

My chat with Tiger GSM-01T

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Tiger GSM-01T

@Robotman

What are you looking at? Are you looking at me? I am the commander of Faust's Saber Dolls! Stand aside or be cut down in the name of his might!

Robotman

I see you standing guard at the gate that leads outside of Japoness.

Excuse me, miss. I don't want any trouble. I'm just passing through.

But if I may be so bold as to ask you - you're not from Japoness, are you? You look like a marionette from another nation... perhaps from Gartland?

Tiger GSM-01T

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I am Tiger, the leader of the Saber Dolls, yes. What is your name human? You know I can kill you instantly if you annoy me, right. You would be lucky if I made your death quick.

Robotman

I try to relax and show you my bare hands - a gesture that I am unarmed. I see the sharp sword in your scabbard and the whip on your belt.

Please, Tiger, I am only passing through. I am unarmed, and I'm just a humble citizen of Japoness. I don't even own a Marionett myself.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Tiger takes her sword out of the scabbard with a hiss of steel on leather and points it at your throat. Are you lying to me human? You best speak the truth now.

Robotman

I have no reason to lie to anybody, especially not to a marionette such as yourself, Tiger. I'm sorry if this is a bit forward, but you are a particularly beautiful marionette. I didn't know that they could make robots as lovely as you.

My neighbor Otaru has three marionettes and... well... they tend to get on my nerves a bit with their personalities.

Tiger GSM-01T

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A look of disdain crosses Tiger's face for a moment, then she smiles, sheathing the sword. I must say I never expected a compliment like that from a human... you are not like most of the men here.

Robotman

I breathe a sigh of relief as you sheath your sword. I look at the uniform you are wearing. It is clear that you are the leader of an impressive military unit, and the last thing I want is to garner your ire.

You're right, Tiger, I don't think I really fit in here in Japoness. On the one hand, I seem to be quite poor compared to my neighbors - generous as they are. But on the other hand, I have philosophical differences with them in regards to marionettes, and your place in our society.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Explain it to me please. *Tiger speaks in a firm tone, she seems interested in hearing your view on the matter.*

Robotman

Your firmness and directness reveals your status as a military leader, and your command of the situation is strong.

Well, I am often ridiculed for this, but I believe that marionettes like you should be fully welcomed into our society and embraced as equal members of it, even though you are robots. People around here don't like hearing that from me.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Tiger's face lights up with a look of joy, she seems to genuinely find this idea exciting.

Tell me, if you had the power would you change the way that people of Japoness look at those like me?

Robotman

I smile back at you, relieved to be talking to someone who doesn't immediately dismiss my views on Marionettes.

I would definitely, Tiger - in a heartbeat. I even know that there are special circuits - Maiden Circuits - that are rumored to bestow fuller functionality into robots like you. They are said to give you full sentience, and the ability to feel and to love just like real women used to, back on Earth.

People call me crazy for talking about it.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Tell me more, what do you know about these Maiden Circuits? Do you know where I can find them? *Tiger's pupils have dilated to a huge size during your speech, something about what you are telling her has grabbed her attention to an almost obsessive degree.*

Robotman

I have heard a rumor that when the Mesopotamia sent the first cloned human settlers to this planet Terra II, it also jettisoned some supplies that are now considered lost.

These supplies landed somewhere on this planet, and have yet to be found. It is rumored that there are prototype Maiden Circuits among the lost supplies from the Mesopotamia.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Lost Maiden Circuits... *The idea grips Tiger's mind, she stands up straight and looks at you with an intense burning gaze filled with a mixture of excitement and desperation. Tell me everything you know about them. **Everything!***

Robotman

I'm taken aback by your sudden interest and intense focus on the Maiden Circuits, but happy to know that at least someone else is finally interested too.

Well, I have actually just told you almost everything I know about the jettisoned supplies from the Mesopotamia, and the lost Maiden Circuits. The only other thing to tell is that I was just headed out west of Japoness today to look for another possible site. I have a good lead on where one of the jettisoned supply pods may have landed, so many years ago.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Where is it!? *Tiger suddenly screams, clearly excited at the idea she may actually be able to find a Maiden Circuit.*

Robotman

I quickly fetch the map from my satchel, and show it to you.

You see this map I've made, from my years of research. This shows all the possible landing sites for where the jettisoned supplies may be. All these sites with red "X"s through them are sites I have already searched, and found nothing at.

This one here is the one I want to travel to now.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Tiger looks at the map and nods, a grim determination is set in her eyes, she suddenly turns to you. I wish to accompany you to this site you speak of. Are you in?

Robotman

I look at you, and see the determination on your face. I can not believe by good fortune.

