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RB ROBOT CORPORATION DEMONSTRATES VOICE COMMAND CAPABILITY FOR THE RB5X INTELLIGENT ROBOT

GOLDEN, COLORADO -- March 18, 1983--RB Robot Corporation today conducted public demonstrations of an "off the shelf" voice recognition system that enables users to give verbal commands to the company's RB5X Intelligent Robot.

Manufactured by Scott Instruments of Denton, Texas, the Shadow/VET (Voice Entry Terminal) is used in conjunction with a personal computer that is connected by cable to the RB5X. Future radio communications between personal computers and the RB5X will soon eliminate the need for cable-link for this purpose. Eventually, the voice recognition capability itself will be resident on the RB5X, further freeing the robot for independent functioning.

The RB5X, currently available from a number of computer dealers across the country, was introduced last fall as the world's first mass-produced, mobile intelligent robot for home

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experimentation. Selling for \$1495, the RB5X features sensing capabilities such as the Polaroid Rangefinder(tm) sonar for detecting objects in a room, tactile sensors that tell it when it has bumped against a wall or object, and a photodiode system that helps it find its battery charger when its batteries run low.

The Shadow/VET voice recognition system has been adapted to the RB5X in an effort to demonstrate the ease with which emerging computer-related options and capabilities can be adapted to the RB Robot machine. An RB Robot spokesperson pointed out that, while the Shadow/VET is not itself robot-resident and its word recognition rate is less than what the company believes the consumer will require of such systems, the link-up of these two systems enables computer programmers, students, engineers, and others to experiment today with a very exciting, effective means of interacting with a robot--namely, human speech.

The RB5X, \$1495, and the Shadow/VET, \$895, are both available from RB Robot Corporation, 14618 W. 6th Ave., Suite 201, Golden, CO 80401, (303) 279-5525.

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RB ROBOT SEEKS INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS

Golden, Colorado -- August 22, 1983 -- RB Robot Corporation, producer of the world's first mass-produced programmable robot designed especially for home and school, announces opportunities for software developers to become a part of the new and expanding personal robot market. The company is seeking creative games, "scripts," educational activities, and helpful in-home task programs for the RB5X Intelligent Robot(tm).

Selected programs will be produced, packaged, and distributed by RB Robot Corporation through its nation-wide retail dealer network.

Using most brands of microcomputers, users write programs for the RB5X(tm), employing their computer as a dumb terminal. They then download the code to the robot by means of an RS-232 interface and communications software.

RB Robot is seeking robot programs aimed at both children and adults. Developers must produce commercial quality software, written in Tiny BASIC(tm) to be run on Apple, IBM, Radio Shack, or other leading personal computers.

Software programs will be evaluated on the basis of:

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- Creative application of RB5X capabilities: Does the program make creative use of the robot's sound, sensing, and movement capabilties?
- Appeal: Does the program capture and maintain the interest of the targeted user?
- Effectiveness: Are expectations clearly established and does the program run without error?
- Error Handling: How well does the program accommodate user errors?
- Documentation: Does the program and its accompanying written information clearly explain the hardware required, start-up procedures, and special required circumstances? Does the accompanying written material relate well to the software?
- Ease of use: Is the package "user friendly"? Can the user move with ease through the program?

Software developers must buy or otherwise independently obtain an RB5X and the appropriate hardware options to develop their programs. They may purchase robots at list price directly from RB Robot; if their programs are accepted for distribution by the company, developers will receive a 25% rebate on their hardware purchase.

For pre-selected, advanced programs, the company makes robots available on loan. Full-time students may apply to the company for permission to work evenings at the RB Robot production facility or at selected retail outlets.

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Developers are assured of RB Robot's full support, including:

- Full information on the RB5X, its capabilities and options
- Quality reproduction of disks and EPROMs, with extensive quality control testing
- Well-designed packaging for retail display
- Wide distribution in retail outlets

RB Robot will pay a 12% royalty (on retail price) on the sales of software packages. Royalty payments begin with the quantity purchase by dealers, enabling developers to avoid the delayed return of the full retail cycle. All software packages accepted for distribution by the company become the sole property of RB Robot Corporation.

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RB5X: THE INTELLIGENT ROBOT MAKES TV DEBUT

Golden, Colorado -- August 30, 1983 -- Beginning Monday, September 5, 1983, RB5X: The Intelligent Robot(tm) will be among the prizes offered to contestants on the new video arcade game show, "Starcade."

