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**If I Could Invent Something New**

The world we live in is rapidly advancing. Just three hundred years ago, the concept of cars and planes was unimaginable; computers and machines seemed a fantasy. But curiosity plagued the mind of man – the need to know more, to do more, and to make more. Man thought, created, and invented. So, in modern times, those implausible ideas of the past are now integral parts of the present.

Every day I hear of an innovation that previously seemed surreal and unfeasible – a car that charges itself with solar energy or a microchip that can be implanted in the human brain. It always amazed me. I have often dreamt of inventing something that would amaze people for days, weeks, months, and even years to come. Yet I could not bring myself to think of a flying car, a UFO, a ‘house-on-wheels,’ or a teleportation and time travel machine. Instead, my mind was drawn to the concept of ‘neuro-prosthetics.’

  The idea stemmed from an encounter with a completely limbless hawker I saw five years ago. The man could not even move his wheelchair which was stationed on the roadside. Yet he persevered on his quest to sell the bag of white handkerchiefs on his lap; to make a living despite his challenges. If he had all his limbs, he would have been an industrious -and possibly successful- man. I dreamt, imagined and anticipated what I could have made, regardless of how impossible it may seem. My mind found solace in neuro-prosthetics- to help individuals with neurological impairments that limit their motor functions, enabling them to regain the ability to move and perform regular activities. These realistic artificial limbs would operate similarly to virtual reality but with a primary focus on neurology.

Thousands of people have lost the sparks and essence in their lives after becoming amputees, losing their limbs, or experiencing neurological impairments. Such individuals deserve hope at living a meaningful life and deserve another chance. While the development of neuro-prosthetics would require extensive technological and medical research, the idea of significantly improving someone's quality of life has much more worth to me. So as the world I live in progresses, I'll be a force that'll empower it.