

SOLAR SAMURAI



Foreword

THIS STORY IS A PERSONAL METAPHOR THAT CONVEYS MY HOPE FOR A FUTURE WHERE RENEWABLE ENERGY NOT ONLY OVERCOMES THE LEGACY OF FOSSIL FUEL COLONIALISM BUT ALSO RESTORES POWER AND DIGNITY TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CLIMATE INJUSTICE.

IN THIS STORY, SAMORI REPRESENTS THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN AFRICA. HE STUMBLES UPON THE ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE OF SOLAR ENERGY, SYMBOLIZED BY RA, THE SUN GOD. HIS DISCOVERY AND SUBSEQUENT EMPOWERMENT THROUGH A SOLAR-POWERED BLADE REFLECT THE POTENTIAL OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY FOSSIL FUELS. BY STANDING UP TO MR. OILSTER COALHEART, THE CEO EMBODIES THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF OIL AND GAS COMPANIES, SAMORI'S MISSION REFLECTS THE REAL-WORLD STRUGGLES OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES AGAINST THE GREED AND EXPLOITATION OF FOSSIL FUEL CORPORATIONS LIKE THOSE INVOLVED IN THE EACOP PROJECT.

AS SAMORI BANDS TOGETHER WITH HIS COMMUNITY AND OTHER CHILDREN TO FIGHT AND ULTIMATELY DEFEAT COALHEART, THIS SYMBOLIZES THE COLLECTIVE STRENGTH AND UNITY REQUIRED TO OVERCOME ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION AND CLIMATE CHAOS. THE SOLAR ENERGY THEY HARNESS TO POWER THEIR VILLAGE IS NOT JUST A VICTORY OVER DARKNESS—IT IS A RECLAIMING OF AGENCY, RESILIENCE, AND SELF-RELIANCE. THIS SERVES AS A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT WHEN COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA ACCESS RENEWABLE ENERGY, THEY ARE CLAIMING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR FUTURE, CUTTING TIES WITH THE EXPLOITATIVE POWER DYNAMICS OF FOSSIL FUEL GIANTS.

THIS STORY, WHILE FANTASTICAL IN NATURE, IS AN ALLEGORY FOR A VERY REAL REVOLUTION—A REVOLUTION WHERE RENEWABLE ENERGY LEADS TO EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE WITHOUT DEPENDENCY ON EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES.

MY HOPE IS THAT THIS NARRATIVE NOT ONLY ENTERTAINS KIDS AROUND THE WORLD PARTICULARLY MY DAUGHTER FATIHA TO WHOM I DEDICATE THIS BOOK, BUT ALSO EDUCATES AND INSPIRES THE NEXT GENERATION TO REALIZE THAT THE FIGHT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY IS A FIGHT FOR EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND THE FUTURE OF OUR PLANET.

