



READER'S THEATER



Blast to the Past **by Scott Nickel**

Characters:

David

Ben

Mrs. Franklin, David and Ben's teacher

Darrin, David's older brother

Narrator

Sound Effects person

Genre:

Science Fiction

Ages:

8-10

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- Narrator:** Our story begins on a Friday afternoon in Mrs. Franklin's fourth-grade class.
- David:** Oh, no! It's the history test from last week.
- Mrs. Franklin:** Here you go, David. And here's yours, Ben. Congratulations, boys! You've set a new record for the lowest scores on a test.
- Narrator:** On the way home from school, Ben and David discussed the unlucky events of their day.
- Ben:** If our parents find out about these scores, we're doomed!
- David:** Double doomed!
- Ben:** We should have studied instead of playing video games.
- David:** Forget studying. What we need is a time machine, so we can go back, take the test, and get "A"s!
- Ben:** So where do we get this time machine? The mall? Wait, what's that noise?
- David:** What noise?
- Sound Effects:** WOOM-WOOM-WOOM-WOOM!
- David:** Oh, that noise!
- Narrator:** As David and Ben entered David's house, they heard strange noises from upstairs.
- David:** It must be Darrin, the master geek, working on one of his nerdy science projects.
- Darrin:** I've done it! I've created a time machine! I'm going downstairs to celebrate with a super egg-salad sandwich, and I don't want you puny fourth-graders to touch my project.
- David:** Did you hear that, Ben? A time machine! Is this cool or what? Quick! Let's punch in the date of our test on this remote.
- Ben:** Wait! You're doing it wrong!

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- Sound Effects:** Grab!
- David:** You're going to break it. Let go!
- Sound Effects:** Grab!
- Ben:** Oh, no!
- Sound Effects:** ZAPPP!
- Narrator:** Ben and David are instantly transported to a jungle, where they find themselves surrounded by . . .
- Ben & David:** Dinosaurs!
- David:** The remote must have jammed when we were fighting over it.
- Ben:** We wanted to go back seven days, not 75 million years!
- David:** Oops!
- Ben:** Look, a baby brachiosaur! You know, I may not know that much about American history, but I know all about dinosaurs. These leaf-eaters won't hurt us. We just need to watch out for . . .
- David:** The meat eaters!
- Sound Effects:** ROAR!
- David:** A T. rex! Run!
- Narrator:** The boys run behind a bush to hide. But they dropped the remote for the time machine.
- Sound Effects:** Chomp! Chomp! Chomp!
- David:** Oh, no! That dinosaur ate the remote! What do we do now?

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Ben:

Well, I'm not waiting for it to come out the other end.

Narrator:

What will the boys do? Will they get the remote? Will they be able to return to their own time? Will they retake the history test? And will the boys discover something even worse than a T. rex?

Ben & David:

Eeeeewww. Dino spit!

THE END