Chapter 1

“There! All done!” Professor Bob said. He had been working on this new invention for months, and he was exhausted. But, it was worth it. Professor Bob had invented the world’s first time machine. Its shape was a dodecahedron and it ran on solar power. It was built with iron-strengthened titanium and compressed lead all held together by aluminum-strengthened tungsten nuts and bolts. The porthole was made of titanium and diamond-coated plexiglass, and on the inside, there were two seats (with seatbelts. They did NOT want to die) made of spider silk. There was also a dial, so you could control what time period you traveled to. Now all he needed was someone to come with him on his first expedition.

“It’s perfectly safe!” Prof. Bob said to his colleague Professor Jake.
“B-but we could disintegrate!” Prof. Jake argued.
“W-We could e-explose from the pressure o-or be ripped limb f-from limb!”
“At least that’s two fewer people to pollute the planet,” Bob muttered under his breath.
“Come on! It will be fun! Think of all the things we will discover about the past!”
“O-Or”, he added ominously, the future.
“Okay, I’ll come, but I want to know how the time machine works first.”
“Well,” said Professor Bob, “You know how time slows down the faster you go, right? Well, if you go at the speed of light, time completely stops. So if you go faster then the speed of light, you’re essentially traveling back in time! I will not tell you how it happens, because your brain will hurt if I do tell you.”

“Now, before we leave, we must go over some safety guidelines. (You don’t want to die, do you?) First, we must not alter the past in any way, or it will change the present, with catastrophic consequences. Second, we must know about the time period that we are
going to. And finally, you have to be careful, because the dial might break and you won’t be able to come back to the present. So go pack your bag, and hurry up because we are leaving tomorrow! Oh and we are going to the Cretaceous period. But we must learn all we can right now.”

“I’m back,” panted Prof. Jake.

“So good,” Prof. Bob exclaimed. “What did you bring?”

“I brought water, food, a camera, extra batteries for the camera, a lighter, spare clothes, a flashlight, a tent, and a first aid kit. What did you bring Bob?”

“I” said Prof. Bob.

“Brought some more food, more water, another camera, another lighter, a tent for myself, a flashlight, some dry firewood and all the tools that a scientist needs. Now let’s learn about the era we are going to go to, so we don’t die, and then we will be ready to leave.” So they did their research, and learned a lot. There were a lot of interesting facts that surprised them. “I think we are now ready to leave!” Professor Bob exclaimed at the end of the day.

As they climbed through the porthole into the time machine the next day, they felt both nervous, and excited at the same time. What would happen to them? Would they die? Or would they go down in history as the first people to ever time travel?

Chapter 2

When they stepped into the time machine, they closed the porthole, set the dial, and then pressed the button to send them back in time. The time machine started to spin extremely fast. But they didn’t feel the slightest bit dizzy.

The time machine suddenly stopped. They waited a few moments, and then Professor Bob said “I think it’s okay to step outside now”.

Professor Jake opened the porthole, and they peeked outside. They were left breathless with amazement. It was teeming with life. The ground, the lake, even the sky. They saw a Saltasaurus feeding by the lake, a Triceratops eating some bushes, a velociraptor off in the distance, and many other plants and animals.
“The first thing we must do is find a place to set up camp, because we don’t want to be stuck out in the middle of nowhere at night,” said Prof. Bob. So they hunted for a place to set up camp. Eventually, they found the perfect place. It was surrounded by boulders on all sides except for a small gap that you could just barely squeeze through, had a piece of rock jutting out over a large amount of it to block rain, and the ground was flat so they could set up tents.

“I think we did well Bob,” Prof. Jake said to his colleague.

“Yes, we did quite well.” They had set up their tents, put out rain buckets to collect water, and made a little gate at the entrance so no prehistoric animals could get in. Now all that was left was to take notes and pictures about this period of time and collect samples to take home.

