

SPACEMAN AND A ROBOT EPISODE 1

1 EXT. ALIEN WORLD DAY

It's a bright sunny day on an alien world. The sun casts a red glow over the landscape. The grass is blue and soil is a reddish-brown. A small CREATURE (scaly red skin striped with green, two antennae, blue eyes, sharp teeth) moves through the grass. The audience sees the world through the P.O.V. of this creature.

The creature sniffs the ground. He hears an unfamiliar sound. He follows the sound, which turns into voices.

SURVEYOR 6 (OS)

We've been at this for hours! My feet hurt, I'm tired, I'm hungry, and there's something wrong with my air filter.

G.A.R.I. (OS)

We cannot leave until we have completed our primary directive.

The creature sees two beings. One is a man in a space suit, SURVEYOR 6 (Orange suit with a corporate logo), and the other is a robot, GARI (Shaped like a photorealistic human eye), floating at the man's eye level.

SURVEYOR 6

We've completed our directive. There is no life on this planet.

G.A.R.I.

Our directive is to survey life on this planet and confirm Dr. Eizenwon's findings-

SURVEYOR 6

Gari I'm telling you that there is no life on this planet. That Doctor was clearly lying to cover up all the time and money he wasted. It's fine. It happens.

Surveyor walks away but Gari doesn't move.

SURVEYOR 6

Brian start the ship!

G.A.R.I.
Brian, do not start the ship.

B.R.I.A.N
Error! Conflicting commands.

G.A.R.I.
We must complete our primary directive. We are unable to leave until our mission is complete.

Surveyor walks back to Gari.

SURVEYOR 6
You're killing me Gari. I'm dyin' out here.

G.A.R.I. scans Surveyor.

G.A.R.I.
Surveyor 6 is in perfect health outside of high blood pressure, which is a relief. If Surveyor 6 were seriously injured, we would have to consider this mission a failure and return to the ship.

Surveyor looks at Gari. Takes out his gun and points it at his foot. He pulls the trigger but the gun does not go off.

SURVEYOR 6
Gari why doesn't my gun work?

G.A.R.I.
Surveyor 6 is prohibited from firing his weapon outside of emergency situations due to his behavior during an incident on Fenixronda 7.

SURVEYOR 6
I saved your life! You ungrateful hunk of-

The creature in the grass growls and moves forward.

Surveyor whips around toward the creature. Gari turns to face it at a slower pace.

SURVEYOR 6
What is that?

Gari floats toward the creature and scans it. Her eye lights shine bright, blinding the creature for a minute.

G.A.R.I.
I've detected a life form.

The creature snarls and walks forward.

SURVEYOR 6
Gari...

G.A.R.I.
Its physical appearance matches the description found in the Doctor's report.

Gari floats closer and scans the creature again. This time it lunges for Gari but Surveyor pulls her out of the way. He moves back and lifts his gun to shoot the creature but the gun will not fire. Surveyor looks toward Gari.

SURVEYOR 6
Why!?

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G.A.R.I.
Surveyor Code dictates that violent action toward alien life may only occur under extreme circumstances, as in threat to one's own life-

SURVEYOR 6
The dang thing's teeth are snarling at me and it's very menacing. My life feels threatened!

G.A.R.I.
We should get a tissue sample before returning to the ship.

SURVEYOR 6
Ahh!

The creature jumps onto Surveyor 6, knocking him over. It pins him to the ground and tries to bite his face. Surveyor 6 drops his weapon in the process and struggles to hold off the monster.

Gari floats down to the ground to speak to Surveyor 6.

SURVEYOR 6
Get me the gun!

G.A.R.I.

(To Surveyor 6)

But we have yet to obtain a sample-
(to creature)
Please hold still.

SURVEYOR 6

Gari I am in danger! Get me the gun!

Gari floats away, picks up the gun, and floats back. Surveyor grabs the gun. With one hand holding off the monster shoots it in the stomach. It lets out a pained scream. Surveyor pushes the creature off and crawls away. He sits up and tries to catch his breath. The creature struggles to breathe. Surveyor sees this and leans forward to get a better look at it. Gari floats down to the creature.

G.A.R.I.

Fascinating. Its teeth are giving off radiation signatures. Which is most irregular. Surveyor please collect a sample of its teeth.

Surveyor stands up, puts a hand on Gari, and sighs. He kneels down and opens the creature's mouth. Gari looks out onto the otherwise empty landscape.

G.A.R.I.

This is quite a quiet planet. The doctor was only able to find one species. Which is unusual for most ecosystems. As a result the surroundings here are nearly silent. One could describe it as peaceful perhaps. What must it be like I wonder? To be alone in such a place. Such a vast world for a such small creature. So often on its own. One imagines it would get quite lonely. What do you think Surveyor?

A rending sound accompanies Surveyor ripping out the creature's tooth.

SURVEYOR 6

I don't know if it's my air filter,
but this thing stinks.

GARI

While we're here, we should collect samples of the planet's flora. Perhaps

we can learn about this creature's
dietary habits.

Surveyor 6 is already walking back toward the ship.

GARI

Where are you going?

SURVEYOR 6

(not looking back)

We got the tooth. I'm leaving.

As Surveyor 6 walks away, Gari looks down at the creature,
injured and alone, on the ground. It whimpers. She looks
back, toward Surveyor 6. Silent, she turns and follows him.

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