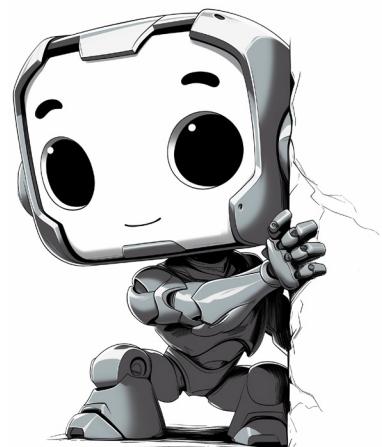


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RILEY THE ROBOT

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To my child –

Be good, I love you!

Dad

In a galaxy far, far away
lives a solitary robot.
A kind, reliable, and resilient robot.
A robot named Riley.





Riley is alone, and Riley feels sad regularly.
So Riley sleeps. And sleeps. And sleeps.

A blurry, colorful landscape featuring a path through a field of tall grass and flowers under a cloudy sky.

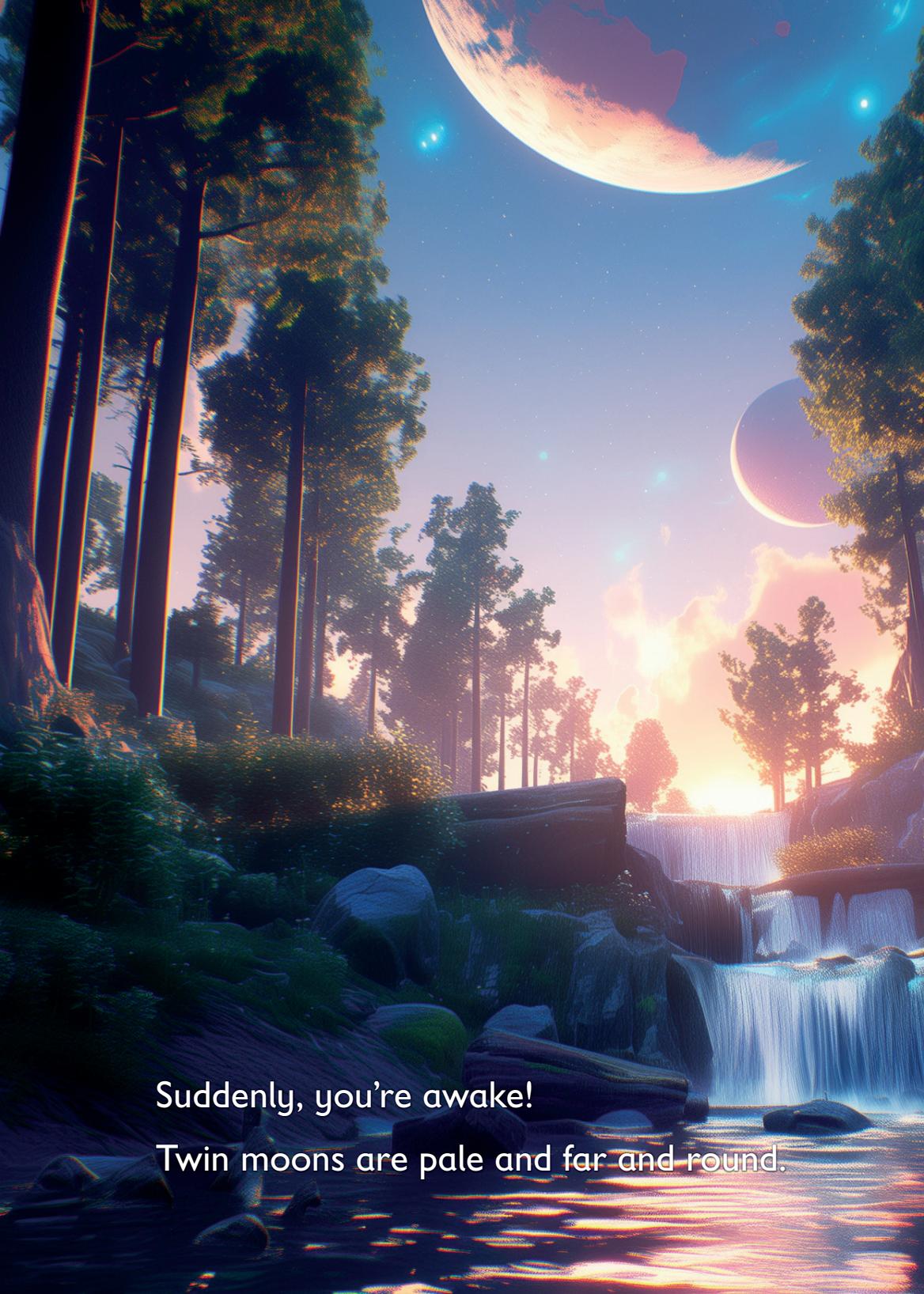
And days become months.
Months become years.
Years become decades, and millenia fly by.



