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BELIEVE ME  
WHEN I TELL YOU,  
PROFESSOR  
IRVING—

—WOMEN ARE  
COMPLICATED  
CREATURES.

WELL, THIS IS SOMEWHAT  
EMBARRASSING TO ADMIT,  
BUT GABRIELA IS MY  
FIRST...

...LADY  
FRIEND.

I'M SUPPOSED  
TO MEET HER  
THIS AFTERNOON,  
IN FACT.

YOU'D  
BETTER  
PRECIPITATE  
WITH HASTE,  
THEN.

ONE  
SHOULDN'T  
KEEP A LADY  
WAITING.

RELAX, DOCTOR  
BROWN! I INFORMED  
SWEET GABRIELA I  
WAS HELPING MY  
NEW FRIEND.

SHE SAID IT  
WAS NOT A  
"BIG DEAL"—

—IN HER  
PARLANCE—

—IF I FOUND  
MYSELF  
TARDY.

WELL, AS A MAN OF  
EXPERIENCE I CAN SAY  
UNEQUIVOCALLY—

—THAT'S  
NOT TRUE.

BUT SHE  
SAID—

IN FACT,  
NAIVE,  
PROFESSOR...

ALLOW ME  
TO TELL YOU  
A STORY...



SEP 7 1893

"AFTER MY BRIEF AMNESIA—A LONG STORY\*—I RETURNED HOME.

"MY FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS TO GET MY TIME-TRAIN OPERATIONAL. AFTER ALL, THAT WAS WHY I HAD VENTURED INTO THE FUTURE.

"THE DELOREAN HAS... LIMITED SEATING OPTIONS FOR A GROWING FAMILY.

\* ONE RECOUNTED IN ISSUES 6-11: THE CONTINUUM CONUNDRUM, NOW IN A TRADE PAPERBACK!

"AND THE PROBLEM OF ACCELERATION MADE TIME TRAVEL DIFFICULT WITH THE TRAIN...

"...A DIFFICULTY I SOUGHT TO OVERCOME WITH TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY HOVER TECHNOLOGY.

BANG!  
BANG!

YOU'RE  
ROPED AND  
DEAD!

WAHH!

BONK

"UNFORTUNATELY... OTHER FORCES WERE AT PLAY THAT DAY."

COME ON,  
DADDY.

PLAY  
WITH ME! I'M  
BORED!

SORRY, VERNE—  
I HAVE WORK TO  
COMPLETE.

YOU NEED TO BE  
MORE SELF-RELIANT  
AND FIGURE OUT HOW  
TO "UN-BORE"  
YOURSELF.

CAN'T  
YOU PLAY  
WITH YOUR  
BROTHER?

HE'S THE  
ONE THAT  
MAKES STUFF  
BORING.

ANYWAY,  
DAD—YOU'VE  
BEEN SITTING  
THERE FOR WEEKS  
NOT GETTING  
ANYTHING  
DONE.

OH, AND  
MOMMY  
WANTS TO  
TALK TO  
YOU.

WELL, WHY  
DIDN'T YOU  
SAY SO?

"MY BELOVED  
CLARA..."



"...WHO SHARED MY LOVE OF JULES VERNE. THE DREAM OF TIME TRAVEL HAD OBSESSED HER EVER SINCE I TOLD HER ABOUT IT.

"YET SHE REFUSED TO TRAVEL WITHOUT THE COMPANY OF OUR ENTIRE FAMILY. THUS, MY TIME TRAIN PROJECT."

WOOF.

HELLO, EINSTEIN.

"WHICH IS WHY IT HAD TO BE ENGINEERED TO FLAWLESS PRECISION—FOR ABSOLUTE SAFETY."

MY DEAR...

OH, EMMETT!

I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D COME OUT OF YOUR GARAGE.

TO THINK WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER EIGHT YEARS ALREADY...

...YET I FEEL I CAN REMEMBER EVERY MOMENT!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, DARLING!

"IRONICALLY, AT THAT MOMENT, THE ONLY THING I COULD REMEMBER..."

"...WAS FORGETTING OUR ANNIVERSARY!"

GREAT SCOTT...!

YOUR GIFT IS... UH...

...IT'S... WELL... I...

OH! I... UNDERSTAND.

YOU WERE SO... BUSY YOU... FORGOT.

IT'S FINE. IT'S NOT IMPORTANT.



