

# *Heights-a story about determination*



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*To my Sister*

*And to, My Parents*

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## Prologue

At 11:00 am on May 29 of 1953 Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norway of Nepal were the first successful people to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

## Chapter one: Struggles and pains-

[Fast forward 3 centuries]

The human world is taken over by robots. Or at least it was till I saved it. Honestly, I don't know why I'm writing this in my diary right now. I just might as well scream about how many people I've lost how much I've been through on live television. But I have a feeling somebody in the late future is going to pick it up and have a blast reading it like it is some fiction story and take it for granted. But no. This is not fiction. All the struggles and hardships I have been through are not just written down here for the person reading this to have a good time, I want them to imagine themselves in that scenario and what they would do.

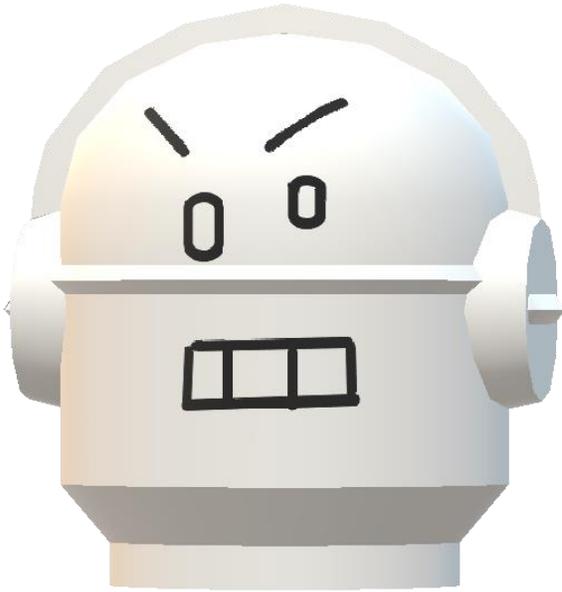


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## Chapter two: What I'm going to tell you-

What I'm going to tell you WAS a Top-Secret mission until I finished the mission. Then everyone in the WORLD started cheering my name. I did not like that. Inside, I'm just an introvert, minding my own business. I wanted to become a singer when I grew up but alas, my parents did not approve. The new job I was given was-becoming an army man. And that's how it all started.

The year was 2253 when it all happened- a flaw - somebody (A man called robohell-) gave a robot a mind of its own and that robot didn't do things for the better. That rouge robot created an army of its kind all protecting the mastermind robot. I, at the time was just a Lieutenant- the lowest stage of an army official. All the higher ranks had gone to war. So, I and a team of 3 other people including me went on the mission. And before I continue, I must tell you something-if you are sensitive to the demise of people, put this book down and read something happier instead. If you are still reading-don't say I didn't warn you



## Chapter 3: Grievance-and an S-rank mission!

"ALL LIEUTENANTS REPORT TO THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL"  
A mysterious voice said. "That's us!" said Dave "Everyone already knows that" Said Matt- A.K.A the annoying one. "Ignore him" I said.  
"NaNaNa" Matt said in the same tone. "What are you fighting about"  
said Sarah. "Nothing" We all said in Unison. "Didn't you hear the announcement? Oh no! Everyone had forgotten! We rushed to our general's office faster than a decathlon race! Creak! The door opened.

"Come in" Said the general. "Max Johnson"- "Yes sir!" I exclaimed "Your parents have died in war." "What?" I said in disbelief I stared at him for a few seconds, and when I realized he was serious I started to mourning over the loss. "I am giving you and your team a new mission, and Max Johnson, -you are the squad leader. Matt, Dave and Sarah-you will follow." "Johnson -Do you accept being the squad leader?" Suddenly, what my father said echoed through my head which I finally understood "If you lose on an opportunity but at least try you are scum, but if you give up on it in the first place, then you are worse than scum" "I accept" I said. "Good." said general. "Anyways" Dave said "what are we going to do in the mission?"

