

Maya built a robot from boxes, bolts and buttons. She pressed the big green button. Beep! Robo's eyes lit up.



"Hello, Robo!" said Maya. "BEEP, HELLO, MAYA," said Robo. "What would you like to do?" asked Maya.



"I WOULD LIKE... A HUG," said Robo. Maya opened her arms. Robo squeezed! "Too tight!" squeaked Maya.

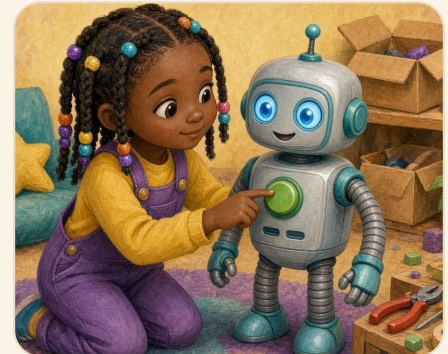


"Hugs are soft," said Maya. "Let's practise." Robo tried hugging the cat. "MEOW!" The cat zoomed away. Robo tried hugging a pillow. POOF! Feathers everywhere.



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Robo Wants a Hug



Maya builds a robot who wants a hug, but his first hugs are much too squeezey.

★ The End ★

Talk about the story

- Why did Maya say "too tight"?
- How did Robo learn to be gentle?
- Can you give someone a soft, gentle bubble hug?



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"Gentle, like holding a bubble," said Maya. Robo's arms went slow... slower... slowest.

Maya blew a bubble. Robo held it on his metal hand. It didn't pop!



"NOW. I. KNOW," beeped Robo. And he gave Maya the softest, gentlest robot hug in the whole world.

Maya hugged him back. "Best robot ever," she said. Robo's eyes glowed pink. Beep-boop-hug!