

# THE TIME PORTAL



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Cameron and Mommy walked up the hill, through the forest, quiet and still. "Look at the birds!" said Cameron with glee. "This hike is so fun, just Mommy and me!" They climbed over rocks and crossed a small stream. The day was more perfect than any sweet dream. Then Cameron spotted a shimmer of light, behind some old bushes, glowing so bright.





"What's that, Mommy?" Cameron asked with surprise. The swirling light dazzled both their eyes. Mommy said softly, "I don't really know. It sparkles and shimmers with quite a glow!" Cameron stepped closer, then reached out a hand. The portal felt tingly, warm like soft sand. "Should we go through it?" asked Cameron with cheer. Mommy smiled gently and said, "Let's go, dear!"





They held hands together and jumped through the light. The world spun around them, swirling so bright! Colors of purple and green filled the air. Then suddenly—WHOOSH!—they landed somewhere! Cameron looked around with eyes open wide. "Where are we now, Mommy?" Cameron cried. Before them stood castles with flags flying high. Knights rode on horses beneath a blue sky.







"We're in medieval times!" Mommy said with delight. "Look at those knights in their armor so bright!" A friendly knight waved and called out, "Hello! Would you like to see our castle show?" Cameron nodded and jumped up and down. They followed the knight through the old castle town. They saw a great feast with turkey and bread. "This is amazing!" excited Cameron said.



"We should head back now," Mommy gently spoke. Cameron agreed, though it felt like a joke. How could they leave this wonderful place? But Mommy said, "There's more time and space!" They waved to the knight and said their goodbye. The portal appeared in the medieval sky. Hand in hand once more, they jumped through the light. Everything spun around, swirling so bright.





They landed with THUMP on ground soft and green. The biggest dinosaurs Cameron had seen! "Mommy, look there!" Cameron pointed ahead. A long-necked dinosaur, munching, well-fed! It bent its head down and looked at them both. Its eyes were so gentle, not angry or loathe. "Can we pet it?" asked Cameron with care. Mommy said, "Gently, and don't pull its hair!"





The dinosaur's skin felt bumpy but warm. Cameron giggled, safe from all harm. More dinosaurs came to see who was there. They sniffed at Cameron with curious care. "They're friendly!" said Cameron, patting one's nose. The dinosaur wiggled right down to its toes! But rumbling sounds echoed from far away. Mommy said, "Time for us not to stay!"



Through the portal again, they twisted and spun. They landed in sand, beneath burning sun. Great pyramids towered up to the sky. "Where are we now, Mommy?" Cameron asked. "Why, we're in Egypt, so ancient and grand! The pyramids here are the best in the land!" Workers were building with stones big and wide. Cameron watched them with wonder and pride.





A person in robes walked up with a smile. "Welcome, young travelers, stay for a while! I'm building these pyramids, reaching up high. They'll stand here forever beneath Egypt's sky!" Cameron asked, "Can we help you today?" "Just watching is helping!" the person did say. They gave Cameron bread and a drink that was sweet. "Thank you!" said Cameron, "This is a treat!"





The portal called to them, glowing once more. Through the swirling light, off to explore! This time they landed in snow white and deep. Woolly mammoths were trying to sleep! "It's so cold here!" Cameron started to shiver. Mommy hugged close, making Cameron quiver less. A mammoth woke up and trumpeted loud. Its fuzzy brown fur made Cameron feel proud. "So fluffy!" said Cameron, touching its side.





"I think it's time we head home now," said Mommy, "We've traveled through history, my little honey!" Cameron nodded, feeling sleepy and glad. "This was the best day I've ever had!" The portal appeared one final time there. They jumped through together with love and with care. The spinning slowed down, the colors grew dim. They landed back home on their hiking trail's rim.





The portal had vanished, gone from their sight. The forest looked normal in afternoon light. "Did that really happen?" asked Cameron in wonder. "Or was it a dream that pulled us under?" Mommy just smiled and pointed below. There in Cameron's hand, starting to glow, was a tiny gold coin from Egypt so old. "It happened!" said Cameron, "A story to hold!"





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