

Welcome Tomorrow
Episode 4
Golden future with positive thoughts
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Characters :

Professor Raman - Nearly 55 years, Professor of Computer Science at IIT Chennai

Professor Hassan - Nearly 55 years, Professor of Computer Science at IIT Delhi

Subedar Raghav- 48 years, posted with Captain Srikanth
Sister / nurse

View 1

(The sound of two pairs of fast moving boots)

Subedar Raghav - Shrikant Saheb, we are going to meet your professor at IIT Delhi, right ?

Srikanth - Yes Subedar Raghav, We will be meeting Professor Raman there...

Subedar Raghav- But Shrikant saheb, you have studied at IIT Madras, I mean IIT Chennai... Then why are we meeting in Delhi ? Professor Raman ji is transferred here or what ?

Captain Shrikant - He is in IIT Madras only... But Raghav ji, don't you see the posters of the International Conference on AI all along the way... The conference is in Delhi and Professor Raman ji is the Special Invitee in the same, His, is the first lecture... Professor Raman ji gets the credit for advancing AI in India...

Subedar Raghav - Well... Okay... So Captain, AI is also discussed here, but are you okay?

Shrikant - I'm fine... Why did you ask this ?

Subedar Raghav - Shrikant Saheb, Don't you remember, it was the rule to discuss AI in the hospital... and you have to get injured for that...

(Raghav laughs)

Shrikant (in a Scolding tone) - Subedar Raghav Don't forget that I am your senior officer... and you are making fun of me ?

Subedar Raghav- No Captain Shrikant... I... I didn't mean that...

Shrikant (Laughing) - Subedar Raghav, you have much more experience than me... Even I was joking...

(Both make a loud noise)

Shrikant - So Raghav ji, the auditorium has arrived... I need to use the washroom... Please wait here...

(Sound of running steps)

Subedar Raghav - Sir, don't hurry... go slowly, we still have time...

(The sound of fast steps continue after a pause)

Shrikant - Subedar Raghav, let's hurry up...

(The sound of someone falling)

(The voice of people)

Voices of people - Oh, someone has fallen... He is a soldier... Oh blood is coming out... Hey, call an ambulance... He has fainted...

Raghav - back off... move... Shrikant saheb... Ambulance is here...

(The loud voice Ambulance)

Shrikant - Aah... Aah...

Raghav - Hey Captain Sir, keep lying... drink some water...

(Sound of glass of water and the sound of drinking water)

Shrikant (In slow voice) - Raghav ji... Aah... What happened? How did I come to the hospital?

Raghav - Captain Shrikant, you slipped in a hurry on a smooth floor, which hurt your head and shoulder... but now everything is fine... (Slowly whispers) Captain Sir, I told the doctors and nurses here that Four miscreants were running away on the motorcycle after snatching a woman's purse... So you caught them after a little scuffle... You beat them up a lot and after returning the woman's purse, handed them over to the police... In the scuffle you got a little bit injured...

(Sound of shoes stepping towards the room)

Nurse - Hey, you are back to senses... You have been unconscious for a long time... We have given you injection to relieve your pain... So, you may feel a little dizzy... you will also get a little sleep... That's important... You please take rest... You must have been tired dealing with the four miscreants all alone... So, you please relax...

(The sound of shoes going back)

Shrikant (In a Slow tone) - Raghav ji, it seems that she doesn't trust your story... She was smiling when she left...

Radhav - Yes, Captain Srikanth... Even I feel so... But don't worry, this is a private clinic... We will leave from here tomorrow...

Srikanth - What will we do till then, Raghav ji ?

Raghav - Oh till then let's discuss AI...

Srikanth - I am in so much pain and you want to discuss AI... OK, Ask whatever you want to know...

Raghav - Captain Shrikant, I am just thinking who was the person who first thought of AI...

Shrikant - Now it is difficult to say the concept of AI first came to whose mind... But in the Greek fable, there is mention of a Telos demon who was made of copper...

Raghav - Telos or Thanos?

Srikanth- No Raghav Ji, it is Telos... who was the protector of the island named Crete...

(Then suddenly the sound of opening the door)

Srikanth - Hey Professor Raman... and Professor Hassan... Come sir...

Raghav - Jai Hind Sir...

Professor Raman - How are you, Srikanth, I came to know of your fall just after lecture... Me and Professor Hassan came rushing...

(Then the sound of the door opening and the footwear running)

Nurse - Sir, just need to check Captain Shrikant temperature...

Professor Raman - Ok Sister... you please go ahead...

Raghav - Sir, I am Subedar Raghav... From Saheb's Regiment... I was with Saheb only when he got hurt...

Professor Hassan - Ok So, you brought him here after the fall... Actually new floor has been created and the tiles are very smooth... So...

