

The Fran-tastic Series - Book 1



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The Brave Fran

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Once there was a man named Fran. When he was 5 years old he saw his father working in a company. His father was an engineer. He wanted to be an engineer, just like his father.

In his 9th class Fran had a test. Fran was happy that the test was based on computers. He did everything correct. His father came to know that Fran wants to be an engineer. Then his father started teaching him all about computers and robots.

From that day Fran and his father studied a lot. When the time came to enter college Fran took a test. He ranked 1st in the exam. Fran's father was very happy and proud of Fran.

When Fran was 20 years old he went to a robot making company. There he met the company's boss. The boss' name was Mracle. Mracle was a very cunning and selfish man.

When Fran said to Mracle that he wants to be an engineer Mracle laughed. "I have no job for you. You look so young; you would know nothing about computers or robots."

But Fran requested him to take any test. Mracle designed a test of all the questions of which he himself did not know the answers.

Next day in the exam, Fran knew all the answers and did everything correctly.

Mracle was surprised and had to give Fran the job.

Fran was a very good engineer. But his boss Mracle was very selfish and became jealous of Fran. He felt that Fran was dangerous and would take his job one day. He decided to throw out Fran from the company.



Mracle gave a very tough project to Fran. It was so tough that Fran got worried. Fran thought why his boss give him such tough work.

Fran went home and started doing the project. At night when Fran was working his father entered. He saw Fran in trouble. Fran's father helped him with his work.

The next day when Mracle saw that the work was complete he was very angry. He understood that someone had helped Fran. Mracle asked," Did you do this work yourself or did someone help you?"

Fran was an honest man. He told Mracle that his father helped him. Mracle said," Call your father now. I want to talk to him on phone." Fran called his father and gave the phone to Mracle.

Mracle asked in a sweet voice, "Good morning Sir, what is your name? "
Fran's father said," Good Morning Mracle, my name is James. "

Mracle asked, "James, we have a one-day conference about robots in Agra. Will you come to that conference? We will go today and come back tomorrow."

James was always happy to go to robot conferences. He said yes.

That evening, Mracle gave Fran a more tough project. He ordered him to complete the work before Mracle comes back from Agra. This time Fran was all alone. But Fran remembered what his father had taught him. Fran did all the work and did it correctly.

The next day Mracle was very angry that Fran had done everything correctly. He thought of a new plan.

He told Fran to go to Jaipur. "There is a forest near Jaipur, go there and make a robot that acts like a monkey. The robot should be perfect, if it is not

perfect, I will throw you out of the company.”

But Mracle had an evil plan. He had a friend named Haren in Jaipur. Haren was a hunter.



Near Jaipur there was a forest. In that forest, there was a big handsome lion. Haren was hunting in the same forest. When he saw the lion he wanted to capture the lion and take it to his

circus.

Haren set up a trap and put meat in it. The lion ate the meat but got trapped in Haren's trap. Haren caught the lion and put it in a big box. He then, took the lion towards the circus.

A Forest man saw Haren catching the lion. He called the police. The police came and put Haren in jail for 1 year. But very soon, Haren ran away from jail. And then he came back to the forest. This time he came with the team of bad people.

The bad people disturbed the Forest man and started fighting with him. Because Forest Man was busy, there was no one to save the lion. Haren quietly caught and took the lion to his circus. Forest Man could not help this time.

The lion saw many animals in the circus. All the animals were sad. Haren hit the animals every day, and did not give them enough food. They were living in small cages. All of them thought who will save them?

As Mracle had ordered him, Fran started working in the forest. He put his tent and all his robot making things. He also started watching monkeys and studying them to make the perfect robot.



One day, Fran was working in his tent in the forest. He heard somebody crying. He went to the forest looking for the person who was crying.

It was the Forest Man.

Fran asked, "Why are you crying?"

Forest man said, "My lion is in the circus. He was caught by an evil hunter." And then, the Forest man told everything to Fran.

Fran was very sad for the lion and the Forest Man. He said, "I promise that your lion will get freedom from that circus man."

Fran called Mracle and told him that he needed a two-day holiday and after that he will finish the monkey robot.

Mracle thought, "What is Fran about to do? I must go to Jaipur and tell Haren about Fran. Then Haren can help me get rid of Fran."

Mracle went to Jaipur to meet Haren and tell him all about Fran.



The next day Fran went to the circus.

Fran saw the circus. He was very sad for the animals. Haren was beating all the animals. All animals were hungry and weak. He thought of an idea. Fran went back to his tent in the jungle. Fran made a monkey robot which follows the rules of his boss. It was the perfect monkey robot.