"IN ALL THE ERAS I'VE VISITED, THROUGH ALL THE DANGERS I'VE FACED...

"...I'VE CONCLUDED THERE IS ONE UNIVERSAL TRUTH:

"WHEN WOMEN SAY 'IT'S NOT IMPORTANT,' THAT MEANS 'IT IS IMPORTANT.'"

ERM.



NONSENSE!

I'LL JUST—

—I'LL BE—

—YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE!



UH-OH!



DAD'LL KILL ME IF HE FINDS ME IN HERE!



"I WASN'T THINKING WITH CLARITY AT THAT MOMENT.

"WHILE I DEVELOPED THE BEGINNING OF A PLAN, MY HASTE PRECLUDED ME FROM DOING MY USUAL CHECKS.



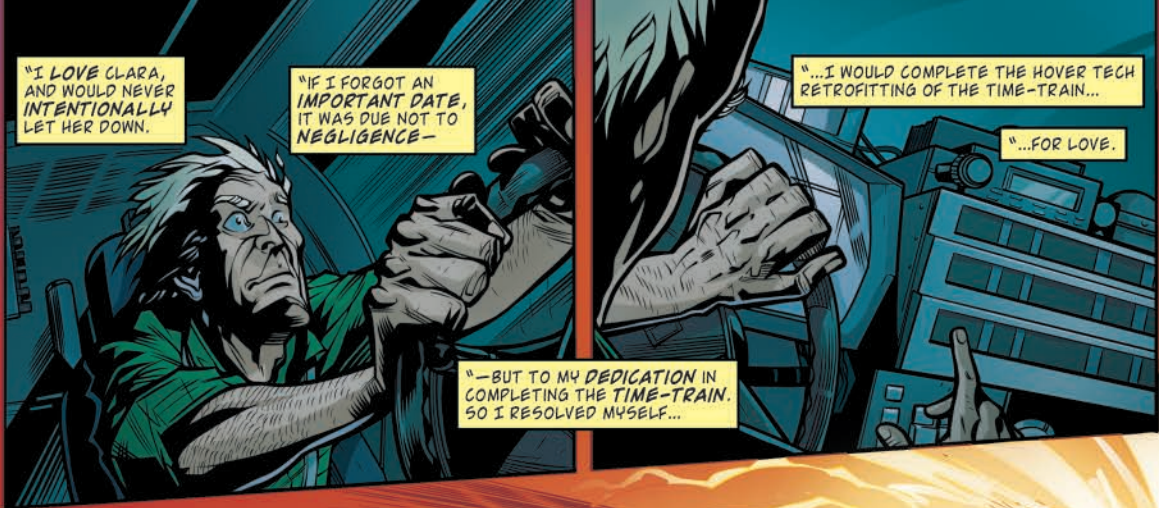
"I COULD HAVE SAVED MYSELF TROUBLE..."



-SIGH-

"...BUT IN THAT MOMENT, I FELT THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD—MY WORLD, AT THE LEAST—ON MY SHOULDERS."





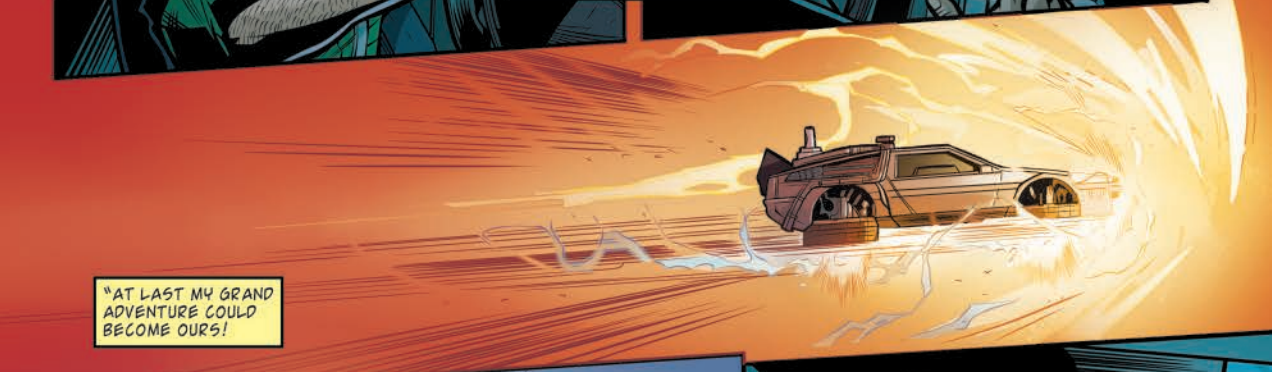
"I LOVE CLARA,  
AND WOULD NEVER  
INTENTIONALLY  
LET HER DOWN."