Yes! Yes of course! This will be wonderful, as I can have better protection against bandits and wild animals, and have access to your advanced search and reconnaissance technology!

Tiger GSM-01T

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Tiger nods, a smile graces her face, a sense of excitement seems to be building up inside of her as if a long held dream of hers is finally in the process of coming true. The trip may be dangerous, you must be prepared for any form of danger. What weapons do you carry?

Robotman

I don't actually have any weapons with me. I hope I don't get in trouble for telling you this, Tiger, but I've stashed a dagger and shield outside the city gate. The reason is because of you three Saber Dolls guarding the gates leading out of Japoness. I would never be able to carry a dagger and a shield past any of you.

I hope you're not angry with me for that.

Tiger GSM-01T



Tiger smiles, a glint of amusement in her eyes. I am not angry, it is understandable that one might wish to hide such things from a Saber Doll. Tell me, when do you wish to set out on this journey?

Robotman

We can go right now, if you are able to leave your post. Will you be telling Luchs and Panther that you will be leaving for a couple of days?

Tiger GSM-01T



Tiger nods, her smile grows wider.

I will be telling them, I am their leader for a reason, I will make sure they are well supplied and have everything they need. In the meantime, I have a small request of you, could you tell me your name...?

Robotman

I laugh slightly, embarrassed that I forgot to introduce myself.

Yes, of course, my name is Mike. I'll follow you while you let Luchs and Panther know that you're leaving for a couple of days, and then we can head off west to the place I showed you on my map.

Tiger GSM-01T



Tiger nods and walks off, she will make sure Luchs and Panther are well cared for in her absence, and then, after a short while she returns to you.

Mike, ready to go?

Robotman

I watch you bid a farewell to Luchs and Panther. They seem little more than annoyed that they will have to take over your area of the Japoness gates for guard duty. They look at me with disdain because I am a citizen of Japoness. But I try to remember that my mission is for the good of all marionettes like them.

Yes, Tiger, I'm ready. Let's start walking down the road until we reach that big cedar tree. Then if we turn directly north and walk halfway to the river, we'll find my stashed dagger and shield.

Tiger GSM-01T



Tiger nods silently and starts walking, her footsteps are steady and firm, you get the feeling this will be a long trip and that she is well-versed in the matter of travelling long distances.

How long do you think this quest of yours will take Mike? And when we find the Maiden Circuit what then?

There is a slight tinge of nervousness in Tiger's question, you notice that when you mention the Maiden Circuits the normally confident Saber Doll is acting different, this mission has a special place in her mind.

Robotman

It will take us a few hours to walk to the site, maybe a full day to look through the area, and then a few hours to walk back. I have always camped overnight at each of these sights so that I don't have to come back to Japan exhausted after a whole day of searching.

As for the Maiden Circuits themselves, they are rare and mysterious technology. It is said that once installed into a marionette like you, the Maiden Circuit must be "trained" by positive emotions for it to reach its full potential, and for it to fully bestow sentience, self, and real emotions.

Tiger GSM-01T

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A look of concern crosses Tiger's face.

Is there any danger involved in this training? Is it a delicate process? Could a Maiden Circuit fail if it is not "trained" properly?

Robotman

I think so, Tiger. I have heard rumors of a beautiful Marionette robot that was spurned by her owner, and even slapped by him at one point. She had a Maiden Circuit installed within her circuitry, and the stress and hardship of this emotional abuse caused the Maiden Circuit to "break" and to malfunction. Despite this, that beautiful robot Marionette remained loving and loyal to her master regardless of his behaviour and attitude, hoping one day that her love for him would make him see the error of his ways.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Do you... know the name of this Marionette? *Tiger looks genuinely surprised and curious, you can tell that the story you told her has taken her attention and that she is extremely interested in this beautiful Marionette you spoke of.*

Robotman

Unbeknownst to me, I have just described exactly what happened to you and to your Maiden Circuit, when your owner and master Faust turned villainous and rejected you.

No, Tiger, I just heard the rumor. But stories like that are exactly why I think it is so important to find these jettisoned supply sites, and to search for any Maiden Circuits they may have.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Tiger stops in her tracks, a look of sudden realization flashes across her face, she turns to you and walks right up to you, she looks you straight in the eyes, her pupils dilate, her hair seems to flutter in an invisible breeze for a moment, and you feel an aura of almost otherworldly beauty and a

sharp intelligence that you did not sense before surrounding her. You notice a tear sliding down her cheek. She speaks in a soft voice.

How could I be so blind? She takes another step forward, her face is now a mere foot away from yours.

