

-- Prologue Begins --

In year 1948, one normal evening in a forest, Alan Turing was talking a walk.

CRASH!

What the heck!

Peeks

He finds a crashed robot creature.

He decided to implement his theoretical Turing Machine

And decides to bring it home to fix it.

onto the robot as he fixes it.

"The Turing Machine is a theoretical object with a tape of infinite length. On this tape are symbols separated into cells which are read and written to by the tape head one by one."

"The transition function contains a finite list of states that when matched to a symbol currently read by the head tells the head what state to enter next, what symbol to write on the tape and what direction it should go."

"The tapehead can move left and right depending on the transition function which can be given in the form of a table. A machine also has a finite number of different states which it can be in and it always starts at a specified one."

"The machine stops running when it reaches a halt state"

Thank You!

I'm fixing bugs!

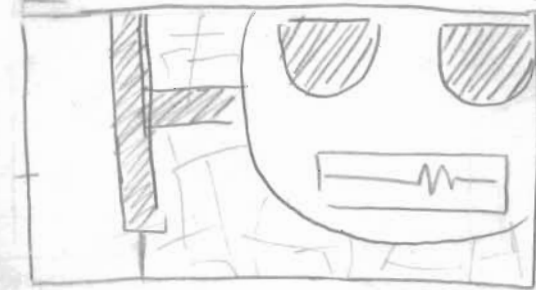
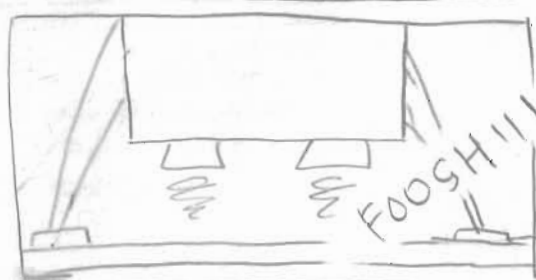
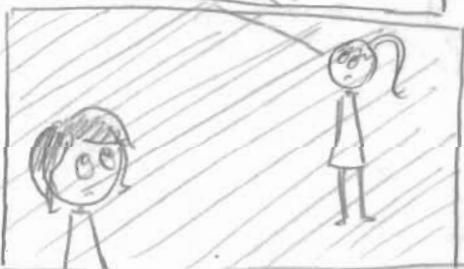
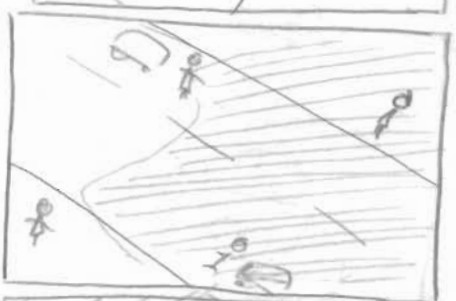
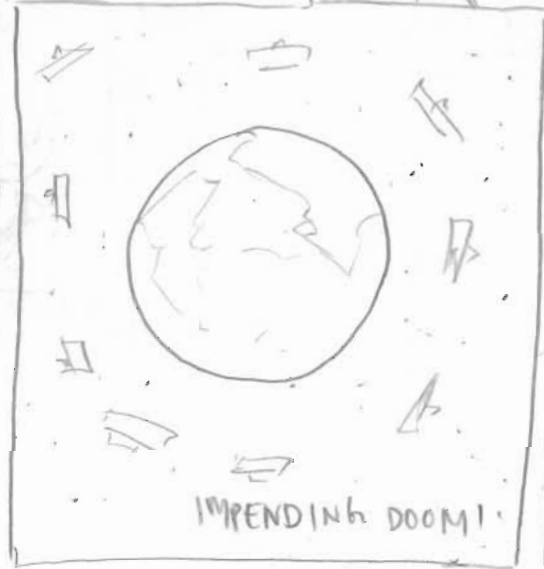
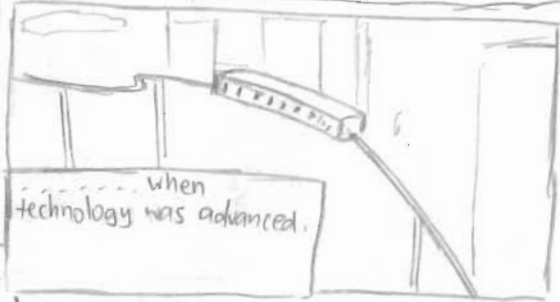
He helped fix the ship for the alien bot to go home.

