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The Rise of the Robots

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Part 1 - Peacefulness

Clink. Clink. Bring! 35 year old Dr. Robert, born in 3882, woke up to the sound of his personal robot's automatic 6 o'clock alarm clock. Dr. Robert wore glasses and a magnifying glass on top to help him with the huge amount of work he received everyday in his company, Ace Robots. He also wore a lab uniform and pants that were too long. It was 3927, and people by now had developed amazing feats with robotic machines. These include making Mars inhabitable for humans (terraforming) and developing flying spaceships which can fly at 3 hundredths the speed of light using nuclear fusion. The Earth had been covered all the way around with solar panels to meet the need of more and more power for the robotic machines it contained. People basically had nothing to do but relax as their personal robots brushed their teeth, wrote their taxes down, and gave them free money. The only people who even had jobs were the people who worked at the robot companies and enhanced the robots everyone needed so much. Dr. Robert was exactly one of those workers. He was also doing one of the incredible feats: traveling to Mars. For most ordinary families, this was a "once in a lifetime " chance for them. But for Dr. Robert and his family, it was nothing extraordinary. This is because Dr. Robert worked at one of the best robot companies called Ace Robots which he owned. Dr. Robert was very proud of his company and their quality robots. As the boss of this good company, Dr. Robert always has special missions waiting for him. Right now he is traveling back to his company in a luxury spaceship bustling with robots. Dr. Robert had taken the paperwork he needed from his personal robot after he had brushed his teeth and eaten breakfast. *I will need my paperwork for the company*, he thought. With is paperwork in his hands, Dr. Robert walked to the 100% airtight window to see how far away they were from landing. All of a sudden, white clouds

coated the window, not allowing for Dr. Robert to see anything. *At least I know we're in the atmosphere now, which means we should land soon,* thought Dr. Robert. It had taken the super fast spaceship about 15 minutes to get to Mars, which wasn't, at all, enough time to enjoy everything on the floating luxury hotel. Even though Dr. Robert and his company engineers were the only ones working at this time of history, it didn't mean they were treated badly. Actually, it was the opposite way around, since the robot companies got all their brand-new hocus-pocus first and enjoyed them first. As the new spaceship that got invented by Dr. Robert not long ago drifted down onto the now beautiful landscape of Mars, Dr. Robert called for his personal M-7K3. As the robotic machine appeared around the corner and approached Dr. Robert, it beeped: "At your service, sir. What can I do for you?" "Go and get my work uniform please," replied Dr. Robert. As the robot with big eyes and human like body walked out of the cabin, Dr. Robert recalled when he had first invented the M-7K3. Back then, they were so slow and stiff! But in a few years, due to Dr. Robert and his engineer's hard work, the personal robots were almost exactly like real humans! Suddenly, the beeping of Dr. Robert's wrist-phone snapped him out of his dreams. It was his wife Janice, who happened to be working in the same company as her husband. Dr. Robert answered his wrist-phone with a swipe of his finger. "Hi, Janice. What do you want?" "Oh, hi, Robert," Replied Janice. I just wanted to remind you to get the autopilot to get ready for landing, that's all. Can you do that?" "Sure," Dr. Robert said happily. "I'll be happy to do you a favor." "Thanks!" Janice exclaimed on the other end. I've been looking..." Dr. Robert gasped on the other side of the line as his wife's voice faded away. *The wrist-phones work perfectly most of the time, so what happened there?* He thought with a dark feeling. *Was it a technology problem, or was it...* All of a sudden, Dr. Robert's M7K3 strolled into the room, carrying his lab/work clothes and humming a tune with its metal mouth, snapping Dr. Robert out of his train of thoughts. "Sir, we are about 5 minutes away from the Martian airport, so get ready for landing," it beeped. "Please brace yourselves

for a little impact when we hit the runway." "Yes," Dr. Robert replied, still a little dreamy. "Thanks for the information." He took his lab clothes from the robot, and as he put them on, he wondered what mysterious, evil thing could have caused the short-circuit of the wrist-phones...