## Chapter 4: The mission!!!!

"Yeah?"- I said-"What is it?" "Well..." said the general; "The robots are powered by electricity. In case of a conflict like this, we put the switch to turn on and off all the electricity on top of Mount Everest. That's what I need you to do, put the switch off "That'll be a breeze." "We can just take an Army Helicopter there and shoot missiles at any enemy robots". Dave said, giving a grin. "He's got a point." said Sarah "We'll take a helicopter." "Well there's a teeny little problem." All of our pods are sent out in battle" "What?" I shouted "No transport?" "What if we encounter enemy robots on the way?" That's why I'm

offering you the most powerful blaster we have. But be careful-it has only five shots-use them wisely.



## Chapter 5: Training

"Of course-If you are to go on such a perilous mission, you have to undergo rigorous training." said the general. "One question, Why us?" Sarah exclaimed. "After all, we are just Lieutenants aren't we?" "Ah" Said the general "After the process of training, your team will be just as strong, if not STRONGER than any other of the men which are currently on the battle field." And through the time of a few months, maybe a year the robo-sapien war was still raging and as for our training, it was going on more dynamically than ever before. It turns out that the Lieutenant general did a lot more than just sit on a desk

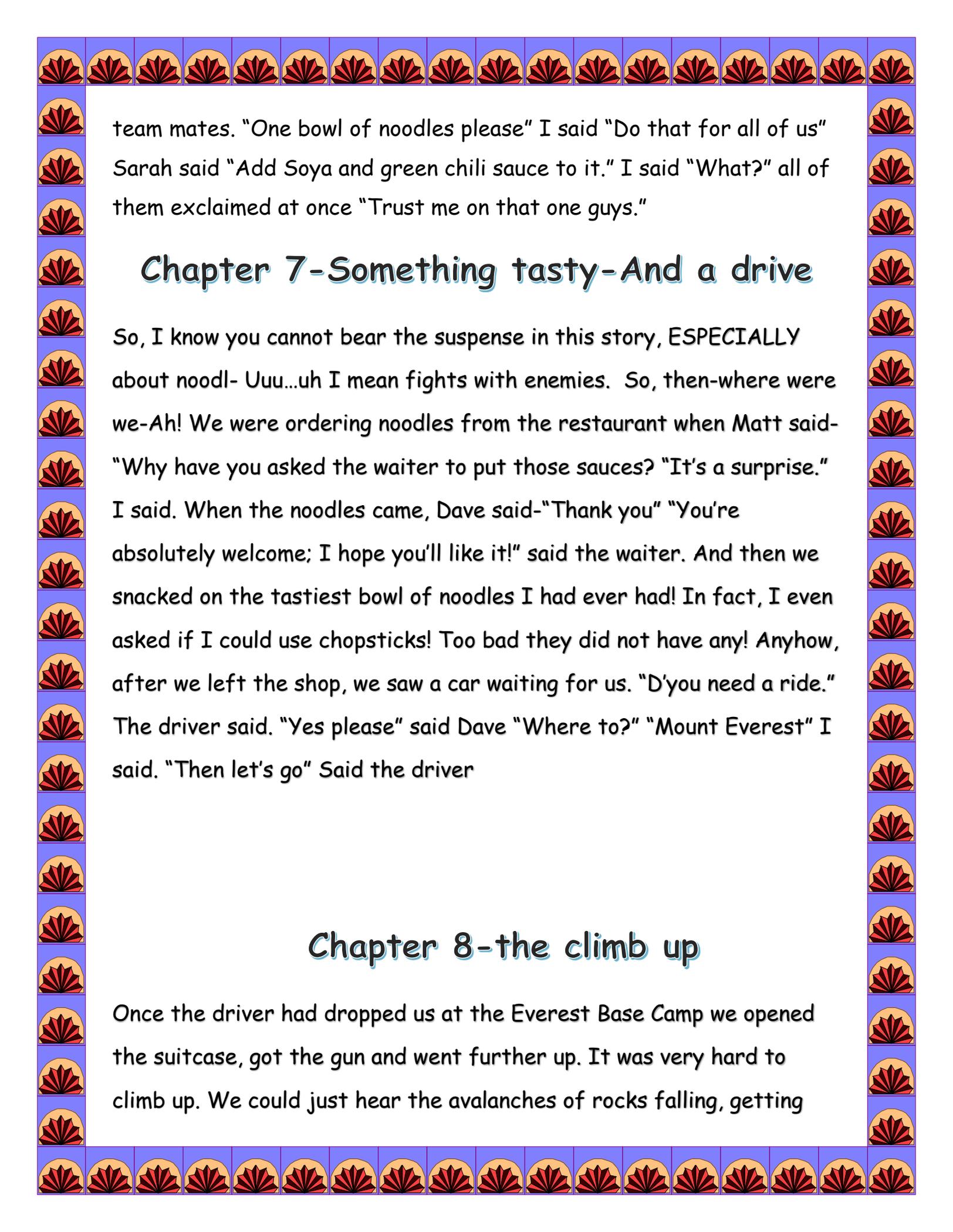
and shout orders to any Lieutenant who was available, but trained us by showing us multiple combat tricks like this one: it is called team smash. It goes like this: Dave and Sarah hold the opponent, Matt swings me up into the air and then, while in mid-air, I lift my right leg up and smash it down onto my opponent. With this, I learnt that nothing can be done without teamwork.



