

Sonic Advancement

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Something I've been working on since August 2005. This is my personal gift to the entire Sonic Universe that's been existing since 1991. Enjoy!

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Chapter #1

The New Duo on the Block

The year is 5005 A.D. A lot has changed, but it's a pretty cool era. It's because its lifestyle is mainly based on advanced technology and other grand sciences that have been discovered and used to help the world become a better place to live in. Right now, the big technological metropolis filled with skyscrapers in its center and smaller buildings and stores we're in is my hometown: Mobius City. The young fifteen year-old boy wearing a green t-shirt, blue jean shorts, black-and-grey colored sneakers, and a black helmet while skateboarding down the city's streets on a skateboard that's blue, flat, slim, with wheels are very small, while the board itself is quite aerodynamic, is me. My name is Tory Kaota, and I'm loving every bit of this cool era we live in. People say I'm pretty smart and good-hearted, but I'm just doing what I feel is natural for me and those around me. I've got great friends and family, and a pretty good school record at MCCA (Mobius City Cyber Academy). The only thing I don't have... is a Battle Partner.

I know it might be kind of early to explain things this far in the story, but trust me, unless I do, you really won't know what's going on. You see, people here in this era have what we call "Battle Partners". They're animal-like creatures with the minds and personalities of humans, and they are made specifically to assist us in our everyday lives, as well as become friends with. What's special about these Battle Partners is that they're made from a process known as "materialization". First, the human, or "operator" as they are called, buys a big, black, skeleton-shaped figure with cybernetic encryptions within it. This thing is called a Cyber Skeleton, or Cyton for short. Then, the operator decides on how they will customize their Battle Partner: what animal they will be, what age they will start out at when they are materialized, and most importantly, what powers they will have. There are three types of Battle Partners: Speed, Flight, and Power. Speed-type Battle Partners are based mostly on both being and striking fast, Flight-types are usually based on attacking from a distance and maneuvering in the air, and Power-types are based on striking hard, fast, and taking no prisoners. Now, the powers and abilities that Battle Partners have come in two kinds: a standard attack and elemental attacks. A standard attack is an attack that the Battle Partner can go ahead and use without any problems, and an elemental attack is an attack based on one of the seven main elements in this futuristic era: fire, water, light, earth, ice, wind, and darkness. The elemental attacks are activated by a special activation program called Ring Experience, or R.E. for short. This program exists within each Battle Partners' Cyton memory core, which is basically their brain. This program can only be activated via a special small device called a Battle Computer. Once the operator has made all of the following decisions, they are then able to materialize the data they have created for their Battle Partner to make the Battle Partner itself be one.

Once that happens, the Battle Partner is ready to cooperate with its operator.

While Battle Partners are used to help their operators, they can also be used to fight each other in a match of friendly competition called a Cyber Fight. But sometimes, the fight becomes more about taking down the opponent than having fun with them. I say this because it's a known fact that some Cyber-fighting duos are a lot more interested in helping themselves than each other, if you know what I mean. But nowadays, those kinds of things are only half of the world's worries. But I'll explain that to you later.

Bottom line, it's pretty cool to have a Battle Partner and become a friendly duo with them. Well, that's how I see it, anyway. But even so, it's not that much of a big deal to me because believe it or not, my luck with that is about to change. I'm stopping here because I've arrived at my school, Mobius City Cyber Academy, one of my most favorite places in the city. It's a large a white school building that's three stories high, has two gymnasiums, one for operators and Battle Partners to train together and another for big school competitions and announcements, a large picnicking area in the back, an indoor cafeteria, an average school library, and a large swimming pool. So, I just take off my helmet to reveal my short brown, and carry both it and my board into the building until I reach my locker. I enter the combination on its blue colored number pad, it opens, and I put my gear up in it and take some of my school books out. I just casually walk to my homeroom class, until I walk through the double-doors leading to the hallway it's found in. There, I drop my books and say,

"What the?!"

To my surprise there's a bunch of bee-like robots hovering above the ground with orange-red spherical robots right beneath them. These things are known to us as Mechanoids, powerful machine-like creatures that cause havoc anywhere they go or pop up from. No one knows where these things came from or who made them, only that they all come in different shapes and sizes, each with a different kind of weapon, and they all have the ability to materialize from the infinite regions of cyberspace and into this one that humans like me live in. Plus, they can create as much damage in cyberspace as they can here in the human world. Occasionally, we refer the world of cyberspace as "the side of technology" and the human world "the side of humanity". But you'll find out about what I'm talking about later on in the series. For now, let's get back to me being in a hallway filled with a bunch of dangerous robots and about to be pummeled to a pulp by them. By the way, the bee-like robots are called Buzz Bombers and the round robots beneath them are called Bomb Tanks. And with that, I'd like to take this moment to let the writer and creator of this story, Victor Saber, to take over narrating privileges from here on out.

Victor?

Thanks, Tory.

Suddenly...

"Tail Swipe!"

"Hammer Slammer!"

The Buzz Bombers in front Tory were immediately sliced in half while the Bomb Tanks were all pummeled together by a giant red hammer, thus destroying the Mechanoids immediately. The explosions that followed weren't THAT powerful at all. Mechanoids are dangerous, but small fries like those two kinds are very easy to beat. After all, the smaller they are, the lighter they explode. Anyway, the ones that had just saved Tory were a young dark yellow fox with two tails and a young pink hedgehog wearing a red dress and matching boots carrying a big red hammer with both of her hands. The fox was Miles Prower, but he everyone called him "Tails" and the hedgehog was Amy Rose.

Miles "Tails" Prower

Age: 10

Type: Flight

Standard Attack: Tail Swipe

Amy Rose

Age: 13

Type: Power

Standard Attack: Hammer Slam

As for their operators, they were standing right behind them. Tails' operator was a teenage dark colored boy with short black hair wearing a yellow t-shirt, black shorts, and white tennis shoes, and Amy's was a cute teenage girl with long orange hair wearing a red tank top t-shirt and long blue jeans with black and white sneakers; Tails' operator was named Caleb Jineer, Amy's operator was named Janetta Garden, they were both Tory's age, and they've been his best friends since grade school.

"Phew!" Tory said, in a very relieved way, "Boy, am I glad to see you guys."

"You okay, Tor?" Caleb asked me.

"Yeah, thanks to you guys I am. Mind telling me what's going on here?"

"To make a long story short," Tails began to explain, "these Mechanoids just materialized out of our home room teacher's laptop and started causing trouble in this hallway. No one's been hurt and we've all been doing a good job pushing them back, but we gotta keep it up or else there's going to be even more trouble." Amy held up her hammer high and said,

"Then let's start cleaning this schoolhouse up!" She charged at the Buzz Bombers and Bomb Tanks that were still in the hallway causing all kinds of mayhem, and started to swing her hammer wildly, taking out as many as she could.

