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**To:** roger schank <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: classic film | &lt;i&gt;The Age of Intelligent Machines&lt;/i&gt;  
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There was a shtetl called "chomsk" in Belarus. If that's the one he has in mind, then no connection. My father came from a shtetl called "Kupil" in western Ukraine. Apart from his parents and siblings, all relatives appear to have been wiped out, by the Nazis, or the Ukrainians if they got there first. Last known "Khomski" was killed by Ukrainians in 1942.

There's a journalist, Johann Hari, who's been tracking all this down, using Yad va-Shem and other records.

On Sat, Dec 26, 2015 at 11:42 AM, roger schank <[REDACTED]> wrote:

because I criticized him

he has done that to may people

victor yngve worked with him and tried to get computers to use his ranger theory to parse sentences

when he said he couldn't do it (yngve was a smart guy) chomsky got him out of MIT and barred any linguistics dept from taking him

he found a job in the library school of univ chicago

other linguists (lakoff, fillmore) were banished too, but were so well respected they managed to have great careers anyway

a quote from a friend of mine: in any field there are 5 or 6 brilliant people, except in linguistics where there is only one because all others were banished

On Dec 26, 2015, at 10:38 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

why ?

On Sat, Dec 26, 2015 at 10:36 AM, roger schank <[REDACTED]> wrote:

actually I never doubted that; I am sure we are cousins (he looks just like my father whose family was from the town next to chomsk); my shrink uncle had a field day with the idea that they looked alike when he first saw chomsky

he has just been vicious to me over the years (e.g. when I moved to NWU he tried to block it)

On Dec 26, 2015, at 10:31 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

i think you and chomsky are more alike than you would find palatable

On Sat, Dec 26, 2015 at 10:28 AM, roger schank <[REDACTED]> wrote:

<http://www.kurzweilai.net/classic-film-the-age-of-intelligent-machines>

just in case you wonder what marvin and I looked and sounded like 30 years ago when AI wasnt stupid and we werent half dead

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