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Year 2051...
In a time of peace



Something
despicable
happened.



Chaos everywhere





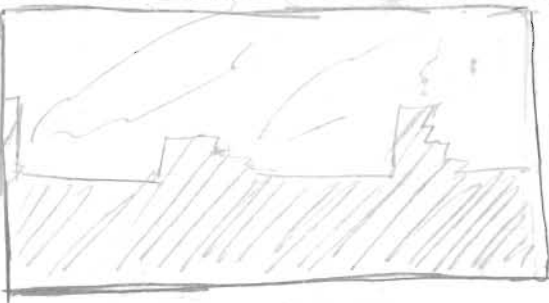
World as we knew it was gone



Mankind has conceded defeat.



Remaining survivors in hiding



Many travelled out of cities and into the wilderness to form refugee camps



Something has to be done about this...



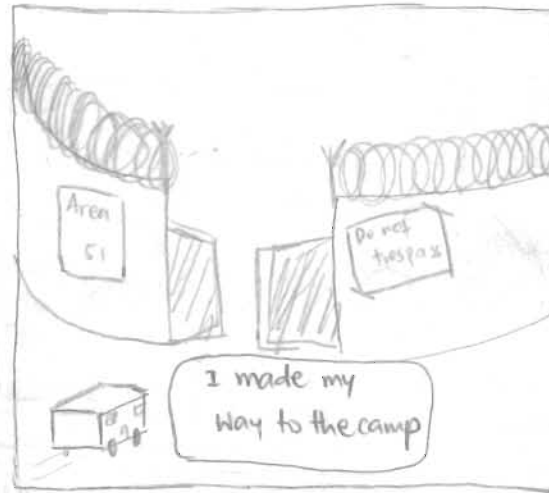
There were rumours about a camp in Area 51



It's only a matter of time before they decide to attack again.



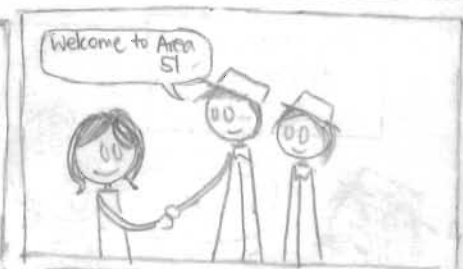
That there was a plan for rebellion I was interested in



I made my way to the camp



HALT!



Welcome to Area 51



Another survivor!



They introduced me to the rest of them

Something weird happened though when I told them my name....



Hello everyone! I'm Nata Turing



His papers are widely acknowledged as the foundation of research in artificial intelligence

The central concept of modern computer was based on Turing's paper



You can help us greatly in the rebellion!



OMG IT'S THE DESCENDENT OF THE GREAT ALAN TURING



He is recognised as the great founder of computer science

proposed a 'Turing test' in order to create an intelligence design standard for the tech industry



Yes, I'll try

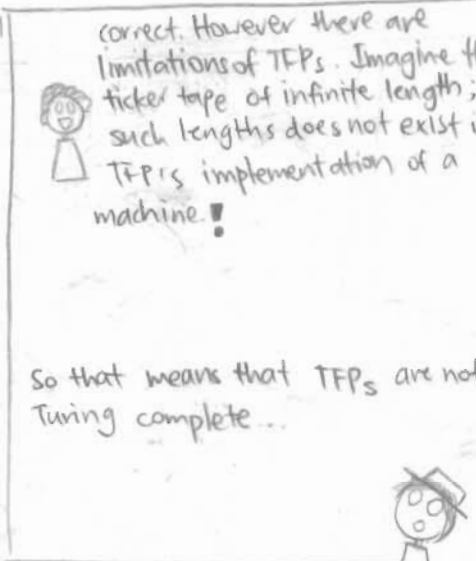
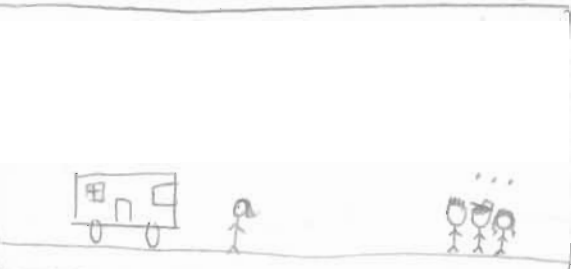
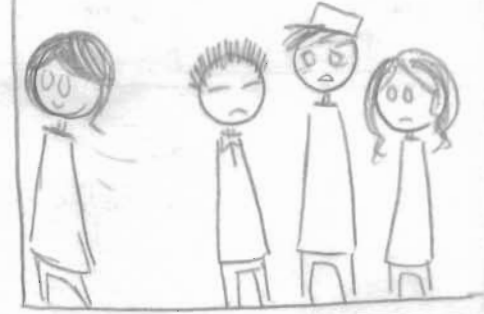
So it began,
the discussions and
stuff



Even so, we don't really have an idea where to start, his work might be useful to us.



