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# GEO SQUAD



...a team for today - fighting to save tomorrow!

# CHAPTER ONE

WEST PARK HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLETOWN, PRESENT DAY...



CAREERS DAY... WHERE DREAMS COME TO DIE.

I'M STRUGGLING TO FIND THE STAND FOR FUTURE PROFESSIONAL GLACIER-SURFING, BASE-JUMPING SHARK WRANGLERS?

...OR EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL BIO-SCIENTISTS?

...OR EXTREME ARCHAEOLOGISTS WITH A KNACK FOR SOLVING RUBIK'S CUBES IN UNDER THIRTY SECONDS?

...OR DRONE RACING PRO GAMERS WHO ARE ABLE TO... WAIT. HANG ON A MINUTE...

MADDISON WILLIAMS

SETSUKO TANAKA

KWAME ORUMO

MILES...



...WHAT'S THIS STAND ALL ABOUT?

THOSE DON'T WORK! KIDS HAVE BEEN TRYING THEM ALL MORNING! COULD I INTEREST YOU IN A CAREER IN... OH NEVERMIND.

...DARWOOD!

HOW ODD - THIS ONE'S JUST TURNED ON.

THIS ONE'S STARTED BLINKING TOO!

WHY WOULD THEY START WORKING NOW?

ERR... GUYS? YOU MIGHT WANT TO SEE THIS, OR NOT.

MIDDLETOWN; YEAR 2049

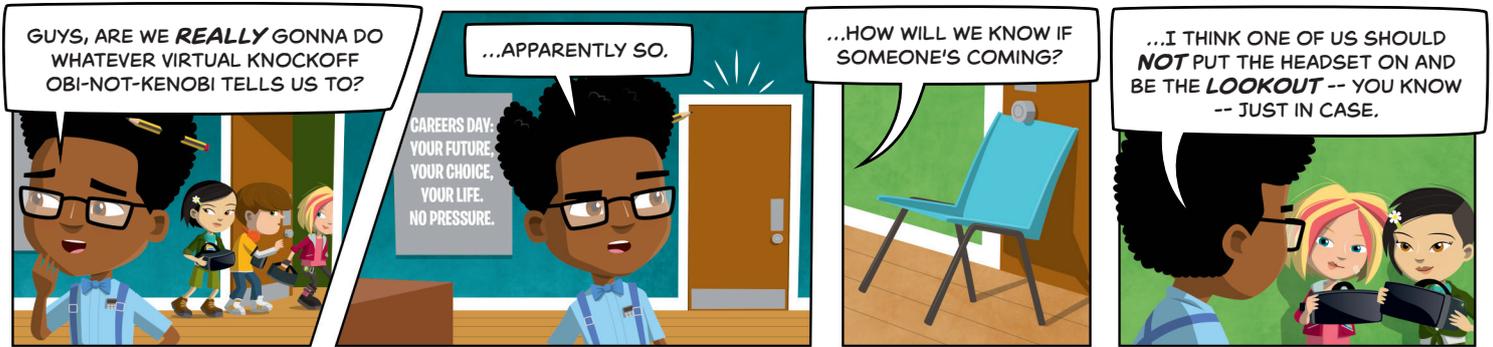


THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR TOWN? SOMEONE HAS A VIVID IMAGINATION. VIVID, AND HORRIFIC.

SUDDENLY, A MYSTERIOUS, CLOAKED FIGURE MATERIALISES IN THE MIDST OF THE CHAOS...



No-one ever imagined this. This is REAL. This is YOUR future...





THIS IS SOMEONE'S HOME?



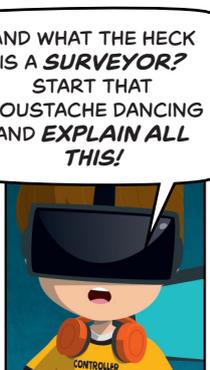
It WAS. It was the SURVEYOR'S SANCTUARY - the one place we were SAFE.



