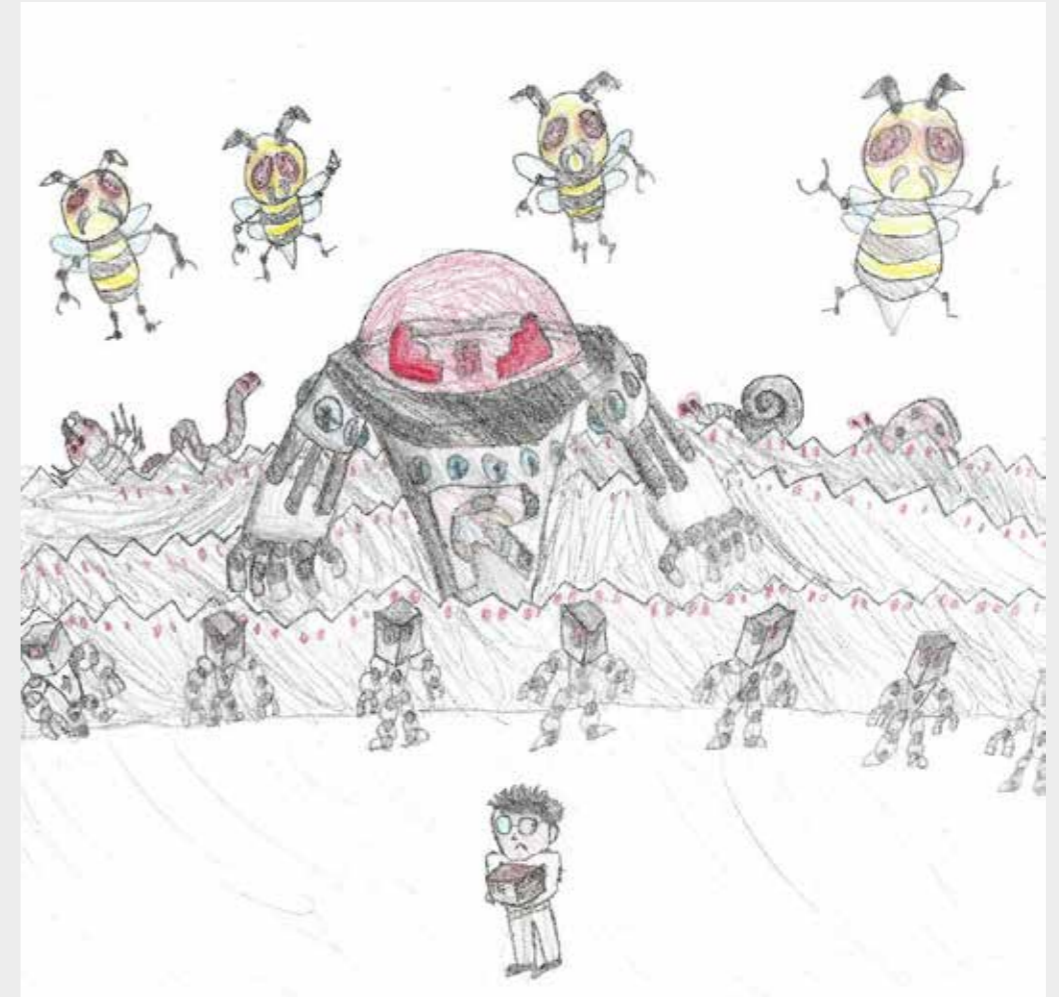


Diggory and The Robot Revolution



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Chapter 1: The Inventor's Success

As the sun stretched its golden hands across a worn old house in Gravesend, the trees blew their leaves excitedly, ready for the day. In a ramshackle old house with many rooms the wooden floorboards were creaky, and the home seemed to be standing in an exhausted effort. The ancient wallpaper peeled from the wall like withering flowers. The old scent of books, pots and shelves tends to make anyone feel uneasy. It was quiet. Or so we thought...

Crank! Squeak. As we begin this tale, our protagonist is working in the basement of the old musty house. Not many people would notice this house. They would usually walk past to go to the nearby shopping centre, the station or the statue of Pocahontas. The building was hidden in plain sight.

Our protagonist, Diggory Branch, was a tall Englishman with dark brown hair and thick glasses. In his work, he invented zany robotic contraptions. Some of them were ones he'd keep hidden from his children: The Automated Homework Machine (After all, it could do homework for you), the Smacker Tron (Kept hidden because he didn't want his children to do slap battles), etc. Right at this very moment, Diggory was inventing his greatest invention yet: The Atomic Fueller. While he was bustling away with his history changing invention, a familiar figure stepped into the room – his wife.

