

BACK TO SCHOOL

Gina G was explaining to kids at the Sunny Beach Primary School computer lab how to install and use the Gecko Bot Software to protect their school website and programs after a recent cyber vandal attack. Actually Gina G was TRYING to explain. Bingo kept interrupting, asking silly questions and nibbling on things he shouldn't oughta be nibbling on.

"Sorry... bit peckish, haven't had morning tea yet..." said Bingo – a bit ashamed of himself. "We rabbits have very fast metabolisms, it's not easy being hungry all the time..." he said looking down and pretending to check out his fluffy feet.

"Anyway..." Gina G continued, "the answer to your question is... no, you can't eat computer chips." Bingo's eyes opened wider and he began to raise his fluffy white paw.

"No Bingo, not even if you smother them in lots of tomato sauce or ketchup," Gina G added quickly.

Bingo dropped his paw to his side, then quickly raised it. "What did the mother tomato say to the baby tomato when they crossed the road?" asked Bingo. The kids in the computer room all looked at Bingo. "Catch up or you'll be ketchup!" Bingo laughed out aloud at his own joke and the whole class joined in. Everyone was laughing except for Gina who shook her head.

"Sorry Gina I'm zipping it now," said Bingo as he moved his fluffy paw past his mouth as if pulling closed an imaginary zipper. "Not another word, zippity zip zip zip," said Bingo.

Gina G started to speak.

"Zippity doo dah all da doo dah day," said Bingo.

Gina frowned at Bingo. Bingo dropped his head a little,

mouthed the word ‘zip’ one more time and made a tiny quick zip motion over his mouth.

Just as Gina G was about to speak the new science teacher burst into the room thrusting both doors open like saloon doors in an old western movie.

“QUICKLY, QUICKLY EVERYONE EVACUATE ZER ROOM IMMEDIATELY!!” he shouted in a thick German accent... No one moved.

“THERE IS ZER MOST DANGEROUS... BUT BRILLIANT, SPIDER BOT LOOSE AND WE MUST EVACUATE ZER COMPUTER ROOM IMMEDIATELY!!” he added.

Bingo raised his paw, “Ah... who are you, and what exactly is a Spider Bot?”

“That’s the new substitute science teacher,” said Taylor, one of the school kids. Taylor had been listening very closely to Gina G explain how to use the Gecko Bot as he loved playing video games and enjoyed inventing ideas for his own games one day. “I think we’d better do as he says,” Taylor added.

“Okay, but what’s a Spider Bot?” Bingo asked.

As if on cue a small silver and purple mechanical looking spider thingy appeared in the doorway. It made a clattering noise as it walked on sharp, pointed legs. Two big long teeth and mean eyes made it look quite unpleasant.

“Oooh,” chorused the children who were grouped together at the front of the room. The children’s way out of the room was blocked by the Spider Bot, which just stood in the door way looking around with its angry mechanical eyes blinking. It looked from the substitute science teacher to the children and back again. Oddly the science teacher seemed

to be motioning with his hand to get the Spider Bot to move into the room, away from the door. The only noise that could be heard was the Spider Bot's pointy leg tips clattering on the timber floor as it walked awkwardly into the room, though it still blocked the children's exit.

The science teacher seemed to gesture to the Spider Bot by nodding his bald head to the right. The Spider Bot moved to the left. The science teacher rolled his eyes. He flicked his bald head so sharply to the right that his glasses almost fell off and the tufts of grey hair on the sides of his head wobbled. The Spider Bot moved uncertainly to the right and crouched a little.

All this time the children stared, fascinated by the Spider Bot. Gina G looked from Spider Bot to the science teacher. The room was eerily silent. The science teacher had his hands down at his sides and was now flicking his fingers and the palms of his hands in an upward direction. Spider Bot looked puzzled. The science teacher sighed loudly, his beady eyes quickly darted around the room and noticed Gina G.

“GOODNESS ME, LOOK AT ZER SCARY SPIDER BOT. DOESN'T IT LOOK DANGEROUS? QUICKLY EVERYONE LEAVE ZER ROOM!” yelled the science teacher as he pointed to the Spider Bot.