Introduced in September 1982, RB5X is the world's first mass-produced, general purpose robot designed specifically for use in the home. Fully programmable using most brands of computers, RB5X comes completely assembled with software that allows it to learn its environment. It can be used for experimenting with and studying such topics as robotics, artificial intelligence, sensor technology, and computer programming, to name just a few.

"Starcade," which is slated to run five to six days a week on the WTBS cable superstation, has attracted an avid audience, numbering as high as 4.8 million viewers, who are interested in the latest in computer games and technology.

Contestants compete against one another, playing some of the newest video arcade games now on the market. There are single and team events, for children and adults. Prizes include computer games and equipment, as well as the RB5X programmable home robot.

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In addition to WTBS, "Starcade" will also be seen in syndication on selected independent commercial channels throughout the United States, either in its five-day format or as a Saturday show.

"Starcade" is currently scheduled to air in over 60% of the U.S. syndicated market. A partial list of the stations that have already contracted for the game show include:

KWGN - Denver

KTLA - Los Angeles

WXON - Detroit

KOLA - St. Louis

WLVI - Boston

WCLQ - Cleveland

WPGH - Pittsburg

WPWR - Chicago

In addition to being offered as a prize on the regular "Starcade" shows this season, RB5X will be the grand prize during the final fifteen Tournament segments.

For further information about RB5X or "Starcade," contact Sharon D. Smith, RB Robot Corporation, 14618 West 6th Avenue, Suite 201, Golden, Colorado 80401, (303) 279-5525.

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RB ROBOT CORPORATION SPONSORS
ROBOT-TO-ROBOT TRANSCONTINENTAL COMMUNICATION EVENT

Golden, Colorado -- September 21, 1983 -- RB Robot Corporation, in cooperation with the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) in Columbus, Ohio, and the Museum of Natural History in Denver, Colorado, announces the first transcontinental phone conversation and interaction between two robots, initiated by the robots themselves.

Scheduled for 11:00 a.m. (EDT) September 28, 1983, the event will feature two RB5X personal robots, one at COSI in Columbus and one at the Museum of Natural History in Denver. The RB5X is manufactured by RB Robot at their plant in Golden, Colorado, and is a fully programmable, personal robot for use in homes and schools.

The two RB5Xs will function completely on their own under software control, with one initiating the call in Columbus and the other answering the call in Denver. They will then converse, and one robot will instruct the other to do a simple task. The task complete, the second robot will report back to the first.

RB Robot President Joe Bosworth says, "This event represents a step as dramatic for the field of home robots as Alexander Graham Bell's first demonstration of the transcontinental telephone.

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Transcontinental Phone Call

"As robots become as fully integrated into our lives as other home appliances or as our cars, our robots' ability to use communications technology to learn practical skills from other robots, to relay information to one another on our behalf, or to summon help in emergencies will provide one of the most useful features of robots in the home."

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RB ROBOT CORPORATION SIGNS OEM AGREEMENT

Golden, Colorado -- October 12, 1983 -- RB Robot Corporation, makers of the RB5X Intelligent Robot(tm), this month signed an original equipment manufacture (OEM) agreement with the German robot company Rainbow.

Rainbow, which is based in Hamburg, West Germany, plans to purchase \$50,000 worth of electronics and voice assemblies over the next three months to begin large-scale manufacturing of Toby, a home robot that resembles the RB5X in both design and function.

RB5X made its debut in the personal robot market in September 1982, becoming the world's first, mass-produced, mobile robot for home use and experimentation. Programmable using any computer with RS-232 serial interface capability, the RB5X comes equipped with self-learning software that allows it to learn its environment.

RB5X, which stands 24" high and weighs less than 30 pounds, uses sonar and tactile sensors to avoid obstacles as it moves. Attachments such as a robotic arm and a voice synthesis package are available as modular add-ons to the basic RB5X unit, which retails in the United States for \$1795.

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In September 1983, members of RB Robot's staff traveled to the International Audio and Visual Show in Berlin to support Rainbow in its introduction of the Toby robot to the more than 500,000 European consumers, retailers, and manufacturers in attendance. At a bilingual press conference, Toby and RB5X shared the stage, and the American robot introduced itself with its own voice to members of the media.

Toby features an exterior design and external capabilities that its German makers feel will have great appeal in Europe. However, internally, Toby's electronics are based on the printed circuits and bus structure of the RB5X. As a result, the options developed by either RB Robot or Rainbow will be compatible with either RB5X or Toby, and both firms anticipate cross-licensing and distribution.

The RB5X is available from a growing network of dealers throughout the United States and Canada, and in Europe and South America.