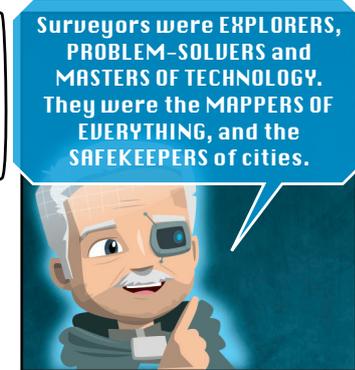
WHO'S WE?



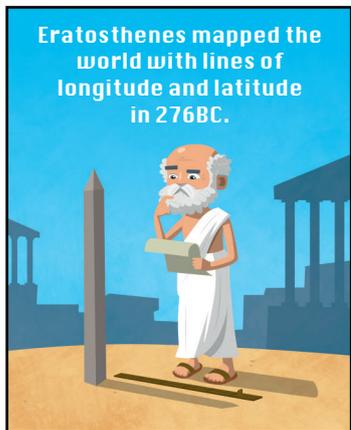
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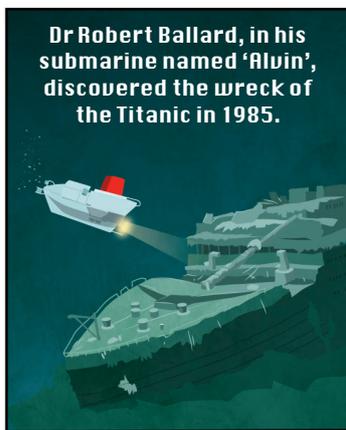
AND WHAT THE HECK IS A SURVEYOR? START THAT MOUSTACHE DANCING AND EXPLAIN ALL THIS!



Surveyors were EXPLORERS, PROBLEM-SOLVERS and MASTERS OF TECHNOLOGY. They were the MAPPERS OF EVERYTHING, and the SAFEKEEPERS of cities.



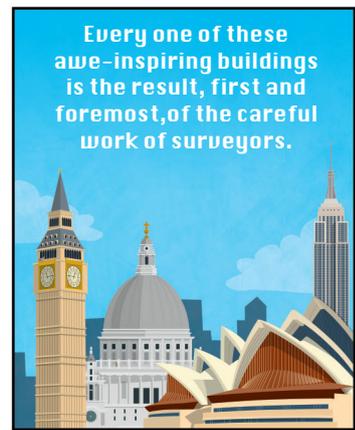
Eratosthenes mapped the world with lines of longitude and latitude in 276BC.



Dr Robert Ballard, in his submarine named 'Alvin', discovered the wreck of the Titanic in 1985.



Bradford Washburn's team planted a GPS receptor on the peak of Mount Everest in 1999 to measure its size.



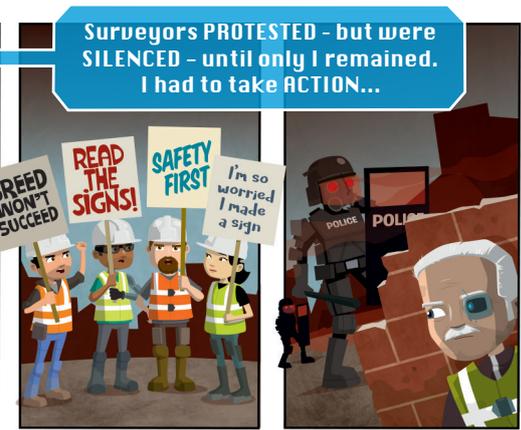
Every one of these awe-inspiring buildings is the result, first and foremost, of the careful work of surveyors.



SO WHERE WERE ALL THE SURVEYORS WHEN OUR CITY GOT WRECKED? IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS BUILT BY AN ANGRY TODDLER!



GREED took over. Reckless developers put up DANGEROUS buildings wherever they PLEASSED.