CHAPTER ONE

THE TEMPLE



**I WONDER WHAT
LIES BEYOND
THOSE DUNES.**

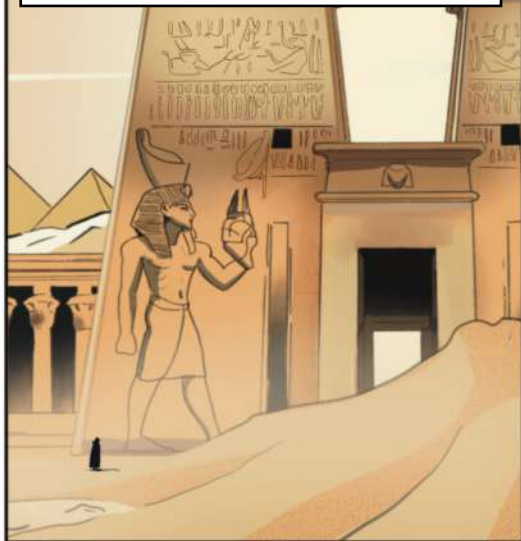


SWOOSH



**A YOUNG ORPHAN NAMED SAMORI, ROAMED THE ARID SANDS
OF THE SAHARA DESERT.**

AS SAMORI EXPLORES THE ANCIENT
TEMPLE OF ABU SIMBEL



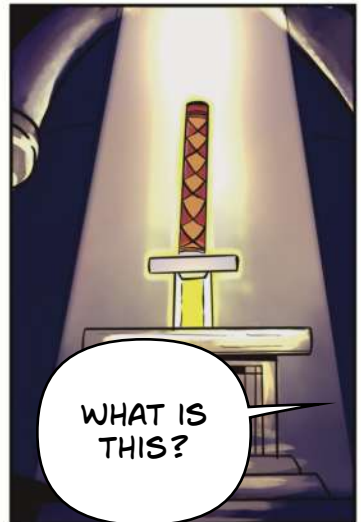
HE FINDS HIMSELF DEEP WITHIN AN
ANCIENT PYRAMID, SURROUNDED BY
INTRICATE HIEROGLYPHS



HE DISCOVERS A HIDDEN ROOM FILLED WITH ANCIENT
SOLAR-POWERED DEVICES



HE FOUND THE LEGENDARY SWORD OF THE
PHARAOH RA, CAPABLE OF HARNESSING THE
LIGHT OF SOLAR RAYS.



WHAT IS
THIS?



AS SAMORI GRASPED THE HILT OF THE SWORD, HE FELT A CONNECTION TO THE SUN AS IF THE POWER OF RA HIMSELF HAD CHOSEN HIM.



I FEEL DIFFERENT. STRONGER



CHAPTER TWO: RA, GOD OF THE SUN.






WHO
ARE
YOU?



SAMORI, THE CHOSEN ONE. I'VE
BEEN WAITING THIS MOMENT FOR
CENTURIES.

CHOSEN GUARDIAN OF THE
SUNLIGHT,
YOU ARE IN THE HEART OF ANCIENT
WISDOM — A ROOM DEDICATED TO
EXPLOITING THE POWER OF SUNLIGHT.
WITHIN IT, LIES KNOWLEDGE THAT CAN
CHANGE THE FATE OF YOUR WORLD...

I AM RA, GOD OF THE SUN



I HAD NO
KNOWLEDGE OF
SUCH POWER,
MIGHTY RA.

FEAR NOT, SAMORI, FOR YOU HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN AS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE
ANCIENT WORLD AND THE MODERN ERA.
THIS SOLAR-POWERED SWORD, ONCE A
SYMBOL OF STRENGTH, NOW SERVES A
GREATER PURPOSE. IT SHALL
RECHARGE THROUGH THE ARMOR I
HANDLED TO YOU. IT'S CRAFTED WITH MINI
SOLAR PANELS THAT HARNESS THE
SUN'S ENERGY. YOU ARE THE CHOSEN
ONE. ONCE IN EVERY 10,000 YEARS, A
SOLAR SAMURAI EMERGES TO FREE THE
WORLD FROM DARKNESS.



YOU MUST BRING
LIGHT TO THE
DARKNESS.

AN ARMOUR
FILLED WITH
SOLAR
ENERGY?

THE ARMOR SHALL NOT ONLY PROTECT
YOU, BUT IT SHALL ALSO AMPLIFY YOUR
SOLAR POWERS. THROUGH IT, YOU SHALL
RADIATE LIGHT, INSPIRE OTHERS, AND
COMBAT THE DARKNESS.



I
ACCEPT
THIS
MISSION.





*YOUR MISSION IS TO JOURNEY ACROSS
THE LANDS, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA...*

HERE IS A MAP.

*GO, ILLUMINATE THE VILLAGES THAT
DWELL IN DARKNESS,
AND AWAKEN THEIR SPIRITS TO THE
POWER OF THE SUN.*

*UNITE THEM IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
DARKNESS, STORM, DROUGHT, FLOOD
AND THE EXPLOITATION OF OUR PLANET'S
RESOURCES THAT CAUSE WHAT YOUR
GENERATION CALLS CLIMATE CHANGE.*



*I SHALL CARRY THIS
MISSION IN MY HEART, RA,
GOD OF THE SUN.*



*AS SOLAR SAMURAI MOVES DEEPER INTO THE DESERT, HE ENCOUNTERS
VARIOUS TRIALS THAT TEST HIS ABILITIES AND UNDERSTANDING OF
SOLAR ENERGY. HE FACES HEAT, SANDSTORMS, AND MIRAGES THAT
CHALLENGE HIS FOCUS AND DETERMINATION.*