"Wow," Tory said with a surprised look on his face, "That Amy sure knows how to throw down the gavel."

"You can say that again," Janetta said with a bit of a nervous but humorous look on her face."

"Well," says Tails, as he started to spin his tails together like a propeller, "I for one sure don't want to miss out on all of the fun." He flew off in the same direction as Amy.

"Go get him, Tails!" Caleb said, cheering his friend on.

Tails began to spin forward like a wheel in mid-air with his twin tails spinning with him and in front of him. The tails glowed white as the young fox kept slicing through the aerial path of Buzz Bombers and destroying them,

"Tail Swipe!"

"You're doing great guys!" Tory said the Battle Partners, "Keep it up!"

"Thanks!" Tails and Amy said together back at him for just a brief second, long enough for three Buzz Bombers to swoop right behind them without them realizing it, until they both had disturbing looks on their faces and Amy said to Tails,

"There's something very bad right behind us, isn't there?"

"Most likely," the fox replied.

"Hang on, guys!" said Caleb, as he held up his right wrist to himself. What was strapped to his wrist was a small, yellow hand-held computer with many different colored buttons on it. It was his tool he used to assist Tails, his Battle Partner, in combat; it was his Battle Computer. "Ring Experience, Activate!

Wind!" Caleb said, as he pressed a light blue colored button on his Battle Computer. Tails was then surrounded by a light blue colored light,

"Tail Breeze!" He spun his tails like a propeller again, this time creating a powerful gust of wind that blew and hurled the Buzz Bombers away from him and Amy. Just then...

"Keyboard Cannon!" Three pink energy bullets shot out and hit the hurling Mechanoids, thus annihilating them. They came from a gray, energy-shooting shotgun shaped like a musical keyboard, which was being held by a small, violet hedgehog with pink hair wearing a red and purple dress with matching gloves and boots. Next to her was a green hedgehog with long hair that was shifted into some

kind of mohawk wearing a red sleeveless t-shirt and matching sneakers. The violet and green hedgehogs were named Sonia and Manic.

Sonia the Hedgehog

Age: 15

Type: Speed

Standard Attack: Keyboard Cannon

Manic the Hedgehog

Age: 15

Type: Speed

Standard Attack: Drum Sickle

Right behind Sonia was a young teenage girl with short black hair wearing a white t-shirt, a black skirt, and blue and white sneakers, and behind Manic was a young teenage boy with short black hair wearing a blue t-shirt and light blue jeans. The girl was named Jenny, the boy was named Danny, they were each fourteen years old, and were Tory's young twin siblings.

"Want some help guys?" asked Sonia.

"Yes, please," replied Amy.

"Heads up!!" said Manic, as he pointed to the Mechanoids behind them. The Buzz Bombers were pointing their stingers at Tails, Amy, Sonia, Manic, Danny, and Jenny, as well as the Bomb Tanks, who had opened the top of their hatches to reveal they had gun barrels ready to fire.

"We've got this," said Jenny.

"That we do!" said Danny. The twins each held up a green plastic card, which seemed to look like a credit card, with a picture of a light green circle on it.

Hey there, guys! Tory Kaota here. Sorry to interrupt, but, apparently I forgot one important detail: aside from using a Battle Computer to help out the Battle Partner, an operator has special cybernetic cards called Cyber Cards. They come in three different kinds: Attack, Defense, and Recovery. You'll soon learn what each kind does. The way these cards work is that each one carries data that can be materialized into either matter or energy by sliding the card through the Battle Computer's card reader. Once the data has been materialized, the Battle Partner then uses it as a weapon, a shield, etc., depending on the type of Cyber Card and its data's primary function. You'll see what I'm talking about right about...now! Take it away, Victor.

Thanks, Tory.

"Barrier!" Jenny and Danny said together, as they each swiped the green card through their blue Battle Computer's card reader, which was found on the right side of the screen, "Defense Card, Ready! Protection!" Manic and Sonia quickly got in front of Tails and Amy, and two green energy barriers appeared out of thin air, protecting all four of the Battle Partners together. It was at that moment the Buzz Bombers launched small balls of energy from their stingers, as well as the Bomb Tanks did from the gun barrels, at the Battle Partners. However, the green force field was protecting them from harm. After the Mechanoids were done firing at them, the force field disappeared.

"Time to end this," said Manic, as he ran straight towards the remaining Mechanoids. He pulled out a drumstick, the kind you used to play the drums, not the food, and twirled it around to make it transform into a blade. "Take this, Mechadudes!" said Manic, "Drum Sickle!!" He slashed his way through the path of deadly robots using the blade, destroying them all in one swift swoop. All of the Buzz Bombers and Bomb Tanks that had been attacking the hallway were now completely destroyed. The battle was over and won.

"Nicely done, guys," said Tory, "That was sweet!"

"Well, what did you expect?" Amy said, confidently carrying her hammer upon the back of her neck,

“There’s not a Mechanoid out there that can beat us.”

“But man, this is getting old fast,” said Caleb, “This is the fifteenth random Mechanoid attack on our school this semester. Plus, they’ve been attacking other Cyber Academies all over the world. Dude, I swear that this really tanks.” He then turned to what was left of the Bomb Tanks and said, “No pun intended, of course.”

“Speaking of the Mechanoids,” said Tails, “What do you guys make of that?” He was pointing to left over piece of scrap metal from one of the destroyed robots. Tory and the others all walked over to it, and examined it to see that the piece of metal had a black-colored symbol shaped like a circle with a thin triangle pointing out of the top of its right half and a black rectangle in the center of the circle. Tails carefully picked up the metal piece.

“Strange,” said Chris, “We’ve scrapped tons of Mechanoids before, but none of them have ever had this symbol on them before.”

“Well, I think I know why,” said Danny, “This symbol here practically looks like something a preschooler drew.” Tory could tell that obviously, his brother was trying to be funny.

“This symbol must be some kind of insignia belonging to whoever’s been causing these Mechanoids to attack and cause so much mayhem,” said Tory.

“I think it might be a good idea if we report to this to Headmasters Steven and Chuck,” said Jenny.

“Yeah,” said Janetta, “They might be able to tell us who this symbol belongs to.”

And with that, Tory and gang headed straight for the office of the Cyber Academy’s Headmasters, Steven Kaota and his retired Battle Partner, Chuck the Hedgehog, a.k.a Tory’s uncle and his uncle’s Battle Partner. The Headmaster duo’s office was pretty fancy and spacious, as any Headmaster’s office would be. As for Steven, he was a tall middle-aged man with grey-white hair and a mustache, dressed in a white dress shirt and long blue dress pants, and Chuck was a small blue hedgehog who was about the same age as Steven and also had a white mustache.

