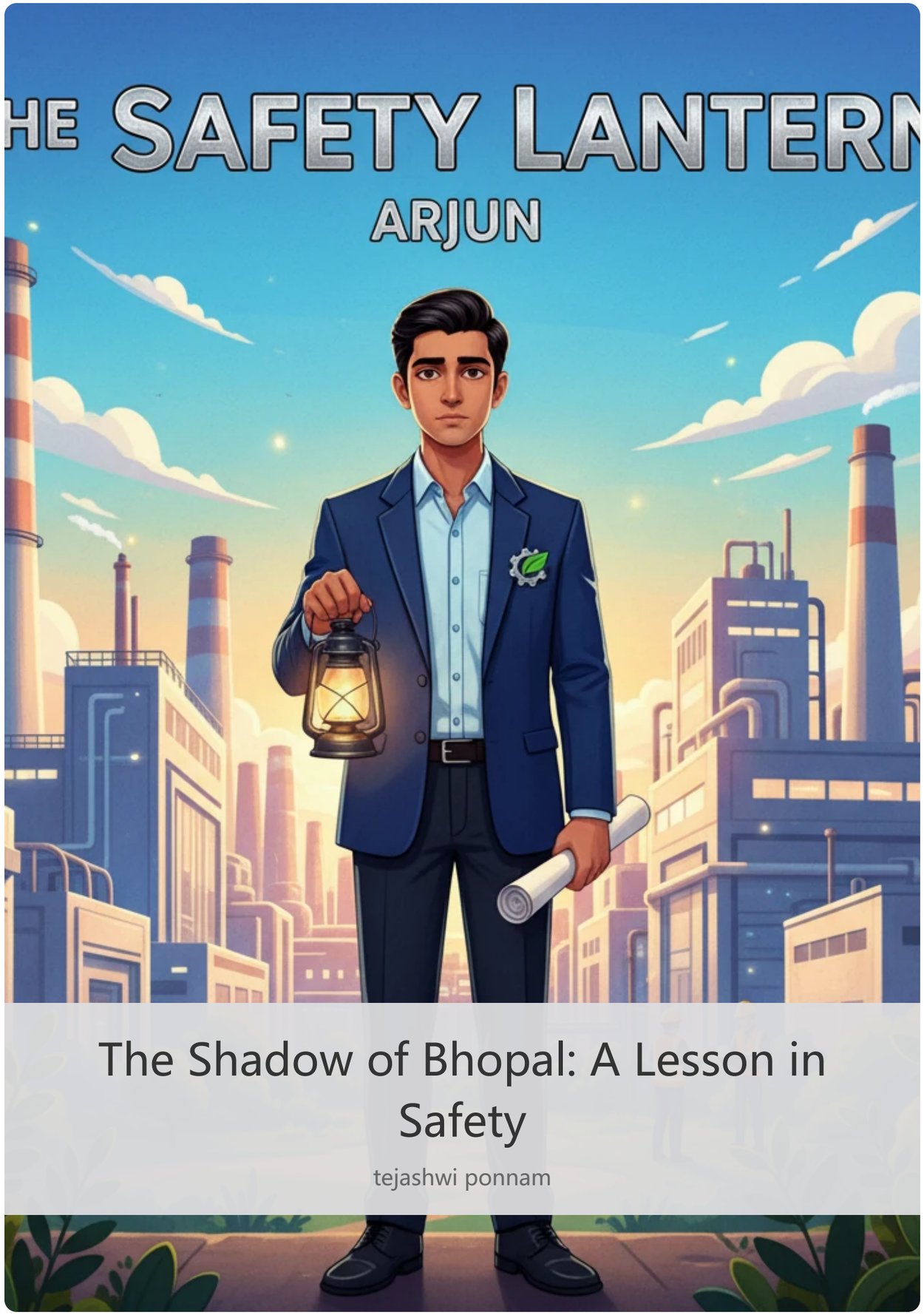

The Shadow of Bhopal: A Lesson in Safety

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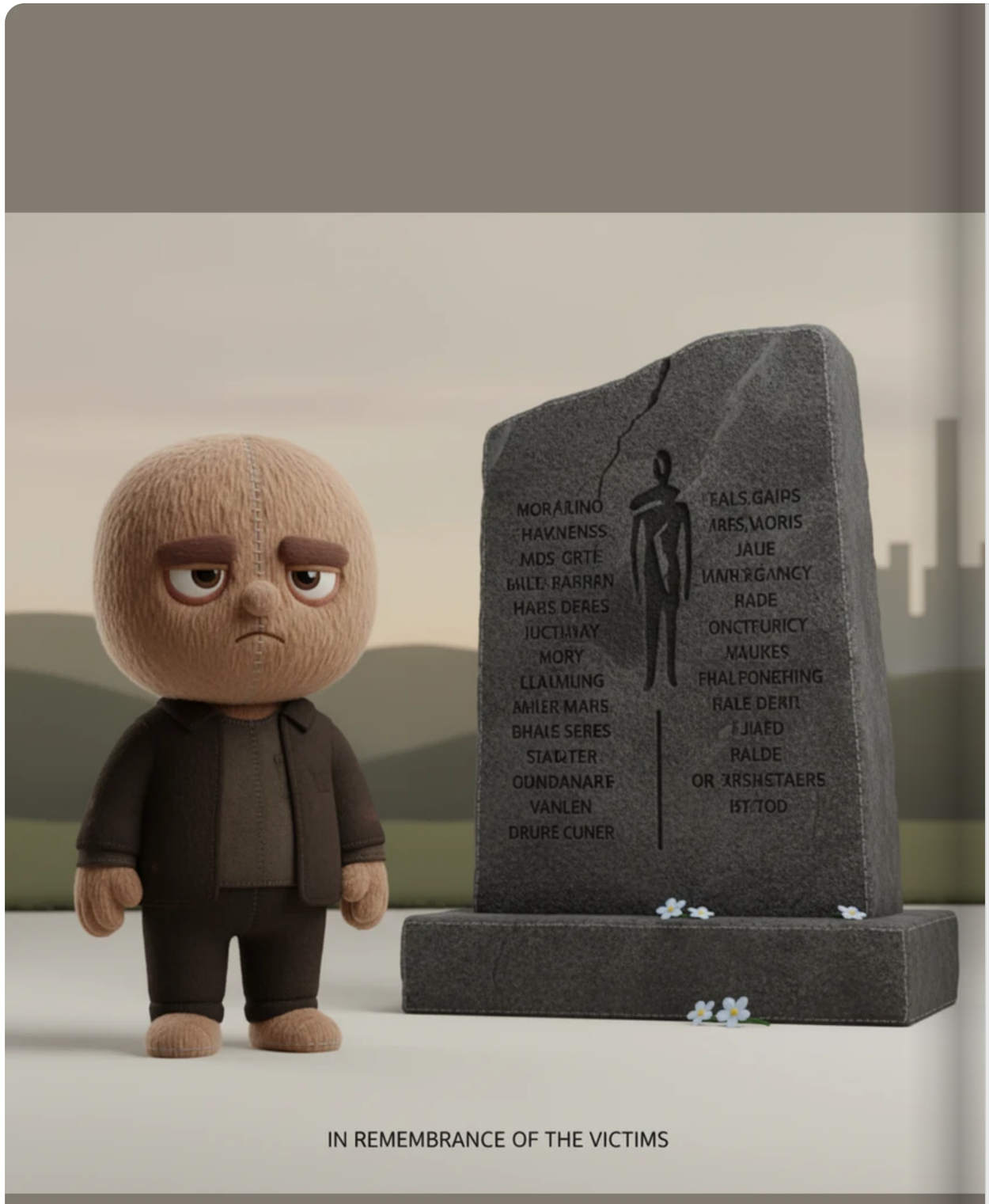
Arjun stands before the towering steel pipes and glowing pressure gauges of a modern chemical plant, feeling the weight of the responsibility he carries. He understands that while these facilities power our world, the line between safety and catastrophe is drawn by human care and rigorous maintenance.

He examines a digital archive highlighting past industrial scars, from the abandoned streets of Chernobyl to the chemical clouds of Seveso. Each record tells a story of neglected safety audits and the devastating environmental pollution that follows a failure in management and equipment.

In the heart of Bhopal during the winter of 1984, a thick, suffocating mist of methyl isocyanate gas leaks silently from a faulty storage tank at the Union Carbide plant. As the moon hangs over the unsuspecting city, the invisible poison spreads through the air, changing the lives of over half a million people forever.



Standing before a memorial for the victims, Arjun reflects on the importance of corporate accountability and the lessons learned from the failures of the past. He realizes that true progress is measured not just by industrial production, but by the safety and health of every worker and every neighbor.