


THE SICKLE CELL WARRIORS



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A woman with long brown hair, wearing purple scrubs, is sitting at a desk. She is looking at a laptop. On the desk, there is a red and white printer, a smartphone, and a green fern plant. The background is a plain wall.

THIS IS NURSE JESSICA MANNING, A RESPECTED CVS SPECIALTY NURSE.

A close-up shot of a red box with a grid pattern on top, sitting on a light-colored desk. The box is slightly tilted. The background is a blurred office setting.

BUT WHAT IS THIS UNUSUAL HOTLINE ON HER DESK?

BRING-BRING!
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A close-up of Nurse Manning's face as she talks on a red mobile phone. She has a concerned expression. Her hair is styled in waves.

SCW HQ...
HELLO, MRS. PRICE.
HOW'S TERRANCE?

... OH! THAT'S SERIOUS...
WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

Nurse Manning is sitting in a blue office chair at her desk. She is looking towards the camera with a determined expression. The office environment is visible in the background.

WARRIORS!
LET'S GO!

BUT THERE IS MORE TO HER
THAN MEETS THE EYE.

WHO IS NURSE MANNING TALKING TO?

A large, detailed close-up of a person's eyes. The eyes are wide open, with a golden-brown iris and long, dark eyelashes. The skin around the eyes is pale.

WE'LL FIND OUT SOON AS
WE INTRODUCE:

CODENAME: NIGHTINGALE

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MEET TERRANCE PRICE.
ONE OF THE YOUNG
ADULTS WITH SICKLE
CELL DISEASE THAT NURSE
JESSICA CARES FOR.

TERRANCE...

NURSE JESSICA,
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

YOUR MOTHER TELLS ME
YOU'VE BEEN RELUCTANT
TO GO TO SCHOOL LATELY.

SHE'S CONCERNED BECAUSE
YOU WERE SO EXCITED TO GET
BACK TO IN PERSON LEARNING
AFTER OVER A YEAR OF
VIRTUAL LEARNING.

I WAS...
BUT...

I'M HAVING A
TOUGH TIME ADJUSTING.
IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM
BEING AT HOME ALL DAY.

I GET TIRED
VERY QUICKLY.

AND I'M NOT ABLE
TO KEEP UP WITH THE
OTHER KIDS AT RECESS.

AND WORST OF ALL...

IT'S EMBARRASSING
HAVING TO GO TO
THE BATHROOM
SO MANY TIMES.

MY TEACHER DOESN'T
LIKE GIVING ME BATHROOM
PASSES SO OFTEN...

THINKS I'M
GOOFING OFF.

I UNDERSTAND,
TERRANCE.

AND THAT'S WHY
TODAY, I'M NOT JUST
HERE AS A CVS NURSE,
BUT ALSO AS...

...THE NIGHTINGALE!
AND I LEAD
THE SICKLE CELL WARRIORS!

LULL.
AN EXPERT IN STAYING
CALM AND RELAXED.

I WAS CONCERNED WHEN I SAW KIDS
AND TEENS WITH SCD NOT CARING FOR
THEMSELVES PROPERLY. SO I GATHERED
A TEAM OF PEOPLE WITH SCD WHO
MANAGE THEIR HEALTH SO WELL,
THEY CAN TEACH OTHERS HOW
TO DO THE SAME.