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RB ROBOT CORPORATION RELEASES SOFTWARE MODULES FOR THE RB5X(tm) PERSONAL ROBOT

Golden, Colorado -- December 28, 1983 -- RB Robot Corporation this week released the first four preprogrammed software modules for the RB5X Intelligent Robot(tm). These modules enable RB5X to do specific tasks as soon as the user switches the robot on.

With the introduction of this software, there are now two different ways to operate and use the RB5X: owners can either program the robot themselves using a computer or they can use preprogrammed modules.

The modules are actually memory chips, containing either 2K or 4K bytes of erasable, programmable read-only memory (EPROM), that plug directly into a socket on the back of the RB5X.

Manufactured in Golden, Colorado, RB5X is a fully programmable personal robot for home use and experimentation. RB5X comes completely assembled with Polaroid Rangefinder sonar, tactile sensors that tell the robot when it has encountered an obstacle, its own battery charger, and circuitry and software that enable it to find its charger when its batteries are low. Hardware options -- such as voice/sound synthesis, a robotic arm, and a 16K extended memory board -- are available as add-ons.

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Software modules currently available from RB5X dealers include:

- Pattern Programmer -- This module allows users to press combinations of the robot's tactile sensors, or bumpers, to instruct RB5X to follow a specified pattern through their homes or businesses. (Suggested retail: \$19.95.)
- Bumper Music -- Used in conjunction with a voice/sound synthesis option, this module allows users to play the robot's bumpers like keys on a piano to compose simple tunes that RB5X then plays back. (Suggested retail: \$14.95.)
- "Spin-the-Robot" -- This module contains a game routine that allows children to interact with an RB5X equipped with voice/sound synthesis. (Suggested retail: \$14.95.)
- Intruder Alarm and "Daisy, Daisy" -- This one module contains two separate, simple routines for an RB5X equipped with voice/sound synthesis. Intruder Alarm allows the robot to sense movement with its sonar and to sound an alarm. "Daisy, Daisy" enables RB5X to sing the song made famous by HAL in the film "2001: A Space Odyssey." (Suggested retail: \$24.95.)

An arm training software module, which allows users to teach the RB5X's robotic arm to do certain specific movements, is also available and comes with each arm assembly package.

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The RB5X itself is delivered with a utility software module that contains a self-diagnostic program. This routine checks the robot's batteries and motor functions as soon as owners unpack the RB5X and switch it on. This module also contains a series of programs — such as the robot's standard charger-finder routine and Beta with sonar self-learning code — that may be accessed by pressing combinations of bumpers.

The availability of "off-the-shelf" application software for personal robots should provide a significant boost to the personal robot industry in 1984. RB Robot Corporation plans to introduce many more preprogrammed software modules throughout the year.

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RB ROBOT ATTENDING LANDMARK EVENT IN PERSONAL ROBOT HISTORY: THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL PERSONAL ROBOT CONGRESS

Golden, Colorado -- April 9, 1984 -- RB Robot Corporation of Golden, Colorado, is introducing a number of new capabilities for the RB5X Intelligent Robot(tm) at the International Personal Robot Congress (IPRC) this week. IPRC '84 is the first world-wide gathering of manufacturers, developers, hobbyists, theorists, health care professionals, business and law representatives, and individuals, for the purpose of viewing, discussing, planning, and participating in the world of personal robots.

IPRC is being held April 13-15 this year in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and was initiated by Joseph H. Bosworth, president of RB Robot Corporation. RB Robot introduced the world's first mass-manufactured intelligent, personal robot, the RB5X, in September 1982. Several RB Robot staff members, experts on various aspects of personal robots, will be speaking at the Congress, along with featured speakers Isaac Asimov (via satellite), Nolan Bushnell, David L. Heiserman, and Joseph Engleberger.

RB Robot continues its technical lead in the personal robot industry with the RB5X, which is a versatile, accessible, mobile, intelligent robot that has an on-board microprocessor, sensor systems, and a variety of other hardware and software features and options.

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At IPRC, RB Robot is introducing a number of exciting new products that expand the RB5X's capabilities. One of these new products is a rotating sonar sensor that refines the robot's navigation system. Also being introduced are new sensor systems that aid RB5X in responding to its environment and a non-volatile memory option that allows RB5X to retain programs in memory after it is switched off. New software developments for RB5X introduced at the Congress include an easy-to-use RB5X demonstration software package, an EPROM software module programming guide, new preprogrammed software modules, and a programming tool for the Commodore 64 computer that features direct text-to-speech conversion and EPROM programming capabilities.