"IF I FORGOT AN  
IMPORTANT DATE,  
IT WAS DUE NOT TO  
NEGLIGENCE—

"...I WOULD COMPLETE THE HOVER TECH  
RETROFITTING OF THE TIME-TRAIN..."

"...FOR LOVE."

"—BUT TO MY DEDICATION IN  
COMPLETING THE TIME-TRAIN.  
SO I RESOLVED MYSELF..."



"AT LAST MY GRAND  
ADVENTURE COULD  
BECOME OURS!"



"TOGETHER, WE  
COULD VENTURE TO  
THE FUTURE..."

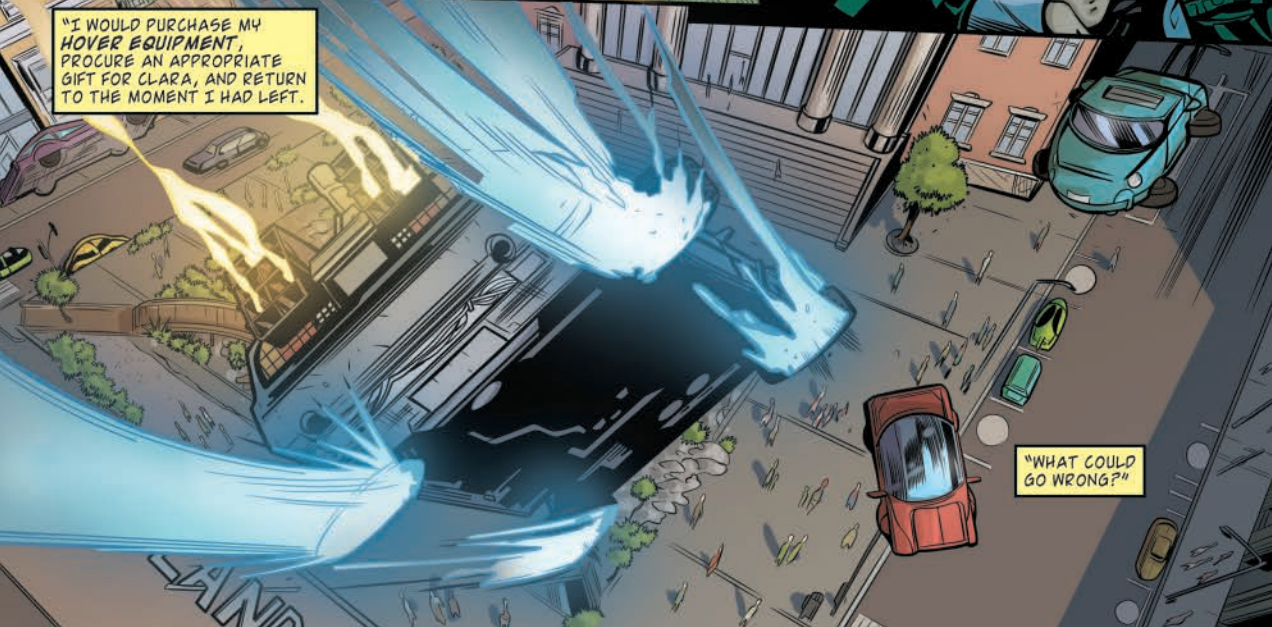
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"...AND THE PAST  
WHenever SHE  
WISHED."



"I'D BECOME  
ACCOMSTOMED  
TO THE SECOND  
DECADE OF THE  
21ST CENTURY."

"I HAD A CHANGE OF  
WARDROBE IN MY  
CAR—SEVERAL IN  
FACT, SO I COULD  
BLEND IN TO NEARLY  
ANY TIME PERIOD."



"I WOULD PURCHASE MY  
HOVER EQUIPMENT,  
PROCURE AN APPROPRIATE  
GIFT FOR CLARA, AND RETURN  
TO THE MOMENT I HAD LEFT."

"WHAT COULD  
GO WRONG?"