

Adventures

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One day while deep in the forest, I came across a mysterious dark cave that was emitting a flashing light. I decided to explore, careful not to step on any sticks or rocks in order to avoid bears. Putting my hands out to feel the walls, I slowly inched my way into the cave. A machine emanating the bright light appeared before my eyes. The huge contraption was made of colorful metal and covered with levers. Numbers resembling the year were emblazoned above each lever. I gasped when I realized what it was—a time machine! I pushed the lever to 3035. There was a binding light.

When I opened my eyes, I saw flying vehicles zigzagging on roads in the cloudless sky. An entire city floated above me like an aerial amusement park shimmering in the blazing sunlight. Every building seemed to be made of expensive marble. I wandered around marveling at the sight and bumped into a plain-looking robot, who intoned, "Greetings, visitor. My name is Robo."

I replied, "My name is Audrey, and I come from the past." After I explained about the time machine, Robo told me that human workers had all been replaced by robots because humans were lazy and wasted time disagreeing with one another. Only a few people were left to repair broken robots. Robots no longer needed to walk because transportation pods took passengers anywhere they wanted to go. A touch of a button would bring a pod to pick him up. Robo happened to be on the ground because his job was to report suspicious activity. I must have looked worried, for he smiled at me reassuringly.

A pod floated down at Robo's command, and he showed me around the city in the sky. At a gift shop, I decided on a globe with roads and cars floating in the air to take home as a souvenir. Robo paid by pressing his hand to a tablet. Admiring the globe, I told Robo that I needed to get home because my mom was probably worried sick.

Robo insisted that we go to his home first to rest before my return journey. After much consideration, I accepted. Robo's home was filled with amazingly beautiful artifacts but no furniture. I looked around and saw blank frames with white backgrounds covering the walls. Seeing me puzzled, Robo tapped a frame to bring up files. Each frame was a folder storing information and photos. Robo then pushed a button. A couch materialized; he activated pillows and sheets. I lay down and eventually dozed off.

When I woke up, I was shocked that I was in my own bed. Had it only been a dream? I felt really sad because I had such a fun adventure exploring the future. I missed Robo and wondered if I would ever see him again; could robots last long? Had he been real? Then something on the nightstand caught my eye. A globe with cars and roads floating in the air...