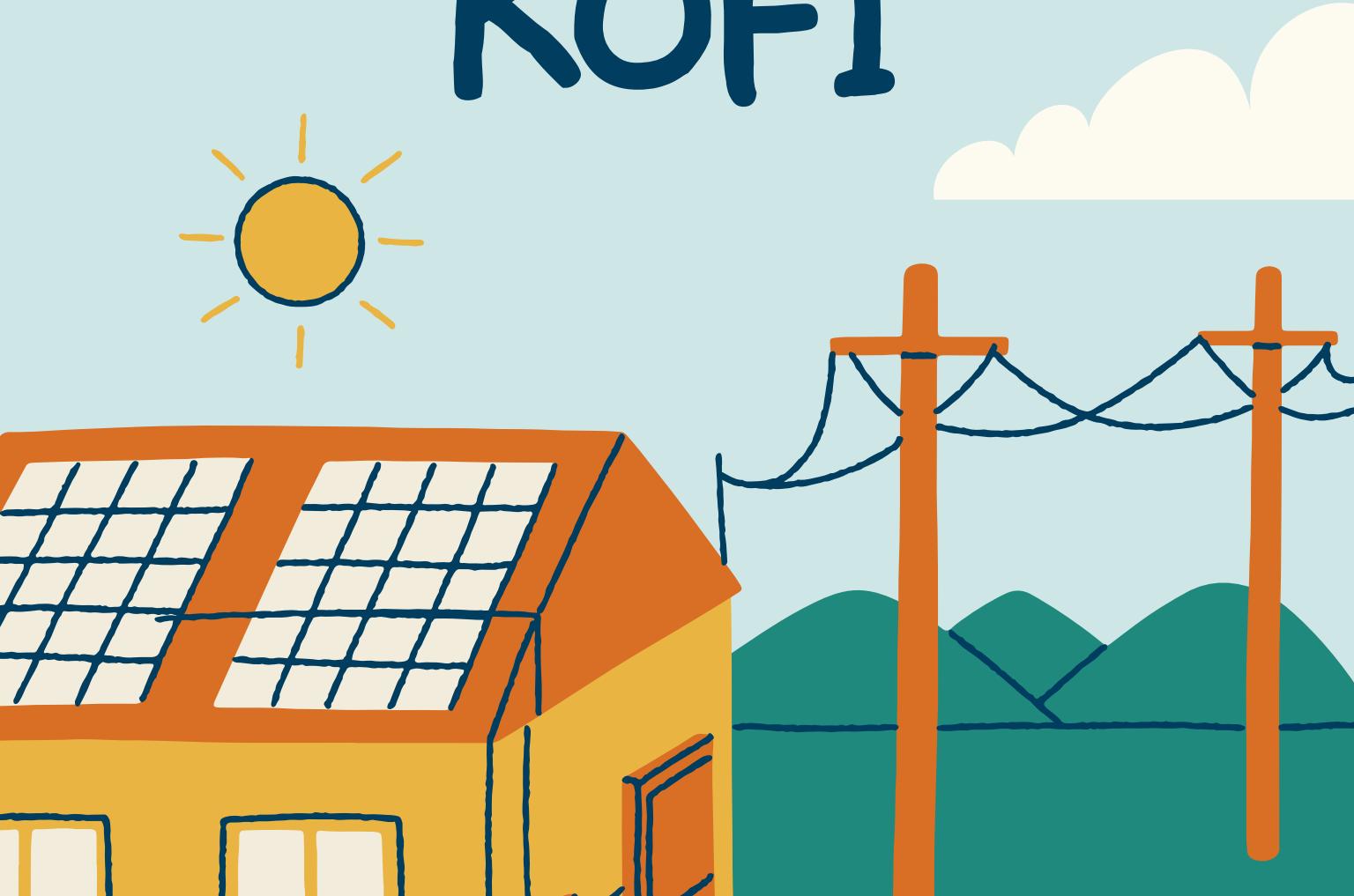


A BRIGHT NEW DAY FOR KOFI



Kofi lived in a small village far from the big city. His family's home was cozy, but when the sun went down, it became very dark. They used a small, smoky lamp to see, but it made their eyes sting and wasn't good for reading.



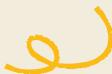
Kofi loved to draw, but it was hard to see his colors in the dim light after sunset. His older sister, Ama, struggled to do her homework. Mama and Papa finished their work earlier so they could see.

One day, a friendly team came to their village.
They carried big, shiny blue panels!



"These are solar panels!" they explained. "They catch the sun's light and turn it into clean power for your homes!"

Kofi watched, wide-eyed, as they put a shiny panel on his family's roof. Wires connected it to a small box inside their house.



That evening, as the sun dipped below the hills, Papa flipped a switch.

Click!

A bright, clear light filled their home! Not smoky light, but clean, bright light! Kofi gasped.

"It's like having the sun inside!"



Now, everything changed.



After dinner, Kofi could draw his colorful pictures clearly.



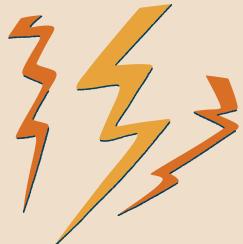
Ama could read her schoolbooks without squinting, and she finished her homework much faster.

Mama could sew clothes for the market, and Papa could fix tools, even after dark.



And the best part? They had a small radio! Now they could listen to stories and music together in the evenings.





TALK ABOUT THE STORY:

Ask: The new light made Ama finish her homework faster.

But did the light make Mama feel like she had to work longer to sew more clothes?



Reflect: The bright light made it possible to work late, but it also made it feel like they must be busy and efficient all the time.

SDG 7 gives power, but sometimes that power comes with pressure to produce more.



Relate: When you get a new computer or tablet, you can finish your school project faster. But does it sometimes feel like people expect you to do more things because you have the technology?

TALK ABOUT THE STORY:



Ask: Before the bright light came, what special things did the family do when the sun went down?



Reflect: The smoky lamp was hard to use, but the dark time also made them slow down and listen to each other. When the bright light came, they started doing homework and sewing late.

Did the family lose some of their special listening time?



Relate: Sometimes a change that seems good (like a new toy) means we stop doing something else we loved (like playing outside).

TALK ABOUT THE STORY:

Ask: What is the difference between the smoky lamp energy and the clean solar energy?

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Explain: SDG 7 is super important because it demands that energy be clean (good for the planet) and affordable (good for people's pockets).

Kofi's family getting affordable, clean power is amazing! But sometimes new technologies replace the old without asking what the community valued about the old way.