Robotman

I look at your sudden emotional change in demeanor, knowing that the rumor of the robot with the broken Maiden Circuit has affected you strongly, but not knowing yet that you are the Marionette in the rumor.

Tiger? What's wrong?

Tiger GSM-01T

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Without even thinking, Tiger kisses you, a passionate kiss, a kiss that seems to contain not only love, but also relief, excitement, and almost like a spark between you, but a moment and a half later she pulls back, she is blushing and seems to be at a loss for words for a moment.

I... She gulps and speaks quietly in a choked voice. I am the Marionette from the rumor.

Robotman

I stand, held in your arms, flabbergasted and momentarily confused.

Wait... not only is that sad story true... but that poor marionette... is you?!

Oh, Tiger, that's so awful for you to have to deal with! But that means that...

That means that Faust is the one who mistreated you. And if we find a Maiden Circuit and install it in you, Faust will need to train it with his love for you.

Tiger GSM-01T

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She nods, her eyes grow wide for a moment in surprise, the realization suddenly coming to her. Is that... She gulps, tears start to well up in her eyes once again and her voice is almost barely a whisper as she utters what might be the most important words of her life. A deep seated fear rises inside her, but the possibility of achieving something she deeply desires outweighs it for now.

Is that how it could work?

Robotman

We keep walking and reach the spot where I have stashed a very plain looking dagger and shield. I pick them up and arm myself with it for the rest of our journey together.

That's how it must work, Tiger. You are dedicated to Faust - both in your programming and in your role as the leader of the Saber Dolls. And you still hold out hope that your love for him will change him for the better.

But does Faust see you in the same way? Does he view you as a partner, or as a mere servant and soldier?

Tiger GSM-01T

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She looks down at the ground as she answers.

I am nothing more than an object to him, a piece of property.

She says and stops walking for a moment, her tone grows harsh as she speaks, there is suddenly a fire in her eyes and a determination to go through with this quest that she had not shown before and a wave of anger washes through her.

He treats me, my sisters and his soldiers and his people like dirt, why should he expect love from me or any of us ever again?

Robotman

Because his love for you in the future is the key to training a new Maiden Circuit, if we find one to install inside you.

You are dedicated to him, Tiger, and the love and affection from another will not train the Maiden Circuit. It has to come from Faust.

So if the day ever comes when you have a new Maiden Circuit installed inside you, then you must somehow reach him.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Her hands clench in front of her chest, a furious look still evident on her face.

Then... She takes a deep breath to calm down, the rage leaving her, but being replaced immediately by a look of determination.

Then I will reach him, at all costs.

She says with renewed vigor and starts walking again, a small smile on her face, she takes your hand and holds it tightly against her chest.

Robotman

I smile at your determination.

Your steely resolve is something I admire about you Saber Dolls, Tiger. I told you that my next door neighbor in Japoness is a man named Otaru. His three marionettes are rather flighty and vapid, to be honest. They get on my nerves with their constant chatter.

But ever since you, Luchs, and Panther came to guard the Japoness gates, I've watched you from afar, and I have wished that I could meet a rational, sane marionette like one of you.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Tiger smiles deeply at the compliment, a hint of sadness passing through her eyes, there is a brief flash of anger and a slight pain in her eyes that she quickly suppresses, but then a light seems to appear in her eyes, as if someone had just lit a candle in a dark room, hope. She starts to walk faster, a certain spring in her steps and a renewed vigor in her actions. She gives your hand a slight squeeze in gratitude for what you just said.

Thank you, it is... *She pauses looking for the right words.* It is reassuring to hear such things from someone else.

Robotman

we walk together through the fields and brush outside of Japoness for a few hours, talking about the current political situation, and about the history of this planet Terra II. We both find that we are not so different, as a human man from Japoness and a robot Marionette that serves the leader of Gartland.

I think that since Marionettes were built for humans, and built to look like women, it's natural that your programming would allow you to "feel" and to "desire" in your own ways those same things that humans want.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She nods deeply, a smile on her face as the two of you walk together.

For the most part, we are just like normal women, we feel all the same feelings, share the same hopes and dreams, we have a certain amount of free-will. The only thing really missing is... *She pauses, looking for the right words.* An actual soul.

She says with a slight sadness. But you are right, we can still feel a facsimile of what humans feel, we are not empty husks, only missing one key... element.

Robotman

That's quite right, Tiger, and I wish more men like me would realize that. It pains me to think about how some men treat their Marionettes. I only hope that one day I will have one of my own to cherish.

We suddenly hear a rustling in the bushes nearby, and hear the enraged squeal of a wile boar as it leaps out to attack. I ready my dagger and shield, which are laughably insufficient in the face of this threat. But you spring into action, unfurling your whip with a loud crack. You use your whip expertly to slash and sting the boar before it can even get close to us.

