



Can the Nanobots Be Stopped?

Part 1

Teacher Reads After the nanobots escape in the lab, Jayda has to find a way to capture these tiny robots and keep them from replicating (producing exact copies of themselves) and growing in number.

Jayda's plan had been to look for the lab's **secret**
10 and check that the lab was safe for Mom. But with all
22 these replicating **nanobots**, Jayda had just made the
30 lab unsafe.

32 Jayda's brain was working in slow mode. Where
40 were her problem-solving skills when she needed
48 them? There had to be some way to get the nanobots
59 back in the plastic boxes. Jayda looked down.
67 Nanobots were eating the charms on her boots.
75 When the nanobots finished all the charms, they ran
84 up and down in the lab.

Part 2

Teacher Reads Keep reading to see if Jayda has an idea for stopping the nanobots from replicating.

90 All of a sudden Jayda had a brain flash. The boot
101 charms were made from stardust. It seemed the
109 nanobots liked stardust. Jayda broke her locket and
117 dumped the stardust at her feet. The nanobots rushed
126 to her feet. As they came close, Jayda put them into
137 the plastic boxes. After some hard work, she had all
147 the nanobots back in the boxes.



Part 2 continued

153 Jayda was feeling very smart for having put all the
163 nanobots back. And she had stopped the replicating.
171 It was time to go home. Jayda flicked off her light ray
183 and left the lab. Maybe she would not have to tell Mom
195 that she had sneaked into the lab after all.

Part 3

Teacher Reads Jayda has discovered Mom’s secret, but now she has a secret of her own. Keep reading to see if Jayda plans to tell Mom what she did or keep it to herself.

204 But on the way home, Jayda started to think back
214 to what had happened. There was a slight problem.
223 Well, it was a big problem. There were lots of nanobots
234 in the lab that had not been there at the start of the
247 night. There was no way to explain that to Mom. Jayda
258 sighed. She would have to tell Mom the tale.

267 Jayda slipped inside when she got home. And there
276 was Mom, waiting.

279 Jayda gave Mom a full update. “I was checking to
289 see if the lab was safe for you, Mom,” said Jayda.

300 “Thank you,” said Mom. “But this means no drone
309 trips for you for three weeks.”

315 Then Mom went on. “Jayda, your problem-solving
323 skills were right on the mark. It may be that I need
335 some help in the lab. Are you free?”

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