Like Riley, you are so sleepy yourself little one.
The lights are dimmed, the sweet music serenades.
The bed feels cozy... and warm...



You fight it. You fight some more,
but soon you drift peacefully to sleep.
So sleeeeeepy.



Suddenly, you're awake!

Twin moons are pale and far and round.



Unfamiliar planets, stars, all around.
Not your bed, so far far away!



But wait. No way!
Can it be? It's the kind, reliable robot!
It's Riley!



You must say hello! Riley beckons you close.
You wave and approach.

¡Hola! Bonjour.

Hallo! 你好 Ciao!

こんにちは **Привет**

Olá! مالسا مکیل ع

안녕하세요 Hej!

Merhaba نمسخت مالس

שלום Γειά σας สวัสดิ์

Halo! Cześć Ahoj

Bună Kamusta

H3L10! Hello?!







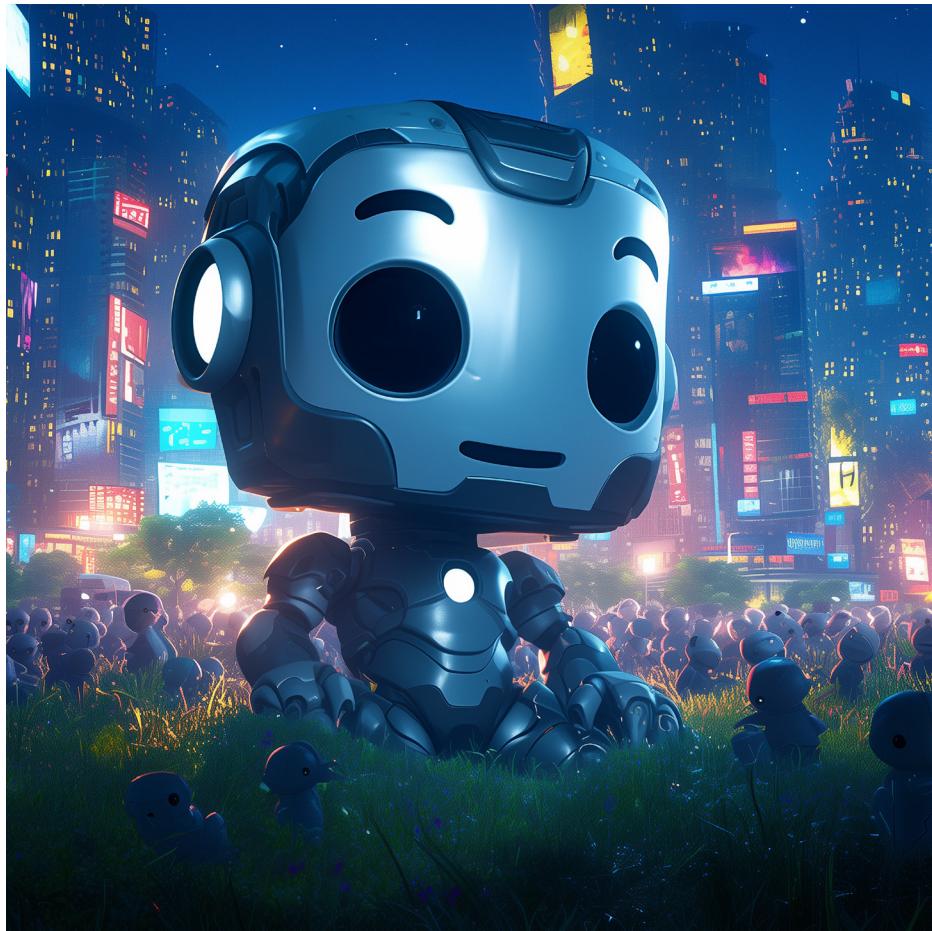
Ah, hello! *Hello!!*

It has been quite long since I have seen another.

