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Oops, We Travelled Into Another World

by Sambhrama M. Ballari

On a Sunday morning of summer vacation, the three cousins (Amberly, Janice, and Riley) were relaxing at Amberly’s house. The three were extremely close cousins; sometimes strangers mistook them as triplets. Janice, the oldest, was 13. Amberly, the middle child, was 12, and Riley was the youngest at 10. Although their ages were different, all of them were of the same height. Amberly’s sister Ash, with Riley’s sister Avery, both 14, accompanied them. The five members wore costumes which made them look like robots, since they were really big fans of robots, unlike their parents who absolutely hated them. Uncle John was supervising them while they enjoyed their vacation.

Since their parents were on an overnight trip, they all played various games and finally had their dinner. Once they finished their dinner, they went upstairs to watch TV. Suddenly, they heard a thud coming from Amberly’s room. They rushed to see what had happened.

What they saw shocked all of them.

There was a giant, weird vehicle with blue and gray lights. Since they were extremely enthusiastic, they all got in. As soon as they got in, the doors closed and it started shaking violently. They fell to the floor with the intense shaking.

When they woke up, they were in a different place. It was completely different, and the people walking around there were also different. They were all robots. The five girls couldn’t believe what they were looking at.

There were no arguments, no humans, no trees—just a plain place which looked like a world full of robots. They were stunned. Amberly decided to take the lead and talk. She suggested that they explore for some time and try to find an exit. Everyone agreed and started searching.

After searching for an hour, they couldn’t find an exit and decided to find a place to sleep. But they could not find any lodge and decided to ask someone if they could sleep in their house. But first, they went to a convenience store to have ramen.

When they were eating, they spotted an old lady cleaning and realized she was acting a bit different from the others. Amberly thought that she was a human in disguise, but Avery questioned why she would be in disguise. Janice stepped forward and suggested asking her for shelter.

Riley went up to her and asked whether they could get shelter in her house for a night. The grandma immediately realized that they were humans and hesitantly agreed. After they reached her house, they began to make a plan to escape.

The simple plan included one person, Avery, getting a job so they could earn some money for food. Just like that, Avery started working as a barista, while the rest of them continued the search.

They travelled for miles and miles together till they reached a small lake. The girls were extremely thirsty and decided to drink some water from the lake. They were about to leave when Ash tripped over something. They picked her up, calmed her down, and tied a cloth around her wound.

Riley went to see what she had tripped over and couldn't believe what she saw: a glass bottle with a letter inside. They immediately opened it and Ash started to read it.

The letter said 'Whoever is reading this should be a human, as robots die when water touches them. You are in a place full of robots and you have to escape before you get caught. All the humans who were caught have been locked up in a weird place. Once the number reaches 10,000, the robots will hold them hostage and try to invade the Earth.'

It also mentioned a place where they could find information about the captured humans and asked the girls to rescue them.

Everyone was shocked to discover this and decided to take some rest by having lunch. They picked up Avery, explained everything to her, and went to a restaurant. After lunch, they decided to follow the map.

The map led them to a place that looked like a police station. The main billboard said, "If you see any human, report here." Everyone was scared, but they all stepped in.

Inside, they saw a list with many names and photos. As they were going through the list, they realized the names of each of their parents were there with their pictures.

Riley, Amberly, and Janice almost cried but held it in. They quickly ran out of the place and found an empty, abandoned park.

Amberly went back again to get more details. While observing the posters and billboards, she saw something that made her jaw drop.

There was a large photo of Uncle John with a text that said, "Our world runs because of this person."

Amberly realized that their own uncle was the head of this creepy place. She immediately went back to the park and told everyone. They were all extremely shocked.

After some time of sitting there in silence, Riley stepped forward.

Riley said that they should make a plan to go to the weird place and rescue their parents and the other humans. The plan sounded impossible, but they decided to go with it.

They knew that many robots would be guarding the place and started thinking about how to take them down. While walking through the park, Janice stepped on something hard. When she picked it up, she saw that it was a water gun.

Ash shouted that robots die when water touches them. In this way, they could use water guns to take them down. However, the others suggested that they could avoid violence and instead sneak in and rescue the humans.

After deciding on the plan, Janice and Riley began searching for information about the place. Avery and Ash worked for money, while Amberly focused on making a detailed plan.

After a few days of research, they found out that the place where the humans were kept was called Orbo, and it was surrounded by many robots. To enter, they needed fake IDs and had to pretend they were visiting Uncle John.

They all agreed to the plan, but they needed a way to get fake IDs. So they decided to ask the grandma for help.

Everyone agreed to ask the grandma for help. She was hesitant at first but eventually agreed. She gave them the address of a place where fake IDs were made.

They went there at night, got their fake IDs, and returned. The next day, they rested and went over their plan again and again.

Early the following morning, they got ready and set off. When they reached Orbo, they saw thousands of guards. They approached one of them and said they were there to visit Sir John.

The guard asked for their IDs. After checking them, they allowed them inside.

Once inside, they split into three groups. Janice and Riley went straight, Amberly and Ash went right, and Avery went left.

They carefully moved around, but suddenly the alarm rang. The guards had realized that the IDs were fake.

Meanwhile, Amberly and Ash found something surprising—the exit to the human world. They immediately informed the others.

Everyone was happy to hear this, but they decided to rescue the humans first.

Ash went ahead and found a round metallic sphere. She realized the humans were locked inside it, but it had a password.

She called the others. Just as they were about to reach Ash, a guard caught them. Before the guard could call others, Ash took out a water gun hidden behind her clothes and sprayed the guard. The guard fell unconscious. They had 3 tries to open the lock.

They quickly tried to unlock the sphere. First, they tried Uncle John's birthday, but it didn't work. Then they tried his daughter Amy's birthday, but that also failed. They had only 1 try left.

Suddenly, Amberly remembered a code Uncle John had taught her, where $A = 1$, $B = 2$, and so on. Since Amy was closest to him, Amberly entered 1-13-25.

The sphere opened.

All the humans rushed out. Everyone was extremely happy. The children met their parents and celebrated with joy.

Just then, Uncle John appeared. The humans captured him, tied his hands, and escaped through the exit back to Earth.

The next day, Uncle John was arrested. The cousins returned to their homes, full of memories of an adventure they would never forget.