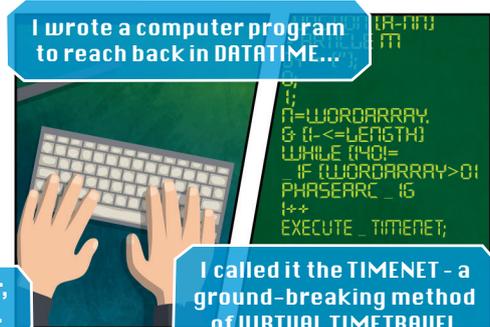
Surveyors PROTESTED - but were SILENCED - until only I remained. I had to take ACTION...



Using the TECHNOLOGY of the SURVEYORS...

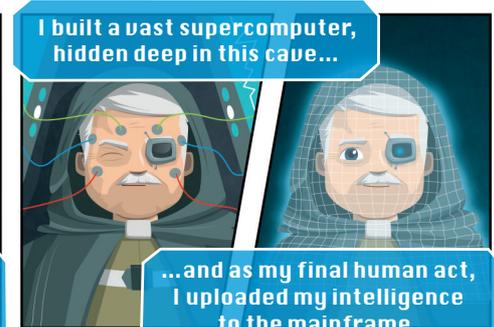


...I started to build four, very special MACHINES.



I wrote a computer program to reach back in DATETIME...

I called it the TIMENET - a ground-breaking method of VIRTUAL TIMETRAVEL



I built a vast supercomputer, hidden deep in this cave...

...and as my final human act, I uploaded my intelligence to the mainframe.



My digital consciousness scoured the timenet...

...searching for four bright minds with the potential to SAVE THEIR OWN FUTURE.



Today, I FOUND my four. You have the TALENT - I have the TOOLS...



...So - are you ready to SAVE THE FUTURE?

Well... that took less convincing than I anticipated.

# WOOOM!

I'M CONTROLLING THIS THING **WITH MY MIND!** I JUST **THINK** IT AND IT **DOES** IT! HEY, ROBOT ME, FLY **LEFT!**

IT'S A **NEURAL CONNECTION** -- MUST BE PART OF THE **TIMENET SYSTEM**. I'VE GOT **SOOO** MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS TECH.

YOUR **NERDY KNOWLEDGE HUNT** WILL HAVE TO WAIT, KWAME -- WE'RE COMING UP **FAST** ON THE CITY... AND IT'S IN A **BAD WAY**.

LOOK AT THIS PLACE - WHERE DO WE EVEN **START?** IT'S A TOTAL WREC-... WAIT. **GUYS?** I THINK - I THINK THERE'S SOMEONE **INSIDE** MY **ROBOT'S HEAD!**

INDEED THERE IS! HELLO EVERYONE! IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE NEW TO TALK TO! ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...

MY NAME IS **G.E.O G.I.N.G.E.R** - GENERAL EXPERT ON GLOBALLY INTEGRATED NETWORKED GEOGRAPHICAL ELECTRONIC RESOURCES. I AM YOUR VIRTUAL ASSISTANT. VERY PLEASUED TO MEET YOU ALL!

SO. MANY. QUESTIONS.

SO GEO-JARVIS - WHICH PART OF THE CITY THAT'S FALLING APART DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD HEAD TO FIRST?

IS ONE OF THEM '**WHY'S OUR VIRTUAL ASSISTANT'S NAME SO VERY LONG?**' BECAUSE IF IT ISN'T, IT SHOULD BE.

I HAVE PERFORMED A FULL SCAN USING THE LIDAR TECH INSIDE YOUR MECHS. I'LL PROJECT THE RESULTS ONTO THE CITY THROUGH YOUR MIXED REALITY LENS.

