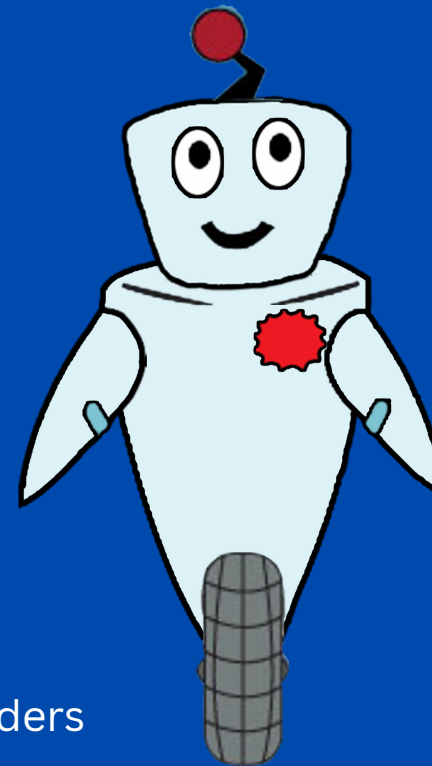
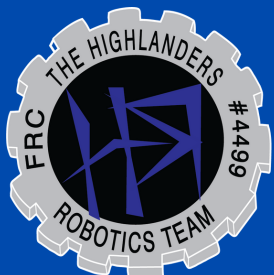
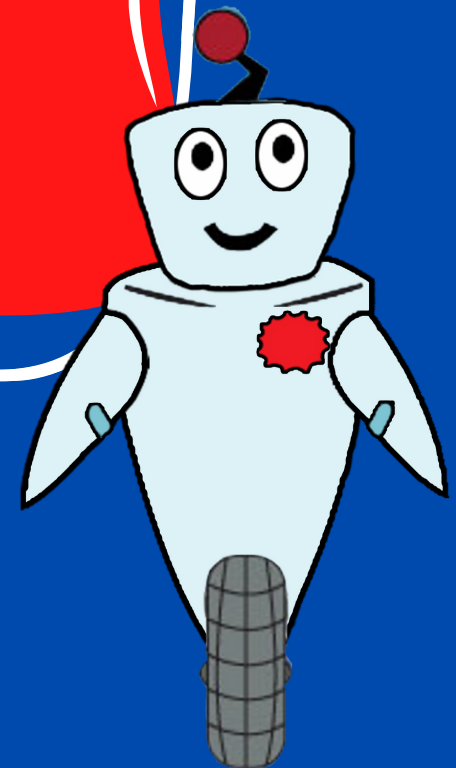


# Rocky GOES CAMPING



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Welcome to  
the Rocky the  
Robot book  
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Rocky was excited, he and his friends had planned a camping trip during Spring Break before David went back to school. They drove up Mt. Kamen, found their campsite, pitched up their tents, and hiked to the nearby lake.



