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# WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

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You've heard the hype, the wild claims, the grand plans of how the next big thing like 3D-printing, tech wearables, or AI will change the way we live forever...

But wait -- enter your average guy & skeptic -- comedian Rishi Budhrani. He doesn't get the hype, nor how we will actually get to this great new future. So let's put these big claims to the test... to figure out exactly where we lie in making these things a reality.

Can we literally 3D-print a new heart to outlive a family history of heart attacks? Create plant robots to do our bidding? How about a smart 'wearable' that can predict diseases before you get sick? How far can we take it?

Join Rishi as he grills scientists, futurists, engineers, programmers, and drills beyond the headlines to find out what it'd take to make these promises real. But he also explores the ethics and politics that could shape how these technologies will fit into our lives.

Host: Rishi Budhrani

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### Episode 1: Smart Wearables

In the debut of 'What's the Big Deal?', a series that cracks down on the hype behind the latest buzzwords, comedian Rishi Budhrani goes after the devices that are hyped to succeed smartphones – devices so small and light, you could wear them. We are talking about smart watches, smart clothing, even smart teeth?!

The promises are wild. Smart wearables are supposed to predict diseases before you get them. Maybe even allow you to be 'hospitalised' at home, because wearables can send your vitals to your doctor 24/7. And researchers dream of a future where one small device can replace a whole host of blood tests and scans.

So... why aren't our smart watches already doing all that? Rishi gets to the bottom of it by crashing in on engineers, scientists and academics. And spoiler alert: can you imagine if wearables are on track to do all that... and more?

Hint: Rishi meets a research team in South Korea who may be able to read your emotions and stress levels... and the FBI wants it.

### Episode 2: Botanical Power

Could your pretty monstera be a secret superhero? Get ready to be surprised in this episode of What's the Big Deal in which host Rishi Budhrani explores the superpowers that are hidden in the plant and fungi kingdoms. From plant robots that can do our work for us, to biodegradable building materials for our HDB flats, to drought resistant crops -- the world of botany could hold the key to fighting climate change.

### Episode 3: Telepresence

It will soon not matter whether something or someone is next door, in the next city or halfway across the world. Beyond seeing and hearing, telepresence gives you the means to manipulate virtual objects without leaving your home. What does it mean to the way we work and go about our daily lives? What will it take to get there? And can this technology save lives?

### Episode 4: 3D Bioprinting

Picture this: you walk into the hospital one day... and waltz out with a brand-new set of lungs. Or kidneys. Or heart. Or... well, you get the idea.

We're not describing a scene from a science fiction movie. According to scientists, this could be a reality within just a few decades, thanks to a futuristic, cutting-edge technology known as 3D bioprinting.

Join host Rishi Budhrani as he goes on a quest to find out what 3D bioprinting can already do, exactly how close are we to printing human organs on demand, and whether this could really help him outlive a worrying family history of heart disease.

### Episode 5: Biohacking

The biohacking movement is growing.

From top-tier athletes using wellness devices to improve their sports performance, to scientists looking for novel cures, and even individuals experimenting on their bodies to become cyborgs -- more people are game to try out unorthodox methods, in order to live better.

Host Rishi Budhrani finds out what exactly it means to hack our bodies, and whether biohacking could ultimately lead to a new era of human evolution.

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