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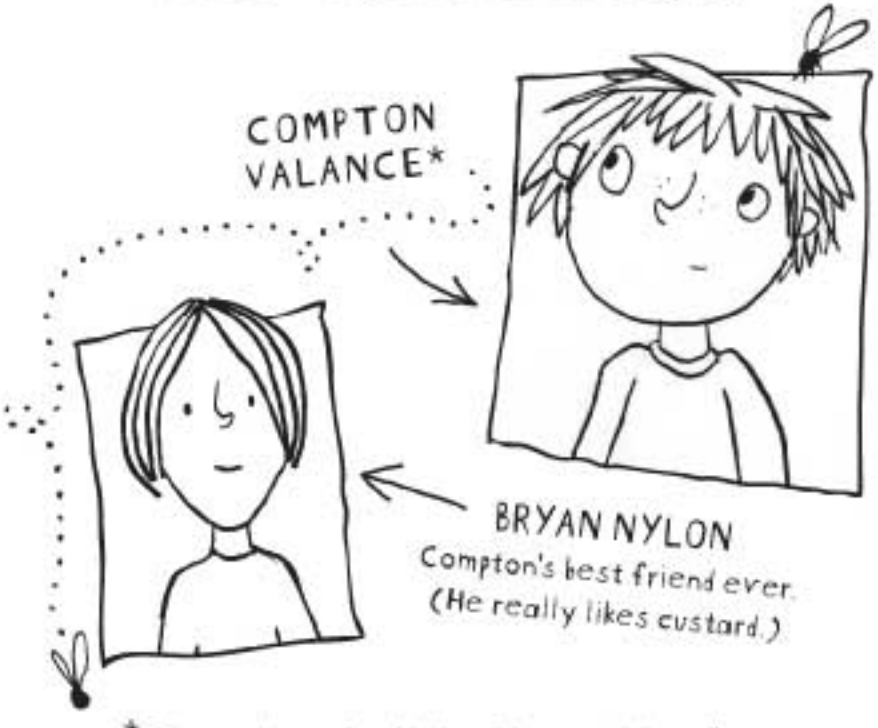
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Introducing Compton Valance, his friends and family...



* I know what you're thinking. "Compton Valance" isn't a real name. It's one of those made-up names that sounds a bit funny. Like "Nugget McDoo" or "Basil Burger". But, actually, it is a real name, and it's the name of our main character. And I'm going to tell you why. Well, I'm not, because that would take up a whole extra book. But I am going to tell you how to say it. So after three, say with me... One, two, three:

COM-TON VAAL-AAN-SE – You've got it!

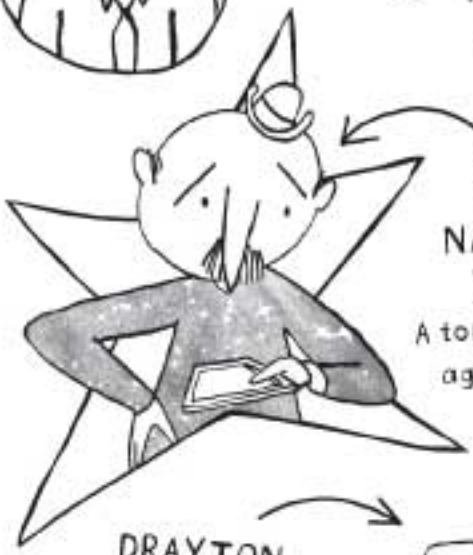
BRAVO VALANCE
Horribly horrible older brother. Horrible.





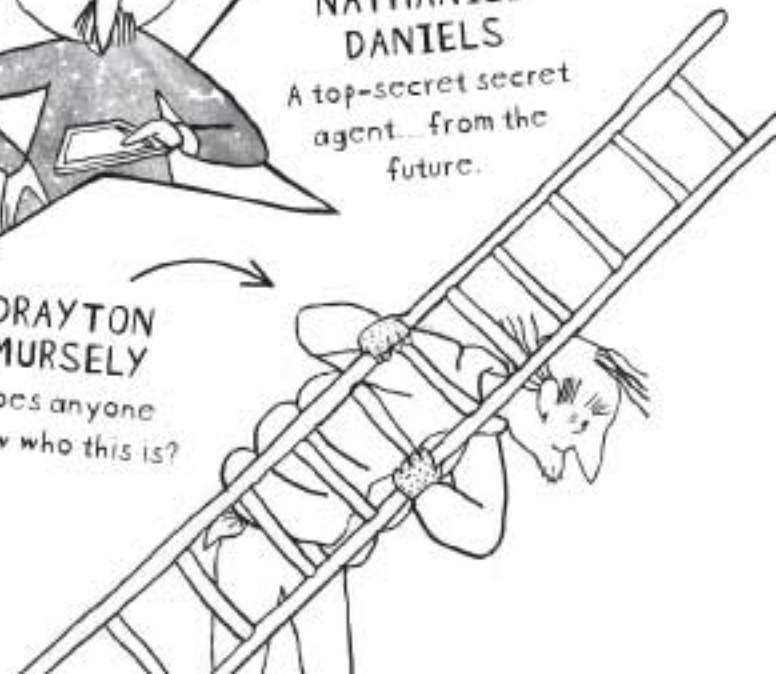
MR AND MRS VALANCE
Mum and Dad.



