风吹来的奇迹

(The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind)

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Glossary

1. 夜幕(yèmù)：the night
2. 拆装(chāizhuāng): disassemble
3. 轮胎(lúntāi): tire
4. 演奏(yǎnzòu): perform
5. 神秘(shénmì):mysterious
6. 炽热(chìrè): red hot, blazing bot
7. 游荡(yóudàng): wander
8. 浇灌(jiāoguàn): irrigate/water
9. 抵御(dǐyù):resist
10. 嘲讽(cháofěng): tease, ridicule

Overview

"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" is a truly inspiring true story that showcases the power of curiosity, determination, and courage. Written by Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba, it tells the story of a young boy named William, who lived in a small village that was devastated by a severe drought. With no crops to sell or food to eat, William turned to the library to continue his education.

Despite the odds against him, William used his ingenuity and resourcefulness to build a windmill out of scrap materials. This windmill provided electricity for his village and helped his family irrigate their farmland. William's determination and perseverance transformed him into a local hero, demonstrating that anyone can make a significant impact on the world with hard work, a good idea, and a belief in oneself.

This uplifting story reminds us that even in the most challenging of circumstances, we can rise above and create positive change in our lives and communities.

Follow-up questions

1 Why did William drop out of school?
(A: Due to the drought, his family could no longer afford to send him to school..

2 William wanted to read science books. Where did he go to find them(A: The library!)

3 What materials did William use to construct a windmill?
A: He used a tractor fan, some pipe, a broken bicycle, rusted bottle caps, and plastic pipe to build a functioning windmill.)

4 What is the impact of the windmill on the village?
(A: The windmill was able to generate electricity which can power pumps to irrigate the farm fields.)

*All answers provided are suggestions.

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