## Chapter 6-The Journey

The Journey to Mount Everest was not a pleasant one. The government booked a flight for us. It was fine UNTIL THIS BABY STARTED CRYING AND RUINED THE LITTLE NAP THAT I WANTED TO HAVE. Phew! I don't usually talk like this BUT I WANTED TO HAVE A TINY LITTLE NAP, OK? The rest of the flight was okay.

After about 6 hours we reached Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal and BOY was it beautiful. Then we stopped at thin big restaurant and sat down. "Excuse me" said a voice "May I take your order please" the waiter said "Sure" I said "Could we have the menu please?" I asked "Sure" the waiter replied. He brought the menu. I showed it to my



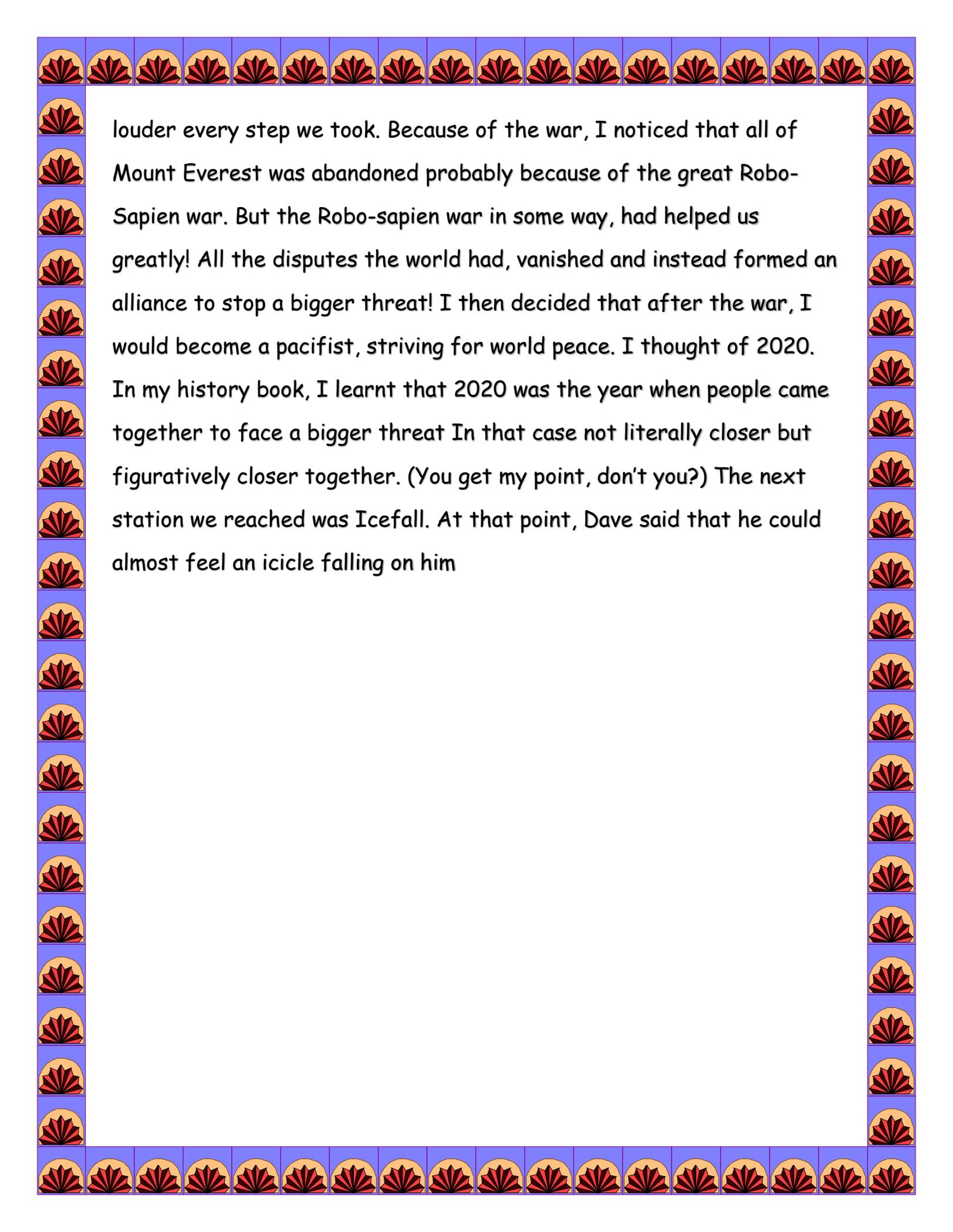
team mates. "One bowl of noodles please" I said "Do that for all of us" Sarah said "Add Soya and green chili sauce to it." I said "What?" all of them exclaimed at once "Trust me on that one guys."