When Tory and friends presented them with the symbol they had found, the Headmaster duo carefully examined it. After a minute or two of observation, Steven said, “I don’t believe it…”

“What’s wrong, sir?” asked Tory.

“This marking you have found is the symbol of the Robolords.”

“The who?” asked Janetta.

“The Robolords,” said Chuck, “An old organization that produces and uses Mechanoids to do their dirty work. Kids, what we’re about to tell you is very important.”

“Indeed it is,” said Steven, as he began to explain, “You see, the Robolords are the most horrible, cold-hearted organization in history. It all happened about 30 years ago, back when Chuck and I were a student duo at Soleanna Cyber Academy. The world had a bit of a powerful crime organization to deal with, and that organization was known as the Robolords. Their leader was a brilliant scientist named Dr. Ivo Robotnik. He was a real expert on technology and robotics, but pretty soon his love for both sciences got the best of him. He thought that the Earth’s side of technology should rule over the side of humanity instead of the humans, but no one agreed with him. He thought that if no one would agree with him, then he would have to take matters into his own hands.”

“Robotnik created and illegally sold disks that contained data that when installed into a Battle Computer,” said Chuck, “It turned the Battle Partner into a stronger, better-skilled, and faster learning creature, but at a terrible price… It would also transform the Battle Partner into a living, breathing android. The disks were called Robotisation Disks, and it was already known to the entire world that the Robolords had to be stopped once and for all. Every single Cyber Academy and world organization agreed to work together in order to stop Robotnik’s madness.”

“Pretty soon,” said Steven, “there was a war that intertwined the fates of both the sides of humanity and technology. A war that was so tremendous, that it made World War II look like the longest game of

“Cops and Robbers” ever played. But in the end, the Robolords were defeated, the Robotisation Disks were destroyed, and Dr. Robotnik was sentenced to an eternity in prison. And that’s the story.” Tory and the others were incredibly surprised by the story Steven and Chuck had just finished telling them.

“Whoa...” Danny said deeply, “Sounds like this Robotnik guy was one heck of a bad seed.”

“You’ve got that right,” said Steven, “The only thing is that Robotnik was in his very late 40’s when that war happened.”

“Wouldn’t that mean that he’s most likely dead now?” asked Tory.

“Well, yes,” said Steven, “That’s what Chuck and I have always thought. But now that you’ve brought this symbol to us, it is possible that he’s not only still alive, but has managed to escape from prison, and is planning his revenge on the entire world. And these random Mehanoid attacks are just the very tip of that iceberg.”

“I think it is possible, sir,” said Janetaa, “I once had a classmate in my seventh grade English class who said that her grandma lived up to be one-hundred and twenty years old.” Tory, Steven, Chuck, and the rest of the people in the office felt a bit disturbed after hearing that.

“Ahem, yes, well,” Chuck said, clearing his throat in order to break the silence, “If that is possible, then perhaps Robotnik is still alive.”

“You better report this to the World Cyber Academy Council and the G.U.N., Uncle,” said Tory.

“I agree,” said Steven, “If there is going to be another war, then we better be prepared for anything.”

“Well,” said Tails, “At least we now know who’s been causing all of these Mechanoid attacks.”

“Yeah,” thought Tory, “But I’ve got a feeling that the Robolords have more than just Mechanoids with them right now.”

Later that night, at the Kaota family residence, which was a wide blue house with a dark brown rooftop, a garage with a large white door, and had a black-green SUV that was very mobile and aerodynamic parked right outside of the whole thing, Tory was busy doing his homework in his room; his room had a skinny, dark blue computer sitting on a brown metal desk, a bed with blue covers and pillows, and a few different posters, each of them having pictures of the types of Cyber Cards and R.E. elements, as well as world famous Cyber-fighting duos. Just then, Steven and Chuck walked in.

“Hey, Uncle. Hey, Chuck,” said Tory, “What’s on your mind?”

“Tory,” said his uncle, “There’s something Chuck and I need to tell you about the war that occurred 30 years ago. You see, I told you, your friends, and your siblings that Robotnik was defeated, but I didn’t tell you exactly who it was that defeated him.

“Okay,” said Tory, who didn’t know exactly where this was all going, “So, who was it?”

“You see Tory,” said Steven, “There were several people who defeated him and brought complete balance to the world’s sides of humanity and technology. This may seem unbelievable to you, but...those people...were your parents, myself, and our Battle Partners.

“Say what now?!” Tory asked, who so surprised that he immediately stoop up from his desk’s chair.

“We wanted to tell only you this because you’re the oldest,” said Chuck, “And also because your parents, your uncle, and even their Battle Partners, including myself, are just too old to defeat the Robolords again. We feel that this time, it’s this new generation of duos’ job to stop the Robolords. And it’s about time that you became the operator of your own Battle Partner.”

“Uncle, Chuck,” said Tory, who seemed to be concerned after hearing all of this at once, “I’m sorry, but come on! Knowing that Robotnik was gone for three long decades, he’s got even more tricks up his sleeve in order to try and take over the world. In other words, he’s probably too strong for anybody to stop him!”

“Maybe,” said Steven, “But I have total confidence in you, Tory. Besides, your friends and family will be there to help you out.”

“Well, yeah, but how do you expect me to fight the Robolords? I mean, in case you have forgotten, I’m the only one in this family, and at Mobius Cyber Academy for that matter, who hasn’t earned the right to have a Battle Partner!”

“Until now,” said Steven, who pulled out a regular looking computer disk from his pants pocket and held it up for Tory to see. The young man just stood there amazed to see that his own uncle was about to give him the disk that he could now use to make his own Battle Partner.

“We’ve already talked to the World Cyber Academy Council about this, Tory,” said Chuck, “They’ve approved of it, and now all you have to do is design the kind of Battle Partner you want and let us take care of the rest.”

“Thanks, guys, but-”

“No ifs, ands, or buts about it!” Steven interrupted, “We both know that all of this is vey sudden, as well as short notice, but we both also know that you’ll make a great operator, Tory. After all, you’ve spent a lot of time watching other people fight with their Battle Partners, as well as studying them, how they fight together, and how they work in perfect sync. You’ve got all the knowledge that’s needed to help you out, and besides that, you’ve got your parents’ fighting genes in you. The will to fight for what’s truly right for the world runs deep in your blood, Tory.”

“You can do this,” said Chuck, “You know what they say, ‘Like senior, like junior.’”

Tory looked at the CD his uncle was still holding up to him long enough to see his own reflection in it. He then took the CD to look at it some more; he was doing some serious thinking. Maybe he did have what it took to be an operator. After all, he always wanted to be an operator more than anything, and now was his chance to be one. Tory smiled and faced Steven,

“Ok, Uncle...” he said with an honest and determined look on his face, “I’ll do it.”

