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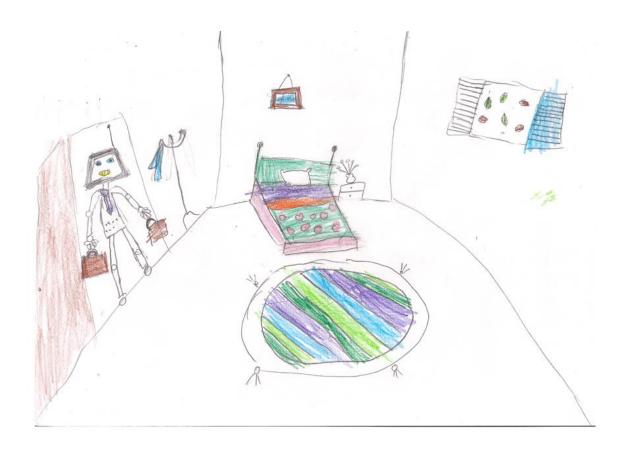
Robert's summer holidays and adventures

By Fotis Doulgeris

A hot sunny day starts with the summer holidays of Robert, the Robot.

Robert gets off the airplane, takes a taxi from the airport and after a while he reaches the luxurious hotel where he's booked a room. He goes to the reception where the groom is waiting to take him to his room on the 6th floor.





After giving a generous tip to the hotel clerk, Robert puts on something light and gets ready for some rest after the jet lag from the flight. It's then that he hears a loud noise, gap, goop, lalala, coming from the hotel's room which is right above his room. Without giving it a second thought, he rushes up there to see what's going on. To his surprise he sees a singer singing loud while digging holes and planting flowers in the flower beds on the roof garden.

- -What's your name ?, asks Robert.
- Mary!, replies the singer with the shovel.
- Could you, please, stop making so much noise? I can't sleep...

- You know, the song helps me do my job better. But since it bothers you, I'll be quiet.
 - -Thanks for your understanding very much!

Robert heads back to his room relieved and goes back to sleep.



The next morning he gets up early so as not to miss the morning bouffet. He rashes down to the Dinner Hall and sits at a small empty table near the bouffet.

 A hamburger and a hot cup of coffee, please, he says to the waiter.

After a while the waiter comes with Robert's order and leaves it on the table.

Robert is about to bite the hamburger with longing when he suddenly hears a voice: "No, do not eat me!"

Puzzled, Robert asks: "Who is it?" Who shouted?

- -I did, the hamburger you're holding in your hand and you are ready to bite!
- But how? How is it possible for a burger to speak? Why shouldn't I eat you since you are food?
 - I'm not a burger like all the others. I am alive...
 - -So, what's your name?
- -My name's Ham Ham the Hamburger. I have siblings here in the same restaurant. The poor ones have just been served to other clients.
- Alright, then. I won't eat you. I'll order something else for breakfast.
 - -Thank you very much.



-How about going to the Hotel Water Slides together after breakfast? I've heard they are amazing!

-Good idea. I've never been to water slides... But what are these water slides?

-They are large pipes with a little water flowing in them. You get in and then you slide from high above down to a pool full of water.

-It sounds good...Off we go!



Robert and Ham Ham climb up to the largest water slide and enter the pipe. But as soon as he gets wet, Ham begins to disintegrate. Here a crumb, there a crumb and the burger goes its own way! Seeing his friend Ham disintegrate, Robert begins to pick up whatever pieces he finds in front of him.



Luckily he picks them all up and he is able to put Ham Ham back together in one piece using some glue and gelatine that was left after packing a present in his room. They go happily to the hotel room and Ham lets out a shout of excitement: "Oh! What a beautiful and spacious room this is!"

- -"Yes, it is very convenient," Robert replies, smiling.
- -I have never stayed in such a room! I lived in a bakery with my siblings. There one day the baker baked me and you almost ate me for breakfast.



Robert, with quick and careful movements, sticks Ham's pieces together and now there he is ready again with all his pieces in place.

- -Thank you very much for assembling me.
- -Oh, it's alright. Do you want to come with me to explore the nearby forest?
 - -Of course, I want to! I love exploring new places.



Robert puts Ham in his pocket and they set out together to explore the forest.

After having walked long enough Robert is tired. He stops to rest by a golden fountain with gurgling, cool water; exactly what he needs for his thirst.

As Robert bends down to drink water, a beautiful girl, as beautiful as a fairy, suddenly appears in front of him.

-I'm Ayuma, the witch. Who are you?

-I'm Robert the robot and this is my friend, Ham Ham the hamburger.

-And what are you doing here in this place?

-I'm spending my summer vacation at the nearby hotel and I want to explore the forest.

-Great! I will help you see the whole forest. You know, I am the witch of this forest and I know it very well.

So the three of them walk through the paths of the forest, following Ayuma. At some point they meet a beautiful pond with blue crystals.



Excited, Robert asks Ayuma.

- -What is this?
- -I'm glad you asked. This is my house, replies the witch.
- -Oh, it's so beautiful! Could you give me a crystal as a souvenir?
- -But of course! You can get two crystals, one blue and one green. I have so many...
 - -Thank you, Ayuma. I will keep them forever to remember you.