## Chapter 7-Something tasty-And a drive

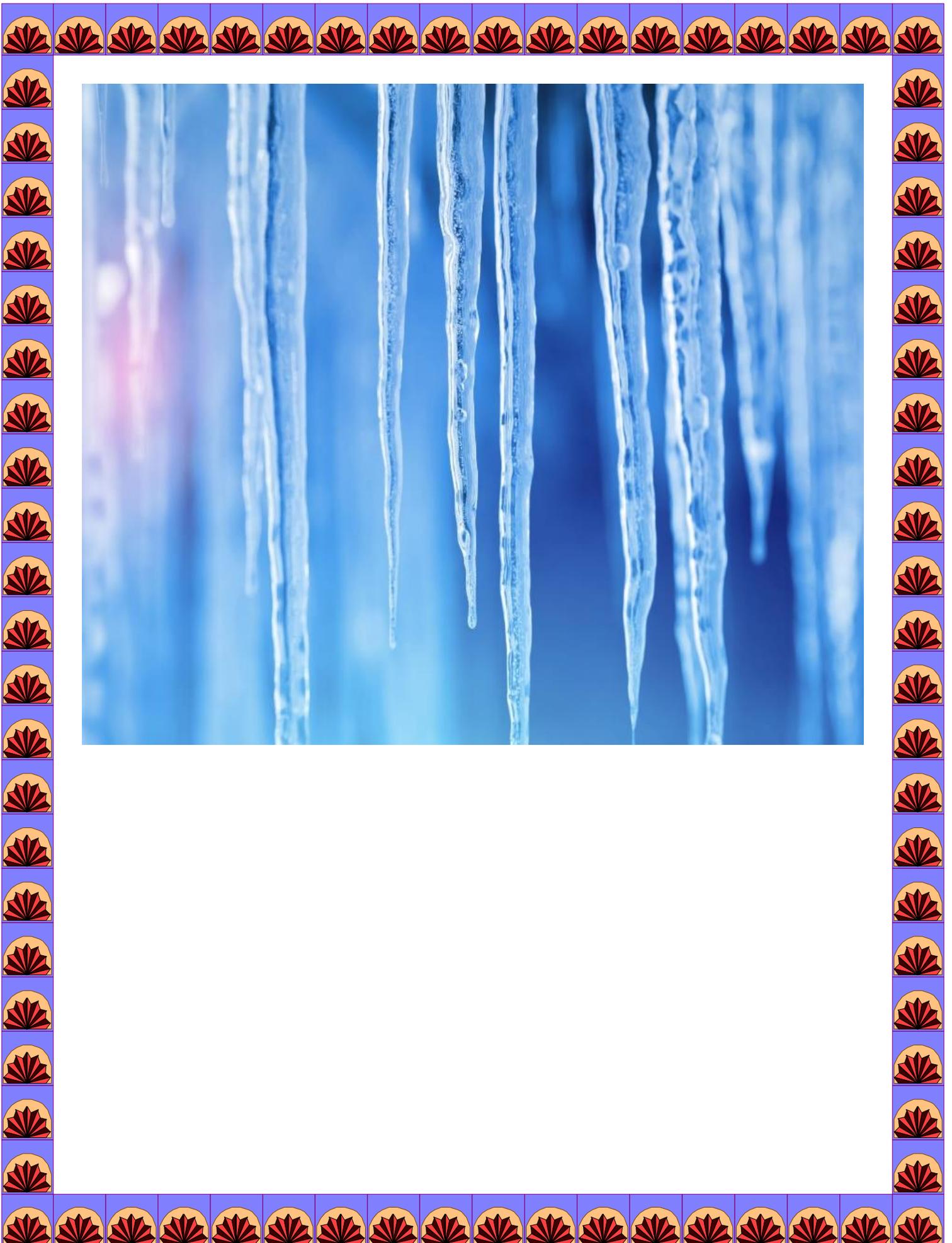
So, I know you cannot bear the suspense in this story, ESPECIALLY about noodl- Uuu...uh I mean fights with enemies. So, then-where were we-Ah! We were ordering noodles from the restaurant when Matt said- "Why have you asked the waiter to put those sauces? "It's a surprise." I said. When the noodles came, Dave said-"Thank you" "You're absolutely welcome; I hope you'll like it!" said the waiter. And then we snacked on the tastiest bowl of noodles I had ever had! In fact, I even asked if I could use chopsticks! Too bad they did not have any! Anyhow, after we left the shop, we saw a car waiting for us. "D'you need a ride." The driver said. "Yes please" said Dave "Where to?" "Mount Everest" I said. "Then let's go" Said the driver

## Chapter 8-the climb up

Once the driver had dropped us at the Everest Base Camp we opened the suitcase, got the gun and went further up. It was very hard to climb up. We could just hear the avalanches of rocks falling, getting



louder every step we took. Because of the war, I noticed that all of Mount Everest was abandoned probably because of the great Robo-Sapien war. But the Robo-sapien war in some way, had helped us greatly! All the disputes the world had, vanished and instead formed an alliance to stop a bigger threat! I then decided that after the war, I would become a pacifist, striving for world peace. I thought of 2020. In my history book, I learnt that 2020 was the year when people came together to face a bigger threat In that case not literally closer but figuratively closer together. (You get my point, don't you?) The next station we reached was Icefall. At that point, Dave said that he could almost feel an icicle falling on him



## Chapter 9-Icefall

When we were at the Icefall zone (as the name suggests) there was an avalanche of rocks. One of them almost hit Matt! Luckily, Matt dogged it in time. Phew!



