

About Time

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Tim: Dad.

Tim's father: Oh, for God's sake. Not you too.

Tim: What?

Tim's father: Well Kit Kat's just rolled up blubbing her eyes out and now you're here. What's Mom been saying?

Tim: The truth.

Tim's father: Yeah, well, apart from that?

Tim's father: It may have been the smoking, but I couldn't undo that as it was before you were all born. And anyway, your mother definitely wouldn't have gone out with me if I hadn't been such a sexy smoker. I did get diagnosed as soon as possible, but it was too late.

Tim: How long have we got?

Tim's father: You know, it, it could be years.

Tim: How long really?

Tim's father: Weeks, I'm afraid.

Tim: Have we had this conversation before?

Tim's father: Yeah.

Tim: What happened.

Tim's father: I rather let myself down. I hugged you.

Tim: Sorry. I think I just thought with the time thing.

Tim's father: No, I never said we could fix things. I specifically never said that.

Life's a mixed bag, no matter who you are. Look at Jesus. He was the Son of God, for God's sake, and look how that turned out.

Tim: I know, but you must see I feel a bit cheated.

Tim's father: Don't. In fact, feel the opposite. The only people who give up work at 50 are the time travelers with cancer who want to play more table tennis with their sons.

Tim: Right. So that's been the deal.

Tim's father: I'm sorry we had to call. It's suddenly got very bad. And I have something very important to tell you. Or, let me check, do you want to know the big secret, or would you rather find it out for yourself like I did?

Tim: Oh, Christ, there's another secret?

Tim's father: Less dramatic. Much more important. The real mothership.

Tim: No, go on. Tell me. Let's save some time.

Tim: And so, he told me his secret formula for happiness. Part one of the two-part plan was that I should just get on with ordinary life, living it day by day, like anyone else.