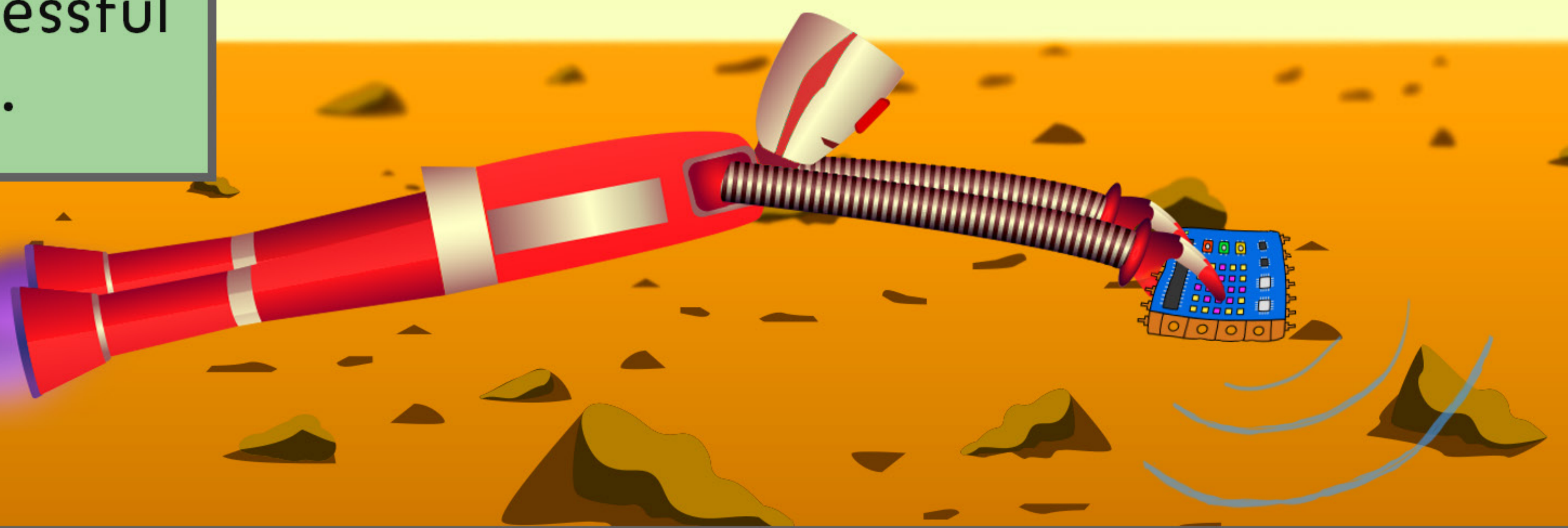


Ruby returned from an unsuccessful trip to bring back more violum.



All the violum was gone again. The hack-bots beat us to it.

They must be intercepting our communications.

We must start encrypting all our messages.

How do we do that?

When you send a message, instead of using the correct letter, write the letter 2 places in front.

a b c d e f g **h** **i** j k **l** m n o p

A diagram illustrating the encryption of the word 'hill'. The letters 'h', 'i', 'l', and 'l' are highlighted in orange boxes. Blue arrows show the shift of each letter two positions forward in the alphabet: 'h' to 'j', 'i' to 'k', and both 'l's to 'n's. The resulting encrypted word 'jknn' is shown below.

So 'hill' changes from, HILL to JKNN

When you receive a message do the same thing in reverse. Take the letters you received and go BACK 2 places.

a b c d e f g h **i** **j** **k** l m **n** o p

A diagram illustrating the decryption of the word 'jknn'. The letters 'j', 'k', and 'n' are highlighted in green boxes. Blue arrows show the shift of each letter two positions backward in the alphabet: 'j' to 'h', 'k' to 'i', and 'n' to 'l'. The resulting decrypted word 'hill' is shown below.