Anyways, I and my teammates headed off the NEXT zone called-The Valley of silence. We then saw flourishing life, with everything nice and warm. And I loved it ther-haha, just joking! What I really saw was a lifeless mass of snow and nothing else! No wonder it is called The Valley of silence. We could hear nothing expect maybe MORE avalanches and MORE snow. Phew! At that point, I heard my stomach grumbling. It grumbled again this time a little louder. "Is that your stomach growling Max? Because your borborygmus isn't really helping right now" "Sorry" I said

## Chapter 10-Our first battle-Team Max vs growler robot

"Wait, that's not mine-look at that Abominable Snowman! He looks just like the Yeti in Nepalese folklore and yet, it has parts of a robo-wait, that's an enemy! Quick Sarah and Dave, pin him down! Matt! Throw me up!" Then I lifted my right leg up and smashed it down onto the yeti. "Team Smash!" I yelled. There was reverberating boom. I had defeated it! "I'm not done yet!" It said and punched me. "So am I!" I said Then- BOOM!-The robot kicked me. I fell onto the cold snow. Everyone gasped! "Hahahaha-young whippersnapper-you thought you could beat me-Bam! Whammo! Boom! There the robot was-broken! "You see" I said to the robot "After I performed team smash, I had enough time to exchange myself with a life-like puppet. And the voice that said "So am I" was actually from behind you!"



## Chapter 11 - Camp 2 - The Death zone

"We're getting closer to the summit" Said Sarah "I know" I said "It says here that the area we are in is called Hmm-The Death zone? What a curious name!" I said opening a book. "Umm why are you opening a book? We're 2 centuries above that!" Sarah "Well there's no Internet up here" "Oh yes" said Sarah "What is that?" said Dave there was yet another enemy robot! This one was nothing like the last robot. One team smash and that was the end of him "Trying to get in huh? Well you will not get out alive!" said a strangely human voice. There I saw a man? "Who are you?" I am robohell, the commander of all robots! Now that you know this, you will not leave alive! "Sarah and Dave, pin him down! Matt! Throw me up! Get ready for a journey of pain robohell! Team smash!" Whoosh! Robohell was behind me Punch! Punch! Kick! Punch! Punch! Kick! Punch! Punch! Kick! Punch! Punch! Kick! "Haha" said Robohell "Not so tough after all!" "Wrong!" I said from behind him and kicked him. "Aha" he said "The old puppet switch up trick. I guess you're bad after all. Now, prepare to Die!"

## Chapter 12-The Final Battle

Now, prepare to Die!" He said "Never!" I said "We all work as a team to beat you up to mac and cheese, and then the world will have you for dinner." "Big words from a teenager! Mastermind robot, protect me!" Said Robohell "Super Blast!" I yelled "Let's see if your master mind can survive this" I said. Then I shot the master mind with the blaster the general had given us. Then guess happened? The mastermind caught the blast! "This won't work" Said the master mind Punch! Punch! Kick! Punch! Punch! Kick! Punch! Punch! Kick Punch! Punch! Kick! The Mastermind (this time for real) had beaten me up. "I will get up" "Not for myself. I WILL protect my friends even if I have to give my life for it!" The mastermind gave me another punch. "Ultimate team smash!" I yelled. Dave jumped in the air and punched the robot. So did Sarah and Matt. Then finally I went up and punched and flip kicked the robot. It smashed into pieces. Me and my teammates rushed into the control room and switched off the power of the world "We did it!" I said "We saved the world!!!"

