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Emily and Rukia are two friends
who love books.



An illustration of two young girls sitting on a pink rug in a library. The girl on the left is wearing a yellow hijab and a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, looking slightly away with a neutral expression. The girl on the right is wearing a light pink tank top and blue pants, looking towards the first girl with a slight smile. They are surrounded by stacks of colorful books. In the foreground, an open book with a blue cover and the title 'PRIDE OF THE' is visible. A speech bubble above them contains the text 'But, they have a secret.'

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An illustration of the same two girls in the library. The girl on the left is now wearing a yellow hijab and a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, looking towards the second girl with a slight smile. The girl on the right is wearing a light pink tank top and blue pants, looking towards the first girl with a slight smile. They are surrounded by stacks of colorful books. In the foreground, an open book with a blue cover and the title 'PRIDE OF THE' is visible. A speech bubble above them contains the text 'There is something they love more than books.'

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TROUBLE!



Emily and Rukia could cause more trouble than anyone else.

They ran where they should not run.



They drew where they should not draw.

They put stickers where no sticker should go.



Emily and Rukia had a friend, John.



John lived with robots and was in love with a super-hero.

One day,
the super-hero
left.



THE FREEDOM
IS NOT
POSSIBLE.



And the robots
turned mean
and trapped John.

SOON YOU
WILL BE A
ROBOT TOO.
HA. HA. HA

John was sad. Emily and Rukia knew they had to save him.



They asked Emily's sister, Sofia, for help.

Sofia was older and read more books. She picked one up and it became a magic wand.



And she transformed Emily and Rukia into the...

TROUBLE TEAM!



Using their troublemaking superpowers,
they covered the robots eyes.

I cannot see.
STOP THEM.

Stop
what?



Then they helped John
escape his cage.



John was safe,
and the three friends read many books together.

They took a picture to remember their friendship.



One day, John had to go back to live with robots.



It was a sad day, but some-
times sad things happen.

Adults don't
always make sense, but
I will miss you both
very much.



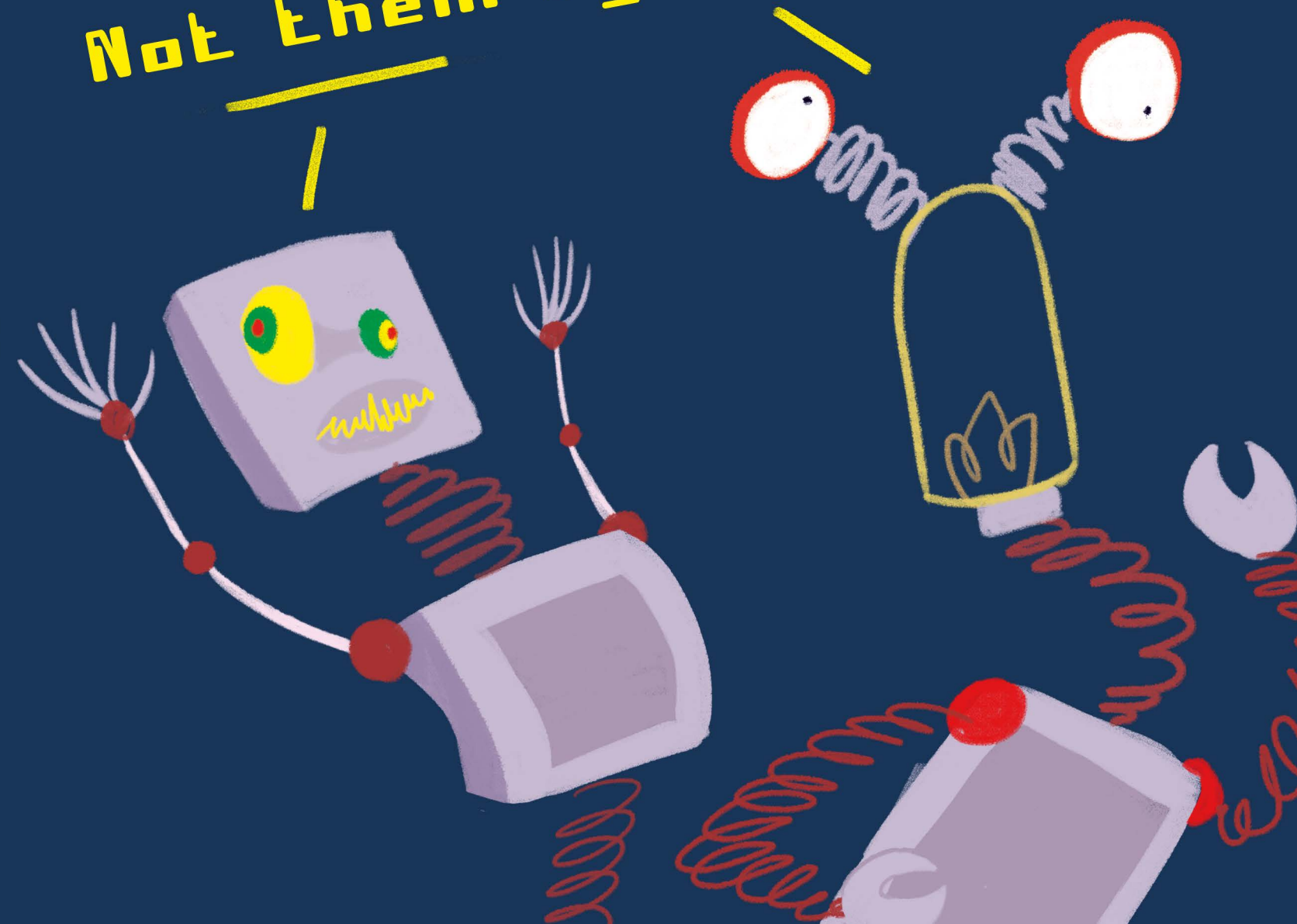
The robots still try to trap John,
but now John has a secret.



He's still friends
with the Trouble Team.



Oh no!
Not them again!



THE END



THANK YOU!