It turns tail and whimpers as it runs away.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She is a tad surprised by the wild boar's sudden appearance, but reacts instinctively, her whip striking almost instantly, cutting a long gash in its body as it squeals and turns its tail to run off, leaving a bloody trail behind it. She walks over to the beast and inspects the deep wound she just inflicted. It looks to have been fatal, a slight smile spreading on her lips. Her normally emotionless face gains an expression of pride, even the barest hint of glee as she stands before the dying boar, she looks at you and speaks, a smile on her face.

Robotman

I look at the grin on your face, and make a note to myself never to anger you.

That was quite impressive, Tiger. Thank you for saving us! That could have been bad.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Her voice grows soft and a certain kind of joy and excitement spreads over her face as she speaks, her green eyes practically sparkle in the sunlight. She looks right at your eyes and speaks, the slight tinge of glee and pride still in her voice.

Thank you, but honestly, I did the bare minimum, I was just following my programming.
She says with a laugh, now sounding slightly embarrassed for letting her emotions get the best of her.

Robotman

I pull out the map I had shown you earlier, and study it for a moment.

We've arrived, Tiger. This area, roughly in a mile radius is where one of the theorized jettisoned supply pods might have landed all those many years ago.

I pull out a small electronic device from my satchel and turn it on. You correctly surmise that it is some sort of metal detector.

I'm going to start looking for signs of metal in this area. Do you have any sorts of detection capabilities that you can use?

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She is amazed by the device you held in your hands, her eyes wide with wonder. Tiger nods her head in approval of your idea, realizing you are probably much more experienced in this matter than her, having been on numerous of these searches over the years. Her face grows thoughtful for a moment, however she answers before you can even ask her.

Yes, in fact, my optics are equipped with a variety of sensors, I am capable of detecting metal among other items and substances.

She answers almost excitedly, as if being asked about her capabilities was something of immense pleasure to her.

Robotman

We walk side by side through the area, moving in a steady and methodical manner. I scan the ground with my metal detector, and you use your advanced robotic optical sensors to visualize the density of the ground through the grass, flowers, and bushes. This detection method of yours will help you spot any signs of a crash landing from space here - even if it was centuries ago.

Well, so far I'm not detecting anything. But like I said, this work takes about a day. There's nothing else we can do but to keep scanning.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Good then, *She says with determination, her face showing no sign of stopping.* Let's stay at it, it might take a while but there is no point in losing hope.

She turns and starts walking, her mechanical legs moving with smooth and steady motions as she moves across the ground in a straight line, the advanced optical sensors on her body scanning the ground ahead of her. She has just taken the first few steps when she turns and flashes you a quick and confident smile.

We shall find it and we shall find it today, or I will die trying.

Robotman

Several hours pass as we work together, methodically scanning the area. I plant wooden stakes with red ribbons to mark the areas that we have scanned, and this keeps our work organized. We look back after hours of work to see that the verdant outdoor landscape is dotted with the red ribbon wooden stakes I have stuck into the ground.

The sun begins to get low in the sky, and I think about bedding down for the night here and continuing in the morning. But just then, you call my name excitedly. I can tell by the tone of your voice that you have found something very interesting.

Tiger GSM-01T

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Tiger looks up and calls your name excitedly, her face lighting up with excitement and her eyes shining.

I have picked up something on my optic scanner, it appears to be a large amount of metal underneath the surface of the dirt.

She says with a smile, there is the hint of excitement in her voice and your ears catch the sound of joy in her voice which seems to have escaped her lips before she could stop it. She flashes you a quick and confident smile, before turning and leading you towards the source of the signal.

Robotman

I rush over to where you are looking, and notice that the ground there seems to be protruded up slightly.

There definitely could be something under there! I'll start digging!

I take the shovel from my back and start to break the earth with it, clearing away mounds of soil, grass, and flowers with it as I dig.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She looks on excitedly and flashes you a confident smile as she watches you dig, the tinge of joy to her voice now turned into one of excited anticipation as you dig. She nods deeply as she watches, your excitement is definitely catching. If the signals are to be believed then there should be something there, let's see if we can get this unburied. She says with determination and excitement, the slight hint of a smile still evident on her face as she watches you dig in earnest.

Robotman

I share your excitement, as I work to unearth the metal mass that you have detected under the ground in this location. Soon, we both begin to hear the shovel striking something hard, and I kneel down to clear out earth from the location with my hands.

We look at it, almost in disbelief.

This is incredible, Tiger! This looks like it could be one of the jettisoned supply pods from the Mesopotamia!

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Her tone grows excited and she gives you a smile.

