

## ECHO

Echo is a bit of a mystery. No one, including Shakti, is exactly sure where Echo came from. He was found by a young reporter who was investigating a secret military training facility. The reporter entered the highly secured grounds through a hole in the fence. While walking along the banks of the small river, she stumbled over an old broken, wooden box. After lifting off the lid, she sorted through the box looking for clues.



"Nothing but a bunch of old rusty parts," she thought. She put the lid back on the box and kicked it out of her way. She heard a noise but paid no attention. She kept walking. Then she heard it again. A faint noise whispering, "Don't leave me."



She went running back to the box and dug a little deeper. She felt something moving at the bottom of the box. She reached in and pulled out a smaller box. It read, "Exceptional Computer – Highly Optimistic." She pulled out a rusty old robot, an unusual looking thing with long arms and a funny face.

In addition, there was a series of computer disks in a zip lock bag with worn out labels that were hard to read. She recorded her story on her tape recorder. She quickly put the robot and the disks in a box. She shipped them to her college friend with a note that read, "Shayna, hide him. He may be very helpful to you. - L.J."