VICTORY

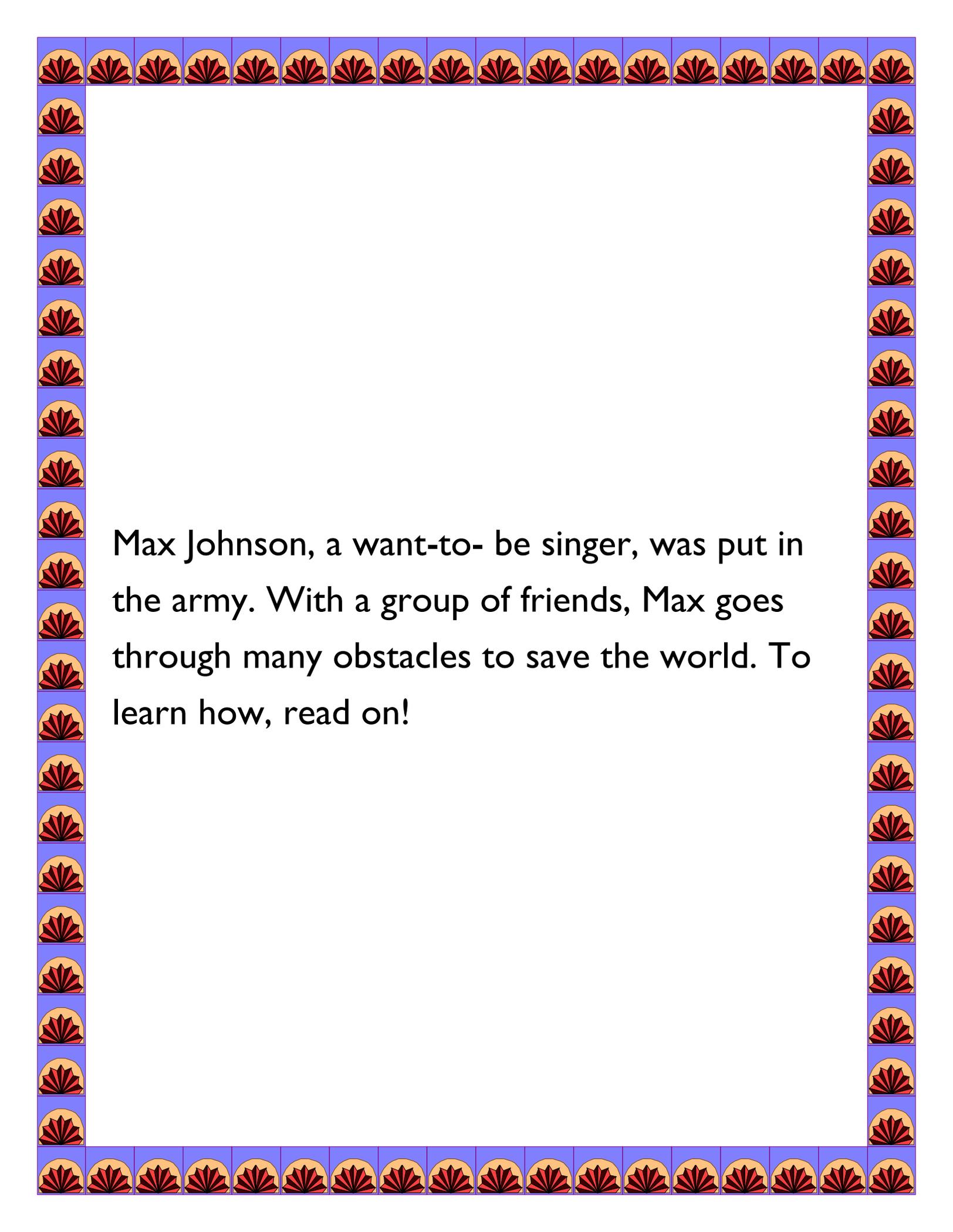
## Chapter 13-The Aftermath

After The Great-Cyber Sapien war, we all started living normal lives. Dave, Sarah and Matt Continued serving the army while I became the most famous singer in the world! We were best friends! With Robohell jailed, Earth returned to the thriving metropolis it once was.



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Max Johnson, a want-to- be singer, was put in the army. With a group of friends, Max goes through many obstacles to save the world. To learn how, read on!