CHAPTER THREE

THE DESTINY

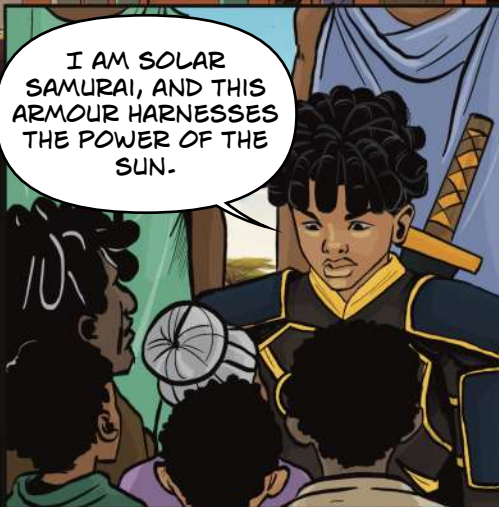


SOLAR SAMURAI, YOU HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BY OUR ANCESTORS FOR YOU ARE OUR SAVIOR. WE HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF LIGHT FOR FAR TOO LONG. THE OIL AND GAS COMPANIES HAVE LEFT US IN DARKNESS, TAKING OUR LANDS AND HOPE.

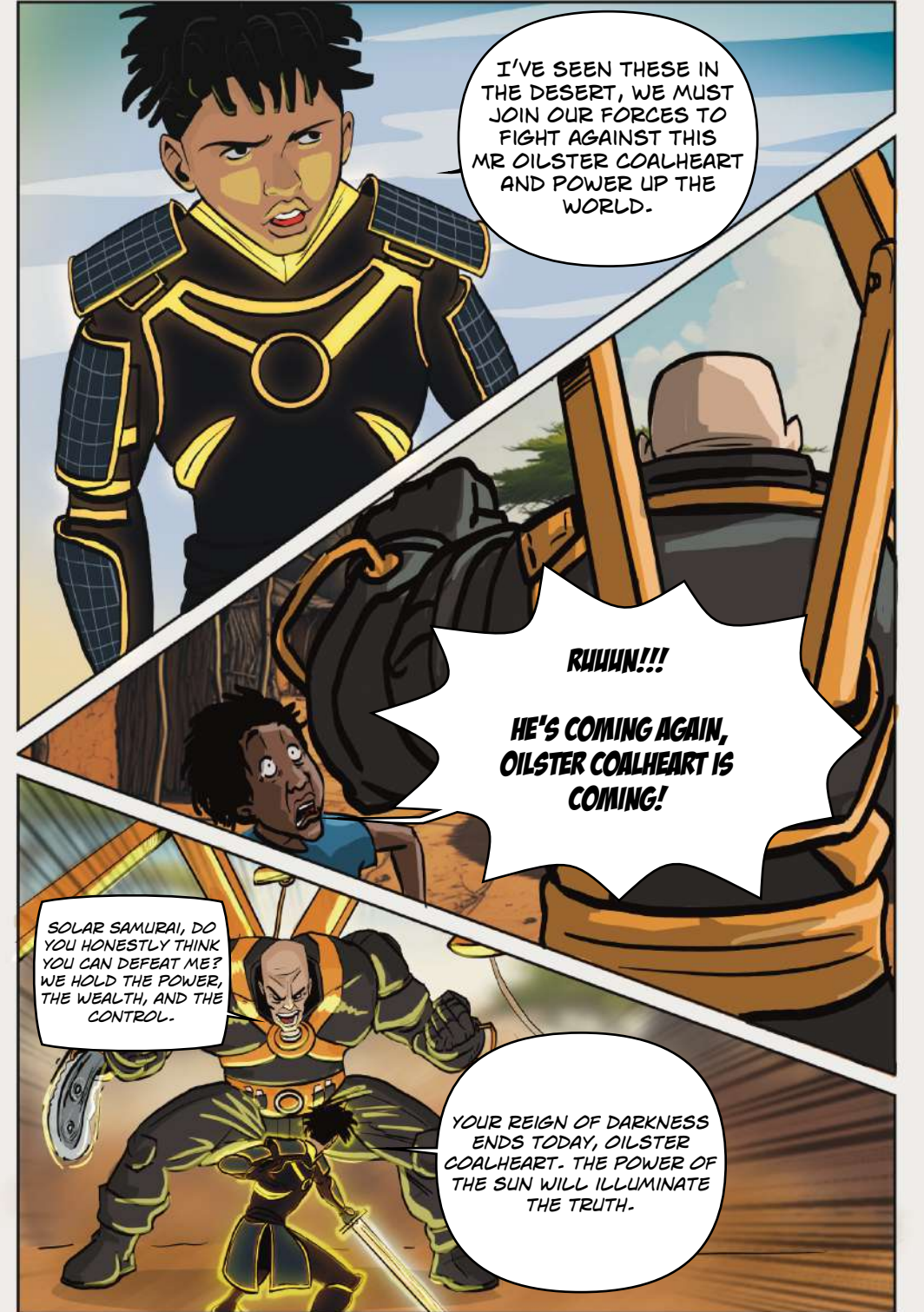
FEAR NOT, FOR I AM HERE TO FIGHT FOR YOUR LIBERATION. THE POWER OF THE SUN WILL SHINE UPON THIS VILLAGE ONCE MORE.



