



Brhane's New Sunrise

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In the peaceful town of Selekleka, seventeen-year-old Brhane used to walk to school with a heart full of grand dreams for his future. He was a polite and dedicated student, eager to complete his education so he could one day support his beloved mother and family.



Suddenly, the dark clouds of war swept across the land, shattering the quiet town with the terrifying thunder of intense shelling. Brhane sheltered with his family as explosions rocked their neighborhood, a fateful moment that left him with a severe injury to his left hand.



As the months passed, Brhane's physical pain deepened, and doctors gently delivered the heartbreaking news that his hand could not be saved. Overwhelmed by fear, anger, and painful nightmares, the boy began to isolate himself, hiding his heavy heart behind dangerous addictions and daily conflicts with those around him.



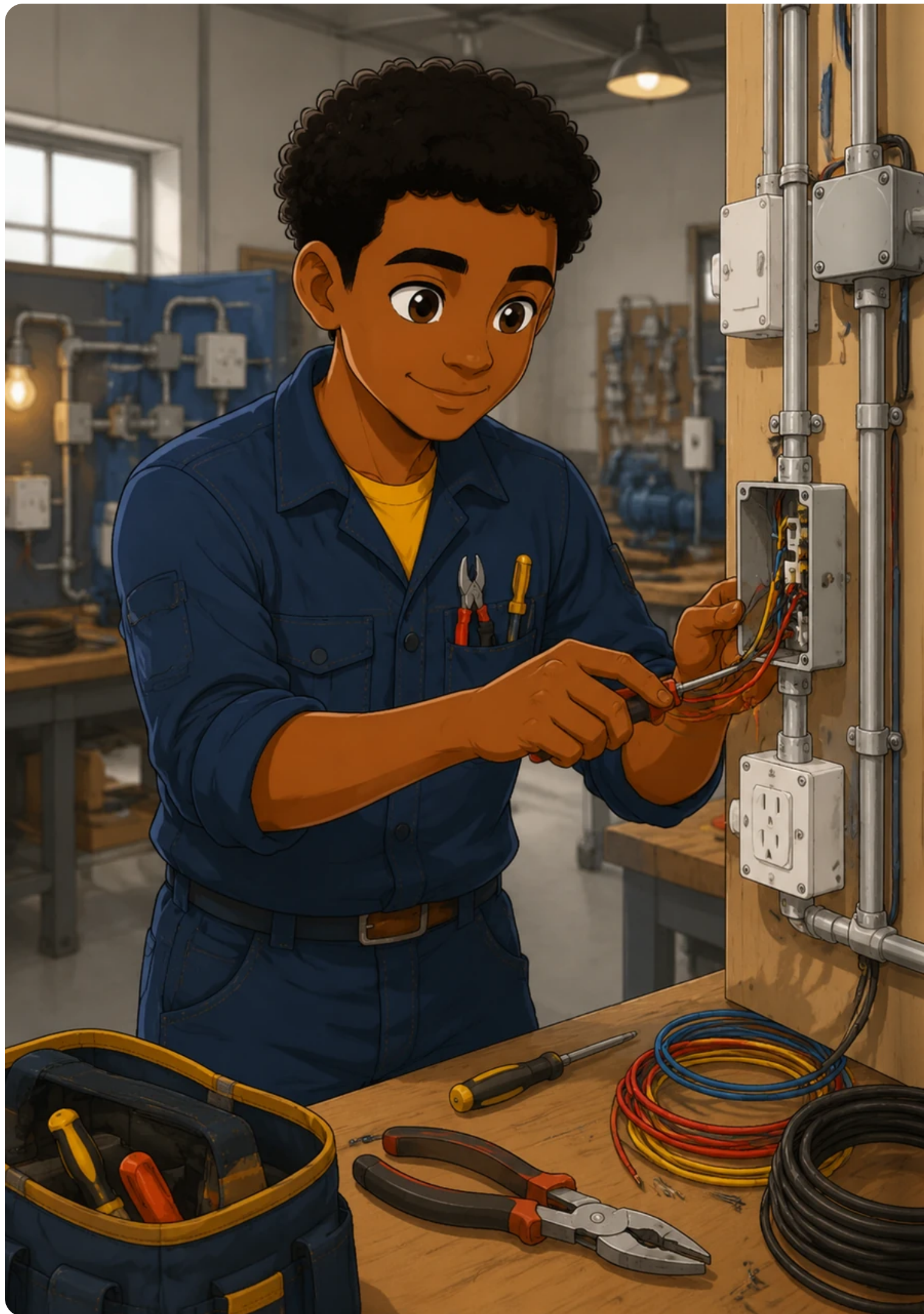
Seeing his profound distress, a compassionate social worker from Selekleka reached out to Brhane and offered him a lifeline. With a glimmer of desire to recover, Brhane allowed himself to be guided to a peaceful rehabilitation safe house, taking his very first step toward healing.



The beginning of his journey was incredibly difficult, marked by sleepless nights, intense cravings, and waves of anxiety. Yet, the patient counselors surrounded him with gentle care, providing psychological first aid and a nurturing environment to help him through his darkest hours.



Slowly, the storm inside Brhane began to calm, and he found solace in creative crafts and daily counseling sessions. He learned to express his emotions constructively, building genuine connections with the mentors and peers who walked alongside him.



Brhane discovered a new passion in the vocational workshop, where he dedicated his energy to learning the intricate skills of electrical installation. Working with his hands gave him a profound sense of purpose, sparking a renewed belief in his own capabilities.



Meanwhile, the center worked closely with Brhane's family, providing medical support for his physical healing and preparing a warm, stable home environment. His parents received guidance and joined an economic empowerment program to ensure a brighter, more secure future for everyone.



The day of reunification arrived, filled with tears of joy as Brhane embraced his mother and family under a bright, sunny sky. Handing over a special reunification package, the team celebrated the beautiful restoration of trust and love within the household.



Today, Brhane stands tall and confident, his dignity completely restored and his eyes sparkling with renewed hope. Surrounded by the encouraging smiles of his proud family, he steps boldly into the future, actively pursuing his dreams with a healed heart.