

Time Jumper

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INT. BUSY AIRPORT--DAY

LUTHOR(30s), tall, heavysset, black.

Luthor stands besides luggage carrousel while people walk by. People wait in line for luggage. Luthor takes blue briefcase, brown briefcase comes around.

BOOKER(20s), average, red-head, black.

Booker talks on smart phone.

BOOKER (ON PHONE)
...Yeah, I'm at the airport now.

Booker takes an identical brown briefcase with tag.

BOOKER (CONT'D)
Nah, I'll just call a cab or take
the bus.

Luthor glares at Booker. His eyebrows raise in realization.

BOOKER (ON PHONE) (CONT'D)
Okay, I'll see you later. Love you,
bye.

Booker sighs and hangs up. He puts phone in pocket and heads towards exit. Luthor runs after him.

LUTHOR
Hey! Stop!

People turn their heads. Booker turns around. Drops briefcase, briefcase begins to glow. Booker gazes in awe and reaches for briefcase.

Luthor tackles Booker.

Blue implosion appears and the men disappear.

EXT. FOGGY BATTLEFIELD--MORNING

Men shouting, guns firing. Men in red coats running from the east and men in brown coats running from the west.

Booker exclaims.

BOOKER
 (shouting)
 What happened?

Luthor fidgets with time machine. Soldiers close in. Booker screams.

Briefcase glows. The men disappear with blue implosion

EXT. TRASHY BACKALLEY--NIGHT

Both men are on ground. Trash blows by with breeze. Luthor gets up. Booker sits up.

BOOKER
 (panting)
 What was that just now? One minute
 I'm at the airport and now
 (stutters)
 I'm...here! Who are you? I'll have
 you know my dad is chief of police!

LUTHOR
 (sighing)
 You've made quite the mess.

Digs in locker. Takes off suit jacket. Puts on gear.

BOOKER
 Hey!

Gets to feet.
 I need answers!

Walks up the Luthor, is in Luthor's face.
 Who are you and where am I--

Luthor hands him a dark green vest.

LUTHOR
 Here. Wear this instead of that...

Points at Booker's cardigan. Booker looks down at self.

BOOKER
 My cardigan? What's wrong with my
 cardigan?

LUTHOR
 It's stupid and looks out of place.
 No one wears that in this timeline.
 Trust me.

BOOKER
But it was a gift.

Luthor opens manhole. Climbs down. Booker gawks at neon light and flying cars of the city, turns back to Luthor.

BOOKER (CONT'D)
Timeline? What timeline? What are you talking about?

Climbs down manhole ladder into sewer.

INT. DARK SEWER--NIGHT

LUTHOR
Timeline 612; New York.

BOOKER
This is New York? What year?

LUTHOR
2074.

Luthor lets go of ladder. Sets both suitcases down. Sewer is dark, dreary with a tiny puddles.

Booker looks around. Puts on vest over cardigan.

LUTHOR (CONT'D)
(sighing)
You really screwed me over, you know that?

BOOKER
Me? I should be on the way to my girlfriend's house to propose!

Booker's phone rings. The name ALYSSA appears. Picture of Booker and Alyssa appear.

Oh, gosh!

Looks to Luthor.
What do I say?

LUTHOR
Give me your phone.

BOOKER
(skeptically)
What? Why?

LUTHOR
 (gesturing)
 Just let me see it. I know just
 what to say. Trust me.

Booker gives phone. Luthor throws phone on ground. Smashes
 it. Phone stops ringing.

BOOKER
 (exasperated)
 Oh, my gosh. I can't believe you
 just did that. What is wrong with
 you? (screeching)
 I'm still leasing!

LUTHOR
 A little thing like that could
 throw off this entire timeline.
 Trust me, I'd know.

Luthor gives Booker goggles.

LUTHOR (CONT'D)
 Put these on.

Booker walks away with arms crossed. Turns back on Luthor.

BOOKER
 No. I'm not accepting anything from
 you!

Booker gives in. Puts on goggles. Inside green goggles are
 tiny flashing numbers. Takes off goggles and on in awe.

BOOKER (CONT'D)
 I think I get it now. You're a time
 traveler, aren't you?

LUTHOR
 Took you long enough.

Light comes from left end of sewer. Luthor packs things.
 Starts running.

She found us. Start running.

Booker follows him.