5 minutes later, Dr. Robert was being wheeled on a mechanical chair across the red Martian landscape to his robot company, his wife Janice right beside him. Dr. Robert was explaining desperately to her what had happened to the wrist-phones when they made contact. "Look, Janice, can't you understand?" He exclaimed. "Something or someone must have hacked into the wrist-phones and short-circuited them!" Okay, okay," Janice replied patiently. "You don't have to yell." "Oh," said Dr. Robert, embarrassed. "Sorry." All of a sudden, a booming, deep voice greeted the couple with a slap on the back with the mechanical arm on his mechanical chair. "Hey there, boss!" Said the newcomer, already leading Dr. Robert and Janice through the giant automatic metal doors of Ace Robots, Dr. Robert's robot company that he was the boss of. "Hi there, Johnny," Dr. Robert replied calmly, unlike his wife Janice, who jumped at Johnny's booming, loud voice. As Johnny led Dr. Robert through his company, he explained all the cool new gadgets they had come up with. They even invented a warm pill that makes you feel hot from head to toe! Dr. Robert had tried that. Even with all the warmth that the pill had given off and despite the warmth of the building, there was something cold and disguised watching from the darkness...

Part 2-The Dark Ages

Dr. Robert was shivering from head to toe. This wasn't the cold, but the fact that every machine he, Janice, and Johnny operated had a virus on it. This started happening right after Johnny showed Dr. Robert and Janice all the new machines their employees had invented for the world. Johnny was walking back from one of the other robots in the corner, which had hit

Johnny in the face when he had told it to get him an apple. "That one doesn't work either," he sighed and plunked himself onto a chair. "Like, if this virus keeps up, 'RoboInvestigator' will take our place as the best robot company in the world! What will we do now?" Dr. Robert tried to keep calm and come up with a solution, but the words 'RoboInvestigator' made him more nervous. RoboInvestigator was a powerful robot company. They were smart "Yes," he said warily, "I guess---" All of a sudden, Janice burst out of nowhere, a look of panic on her face and gasping frantically. "Guys-we need to get back to the Earth headquarters! The robots are attacking!" Johnny and Dr. Robert rose to their feet with their jaws open and their ears puffing out steam. Like, I mean it. "How could they!" Dr. Robert and Johnny said in disbelief. "Those are LOYAL robots! They won't betray us despite their viruses!" Dr. Robert stared hard at Johnny. "What do you think, Johnny?" He questioned his employee. "You want to come with me and Janice?" Johnny nodded quietly and walked away slowly, his hands still clenched in fists. Dr. Robert winced. With their machines not working and their own robots attacking them, the race of people, including Dr. Robert and his company, seemed to be doomed.

1 minute later, Dr. Robert, Janice, and Johnny were speeding toward Earth at the already fast spaceship's top speed. As they entered the atmosphere, what greeted them wasn't a thick layer of white fluffy clouds. Instead, giant bombs flew past at amazing speed, stirring up a burning cloud of ash, making the space as hot as the Sun's core.

The war had begun. They were too late.

"Quick!" Shouted Dr. Robert over the booming sound of bombs outside. "Take a ParaDiver from the storage! Our ship can explode any second now." As Johnny took one last look at the ship he had invented and put on the ParaDiver suit, a giant bomb fired by the robot side flew by and exploded. *And it was heading straight for the little backup group, ready to take their lives away, too.*