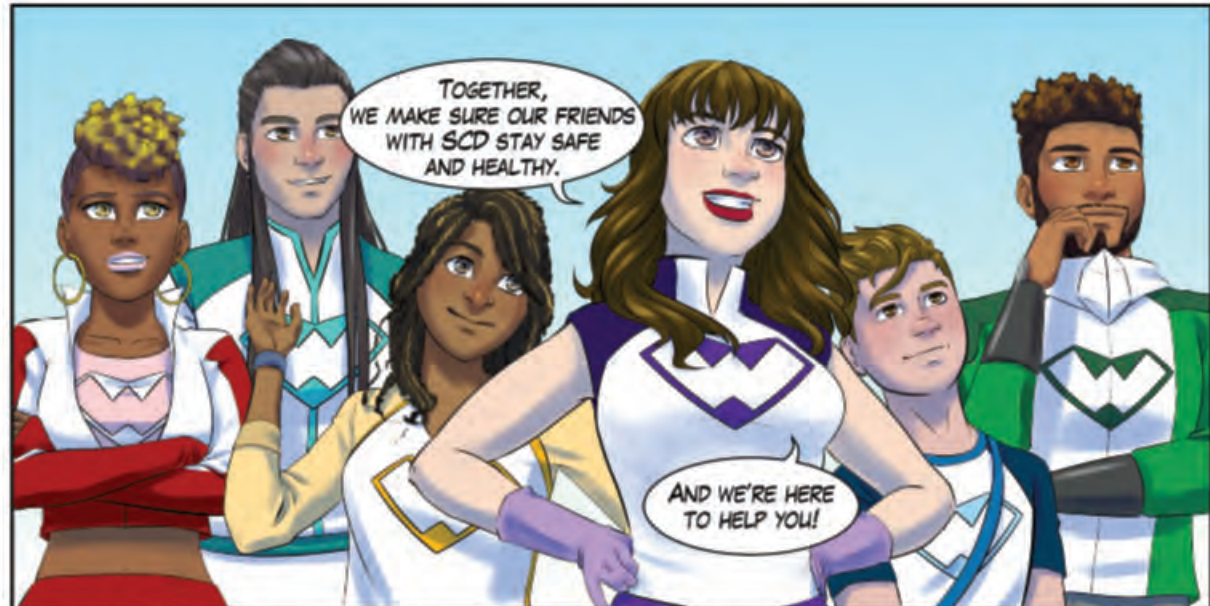
THE HEAT.
SUPPLIES THOSE
WHO ARE HAVING A PAIN
EPISODE WITH THE PROPER
HEATING PADS AND/OR HOT
WATER BOTTLES.

THE GERMINATOR.
AN ADVOCATE FOR
HAND WASHING AND
SANITIZING.

HYDRATE.
ALWAYS VIGILANT ABOUT
THOSE WITH SCD DRINKING
WATER OR OTHER HEALTHY
LIQUIDS.

VIGOR.
WHO ASSISTS THOSE
WITH SCD IN GETTING
PROPER EXERCISE, NUTRITION
AND STAYING HEALTHY.

WOW!



MEET BILLY PETERSON.
ANOTHER OF NURSE JESSICA'S PATIENTS.

TODAY HE'S PLAYING VIDEO GAMES
WITH HIS FRIEND, DONNA.

WOULD YOU LIKE
A SODA, BILLY?

SURE!

AS BILLY REACHES
FOR THE SODA...

HYDRATE!

HEY, BILLY.
I'M JUST HERE TO
REMAND YOU THE CAFFEINE
IN SODA AND COFFEE WILL
MAKE YOU GO TO THE
BATHROOM MORE.

YOU NEED TO DRINK
8 TO 10 GLASSES
OF WATER A DAY.

YOU'RE RIGHT, HYDRATE!
I'LL CHOOSE WATER!

BY DRINKING WATER, BILLY CAN PLAY
HIS GAME WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

MEET CINDY MYERS.

GOTTA...

KEEP UP WITH THEM.

SHE'S BIKING WITH HER FRIENDS, BUT THEY RACE UPHILL.

AS CINDY PUSHES HERSELF TO GO FASTER...

SLOW YOUR ROLL, CINDY.

VIGOR!

YOU GOTTA WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE, GIRL!

IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE EXERCISING, BUT DON'T OVERDO IT.

YOU GOT THIS!

AND DON'T FORGET TO STAY HYDRATED, ESPECIALLY WHILE EXERCISING.

YEAH, THAT'LL HELP YOU AVOID A PAIN EPISODE.

CINDY HAS EVEN MORE FUN BIKING ON A FLAT STREET.

