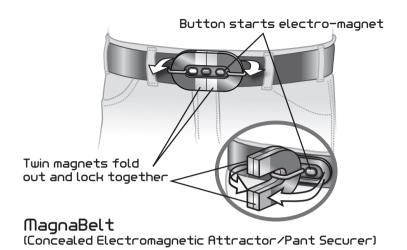
It was a clever trick on GIB's part. They wanted to make the challenge harder.

But Zac had a trick of his own. He happened to be wearing Leon's latest invention, the MagnaBelt.

The buckle was made from a powerful magnet. Leon had only finished it that morning, and wanted Zac to try it on for size before school.

Lucky the belt was cool enough to wear to school, thought Zac, unbuckling it.

He dangled the buckle in the hole in the sand, and the steel robo-scorpions were powerless against the MagnaBelt's magnetic force. The scorpions clamped on to the buckle.



When all the scorpions were on the buckle, Zac plunged his hand into the sand. He felt around until he touched something at the bottom. *The bomb!* Zac pulled it out and carefully opened it up. The bomb was ticking, getting louder and louder.

## TICK! TICK! TICK!