Chapter 3

Year: 78,000,000 BCE

Professor Bob yawned. He sat up and remembered where he was. “Well,” he thought, time to get up and make breakfast so we can start recording information about this time period. Prof. Bob was already done with breakfast (scrambled eggs and bacon,) when Professor Jake came out of his tent.

“Good morning Jake.”

“Hello Bob.”

When Prof. Jake finished with breakfast, they started exploring. Professor Bob went north, and Professor Jake went south. They planned to meet back at camp in the evening. So they went their separate ways.

Chapter 4

As Professor Jake walked, he noticed a fossil embedded in the ground. He decided to take a picture. He noticed lots of plants and animals and took pictures of those too. In the distance he spotted a beautiful mountain that he photographed. But then, he saw a nest of gigantic eggs. He stopped. “I absolutely must take one of these to examine more
closely at the camp," he thought. So he picked one egg up and carefully put it in a plastic bag so he and Professor Bob could examine it up close. It was so big that it barely fit in the bag! The professor kept walking. He was enjoying this walk a lot. He was getting exercise, fresh air, and best of all, observing the plants and animals.

Suddenly, a big shadow loomed over him, he looked up, and saw the deadliest dinosaur ever. The T-rex. Professor Jake had accidentally taken one of its eggs!

The professor started to run, scared for his life. The deadly carnivore ran after him. The professor saw a giant rock. He decided to hide behind it. The T-rex looked around confused. The professor heaved a sigh of relief, he was safe. He turned around, ready to go back to the camp. But then, the professor saw an Allosaurus, another carnivore. He stopped dead in his tracks. He was trapped! The Allosaurus lunged at him (it was hungry). He dodged to the side and barely escaped. But now he was exposed! The T-rex saw him and let out a roar. Suddenly, he had an idea. If he could get the two animals to fight each other, the T-rex might forget about him! So he bent down and picked up a rock and threw it at the Allosaurus. The rock hit the Allosaurus on the nose. It roared, temporarily stunned. Then it looked at the T-rex and stepped forward. The T-rex stopped, let out a roar, and attacked the Allosaurus. As for the professor, he just kept running until he reached the campsite.

Chapter 5

Professor Jake drank some water, caught his breath, and thought of what to do next. He decided to head north, to meet Prof. Bob. So he started walking, making sure to look around carefully. He did not want to meet another carnivore. Once he thought he saw a velociraptor, but it was just a rock. He thought he saw a Titanoboa, but he remembered, Titanoboas lived after the dinosaurs went extinct.

Soon, he caught up with Professor Bob. He told him all about his encounter, and when he was done, he said:

"I think we should go home, Bob. It is scary and we could get eaten! We can always come back if we need to." Bob agreed "We can go home, but we have to clean up the campsite first. We can't let paleontologists from the present find it! That would be
catastrophic!” So they worked hard to clean up the campsite, and soon they were ready to leave.

As they climbed into the time machine, the professors took one last look outside before they closed the porthole and went back home. They forgot all about the T-rex egg that was still in Professor Jake’s backpack.

Chapter 6

Year: 2158

They once again turned the dial, and pressed the button that would send them back home. The time machine started to spin extremely fast. But then, they heard loud bangs and cracking sounds. “Oh no,” said Professor Bob. “The time machine is breaking from the pressure. We just have to hope that we will make it to the present in time.” Professor Jake was silent. He was too scared to speak. And then, the time machine stopped spinning, and they knew they were home.

When they climbed out of the time machine, they immediately felt very tired and dizzy. “We are tired, Jake, because a side effect of traveling in the time machine is immense jet lag. We are dizzy because we were traveling very fast. I recommend you go home and get lots of rest. I will too.” So they went to get some sleep.

But, in an old, forgotten pocket of Professor Jake’s backpack, a certain egg was just beginning to hatch.

Time is a strange and twisted property, and should anyone try to navigate it, they must be cautious, or else demise will haunt them in their dreams forever...

The End