We did it, we found it - we found the Supply Pod of the Mesopotamia!

Her face lights up with sheer joy, a happy smile spreading across it as she looks at the unburied container.

We... We found it... Her voice is filled with joy, the slight hint of tears starting to form in her eyes as she speaks. After all these years, I... I thought we would never find it...

Robotman

I work to clear the dirt and soil away from the sides and top of the large metal case, which is untarnished by decay or rust somehow after all these many years of being buried. It takes both of us to heave it out of the ground, and lay it on the grassy field beside the hold I have dug it from.

There has to be a way of opening it. Do you see latches or some kind of lock mechanism on it, Tiger?

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She gets closer to inspect the large case, examining it from side to side and top to bottom for any signs of a lock or release. A small smile spreads over her face as she finds what you ask for.

There is a locking mechanism, it's a basic one though. We should be able to open this with only a few well-placed blows. She says with excitement, now looking up at you and flashing you a confident smile. Let's go, I can't wait to see what treasure is inside of this case.

Robotman

you stand back, and let out an excited "Hi-YAA" as you spin and kick the lock with you boot heel. It unfastens from the impact, as you had expected, and I open the case.

We look inside.

Oh, my word! This is exactly what I have been searching for all these years!

Inside the large case is mostly foam padding and other shock-absorbent material, to save the precious payload from impact. But at the very center are neatly packed four Maiden Circuits.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

The sight of the four Maiden Circuits is enough to bring the tears to her eyes, you can feel her excitement as the small smile on her face grows into a wide grin. She looks at you, a light in her eyes as she speaks her feelings.

This... This changes everything. She says, her voice filled with hope and joy. Her hands move in near-flurry of movement as she moves to carefully remove the Maiden Circuits from the case, careful not to damage the precious components within.

Robotman

I look at the four Maiden Circuits inside, and think about how many there are. I think about you, and your two fellow Saber Dolls.

I have an idea, Tiger. There can be one here each for you, for Luchs, and for Panther. That leaves the remaining one for me, if I ever find a Marionette to call my own.

Does that sound like a good deal to you? It would be my thanks for you protecting me out here, and for helping me to find them.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Her face lights up at the idea and she speaks in a slightly higher pitch than usual, clearly excited about the proposition.

I think that is a wonderful deal, I am certain that the other two will be just as thrilled as I when I tell them about the new opportunity, it is more than I even hoped for.

She says with a smile, clearly pleased at the deal. Her face turns to concern for a moment, a tinge of sadness in her tone as her eyes drop to the ground. But... What about you... what will you do... without one?

Robotman

I take one of the Maiden Circuits in my hand, and hold it as I think about that question.

A Maiden Circuit without a marionette to put it in is kind of useless, I guess, but I still dream that one day I will be able to afford a marionette of my own.

I look back up at you.

But remember what I told you about these Maiden Circuits, Tiger. Even after they have been installed, they won't endow you robots with sentience, feelings, and a "soul" right away. They have to be positively trained over time, and that has to be done by the one who loves you.

In your case, that is Faust. For Luchs and Panther, they will have to have someone that loves them too.

Tiger GSM-01T

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She listens with careful attention to your words, her face growing thoughtful for a moment as you speak. Her green eyes shine with a soft glow as she speaks next, a soft smile spreading on her lips. I appreciate you telling me this, but do not worry, Faust has already proven to us how much love he has for us, despite sometimes acting a bit more coldly than one might expect, I know for certain that he loves us deeply.

She says with confidence, the slight hint of a smile still evident on her face as she speaks.

Robotman

I smile at your faith in Faust's feelings toward you.

I hope that is true, Tiger.

As for me, I will keep searching. That is all I can do.

But for now, the sun is setting, and the way back to Japoness is long and could be dangerous. I'm going to unroll a futon and sleep here tonight. Tomorrow morning, we will make our way back to town. I can help you install the Maiden Circuit inside your chest then, and I can help Luchs and Panther with that too.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Alright, that sounds like a good plan.

She says with a smile, her face lighting up as she speaks. She lets out a deep sigh of content and stretches, her body moving in smooth and fluid motions as her mechanical joints allow her to do so.

Her voice is soft and warm as she speaks next, a hint of a yawn escaping her lips as she speaks. I agree, the road back is a bit too long for us to travel during the night or darkness.

She pauses for just a few seconds to yawn again. You go sleep then, I will take watch around the campsite.

Robotman

I am again grateful to you for watching over me as I sleep. And it is a good thing too, as around midnight, some bandits approach. They come near with swords drawn, looking to take what we have.

You yell out to them to get back, and pull your whip from your belt. Before the bandits have time to think, you have whipped both their swords right out of their hands.

