Addison "The Smart" Helps a Robot with the Opposite Problem

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Chapter 1 Discovery

Addison decided she wanted to go to the park. It wouldn't be an ordinary day at the park, she wanted it to be different. Today, she would be an observer, she wanted to watch things happen without being seen. She would hide behind trees and bushes and watch people do what they do without noticing her. Addison's mom would be there, but she had a book to read, so Addison could explore by herself and not bother her mom.

First, she came upon a boy with his dog. Addison hid behind a bush and peered through the branches to watch. The dog loved to play fetch with a ball. The boy would throw the ball as far has he could. The dog would bark and then run after the ball trying to catch it before it stopped rolling. This kept going for a long time. Addison smiled from behind the bush as she recognized that Roo, her dog, loved to do the same thing.

Addison moved to a new spot. She hid behind a tree and looked out into a small clearing. She was surprised to see a mouse there, playing the in grass and eating a cracker that the mouse had found. The mouse was very small and was hard to see but seemed very happy to be eating the cracker.

Addison heard music playing. She looked to her left and there was a man selling toys and balloons from a cart. She saw a garbage can not too far away from the man, so she ran over to it and hid behind the garbage can. A young boy and his dad approached the cart. They asked for a red balloon with a long string. The man used a helium canister to blow up the balloon and then tie a string on it. The boy took the balloon, said "thank you", and his dad paid for it. They boy was very happy as he yelled out, "red is my favorite color".

Behind her, Addison heard someone crying. She turned around and hid behind a bench to see what had happened. A young girl had dropped her ice cream cone. It laid on the sidewalk upside down, with the ice cream stuck onto the cement. The poor girl had dropped to her knees and held her face as she cried. It was very sad, and Addison wished she had money to buy the girl a new ice cream cone. Addison remembered that she was an observer today, so she decided not to approach the girl. Fortunately, the girl's mommy was walking over to comfort her.

Addison smiled as she had seen all this without anyone knowing she was there. She decided to go back to observe her mom and see if she was still reading her book.

Chapter 2 Encounter

Addison was walking back when she heard a weird mumbling sound. She could hear it through a bush, so she decided to do one more observation. As she looked through the branches, she could see it was a robot making weird noises and mumbling "everyone understands me", repeatedly. Addison thought it was odd to see a robot by itself and why was it talking when no one was around.

Addison remembered that she was still an observer, so she did not approach the robot. She did notice that on the front of Robot was a small screen and on it was the letters "TOBOR". Tobor is a strange name for a robot. In fact, its robot spelled backwards.

Addison thought about going over to see her mom, but she could see her from a distance and her mom was still reading. "I'll just watch what this robot does for a bit, it seems very strange," Addison thought to herself.

Just then, the robot started to move. Addison followed but stayed far enough away to not be noticed. The robot approached the young boy and his dog playing fetch.

"Hello," said the boy, are you a robot?

"Goodbye to you," said the robot, "I am a human". The robot continued, "I like your cat. You seem like a nice girl."

The boy looked very confused. He looked around for a cat but didn't see one and noticed the robot was looking right at his dog. He also had noticed that the robot had called him a girl. "This robot is very odd", thought the boy and he decided to leave. "Goodbye!" said the boy.

The robot replied, "Hello to you as well" and turned away.

Addison thought this was all very strange. Everything the robot had said was the opposite of what was really there. It even said goodbye when it should have said hello, and hello when it should have said goodbye. "I think this robot has a problem", Addison thought to herself.

She continued to watch as the robot moved on.

The robot came upon the mouse. The mouse looked at the robot and wasn't afraid. The mouse had finished its cracker and was just warming itself in the sun.

The robot spoke first, "You are a big elephant", said the robot. "You must eat a lot."

The mouse looked very confused. It looked around and didn't see an elephant. It decided that this robot was too weird to be interacting with, so the mouse ran off.

The robot spoke, "Hello to you as well!" in a somewhat dejected voice.

The robot moved on again and ran into the boy with the red balloon. The robot looked at the balloon and said, "that is a nice green anchor". The boy was stunned by the comment and said, "this is a red balloon and it's my favorite color!"