WHO ARE YOU, SIR? WHAT IS THAT SHINY AMOUR YOU'RE WEARING?



I AM SOLAR SAMURAI, AND THIS ARMOUR HARNESSSES THE POWER OF THE SUN.



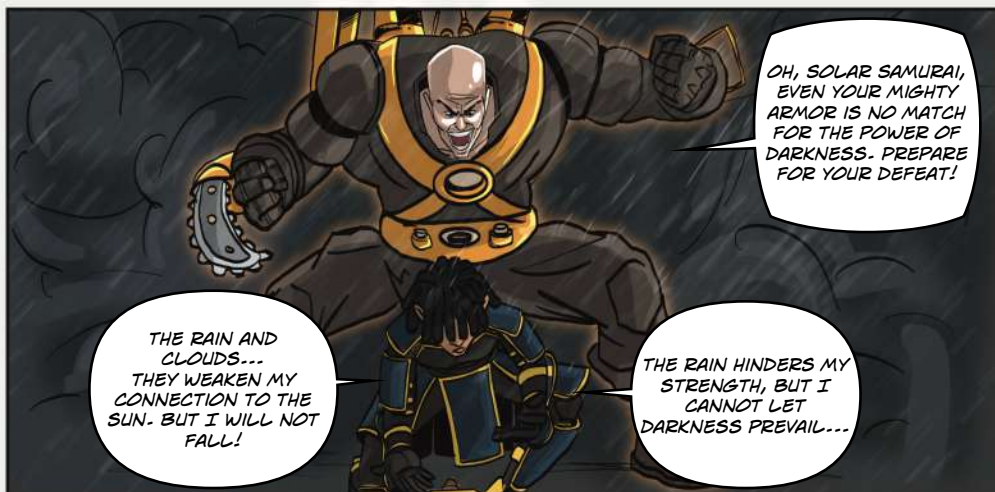
I'VE SEEN THESE IN
THE DESERT, WE MUST
JOIN OUR FORCES TO
FIGHT AGAINST THIS
MR OILSTER COALHEART
AND POWER UP THE
WORLD.

RUHHN!!!

**HE'S COMING AGAIN,
OILSTER COALHEART IS
COMING!**

SOLAR SAMURAI, DO
YOU HONESTLY THINK
YOU CAN DEFEAT ME?
WE HOLD THE POWER,
THE WEALTH, AND THE
CONTROL.