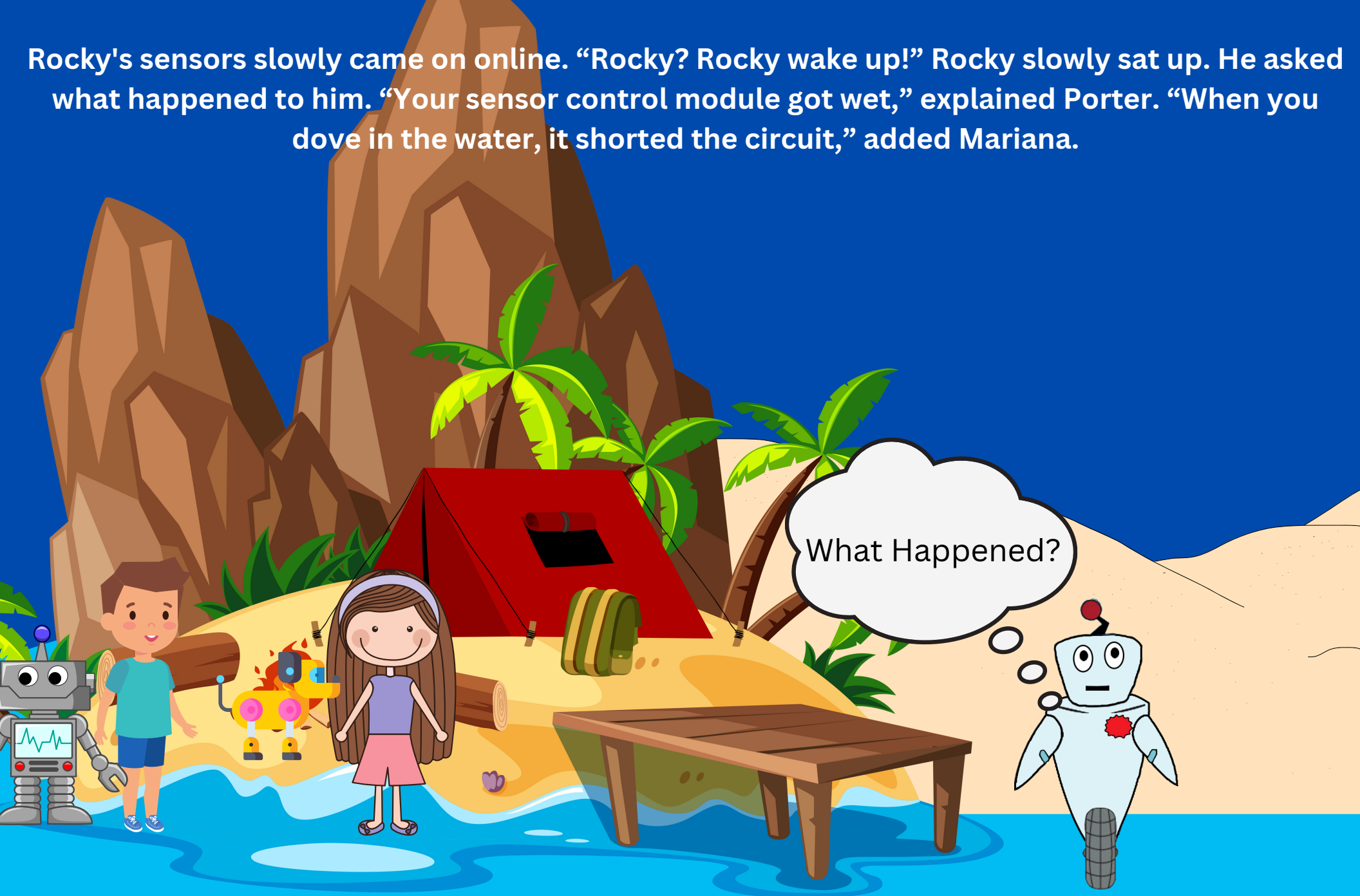
When they arrived, FeFe and David ran right in, with Porter and Mariana following close behind. Rocky took a running leap, jumped, and made a big splash. As he started to swim back to the surface a red light flashed in his eyes.



**Rocky began sinking and he felt his sensors fizzing out, a red light flashed in his eyes. WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! And before Rocky could do anything about it, all his systems shut down.**



Rocky's sensors slowly came on online. "Rocky? Rocky wake up!" Rocky slowly sat up. He asked what happened to him. "Your sensor control module got wet," explained Porter. "When you dove in the water, it shorted the circuit," added Mariana.



**"You aren't waterproof like Porter and FeFe." "But how is Rocky supposed to go swimming with us?" asked David. FeFe barked in confusion. Rocky thought for a moment, "What if I didn't swim?"**

FeFe and Porter collected logs while the others looked for long grass. Together, the team built a raft and tested it. It floated! Rocky climbed on and Porter pushed him out into the water.

