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MECHANIKO GETS CREATED
Mechaniko Number One

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She was a knock-out
if ever I'd seen one!
As gorgeous, as if
she'd materialised
from another world...

O.K... Typical
Research Tests
Grounds!

Air is nice, though!

Of course, on this Monday morning I didn't know yet
that I was about to fall
frenetically and
unrestrictedly in love
with her, the woman
of my life...

Mechaniko Gets Created
by
ANTONIA PONT &
YKA
AND, OF COURSE, ABOUT WHAT DOCTOR REVERSE HAD PROMISED BACK FOR MY INVESTMENT...

I JUST KNEW ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT AT THE PLANT...

BUT, HEY...

AIN'T THAT GREAT? THE MOST PROMISING Omen FOR OUR ENTERPRISE!

A STORK!
WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S PART OF THE PROJECT, OF COURSE!

VERY IMPRESSIVE!

OH, I GET IT!

VERY HUM?
BUT... BUT...

WHAT THE...?!

VROOM!

BAOM

MY CAR!

MY BEAUTIFUL CAR!!

THAT'S TERRIBLE!

OH, THAT'S TERRIBLE!
INTRIGUING! STARTLING! A VISION OF POISE AND ELEGANCE... AND WHAT'S MORE, I WAS LYING IN HER ARMS...

NO... THIS IS...

THIS IS...

GREENWATTLE!

NAME IS... MY... I MEAN...

EE... MEAN I... WHAT... HUM...

MISTER GREENWATTLE! OF COURSE! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S MAKING ALL THIS POSSIBLE!

I'M PROFESSOR SUSAN CINQUEFOIL!
I'm so sorry about your car!

How dreadful!

But I know a little about mechanics. I'll repair it for you in no time!

My what?

Mmmh... oh, yes. Yes!

My car!

Greenwattle!

Right on time!

Now, tell me, are you impressed by our machines?

Susan, you look great!

After the demonstration, of course!

Well, yes. Dr. Reverse! Birdie, back there, was stunning. For sure.

But Mechaniko!

Mmmh... Mechaniko...

A feast for the senses!

Susan is back!
Mechaniko is something else!

Yeh! You did it, Susan! A masterpiece!

Hello my alembicated precious tin-can!

Is he... er... alive?

I mean... is he operational?

All he needs is just a few subtle adjustments, here and there.

A couple of screws to turn right and he'll be ready to go!

Okay, I have all the time in the world, Susan...

Er...

Prof. Cinduefoil!
OM, THAT'S TOO NICE!

BUT COULD YOU HOLD THIS A SECOND PLEASE?

OH, HOW DREADFUL! I'M SO CLUMSY!

NO PROBLEM, DOC! MY... MY PLEASURE!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, SUSAN! DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD! IT'S CLEARLY NOT YOUR FAULT AND...

Ah! DOCTOR REVERSE!

PROFESSOR CINQUEFOIL!


OH, CAPTAIN MINUTE! YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME! YES, PERFECTLY TIMED TO WITNESS THE LAUNCH OF OUR PRIDE AND JOY!

THE SEVEN SEAS IS BLESSED! I'M NOT TOO LATE!
THAT'S THE REASON I CAME IN SUCH HASTE! IT IS TOO EARLY, DR. REVERSE!

THE ALLOYS WON'T CIRCULATE! THE TRIGONOMETRY IS STILL CONJECTURAL! THE CONCATENATION MUST FIRST BE REVISED!

THERE IS NO TIME FOR THAT, CAPTAIN!

IT HAS TO HAPPEN NOW! IT WILL HAPPEN NOW!

NO, NO! THAT'S INVITING DISASTER!

TRY TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE UNDERSTANDING! MR. GREENWATTLE, HERE, WANTS TO SEE SOME RETURNS ON HIS MONEY!

WRONG! EVERYTHING WILL GO WRONG! IT IS TOO DANGEROUS!

OM, I'LL GLADLY WAIT... IS THERE SOME--?
GOOD LOOKS WONT NEARLY HALF-CUT THE BUTTER IN ADEQUATE RHOMBUSES, DR. REVERSE?

LOOK AT HIM! HE’S THE BRIGHTEST THING THIS SIDE OF THE STEAM-ENGINE!

WE TALK, WE TALK... BUT HOW’S YOUR FOOT, GREENWATTLE?

OH, IT’LL BE JUST FINE!

AND YOU KNOW IT?

LET ME DECIDE ABOUT THAT!

I’M THE SCIENTIST HERE! LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT IT!

SHE WAS SO SWEET... REALLY TOTALLY SWEET... I WAS STUNG!

NO! NO! HE DOESN’T NEED ANYTHING, REALLY!

IT’S GONNA BE A DISASTER!

IT’LL BE A TRIUMPH!
ILL FIX YOU UP IN A...

THE MONITORS!

HE'S ALREADY!

DON'T TELL ME HE'S HERE ALREADY!

C'MON, CAPTAIN!
LET'S SHOW SOME RESPONSIBILITY!

BIIP!
BIIP!
BIP!

HERE WE ARE!
THIS WILL HELP!

OH, I'M SURE IT WILL!

WHAM
CRAACK

OUUUCH!

IT'S AWFUL!
I'M SORRY!

NO NO! NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING,
SUSAN! YOU TAKE GREAT CARE OF ME!

BUT SAY, WHERE HAS EVERYBODY GONE?

WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE COLONEL "STEELSOINT" IS COMING...

COLONEL STEELSOINT?
WHO'S THAT?