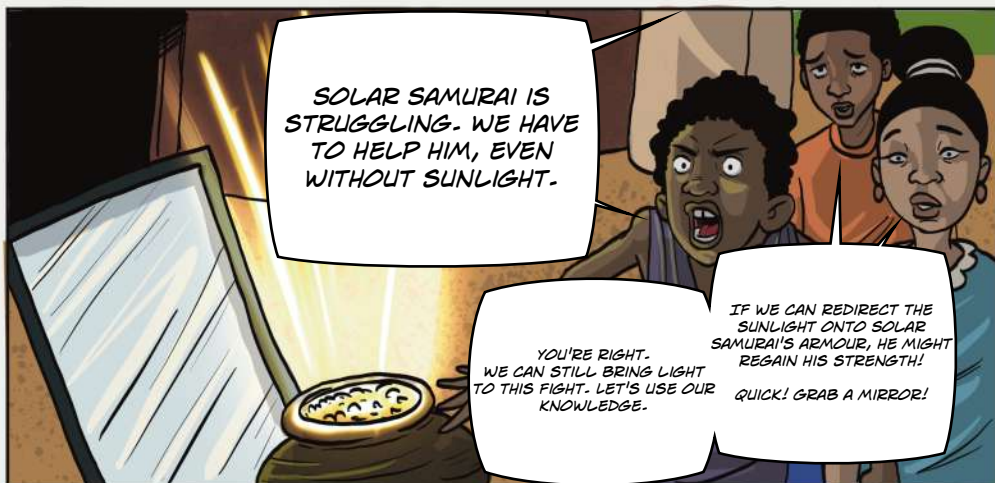
YOUR REIGN OF DARKNESS
ENDS TODAY, OILSTER
COALHEART. THE POWER OF
THE SUN WILL ILLUMINATE
THE TRUTH.



OH, SOLAR SAMURAI, EVEN YOUR MIGHTY ARMOR IS NO MATCH FOR THE POWER OF DARKNESS. PREPARE FOR YOUR DEFEAT!

THE RAIN AND CLOUDS... THEY WEAKEN MY CONNECTION TO THE SUN. BUT I WILL NOT FALL!

THE RAIN HINDERS MY STRENGTH, BUT I CANNOT LET DARKNESS PREVAIL...



SOLAR SAMURAI IS STRUGGLING. WE HAVE TO HELP HIM, EVEN WITHOUT SUNLIGHT.

YOU'RE RIGHT. WE CAN STILL BRING LIGHT TO THIS FIGHT. LET'S USE OUR KNOWLEDGE.

IF WE CAN REDIRECT THE SUNLIGHT ONTO SOLAR SAMURAI'S ARMOUR, HE MIGHT REGAIN HIS STRENGTH! QUICK! GRAB A MIRROR!



THE LIGHT... IT'S RETURNING!

NO! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!




THE POWER OF THE
SUN TRANSCENDS
CLOUDS AND RAIN.
DARKNESS SHALL
NEVER PREVAIL!

YOU MAY HAVE WON
THIS BATTLE, SOLAR
SAMURAI, BUT THE
DARKNESS WILL
ALWAYS RETURN!



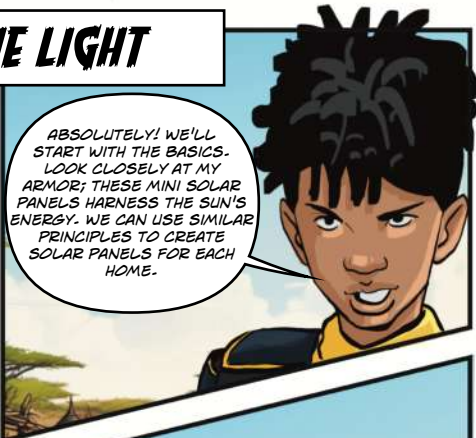
PERHAPS, BUT WE
WILL ALWAYS
STAND READY TO
BRING LIGHT AND
POWER UP THE
WORLD.

CHAPTER FOUR: THE LIGHT



NOW THAT DARKNESS HAS BEEN DEFEATED, IT'S TIME TO BRING LIGHT INTO EVERY HOME. LET'S LEARN HOW TO BUILD SOLAR PANELS TOGETHER!

SOLAR SAMURAI, CAN WE REALLY DO IT?