1 EXTREME EXTENSION - PROBABILITY OF COLLAPSE: 88%

2 DRUNK TOWER - HANGING ON BY A FRAYED THREAD

3 BLACK HOLE TUNNEL: SITE OF 23 ACCIDENTS... THIS WEEK

4 CONCRETE CHASM. HIGH RISK OF TURNING PEDESTRIANS INTO STREET MEAT

5 WEDGE ON A LEDGE. POTENTIALLY CATASTROPHIC OVERHANG

6 HOUSE HAZARD - STUCK ON WITH PVA GLUE AND GAFFER TAPE

7 HIGHWAY TO HECK - SUPPORTED ENTIRELY BY FAULTY BEAMS

8 BUS-TED - NO-ONE HAS EVER CAUGHT A BUS AT THIS STOP.

HOW DID THINGS GET THIS **BAD?** AND HOW DO WE START TO **FIX** IT?

WELL - YOU COULD START BY SAVING YOUR SCHOOL - THAT HANGING HOUSE IS ABOUT TO FALL... RIGHT ON TOP OF IT.

**WE'RE ON IT!**

WE'D BETTER BE **QUICK** -- KWAME'S BRACES ARE STRONGER THAN THAT **RICKETY PLATFORM**.

HOLD ON A SEC... I THINK SOMEONE'S **HOME!**



EXCUSE ME **SIR!** WE NEED YOU TO **VACATE THE PREMISES!**

WHAT'RE YOU **HOVERIN' HUNKS OF TECH** AND **TINFOIL TALKIN' 'BOUT?**



YOUR HOUSE IS ON THE **VERGE OF COLLAPSE!**

**NONSENSE!** I BUILT THIS HOUSE **MA-SELF**, AND I STUCK IT TO THIS HERE **SKYSCRAPER** WITH **MA BARE HANDS**, USIN' **TOP-O-THE LINE TAPE!** I AIN'T LEAVIN'!

USE THE **LASER SCANNER** IN YOUR **MECHS** TO **SCAN THE STRUCTURE** - IT MIGHT **REVEAL SOMETHING USEFUL!**



WELL, HE SEEMS TO HAVE MADE HIS **CRAZY MIND** UP. WHAT DO WE DO?



THE **AIR** AROUND MA PROPERTY IS ALSO **MA PROPERTY!** YOU NEED'TA **LEAVE!**

- 1 OCCUPANT: **OBSTINATELY OBTUSE**
- 2 CHIMNEY: **CHEAP, CHIPPED AND CHARRED**
- 3 FOUNDATIONS: **FAIRLY FIRM**
- 4 SUPPORT STRUCTURES: **SEVERELY SNAPPED**

IF WE CAN SOMEHOW **LIFT** IT, THE **FOUNDATIONS** LOOK STRONG ENOUGH TO **SUPPORT** THE STRUCTURE. THE QUESTION IS, **WHERE** WOULD WE SET IT **DOWN?**



HOW ABOUT **THERE?** I RECKON THE **PLAYGROUND** IS WIDE ENOUGH!

NOT SURE DOWN **THERE** LOOKS ANY **SAFER** THAN **UP** HERE!



I'LL **SCAN** THE **PLAYGROUND** USING ONE OF YOUR **GROUND PENETRATING RADAR** UNITS! GIVE ME A **MOMENT...**



I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A **MOMENT**, GG! THIS THING'S ABOUT TO **GO!**



SOLID AS A **SCREWED-DOWN ROCK!** I STILL AIN'T LEAVIN'!



**ARGH!** FALLING HOUSE! EVERYONE - **SAVE YOURSELVES!**



**WAIT!** I MEAN, EVERYONE - **SAVE ME!**



OK... **MAYBE** MA HOUSE DOES NEED A **LITTLE** WORK AFTER ALL.

**WOAH** - IT'S **STOPPED** FALLING! **WAIT...** HOW DID YOU DO THAT? IS THAT A **FLYING HOUSE!?** I WANT ONE!



I THINK THESE **ROBOTS** HAVE BEEN **WORKING OUT!**

WITH **GREAT MIGHT**, COMES **GREAT PUBLIC DELIGHT!**

YOU **SAVED** OUR SCHOOL!



