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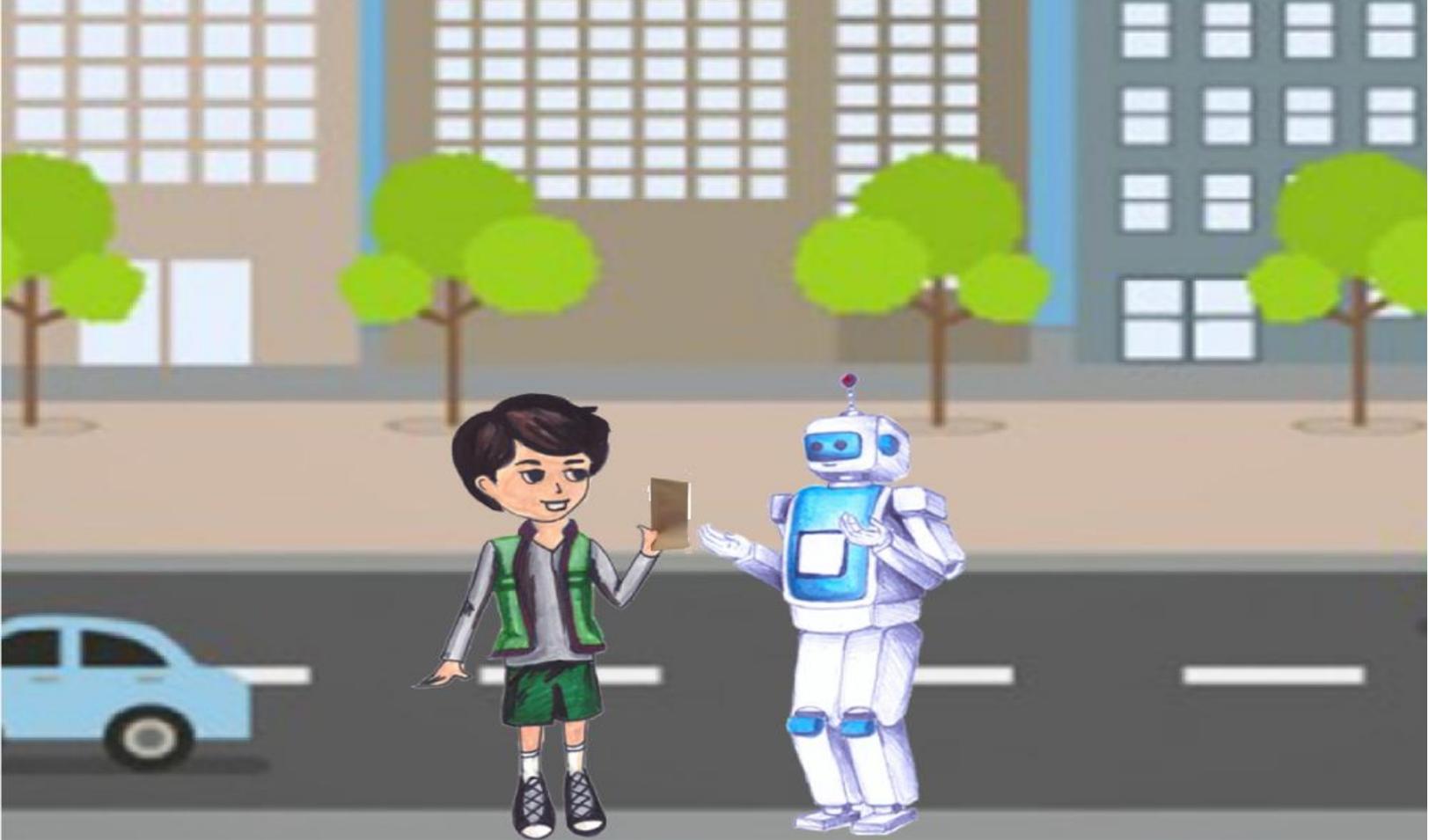
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Adam and Robo are friends, each of them lives in the Flower Tower on Nile Street, Cairo. When Adam met with Robo, he told him about the invitation of "Egyptian-Japanese Friendship Association" to visit Tokyo, the capital of Japan. Adam and Robo are members of the association, which is doing culture exchange between the two countries. It is also a bridge to love and peace.

Adam said: How beautiful is this trip to the country that I often dreamed of visiting.

Robo said: I know a lot about the Japanese people, they are polite, energetic and organized people.

Adam said: This is true, Robo, they sent, with the invitation, all schedules from arrival to departure.



"It's usual," Robo said. "The Japanese treat their time in seconds."

Adam said: I am very happy that we will visit Japan. The Japanese are systematized in their life; therefore, they were able to build and advance their country.