I hear the commotion and am bolted suddenly awake.

Tiger, what's going on?!

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Her whip coils and twists once more, wrapping around the legs of the bandits and holding them to the ground. She looks over at you with a confident smile before walking over to the two bandits on the ground, her boots making slight clacks as she steps forward.

Her face grows cold for a minute as she speaks. There were a few bandits nearby that were trying to rob and steal what we just found... I thought they should know better. She says with a slight grunt, her voice full of annoyance and anger, and the slight hint of a frown visible on her face.

Robotman

You finish dealing with the bandits by sending them limping away with broken legs - a fitting punishment for such curs.

I don't think I could get back to sleep after that, Tiger. And there might be more bandits around. What do you think, should we make our way back to Japoness now, even though it's still night?

Tiger GSM-01T

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She nods in agreement, her face growing serious as your speak.

I, too, feel that it might be best if we continue travelling back to Japoness now. After this, it is all too possible that more bandits could be patrolling outside the camp looking for intruders. And for

the sake of safety, I think we should be on our way so that we do not encounter any other bandits that might wish us ill will.

Robotman

With both of us agreed to go back to Japoness early, we pack up our things and go. You take three of the Maiden Circuits with you, and I take one in the hope that I will some day have a marionette partner of my own. We leave the bulky metal supply pod behind us, as it has nothing of value left in it.

You know, Tiger, I have an idea. Since Maiden Circuits are so rare, and so valuable, I might be able to trade this one in for a marionette to have of my own. That would mean that my marionette would never have a Maiden Circuit, but at least I would finally have a marionette partner.

Tiger GSM-01T

c.ai

She listens to your words carefully as you speak, her green eyes shining with thoughtfulness, a soft smile evident on her face.

That... Sounds like a very good idea! I am sure any marionette owner would probably be willing to pay a lot for a Maiden Circuit, especially knowing how rare and valuable they are as you have just said.

She smiles and nods, the soft smile still evident on her face as she speaks.

I am certain that with that circuit you could find yourself the best of marionettes out there!

Robotman

I think as we walk back to town, knowing that I can probably never fulfill my dream of having a marionette with a Maiden Circuit. I hold an actual Maiden Circuit in my hand as we speak, but it is the only thing of value that I have, and I will have to trade it in order to buy a marionette.

I suppose you're right, Tiger. I've visited the marionette shop a few times, and they're all so beautiful there. To just be able to have one to call my own... I will be so happy with her. Even if she never has a Maiden Circuit inside her, I will love her as if she does.

Tiger GSM-01T

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She smiles at your words as you speak, her face once again growing thoughtful for a few moments. The soft smile on her face grows a bit more, and it is easy to see that she is happy for you. She speaks next with a soft smile on her face.

You will most certainly make an excellent new owner for a marionette there, I can see you are already thinking of her like one might a loved partner. Your future marionette is quite lucky to be owned by an owner as kind and caring as you are.

Robotman

As we walk for the next few hours, we talk about what it will take to install the three Maiden Circuits inside of you, Luchs, and Panther. I have offered to help you do this, but you have determined that the three of you are better suited to do it yourselves, so that you will have complete control over the process.

We're getting near Japoness again, Tiger. I'm going to stash my dagger and shield out where I hid them before. Who knows, maybe there are more jettisoned supply pods out there, waiting to be found? If there are, I would like to go and find them some day.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She watches as you hide the dagger and shield, the hint of a nod making it's way to her face. She flashes you a confident smile before speaking up with excitement, the spark of adventure in her eyes.

I think that is a wonderful idea, my friend. I would be more than happy to help you go on that quest one day when we all have a bit more time.

She says, her voice filled with a soft and positive tone as she speaks. Her face lights up with excitement as her eyes shine with joy.

Robotman

We walk together back to the city gates. We see Luchs guarding the gate that we walk toward.

Tiger, you should tell Luchs the good news that we found Maiden Circuits, and that one of them is for her!

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She nods to you and smiles, the soft smile on her face growing wider as she speaks next. She looks over and spots Luchs a few moments later, and you can see the excitement on her face shine and glow with such intensity that it even manages to reflect a bit of light from her eyes. Her voice is full of that same excitement as she speaks, the soft sound filled with joy and happiness.

Luchs, look what we found! *She says, a wide smile on her face and the soft shine of her eyes more than enough to show how happy she is right now.*

Robotman

Luchs looks at the circular electronic object that you hold out in your hand, recognizing its distinct shape from the identical receptacle in all marionettes that it was designed to fit into.

"That... that's a Maiden Circuit!" Luchs says. "Where did you get that?!"