Fran named the robot “Dhruv”. The next day Fran again went to the circus show. When Haren started the show, Fran put Dhruv on the floor and ordered Dhruv to make a mess.

Dhruv troubled Haren more than anyone. Haren was not able to run the circus show because of Dhruv. The people who had come to watch the show were very angry and they threw tomatoes at Haren.

Mracle also saw all this and told Haren that all the trouble was because of Fran.

Haren saw Fran with his terrible eyes. He planned to hit Fran very badly and threw his whip at him. Haren hit him and Fran had to run away from the circus because he was not strong like Haren.

Haren and Mracle started laughing because they had defeated Fran.



After getting rid of Fran, Mracle went back to his office. Now, Mracle was the best engineer in the company. Haren too, caught more animals from jungle and beat them and made them dance at circus shows.

One month later a man came to Haren's circus. He had a long beard and wore a big hat. The man said to Haren," Sir, I am Chintoo - the son of your old friend Fadro, whom you have not met for 30 years. Sir can you give me a job"?

Haren said, "Yes! Why not? You are the son of my friend and I also need someone to feed and beat the animals. ".

Chintoo was not cruel like Haren. He used to take good care of the animals. One day the show happened. The cage of the lion was brought, and Haren opened the cage. The lion came out and roared. Everyone was scared, except Haren.

Haren ordered the lion to jump in the water. The lion did not jump in the water. Haren hit the lion very badly. But lion did not move. Haren kept hitting the lion with his whip. Suddenly, Haren saw a battery inside the lion. Haren said to himself, "This is a robot. It is not a real lion! Where is the lion?"

Then Chintoo came in the show.

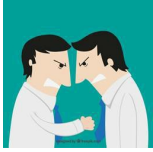
Chintoo said," Haren I am not Chintoo. Haren, use your mind Fadro is not even married how can his son be here?".

Haren said," Don't talk like this to me and tell who are you? "

The man said, "I am your enemy. I am Mracle's enemy. I am Fran."

And then he removed his beard and hat.

Haren said," Fran! You escaped me last time. But this time get ready to be killed by me".



Fran was in the circus with Haren and was not scared of him.

Fran told Haren, "One month ago I made this robot. The next day I went to your guards. I gave them tea with sleeping medicines. The guards drank that tea and fell asleep.

I took the keys from them and I freed the lion. After that, I put the robot lion in the jail. Then I put the key back in the guard's pocket. No one knew that this is a robot lion.

The real lion is back in the forest with its friend - the Forest Man. Then we thought of a plan. I came here to take you to the police and my father James and my monkey robot Dhruv are going towards Mracle's office. They will catch him and hand him to the police. And I will get you ..."

Haren said, "You were able to cheat me, but you cannot beat me. You are a weak engineer, and I am a strong ringmaster. I am much stronger than you."

Fran said, "I might be weak. But my lion robot is not weak. "

Fran ordered the robot to take Haren to jail. Haren ran from the circus. But Fran's robot lion was much faster. It caught Haren and took him to jail.

After Haren was put in jail, Fran saw James coming towards him. He asked, "What happened? Were you able to catch Mracle?"



James said, "We went to your office to catch him. But Mracle had built a rocket before we could reach there. He burnt the entire office and then he ran to space. We could not catch him."

Fran said, "If he is in space, he cannot trouble us."

Fran was now saved from the evil Mracle and Haren. Fran made the Forest Man the owner of the circus. Fran knew that the Forest Man can do shows without hurting the animals.

Fran went back home. His father James welcomed Fran with his favorite chocolates. Fran thanked James and went to sleep.

The next day James woke Fran up.

James said, "Good Morning my smart boy! Get ready for office."

Fran said, "Daddy Mracle has destroyed my office. I do not have any office. Where would I go?"

James said, "Fran my boy, you will start going to my office 'Kap Technologies' and take care of everything there. I wanted to take a long holiday – so you take care of my company now, and I will go on a holiday to Goa."

Fran could not believe it and thanked James.

There was a party in the company. Everybody was very excited to see Fran - the adventurous boy and a great engineer. Fran was a very hard working and the company became even more rich. Fran had many friends. Fran and James were very happy.



The man took out the powerful telescope he had built. He was all alone and was very angry.

He was alone because he was the only man on Moon.

He took out his telescope and started looking at the Earth. He located Fran and James on the Earth.

He was watching them from moon. He was Mracle.

Mracle shouted loudly - "I had to come to moon because of you Fran. I will get you one day....."

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