OH, YOU'LL SEE! THEY'RE ALL IN THE MONITORS ROOM
WATCHING HIS ARRIVAL!
BUT... AND MECHANIKO? SHOULDN'T SOMEONE BE LOOKING AFTER HIM? HE'S THE REASON WE'RE ALL...

OH, NO BIG DEAL! I'LL FINISH THE PREPARATIONS ON MY OWN!

I--

WILL-- BE-- FINE!

HE... HE TALKS? FANTASTIC! INCREDIBLE!

GREAT! A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT, SUSAN!

BUT, DEAR MR. GREENWATTLE, THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE....

HE SPEAKS!

MECHANIKO SPEAKS!

HE SPEAKS!
YES, THAT'S STEELPLUSE ALL RIGHT!

COMING WITH GUARDS AND ESCORT!

ALL HIS USUAL POMP AND KERFLUFFLE!

THEY'RE ALMOST AT THE GATES!

LET'S GO AND WELCOME HIM!
Glad to see you, sir! So nice of you to drop by spontaneously!

Hello Doctor Reverse!

I hear you're getting close to completion! It'd be nice to see something tangible today!

Oh, definitely, Colonel! Definitely! You'll be tickled pink!

Ma-ma-ma, our dear captain, minute! Delightful!

Ignore him, Colonel! He's charming, but so facetious sometimes!

No! No! It's out of the question!
CAPTAIN MINUTE! ADORABLY CONSCIENTIOUS, AS ALWAYS!

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN, STEELBOOK! IT IS TOO DANGEROUS!

HA! HA! HA! DANGEROUS!

HO! HO! HO! THAT'S TOO RICH!

DANGEROUS!

HA! HA! HA!

BUT, MY POOR MINUTE...

WE WANT IT TO BE DANGEROUS!

WHY, YES, OF COURSE, DEADLY!

DEADLY AS IN 'A DEADLY CANNON', DEADLY AS IN 'A DEADLY BOMB', THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT, ISN'T IT?

FOR SOMEONE COMING OUT OF THE MILITARY, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE SO NAIVE, GREENWATTLE!

OH, HE'LL BE JUST THAT, SIR! HE'LL BE JUST THAT!

WE WANT IT TO BE DEADLY!

DEADLY?

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!

WAIT A MINUTE!

BUT, HEY!?
YOU... YOU KNOW MY NAME?...

OH, YES, WE KNOW A LOT OF THINGS!
YOU LEFT A RATHER IMPRESSIVE RECORD IN OUR FLYING CORPS!

WELL, ANYWAY THIS MECHANIKO LAUNCH-PARTY COULD WELL TURN UP TO BE THE FIERCE END OF US ALL IN SOME HUGE BANG...
MECHANIKO!!

HE'S LOOSE!

MECHANIKO IS LOOSE!!

A LETAL INFERNAL MACHINE UNLEASHED!?

IT WORKS! IT WORKS!

AN UNWORDLY BEAUTY!

A KNOCK-OUT IF I EVER SAW ONE!

BUT WHERE IS PROFESSOR OINDUFFOIL? WHERE IS SHE?

SUSAN??

liked 8 times!
Quick! Quick to the laboratory!

Oz what's left of it!

Hurry! Hurry! This way, captain?

Yes, son! Right on!

And all...

All on his own!

He flies like a demon!

But can you show us something else?

Ah... oh... yes, sure...

His powers of destruction? For example?

Ah... yes... hum... of course!...
HE'S FALLING!

HE'S GOING TO CRASH!

GOING TO CRASH ON US!

HELP!

SUSAN!

PROFESSOR CINQUEFOIL!

BUT DO SOMETHING MAN!

CAN'T YOU CONTROL THAT MACHINE OF YOURS?!

WELL... HUH... I GUESS, HUH...

SUSAN!
WHERE ARE YOU?
AND?...
AND?

NO... NOTHING HAPPENS!
WE HAVE NO CONTROL!

CLICK

LOOK!

HE'S GOT POWER AGAIN!

AND CONTROL!

A GENIUS CONTRAPTION!

WOOOOSH

liked 8 times!
BRILLIANT!

SPLENDID INVENTION!

MARVELLOUS MACHINE!

A WONDROUS WEAPON!

A PLEASURE TO...

TO THE...

OH, NO!

MECHANIKO! NOT AGAIN!

WATCH OUT, EVERYBODY!

RUN! RUN!

TAKE COVER!

KRR... KRUICK

BROOM

NO SUSAN ANYWHERE!

SHE'S NOT HERE!

THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT OF HIM!

EXCEPT MAYBE A FEW BURNED-OUT, MANGLED BOLTS!

END OF FIRST EPISODE
So if things weren't already complicated enough... A secret infatuation, corruption, intrigue, scientific brilliance, military muscle-in! But, you've barely begun to uncover the twists, subterfuges and daring new developments in this tale of Mechaniko - an unstoppable creation of innocence and brawn! His future is tangled up with the lusts, loves and losses of all who've placed hope in his unveiling.

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Mechaniko #2
Not the master of his own life, not the hero of his own story: He comes from nowhere. Assembled out of steel and electronics. Out of bits and pieces. He hasn't got a mother, or even a soul. And they didn't bother giving him a brain! Still, they expect the world of him. Will he make it? Will he become the infernal weapon they're hoping for? Or a protector-knight in shining alloy? The cruel burden lays on his shoulders. He is alone. Without a clue. He is Mechaniko.