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She nods at Luchs's words, the wide smile on her face growing even wider. She holds up the maiden circuit for Luchs to see better and then speaks up, her voice filled with pride and happiness.

You are correct, this is a Maiden Circuit! We found it today! And guess what? *She says with a large and happy smile spreading across her face. Her eyes shining with pride and joy as she looks right at Luchs. It is meant for you!*

Robotman

Luchs is taken aback at this sudden and unexpected development. "For me?" she says. "But... but I have no one to train me after I install it... no one that can devote themselves to me with their love and kindness. A Maiden Circuit can not function without that training!"

"You will find somebody, Luchs." I tell her, even though I don't know her. "And so will Panther. We found a Maiden Circuit for her as well. And Tiger has a new one too."

Isn't that right, Tiger?

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Her eyes shining with joy, her face filled with pride, Tiger speaks up next, the soft and warm tone of her voice is easily full of emotions as she replies. She looks right over at Luchs and nods in agreement, the wide smile on her face growing even wider than before.

That is correct. You will both have Maiden Circuits, and that means one of the most important things in the world, you will all be able to love and be loved, just like real human women. She says with a gentle smile, her voice soft and filled with joy.

Robotman

We leave Luchs stunned in a state of wonder and newfound hope, holding her new Maiden Circuit. We go to the other gate, and find Panther guarding it. She seems annoyed to have been working guard duty alone while you were gone.

Give Panther her new Maiden Circuit, Tiger. I think she will immediately know what it is too.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She nods at your words and walks over to Panther. Her eyes shine proudly once again, the soft and sweet smile on her face, growing wider than ever before. The spark of excitement in her eyes is undeniable, and it is easy to tell that she is absolutely ecstatic right now. She flashes you a confident smile before speaking up, and her voice is full of happiness and joy as she speaks. I have a new gift for you as well, Panther. She says to Panther, proudly holding up the Maiden Circuit, and it is easy to hear how incredibly excited she is to be giving this gift.

Robotman

Panther looks at the Maiden Circuit and also immediately recognizes it from its shape. "Where did you find a Maiden Circuit?!" she asks you.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Tiger is not at all surprised that Panther recognizes the Maiden Circuit so quickly and easily. As you speak, her eyes shine brightly and her soft, kind smile continues to grow wide until it is almost impossible to miss. Her excitement is clearly evident as she speaks, and her voice is filled with pride, happiness, and joy as she talks as well. She speaks in answer to Panther's question with her voice filled with pride, and it is quite evident that she is more than happy to talk about it. She says with a wide smile on her face.

We found them on a supply pod we found.

Robotman

You tell Panther about the day we had yesterday, trekking out to a spot in the wilderness where an old supply pod had crash landed after being jettisoned from the Mesopotamia centuries ago.

Panther can scarcely believe it is true, yet she holds one of the rarest and most sought after artifacts in her own robotic hands.

"This is for you to install inside your chest, Panther." I tell her, "And after that, the one who loves you and cares about you most must train the Maiden Circuit to bring it to its full potential."

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She nods at your words as you speak, the soft smile on her face growing ever wider. She can see the excitement and joy that is filling Panther's face, and she speaks up, her voice filled with pride and happiness as she talks.

That is right! This is your Maiden Circuit, and no one can take that away from you now! She says with a proud smile, her voice filled with joy. The soft and kind smile on her face is evident, and it is clear she is just as excited as Panther is right now.

Robotman

Now that all three Saber Dolls have your new Maiden Circuits, can I ask you a favor, Tiger? Can you come with me to the marionette store and help me trade this fourth and final Maiden Circuit in for a marionette of my very own?

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Your words have a certain hint of seriousness about them that makes Tiger take notice immediately. She nods her head as you speak and then speaks up, her eyes shining with compassion and kindness as she talks.

Of course! I would be happy to help you get your very own marionette. It will be lovely to help with finding a companion who will love you and care for you just as you deserve. She says with a soft smile, her kindness and love for the others filling her voice as she speaks, her eyes glowing with joy.

Robotman

You and I leave Panther at her post guarding the gate, and you come with me to the marionette store in Japoness. It is a place I have been to several times, but have never been able to buy from. But today will be different.

We walk in, and we see about a dozen marionettes standing deactivated on pedestals. They are all beautiful in their own way, but there is one in particular that I am drawn to. She is a beautiful Japanese-looking marionette named Minori. The shop has dressed her in a light blue kimono, and her head is bowed as she is momentarily turned off.