The three friends continue their journey deeper and deeper into the forest. In an instant songs are heard from afar. In the background a music club emerges. There Mary, the singer with the shovel, sings an aria from Puccini's "Tosca".



- -Aaaa!!Eeee!!Ohhhhhh! How much I love Tosca!!
- -Hello, Mary!, Robert is greeting her.
- Hello to you, too!, Mary replies. What are you doing here in this place?
 - -My friends and I are exploring the forest and we've come so far.
 - Would you like me to join you to walk and sing together?
 - -Sure, we do!



The whole company is getting ready to set off singing happy songs. But something catches Robert's attention. He stops, bends over, observes carefully and grabs a strange crimson stone in his hands. A stone so shiny that seems magical. Robert puts the stone in his hand and shows it to Ayuma.

-Look, what I found on the ground! A beautiful shiny crimson stone!

-But this is the stone from my mother's magic ring. She lost it some time ago. Could you give it to me? I will give you whatever you ask for in return!

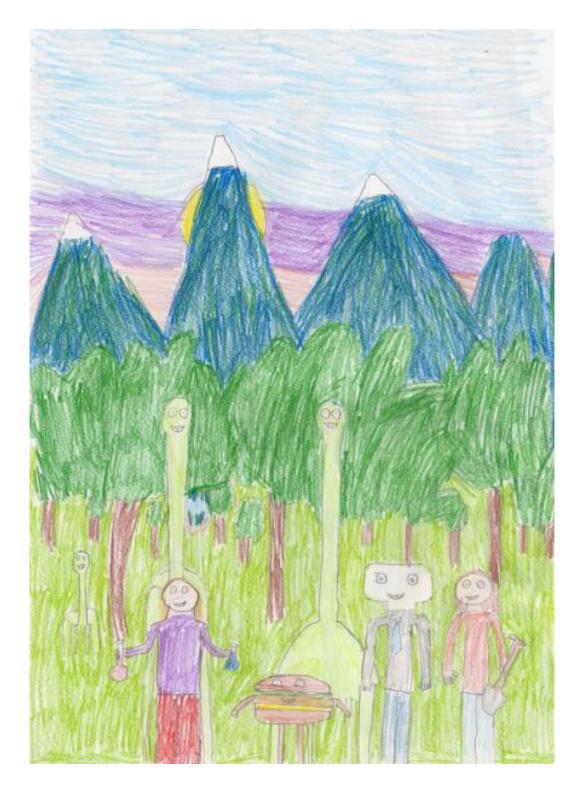
- -I want to travel with all our company back in time, to the Age of the Dinosaurs. Can you do me this favor?
- Of course, I can!, Ayuma tells him. Are you sure that this is what you want?
 - Yes, this is my wish!

At that moment, a time capsule appears in front of them, with the engines on, ready to travel them 1 million years back. The capsule starts with one, two, three oops! They are in another era. Everything around them is strange, big and scary... Next to them a little dinosaur is crying because he has lost his parents and can not find them alone.

- Could you help me find my parents whom I've lost?, asks the little dinosaur crying.
- -Of course, we can, Robert replies. But first, tell us. Who are you? What's your name?
- -I'm Carlo, the little dinosaur. I was walking through the forest and I lost my parents. Now I'm all alone and can't find them.

The company, even bigger, starts walking in the wild and inhospitable forest. Together they are looking for Carlo's parents. They search from here, shout from there, until at some point they meet two large dinosaurs and ask them: "Have you lost your child?".

- -Yes, Mum Dinosaur answers sadly. We've lost our little Carlo and we are looking for him.
 - -Carlo! Robert shouts out loudly. Look who's here!
- -Dad, mom! The dinosaur shouts with enthusiasm! How glad I am to find you again. Thank you, my friends, for your help.
- We, thank you, for finding our little son, the Dinosaurs answered. How could we ever pay you back for the good you've done for us?
- Could you carry us on your back for a nice ride in the forest?, asks Robert.
- No need to ask! Of course, we can take you for a nice long relaxing ride in the forest. Climb on our backs and sit comfortably. The ride begins!



After a long ride and after passing through the most beautiful parts of the forest, it is time for everyone to get off the backs of the dinosaurs and return to the time capsule that would return them to modern time.

-Thank you for the wonderful ride you gave us and we are very happy to meet you, Robert says politely and enters the time capsule.

-Thank you for helping us find our child, the dinosaurs respond

and leave the forest happy.

Ayuma turns the time capsule's machines on and oh, everyone

goes back to the modern era.

Then everyone in the company returns happily to where they

belong. Ayuma in her forest, Mary in the music club, Ham in the

bakery and Robert in his hotel.

The next day Robert packs his things, packs his suitcase, pays for

the hotel and departs for the airport, where he returns home by jet to

his bustling state. And from the balcony of his house, he shouts:

"Happy summer and happy holidays to all! I wish next year to have

such beautiful vacations and adventures! "

Summer holidays have started and Robert the robot, Ayuma the

witch, Ham Ham the hamburger, Mary the singer and Carlo the

dinosaur are ready for a lot of fun.

to be continued....

Part B' 'Robert's winter holidays'

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