Raghav (by interrupting in between) Sir, I brought him here... Captain Sahab showed great bravery but there was some problem in the tiles...

Professor Raman - Well, Mr. Subedar, you brought Shrikant here ... good ... but ... bravery ???

Nurse - Your temperature is normal... Doctor has seen your reports... Everything is normal... There is nothing to worry... You will be discharged tomorrow...

Professor Hassan - Oh wow... Thank you sister... but you said that there is nothing in the scan... But did you check the mind scan as well ?

(Laugh out loud)

Raghav - Sister is gone now... Actually we have cooked up a different story here... but you were about to tell the real story...

Professor Raman - Well, You must have recited a bravery story... But do you know, the sister already knows the truth... she only told us that you have come to meet the patient who slipped and hurt himself...

(Loud laugh)

Raghav - I really feel sorry... So Captain, you do the talking and I will get the coffee...

Shrikant - Subedar Raghav, Now Professor Raman will tell you in detail from where does this idea of AI came into being... He will explain better than me...

Professor Raman - Yes... Yes... I will definitely tell... He will only tell you some foreign gossips... We will tell you Indian angle to the story...

(Laughter)

Raghav- Yes, Professor Raman ji, Sir was telling about Telos...

Professor Hassan - Oh, he was a Greek demon made of copper... Yes brother... he used to run and fight all over... now when you know it was made up of copper and had life in it, so it can be related to AI... No doubt about it...

Professor Raman - Well said Professor Hassan... He was trained to give life to inanimate things and to create knowledge like human beings... Although there are stories which are pure myths... like In a Jewish fable there is mention of Golem which was made of clay... It was said that write the name of god and put it in his mouth... then he used to shake like a man... but he could not speak...

Shrikant - Yes Professor Raman, I remember this story... you recited it earlier also...

Professor Hassan - But Srikanth, how did you say that this was a story ?

Raghav- Huh... So what Telos and that... That... Golem... Were they real... How is this possible ?

Professor Hassan - Why can't it be... What if we don't know ? Thousands of years ago, man thought and with the passage of time, he thought ahead of times... He grew up... He was filled with many colours and then the same man fulfilled that thought today... or stepped towards achieving it...

Raghav - The same man ??? Professor Hassan ji, you are scaring us... That man must have died thousands of years ago, then did his ghost fulfill his dream...

(Laughter)

Professor Raman - Subedar sir, he was the one and you... You are also the same man...

Raghav - Professor Raman, now you are really scaring me... I am a military man Sir...

Shrikant - Raghav, you did not understand what Professor Raman is trying to say... He is saying that we are humans... that is, Homo sapiens are all the same... Someone thinks and someone else puts forward that idea... all this is part of development...

Professor Hassan - Rightly said Captain Shrikant... if man can evolve from monkey to the one like us which we call evolution... So, the dreams that early men have seen... would also get fulfilled one day... Those dreams will surely come true...

Shrikant - Wow, Professor Hassan... You are absolutely right... The early men must have dreamt of flying like a bird... Early men are no more but the dream still exists... The dream continued flying and today we humans can fly very high... So the dream came true...

Professor Raman - Rightly said Shrikant... Pushpak Vimana is a very good example... We have known about it's existence thousands of years ago... And today aircrafts like super sonic... Hyper sonic... are flying and that too at five to six times more speed... And now there is also autopilot mode... The aircraft that flies by itself... What is it ? All this is AI...

(Laughter)

Raghav - But Professor Sahab AI talks were left in between...

Shrikant - We are still talking about AI Raghav ji ? We are talking about different perspectives but basis of all our discussion is AI... Now everyone has moved ahead with one thought... Human thinking is the basis of every technology... that's why it is believed that we should always think positive...

Professor Hassan - Now look, I will quote an example of a movie... In which there was a Golden Army... Basically army of robots made of gold and other metals... and they used to follow instructions of a person with a special crown on his head... And after wearing the crown whatever he used to say the army had to follow it... And the army was made up of metals so they can never be destroyed and live forever and win forever...

Professor Raman - Now whoever wrote this story is talking about AI only...

Radhav- Why Professor Raman, how is this story related to AI ?

Shrikant - Raghav ji, We have already discussed that the inanimate objects which act like human beings... think like them... is nothing but Artificial Intelligence...

Professor Raman - Now see, Subedar Raghav ji... It was the imagination of humans that all these inanimate things like iron, stone etc. should also obey him... And when they wanted the inanimate things to obey, they worked in that direction... Now, although those who work on human body started treating diseases, but some men sitting somewhere far away in some corner of the world... taking help from the knowledge about human body... started thinking of making something like humans...

Raghav - Rightly said Professor Raman, now I understand something... Maybe just like that, Frankstein has created a dangerous monster...