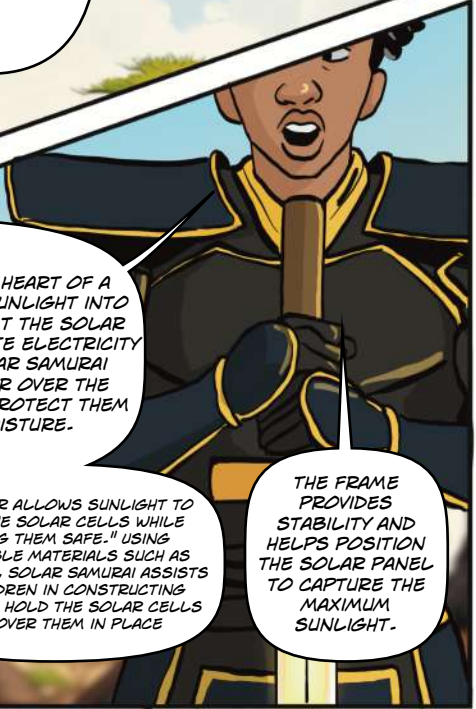


ABSOLUTELY! WE'LL START WITH THE BASICS. LOOK CLOSELY AT MY ARMOR; THESE MINI SOLAR PANELS HARNESS THE SUN'S ENERGY. WE CAN USE SIMILAR PRINCIPLES TO CREATE SOLAR PANELS FOR EACH HOME.




IT'S SIMPLER THAN YOU MIGHT THINK. LET'S BREAK IT DOWN STEP BY STEP.

BUT HOW DO WE DO IT?

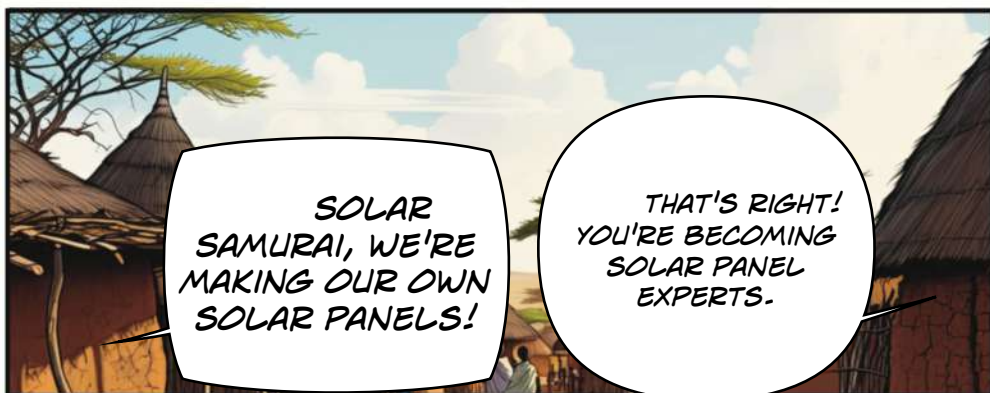


THESE SOLAR CELLS ARE THE HEART OF A SOLAR PANEL. THEY CONVERT SUNLIGHT INTO ELECTRICITY. WHEN WE CONNECT THE SOLAR CELLS TOGETHER, THEY GENERATE ELECTRICITY TO POWER OUR HOMES." SOLAR SAMURAI PLACES A TRANSPARENT COVER OVER THE CONNECTED SOLAR CELLS TO PROTECT THEM FROM SAND, DUST AND MOISTURE.