Hover bike zooms around corner. XANDER(20s), south Asian,
 lean, fashionable. Angry Xander on bike. Booker glances back.
 Xander pulls out ray gun. Xander shoots, ray catches Booker's
 cardigan. Luthor tosses briefcase.

Blue portal opens. Luthor and Booker jump through. Blue
 implosion, portal closes. Xander drifts and curses.

EXT. JUNGLE--DAY

Jungle is foggy and dense. Jungle is humid and chilly. Roars heard in the distance. Animal chirp. Blue portal opens. They fall out.

Booker has hands on knees. He pants.

BOOKER
(out of breath)
Who was that lady?

LUTHOR
Xander.

Fidgets with com device on arm.

LUTHOR (CONT'D)
She was a time jumper like me. We were partners.

BOOKER
Well, what is she after?

Luthor opens blue briefcase. Inside is gleaming green amulet.

LUTHOR
This. Inside is the Reset Piece. It can go back and reset any timeline for any reason. Her reason is to stop her loved ones from dying.

Booker reaches for suitcase, Luthor pulls away.

LUTHOR (CONT'D)
What're you doing? This is a weapon of mass destruction

BOOKER
But you're time travelers--

LUTHOR
(mumbling)
Time Jumpers.

BOOKER
Aren't you supposed to, like, alter time?

LUTHOR
No, that's strictly against the rules.

(MORE)

LUTHOR (CONT'D)

I keep time running smoothly and let events naturally occur without interference. Also you're smoking.

Booker looks down. His burned cardigan smokes. Booker panics, takes off cardigan. Throws cardigan on ground. Stomps on cardigan.

LUTHOR (CONT'D)

Are you insane?

Picks up cardigan and gives it back to Booker.

LUTHOR (CONT'D)

One tiny thing could throw an entire timeline.

BOOKER

(scoffs)

I don't see the problem, it's not like there's anyone here.

LUTHOR

That may be the case but synthetic material doesn't exist yet in this timeline! Wool doesn't exist yet!

They trudge through jungle. Booker pushes away plants. Luthor walks in front.

BOOKER

So, if you're a time traveler--

LUTHOR

(exasperated)

Time Jumper.

BOOKER

Sorry, Time Jumper. If you're a time jumper and there are different timelines, what timeline am I from? And what were you doing there?

LUTHOR

Timeline 10.

BOOKER

Ten? That's all?

LUTHOR

Yep. A timeline full of a handful of tragedies and boons. I was there to retrieve the Reset Piece and take it somewhere safe.

(MORE)

LUTHOR (CONT'D)
So, this girlfriend of yours,
what's she like?

BOOKER
(sighing)
She's great. It's just--

LUTHOR
It's just?

BOOKER
I don't know if I love her, let
alone marry her. Our parents want
it more than anything. What about
you? You have a family?

Holographic image appears on Luthor's arm com. A woman and
little girl. Image wavers.

LUTHOR
Yep. They're home waiting for me.

Image goes away.

Stray rays fly. Xander runs out of bushes shooting at the
men. Laser grazes Booker's arm. Laser hits time machine.
Luthor opens defective portal and jumps through. Xander grabs
Booker's leg as he jumps through.

INT. TIME PORTAL--DAY

The three zip through faulty portal. Booker hangs onto
Luthor. Xander climbs over Booker. Xander claws at Luthor.

XANDER
(hysterically)
You won't get way this time! Just
let me have this, no one needs to
know.

LUTHOR
If you want the Reset Piece, take
it!

Shoves blue briefcase in her arms. Pushes her out of
wormhole. She and the Time Piece disintegrate.

EXT. OUTSIDE LUTHOR'S HOUSE--DAY

A village is tucked inside of canyon with red rocks. Three
story hut sits in front of waterfall.

Blue portal opens up the men fall out. Booker vomits. Blood runs down Booker's arm. Luthor stands up.

BOOKER

(sobbing)

The machine's broken! It's broken!

Crawls to Luthor. Pulls on his clothes.

BOOKER (CONT'D)

(sobbing)

I'm never gonna get back home! I'm never gonna see my family again!

I'm stuck here!

LUTHOR

I can fix it...maybe.

Booker sobs. Luthor puts hand on Booker's shoulder.

LUTHOR (CONT'D)

Until I do fix it you can stay here with my family. You're going to get back home. Trust me.