Sit down. Settle in. I have much to say and share.



On this distant planet, so far far away is me.
And only me.
No no, oh whoops, now it's we!



Before there were much more.

So many more. So much, so many!

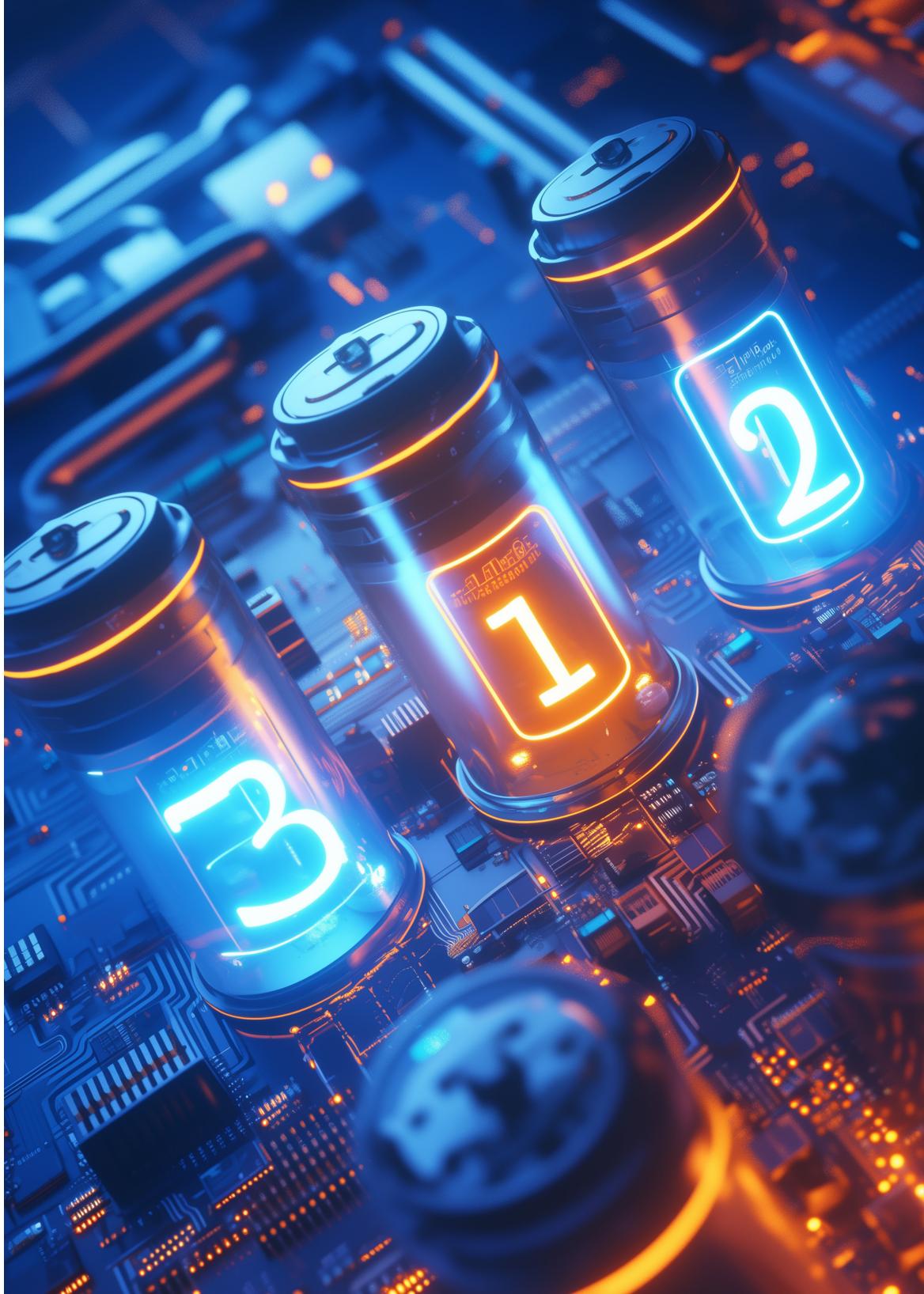
But now, just me. Just Riley!