Janice, who was always a quick thinker, didn't react like Johnny and Dr. Robert, who froze in surprise. "Quick!" Yelled Janice over the earsplitting sound of exploding bombs. "On my count, jump!" Dr. Robert and Johnny quickly unfroze at Janice's voice and turned their bodies into jumping position. "3, 2, 1, JUMP!" Shouted Janice desperately. The exploding bomb, which was hotter than lava and as big as 100 full sized TVs, was almost at where the little rebel group was clinging on to their little ship. Just as the bomb slammed full speed into where Janice, Johnny, and Dr. Robert were standing a millisecond ago, the backup group jumped, with the support of their ParaDivers. The trip down was pretty bad, with monster bombs whizzing by the group's heads, as if they wanted to devour them and rip them to pieces. Just as Janice, Dr. Robert and Johnny got to a clearing with no bombs and relaxed, a huge bomb as sharp as a diamond sword fell from above, ready to make a killing blow. The 3 person group, unaware of the intruding bomb, was talking about their battle plan. And then...BOOM! The small but sharp bomb hit its target. However, the blow that would kill an ordinary person did not kill the unwary and tiny group. Instead, it ripped a hole in their ParaDivers and sent them flying downward, headed for the ocean. And there was a very big problem. Dr. Robert, Janice, and Johnny all could not swim. "It's every man -and lady- for themselves, unless somebody knows how to swim!" Exclaimed Johnny as they zoomed in, obvious they would land in the sea. As the three ParaDivers landed in the freezing Pacific Ocean, they splashed frantically with their arms, but it was no use. Janice started to sink down. Dr. Robert's heart was pounding faster than ever. Johnny's jaws dropped. They both tried to grab hold of Janice's slippery arm. However, her weight pulled both Dr. Robert and Johnny down with her. It seemed like it was the end, as the sinking group's lungs burned from the cold. All Dr. Robert could remember after that was blackness. The whole world seemed to be spinning, down, down, down...

Part 3-The Aliens

After what seemed like a millennium, Dr. Robert, Janice, and Johnny woke up under the bright lights of what looked like a hospital bed. But the nurses and doctors weren't people. Oh, no they weren't. Instead, what Dr. Robert saw nearly made his heart jump out of his throat. Aliens! Other than Janice, Johnny and Dr. Robert themselves, there were no traces of people here. The aliens, though, looked friendly and nice. They had cared well for their strange companions so that they were now feeling nice and warm. "Har, gagoo?" Asked one of the aliens excitedly. "Wait, what?" Janice wondered on the other side of the room, confused. "Oh, yeah, I guess, but, still, how did we get here?" she added when she saw the nearest alien. Dr. Robert didn't reply but pointed at Johnny. Johnny hadn't joined in the conversation, but when he saw Janice and Dr. Robert looking at him, he happily took out some colorful bracelets from his pocket. "Translation bracelets!" He said and threw the bracelets across the room to Dr. Robert and Janice. "One for each one of us. Put them on, and you'll understand what the aliens are saying." Dr. Robert narrowed his eyes in confusion. "Wait a second," He asked. "Aren't those not waterproof?" Johnny frowned. "Oh, yeah, you don't know." He yawned and rubbed his eyes. "Our employees invented the waterproof type when you were away." Dr. Robert cheered with delight. "That's pretty nice!" As Janice, Dr. Robert and Johnny put on the translation bracelets, They could clearly hear what the alien nurses and doctors were saying. Then, one mechanical voice rose up above the rest. Dr. Robert froze in terror. So did Janice and Johnny. Was it the attacking robots, in hot pursuit after the alien's spaceship containing the 3 humans in it? No. The voice turned out to be an alien's, keeping track of where the spaceship is flying. "Andromeda Galaxy, arriving in 5 light years." Janice, Johnny and Dr. Robert shared a look with each other. What did this mean for them? Enslavement? A royal guest? Allies? (So many questions) 10 minutes later, the sky blue spaceship landed in a spaceship port on a Earth sized