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RB ROBOT CORP. FILES FOR CHAPTER 11 PROTECTION

Golden, Colorado -- April 27, 1984 -- RB Robot Corporation today filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 in United States Bankruptcy Court in the district of Colorado.

The Colorado-based corporation found the filing necessary because of unusually high development stage debts incurred in the design, manufacturing, and marketing of its RB5X Intelligent Robot(tm). The RB5X(tm), introduced in September 1982, was the world's first fully programmable, mobile robot targeted specifically to the home, school, and business markets. It is generally considered by analysts of the personal robot industry to be the best-designed and most versatile of the personal robots now on the market.

RB Robot remains fully operational and company officials do not anticipate that the action will adversely affect shipments of the RB5X to the firm's worldwide dealer/distributor network.

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RB ROBOT CORP. APPOINTS NATIONAL SALES MANAGER

Golden, Colorado -- May 3, 1984 -- RB Robot Corporation has announced the appointment of Edward L. Abrams as National Sales Manager. The Colorado company manufactures and markets the RB5X Intelligent Robot(tm) through a worldwide network of dealers and distributors.

RB5X(tm) was the world's first programmable, mobile robot for use in homes, schools, and businesses. Industry analysts consider RB5X the premier robot in this market, currently dedicated to education, entertainment, and experimentation.

Prior to joining RB Robot, Abrams was the Director of Marketing for Apparat, Inc., an international computer hardware company based in Denver, and District Sales Manager for the Microsoft computer software company.

Abrams, a native of Brooklyn and a graduate of City College of New York, also served as a Financial Consultant with Capital Analysts of Colorado and as a Marketing Representative for IBM.

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RB ROBOT LAUNCHES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP WITH ROBOTICS INTERNATIONAL

Golden, Colorado -- June 25, 1984 -- RB Robot Corporation, of Golden, Colorado, today announced that the company has reached an agreement in principal with Robotics International Corporation of Jackson, Michigan. RB Robot and Robotics International will form a limited partnership for the development and marketing of an obstacle avoidance sensor system for personal robots. Michigan Robotics, also of Jackson, Michigan, will be the general partner for this project.

The agreement provides for an underwriting by Chesley and Dunn of Denver, Colorado, which has provided a letter of intent for the arrangement. Officials of the three robotic companies anticipate an offering for the limited partnership, and expect to raise \$1.2 million, approximately \$500,000 to be contracted with Robotics International for development, and \$500,000 with RB Robot for marketing. The companies expect the offering to begin in late summer of this year.

The proposed obstacle avoidance sensor system is composed mainly of ultrasonic and infrared sensors, which will provide RB Robot's RB5X Intelligent Robot(tm) with the ability to detect stairways or other dangerous drop-offs. This system will also enable RB5X(tm) to detect, with considerable reliability, objects in its immediate vicinity.

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An RB5X fitted with this obstacle avoidance sensor system will also be able to navigate hallways or other walled areas by keeping a continuous "picture" of where the walls are, so that it can adjust its path accordingly.

Robotics International was incorporated in May 1981. Its headquarters are in Jackson, Michigan; a research and development arm of the company is located in Laguna Hills, California. The company is developing a personal robot called Genus, which will be able to do such things as vacuum and guard the home.

RB Robot Corporation was the first American company to enter the personal robot market: in September 1982 they introduced the RB5X for education, experimentation, and entertainment in the home and in school. The company filed a petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 bankruptcy on April 27 and the limited partnership agreement is subject to the approval of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

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RB ROBOT FILES PLAN OF REORGANIZATION WITH U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT

Golden, Colorado -- October 1, 1984 -- RB Robot Corporation, manufacturer of the RB5X personal robot, today filed its plan of reorganization, including provisions to satisfy creditor debts, with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Denver. The filing comes just five months after the firm sought protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy code.

RB Robot anticipates that the court will act on the plan within the next 90 to 120 days.

As part of the plan, President Joseph H. Bosworth announced the company's intention to merge with Actronix Corporation and its affiliates, of Dallas, Texas. The merger plan will be presented to RB Robot shareholders for approval.

RB Robot and Robotics International Corporation of Jackson, Michigan, had discussed merging in recent months; those discussions have now been terminated. RB Robot's reorganization plan, however, grants Robotics International minority ownership in the RB Robot/Actronix merged entity in return for financial and managerial assistance over the last few months.

Actronix, a privately owned company incorporated in March 1983, has developed prototypes of two personal robots -- the Actron Bear, an upright device with a 300-pound lifting capacity; and the Actron Wolf, a low-profile, mobile security device.