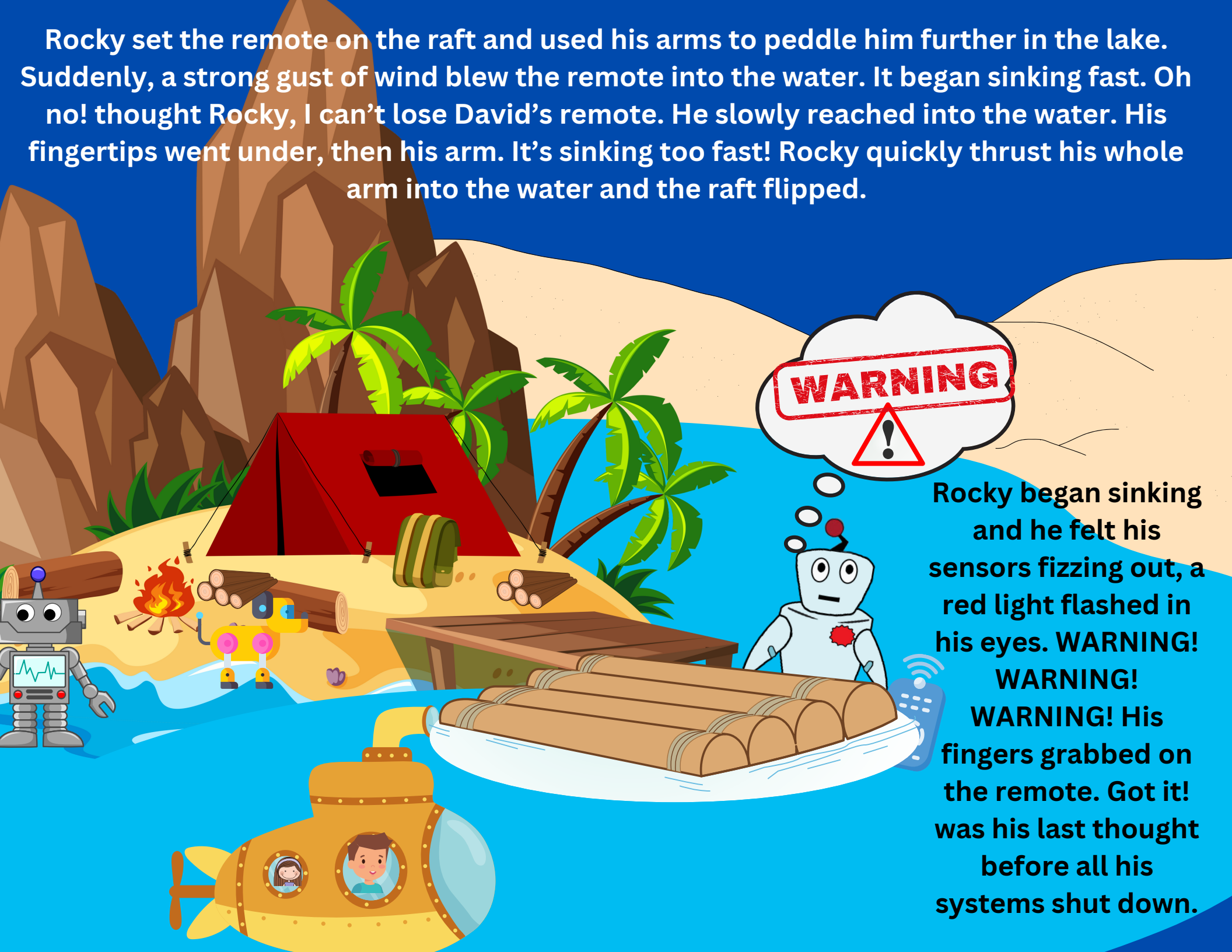


David dug through his camping supplies and brought out his remote-control submarine. “Try this out Rocky! I won it at the fair last week,” he said as he passed him the remote.

Rocky sat on the raft and chased them around with the submarine, but his friends began swimming further into the lake. “Wait!” cried Rocky, but they were too far in to hear him, “Come back!”



Rocky set the remote on the raft and used his arms to peddle him further in the lake. Suddenly, a strong gust of wind blew the remote into the water. It began sinking fast. Oh no! thought Rocky, I can't lose David's remote. He slowly reached into the water. His fingertips went under, then his arm. It's sinking too fast! Rocky quickly thrust his whole arm into the water and the raft flipped.



Rocky began sinking and he felt his sensors fizzing out, a red light flashed in his eyes. **WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!** His fingers grabbed on the remote. Got it! was his last thought before all his systems shut down.

Rocky woke on the beach surrounded by his friends. He pulled out wet leaves from his servos. FeFe whimpered nervously. Mariana hugged him, the others joined in too, “We were so worried.”



After a moment, Rocky and his pals decided to try again. At David’s suggestion, they covered Rocky’s joints in tree sap and let him sit in the sun. The tree sap hardened his joints and head into place, but Rocky’s wheel could still move.



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Rocky chased them around with the submarine, but this time, they stayed near the raft.



