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to Deputy Micah Flick, killed on duty February 5,  
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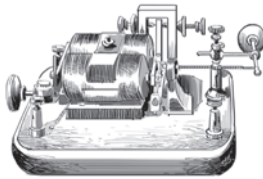
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# ***Prologue***



In book 22, *Freedom at the Falls*, Patrick and Beth had an adventure aboard a passenger train in February 1861. The Lincoln Special was taking President-elect Lincoln to Washington, DC, to be inaugurated. He was to become the sixteenth president of the United States.

That story ended at a bridge over Niagara Falls, New York. Eugene appeared next to the Imagination Station. Here's what happened:



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Beth turned toward Eugene. Her mouth fell open in wonder.

“Eugene?” she said. “You look like a teenager! You should be at least thirty years old.”

Eugene was an adult friend from Whit’s End. He had been with the cousins on their last three adventures. He had looked eighty years old the last time they saw him.

Patrick said, “What happened to you?”

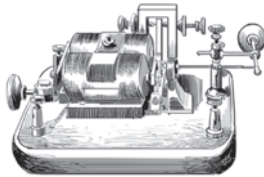
“The appropriate question is, ‘What *didn’t* happen?’” Eugene said. “I calculated that I would be my proper age in this adventure. But it appears I was mistaken.”

“What are you going to do?” Patrick asked.

“Nothing at the moment,” Eugene said. “There’s something much more important at stake.” He paused and took a long breath. “There’s a plot afoot to murder Mr. Lincoln. And we have to stop it!”



# ***The Imagination Station***



The wind whipped across the bridge over Niagara Falls. Beth drew the blue cloak tightly around her. She stepped toward Eugene and the Imagination Station.

A teenage Eugene pushed his reddish-brown hair away from his face. His smooth, young skin stretched into a smile.

Beth glanced at the Imagination Station. Had it also changed?



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The car was a dark Model T with special pipes, coils, and tubes. The machine looked cleaned and polished. It had a new panel on the trunk.

Eugene nodded. “Mr. Whittaker and I adapted the car at Mr. Tesla’s laboratory,” he said. “We now have room for four passengers.”

He lifted the panel on the trunk. A small seat for two popped up.

“Cool, a rumble seat,” Patrick said. “What else is new?”

“Divulging that information would be premature,” Eugene said.

“Huh?” Patrick asked.

Beth smiled to herself at Eugene’s fancy words. “He means he’ll tell us when he’s ready,” she said.



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Eugene nodded again. “Let’s get inside the Imagination Station,” he said.

Patrick said quickly, “I call dibs on the front seat!”

Beth said, “The rumble seat is fine with me.” She stepped on the running board and climbed onto the leather bench.

Patrick and Eugene settled in the front seats. Beth noticed that the steering wheel now had a red circle in the center. It looked a lot like the red button on the dashboard of the other Imagination Station.

“Watch this!” Eugene said. He took hold of the steering wheel and turned it. Then he slammed his palm on the steering wheel’s center.

*Blatt!*

The horn sounded like a sick duck.

The car seemed to tilt forward. Everything Beth saw through the windshield blurred. She

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grew dizzy as a million dots of color began to spin.

Then the dots broke apart. They sprayed out of the machine like water droplets.

And then suddenly, everything went black.