

Short Story 3: It might be Joeever for 4159...

Warning: Chaos, cats, and always order extra 10-32 bolts.

Chaos. Where was Joe? He was gone. Daniel had laughed sheepishly as a cascade of terrible events happened. "Kaitlyn!" shouted William and Henry, the treasurers, "WE'RE BROKE!"

"What?" she asked, "We can't be that broke..."

"We are," said Henry, "According to our calculations we'll be five thousand dollars in debt by the end of the month if Joe doesn't come back..."

"We could..." offered Kaitlyn, "Write more grants?" William started crying.

"Never mind," she said.

"I'll be Ops," offered Sebastien.

"Absolutely..." said Kaitlyn and Sebastien's face lit up, "...not." It dropped.

Without Joe, there was no Ops. "Low-tier ops!" she commanded, going into full president mode, "You are promoted to Mid-tier Ops!"

Jayden Vo cheered, "Chat, what's going on?"

"Chat, we've been promoted," cheered Leo Z.

"Okay..." said Faye.

Kaitlyn turned, "How's the robot doing?"

Bosco looked at her, "I can't find the CAD."

"Didn't Joe post it on Bild?" asked Kaitlyn.

"I think so..." replied Bosco, "But it keeps showing a cat..."

Bosco turned the laptop around, showing a full cat CAD under the title of Robot. "Huh? What happened? Can we use his laptop instead? I thought Joe left it in Cooley's room." asked Kaitlyn.

"We don't know his password."

"Does anyone else know?" she asked.

"Nope," said Bosco, "We already asked everyone else."

Kaitlyn facepalmed.

"Kaitlyn!" shouts Daniel, "Look at my cat!"

Everyone ran over to look at the cat. "Cute!" says Akemi, "How come it's pelt is rainbow? It's sparkly! Can I pet it? Oooh, our cats should have a playdate!"

"Definitely," says Daniel, "I'll bring my cat again next week, you bring yours too."

"Yes!" screams Akemi. The crowd disperses.

"No," says Kaitlyn, "We are not bringing cats for a playdate at Lowell!"

The two cat owners shrug as if they aren't going to listen to her and Kaitlyn facepalms.

Alejandro ran out of the shop, "Mr Cooley, can we order more 10-32 bolts?"

"Don't we have a lot?" asked Kaitlyn.

"They all disappeared!" he screamed and turned to Sebastien, "Didn't we order more?"

"Nope."

"So..." said Kaitlyn, "How are we going to... fix Crane?"

"We can't," said Alejandro.

Kaitlyn facepalmed again. Then... BOOM!

They all turned towards the shop. Smoke was billowing out of it and the fire alarm went off.

"Okay..." said Mr Cooley, "Did we break anything?"

Kaitlyn facepalmed as Gavin ran out of the shop, his face covered in ash. "Something happened to the CNC router..."

"What were you doing?" asked Joey.

"I was trying to use it to mill out that face I CADed."

Kaitlyn facepalmed some more. Where was Joe when they needed him?

Moral of the story: Team 4159 CardinalBotics needs Joe. Also, get Daniel a cat so Akemi's children can have fun.