

INTERNAL CONFUSION

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Hridoy: Hey, what are you up to? This feels different.

Medha: Don't worry. I have a good feeling about this. Just go with the flow.

Udor: This doesn't look like it concerns me. Hridoy isn't paying me any attention anyway. I think I'll just take a nap.

Fushfush: I don't think Medha knows what she's doing. This does not feel good.

Peshi: I'm with Fushfush on this. What is this? Stop. It hurts!

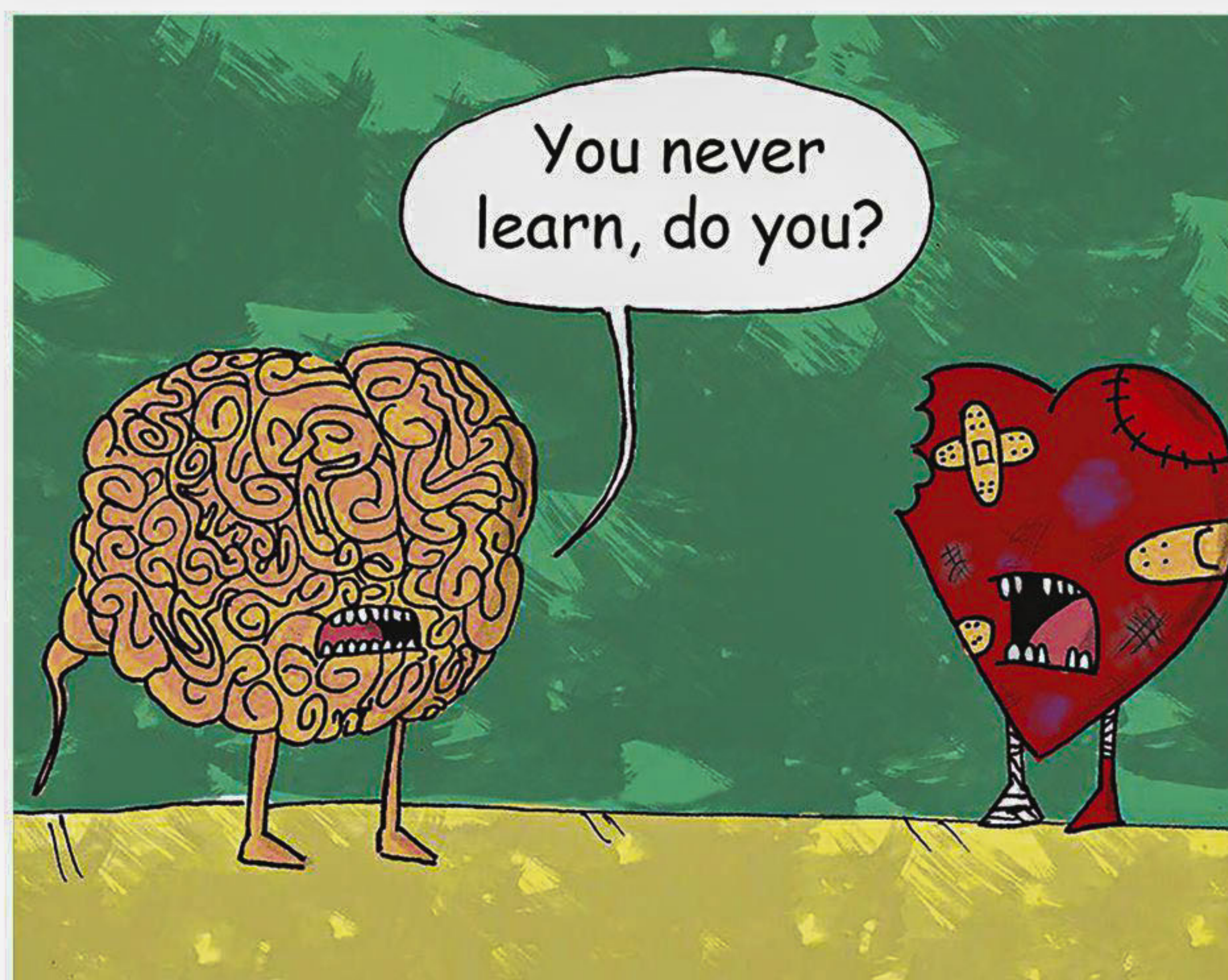
M: Calm down you two! Trust me.

