

Adam Purth

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Adam Purth looked up from the boring book he was reading. The only good thing about it was the shiny cover. Across the table on the train, to his surprise, he saw his greatest enemy, Henry Heathfield! Now Henry was a mysterious, unpredictable man. He was eating bananas dipped in cold tea. Unlike Adam who was reading a book called 'Space', Henry was holding a rather large suitcase which was intriguing for Adam.

They got off the train and Henry rushed home to build his new 'Mind-Control Machine' (MCM) which he had excitedly bought on 'e-Bay'. He wanted to use it to control people's minds and become an awful king. Henry was very proud of his MCM, in fact he was so proud he posted a card to Adam which was probably a bit of a mistake.

The next morning, Adam received a piece of post. He recognised the handwriting in a few seconds. It was from Henry!

Adam opened it apprehensively. He read the note in his clever head. As soon as he read the second last sentence he knew he was the only one who could stop Henry. "You can't stop me now, loser!" it said. Adam felt very sad, very sad indeed.

Adam was about to go to Henry's house, but then felt like he needed a cup of luxurious tea to give him luck and courage. He also had a quick biscuit.

Once he had had his tea, Adam cycled stealthily round to Henry's house. Then he marched up the front path and knocked loudly on the knocker. There was no answer. Adam heard unusual noises coming from Henry's garage. He heard buzzes, bleeps and honks that sounded like a machine that could control minds!

Adam walked around the house and peeked through the garage window. He saw Henry testing the MCM on a pigeon trapped in a cage. Henry was wearing protective earplugs because of the loud noises from the machine.

Adam climbed through the window and skilfully jumped down into the large garage. He shouted loudly over the ear-popping noise of the big machine.

Henry turned off the MCM and angrily said, "What are you doing here, weirdo?"

"I'm here to stop you of course."

"Did you read the letter?"

"Yes."

"Then why are you here? Actually I've had a great idea."

"What is it?"

"I'm going to use the MCM on you!"

Henry pressed a button and a red laser shot out of the MCM. Adam grabbed the first thing he could find which was the manual for the MCM. Somehow the laser reflected off the manual. The MCM exploded ..