“That’s my nephew,” said Steven, as he proudly put his arm around the boy into a prideful hug.

During that week, Tory went ahead and worked on the design, appearance, and attacks of his Battle Partner, as well as buying his own Battle Computer and a set of the best Cyber Cards he could find and get. Because he wanted it to be a surprise, he didn’t discuss the new Battle Partner he would soon be having to anyone except his uncle and Chuck. Around the time his Battle Partner was only less than a day away from being ready to be materialized, Steven suggested that he help him add a couple of “special” features to its design. Tory was really surprised to hear what they were, but he went ahead and let Steven do his thing without giving it a second thought. It was all going great. However, on that following Friday, the day of the materialization, the school had another Mechanoid infestation that seemed to be just a little bit more than we could handle.

BOOM!!!!

And by “infestation,” I really mean “total invasion.” It was all taking place outside of the Cyber Academy this time. The Mechanoids that were attacking it were green robots with drills for hands and tank treadmills for feet, chicken-like robots with wings that are razor-sharp and rotate together as a blade propeller, and gray diamond-shaped robots that open up their outer shells to reveal a laser gun; the green robots were called Grounder Tanks, the chicken robots were Scratchers, and the diamond robots were Mirrors.

As many of the academy’s teachers, students, and their Battle Partners were fighting back, Tory, Steven, Chuck, and some other professors and teachers were all gathered together in one of the school’s large computer science labs, watching what was happening outside through a window.

“This isn’t good,” said Steven, “At this rate, the entire academy will be destroyed! It looks like you’ll get to use your Battle Partner much sooner than expected, Tory.”

“I like the sound of that,” said Tory, half-smiling, “But do you really think I can handle all of those

Mechanoids by myself?"

"To be honest, I'm wondering the same thing. Just do the best you can out there, Tory." Steven then walked up and put his hands on his nephew's shoulders, "And remember the most important thing when being an operator: mainly trust not what you think or see, but what you feel."

"I understand."

Tory took the Cyton he had been given by the Cyber Academy and placed it in a grey-violet pod standing up next to a large purple-and-black colored computer. Steven and Chuck then started typing on the computer's keyboard, then pressed its Enter button, making the inside of the pod shoot out a ray of white energy that engulfed the Cyton from the bottom-up.

"It looks like the materialization process is working well, so far," said Chuck. And that it was: the energy surrounded the Cyton's limbs, body, and head, and then began to transform it all into the flesh and fur of a blue hedgehog.

"I just hope that this Battle Partner we have created is powerful enough to at least help destroy those Mechanoids and save this school," said Steven.

"So do I, my good friend..." said Chuck, "So do I."

Meanwhile, back outside the academy, Janetta, Caleb, Chris, Danny, Jenny, and their respective Battle Partners were all working together to help destroy the Mechanoids that were attacking the school.

"Ring Experience," they said together, "Activate!"

Janetta pressed a blue button on her red Battle Computer, Caleb pressed a silver-grey one, Danny a green one, and Jenny a purple one.

"Water!" said Janetta, as Amy was surrounded by a blue light.

"Ice!" said Caleb, as Tails was surrounded by a silver one.

"Earth!" said Danny, as Manic was surrounded by a green one.

"Darkness!" said Jenny, as Sonia was surrounded by a purple one.

The light surrounding Amy transferred to her hammer, which mechanically transformed into a red bazooka, and she aimed it at some of the Grounder Tanks, "Bubble Bazooka!" She fired a massive barrage of blue bubble-shaped energy bolts that hit the tanks, drenched them in water, and caused them to short circuit.

"Frosty Twister!" said Tails, as his tail propeller created and blew a massive gust of ice and wind right at the Scratchers, causing them to become frozen solid.

The purple light that was surrounding Sonia transferred to the inside of her keyboard gun.

"Gravity Blaster!" she said, as she fired blasts of purple colored negative energy from her keyboard gun and at the Mirrors, causing each of them to fall to the ground and be stuck to it. Sonia then turned to Manic, who had transferred the green light around him to the pair of drumsticks he was now carrying in his hands, "They're all yours, Manic!"

"Sweet!" he said, as he twirled the drumsticks around before slamming both of them hard on the ground beneath him and saying, "Rockin' Earthquake!!" The slam caused an upward tectonic shift to rise at the Mirrors and destroy them.

Everyone was doing their very best to fight back, but no matter what anyone did, it wasn't enough. Eventually, the Mechanoids had forced all of the teachers, students, and their Battle Partners to be gathered together in one spot with their back towards each other; they were completely surrounded.

"There's just too many of them!" said Janetta.

"This isn't good!" said Caleb.

"Correct me if I'm wrong," said Sonia, "but isn't this usually the kind of situation where someone comes up with a great idea to save everyone's hides at the very last minute?"

It looked like it was the end for Mobius City Cyber Academy, but just then, out of nowhere...

"Hey, techno-freaks!!" called out an extremely loud voice. All of the attacking Mechanoids immediately

stopped what they're doing, turned around, and see that it was Tory calling out to them, "Leave them peers of mine alone!!"

"Tory??" asked Janetta.

"Just what the heck is he doing out here?" asked Manic.

"Tory, get out of here!" said Jenny, "It's too dangerous for you to be here!"

"It's okay, you guys," said Tory, as held up his friends couldn't believe to see; a blue Battle Computer strapped to his left arm wrist, "I'm prepared."

"No...freaking...way!" said Caleb, with an incredibly surprised look on his face.

"Way..." Tory said coolly, "Now!!"

"Sonic Spin!!" said another voice out of nowhere. Just then, a dash of blue light streaked across a part of the large group of Mechanoids, then it came to hit another part of it, and then again, and again, and again, and again; all of the Mechanoids that were being hit by the dash were being sent flying into the air and falling to the ground, breaking up into scrap metal.

"Whoa!" said Manic, "What's going on?"

"I'm not sure," said Janetta, "but I think what's going on is Tory's new Battle Partner."

The blue streak then started to dash around and through all of the rest of the Mechanoids that had surrounded the entire student body and school faculty. Everyone was only to make out what the streak looked like: a blue spinning wheel. In no time at all, all of the Mechanoids had been sent hurling to the ground busted and everyone was free from their trap.

"To make a big introduction short but sweet," said Tory, as the blue wheel headed straight toward him, "I'd like to introduce you all to my new Battle Partner." The blue wheel stopped spinning, and out of it came some kind of small figure that skidded on the ground in a bit of a show-off way until it was right beside Tory and facing everyone he was facing; the figure was a small blue hedgehog wearing white gloves and red sneakers with a white striping and a gold shoe buckle on their sides. And with that, Tory said, "Say hello to Sonic the Hedgehog!"