WHAT... WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

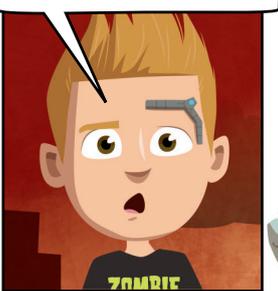


WE'RE THE **GEO SQUAD!**



AND WE'RE HERE TO **SURVEY, SAVE, AND SET THINGS RIGHT!**

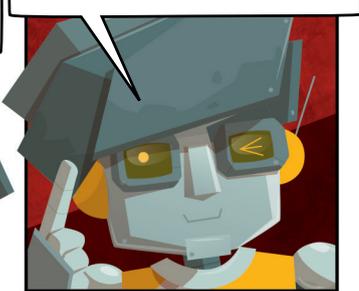
ERR... WHAT'S **SURVEY?** CAN I DO IT?



IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN **MISSING** ROUND HERE FOR **WAY** TOO LONG. WE'RE BRINGING IT **BACK.**



WE'RE GONNA **SAVE** THIS CITY-- AND WE WON'T STOP **THERE!**



A TEAM OF **SUPER-BOTS** RESCUED STUDENTS FROM A **SEVERELY SQUISHY** FATE TODAY...



...AND THEN THESE **CYBERNETIC SURVEYORS** VOWED TO CLEAN UP THE **ENTIRE CITY!**



...DID THEY NOW? I DEALT WITH THE SURVEYORS A **LONG** TIME AGO. THESE **TIN-PLATED TROUBLE-CAUSERS** AREN'T GOING TO MESS UP MY PLANS...

WHAT ARE THESE **GOGGLE-WEARING WEIRDOS** DOING? I'LL GO AND ASK THEM... WITH MY **FISTS.**



**TO BE CONTINUED!**

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

WELCOME TO THE LAST SURVEYOR'S CAVE! DEPENDING ON WHICH TIMENET PATH YOU TOOK, THERE ARE TEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO SCENES. CAN YOU SPOT THEM ALL? KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE SPECIAL SURVEY EQUIPMENT DOTTED AROUND TOO...