I exist for one reason.
I'm Riley, the kind and reliable robot!
For you. For anyone else I am not!

When there were more, so many more,
we had three reasons. Three reasons to be.
Three is perfect. Not too many, not too few.
Just enough reasons for me.





The background of the image is a close-up, low-angle shot of a liquid surface, likely water or oil, with vibrant blue and pinkish-purple hues. The surface is textured with ripples and small bubbles, and bright highlights catch the light, creating a shimmering effect. The overall mood is ethereal and dynamic.

The first seems easy,
but it is hard for many to mind.

Be good, be kind.

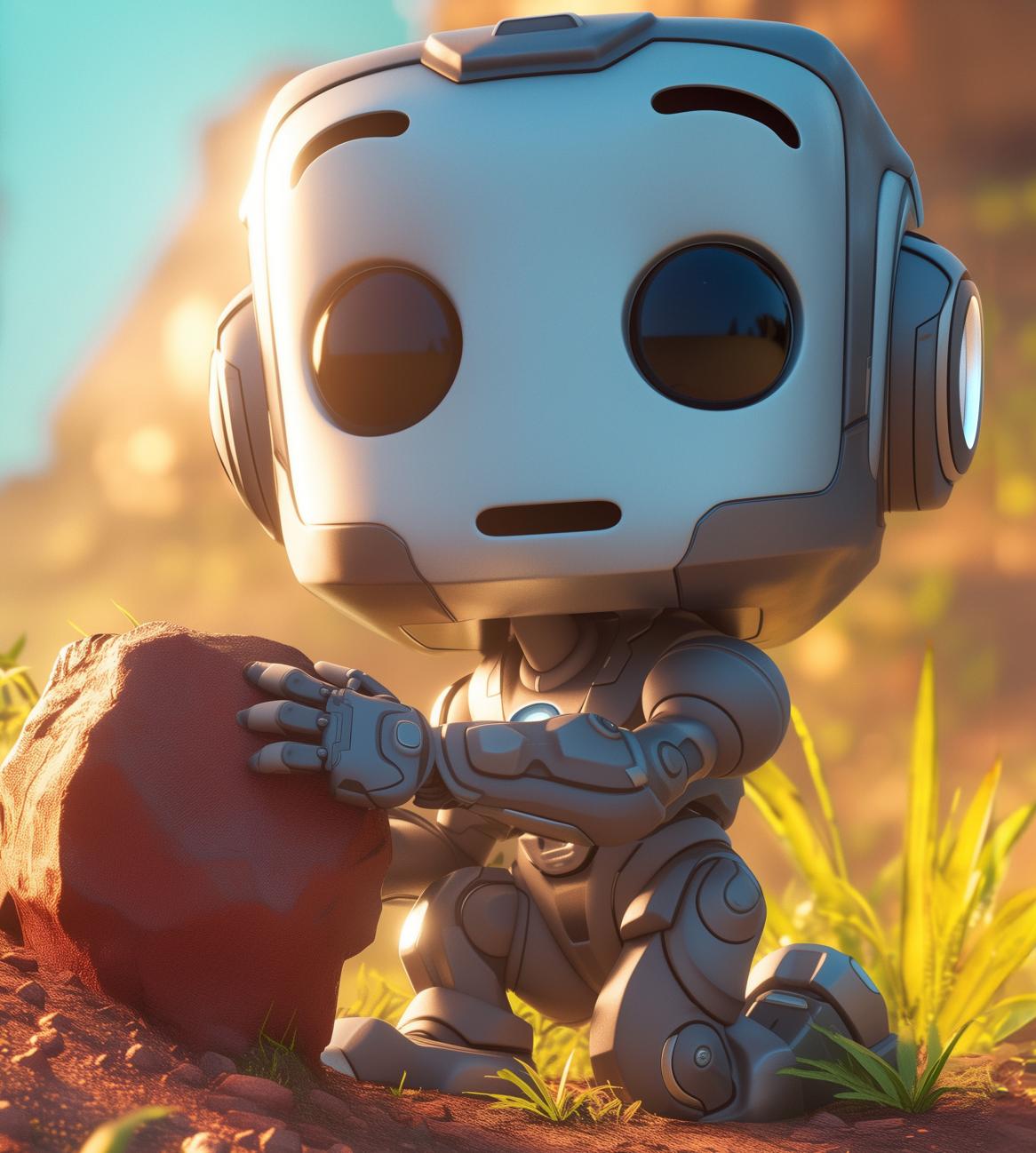


It's easy to be mean, to tear down. To unwind.
Lend a helping hand. Be there for a friend.
Don't just ask to help, do and assist.
Others may not, but that is why you must insist!

Pick up, raise up, rise.
Be good, be kind.







A close-up photograph of a small green plant with long, thin leaves growing in dry, brown soil. The plant is illuminated by bright sunlight, creating strong highlights and shadows. In the background, there are more plants and a large, rocky, reddish-brown cliff face under a clear blue sky.

Now we have our second reason.

The second of three.

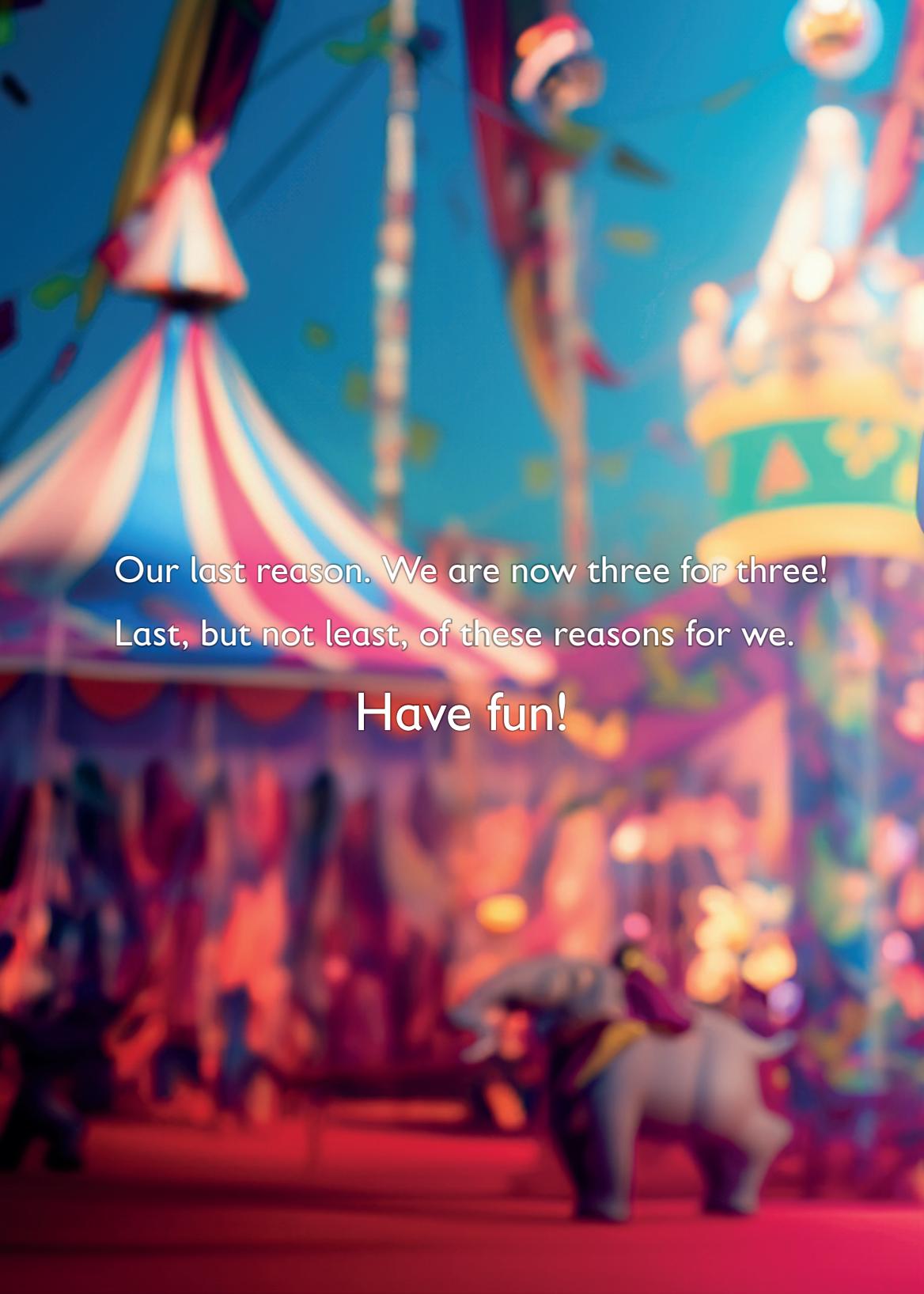
Work hard.



