

The Future in Six Acts

I.

A boy's fear fades as
he listens to an AI companion
read novels and comic books
while his nurse injects a vaccine.

II.

Helicopters hover over the sea
while a rescue team lowers
a robotic man into the waves
to carry the lost swimmer ashore.

III.

A teacher bridges cultural
differences in her class with
an AI assistant who speaks
every child's language fluently.

IV.

In a heartland warehouse,
metal arms work alongside humans,
assembling the batteries that will
power our ambulances and buses.

V.

A carpenter's AI program scans
an apartment building for wear
to prevent collapse from happening,
so residents can focus on living.

VI.

The greatest scene is the one
that hasn't been written yet;
the one you create with your
courage, talent, and determination.