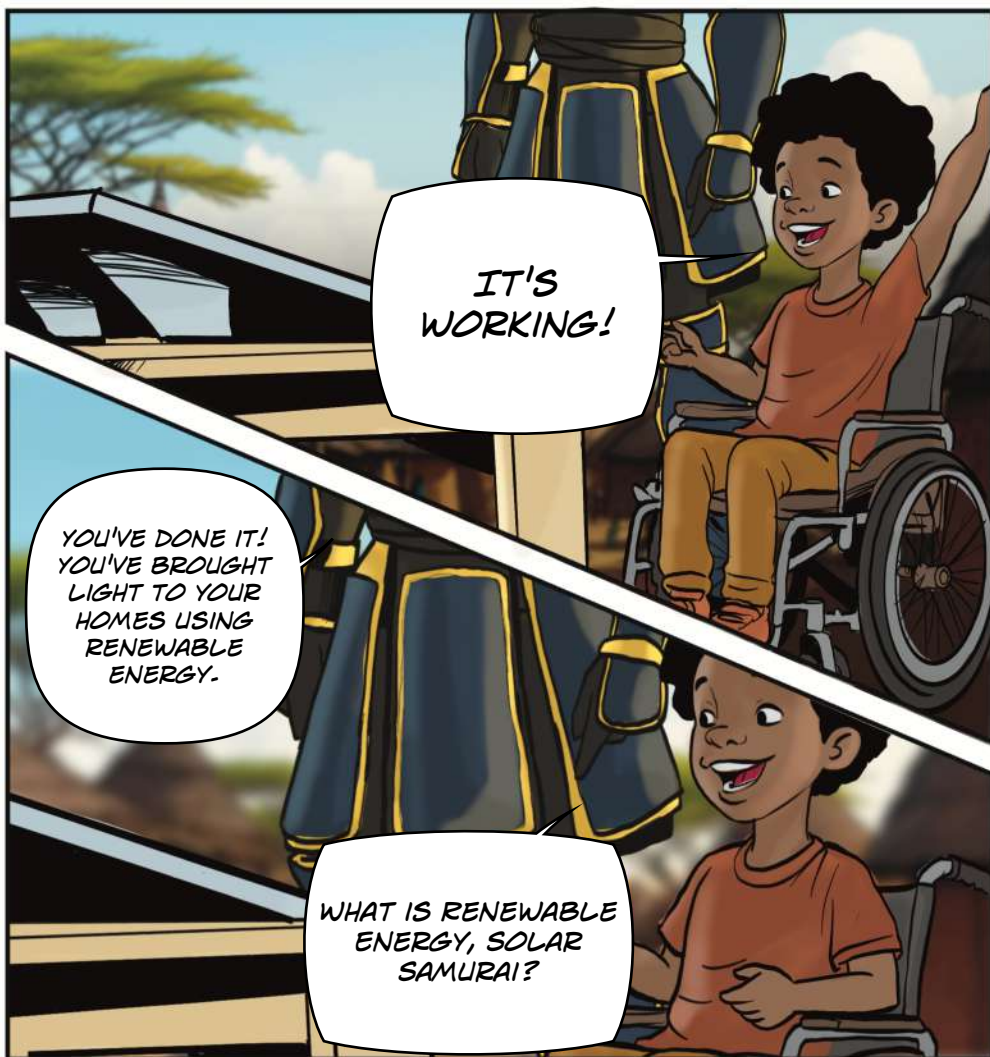
THIS COVER ALLOWS SUNLIGHT TO REACH THE SOLAR CELLS WHILE KEEPING THEM SAFE." USING RECYCLABLE MATERIALS SUCH AS CARDBOARD, SOLAR SAMURAI ASSISTS THE CHILDREN IN CONSTRUCTING FRAMES TO HOLD THE SOLAR CELLS AND COVER THEM IN PLACE

THE FRAME PROVIDES STABILITY AND HELPS POSITION THE SOLAR PANEL TO CAPTURE THE MAXIMUM SUNLIGHT.



**SOLAR
SAMURAI, WE'RE
MAKING OUR OWN
SOLAR PANELS!**

**THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU'RE BECOMING
SOLAR PANEL
EXPERTS.**



**IT'S
WORKING!**

**YOU'VE DONE IT!
YOU'VE BROUGHT
LIGHT TO YOUR
HOMES USING
RENEWABLE
ENERGY.**

**WHAT IS RENEWABLE
ENERGY, SOLAR
SAMURAI?**

IT IS ENERGY
DERIVED FROM
NATURAL AND
ENDLESS SOURCES
LIKE SUN, WIND, AND
WATER FLOWS

THE CHILDREN WORK
TOGETHER TO INSTALL
SOLAR PANELS ON EACH
ROOFTOP IN THE VILLAGE



AS THE SUN SHINES, THE
VILLAGE BECOMES A HAVEN OF
LIGHT, POWERED BY THE
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
HARNESSED FROM THE SUN.

SOLAR SAMURAI, SON OF
LIGHT, YOU HAVE
ILLUMINATED THE PATH TO
A BRIGHTER FUTURE. YOUR
DETERMINATION AND
KNOWLEDGE WILL INSPIRE
OTHERS TO FOLLOW IN
YOUR FOOTSTEPS.



BECOME PART OF THE FIGHT.
JOIN SOLAR SAMURAI ON HIS
MISSION.

DRAW YOURSELF IN THE
PROVIDED EMPTY BOX NEXT
TO SOLAR SAMURAI.



**THE
END**

