

The Timed Time Machine
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[We are in Jeff's apartment. He is getting ready for a guest. Elisa knocks on the door enters after Jeff answers the door.]

Jeff
Hi Elisa!

Elisa
Hi Jeff, how are you?

Jeff
I'm good, I mean, well I'm-well I'm not so great to be honest.

Elisa
Oh no, what's wrong?

Jeff
I was laid off today.

Elisa
Oh Jeff, that's awful!

Jeff
I know, but-some good has come of it. See I'm an engineer. And I left with all of my data and information. Enough information... to build a time machine.

[Jeff uncovers a cardboard box, previously covered by a cloth.]

Elisa
A time machine!?

Jeff
A time machine. It's not perfect yet, it only goes into the future. But it's amazing. Come with me.

[She takes his hand and enters the box.]

Jeff
Alright. I'll set my watch timer to zero to time how long we're in here.

[They wait a few moments. He presses play on boombox that makes futuristic time travel-y noises. While the sound distracts Elisa, Jeff inconspicuously slides a ring onto her finger. When the noise dies down, he gets out of the box and takes her with him.]

Jeff

Look, we're married in the future! *[Points at ring.]*

Elisa

What, no we're not! You slid this onto my finger while we were in that box!

Jeff

No, no, it's the future and we're married! *[Sitting down for coffee and a newspaper]*
Dear, how was your day?

Elisa

If we're in the future, how long did we travel?

Jeff

Well, we were in the time machine for roughly 20 seconds... and if we traveled at the estimated speed of one second per second, we are now approximately 20 seconds in the future!

Elisa

It's not a time machine you imbecile! We just stood there for five minutes!

Jeff

Time is relative! E equals MC squared!

Elisa

You're not an engineer, you're a fake. Jeff Reynolds you're a horrible fake!

[There is a knock on the door. Little Billy enters, he is eight years old.]

Billy

Hi Mommy! Hi Daddy!

Elisa

Son?

Billy

Mommy!

[Billy runs to Jeff & Elisa... embraces them in a big group hug]

I missed you Mommy.

Elisa

I.... missed you too, baby.

*[Elisa begins to weep, gives in to the moment. She turns to Jeff and kisses him sweetly.
Jeff inconspicuously hands Billy a wad of money.]*

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