

Text:

Who made me?

The story takes place in 2015. Two engineers, Gregory Powell and Mike Donovan, have been sent to a space station on Mercury, helped in their job by highly sophisticated robots. Cutie is one of them.

1- Cutie knocked gently and entered. "Is Powell here?"

Mike Donovan spoke from behind a large chicken sandwich. "He is collecting information – we think that we are moving into an electron storm."

As he spoke, Gregory Powell came into the officer's room. "Yes, I think a storm is on its way. But the information isn't exact, and I don't know what to expect. Oh, hello, Cutie. I thought you were working on the new drive bar."

"I've finished," the robot said quietly. "And I've come to talk to you. I've been thinking for two days about who made me. I can't believe that you two humans made me."

2- Donovan turned angrily towards Cutie, but Powell put out his hand. "Why do you say that, Cutie?"

Cutie laughed. It was an inhuman laugh; sharp and regular. "Look at you! The material you are made up of is soft and weak. You depend upon food to give you energy. Each day you need to sleep, and while asleep you can do nothing. And if temperature varies you can't work. You are

very inefficient and short-lived. "I, on the other hand, I'm perfect and efficient. I use electrical energy directly. I'm made of strong metal. I never sleep, and I can work in any temperature. You can't have made me. No being can create another one of much higher quality than itself".

3) ... "My creator must be more powerful than myself, and so there was only one possibility." Donovan and Powell looked puzzled.

Cutie continued: "What is the centre of the solar station? What do we all serve?"

Donovan looked at Powell, surprised. "I think that this metal fool is talking about the energy converter."

"I'm talking about the Master», said Cutie.

4- "You are not staying here much longer. The Master created me to take the place of the last humans. From now on I serve the Master", said Cutie.

"Oh no, you don't" Powell said sharply. You'll follow our orders and keep quiet.

Cutie left the room. Donovan sat back in his chair and said: "There's going to be trouble with that robot. He's crazy!"

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I/ Comprehension questions (12 marks)

1/ Tick the correct answer (1mark):

The reading passage is a :
 A/ a science fiction story.
 B/ a detective story .
 C/ a fairy tale.

2/ Fill in the table below with reference to the introduction :(2marks):

When?	Where?	Who?
2015	- Gregory - Mike -

3 /Correct the false statements with reference to the text (2 marks):

- a) Gregory and Mike had to work alone on the space station.

- b) According to Cutie, humans are his creators.

4/ Complete the table below with reference to the text (3marks):

HUMANS	ROBOTS
Made of soft and weak material
.....	Can work in any temperature.
Depend on food to get energy

5/ Find words in the text that nearly mean the following expressions (2marks)

- a) Perplexed, surprised (P.3) :.....
- b) Looked fixedly (P.4) :

6/What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (1 mark):

- **Them** (line 3) refers to :
- This metal fool** (P. 3) refers to :

7/ Can we say that robots are a blessing in disguise? Why or why not? Give your personal opinion. (1mark).

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