planet in the gorgeous Andromeda Galaxy. Outside the giant crystal clear windows, Dr. Robert could see there were thousands of more aliens. As a few blue and green tabby aliens hassled the odd humans out of the spaceship and onto the orange and purple alien planet, they could clearly hear what the aliens were saying. One small one-foot tall and nice looking alien walked-or rather flew- slowly toward its strange companions to have a good look at them. "Hi! What's your name?" The little arm sized flying alien exclaimed excitedly to no one in particular out of the three. The three humans exchanged a nervous look with each other. They had never talked to an alien before. "Janice Brown." "Robert Brown." "Johnny Smith." The human like alien smiled, satisfied. "Great. My name is Jack. Me and the king and queen here are the only ones here who have, uh, your kind of names." Dr. Robert gasped. If aliens had human names, then that had to mean they were spying on the humans! "Jack lowered his head. "I know. We wanted to find out all about other intelligent life in the universe, so we traveled and found your planet and its citizens-you. But I promise, we weren't meaning to surprise attack your planet." Janice smiled. "I believe you." "Really?" Jack exclaimed gratefully. "Thanks!" The group of four didn't talk much on the way to the alien planet's heart of population, but Dr. Robert had a feeling that the aliens would be a nice ally for the humans to defeat their own metal robot foes.

15 minutes later, Dr. Robert, Janice, and Johnny were all seated comfortably in the royal king's room as royal guests. Jack was accompanying them there, too. Dr. Robert was amazed by the countless strange treasures and gems in the invincible looking metal chests. *Maybe one day I'll have a gem making robot*, Dr. Robert thought. Unfortunately, his train of thoughts were interrupted by a cheerful alien voice. "Hello!" It was the queen! Jack, Janice, Johnny and Dr. Robert all showed their respects by bowing. Although he tried not to show it, Dr. Robert was impressed by the colorful and vibrant cloth dancing on her clothes and the big gems that dotted

her necklaces. The queen was pretty much a human, except for her long, serpent like tail streaming out behind her. The tail was mermaid like, dotted with endless scales. "My name is Teresa," the queen introduced. "I'm the queen of Titan 2, the alien home planet," she added proudly. The queen looked at Jack and nodded. Jack took a deep breath and started talking. "I know I didn't tell you this on our little trip, but I'm part of the royal council," he started, puffing out his little chest proudly. "I was taking a trip to your planet because we sensed something was wrong there with our radio dish. My job was to save as many people as I could, so I saved you 3 when I saw you almost drowning in the ocean. Then I lassoed you up to the spaceship and got some nurses and doctors to treat you in the hospital." "Then," Jack continued, "the queen wanted to know all about you, so I told her." The queen gave him a look of approval, and she asked, "Strange guests, what are your troubles? How can we help you?" In reply, Dr. Robert told her all about the viruses on the people's machines and the robots attacking them and their planet. The queen gave him a sympathetic glance. "Lucky for you," the queen said happily with a clap of her hands, "we can help you! We have invented lots of new types of bombs and weapons to help you defeat your enemies!" Dr. Robert's jaw dropped open. "That's so nice of you!" He exclaimed. "But does your weapons work against metal robots? They're pretty powerful." The queen smiled. "Of course they do! We have the most powerful metal destroying weapons out of all the other alien civilizations discovered so far!" Janice cheered. "Yay! Now, let's get going!"

15 minutes later, the alien-people allies were battling the robots with fierce and powerful weapons. Dr. Robert had gotten the survivors of the last robot battle to battle alongside the aliens and people, too. The robots outnumbered the allies 10 to 1, but compared to the big metal destroying bombs of the aliens, their laser guns were small and ineffective. Soon, the allies had

the upper hand of the battle, and the robots only outnumbered them 2 to 1. But all of a sudden, a giant robot appears from under the land, shaking the landscape into a terrifying earthquake. In its hands are a giant laser sword and a even bigger bomb. The robot had glowing evil red eyes and a bulky body built for battle. With one swipe of its laser sword, dozens of aliens and people are wiped out. Then, it looks at Dr. Robert, who seems to be one of the next victims. It seems like the end...

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