RB Robot has named Actronix board member David S. Willis as Chief Operating Officer of RB Robot, filling a vacancy left by James A. Bright in July 1984. Willis, who holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from Rice University, worked with IBM for nine years prior to forming Datacom, Inc., a computer software company. He was later president of Atmos Corporation, a Dallas electronics firm; and of Diman Financial Corporation, a small business investment firm. Since 1981, he has been president of Enertech Ventures, Inc., a venture capital firm, and Enertech Capital, Inc., a management consulting firm.

Actronix founder Ernest O. Severin has also been named RB Robot Vice President of Research and Development. Severin holds a BS in electrical engineering and an MS in computer science from Rice University. He worked for Texas Instruments, EMR Inc., and Computer Usage before founding Automated System Corporation in 1968. He served as the company's president until 1974, when he formed Acrotech International to import CNC machine tools. He moved into the computer-integrated manufacturing field with the formation of Acrotech, Inc., in 1978 and into personal robots in December 1982 with the formation of Actronix.

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RB ROBOT INTRODUCES ELECTRONICS CURRICULUM AT AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION SHOW

Golden, Colorado -- December 12, 1984 -- RB Robot Corporation introduced its electronics curriculum to vocational/technical educators at the American Vocational Association (AVA) convention and trade show in New Orleans, November 30 through December 4.

The curriculum, which consists of a series of electronics experiments using RB Robot's RB5X(tm) personal robot, includes an Instructor's Guide and a Student Workbook. It will be available February 1, 1985, for use by students in secondary and post-secondary programs that include training for high-tech jobs. Educators who examined the curriculum at the show praised it as one of the only ones now available that helps teachers provide electronics instruction using robotics and sensor technology.

RB Robot Corporation, which filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code in April 1984, was the first company to announce a personal robot for sale to the consumer market, in September 1982. Since that time, the company has expanded its market to include education. In addition to the electronics curriculum, RB Robot is developing curriculum, which is

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scheduled for release in Spring 1985, that assists instructors in using RB5X to teach a variety of subjects -- including computer programming -- in grades 4 through 8.

The electronics curriculum, written by vocational instructors
Larry Fryda and Jim Hall, is edited by Dr. Larry Heath of
Indiana State University, author of <u>Fundamentals of Robotics</u>
from Reston Publishing. The curriculum itself is divided into
four units and can be taught in sections or as a whole. Dr.
Heath's robotic fundamentals book may also be folded into the
curriculum.

RB Robot filed its plan of reorganization with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on October 1, and expects the plan to be confirmed shortly after the first of the year. The plan includes a proposal to merge with Actronix, a Dallas firm involved in the development of commercial robots.

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RB ROBOT CORPORATION CHANGES PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

Golden, Colorado -- February 1, 1985 -- RB Robot Corporation's Board of Directors announced today that Mr. Joseph H. Bosworth has resigned his positions as Chairman of the Board and President, effective February 1, 1985. Mr. Bosworth stays on the board as a director, and will represent the Company as an independent marketing agent.

The Board of Directors has elected Mr. Earle H. Stevenson, a director of the Company since August, 1984, as Chairman of the Board and has appointed him as President.

Mr. William A. Frederick, a director of the Company since its inception, has resigned as a director effective February 1, 1985.

Mr. John J. Collins of Jackson, Michigan was elected a director to replace Mr. Frederick.

Mr. Joseph M. Collins, a director of the Company since September, 1984 was elected Vice President.

The Board was informed that on February 1, 1985 Mr. John J. Collins had acquired nine million shares of RB Robot Corporation's common stock from Mr. Bosworth.

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RB ROBOT CORPORATION ACQUIRES ANDROBOT ASSETS

Golden, Colorado -- April 11, 1985 -- The Board of Directors of RB Robot Corporation announced that they had reached an agreement to acquire certain assets of Androbot, Inc., of San Jose, California. The acquisition will include the inventory, names, and technology, as well as the three products of Androbot, F.R.E.D., Topo, and B.O.B.

Mr. Earl H. Stevenson was replaced as president and chairman of the board by Mr. John J. Collins a director of the company since February, 1985. Mr. Stevenson will continue as a consultant to the company and retain his seat on the board of directors.

RB is preparing its plan of reorganization to bring the company out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy. This plan is to be completed and filed with the courts soon.

The company also announced that it has appointed four new regional sales managers to oversee the marketing of the RB products.

The company has entered into an agreement with Robotics International Corporation of Jackson, Michigan, to supply clerical, legal, marketing, and administrative services to the company until RB is out of Chapter 11.

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