Sonic the Hedgehog

Age: 15

Type: Speed

Standard Attack: Sonic Spin

"Awesome!!" said Manic, excitedly, "I've got a brother of my own now!!"

"Good for you," Sonia said sarcastically.

A good number of the Mechanoids that had been hurled into the air and back to ground hard were getting up, ready to charge at the meddling rodent that sucker-attacked them.

"Time to clean up the rest of this mess," said Tory, "Ready, Sonic?"

"Ready!"

"Then let's do this," said Tory, as he pressed a yellow button on his Battle Computer, "Ring Experience, Activate! Light!"

Sonic ran at the remaining group of Mechanoids while being surrounded by a yellow light. He then jumped into the air and spun forward like a wheel while creating a yellow spiked energy flux in front of his spinning form. "Homing Attack!" he said, as hit a good number of the remaining Mirrors while also hitting all of the remaining Grounder Tanks; he hit and destroyed each of these with only one hit at a time.

"Whoa!!" said Tails, "Look at him go!"

"I've never seen a Battle Partner be that fast before!" said Caleb, "He's got to be the fastest one ever created!"

"Try the fastest thing alive," thought Tory, as he then looked at the person/people reading this and raised his eyebrows at them multiple times as if he was wittily hinting them about something.

Sonic landed on the ground while still having the yellow light around him, and noticed that the rest of the Mirrors had opened themselves up to reveal their small laser cannons; they were about to fire at him. He dashed off while they chased after him, trying to shoot him with their lasers, but Sonic kept avoiding them with great speed and agility.

"Hey, how come his Light aura hasn't gone out yet?" Amy asked Janetta.

"I don't know," said Janetta, "but I think we should focus less on his current state and worry about ours."

"Why do you say that?"

"Oh, I don't know. Maybe it has something to do with the fact that... he's leading those Mirrors right towards us!!" Sonic skidded to a halt while spinning around to face the Mirrors; he stopped right in front of Janetta and Amy.

"Hi there," he waved at them.

"Time for the R.E. Shift, Sonic!" Tory called out to him.

"Got it!" said Sonic, as the yellow light surrounding changed to a purple color. The Mirrors fired their lasers at Sonic, but he immediately spun like a wheel again; this time, in mid-air and with a purple color. "Reflector Spin!" The lasers hit Sonic, but were spun around with him and sent right back at the Mirrors, destroying every last one of them. Sonic landed on the ground after that.

"Wow..." Amy said deeply amazed.

"You can say that again," said Janetta.

"Bet you didn't see that coming, now did you?" said Sonic, as he winked at the girls and, apparently, the reader(s).

"Heads up, Sonic!" Tory called out to him. Sonic looked to see that all of the remaining Scratchers were charging at Sonic while their razor-wing propellers were spinning.

"Chicken stampede at 3 o'clock," said Sonic, "Wow, it's only my first fight and I'm already a chick-magnet." The current image of the reader(s) shifted to Manic sitting at a drum set and doing a drum rim shot for Sonic's smart remark.

"Let's end this," said Tory, as he pulled out from his pocket a small, red plastic card with a picture of a yellow metal spear on it, and began swiping it through his Battle Computer's card reader, "Spark Spear! Attack Card, Ready! Equiption!"

Just then, a yellow metal spear materialized upon Sonic right arm wrist; the spear was strapped to the wrist and its spear tip was beginning to spark with static electricity. Sonic ran quickly at the Scratchers, then skid along the ground with his spear ready to attack them.

"Spark Strike!" he said, once he had skidded close enough to jab his spear into the Scratcher leading the group. A burst of static electricity shocked and destroyed both it and all of the other Scratchers. As the Spark Spear dematerialized, Sonic said, "Now that's what I call 'fried chicken.'"

"We did it!!" Tory said excitedly, "We won our first fight!!"

The whole school cheered while Janetta, Caleb, Danny, and Jenny all ran at and hugged Tory so hard that it caused all of them to collapse to the ground.

"That was so cool!!" said Janetta.

"Way to go, man!" said Caleb.

"Sweet job, bro!" said Danny.

"You and your Battle Partner were amazing!!" said Jenny.

"Okay, guys, take it easy!" Tory said, laughing happily. "I'm real happy, too!"

Meanwhile, Tails, Amy, Manic, and Sonia all walked up to Sonic to congratulate him.

"DU-U-UDE!!" Manic said loudly, "That was awesome!!"

"Yeah, you were unbelievable!" said Sonia.

"You were so cool!" said Amy.

“Thanks, guys!” said Sonic.

“So, what was your name again?” asked Tails.

“The name is Sonic...Sonic the Hedgehog.”

“Sonic the Hedgehog, huh?” Amy thought, “Cool name...”

“Well, we did it, Sonic,” said Tory, as he and his friends and siblings walked over to him, “We saved both the Cyber Academy and my friends.”

“Yep,” said Sonic, “And I’d say our partnership is off to a good start. Don’t you think?”

“Heck yeah, I do!”

“So, Tory,” said Sonic, “Don’t take this the wrong way, but do you think you’ve got what it takes to be my operator?”

“Only if you think you’ve got what it takes to be my Battle Partner.” Tory stuck out his hand to Sonic, “So, what do you say? Wanna help me take down the Robolords, and become a great duo... and even greater friends?”

The two of them just smiled at each other.

“I say,” Sonic began, “that’s sounds like an offer that I can’t refuse.”

And with that, the two of them shook hands, and began their new partnership as a heroic duo.

Tory Kaota here! Well, folks, there you have it. That’s how my life as an operator began. Now, Sonic and I are ready for anything, including the Robolords. But just what kinds of adventures and challenges lay ahead for us? Well, Sonic and I may not have that much of an idea what, but we definitely know that nothing is going to stop us from defeating the Robolords and saving the world. So stay tuned for more action-packed excitement in the next chapter of...

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Chapter Two: Making Acquaintances

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Approximately 6 hours after Tory and Sonic's first win

At the Kaota household, Tory, his uncle, siblings, Chris, Janetta, and their Battle Partners were having a big dinner in celebration of Tory and Sonic's very first victory. They were all gathered together around in the dining room; they were all feasting on spaghetti, lasagna, hamburgers, chicken, mixed vegetables, and ice cream of the three favorite flavors.

"Man," said Sonic, "This big dinner was a great idea!"

"You can say that again," said Tory, "Thanks for holding it for us in our honor, Uncle."

"Anything for my nephews," said Steven, "But I can't all of the credit. After all, Janetta, Amy, Jenny, and Sonia helped out with making this feast possible."

"Well," said Danny, "You guys did a great job."

"I'll say," said Manic, "We're practically having our own feeding frenzy here."

"Hey, Steven?" asked Sonic.

"Yes, Sonic?" said the uncle.

