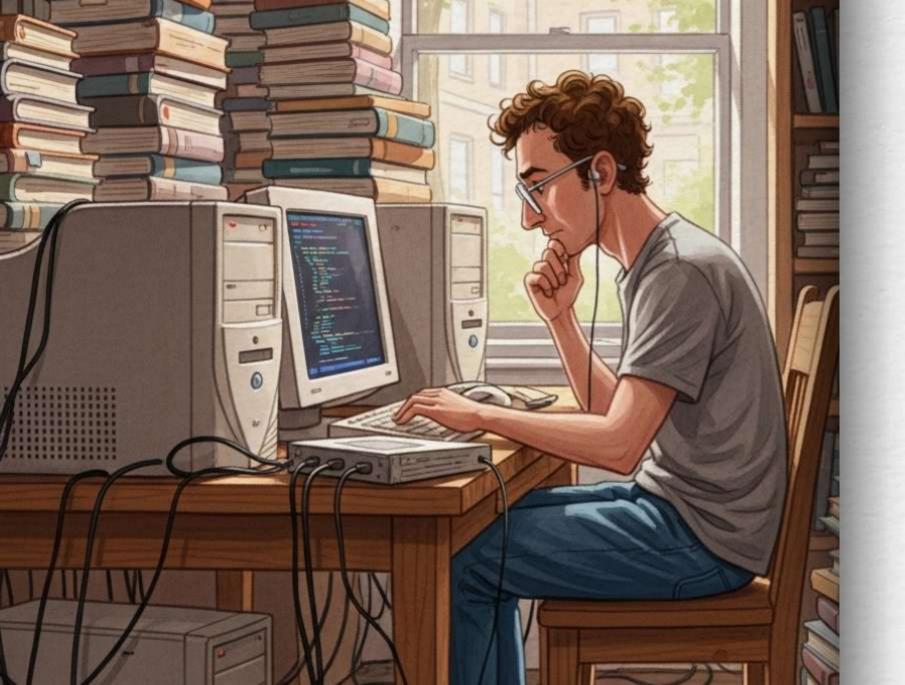


nce upon a time, in a world full of questions, two clever friends named Larry and Sergey had a big idea. They were students at a big university, surrounded by books and computers, and they wondered, "How can we find the best answers to all the questions in the world?"



They noticed that finding information on the internet was like looking for a needle in a giant haystack. Websites were all jumbled up, and it was hard to know which ones to trust. "There has to be a better way!" Larry said to Sergey.



So, they got to work in their dorm room, which was filled with computers and wires. They wrote a special computer program that didn't just look for words, but also looked at how many other websites linked to a page. They called this idea "PageRank."



It was like a popularity contest for websites! The more links a website had, the more important it was, and the higher it would appear in their search results. Sergey tested it out, and it worked better than anything they had ever seen!



Their little project, which they first called "Backrub," was getting very popular at the university. Everyone wanted to use it to find information for their classes. They knew they were onto something big.



They decided to give their project a new name: "Google." It was a playful spelling of "googol," which is the number one followed by one hundred zeros. It represented their mission to organize the huge amount of information in the world.



To make their dream a reality, they needed more space than their dorm room. So, they moved into a friend's garage! It was filled with tools and boxes, but it became the very first Google office.



Word about Google spread like wildfire. People all over the world started using it to find answers to their questions, from "How do I bake a cake?" to "What is the capital of Mongolia?".



From that small garage, Google grew and grew. They created maps to help people find their way, email to connect with friends, and a place to watch videos from all over the globe.



Today, Google is a giant company that helps billions of people every day. And it all started with two friends, a big question, and the belief that with the right tools, every question could be answered.