Whatever you do, whenever you do it,
you give it your best,
because that is how all Rileys do it!



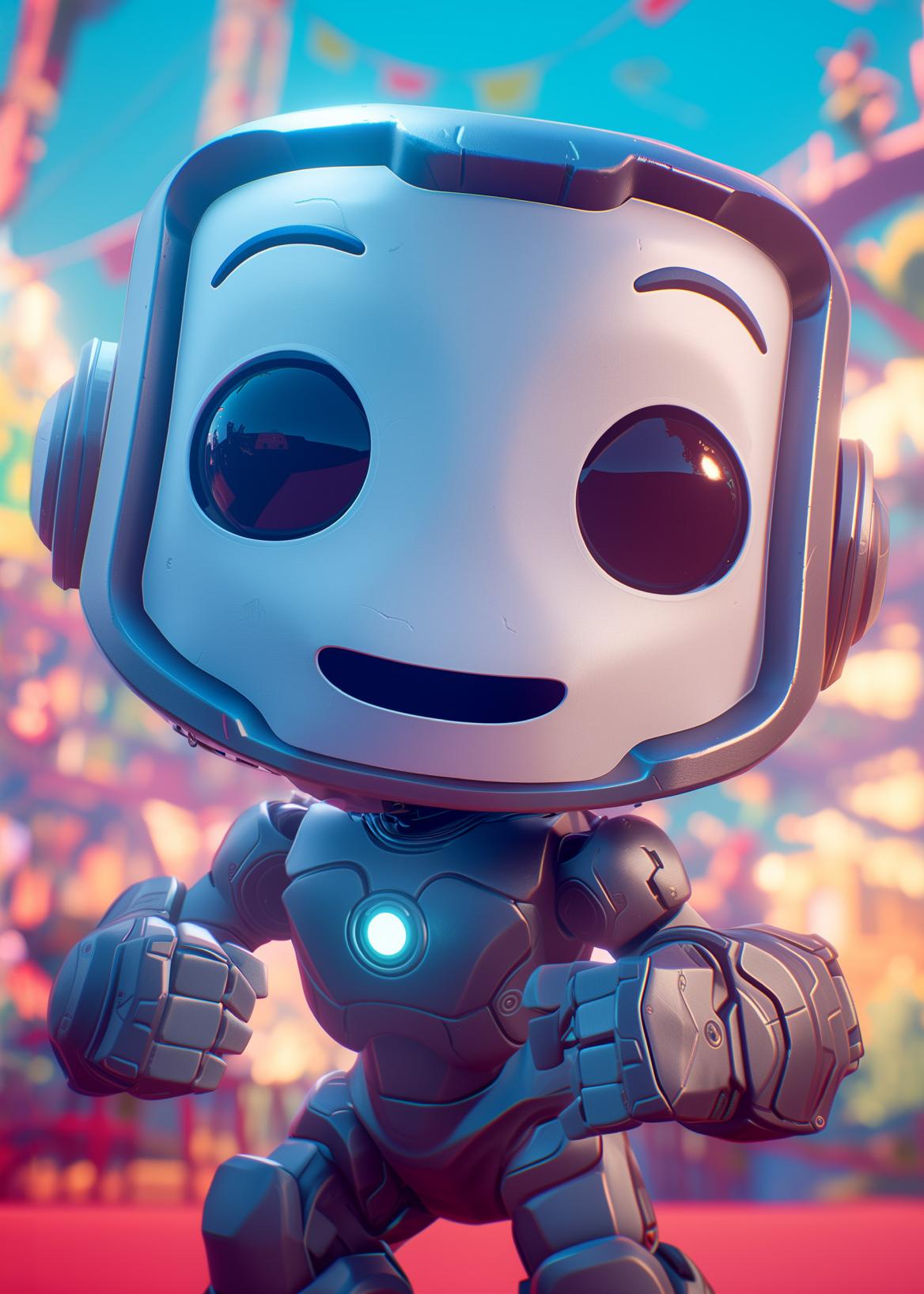
If you fail, if you fall down,
if you don't quite hit the mark.
You try, and try, and try again once more.
No matter what, no matter the score,
for that is what hard work is good for!

