

## Young Shetland Writer 2008

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### *The 1000 year old man*

How long do you think your life is? Well I will tell you about the man who lived from 1050 till 2050. Now I will start this story in 2049. "Its New Years eve every body!" shouted my uncle Robb.

He will be 1000 years old in five minutes.

"Jodie come here to get your picture taken" that's my dad he wanted to take my picture.

"Just coming dad" I said and scuttled off to my dad.

"One minute. Get ready everyone. It doesn't matter about pictures I'm going to be 1000 in one minute." my uncle Robb shouted in his croaky voice. By this time my uncle Robb was jumping up and down on the couch with his bouncy boney legs. My uncle is always crazy even though he is nearly 1000. Uncle Robb is my favourite uncle. He is really kind. He has a long white scuffy beard and a skinney bouncy body.

His favourite thing to do is bounce up and down on a trampoline. He had bought a trampoline and set it up in his living room.

Ding Dong Ding Dong went the clock. "Hold your ears every body Robbs going to scream!" my dad shouted at the top of his voice.

I grabbed a pillow and hid under the table because uncle Robb was jumping all round the room like a fizzed up bottle of coke. I could here super sprinklers outside. Super sprinklers are like sparklers but you have to throw them in the air and then they blow up. When uncle Robb had calmed down I dashed out of the room and up the spinning elevator to the 25th floor.

The 25th floor was the science room. The science room was on the second last floor. Uncle Robb kept his time machine in the science room. Uncle Robb says he doesn't use it but I know fine well he does. I love to just stare at it. The time machine was an ink black ball that was 12 feet wide and 12 feet tall. It has a semi-oval door. It was obvious that uncle Robb uses it because he wouldn't be alive! I longed to see the past. My dad has told me that in the past nothing was chrome and that only some people had millions of pounds. And that people had to go to a place called school to learn because nobody was born with the mind of a robot! How strange. I would have hated it if I had too go to school. I imagine school as a big black building with millions of chains and a padlock. Dad said that children weren't aloud outside until they had got every thing correct. How hard would that be! Having to get everything correct! "Jodie, where are you!" my dad boomed through the house on his sonic speaker. His sonic speaker came with our house.

"Come here," uncle Robb shouted in his funny, croaky voice. I didn't leave I just stared at the ink, black ball. Suddenly I realized what was going on. I hopped into the spinning elevator and spun to the 30th floor where dad, uncle Robb, Grandma, baby Becky, cousin Sarah and uncle Sanjay were staring at the stars appear like diamonds as the sky got darker and darker. I didn't mention that the 30th floor had a glass roof so it was easy to see the stars and sky.

That night uncle Robb got so drunk that he started telling big secrets. He hauled me up onto his trampoline and told me about his travels through time. He told me a story about when he went so far into the future that he was in the past! He met up with some of his ancestors. And he said that he wanted to keep me alive for thousands of years so he said that when I am ten the time machine could be mine but I had to let uncle Robb come with me until I am 18. Only 7 months until I am ten. "Jodie time for bed." dad said softly.

OK dad I said and snuggled up with Sarah on the couch. That night I had a dream that I had travelled to the past and visited a school in Scalloway. I had travelled really far back into the past. I had gone all the way back till 2008. I met a kind lady called Meta. She was the P4 teacher. I was awoken by Becky. She had woken up at eleven o'clock so I got up and rocked her in my arms until she fell asleep. I lay her in her snuggler and then went back to bed. A snuggler is a big puffy blanket that wraps around you and it makes you float in the air like a cloud. Uncle Robb was third awake because I could hear him on the floor up above us which was the 5th floor. I was obvious what he was doing. He was getting ready to time travel. A few minutes later uncle Robb burst through the door and grabbed me by the arm. "Come on get changed!" uncle Robb boomed and handed me a time travel suit the same as his.

"I have changed my mind you can time travel today!" he boomed again. I got changed and we both spun to the 25th floor. I jumped into the time machine with uncle Robb. We whizzed over the top of Shetland and soon were in a multi-coloured tunnel spinning round and round. At the end of the tunnel I could see a big black hole. We popped through the black hole and right in front of us we could see Scalloway School. We entered the School. The hall was bright and colourful. I saw a lady walking through the hall. Uncle Robb walked up to her.

"Pardon, Miss but is this the year of 2008" uncle Robb asked the lady.

"Why? Yes it is." said the lady.

"What is your name miss" uncle Robb asked.

"Meta, And what's yours." the lady replied.

"Robb." uncle Robb said.

"Well bye" said Meta.

"Bye" said uncle Robb.

And off she went. We went for a walk around Scalloway after that.

There wasn't much difference apart from the School. Uncle Robb got tired so we set off back to the time machine and were home in no time at all.

"Where have you been?" dad asked.

"Oh just time travelling ..."