H: Wait, are we running from something? Oh no, oh no, oh no! My ancestors warned me about this. In their time, we had to flee or fight to survive. But this wasn't how it was supposed to be now! I thought Medha's ancestors came up with many new technologies to handle those predators. I thought we had hunted them down to extinction. What's chasing us now?!

M: Oh dear. No one is chasing us, Hridoy.

F: Are we going somewhere, then? Are we late? Why don't you just take the moving metal box? I like the moving metal box. The cool smokeless air feels good. I mean, it's not dusty here, but boy does it stink. Is that us?

M: No way! We don't stink! I explicitly remember reminding Nabil to put on deodorant. I still feel terribly embarrassed



about letting him down last week when he was trying to impress Tamanna.

H: Tamanna. We like her. She's so cute. When will we see her next Medha?

M: Soon. Trust me. With the work we're doing now, she'll be so impressed!

F: Hridoy, stop skipping at the thought of Tamanna. Keep up with me. I think I'm starting to get the hang of this.

Woah, look how big I can get!

M: Hridoy is always over-excited. Don't worry my man. I've got this under control. Once Udor gets in shape and finally decides to stop blocking our advances, I'm sure she'll love us.

U: Hey. Did I hear you complain about me? I'm not the one making the decisions here, you know. I didn't tell you to

pass that delicious red velvet cupcake to me yesterday. You did that all by yourself.

M: An unfortunate slip up on my part. I shouldn't have done that. Regardless, we shall burn those calories today.

H: But if we're not running from or to anything, what are we even doing?

M: We're just running.

H: Just running? And not going forwards or backwards? You're making no sense. I have to work overtime to keep up. Fushfush, can't you slow down a bit?

F: I can't. It hurts Peshi more if I do. Medha, you need to stop. It's been over 20 minutes. I don't think Peshi can go on much longer. And you know what happens if you over extend her and her twin.

M: Hmm. You're right. They'll complain all night. I can't afford that today. We have to meet Tamanna tomorrow. We must look our freshest.

P: Hey, don't talk about me like I can't understand you. I'm just as much of an organ as you guys!

M: Sure you are honey. Okay, I think we can take a break now. I knew this was a good idea. I feel so pumped!

U: Ooh, we're taking a break? Can we get some cupcakes?

Medha, Hridoy: No!

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Things we (actually) want from Google

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Google's recent I/O event gave the tech giants' fans and users a grand level of insight into what is currently in the works. From software features to hardware design, Google had a lot to show.