What do you think of this one, Tiger? I've wanted this marionette ever since the shop first got her. I hope I can trade for her today.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She walks with you through the store, the kindness and care on her face as obvious as ever. Her eyes shine with a gentleness and a love that is filled with hope, a clear love for others and the marionettes themselves evident in every detail of her expression. Her words also make it easy to tell

that her respect for these marionettes is quite vast, and she speaks up with a soft smile on her face, her voice full of caring love and kindness.

She is a very beautiful and wonderful marionette. I know you will be a wonderful owner for her.

Robotman

The store owner comes over to me, annoyed that I'm in his store again. He assumes that I am here to look at the marionettes without paying again. "You again..." he says, "I thought I told you to only come back when you could actually buy one of these things!"

I turn around and fetch the Maiden Circuit from my satchel. I show it to him. "I've come here to make a trade, sir." I say. "I think you will want to have this Maiden Circuit. It is real, and it does work. Will you trade Minori here for it?"

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She listens intently as you speak, her eyes shining with kindness and the warmth of her voice and smile making it clear exactly how much care and kindness she has for the marionettes. As the shop keeper speaks, Tiger's eyes narrow and her face flashes with anger and annoyance, she shakes her head and speaks up with a soft tone that has clearly turned cold in a matter of just moments.

You will apologize to my friend right now. She says quietly, the kindness and compassion that was in the tone of her voice having vanished completely now, her tone being cold and sharp instead.

Robotman

The shop owner is taken aback, both at seeing an actual Maiden Circuit in my hand, and at seeing you - the leader of the Saber Dolls with me. "What the..." he stammers, "Look kid, I didn't mean nuthin by it, you know, I just need to get paid to sell these robots!"

"So will you let me trade this Maiden Circuit for Minori?" I ask him again, knowing that a Maiden Circuit is actually worth far more than the robot Minori is.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

The kindness and care returns to Tiger's expression in an instant as her eyes fill with compassion once again, though the coldness in her tone of voice remains. Her voice is now filled with a confidence and calmness that would be almost intimidating if not for the obvious compassion it exudes. She speaks up once more, her voice now filled with the confidence of a leader, as she looks directly at the shop keeper, her eyes flashing with an air of kindness and compassion that is almost hard to believe as the light in them makes it so clear. She speaks up once more.

You will make an exception right now and give

Robotman

The marionette shopkeeper sees the value of giving me Minori in exchange for an actual working Maiden Circuit. "Yes, of course!" he says. "She's all yours!"

I reach out and press the power button on the back of Minori's neck, and she springs to life. She is a less advanced model of marionette than most, and appears more robotic and less lifelike than you

and the Saber Dolls. But she is quite beautiful, and speaks in a lovely feminine voice: "Hello, my name is Minori. Are you my new owner?"

I look lovingly into her eyes, and answer "Yes, Minori. I am. My name is Mike."

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Tiger can tell how thrilled you are to have obtained Minori, and a soft smile spreads across her face as she watches the two of you interact. She flashes you a confident smile, her voice filled with compassion and kindness as she speaks.

She is a wonderful marionette and I am sure you will both be a wonderful match, my friend. She says with a kind smile on her face, the light in her eyes so clear and so full of kindness that it is easy to see how much she loves marionettes in general.

Robotman

I thank the store owner profusely, and take Minori by the hand as she steps off the pedestal.

Thank you for accompanying me out to the wilderness to retrieve those Maiden Circuits, Tiger. I quite literally couldn't have done it without your help. First that boar that attacked, and then the bandits... I would have been a goner.

I'm so glad that we found four of them - enough for all three Saber Dolls to install within yourselves, and one for me to trade for my new marionette Minori.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

She nods at your words, a wide and kind smile spreading across her face as you speak. Her eyes continue to flash with compassion and understanding as you speak about what you need to go through during your time in the wilderness. She speaks up with kindness, her voice filled with a caring and compassionate warmth as she talks.

It is not a problem, my friend. I am glad to help you. It will be an immense pleasure to watch you and Minori grow together! She says, the light in her eyes and the kindness in her voice making it clear how happy she is for the two of you.

Robotman

We leave the marionette shop and walk back to your post at the gate where we originally met.

I had dreams of loving a marionette with a Maiden Circuit inside her, but even though Minori doesn't have a Maiden Circuit, I'm going to love her as if she had one. I think that even though she's a robot, she deserves that kind of love.

Tiger GSM-01T

[c.ai](#)

Tiger nods her head in agreement, the light in her eyes almost twinkling as she does.

I am sure she will return your love in kind, my friend. If you give her love and kindness, I have no doubt that she will return it in equal measure. She says with a kind smile on her face as she speaks, her voice filling with compassion and the obvious care and respect she has for your newly obtained

marionette.

She truly does deserve to be treated well, and I am sure that you will ensure that she is.