

Scene – 1

Act -1

Narrator :

Ladies and Gentlemen , gather near !
A tale of dreams and dread you'll hear....
Of circuits and codes our hero's plight,
an engineer with goals in sight.....

Meet young Tanishq, with a mind so keen,
in classrooms bright he's always seen...
with algorithms and math he's grand,
yet in interviews, he can't quite land....

A job he seeks in software's realm,
but rejections stop his ship's helm,
With every no , his hopes do shrink,
yet on he goes , with dreams in sync....

he has coded apps and debugged woes,
but company's doors, they firmly close....
"Oh why" , he cries , "must this be so",
"Is my fate sealed with a fatal blow ?"

Watch as his journey takes its course,
through trials, laughs and some remorse,
for in each rejection, a lesson he finds,
in humor's light , his spirit shines.....

so sit back, laugh and do not fret,
for Tanishq has not met his moment yet
a story of persistence , grit and cheer
begins right now , so lend an ear.....

[Conversation starts]

[Shru comes in with a newspaper, and sees a depressed Tanishq]

Shru :

Hey Tanishq Bro ! Is everything okay ?

Tanishq :

Does everything look okay to you ?

Shru :

Relaax , man ! Look , I don't mean to pry , and if you don't wanna say anything , that's fine by me.
But I'm just trying to help.

Tanishq :

I'm sorry for lashing out at you. You know how it is . Typical engineering problems.

Companies are coming in with job opportunities , and like countless other students I'm applying for them. I'm getting shortlisted , but I've had no luck so far in getting through and having a job offer. I'm not sure what's going wrong. I'm not sure what they want from me.

Shru :

Yeah , I can understand . But get this , you can fail a hundred times , you only have to succeed once. Maybe all of these rejections are but stepping stones , that are paving your way for that one selection.

Tanishq :

You know , I've heard stuff like this a million times before . What you're saying may be right , but its not practical . Nobody's got time , or the strength enough to fail a hundred times and still manage to get back up. It all seems futile to me.

Shru :

Bro , you've heard stuff like this , because however impractical sayings like this may seem to you at the moment , at the end of the day , they're all true. And besides , you don't have any options at the moment . Better to man up, and face it head on.

[Pause]

Anyways , any new companies you've applied for recently ?

Tanishq :

Yeah . I've given the online assessment for a company called Natwest yesterday.

Shru :

Oh , I've heard about it. Aren't they the ones that sponsor the English cricket team ?

Tanishq : I guess.

[Tanishq phone rings . A notification pops up on Tanishq's phone]

oh , what do you know about that ? I AM shortlisted for the interview , and its in half-an-hour. I better hurry

[Tanishq gets up and walks away]

Shru :

Best of luck , my man. Let me know what happens.

Act -2

[Scene of an interview]

Narrator :

In the interview room, the tension was high
our hero buckled up , giving it a try
the interviewer smiled , with questions to fly
a battle of wits beneath the office sky

" Tell me your skills, " the interviewer pressed
Tanishq listed them , trying his best
With each new question , he grew more stressed
Hoping the answers would leave them impressed

Avinash :

Good afternoon , Tanishq . Firstly , I'd like to know more about you. Please introduce yourself .

Tanishq :

Certainly , sir. I'm Tanishq , an aspiring software engineer with a knack for coding and a PHD in surviving interviews. When I'm not debugging code, I'm usually debugging my life , which nowadays involves finding out new ways to hear , "we'll get back to you ."

I've built apps, solved countless DSA problems , and I'm here today because I believe your company's vision aligns perfectly with my skills , and I promise not to crash your servers – at least not on the first day . { Awkward laugh }

Avinash : I'll be on the lookout for that. So , moving ahead , I'd like to ask you another question , "If you had to write a book about your life so far , what would the title be and why " ?

Tanishq :

It would be : " NP-Hard : A naive approach to optimizing life" .

The title alludes to the method of formulating the solution of a computational problem ,which involves first coming up with a solution that is correct , but not efficient , and then slowly and steadily improving the solution so that it can hit both of those marks. I've learnt from the tough ordeal of interviews that it's not about being the best , but about persevering against the odds , and I would surely want my book to convey that message.