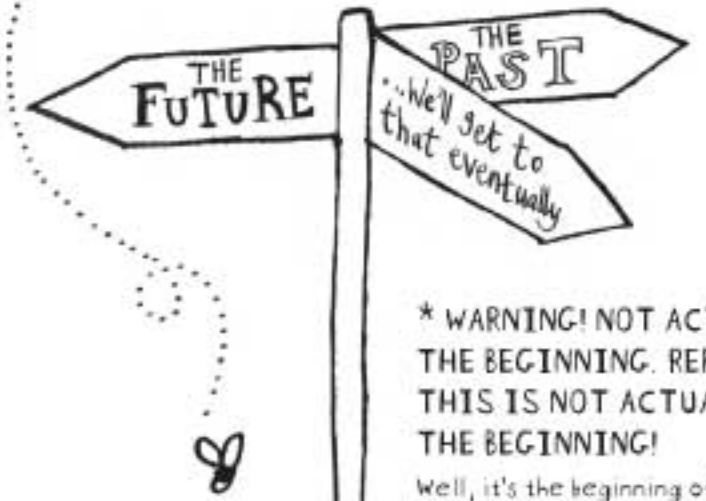


SAMUEL NATHANIEL DANIELS
A top-secret secret agent... from the future.

DRAYTON MURSELY
Does anyone know who this is?



The Beginning*



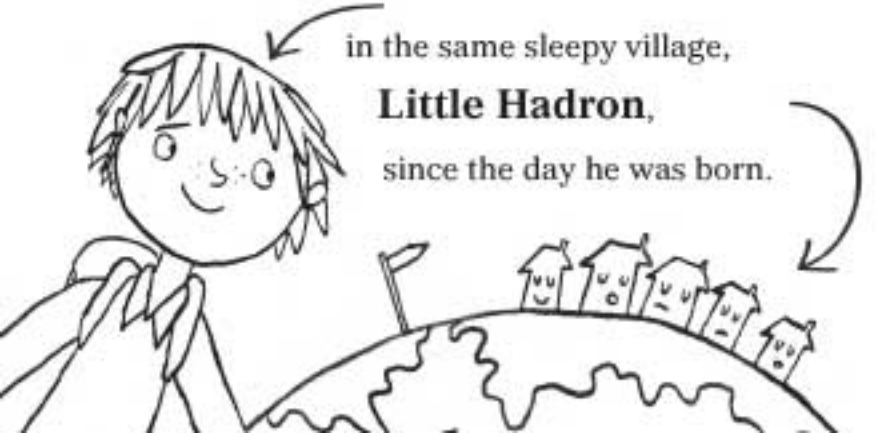
*** WARNING! NOT ACTUALLY THE BEGINNING. REPEAT, THIS IS NOT ACTUALLY THE BEGINNING!**

Well, it's the beginning of the book but not really the beginning of the story. I'd say more like a bit near the middle. Look, I'll be honest, it's complicated but hey, that's what you get when you deal with time travel, right? My advice is just strap yourself down and enjoy the ride.

Sometimes just when you think you've seen it all, life has a funny way of pulling down your trousers and popping ice cubes in your "PANTS."



COMPTON VALANCE had lived in the same sleepy village, **Little Hadron**, since the day he was born.



In fact, Compton had been born in the same house that his father had been born in.

Actually, come to think of it, for as long as anyone in **Little Hadron** could remember, a member of the Valance family had eaten eggs at Morlock Cottage.



So, as you can imagine, it came as something of a surprise to Compton when he found himself in the kitchen of his own house having strawberry jam



smashed into his FACE

by a small baby.



And, if you can imagine the amount of **surprise** caused by a jam-smearing baby, just picture the look on Compton's face when he realized that the baby was actually his **own father.**



But that is all in the future, well the past actually, but we'll get to it eventually.

Confused?

Me too but in a good way, right?

Okay, I tell you what, let's start

at

the

proper

beginning.