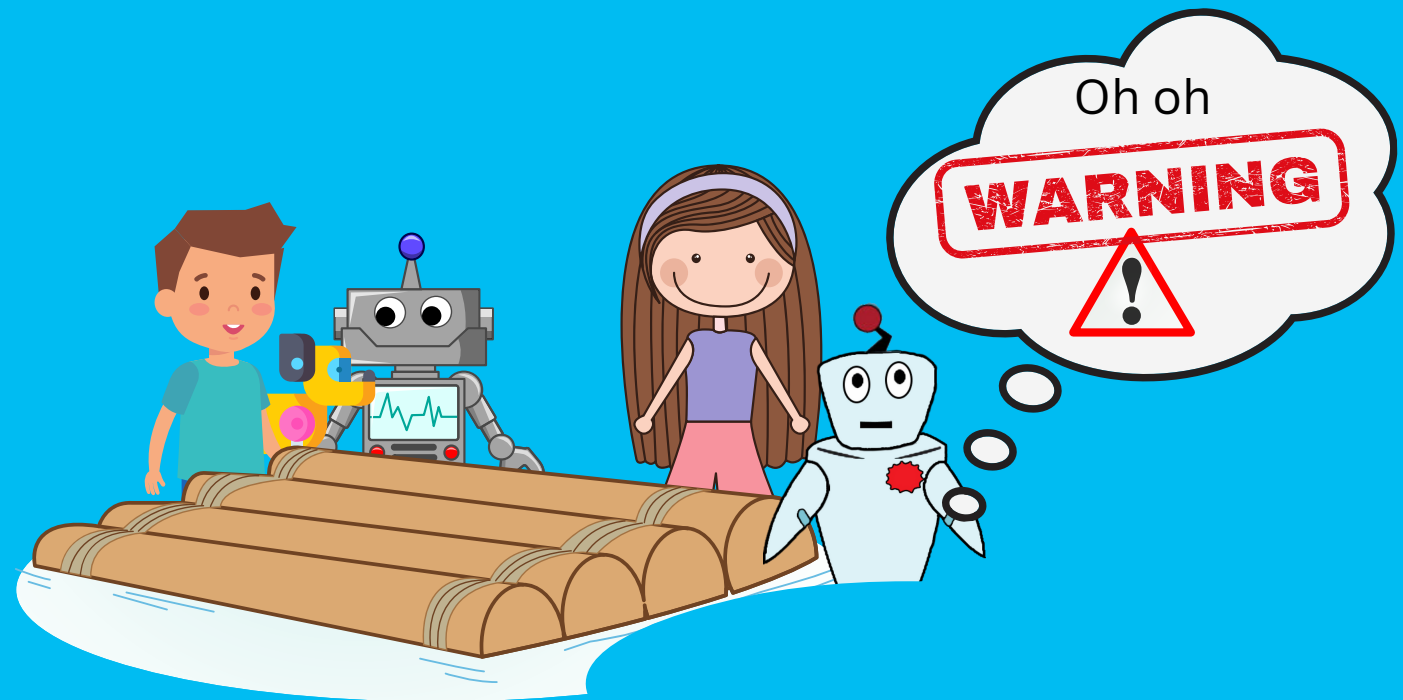
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**He could swim! His friends gave a shout of excitement. They played sharks and minnows, then Marco Polo. Slowly, Rocky's joints became loose and looser. He could move his arms freely and he even tagged Porter, the fastest of them in the water.**



They went further in the lake, and Rocky followed. Suddenly, Rocky began sinking and he felt his sensors fizzing out, a red light flashed in his eyes. **WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!** So close... was his last thought before all his systems shut down.



Rocky woke on the beach again. “This is hopeless!” he cried, “I’ll never be able to play in the water with you guys. I wish I could swim around like David’s submarine.”



“That’s it!” exclaimed Porter, “I have it! It’s easy. What if we gave you a new body?” Porter plugged a USB cable into Rocky and into David’s toy submarine. They put the toy submarine in the water, and it began moving without anyone touching the remote.

“Is Rocky inside of the submarine?” asked David.  
“That’s right!” replied Porter, “His consciousness is  
inside of your toy.”





Rocky and his friends played sharks and minnows, then Marco Polo. Rocky chased them around with the submarine, and they played tag into the evening.