LATER AT THE WARRIOR'S HQ...

GREAT WORK TODAY!

BUT WE STILL NEED TO HELP TERRANCE.

THE NEXT DAY, NIGHTINGALE RECEIVES A DISTRESSING CALL.



SHE QUICKLY ASSEMBLES THE TEAM.

TERRANCE NEVER SHOWED UP AT SCHOOL TODAY. A CLASSMATE SAYS THEY SAW HIM WALKING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THEIR SCHOOL. AND HE LEFT HIS PHONE AT HOME!

DID HE HAVE WATER?

I DON'T KNOW.

WAS HE DRESSED PROPERLY FOR THE WEATHER?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT WE NEED TO GO FIND HIM. NOW!

NIGHTINGALE, HYDRATE, VIGOR, AND THE HEAT PACK A FIRST AID KIT AND HEAD FOR THE CITY.



LULL STAYS WITH TERRANCE'S MOTHER WHILE OUR HEROES SEARCH.

THE TEAM SEARCHES THE CITY.

TERRANCE!

TERRANCE!

TERRANCE!

EVENTUALLY, THEY FIND HIM SITTING ON A BUS STOP.

ARE YOU HURT?

NO, BUT I'M TIRED AND THIRSTY.

I WALKED SO FAR INTO THE CITY, I DIDN'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO GET BACK.

YOU NEED WATER.

AND CHECK OUT THIS SWEET SNACK I MADE OF DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

ARE YOU ABLE TO MAKE IT BACK?

WITH YOUR HELP I WILL BE.

WHEN THEY GET HOME...

I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

I'M SORRY. IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO WANDER OFF LIKE THAT.

YOU JUST NEED TO REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE SOME GREAT RESOURCES AT YOUR DISPOSAL.

I KNOW YOU FEEL ALONE AT TIMES, BUT YOU'RE NOT. YOU'VE GOT YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.

TOGETHER WE'LL COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL.

I WOULD LIKE THAT, BUT I'M STILL WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AT SCHOOL TOMORROW.

LET'S PRACTICE SOME GUIDED MEDITATION.

RELAX... AND LET GO OF ALL YOUR WORRIES...

MEANWHILE, NIGHTINGALE MAKES A CALL

INSIGHT. WE NEED A PLAN.

I'M ON IT!

THE NEXT DAY, INSIGHT AND TERRANCE'S MOTHER GO TO TERRANCE'S SCHOOL.

THEY EXPLAIN TO HIS TEACHER WHY TERRANCE HAS TO GO TO THE BATHROOM SO MUCH.

TOGETHER THEY WRITE A 504 PLAN FOR TERRANCE TO ASSURE HE'LL:

- HAVE ACCESS TO WATER/HYDRATION
- BE ALLOWED FREQUENT BATHROOM BREAKS
- BE ACCOMMODATED DURING RECESS AND GYM CLASS
- KNOW WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A PAIN EPISODE
- CHECK-IN ON HIS EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



A FEW DAYS LATER, THE WARRIORS SEE TERRANCE WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL WITH A FRIEND



HE LOOKS MUCH HAPPIER.

I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU, TEAM. WE REALLY CAME THROUGH FOR TERRANCE.



ANOTHER CHILD WITH SCD NEEDS OUR HELP.

IT'S A LOT OF WORK STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY WHEN YOU HAVE SCD.

AND THOSE WHO DO ARE TRUE HEROES!



END

HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE FIRST ISSUE OF
THE SICKLE CELL WARRIORS.

CAN YOU FIND THE
NAMES OF OUR HEROES?



HYDRATE



VIGOR



HEAT



LULL

N I G H T I N G A L E
A I O C V D X W R U E
H Y D R A T E J L L A
E Z U Q B C L F W L V
A S L A F O C O X B I
T R I N S I G H T U F G
M A W T J K M W A T O
A G E R M I N A T O R



GERMINATOR



NIGHTINGALE



INSIGHT