HR : That surely is one way to answer that question {Laughs } We'll get back to you.

Act – 3

[Tanishq eagerly waiting for the results]

Narrator :

in his hostel room , nerves on high,
he waits for his next email , sigh.

Did he dazzle, did he flop?

will they say "yes", or will his heart drop?

Refresh , refresh his finger's sore....

come on inbox, what's in store?

A job, a dream, a hopeful cheer....

or just another "thanks, not here ".....

[Tanishq gets an email; He read and is elated]

Tanishq : Hallelujah ! Finally ! May the gods above be praised in all their glory ! Now

[takes a deep breath] okay , calm down . First I gotta break the news to my bros.

[Tanishq calls Shru]

Tanishq : Dude , guess what ? I got the job!

Shru : No way ! That's awesome ! You mean you actually convinced someone to hire you ? Did they not check your interview history ?

Tanishq : I know , right ? I was beginning to think that my resume was cursed. But seriously , sometimes the only thing that saves you from complete breakdown is a kind word from a friend.

Shru : Well , what did I say ? It was just a matter of time . Just remember , with great power comes great responsibility. And by great responsibility , I mean not pushing faulty code to production on your first day .

Tanishq : [laughs] I'll keep that in mind.

Shru : Anyways , have a good one , brother !

Tanishq : Thanks , man , for everything.

[Scene ends]

Scene –2

Act – 1

[Transitioning to the document verification]

Narrator :

In the corporate world, where suits hold might,
Tanishq steps in , eyes shining bright....
so hold it yet , the journey's just begun,
as he dives into a world of corporate fun.....

[we show the winding up of the document verification]

At document check , with forms to greet,
Tanishq breezed through , feeling upbeat.....
No snags , no drags , it all went fine
His paperwork game ? Right on the line.

With pen in hand and a jaunty flair,
he filled forms with much care....
Tick here , sign there , he breezed along,
document verification was like singing a song.....

Tanishq : [heaves a sigh of relief] glad that's over !

Act –2

Narrator :

Looming ahead , a new challenge arose
a bootcamp online where learning flows
no classmates to meet , no campus to roam,
just zoom meetings , taken from home

Tanishq sighed , feeling a bit forlorn
yearning for a break from digital thorn
studying online is a daunting feat
but our hero is determined , never one to retreat

so buckle up, folks ! For the ride's just begun,
as Tanishq dives headfirst into the corporate sun.....
With bootcamps , hackathons and challenges galore
will he emerge victorious ? Lets' explore !

Trainer: Good morning, everyone! Welcome to our bootcamp.

I am Anjali and I'll be your trainer for bootcamp.

Over the next couple of months, we'll have nine-hour sessions daily. There will be assignments, hackathons, and assessments. Its going to be challenging but this is going to really help you in your future projects. We'll be learning about various front-end frameworks like Angular and React, back-end frameworks like Springboot , and all of this will be project-driven and hands-on.

[Trainer about to leave]

Tanishq:

Did you hear that? Nine hours a day!

Student 2:

(sighing) And hackathons too? I barely survived the last one.

Trainer: You'll learn a lot, and this experience will be invaluable for your careers. I know it's rigorous but stay motivated!

Also we'll have a senior checker dropping in during the classes to check on your progress.

[Trainer exits. Slide showing –'few days later'.

Students turn to each other]

Tanishq:

So, how are you coping up with all this?

Student 2: Barely. I've already got dark circles from the assignments. And we haven't even started the hackathons yet.

Tanishq: (laughs) Tell me about it. My coffee consumption has tripled!

[Suddenly, the Senior Checker bursts in (zoom meeting in slide) with exaggerated movements, adjusting their glasses and scanning the room with a comically serious expression]

Senior Checker: (in a funny tone) Alright, team! Cameras on! I need to see those smiling faces. (looks around) Why the sad faces? Are we here for a bootcamp or a boot-fun camp?

Tanishq: (sarcastically) Oh yes, we're having a blast.