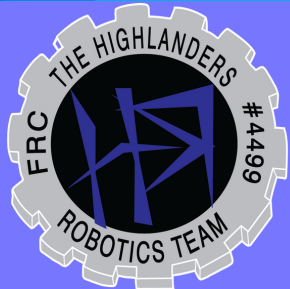
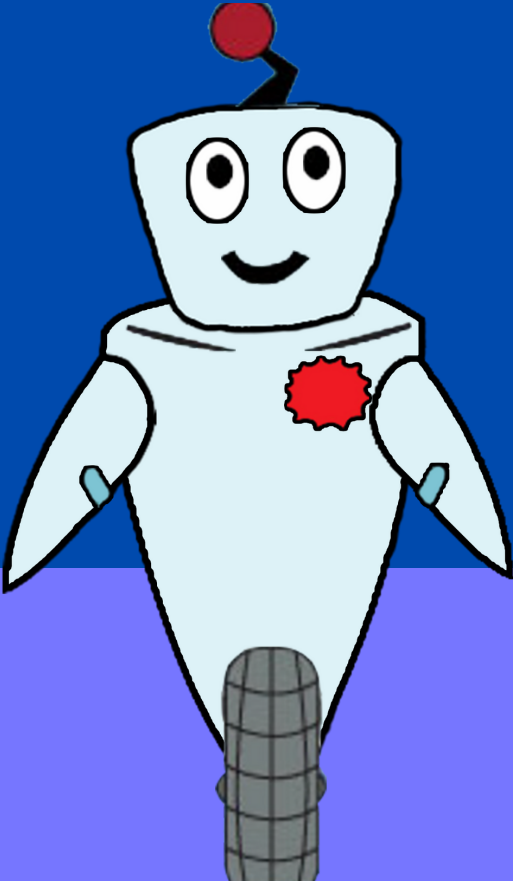
After swimming, they started a campfire, made s'mores, and gazed at the stars. With the help of his friends, and some innovative problem solving, Rocky could safely play with his friends in the water. Rocky loved camping!







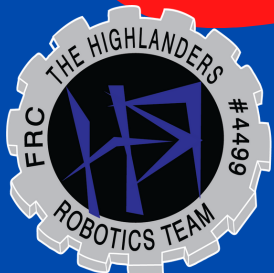
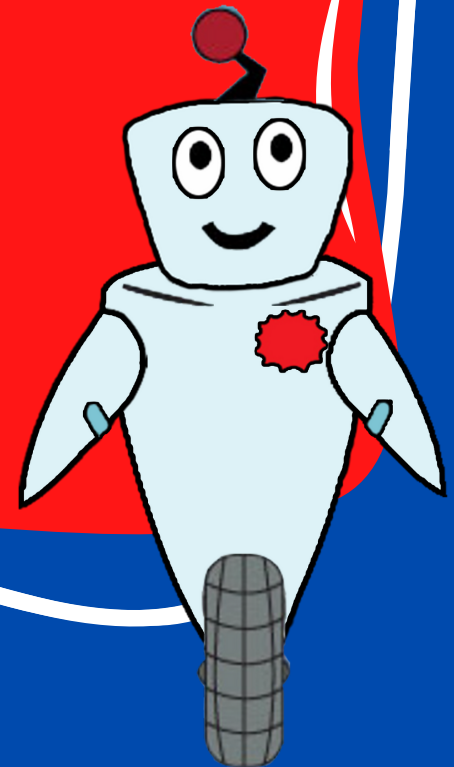
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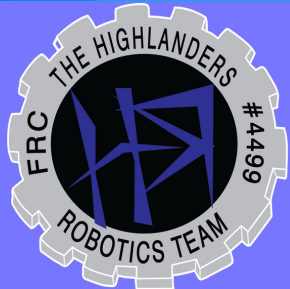
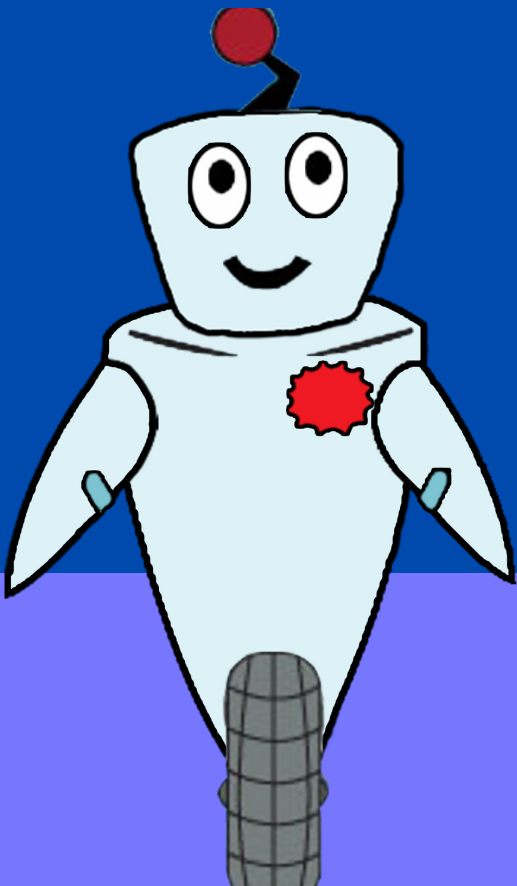


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