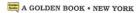


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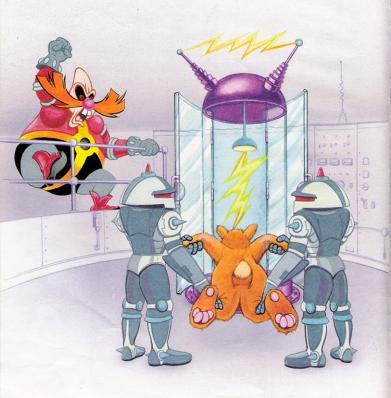
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onic the Hedgehog lived on the planet Mobius in a cozy hideout called Knothole Village. The brave Freedom Fighters, led by Princess Sally, lived there, too. Their mission was to rid Mobius of the evil Dr. Robotnik and his robot gang of Swatbots.

Robotnik had taken over Mobius and built robot factories that were changing the beautiful green planet into a dirty, sooty mess. Worst of all, he was capturing the Mobians and turning them into robots, too!





One day Sonic just wasn't his cheerful self. "I have a feeling something is wrong," he told his friends.

"Uh-oh," Princess Sally said. "I hope Robotnik's not up to more trouble."  $\,$ 

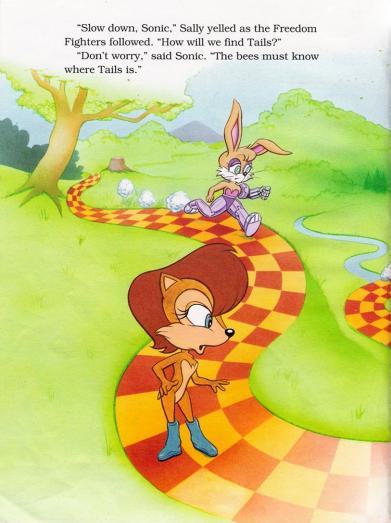
"Me too," added Bunnie Rabbot.



Just then Rotor appeared at the tree stump entrance. "Tails is gone!" he said. "The Swatbots got him. A bee buzzed the news in my ear."

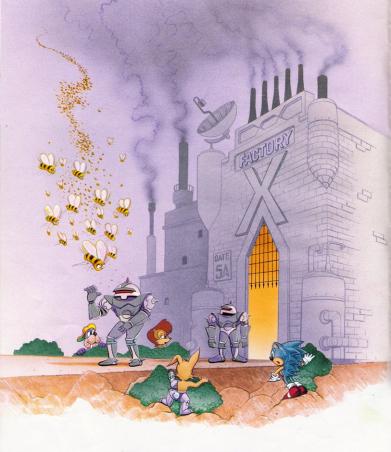
"My best friend!" shouted Sonic. "We've got to save him. There's no time to lose!" He raced off in a Sonic Spin.





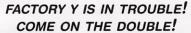


to an ugly building called Factory X.



"Go get 'em," Sonic told the bees. They swarmed all over the Swatbots while Sonic and the Freedom Fighters sneaked into the factory.

Sonic sped off in search of Tails. To keep Robotnik off their trail, Sally and Rotor sent him a computer message that said:





"Trouble in Factory Y, eh, Snively?" Robotnik said to his servant when he read the message. "Then why is the message from Factory X? I smell a rat—or rather a blue hedgehog. Let's pay a little visit to Factory X."





Luckily Bunnie spotted Robotnik nearing the factory and warned the other Freedom Fighters.

Rotor, the team's mechanical expert, quickly began rummaging in a supply closet. "I have a recycling plan that should really surprise Robotnik," he said.

In another part of Factory X, Sonic was still spinning along, searching for Tails. Suddenly he screeched to a halt. There was his best friend-about to be robotized.

"Tails!" he shouted. "Your true-blue friend is here!"





"Sonic! Am I glad to see you!" Tails shouted over the noise of the machine.

Just then a familiar evil shadow loomed over them.



"Well, well!" sneered Robotnik. "Sonic and Tails. Two for the price of one."

"Look!" cried Tails. "There are two of you!"

Robotnik turned to face a *twin* Robotnik! Rotor had made it from recycled robot parts.

"Start the robotworks!" shouted one Robotnik.

"No, shut them down!" shouted the other.

The Swatbots were confused. They stopped, then started, then stopped again. Finally their circuits began to sizzle, pop—and blow out!



"Hey, Swatbots! Smoking's not good for your health!" Sonic said with a laugh.



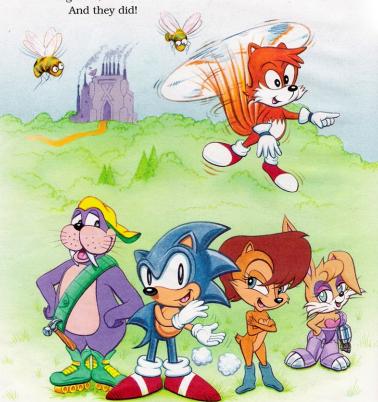


"Someone grab that blue furball!" a Robotnik ordered. "No! Leave him alone!" his twin yelled.

As the two Robotniks argued, Sonic and Tails sped away.

Later Rotor asked Sonic, "How did you like my recycled Robotnik?"

"Better than the real one," Sonic said. "Our planet needs more recycling plans like that. Okay, Freedom Fighters, let's buzz on home!"



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