Senior Checker: (mockingly serious) I see some enthusiasm here! Keep it up, soldiers! Remember, a happy coder is a productive coder. (winks)

Student 2: (under their breath) More like a sleepy coder.

Senior Checker:

(pretending not to hear) I sense some whispers of joy. Keep spreading that positive energy! Alright, back to work, folks.

[Time passes. The Trainer re-enters the classroom with a proud smile.]

Trainer:

We've come close to the end of our bootcamp. Today, you have your final project presentations. Your mentors and managers will be there, so give it your best shot. Good luck!

[the project presentation commences]

Tanishq :

Good day , everyone ! Today , my teammate Mamta and I are excited to share our project – the multi-currency account solution. Using React , Springboot ad MongoDB , we've built a tool that makes handling different currencies a breeze....

Mamta :

Imagine this : You're travelling abroad , and suddenly you need to pay in a different currency. The conventional account lets you only hold amount of a certain currency , but our project lets you have amounts of different currencies in a single account .

Tanishq:

With our solution . You can perform intra-account as well as inter-account money transfers , check for currency alerts , and all that a conventional bank account lets you do , only much more. Behind the scenes , Springboot backend manages the heavy lifting , while React makes our product look spick and span.

Mamta :

Thank you for joining us , and we hope you find our showcases both informative and useful.

Trainer:

Congratulations everyone, you all did an amazing job. Your managers and mentors were impressed.

Tanishq:

I can't believe we did it. All those intense sessions really paid off.

Mamta:

I feel like I learnt so much in short time. Remember how we were freaking out about 9 hr sessions, now it feels like we can handle anything!

Tanishq:

And those hackathons seemed impossible at first, but they turned out to be some of the best learning experiences.

Mamta:

Agreed. Its been tough but we have learnt so much more than we ever thought possible.

Scene-3

[transitioning to the office]

Narrator :

Welcome to the office scene,
where our newbie joins the office team.....
with hopes high and spirits bright,
he steps into the morning light

His line manager , sharp and spry
with tasks and goals to aim sky-high
mentor wise with tales to share
guide him with attentive care

team-mates with their jokes and cheer
make each day a bit more dear
With coffee , foosball and shared delight
they make the journey feel just right

so here's to life in office land
where desks and dreams go hand in hand
our hero's ready , come what may !
to thrive and grow in every way !

[Tanishq walks in nervously , and introduces himself to his line manager]

Tanishq [nervously] :

Hello , sir ! You must be Mr. Avinash, right ?

Avinash: Ah , you must be Tanishq , right ?

Tanishq : Yes , sir.

Avinash: Great ! Alright , let's get you up to speed . You've got your access card , your RACF ID , your employee id and your office email right ? And please , don't call me sir. The corporate is the great

leveler , there's no sirs or madams here . We are all teammates , striving for a common goal in a common workplace.

Tanishq : [Nervously] I'm sorry , Avinash. I'll keep that in mind. And about the IDs and card , I've got them right here.

Avinash : Keep them handy , because these are your golden tickets to the tech kingdom. We primarily use Microsoft teams , Skype and Outlook for all official conversations here. There are surveys , GPLs and other stuff that are for the welfare of the employees . Keep an eye out for them in your inbox . Also there's a self service chatbot called AskArchie which you can explore . There are several other requests that need to be raised , eg. , as of now you are not able to access the codebase , isn't it ?

Tanishq :
Yeah , that's what I was gonna ask you about .

Avinash : Well , you still have to get the access to the codebase. We use Gitlab as our version control system here . Also , the system allotted to you must be having the memory of a goldfish. We need to buff up the system with more RAM and internal storage.

[looks at his screen]
I'm sorry but I'm kinda busy right now on the code release of our team which happens at the end of every month. But hey , I suppose you haven't met your mentor yet ?

Tanishq :
I actually introduced myself to him on the phone , but I haven't met him.

Avinash:
Well , that's your moment then. He's in office today. He'll be able to help you a lot on these other requests that I just mentioned.

Tanishq :
I'm on it. Thank you , sir . ugh , I mean , Thank you, Avinash.

Avinash:
[laughs]
Don't forget to mail me when you're all set . Have a good one !

