

TIME HOLE

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TIME: Present

PLACE: A small college town in the south

CHARACTERS:

ROBERT – A college student

TIFFANY - A college student

SCENE ONE

ROBERT is sitting outside a college building on some steps. TIFFANY walks toward the door of on top of the steps and is just about passes ROBERT.

ROBERT

Hello Ms. Tiffany. How are we today?

(TIFFANY doesn't look at ROBERT.)

TIFFANY

(BEAT) Fine.

ROBERT

That's good. You know what today is?

TIFFANY

(TIFFANY looks a bit pressed for time.)  
No. What day is it?

ROBERT

It's my birthday. I made it through another year.

TIFFANY

Well happy birthday Robert. Mine was a few days ago.

ROBERT

About two weeks ago, right?

TIFFANY

Yeah. How did you know that?

ROBERT

I guess we're both are Leos.

TIFFANY

I don't know what sign I am. I don't believe in that junk.

ROBERT

Well does anyone believe in that junk?

TIFFANY  
You must.

ROBERT  
Because I know what sign I am?

TIFFANY  
Yeah, (TIFFANY looks at her watch) well I have to run.

ROBERT  
You know that I have to leave?

TIFFANY  
(TIFFANY looks uninterested.)  
What's that?

ROBERT  
Today, maybe the last day I'll be here.

TIFFANY  
I'll miss you. Have a good trip.  
(TIFFANY starts to walk away.)

ROBERT  
Have you ever heard about aliens visiting the Earth?

TIFFANY  
Are you an alien?

ROBERT  
Not that last time I checked.

TIFFANY  
So are aliens going to take you away from here?

ROBERT  
No. There aren't any aliens.

TIFFANY  
What?

ROBERT  
There aren't any aliens. Did you know that of the entire universe, Earth is the only planet that has ever had life? Earth, only Earth, out of the billions of billions of billions of solar systems, this little blue planet is the only one with life. Can you believe that?

TIFFANY  
So aliens don't come to Earth.

ROBERT  
No, there aren't any aliens.

TIFFANY  
I really need to go.

ROBERT  
Bye. (Beat) I'll see you when I'll see you.

TIFFANY

Ok. Have fun fighting aliens, or whatever.

ROBERT

I will. I have always had fun saving humanity once again. (Beat) What's it up to now? How many times have I saved Earth? (Beat) I don't know. It must be in the billions by now.

TIFFANY

(TIFFANY gives ROBERT a crazy look.)  
Ok.

ROBERT

Tiffany, there aren't any aliens. But the beings that visit the Earth are from the future. A future that needs our help.

TIFFANY

Well, that makes sense. Have fun saving the world.

ROBERT

Ok. Bye Ms. Tiffany.

(TIFFANY walks into the building while ROBERT continues to sit on the stairs. A bright blue light shines on ROBERT. BLACK OUT.)

## SCENE TWO

(ROBERT is sitting outside a college building on some steps. TIFFANY walks toward the door of on top of the steps and is just about passes ROBERT.)

TIFFANY

So you saved the world, once again?

ROBERT

(Dead pan.)  
Yep.

TIFFANY

Will you have to do fight them again?

ROBERT

Yep.

TIFFANY

(TIFFANY gives ROBERT a weird look.)  
Well, I have to go to class.

ROBERT

Yep.

TIFFANY

(TIFFANY gives ROBERT another weird look.)  
Bye, Robert. And happy birthday.

ROBERT

Yep.

TIFFANY

Ok.

(TIFFANY walks in to the building.)

ROBERT

Yep.

(A strong blue light is beamed on ROBERT. Another ROBERT appears. The same actor should play both parts. ROBERT sits. ROBERT 2 stands.)

ROBERT 2

So that was her? I can see why you are in love with her. What's her name? (Beat) Tiffany, yeah that's it. Robert and Tiffany. The two that will....

ROBERT

Yep.

ROBERT 2

So. I guess you're about done saving humanity once again.

ROBERT

Yep.

ROBERT 2

Well, how long have you been in this time hole?

ROBERT

(A bright blue light shines on ROBERT. ROBERT looks animated again.)

A while.

ROBERT 2

That long, huh? And on your birthday too.

ROBERT

Yep. (Beat) You know, at first I didn't really like her that much. But over the last few million years, she has grown on me.

ROBERT 2

Didn't have much of a chance to talk to her did you?

ROBERT

It took a half a million years before she would even say hi to me.

ROBERT 2

Only a half million years, by the way she looks, (Beat) I would've guess that she would've never have talked to you.

ROBERT

Hey, what can I say? Time flies when you are having fun. (Beat) You're here a little early.

ROBERT 2

I guess I got tired of having to do all of the work.

ROBERT

Yep.

ROBERT 2

So do you want me to end this time hole or what?

ROBERT

Yep. (Beat) You have served your time. It's up to me now. I have nothing but time now.

ROBERT 2

Did you really tell her about the future?

ROBERT

I didn't want her to think that we were aliens. (Beat) She's not the type to go out with aliens you know.

ROBERT 2

Yep.

ROBERT

Yep.

(A strong blue light is beamed on ROBERT. ROBERT 2 and ROBERT become one.)

### SCENE THREE

(ROBERT is sitting outside a college building on some steps. TIFFANY walks toward the door of on top of the steps and is just about passes ROBERT.)

ROBERT

Hello Ms. Tiffany. How are we today?

TIFFANY

(Beat) I just had a severe case of déjà vu.

ROBERT

Funny, I've felt like I have had déjà vu for the pass few million years. (Beat) It's my birthday today.

TIFFANY

Really?

ROBERT

Yep.

TIFFANY

Well, I have to get to class. (Beat) I'll see you later.

ROBERT

(ROBERT stands up.)

I'll think that I'll join you. (Beat) So Ms. Tiffany, do you have any plans for lunch? It feels like I haven't eaten forever, and I feel like getting some catfish.

(TIFFANY gives ROBERT a weird look. ROBERT and TIFFANY walk through the door together. After they leave another bright blue light shines on the steps.)

FADE OUT

THE END