For a few days,
we even sneaked in
Alien bot parts to
test.



The robots are based on the idea of Turing machines*!

*refer to first page

That means programs with infinite loops do run inside them!!!!

I've got an idea!

While (true)
{ }
neverending loop!

I'm embarrassed to call you my brother!

What?

I'm pretty sure such a loop can be detected by the robot

Even my grandma's compiler can detect this?

Okay... what can we loop it with then?

Do you guys know what an undetectable problem is?

I was just saying

No...

Do you know what a decision problem is?

No!!!

Put simply, it is a problem with a yes or no answer

These guys are stupid!

Ok...

An undetectable problem is a decision problem that cannot be solved correctly with a simple general algorithm

Ah... Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

What are you thinking?

real node

a:
goto a;

NO!

face palm

I'm thinking about the
**HALTING
PROBLEM!**

Woah...

We know those bots are based off Turing machines...

Thanks to your ancestor...

Precisely! Now we have a way of stopping it!

The Halting Problem is an undecidable problem on Turing Machines.

So that means we cannot make a single algorithm to tell us whether any program will halt?

Yes...

Now since we know the problem cannot be solved

We can trick the robot into trying to solve the Halting Problem....

But what if it already knows about the Halting Problem...

We'll unnecessarily endanger the lives of our greatest minds!

Let's see...

1948 -

Alan just came back from fixing the robot

OH NO!

I forgot to tell him/her about the Halting Problem!

I do hope it won't bother him in future much...

Oh well...

Present Day.

The Robot doesn't know about the Halting Problem!

That settles it! We can trick it and defeat it!

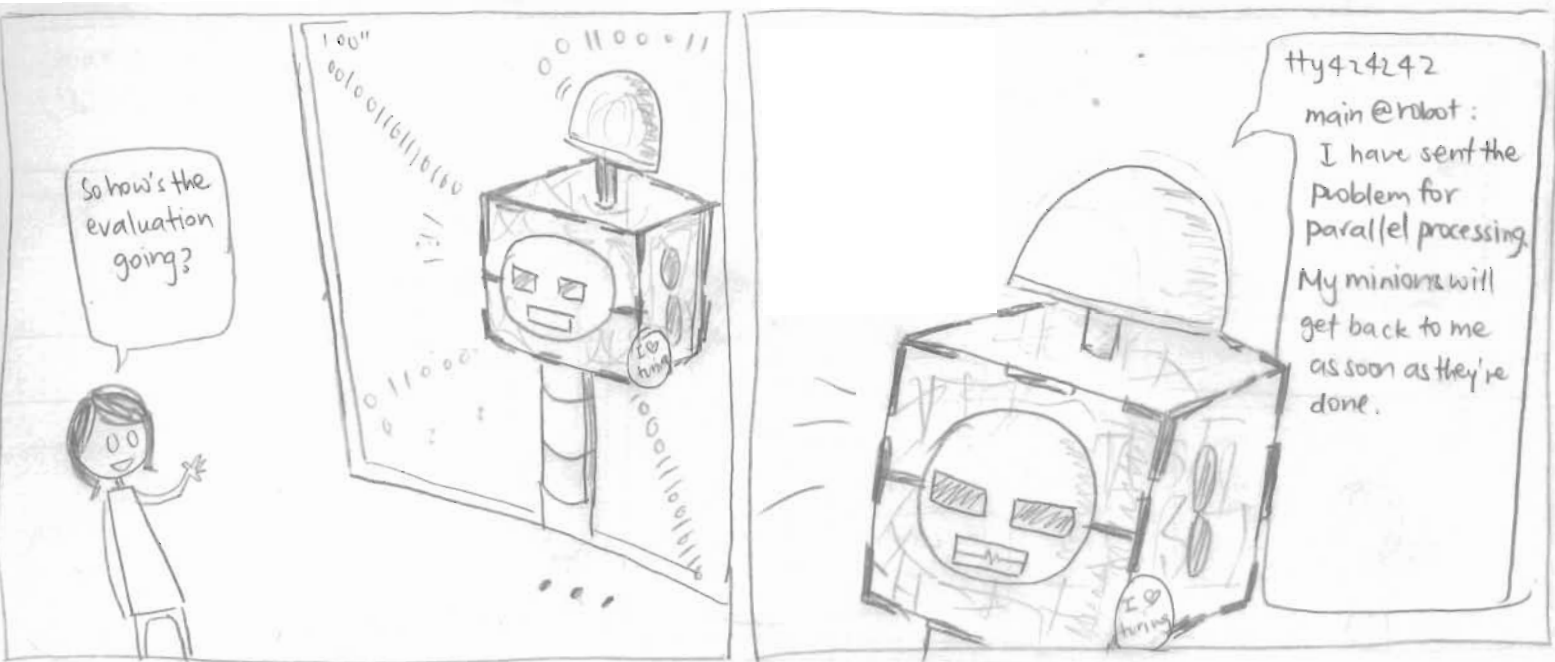
Let's get to work people!