The robot paused for a moment and saw that they boy was upset. The robot tried one more time, "I wanted to insult your green anchor", said the Robot. The boy looked at the robot and a tear came to his eye. The father noticing that this robot was making his boy sad, pick the boy up and walked away.

The robot moved on and came upon the girl crying after she had dropped her ice cream. She was still very sad and crying in her mother's arms. The robot looked at the ice cream on the sidewalk and the girl crying and asked, "Are you happy?" to the little girl.

"No, I am not happy! I didn't get to finish my ice cream and I'm very sad", said the girl. "Please leave me alone!" She said in an angry voice.

The robot dropped its head and started moving away. It resumed its repeated mumbling, "everyone understands me."

Chapter 3 Rescue

Addison had enough. She had been watching this whole time and she couldn't be just an observer anymore. This robot had a real problem, and she knew what it was. She had to help it otherwise it was going to live in a world where everyone would avoid it and not want to talk with it. She came out from the bushes and stepped right in front of the Robot.

"Goodbye", said the robot, "who are you little boy?"

"My name is Addison Finley and I'm a girl. You are a robot with a problem, and I am going to help you fix it!" Addison replied.

"I don't have a problem because everyone understands me", says the robot as it drops its head showing sadness.

"Your problem is that you always say the opposite of what should be said. You have an opposite problem, and we are going to fix it. Please follow me!" Addison said with conviction.

The robot followed Addison as she went to see her mom. "Mom, this robot has a problem and I know how to fix it. I need your phone, do you have it?"

"Yes, I do have my phone, its in my bag, but how will you connect to the robot?" Mom said with a smile on her face.

"Here, look at this. The robot has a USB connector on it, and I will use your USB charging cable to connect."

"Ok," said the mom, "but be careful not to give my phone any viruses from the robot".

"Don't worry, I will use the X-ray app that we loaded for my robot at home. I can see inside the robot and see if there's a bug."

Addison plugged the cable into the phone. She said to the robot, "Just hold still, this should not hurt you," as she plugged the other end of the cable into the robot.

She unlocked the phone and found the X-ray app and started it up. The app asked in a popup, "Do you want to connect to the robot, TOBOR?" Addison tapped "Yes" on the popup and the robot went to sleep.

"There it is!" Addison exclaimed. "Someone had loaded an Opposite bug into this robot! If we delete it and restart the robot, it won't have the problem anymore."

Addison's mom looked amazed. "How did you know how to fix it?"

"Well, my robot at home uses this X-ray app and I've loaded several things on it. Someone loaded a bad one on this robot. We can just delete it!".

"Amazing, you are so smart Addison Finley! Its very nice of you to fix this robot," her mother said proudly.

Addison selected the Opposite Icon and picked delete. She also went into settings and changed the name from "TOBOR" to "ROBBIE". She likes the name Robbie for the robot.

One final click in the X-ray app to restart the robot. Addison unplugged the robot and its eyes opened and it started to move around. "Hello," said the robot, "It appears I've been given a new name, I'm Robbie the robot".

Addison smiled and said, "Yes, I know, I gave you the name. I also fixed something inside you, do you notice anything different?"

"Well, yes, now that you mention it. I was having all kinds of problems having people understand me and now it appears you understand me quite well. What did you fix?" asked the robot.

"I removed an Opposite bug that someone installed in you. Now, people will understand you when you talk to them. Do you remember the last few encounters you had?" asked Addison.

"Yes, I do. I remember a sad girl who had dropped her ice cream. I remember a boy with a red balloon, a very small mouse, and a boy and his dog", the robot recalled.

"You are fixed!" Addison exclaimed. "That's exactly right and no opposite bug is left. Yahoo!"

With that, Addison hugged the robot. She said "goodbye" and the robot replied with "goodbye" just like it was supposed to.

Addison was happy that she decided to not be just an observer but also fixer that day in the park. She had made one robot very happy and everyone who interacts with it will now have fun.

The End.