

INGREDIENT: A Surprise

A & R's Surprise Blog, Covering the Most Unexpected Shake-Ups in Our Lives

- I got the chance to visit myself in my childhood... but I caused myself a permanent leg injury!
 - My new toy telephone lets me talk to my dead grandmother... but she tried to convince me to kill myself!
 - I won millions of dollars in a government-run contest... but on the following day my life ended!
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- I discovered that the comrade I abandoned during World War I was still alive... but I had to go back in time and sacrifice myself to ensure it would happen!
 - I departed for work behind schedule... but then I got caught in a line of stalled cars on the freeway!
 - I managed to reverse my plane's improbable time jump... but I missed my target by 22 years!
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- I was able to con people by changing the appearance of my face... but I was killed by someone who thought I was his son!
 - I spent decades getting ready to take an airplane somewhere... but it fell right out of the sky!
 - I made plans to shrink everyone evil in the world to a height of two feet... but I was the one who shrunk!
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- I was arrested for endangering the lives of air passengers to shoot an imaginary gremlin... but visible engine damage made it clear I was right!
 - A little girl tried to convince me to remember how my mother was killed... but it turned out that the girl was me!
 - I possessed a ridiculously large quantity of silverware... but it was all designed for eating soup and I wanted to chop onions!
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- A tiny civilization worshipped me as a god and built me a statue... but I got stepped on by explorers!
 - I was enjoying some white wine... but I saw a dark-colored insect floating in it!
 - I was given a great place to live by my alien hosts... but then I realized it was actually in a zoo!

- I got married in front of my friends and family... but the ceremony was ruined by precipitation!
 - I was convinced my upcoming execution is actually a dream... but the dream restarted and I was sentenced all over again!
 - I tried to steal a book of atom-rearrangement formulas from the elders of a small town... but when I escaped, the pages were blank!
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- I found an all-knowing fortune-telling machine in a diner... but if my wife hadn't convinced me to leave, I would have asked it questions forever!
 - A hydrogen bomb destroyed everyone else and fortunately left the public library intact... but then my glasses broke!
 - I gave a taxi driver money and it sped off... but then I noticed a sign saying there was no charge for taxis that day!
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- I was told that my visit to the site of a World War II plane crash site was a hallucination... but my shoes were filled with sand!
 - The governor called and canceled my lethal injection... but the call came 120 seconds after they had administered it!
 - A Martian trying to invade Earth avoids being killed by a bridge collapse... but he discovers Venusians are already taking over!
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- I was nostalgic for my childhood... but when I visited my old neighborhood, I remembered that I was constantly bullied!
 - I reached the point in my work day set aside for nicotine... but a new local ordinance made that impossible!
 - My wife didn't believe that my dictation machine could create people... but she certainly believed it when I made her disappear!
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- I was introduced to the man I'd always wished for... but then I discovered he was already married to an attractive woman!
 - A man gave me a pen that helped me bet on the right horse... but he also gave me shoes that prevented me from killing him!
 - I fled the scene when I killed a boy with my car... but the car harassed me until I confessed!