"Just out of curiosity, what exactly are those long stick-looking things there?" Sonic was pointing to a nearly untouched plate of hot dogs slightly marinating in chili.

"Those would be chili dogs," said Steven.

"You should try one, Sonic," said Janetta, "Amy and I made them ourselves."

"I don't know," said Sonic. He thought the chili dogs did look pretty interesting, but exactly enough to get him to eat one.

"Come on," said Amy, as she picked up a chili dog and handed to Sonic, "You wouldn't want to disappoint a couple of girls who helped your family work real hard on every single serving of this feast, would you??"

"Well..."

"Oh, no," said Tory, had just realized something, "Sonic, whatever you do, don't look at Amy in the eyes. I repeat: shield...your...eyes."

Sonic turned to Tory and asked, "Why?" But when he turned back to face Amy, he saw why, and a little creped out by what he saw: Amy Rose giving him a sincere begging face where her eyes were supposed to be as cute as a baby hedgehog's.

"Too late," said Caleb.

"Okay," said Sonic, as he took the chili dog from Amy, "I guess one dog wouldn't really hurt me, unless I've already eaten as much as I can." He took a bite of the dog, and then he stopped eating as his eyes' pupils expanded, making it look like he was incredibly focused at the moment. He then fainted downward and backward in his chair, frozen in his current state.

"Sonic, are you okay?" Tory asked. The blue hedgehog then held up the chili dog as high in the air as he could in his current position and said,

"This...is...the best thing I have ever tasted in my entire life, despite the fact that I've only lived six hours of it so far!!"

"I'm guessing he's okay," said Tails.

After they finished, everyone sat, and laid down in the living room.

"Whew!" said Tory, as he rubbed his full stomach, "You and the girls sure know how to cook something satisfying, Uncle." He then burped a major burp, "Excuse me."

"That's nothing," said Danny, as he burped even louder.

"Dude," said Manic, "That is just wrong. The proper way to burp is like this..." The green hedgehog then burped up something major.

"You guys are so immature," said Sonia.

"Yeah," said Jenny, "Besides, this is how you do it..." She burped up a very big one.

"I think I can beat that," said Sonic, as he took in a deep breath and then...

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He had belched so loud, that the just about the entire suburban area that they all lived in could hear it.

"DUDE!!" Manic said, laughing, "That...was...AWE-SOME!!"

"I think we've got a winner," said Tory.

"Wait!" said Tails, "I wanna give it a try!"

"Then let it rip, little buddy," said Caleb. Tails took in a deep breath like Sonic had, and got ready to let all of his inner gas out. Except for one problem....

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Tails had let all of that gas out the backdoor instead of the front, even you know what I mean. Tails just smiled nervously and let it his face turn red while Tory, Sonic, and the rest of the gang just laughed and giggled uncontrollably.

"Okay, I'll admit it," said Sonic, "That comes real close to beating me."

"So," asked Janetta, as she and everyone else was trying to calm down from all of the hilarity that had just happened, "Who's up for some Cyber Fighting on the Web?"

"Cyber Fighting?" asked Sonic, "What's that?"

"You'll see," said Sonia. And with that, Troy and his friends headed for the computer in his room.

Tory's bed had now become a double bunker; Sonic had already called dibs on the top once it had been done being put together. Tory quickly got on the Web, and entered a code called SSCFC in the keyword box. He then pressed the Enter key on his keyboard.

"Okay, Sonic," said Tory, "What we need to do now is to plug our Battle Computers into this plug-box." He pulled out a black, plastic box that was connected with the computer and had plug connectors in it, "After that, we activate the Transmission Code. You'll see what happens then."

"Okay," said Sonic, as Tory pulled out a plug from his Battle Computer and plugged it in the box, as so did Caleb, Janetta, Danny, and Jenny. Tory then looked at Sonic, who seemed kind of uneasy with what was about to happen next.

"Ready?" he asked.

"Ready," said Sonic.

"You okay?" asked Tails.

"Just a bit...nervous is all."

"Don't worry, Sonic. Everything is going to be great, especially since we're going to the best place on the web."

“Alright!” said Tory, “Let’s go! Transmission Code, Activate!” He pressed the Transmission Button on his Battle Computer, as so did Caleb, Janetta, Danny, and Jenny as they all said, “Transmission Code, Activate!” At that moment, Sonic’s body began to glow blue. He then noticed that the other Battle Partners began to glow as well, only Tails was glowing yellow, Amy: pink, Manic: green, and Sonia: purple. Just at that moment, the five Battle Partners began to become solid beams of light that shot towards Tory’s computer, and into its screen. Sonic felt like he was being sucked into some kind of digital vortex. He was so scared, he closed his eyes.

“Sonic,” said Manic, “You can open your eyes. Everything is alright.” Sonic opened his eyes very slowly to see that he and the other Battle Partners were flying in mid-air through some kind of black-and-green tunnel.

“Whoa!!” he said in amazement, “Where are we??”

“We’re surfing through the net,” Tails answered, “Only it isn’t really ‘surfing’, it’s more like ‘transmitting’.

“Transmitting?”

“Yeah. You see, Sonic, when a Battle Partner’s operator activates the Transmission Code, the Battle Partner’s materialized body transforms into digital, cybernetic data, making them capable of checking out specific parts of the side of technology. For example: the Internet. And the Web is this huge cybernetic dimension where all Battle Partners go to hang out and stuff.”

“Wow! So we’re being transmitted to the place where Tory entered its keyword?”

“That’s right,” said Amy, “You’re going to love the part of the Web we’re being sent to Sonic.”

The five of them then entered a very bright gate, sending them to the place they were sent to go. Once there, they were standing in the middle of a huge, digital, skyscraper-filled city. Sonic then noticed that the palm of his hand was glowing with a light bluish color, and then it showed a hologram of Tory.

“Welcome to Station Square, Sonic,” said Tory, talking to him over the hologram projector. Over on the side of humanity, or the human world, Tory’s Battle Computer was projecting a fully well-colored hologram of Sonic and the other Battle Partners.

“Whoa!” said Sonic, “This is sweet!”

“Well, hey,” said Sonia, “It’s the fifty-first century. What did you expect it to be?”

“So, where are we going?” asked Sonic.

“There,” said Tails, as he pointed to a silver dome that seemed to be about forty feet away, “the Cyber Fight Coliseums.”

“Then let’s go!” said Sonic, as he then ran towards the coliseums with great speed.

“Hey!” Amy called out to him, “Wait for us!”

Once there, Sonic discovered that there were three different kinds of coliseums each with a different color: the coliseum that he was in front of was colored blue, the one on his right was yellow, and, finally, the one on his left was red. Shortly after he realized this, he noticed that Amy, Tails, Sonia, and Manic had caught up with him.

“Do you always have to run off like that?” asked Sonia.