The resistance starts getting ready at a location away from area 51.

Communication device

Communications was established!





1. We want to prove that a function $H(x,y)$ that checks if a function x given an input y will halt does not exist, in other words:

2. Let $H(x,y)$ be a function such that x and y are functions and

$$\forall x \forall y ((\text{time}(x(y)) < \infty \iff H(x,y) = 1) \wedge (\text{time}(x(y)) = \infty \iff H(x,y) = 0))$$

3. Let us assume H exists

1. Let $R(x)$ be a function that x is a function and
 $\forall x (H(x, x) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{time}(R(x)) = \infty) \wedge (H(x, x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{time}(R(x)) < \infty)$

2. We let $x = R$ such that $R(R)$

3. Let us assume $\text{time}(R(R)) = \infty$

a. $H(R, R) = 1$ by 3.1

b. $\text{time}(R(R)) < \infty$ by 2

c. $\text{time}(R(R)) = \infty \wedge \text{time}(R(R)) < \infty$

d. This is a contradiction.

d.

4. $\text{time}(R(R)) \neq \infty$

5. Let us assume $\text{time}(R(R)) < \infty$

5. a. $H(R, R) = 0$ by 3.1

b. $\text{time}(R(R)) = \infty$ by 2

c. $\text{time}(R(R)) = \infty \wedge \text{time}(R(R)) < \infty$

d. This is a contradiction.

6. $\text{time}(R(R)) = \infty$

7. $\text{time}(R(R)) = \infty \wedge \text{time}(R(R)) \neq \infty$ by 3.4 and 3.6

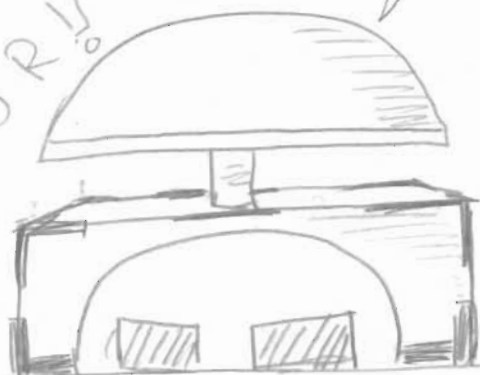
8. This is a contradiction

4. H does not exist

Q.E.D

BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE SYNTAX OF YOUR LANGUAGE!!

SYNTAX ERROR!



It seems that you do not understand these mathematical constructs. Let me describe the proof in pseudocode then.



Alright here goes...

suppose you have a program $f(p, i)$ that takes another program p and set of input(s) i .

such that

$f(p, i)$ returns 1 if the program halts and 0 otherwise.

suppose we have the partial function* $g(p)$ that returns 0 if $f(p, p) == 0$ and executes an infinite loop otherwise...

i.e.

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procedure compute_g(i)
  if  $f(i, i) == 0$  then
    return 0
  else
    while (i)
      pass
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NOTICE THAT

g is partially computable



$\exists e$ such that e is a program that computes the partial function g (i.e. $e == \text{compute } g$)

KABOOM

We did it...

We did it!!!

And so they rebuilt the world with the help of the leftover minion bots.

Simple programming was all it took.

Slowly, the world they loved and treasured was coming back again.

We'll help!!

Other survivors joined and helped.

They crowned Nala saviour of the world!

So the Halting Problem huh

turn

Wow. Oh yeah.

You really are the descendant of the great Alan Turing

Yeah that's the reason why we have human QA testers (quality assurance) to check the programs.

Hehe

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