster was a bad idea.

Scientist #2
Seemed like a good idea at the time.

Scientist #1
It says here that the incident left Booth blind in one eye... which made him the first... cycloptic president

of the united states when he beat out Lincoln for the primary in the next election....

Scientist #2 Ha... you screwed up baad.

Chief God McAllister... toast?!

McAllister The foreign bouncer took my gun! And the other one is in Lonelytown!

Chief I don't even want to know, just go back in time and fix it!!!

McAllister Fine.

(McAllister pushes a button and vanishes)

Scientist #1 You know, I said this would happen.

Scientist #2 What? You said McAllister would hit Booth in the face with toast and accidentally make him President?

Scientist #1 No stupid, I said this whole thing wouldn't work.

Scientist #2 What? No you didn't! You actually said, "I know this will work, or my name isn't-

(The lights in the room suddenly go off)

Chief Oh great... there goes the lights. McAllister probably accidentally gave Edison the black plague or something. Haha... ha... ha... oh god.

Scientist #2 I thought this room wouldn't be affected by the changes in time?

Scientist #1 Yeah, but if the power box that is outside this room that contains the electricity system that was never invented is changed, then we kinda get stuck with this.

(The lights all come back on, but are red)

Chief Well the lights are back... but why are they all red?

(McAllister pops back into the room)

McAllister Wow... honey, I'm-

Chief Shut up McAllister, what did you do this time?!

McAllister Well, I messed up some of the knobs on the time machine, so I kinda went all over the place....

Chief And what did you do all over the place... no, don't tell me Scientist man, check Wikipedia.

Scientist #1 I think I'm just gonna check Google-

Chief WIKIPEDIA!!

Scientist #1 Alright, well lets see... Edison didn't invent the light bulb, some Russian guy did. That explains the red light I guess

McAllister Yeah, we went out for a few drinks and he ended up singing karaoke. Just his luck, there was a talent agent at the bar and he liked what he heard, so Edison got picked up and started a solo singing career....sorry.

Scientist #1 Oh, and speaking of the Russians... Europe no longer exists... that entire continent is now The Soviet Union.

Chief McAllister...

McAllister That one wasn't even my fault!

Scientist #1 And... the holocaust never happened? Wow, how did you pull that one off McAllister?

McAllister Well...

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(McAllister cocks his gun)

McAllister Hey Hitler

Hitler Ja?

McAllister Ausch this!

(shoots Hitler)

McAllister Count it!

END OF FLASHBACK

McAllister And maybe it wasn't a good decision, but I mean seriously? Ausch this? What better thing can you say while shooting Hitler. I came up with it when I was standing there and I just couldn't let an opportunity go by.

Scientist #1 John Wilkes Booth was still a president of the United States

McAllister Oh, that's what I was supposed to do. I couldn't remember for the life of me.

Scientist #1 And so was... Al Gore?

Chief What??

Scientist #2 How much did you mess up?

Chief Al Gore being president isn't that bad at all

Scientist #1 It says here Gary Coleman was his Vice President

Chief Come on McAllister... Gary Coleman?

McAllister You know, I'm done with this whole time cop thing.

Chief Done? Done?! You can't just be done, you have go back and fix everything you screwed up.

McAllister I'm afraid I can't do that chief, cuz you see, I learned something through my escapades through time. The only man that should tinker with time, is Father Time himself. We have no right to change the past to alter the future. What's done is done... and we need to respect that.

Chief You know, this would've been great to say, oh I don't know, how about BEFORE you went a screwed up time!! Someone's gotta go fix this!

McAllister *Impossible Chief. After I realized that being a time cop sounded freakin sweet in my head, but really wasn't something I should be doing, I destroyed the time machine, so no one could make the same mistakes I did.*

Scientist #1 How did you manage to break the-

McAllister I just did, ok.

Scientist #2 And how did you get back to this time without a-

McAllister I just did, jeez!

Scientist #1 And weren't you just making toast with it?

McAllister I hate toast... Keep asking questions if you want, but they will get you nowhere. For now, I'm outta here Chief. I'll be in my office.

(McAllister walks to the door and kicks it down)

Chief God McAllister!! What did I say about my door!?!

McAllister Oh, uh...

(McAllister sneakily pulls the time machine out of his pocket and pushes the button. He poofs back to a few seconds before he kicked down the door)

McAllister

For now. I'm outta here Chief. I'll be in my office.

(He stops in front of the door and grabs the handle. He opens the door gently, then shuts it behind him. He is still holding the time machine)

McAllister

McAllister: Time Cop... on duty.

(McAllister pushes the button on the time machine)

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