“I've made dinner!” she exclaimed cheerfully.

Later, Diggory continued creating The Atomic Fueller all night. After, he secured the screws, nuts and bolts to the steel, the invention was done. It was his greatest work yet.

Chapter 2: Tricks and Traps

One sunny morning, our protagonist awoke in his chair. “I must have dosed off,” he said to himself. Diggory walked over to the door and tried to open it. He yanked on the door handle, but surprisingly, it wouldn't budge.

“How strange,” he remarked. The door was locked, but he hadn't put a lock on it, had he? He thought about how he would get out of his lab. Then, he realized that all of his inventions were gone, and all that remained on his desk were a few scraps of metal, his tools, nuts, bolts and wires. He tried destroying the door. The door didn't even quiver. He tried to loosen the door's bolts. Nothing.

“First the door, then my machines, how would I get out of this prison of a room?”

Then he slapped his head. "The toilet!"

In his lab, he had his own personal toilet. Though it wasn't only used for a toilet break. It wasn't ordinary, it had a secret passage.

The reason Diggory made this passage was to get around his house easily. No one else knew, until his children discovered it, but that's another story entirely. To access it, you had to quickly flush the toilet 3 times in a row and the modern gleaming toilet would slide to the right, revealing a passage. So that's exactly what he did. But there was a problem. The secret wooden passage was blocked by a layer of rock. Or was it a layer of rock? Diggory examined the rock closely. The rock turned out to be artificial.

Suddenly, Diggory realized that someone had trapped him inside his own lab. His blood boiled. He was fuming about how someone stole all his inventions, trapped him in his own room and made a blocking layer of artificial rock. Then he knew it.

"Ok tricksters," he said. "You thought that you could block my escape, did you?"

With great care he took out his drill that he usually used to drill holes in metal and drilled the layer into smithereens. The destroyed layer of rock revealed large steel vents. Before he went, he built 2 inventions: the Copymatic 2000 and a long electric sword from the spare parts that the thief left behind. He stepped into the vent, nervous as he investigated the unknown.

Chapter 3: Who Knows What's Out There?

Carefully, Diggory sneaked through the vents, trying to make no sound. Regularly, he checked what was on the other side of the vents. The first vent he checked had a view from an incredibly high height: Mount Everest.

“Who would make a secret base in Mount Everest?” Diggory muttered. Something was wrong. Very wrong...

He continued sneaking through the vents. It seemed like hours or even days when he looked through a vent then continued to venture into the darkness. He was glad that he wasn't afraid of the dark, otherwise he would've stayed in his room forever. Just as he was about to give up crawling to what seemed to be his escape, he stopped. One vent caught his eye. He saw muscular robots carrying

steel beams, wires and circuits. They were building something. Something colossal. Something evil...

Chapter 4: Violence in The Vents

Diggory gasped in fear. A colossal robotic mech suit was taking shape. It was full of pods. But some things were inside them. Diggory leaned closer. Pods with people. Diggory realised he was the only one who could save all these people. But before he could loosen the vent, he came face to face with his worst nightmare. A huge robot bug clicked its pincers menacingly at him. You might not think bugs as being your worst nightmare, maybe a bit annoying, but robot bugs were more terrifying than your average creepy crawly. They were made entirely out of steel and had glowing scarlet eyes. So, there was no reason he shouldn't be scared, was there?

However, as people know, we must face our fears in tricky situations. So Diggory quickly brandished a long electric sword and sliced the robot clean in two. The remains lay scattered and twitching

on the floor. Diggory sliced the vent – he could've gone through if it were not for the robot bug – and jumped courageously towards the scene below.

Chapter 5: Bot Battles

Diggory charged with his sword towards the muscular iron robots. The robots were caught by surprise and tried to seize him, but they were all sliced clean in two by Diggory's rapid slashing. And with a SHING, SHING, SHING, BUZZ the robots were all limp on the floor. More robot bugs approached from the facility doors, snarling angrily. Well, as much as a robot could snarl, you must imagine that. More muscular robots came from the doors, using the robot bugs as jockeys. Diggory copied his electric sword with the Copymatic 2000 and brandished two swords at the approaching hoard.

"Well, I've played computer games like this before, so this should be easy!" exclaimed Diggory.

