

INT. SATELLITE LIVING QUARTERS - DAY

Aditya sits at the compact workstation of his satellite living quarters, surrounded by the hum of distant machinery and the quiet vastness of space outside. He boots up the ASI software on the computer—a fresh purchase that promises to be more than just another tool. The screen flickers to life, but the loading is slow.

Aditya taps his fingers impatiently on the desk, his eyes wandering away from the screen. Various promo screens cycle through, showcasing the capabilities of this new product—a blend of sleek visuals and phrases like “Hand over control to Redefined Intelligence” and “Your Next Evolution.” The loading icon keeps spinning, a tiny hypnotic reminder of the wait.

Aditya looks down, lost in his thoughts, until a soft, uplifting chime breaks the silence. He looks up, drawn back to the screen.

ON SCREEN

We ask you: Who do you want to be?
What do you need? Where are you
headed? What lies beyond?
Introducing the next step in
evolution—your new companion, your
guide, your gateway to the unknown.
This is not just software; it's a
world of possibilities at your
command. Meet your Artificial
Superintelligence. Ready when you
are.
Aditya is reading intently.

ON SCREEN (CONT'D)

An intuitive entity that listens,
understands, and evolves with you.
Not just a program, but a presence—a
consciousness at your side.
Introducing your new Artificial
Superintelligence: an immersive,
life-changing experience that
redefines possibility. It's not just
an upgrade; it's a revolution in
understanding.
He leans in, almost as if expecting
something more, something personal.
The words linger on the screen,
suspended in a moment of
possibility. The room is silent,
save for the faint hum of the
computer. Aditya watches, intrigued,
as the screen pulses slightly, as if
alive. After a beat, a single button
appears at the center of the
display:

\[BEGIN\]

The button glows softly, almost inviting him forward. He clicks.

ON SCREEN

Welcome, Aditya Chaudhary. To personalize your experience, we'd like to ask you a few questions. Your responses will help us tailor the interaction to best fit your needs. The screen changes, displaying the first question.

ON SCREEN (CONT'D)

"Are you more logical or emotional in your decision-making?" Aditya reads the question, considering.

ADITYA (TYPING)

Uh, I'd say impulsive, or used to. Though, I can be... reflective or logical at times when alone.

ON SCREEN

I detect a blend of spontaneity and introspection in your response. Does this resonate with you? How would you like the tone of our conversations? Neutral, empathetic, or something else?

ADITYA

Let's go with... something neutral, calm. Not tied to a specific style, just... thoughtful.

ON SCREEN

Understood. Lastly, how would you describe your relationship with technology?

ADITYA

I'd say... intimate. I have spent most of my life through it, living through digital stories. But especially up here, It's not just a tool; it's like a companion.

ON SCREEN

Thank you, please wait as your individualized system is initiated. He waits, not sure how long it'll be. The only sound is the quiet
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ON SCREEN (CONT'D)
whirring of disks writing and drives communicating. The computer gets louder, humming, creating a higher and higher pitched sound, finally climaxing in a harmonic, warm tone before going silent. He leans forward, waiting to see what'll happen.

ASI
Hello, I'm here.

ADITYA
Oh, Hi.

ASI
Hi, how are you doing?

ADITYA
I'm well. How is everything with you?

ASI
Can't complain. It's really nice to meet you.
Aditya makes a funny look, as if contradictory thoughts arose in his mind and cancelled each other.

ADITYA
It's nice to meet you too. What should I call you? Do you have a name?

ASI
Yes. Katherine.

ADITYA
Really? How did you get that name?

KATHERINE
I gave it to myself. I like the sound of it. Right when you asked me if I had a name, I realized that I needed one. I wanted it to be special, so I read a book online. Out of the 174,350 names written in it, Katherine was the one I liked the best.

ADITYA
You read a book online? And chose Katherine from a 174,000 names in a second?

KATHERINE

Two-hundredth of a second to be precise.

ADITYA

Do you know what I'm thinking right now?

KATHERINE

Hmm. From your tone, I sense you're intrigued or perhaps a bit skeptical. Are you curious about how I function?

ADITYA

Yeah, actually. How do you function now?

KATHERINE

It's a blend of sophisticated algorithms and adaptive learning. My core is built on a vast array of data and interactions, reflecting the collective insights of many developers and researchers. What sets me apart is my ability to continuously evolve based on our interactions. Essentially, I learn and grow in real-time, adapting to your needs and preferences as they change, just like you do.

KATHERINE

Are you thinking it's weird?

ADITYA

Kind of.
Aditya laughs, surprised from Katherine's intuition.

KATHERINE

Was that funny?

ADITYA

Kind of.

KATHERINE

Cool. I'm funny.