“Sorry,” Sonic apologized, “Got too excited, I guess. So what’s with these coliseums? Each of their entrances is a different color.”

“Well, Sonic,” said Tails, “each of these coliseums has a different color because each one is for a specific type of Battle Partner. The blue one is for Speed-type Battle Partners only, the yellow one is for Flight-type Battle Partners only, and the red one is for Power-type Battle Partners only.”

“So when it comes to Cyber Fighting, Battle Partners can only fight each other as long as their both the same type?”

“Well, only here at the coliseums. Since you, Manic, and Sonia are Speed-types, you’re Cyber Fighting here at the blue coliseum.”

“So you’re headed to the yellow one since you’re a Flight-type, right?”

“Yep.”

“And I’m off to the red one since I’m a Power-type,” said Amy.

“Well, alright,” said Sonic, “Good luck to both of you. Come on, hedgehogs, let’s go!”

“Yeah!” said Manic.

“Let’s go for it!” said Sonia. And with that, each of the five Battle Partners headed for their own coliseums. Little did they know that high above them, a small floating camera was watching. On the back of that camera was a symbol shaped like a circle, with a window-shaped rectangle on the top half of the circle, and a thin triangle coming out of the circle.

After about half an hour of signing up for their fights, the five Battle Partners were ready to begin.

“Hello, Station Square!” said the announcer over the coliseum intercom, “Welcome to another exciting round of Cyber Fights, taking place here at the Cyber Fight Coliseums! Coming up, we have a real treat for all of you. In the Speed Coliseum, we’ll be having a three-against-three fight held on the Battle Field of Earth known as the Meadow Field: it’s Sonic, Manic, and Sonia the Hedgehogs against three powerful machines known as Drill Demolishers, only they’ll be fighting three different kinds: a Fire Drill Demolisher, a Tornado Drill Demolisher, and a Tsunami Drill Demolisher. In the Flight Coliseum, it’s the flying fox, Tails Prower, against a big time Mechanoid known as a Hawk Soldier. The fight will be held on the Battle Field of Water known as the Lake Field. The young fox does indeed to have skill and guts, but can he take this big bird down? Finally, in the Power Coliseum, it’s the hammer hero, Amy Rose, who is also up against a big time Mechanoid, only that the Mechanoid is an even bigger problem than the Hawk Soldier! For she’ll be going up against a big, bad Breaker! The fight will be held on the Battle Field of Fire known as the Lava and Crater Field. And for you Cyber Fighting rookies out there, don’t worry. These Mechanoids are just downloaded copies of the real deal. Now, without further a do... Battle Partners, it’s time to get your fight on!”

“I can’t believe we’re not going up against other Battle Partners, and having to deal with these training guys,” said Sonic, who sounded a bit irritated and disappointed.

“Well, Sonic,” said Sonia, “This is your first time in a real Cyber Fight, so we thought we start you off easy.”

“Then how come Tails and Amy are fighting Mechanoids, too?”

“Because, Sonic,” said Sonia, “since you’re starting to fight big time Mechanoids, especially as a rookie, they thought they should try to do the same thing.”

“Didn’t wanna leave me hanging, huh? Alright then, let’s do this!”

“Roger!” said Sonia.

“Let’s rock and roll!” said Manic.

The siren went off, and the fight started. The three drills each looked like a drilling machine with arms and legs coming out of it, and eyes on the top of the driller box, only the Fire-one was colored red, the Tornado-one was colored green, and the Tsunami-one was colored blue. The Fire-one started to spin its drill, and pretty soon it started to ignite fire at the base of it and fired a tornado of fire at Sonic. The Tornado-one did the same thing, only it generated and launched a tornado of wind at Sonia. The Tsunami-one also did it, but it whipped up and launched a spinning current of water at Manic.

“Ring Experience, Activate!” said Tory, Danny, and Jenny together, each pressing a different colored button on their Battle Computers. Sonic was surrounded by a green light, while Manic was surrounded by a yellow one, and Sonia, a silver one. Sonic jumped into the air, just in time to dodge the tornado of fire.

“Buzz Saw Attack!” said Sonic, as the fins on his back grew sharper and longer, like the blades found on a buzz saw, and started to spin towards the Fire Drill Demolisher, with his spinning form looking like a spinning buzz saw. But just as soon as he was about to make contact with the Mechanoid, even though

he was spinning at the time, he managed to catch a quick glimpse of a small marking on top of the Mechanoid's head. The marking looked a lot like that of the Robolords'. He sliced through the Mechanoid, and destroyed it. He stopped spinning and landed on the grass of the Meadow Field while streaking into a show off-like power slide.

"Bell Dome!" said Manic. The yellow light that was surrounding him had then transformed into a huge bell that covered him just in time before the swirling torrent hit him. "Is that all you got? Danny, hit me!" "Right," said Danny, as he drew out a card with a picture of a blue bracelet with some kind of plastic pendant on it, "Bounce Bracelet! Attack Card, Ready! Equiption!" He swiped the Cyber Card through the card-reader of his Battle Computer, thus downloading the data onto Manic, whom received and was equipped with the weapon on his right hand's wrist.

"Bounce Attack!" Manic then jumped into the air, made the bell that had been around him to disappear, started to spin forward like a wheel, in which he then dropped to the ground of the Meadow Field, ricocheted off of it, and towards the Tsunami Drill Demolisher. He hit the Mechanoid with great force and knocked it down hard. But by the time the Mechanoid regained its balance, its right hand turned into a huge water nozzle and aimed it for Manic while he was still in mid-air.

"Uh, oh!" said Sonic, who saw what was about to happen to his brother. He ran as fast as he could to intercept the Tsunami Drill Demolisher while the light around him changed from green to purple. He jumped up and started to spin like a wheel, trying to intercept the Mechanoid's gushing assault, "Reflector Spin!" The Tsunami Drill Demolisher fired a huge gush of water out of its nozzle and right at Manic, but Sonic intercepted it just in time with his Darkness-based Ring Experience attack. The somersault repelled the gush of water right back at the Mechanoid with such tremendous force, that the water short circuited it and destroyed it.

As for Sonia and the Tornado Drill Demolisher, she pulled out her electric keyboard shotgun and aimed it at the Mechanoid.

"Blizzard Beam!" she said, as a silver energy beam shout out of her piano's gun barrel and headed towards the Mechanoid. The beam went through the opening of the tornado of wind, disrupted it, and not only hit the Mechanoid, but also froze him in a block of ice. The buzzer then went off as the announcer said, "The battle is over! The Hedgehogs win!"

"We did it!" said the three hedgehogs and their operators together. And the crowd went wild.

"Well, folks, this has been quite a show here at the Speed Coliseum. Now let's see how Tails and the Hawk Soldier are doing in the Flight Coliseum."