Professor Hassan - Oh wow Raghav ji... You have read about Victor Frankstein... Amazing...

Srikanth - Hey Sir, my Subedar Raghav keeps himself updated because of his children... Hew wanted to go for engineering but family circumstances brought him to military and since

then he has been serving us... Raghav ji has an important role to play in almost all our missions...

Raghav - Hey, What are you talking, Captain Shrikant... By the way in 1818, many films have been made on this novel of Mary Shelley and I have seen some too... But Professor Sir, you want to say that the thinking of human beings has made the dream of AI come true... And if this human thinking makes Frankstein, then what will happen?

Professor Raman - Yes, it's true Subedar Raghav ji, but if Frankstein is being made every day, then human beings are also improvising everyday ... Human thinking is only necessary to be positive... As the thinking will be the development of human generation will be the same... but a lot of work is being done in the field of technology... which was once limited to fables or anecdotes... now it is coming to the fore...

Shrikant - Well said, Professor Raman... Now just imagine that someday the Harry potter's cloak will also be developed, wearing which anyone can disappear...

Raghav- What are you saying ? This can actually happen ?

Professor Hassan - Why can't it be... If some substance allows the light to pass through it, then it can vanish or disappear... Massachusetts institute of technology has developed some material through which red light beams can pass, thus anything that goes through this red light vanishes or disappears...

Raghav - What are you saying, Raman sir! The object does not appear in the red light while it is there !!! Then will that object stop appearing even in white light?

Professor Raman - Why not Raghav ji, White rays of light is made of up seven colours... Now the red light band has been banned out of it... in a few years from now the remaining six

colors will also be banned... then Harry Potter's cloak will be ready...

Shrikant - So Subedar Raghav ji... You were asking about the history of AI... It is based on out of the box thinking and small attempts... Actually we humans always want to make something that can work on its own... something automatic...

(Sound of cup-plate)

Nurse - Sir, your coffee and sandwiches... and yes sir please do not give these to the patient...

Shrikant - No sister, I am not in the mood of eating anything... Still there is a bit of heaviness in the head...

Nurse - Yes sir, there has been some injury due to the fall... I think you fell very hard... and the floor was also very smooth...

(The sound of shoes like someone is going)

Shrikant - (In a soft tone) Subedar sir, She knows all the truth...

(Laughter)

Raghav - Sir Take your coffee...

Professor Hassan - Thank you... Raghav ji... By the way Shrikant, you rightly said that human beings always thought of making automatic things and they were pretty successful in doing so... Especially in the case of weapons... Although there were weapons in the historic era which used to come and go on their own... Remember watching them in some mythological serials...

Shrikant - Yes, Hassan sir, I read mythologies like Ramayana, Mahabharata etc. many times... It seems that all weapons of that era were based on Artificial Intelligence... For

example, Sudarshan Chakra... It used to come in picture when needed and then vanishes... And it was controlled and managed by only one person... like it used to identify its owner using DNA finger printing technique...

Professor Raman - Rightly said Shrikant... Once the famous magazine of the world, Riders Digest wrote that Mahabharata must have been the first nuclear war of the world and if there is a story then the first science fiction of the world... If we talk about today, the famous superhero character Thor... His hammer flies and comes to him always in the time of need... Now these are the stories of thousands of years ago... or may be only imagination... But inspired by this, the tribals of Australia made a boomerang, which would reach back in the hands of the user... It is difficult to say what came first Thor's hammer or Tribals boomerang... It may be a matter of research... but the idea was there...

Raghav - Raman sir, all this reminds me of Thanos, so what will happen ?
Half of the population would be finished ?

(Light laugh)

Professor Hassan - Well Raghav ji, We need to give it a thought whatever you said... A science writer had once written that technology is like fire, whether it is able to get bread or burn a house... It is only upto the humans...

Raghav - Yes, Professor Hasan, you said it right... Now in the era of AI, when technology is writing a new history for the world... protecting human values and renewing their ideas is necessary... Positive thinking will create a golden future...

Shrikant - You have got it right Raghav ji... Sir, mosur Major Ram... Once said to me that Shrikant, everyone says this is science age... Burt I believe it is not only Science age

rather a science fiction age... and human values are more needed today than ever before...

(The sound of shoes)

Nurse - Sir, now you definitely need rest.... Please Sir, now let the patient relax now...

Professor Raman - Off course Sister... and thanks for the good coffee...
Ok Shrikant... Get well soon and we will see you in a day or two... I am here all this week...

Shrikant - Sir, I will get well and come to IIT to see you...

Professor Hassan - Yes Shrikant, but be careful, don't fall again...

(Laughter)

Raghav- Hey sir, our sir has fallen on your floor... at the time of your conference, so your conference will be very successful...

(Laughter)

- The End -