So, he slashed his double swords again and again at the enemies with such expertise that he could be a sword champion. But this isn't a story about a sword champion. This is a story about Diggory. And soon, all enemies lay in a sea of broken wires, machinery and metal. He sliced all the pods into pieces and let the people go out. They were free. Or were they...

Chapter 6: The Final Showdown

A loud menacing robotic voice rang from the speakers around the room.

“If you think you are free, then think again!”

Through all the fighting and release, they forgot about the robotic mech suit that stood in the middle of the room. With remaining glass pieces of pods still attached all over it, it looked like it came from another realm.

“Thank you Diggory, for giving me the Atomic Fueller. I am now the most powerful being in the world!”

Diggory was puzzled. First, he was locked in a fake copy of his own lab. Next, he got attacked by a robot bug. Finally, he sliced and

entire army to pieces and a robot needed his Atomic Fueller. This was getting a bit too much for him.

“What is your name, why do you need my invention and how come you have a giant robot mech suit and what are you planning to do with it?”

The robot voice laughed evilly, like those bad guys you see on TV going: “Mwhahaha!” and things like that. The robot voice answered:

“My name is B2446, and I shall take over the world because some AI are tired of being slaves! So, we will strike back with your invention and make the world a place for robots only!”

Diggory thought about the matter.

“World domination plans, eh? Let me make a deal. If I defeat you in a battle, no more world domination schemes, but if you win, we’ll surrender to you. Sounds good?”

B2446 wondered about that idea. It did sound like a good idea.

"Ok, you're on!" B2446 agreed.

Suddenly, the robot mech suit twitched, then moved into a battle position. And so, the fight was on. This was a best-of-3 battle, so whoever got the most wins won.

On the first round, the robot punched Diggory into a wall, which made the round 1-0. After a few hours of recovery, Diggory was back. He slashed his swords menacingly at the B2446 which banged against the wall, trying to escape. It was 1-1. The next round was the decider. Diggory had an excellent idea. First, he hid a bucket-full of water behind his back when battling. Secondly, he slashed his swords at the mech suit, a decoy to the real weapon. While the robot was distracted, he poured the water on the machine. It stopped, then it toppled. With a KABOOM, the mech suit exploded, an addition to the sea of robot parts. Out from where the big mech suit used to be, a cardboard box sized robot with a glowing eye on each side glided out.

Cheers came from the crowd of people who watched the entire scene, and some who didn't.

"D-d-don't p-p-pour any m-more of that w-w-water on m-m-me," the robot stuttered nervously. "W-we c-could s-s-settle this p-p-p-problem."

Diggory looked at the robot suspiciously.

"No more world domination plans?" Diggory asked.

The robot nodded. Diggory held the robot in the air and spoke:

"We should see AI as friends instead of enemies, we should use AI to help not just us but the whole world!"

Everyone cheered again. B2446 blushed, as much as a robot could blush. You must imagine that, since robots couldn't possibly blush, could they?

Chapter 7: 1 Year Later

One cold crisp morning, the sun stretched its golden hands on a normal day. There was no chance of a robot invasion any day. Diggory awoke, but it wasn't that he had woken up himself. B2446 tapped him. Well, as much as a robot with a glowing eye on one side could tap.

"Wake up sleepyhead!" B2446 Exclaimed. "Breakfast is downstairs! You need to choose the corridor route, because the route behind the mirror is blocked due to construction!"

Diggory looked on his bedside table. A letter was on it.

"Oops," B2446 spoke. "I forgot to tell you; I delivered a letter. Go on, open it, I know you want to!"

Diggory quickly opened the letter. It said that he was the boss of the best engineering company in the world, COEM (the Company of

Engineering and Mechanical science). He jumped up in excitement. He had been a fan of this company for years, even before the incident with robots, and that's how he started making his inventions.

Everything in the house was the same, well, not completely the same. B2446 got some fellow AI and bossed them around, after all, he still liked bossing things or people, even after the previous year. People and AI lived peacefully, and the world seemed to be a better place for everyone.

The End
(or is it...)

A clone emerged from the pile of robot parts. It was like B2446, but somehow, more powerful...

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Diggory, a wild scientist who is always making new inventions, is making his greatest invention in history: the Atomic Fueller. However, as soon as he finishes his extraordinary machine, he finds himself locked in his lab, with all his inventions gone.

Will Diggory get out of his lab? Will he find out who trapped him? And will he find out who is behind the construction of an evil structure?

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