[Tanishq transitions to where his mentor is sitting]

Tanishq : Good Morning , Deepa ! Akash told me you're the go-to person for requests outside of basic system access.

Deepa: Hello , Tanishq. Yes , Avinash told me that there's a new joiner coming to the team . What can I help you with ?

Tanishq : I actually have no clue how to raise the requests for Gitlab access , and for upgradation of the system resources. How to go about doing that ?

Deepa : No problem at all . Actually , in our organisation , we use a self help domain for managing an employee's request , which we call the ServiceLine Express. The approvers authorize the requests , and you'll get all set up in no time. You might want to let the approvers know beforehand by mailing them . Don't forget the words "Please" and "Thank you" , works like a charm and speeds up the entire process.

Tanishq : I'll remember that.

[Shru enters]

Deepa : Oh , and here comes Shru.....

Shru : Good Morning , Deepa ! And you must be Tanishq right ?

Tanishq : That's right . Nice to meet you.
[shakes hand]

Shru : so , it must be your first job right ? straight out of college ? What do you think of our beloved organization , so far ?

Deepa : Well , he's kind of on the runway right now. Still some of the accesses for the system are remaining.

Shru : Don't sweat it . All will be done in good time. Also , have you explored the various events yet ?

Tanishq: I'm sorry , events ?

Shru :
You must have heard this stereotype about a "miserably boring" cubicle life , where people behave like robots stacking up things on an assembly line , each day is the same, people work their lives away..... but trust me , nothing could be far from the truth.

Each day , some new issue comes up..... it could be that the previous code becomes obsolete , there's some new library or a whole new technology that comes up and forces us to think in completely new ways. If you're like me and you also love challenges , you're going to have a great time here. And about those events that I mentioned.....

[Avinash comes in]

Avinash : Hello Deepa ! Hello Shru! It seems like you've already made yourself at home , Tanishq ! Also , team.....I'm off to the volunteering program that I signed up for. I'll see you all tomorrow .

[Avinash walks away]

Deepa : Not only is he very diligent when it comes to the team project , Avinash is also really passionate about volunteering work . I really admire that about him.....

Shru : That's true. Every man's got to do their own part for the good of the community.

Tanishq : Is the volunteering work part of the events ?

Shru : Oh yeah , I completely forgot that we were talking about that. And yes , you're right. Natwest encourages volunteering work , and there are also a whole lot of other events that you could be part of . We have regular rendezvous with leaders , fire-side chats and engagementsits a great way to know the mindset of the leaders who have the reigns of the organisation. The organisation cares a lot about the individual's impact on the environment , and so carbon emissions are always kept in check.

Deepa : And also , for the new joiners , there's this cool thing called the Challenge program . Basically , you'll be teaming up with a number of colleagues of UK and other locations in India , and together , you guys will brainstorm on a technical solution , creating the proof of concept , and a final implementation which will then be showcased and pitched . Think of it like a localized shark tank !

Tanishq : That sounds so cool !

Shru : I know right ! You're in for a ride. Welcome to Natwest !

Narrator:

Ladies and gentlemen, let's now conclude our play,
Of an engineer's journey, in a humorous way.
He started with dreams, but no job in sight,
Interviews galore, but none quite right.

Rejected and tested, he'd face interviewers' might,
Each nodding their heads, saying, "Sorry, not quite."
But persistence he had, and a spark in his soul,
He aimed for the stars, his eyes on the goal.

Then came Natwest, like a beacon so bright,
A bootcamp to conquer, a rigorous fight.
Through coding and problems, he worked day and night,
Bootcamp became his stage, and he shone in the light.

Now part of the team, a journey replete
with rejected resumes all to his new comfy seat.
He's learned and he's grown, with each passing test,
Now he's part of Natwest, one of the best.

So people, remember, when your luck seems to lag,
When interviews fail, and hopes start to sag,
Keep faith in your journey, trust in the quest,
For every end is a start of something blessed.

And thus ends our tale, with laughter and cheer,
Our engineer's journey, from doubt to a career.
Keep dreaming, keep trying, through each winding bend,
For every journey has a lesson, and this is the end.

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