Robo said: You are right, Adam, despite Japan's defeat in World War II in 1945, and the damage for the human and environment by the atomic bombing for Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but the Japanese, with a spirit of love for their homeland, were able to rebuild and modernize their society through good education and modern industries.

Adam and Robo booked airline tickets, obtained visas from the Japanese embassy in Cairo, and prepared bags for travel.



At Narita Airport in Tokyo, Adam and Robo were welcomed by Meki and Akira, who are also members of the “Japan-Egypt Friendship Association”.

Meki said with a smile: "Hello Adam, welcome, Robo, it's very nice to meet you, I'm Meki, and this is my brother Akira."

Akira said happily: I hope the trip is comfortable.

Adam said: Thank God it was comfortable.

Robo said: Thank you for the warm greeting.

Akira said: Your bags will go directly to the hotel, and we will get a car now to go there.



They arrived at the hotel in downtown Tokyo to be close to places which will be visited. While Robo goes to put the bags in the room, Adam brings out a gift to Akira and Meki.

Meki said: Oh, how wonderful this papyrus! They are the pyramids of Giza, Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure.

Akira said: This Sphinx is a symbol of strength and wisdom. I studied this in my school's history book.

Adam said: I invite you both to visit Egypt, and we will have pictures in this amazing historical place.

Meki and Akira were happy with the gift, and they agreed to meet tomorrow at eight in the morning to start their program.