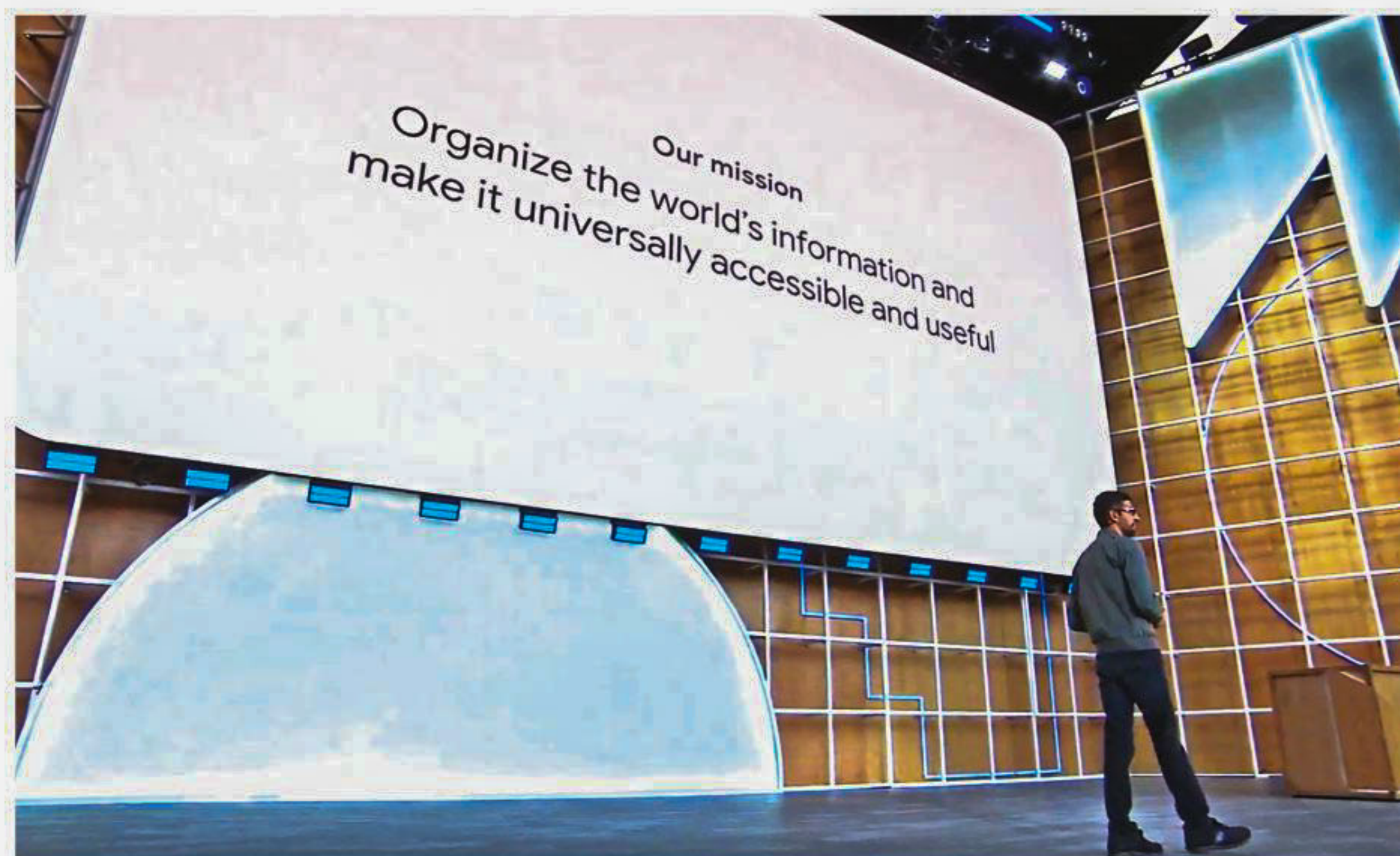
However, there are still things which users have either been asking for, for a long time or ideas that seem so obvious it's shocking that Google isn't already working on it.

OPTIMISING CHROME

The memes are accurate. Chrome devours its way through your RAM. Imagine being in a critical task, only for Chrome to crash, resulting in you losing all of your work. It's happened to a lot of us. Firefox has shown us that browsers don't have to ruin your life just because you can't afford 8GB of RAM, and Google should follow that line and optimise their browser to ensure even the most budget users get the proper Chrome experience.

AI VOICE CALLS

While I love that Google will allow users to book appointments and services using the Google Assistant, there's definitely a lot more conversations that I want to avoid having. For example, if the assistant could pick up my ride sharing call and give the



rider instructions to my location, it would be one less unnecessary conversation for the day. Maybe a feature to pick up your mom's phone calls, when you're out late with your friends, and let her know your location and status. The only downside would be your mom showing up with the khunti to crash your party.

MAKE ANDROID BETTER

If you ever meet an iOS fanboy, they'll rave on about certain things like their

cameras, iMessage and just how intuitive the operating software is. However, for a lot of people, where iOS really stands out is in its optimisation. Even looking at Google's own phones, it becomes clear that iPhones just make much better use of their hardware. The smoothness of iOS and battery life are two key points to note, and Android should definitely put in an effort to at least keep up with the competition on this end of the software. Not to mention

that Google's mobile devices only get 2 years of software updates and support, which seems measly when compared to Apple's five.

MAKING THE MOST OF MAPS

Google Maps has been my saviour many times, helping me find specific addresses, ATMs, and restaurants almost flawlessly. A feature that would be extremely helpful in the context of Bangladesh would be safe routes. What this would do is highlight streets and roads where users have reported feeling at risk, thus suggesting for these pathways to be avoided. Another feature would be to include bus routes and suggestions when you're looking to go to a specific location. There could also be an option to hide Mirpur from the map completely so that the sight of its hellish roads would stop giving me nightmares.

Google has proven itself to be at the forefront of tech innovation, and the above steps will definitely push it to the next level, even further ahead of the competition.

So here's to a future where my 4GB peasant laptop can finally use Chrome again.

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