

"If people truly understood the present, they would not feel the need to change the future"

Refs:

- present's name is Horace (Roman poet)
- future will be very quiet, mysterious, and unpredictable because "the future-never spoke"
- reporter's name will be unknown as it is not relevant to the story
- present and future are hologram robots programed by scientists and anthropologists
- future will ignore those divination practices
- Pan Am fashion brand , represents reinvention and reignition
- aztec calender

"The future-never spoke" Emily Dickenson

XYZ new tune obnoxiously plays, the screen fades revealing the host sitting behind a world map table with small figures scattered all over

Show Host: Welcome back ladies, gentlemen, and all others. Welcome back to XYZ morning news. Today we are exultant to announce that we will have OUT OF THIS WORLD guests coming in today. You fellows at home, you better get your popcorn cus this is gonna be a wild ride. Everyone! Get ready to clap. Andddddd.... **drum roll**.... I would hereby like to invite the Present and Future!!!! Oh, and Billy.

two human-shaped holograms enter along with a REAL human, Billy ,anxiously scuffling behind

one was yellow, present, and the other one was a shade of cloudy blue, future. Present is wearing a rainbow sweater layered with denim overalls. While future is wearing a plain oversized shirt, baggy pants, a bucket hat and Y2k sunglasses. And, Billy is wearing a plain t-shirt and jeans

Show Host: WELCOME, welcome, welcome Present and Future!!!! And Billy.

Present: **curiously flouncing around the room, waving at the cameras** oh honey, just call me Horace

Show Host : ok, Horace and Future, we are ecstatic to have you here today. For those viewers who haven't heard, Present or Horace, and Future are holograms developed by scientists and anthropologists at the World Scholar's cup institution to represent the present and future.

Present: Yep!

future sits staring at the floor, unmoving

Show Host: Before we start, we would like to introduce you to Pan Am fashion, a fashion brand reinvented from an airline and our generous sponsor.

**backstage team member rolled out a cart full of Pan Am clothes and accessories **

Present: **captivated by the fabrics and designs** Woww.

Billy is still sitting with a worried-sick expression

Present: These stitches are amazing, to think of it, they really resemble a sunset. The wonderfully blended ombre tones and hues of pink are just-

Billy cuts of present

Billy: The plastic, according to my careful observation---- that, th-that, is polyester, its ruining our planet. Plastic and waste consuming. I-in fact, we are being consumed right now, and no no no the w-world is e-ending!!!! **he goes into a manic episode**

In desperation, Billy glances over to Future

Future moves hand to pick his nose, his finger venturing deep into the gold mines

Billy: **stands up** According to my hyper analysis, that is true as-

present put's her arms around Billy in an attempt to comfort him

Present: Billy, deary, don't get so worked up. This may sound cliché but just ENJOY THE MOMENT. As Horace, the Roman poet said, **in a Roman accent** "Seize the day".

Billy, still hyperventilating, sits back down

Show Host: Well ,Our first question is what are your thoughts on Fortune tellers?

future shrugs

Show host: Horoscopes?

future shrugs again

Show host: Astrology?

future shrugs AGAIN

Billy: Well ,I think that fully knowing the future is CRUCIAL for human survival. I mean, how are you gonna know what to do? From the Aztec calendars to Tik Tok horoscopes, we just have to know what's going to happen.

Show Host: Billy, may I ask, what's that atomic punk looking device you have there in your hand?

Billy: It's a SuperDuperAtomicCombobulatingDeLukerMuckerNizer for when the you know the , **in a hushed tone** end of the world apocalypse happens

without warning, Future somersaults of of his chair, knocking over some of the figures, then does three consecutive backflips ending with a perfectly executed front roll

Billy and the show host are distraught but Present is unfazed

Billy: According to my calculations, Future has knocked over 13 figures, so an average of 6,978 people as the population is 10 million. That mea-

Present: **patting Billy on the back** as the wise Horace said "Leucon, no one's allowed to know his fate,

Not you, not me: don't ask, don't hunt for answers"

just then, Future's hologram started to flicker

Present: **holding Billy's hand** Breathe in everyone, smell the air **takes a big, long sniff** Eeeew is that, the scent of rotting flesh

present scans the surroundings and instinctively rushes over to the corner of the broadcast room

a half-conscious cat is slouched in the corner

Present goes to check the cat's heart beat

Present: ITS CRASHING QUICK CALL 911 !!!!

present starts to do cpr on the cat

Billy: No! Don't even bother, what's dead is dead, it cannot be revived!

nevertheless, Present continues to do cpr, pumping pumping and pumping

Present: IT's BACKKKKK !!!!

present returns back to her seat and the cat is carried away on a stretcher

Present: See, things can be reignited, like the Neo-Assyrian Empire.

Show Host: Future, do you agree with Emily Dickinson's poem, The future-never spoke ?

future doesn't react, doesn't even move a muscle

Show Host: Well, she was right.

**Billy starts humming "Counting up to twenty" by Micheal Crawford*

Billy: Counting up to twenty
Has been difficult for some
But as we learn to count to twenty
Should be easy to get to twenty-one

Show Host: Well, there you have it folks, thank you for joining us, what an eventful day. ZYX
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**everyone waves goodbye to the cameras (except for future) **