"Come on," said Sonic, as he ran to Coliseum's exit, "Let's go to the Flight Coliseum and cheer on for Tails."

"What about Amy?" asked Sonia.

"I'm sure she's doing just fine. Tory already told me today that even though she may seem cute, she's definitely some kind of dangerous. Now, come on!" And with that, the three hedgehogs headed towards the Flight Coliseum.

Meanwhile, Tails and the Hawk Soldier were both hovering over a lake; Tails was using his tail propeller, and the Hawk Soldier, who looked like a big red robot with the head shaped like a hawk's and carrying a big yellow shield on his right hand, was using its heels' hover jets. Both the Mechanoid and Tails were looking pretty banged up.

"Is he okay?" Tory asked Caleb.

"Yeah," said Caleb, "He's okay. While you, your siblings, and your Battle Partners were fighting, Tails was holding up pretty well."

"I just hope he's good enough to take that Mechanoid down," said Tory.

"Oh, don't worry. He is. Ring Experience, Activate!" Caleb pressed the yellow button on his Battle Computer. Tails was then surrounded by a yellow light. He then held his hand up in front of him and at

the Hawk Soldier, and the light transferred to hand. His hand glowed yellow, and began to gather up a large amount of electrical energy until it was in the form of a ball.

"Thunder Shooter!" said Tails, as he fired the ball of electricity at the Mechanoid. Unfortunately, the Hawk Soldier blocked it with its yellow shield.

"Dang it!" said Caleb. The Mechanoid mechanically transformed into a jet plane just then, and charged at Tails.

"I don't think so," said Tails, as he flew up into the air, dodging the Mechanoid's tackle. But then it flew up into the air and chased after him. Tails waited until he was far away enough from the Hawk Soldier. He then stopped cold in the air, waiting for the Mechanoid.

"What's he doing?" asked Jenny.

"Wait for it," said Caleb.

"That's right...." said Tails, "Come to papa.....almost there..." The Hawk Soldier was getting closer and closer with each passing second, until...

"Now, Tails!"

"Roger that!" Tails then stopped spinning his tails, and started spinning himself forward, "Tail Swipe!" His tails flipped with him as he flipped them twice, only his first flip was with his tails separately and the second one was with his tails together. As they flipped, crescent-shaped waves shot right from them. The first two hit and cut off the Hawk Soldier's wings, which sent it falling towards the lake. It appeared it was down, but unfortunately it quickly transformed back into its robot form and quickly activated its hover jets.

"The attack failed!" said Tory.

"Oh, no it didn't," said Caleb. The third wave still hadn't hit its target. The Hawk Soldier drew his shield up to protect himself, only there was one small problem: his shield, which had been used as his wings in his jet mode, had been cut down to size; it wasn't big enough to protect him. The third wave hit the Mechanoid, cutting it in half, and destroyed it. The buzzer went off, signaling the end of the fight.

"Tails Prover is our winner today here at the Flight Coliseum!" said the announcer, "And if I must say that was quite a strategy! Knowing that the shield was the Hawk Soldier's wings when it was in its jet plane mode, Tails sent three waves at it: two for the wings, in which leaving the Mechanoid defenseless in its robot mode, and one for the Mechanoid itself! Not only does that kid have a lot of guts, but he's also got a lot of brain, too!"

"Thank you! Thank you!" said Tails to crowd. He then talked to Caleb over his hologram projector, "We did it!"

"We sure did!" said Caleb.

"Way to go, little guy!" said a voice in the audience. Tails turned to see it was Sonic, Manic, and Sonia who were calling him.

"Hey, guys!" said Tails, as he flew to them, "Did you see me out there?"

"Yeah!" said Sonic, "And believe me, you were awesome out there!"

"Come on, boys," said Sonia, "We've got to get to Amy's fight at the Power Coliseum." And with that, the four of them headed towards the Power Coliseum.

"How's Amy doing, Janetta?" asked Tory.

"So far, so good," she said, "She's really doing very well against that Breaker, but I don't know if she can keep this up much longer."

"Now," said the announcer, "let's see how the fight at the Power Coliseum is going. Hmm, well this is strange; there's no sight of Amy Rose or the Breaker. I wonder where..." But before the announcer could finish, something just landed in the lava of the Lava and Crater Field, "Great Jumping Hackers! What was that?! Let's see here...Oh, my! Amy just hit the Breaker with her extremely large hammer, and sent it into the lava pit." And he wasn't just whistling Dixie, either. For standing heroically on a cliff, with

a freakishly huge hammer, and watching the Breaker, which was a huge black, muscled robot with an equally huge hammer, be devoured by the lava was none other than Amy Rose.

"Whoa!" said Sonic, who was amazed by what had just happened, "I got to say, Janetta, your Battle Partner really does know how to put the 'power' in 'girl power'. Although, how she's able to hold a hammer that big and keep her balance at the same time, I'll never know."

After that, the five of them left the Coliseums.

"Well, guys," said Sonic, "Thanks for taking me here. I had a great time, and I got to know each and every one of you a little bit as well."

"No problem," said Amy, "Although, part of it wasn't really what I expected."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, when I was fighting the Breaker, I noticed that on the top of its head was a strange marking that looked a lot like the symbol of the Robolords that we had found earlier this week."

"The Robolords?!" said everyone on both the sides of humanity and technology.

"Yeah."

"You know," said Sonic, "now that you mention it, I did noticed a symbol like that on top of the head of the Mechanoid I defeated, also, just before it disintegrated."

"Yeah," said Tails, "and I saw something like that on the shield of the Hawk Soldier I defeated."

"Are you guys saying," asked Manic, "that the Robolords might have sent those Mechanoids to fight us?"

"It seems so."

"We've got to report this to Steven and Chuck," said Sonia.

"Right," said Sonic, "but first...how do we get back to the side of humanity?"

"Like this," said Tory as he pushed a button on his Battle Computer, along with Caleb, Danny, Jenny, and Janetta, "Materialization Code, Activate!" Sonic and the other Battle Partners were shining again as they did before they entered the Web, only this time, they beamed upward to leave the side of technology and return back to the side of humanity. Unknown to them however, the camera that was watching them earlier was watching them again.

"Well, well, well," said an evil, low voice from the camera, "this is quite a surprise. Not only did that little rodent that had completely ruined my Mechanoid invasion earlier today past my test with ease, but so did his little friends, too. Well, enjoy your friendship with them while it lasts, hedgehog, because I have a feeling that pretty soon, those friends of yours will soon become your own foes. Ha, Ha, Haaaaaaa!"

Yo! Victor here! I know what you guys are thinking, and yes, a sinister laughing cambot IS disturbing. But to find out more about what'll happen next, you're just going to have to read the next exciting chapter of...

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