But everyone was too engrossed in looking at the strange little mechanical spider which gave a toothy fanged half smile. It looked quite unsure of what to do next.

The children leant forward, all trying to get a better look at the Spider Bot. The science teacher gestured frantically at the Spider Bot with his palms moving upwards. Then he let out a quiet, but audible frustrated groan. Oddly he then made a stranger gesture. He bared his teeth like a growl and made

pretend claws out of both hands, suddenly the Spider Bot seemed to understand this. The Spider Bot started to make clicking and whirring noises.

“Look out, it’s transforming!” Taylor yelled. The other kids paid no attention and leaned in closer.

SUDDENLY the Spider Bot stood on its hind legs, small razor sharp spinning blades appeared on its two front legs,



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waving menacingly in the air and making the nagging sound of two angry dentist's drills. The worst dentist in the world looked like more fun than the Spider Bot. Then two lethal looking barbs popped out of the ends of two other legs. The Spider Bot's fanged mouth opened into a wicked growl and a huge scorpion tail popped out of Spider Bot's back.

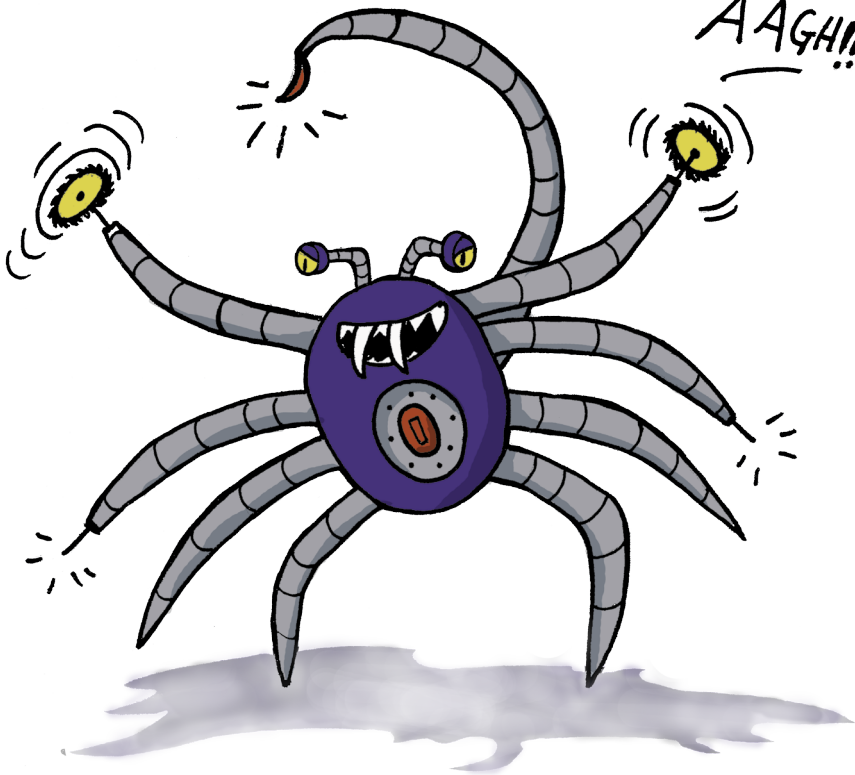
All the children screamed and ran out of the room. All except for one child, Taylor who said, "Cool, so that's the Spider Bot attack mode." Gina G grabbed him by the hand and lead him reluctantly out of the room, his eyes glued to the Spider Bot as he walked out.

"You deal with Spider Bot Bingo. I'll help the kids," Gina G said over her shoulder as she led Taylor from the computer room. Bingo stood looking at the Spider Bot. Its twin buzz blades swinging in the air making the sort of sounds two of the world's worst dentists might make before drilling into tooth and bone. The evil scorpion tail hovered ominously.

"How about I look after the kids and you deal with Spider Bot. I'm very good with children you know," suggested Bingo hopefully - but Gina G had already left the room.

"Oh Bother and Burnt Beach Bums," Bingo muttered under his bunny breath.

WE ASKED YOU
NOT TO TOUCH
THE PAGE!!



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LUCKILY THIS ONE DOESN'T LOOK TOO ANGRY!!