

Layered Metal

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Cannilya was in her garage, adding the finishing touches to her robot for the science fair.

“Drr!” exclaimed the drill.

“Ouch!” yelled Cannilya. She pricked herself with a sharp piece of metal. She went inside and got a band-aid from her first-aid kit. Cannilya decided to ride her bike and visit her friend, Austin. When she got there, Austin was already outside, mowing the lawn. She saw the look of relief flow over his face. His dad was super controlling: never let him leave the house for over half an hour, and having him do chores every second of the day. Cannilya’s curly brown hair bounced as she ran to snatch the lawn mower from him. She was a natural mowing lawns, so she mowed the rest of the lawn in about eight seconds.

“Hey Austin!” exclaimed Cannilya.

“Wow, I didn’t know you could mow a lawn like that!” replied Austin.

“Wanna go out for some fro-yo with squad?” asked Canni.

“Uh, DUH!” replied Austin.

The rest of the squad was Aquatia and Finn. Aquatia was the youngest out of all of them, only ten. She is supposed to be in the fourth grade, but was so smart that she got moved up to seventh. Anyways, the group went out for frozen yogurt, and Aquatia asked, “Oh Canni, how’s your robot coming along?”

“Oh, it’s going amazing. The whole body is controlled by a remote, and the eyes light up!” replied Cannilya. The group stayed there for a big longer, except Austin.

Drr! Bzz! Crank! It was cold. The wires were going crazy. Their eyes were lit up. It’s corrupted. The rust was setting in. Her parents stood there, frozen in shock. The neighbors were worried and scared. The bot now stood outside of its lair. He’s thirsty of power.

Cannilya rode her bike home. She texted her parents tell them she coming home. As she saw the sign with her street name on it, her blood went cold. She felt that something was wrong. Her friends sensed it, too. Finn sped to Cannilya’s house the second he felt it. Finn didn’t want to go, he was more of a coward. But, deep inside his heart, he knew he had to. He got to Canni’s house quickly and was very frightened by what he saw. Cannilya got to her house shortly after him. It was terrifying. The robot was huge. Cannilya rushed inside her home, which looked peculiar, and grabbed her parents. She ran back outside and whispered, “Don’t stay here. Go far, far way. Don’t come back until you hear that it’s safe.”

Her mom and her dad whimpered and ran away. Cannilya called Austin and Aquatia and told them to come over. They came quickly, and Canni told them what happened. Aquatia wanted to investigate. After a bit of arguing, they finally agreed to let her in. When she came back, she knew.

“Okay, so, I know what happened to your house. Um, the metal in your house is gone, so that’s probably what the robot is doing, and will do, to probably every house in town. If we stop it by then, of course,” she said.

Austin replied, "Okay, but we should evacuate every person in town. Luckily my dad is a news reporter." They told his dad, and he was hesitant at first, but he was finally persuaded to put it on the TV and radio. They were out of the house and tracking the bot before anyone could say anything. Finn got an amazing idea. "Guys, so you know how the robot is picking up the metal from the houses? So, what about we go into all of the attics of the houses and make insulator shields, weapons, and armor?" he explained. They all agreed on that idea and broke into the houses. They made their tools and collected lots of extra insulation. After that, they faced the robot. "Scissors. We need scissors," exclaimed Finn, as he ran back into his house and got craft scissors. The four stared up at the ginormous robot. They were terrified. Austin took a deep breath and stepped towards the enraged bot. They all followed, except Finn. His face was as red as a tomato. Finn didn't want to step forward, but he knew he had to save the world. He stepped up, "We're going to have to climb the bot."

As they climbed the robot, Cannilya yelled, " we need to stuff the fiberglass into the wires!" As he cut the wires, they just grew back into each other. He got the insulation from his backpack and stuffed it onto the wire as soon as he cut it. The bot was still on. Finn passed the backpack to everyone, and it FINALLY burned off. The bot fell and broke. As the group fell, Cannilya saw the small, harmless robot she made rise from the dismantled metal. Bright, blue fireflies emerged from the bot and suddenly, the metal was gone. The houses were repaired. The four rushed to their homes, and their parents were there. Their lives were back.

And after all of that.....

.....Cannilya won the science fair.