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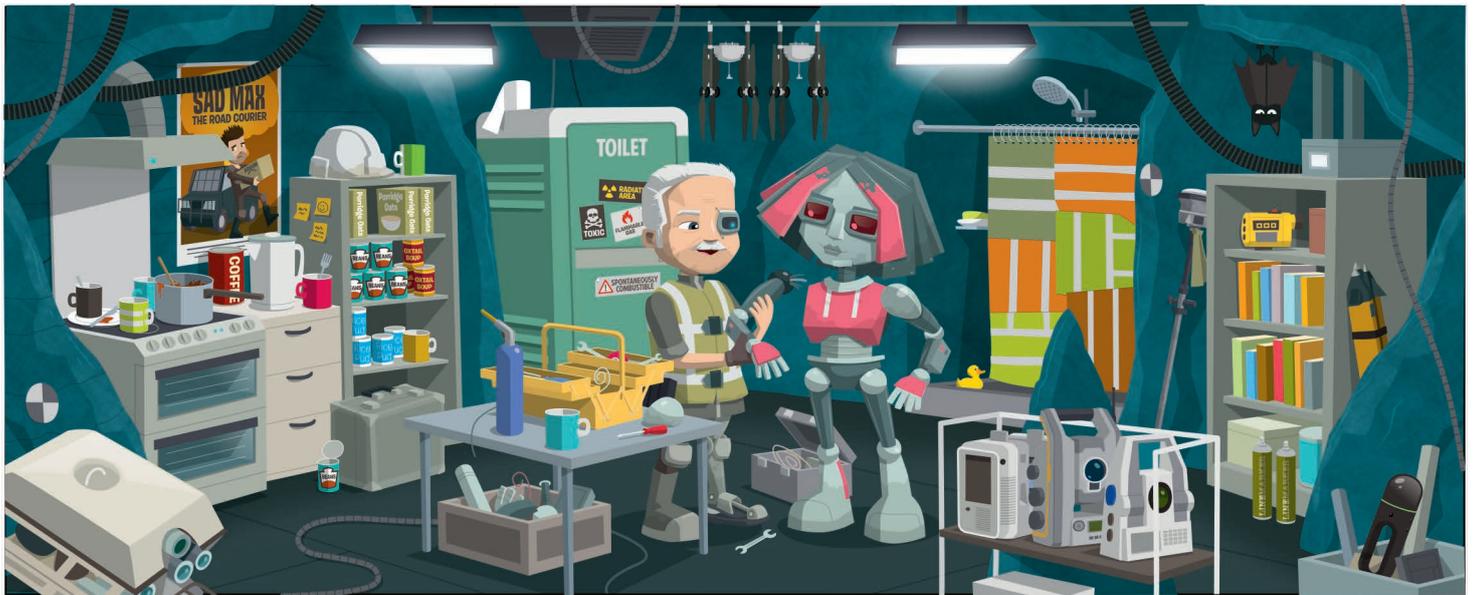
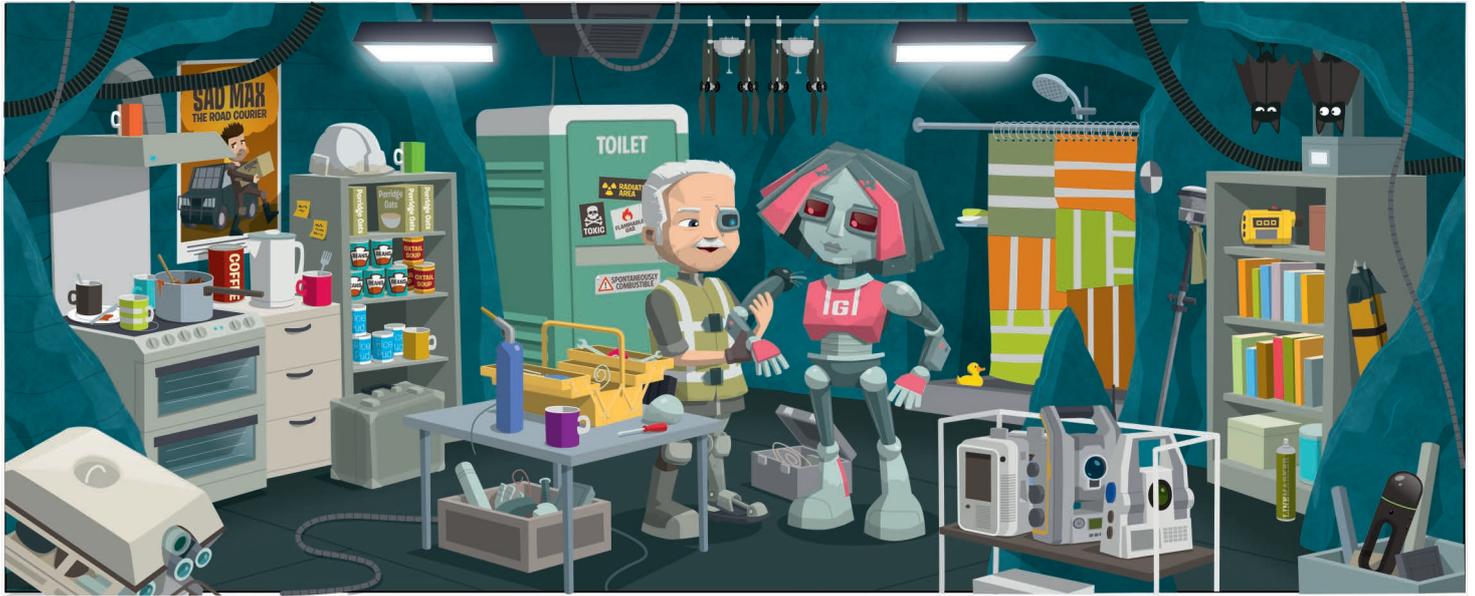
Laser  
Range  
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Fold-up  
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