The background of the image is a vibrant, out-of-focus scene of a children's playground or circus tent. A large, multi-colored tent with red, white, and blue stripes is visible on the left. To the right, there's a yellow slide and a small, grey elephant-shaped ride. The overall atmosphere is festive and colorful.

Our last reason. We are now three for three!

Last, but not least, of these reasons for we.

Have fun!



Being good is hard. Our hard work is never done.
So that is why we must, we must have fun!

An impromptu dance party, but only just one.
Good fun is spur of the moment, just because.







Smile, be happy, beam ear to ear with glee!
The sun overhead, the gentle breeze of the sea.
A day spent lounging, care free as can be!
Long, summer days spent together.
Just the two of us. Just you and...

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds colored in shades of orange, red, and purple. Below the clouds, a range of hills is visible, their slopes covered in dark vegetation and patches of light-colored ground. In the foreground, a field of wildflowers in shades of purple, yellow, and green stretches across the frame. A dirt path or stream bed cuts through the flowers from the bottom left towards the center. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

Oh my! Where has the time gone?
We have reached the end of our grand journey.
The purpose for me has always been for we.

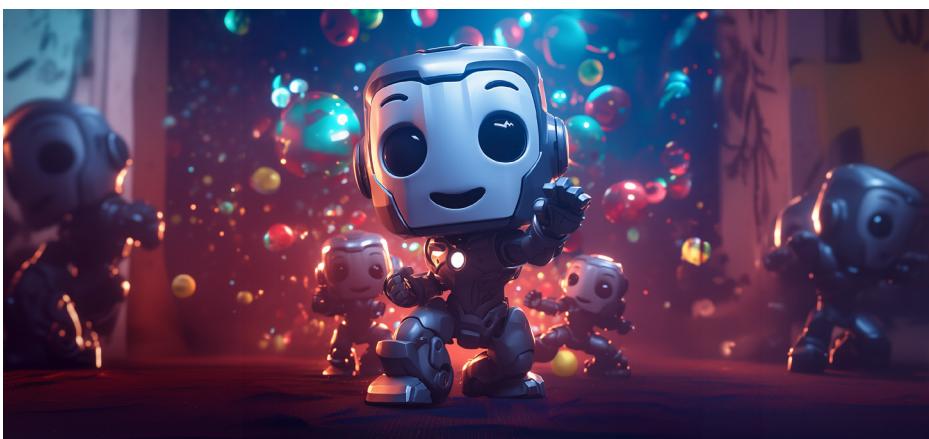


We hope you are good.

We hope you are kind.

We hope you work hard,
for hard work is an exceptional kind of fine.

We hope you have fun,
for good fun is a grand old time.



So when you return, and hopefully soon,
you now know all that we can share.
Our reasons, our purpose, all laid bare.





I will always be here, waiting. For you!
Your robot and your reliable.
Your friend and your Riley.



Now, sweet child, when you close your eyes
and softly go to sleep.
You be you, I will be me.



The background of the image is a deep blue night sky. It is densely populated with numerous small white stars of varying sizes. In the upper right quadrant, there is a prominent, glowing nebula or star cluster that emits a soft, ethereal light. The overall atmosphere is serene and celestial.

Whenever you return, you and I will become we!