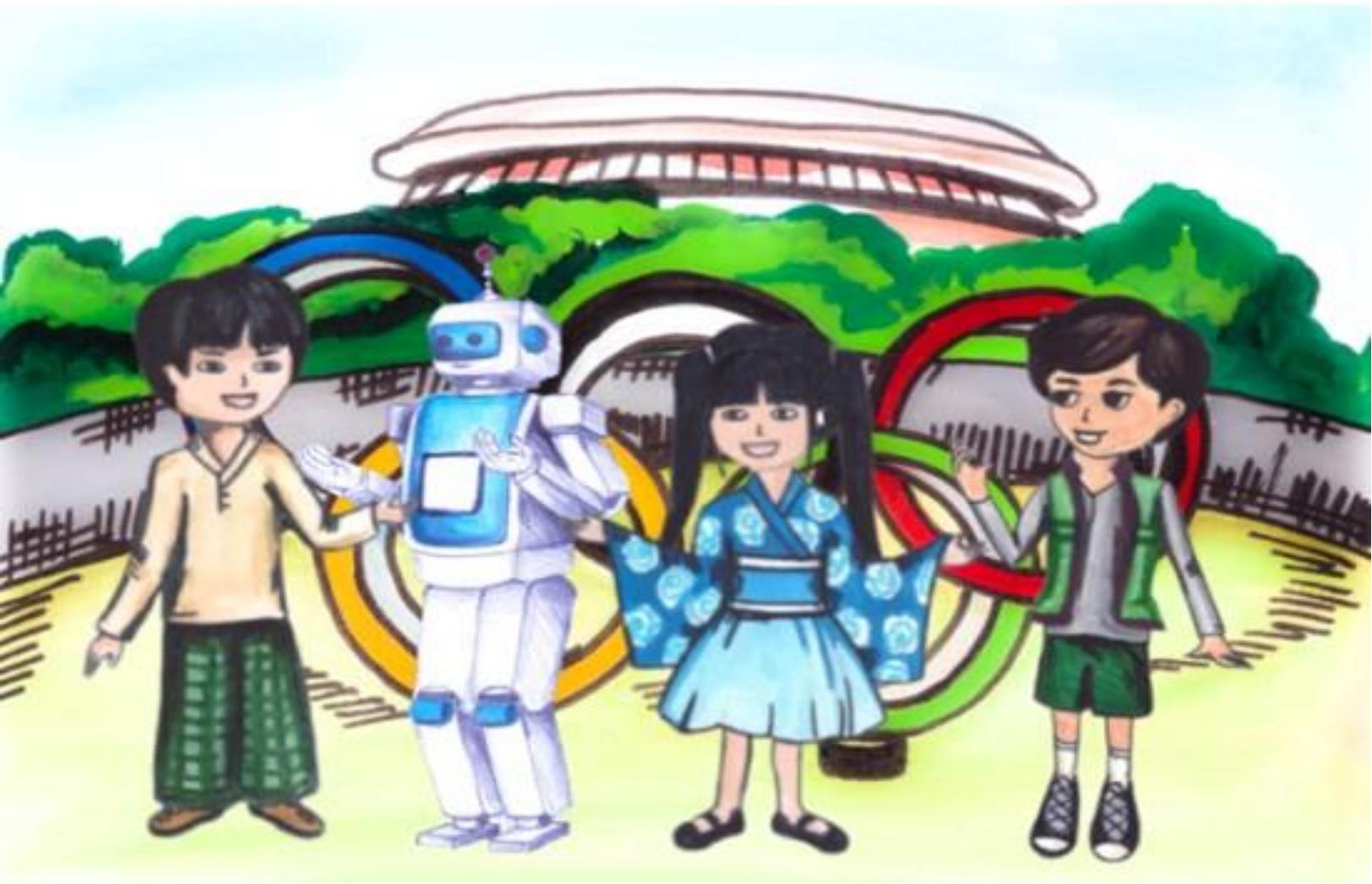


Meki said: This is a Shura Castle, which is built on a hill, and is a model of traditional Japanese architecture. The castle is brightly colored and its outer walls are crimson.

Adam said: The views from here are beautiful, and visitors can see stunning views with cherry blossoms.

Robo said: Shura Castle looks strong.

Akira said: The castle was hit by hardships after being destroyed several times due to wars, but it has been restored and preserved because it is a Japanese heritage.



One of the visiting programs was "Olympic City" in Tokyo. Everyone enjoyed coordinating stadiums, buildings and organizing games schedules with time and location. The Tokyo Games is one of the largest number of competitions in the history of the Olympics, which has 339 medals.

Adam said: Although the 2020 Tokyo Olympics has been canceled due to the coronavirus, the opening ceremony was wonderful and had various magical scenes on July 23, 2021. Sport gives us happiness.

Akira said: The Japanese will never forget Muhammad Rashwan, "The Best Athlete of the 1984 Olympics". Rashwan lost the final match to the judo player Yamashita because he didn't want to attack him in his injured foot.



Akira said: This is the Tama River in Tokyo, which is lined with parks and sports stadiums. This makes it a popular picnic for people and tourists.

Robo said: Here is a beautiful sight of birds.

Meki said: Birds spread here on the river, so the greenery, the availability of food and water, attracted the spotted ducks and the white-eyed Japanese bird.

Adam said: This reminds me of the great river Nile, and when you come to Egypt, we will take you on a journey across the river.



In the early morning, they went by bus to Kochi, where Yusuvara's library was located. Everyone was happy with the landscapes of mountains, trees and greenery in the arms of the sky.

Akira said: This library was designed by the world architect Kengo Kuma. You can notice, Adam, the huge number of libraries and reading materials we have in Japan.

Adam said: Yes, I know that, and I also know that you have been the highest reading rate in the world for decades.

Akira said: Reading makes us understand past civilizations, and through them we evaluate the present, which drives us to create the future. Reading is knowledge, and knowledge is power. Do not forget that we will take off our shoes at the library door, just like you would at home in Japan.



Upon entering the library, the four of them registered on the visitor list. Meki then goes to the adventure and science fiction section, while Robo searches for the video and e-books, and Adam and Akira talk very quietly.

Adam said: What a beautiful place, even in the digital age, I think there is something magical about reading a paper book and going to libraries.

Akira said: Yes, I feel a friendship with the book while it is in my hands.

Adam said: The library is so wonderful, the designer made it a place like a forest. The beams through wood create an interaction between light and shadow as if it were a natural place.



The next day, the visit was at the famous kabuki theater in Japan. The theater hall was quiet, the music began, the lights faded out, and the actors moved accurately.

Robo said whispery: This is a different theater because it has colorful clothes, expressive lighting, atmospheric music for the situation, and distinguished representative acting in movement and sound. All of these are in a frame of attractive decorations.

Akira said: It is the traditions of this type of theater. Moreover, the characters are educated and passed on through generations of grandparents and sons.

Robo said: It is mastery and creativity.



Meki said: Kabuki theater means the skill of dancing and singing. The theater presents stories from the heritage of Japan that express morality, lack of vanity, greed, honesty, and love of science. Kabuki theater was a touring theater between villages and cities in the Edo era (1603-1868 AD), and then it now performs inside theaters.

Adam said: I noticed special makeup on the faces of the actors, why?

Akira said: One of the features of the kabuki theater is the use of colors on the faces of the actors to distinguish between them. The chivalrous man is painted in red and white, while the color of the evil man is blue and white.

Robo said: Thank you for this wonderful visit to the Kabuki Theater before we travel tomorrow.



At the airport, Meki and Akira wished Adam and Robo a pleasant trip to home. Meanwhile, Adam and Robo asked Meki and Akira to visit Egypt soon.

Meki said: The time has passed quickly.

Akira said: So, the beautiful time passes.

Meki said: I hope we will have a chance to visit Egypt, the land of civilization and the country of peace.