

STORY 2

CLICK SAVES THE DAY

MASKI the little robot was very happy in his new home and loved being a study buddy to thousands of children. In the exciting Logic Lab where he worked, wonderful things were being created every day.



He had new robot friends too: Buggy, Giggy, Bit, Click and Quirk. They had fun times together preparing codes and digital information for the learners **MASKI** talked to every day.

Buggy was **MASKI'S** favourite Lab buddy because he was curious, adventurous and full of mischief. He was a real live wire but sometimes, it could lead to tiny glitches in the systems.

One morning before the lab came alive with Coding & Robotics engineers and technicians, Buggy and **MASKI** were playing their favourite online game. It was called **RUSH HOUR**.



The game was all about driving an electric car on a grid through the city, cleverly avoiding all the red traffic lights.

Suddenly in the middle of their game, a light flashed and a notice popped up on the screen. It said:

If you are a Traffic Master and want to WIN BIG, click on this link.

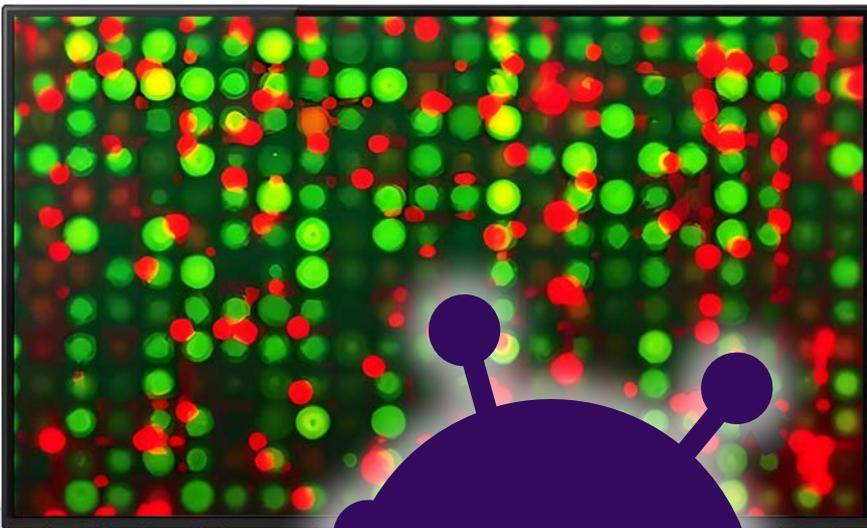
Give us your Username and Password to win big prizes!



Before **MASKI** could even think about it, Buggy's electronic eyes blinked in excitement and with a few metallic taps he had clicked on the link.

Suddenly, all the lights in the Logic Lab stopped flashing.

All the computer screens went blank and there was absolute silence!



BUT NOT FOR LONG!

With a lot of whirring and clicking everything powered up again.

Red lights flashed erratically, and the green lights stayed on all the time.

Something was very, **VERY** wrong!

MASKI looked out of the window ... and what he saw was CHAOS.

All the traffic lights were stuck on green and the traffic was gridlocked!



There were cars bumper to bumper and everyone was hooting!

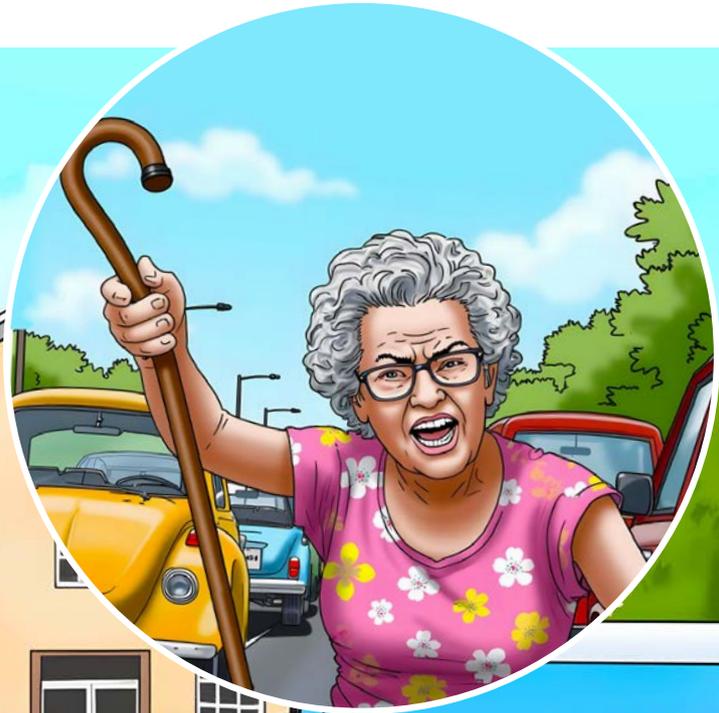


Many cars were facing the wrong direction and were on the wrong side of the road!

Pedestrians were trying to cross the streets and were trapped between cars.

People were **SHOUTING**, and getting frustrated with one another.

A little old granny was waving her walking stick in a driver's face.



Three big school buses were blocking the front entrance of a nearby school and children were running in every direction.

The delivery scooters had stopped and started so many times that the bags had fallen off their bikes and there were groceries everywhere.



'Oh **MASKI**, what have we done?' groaned Buggy with concern.

'The pattern is completely disorganised ,' replied **MASKI**.

'**We have caused traffic mayhem by falling for an online scam!**'

Click, the wise robot whose motto was '**BE SMART AND BE CYBER SAFE**', was standing nearby and overheard them.

Click had a shield that glowed red when danger was near. His shield was flashing bright red '**Don't worry,**' Click said '**I think I can override this.**'



Click immediately logged into a nearby computer. He corrected the algorithm and then, thank goodness, he gained access to the local traffic grid! Luckily, Click was able to fix the bug in the system and soon order was restored.

The traffic lights were re-set (**Red for 'STOP'**, **orange for 'BE AWARE'** and **green for 'GO!'**). The cars and pedestrians safely and politely went on their way.

Click turned to Buggy and **MASKI** and said, **'I think you need to educate yourselves on the potential threats in the digital world.'**



WHEN IT COMES TO E-SAFETY REMEMBER:

- Always keep your passwords secret
- Stop and think before you post anything
- Do not click on anything that pops up on your screen
- Never give personal information to strangers online
- Do not accept files and mails from strangers online
- Do not talk to strangers on the Internet
- **NEVER** send your photograph to a stranger online

Buggy apologised for causing so much chaos. He had not been very cyber smart but he had learnt his lesson.