Where Does the Light Switch Get Its Power?

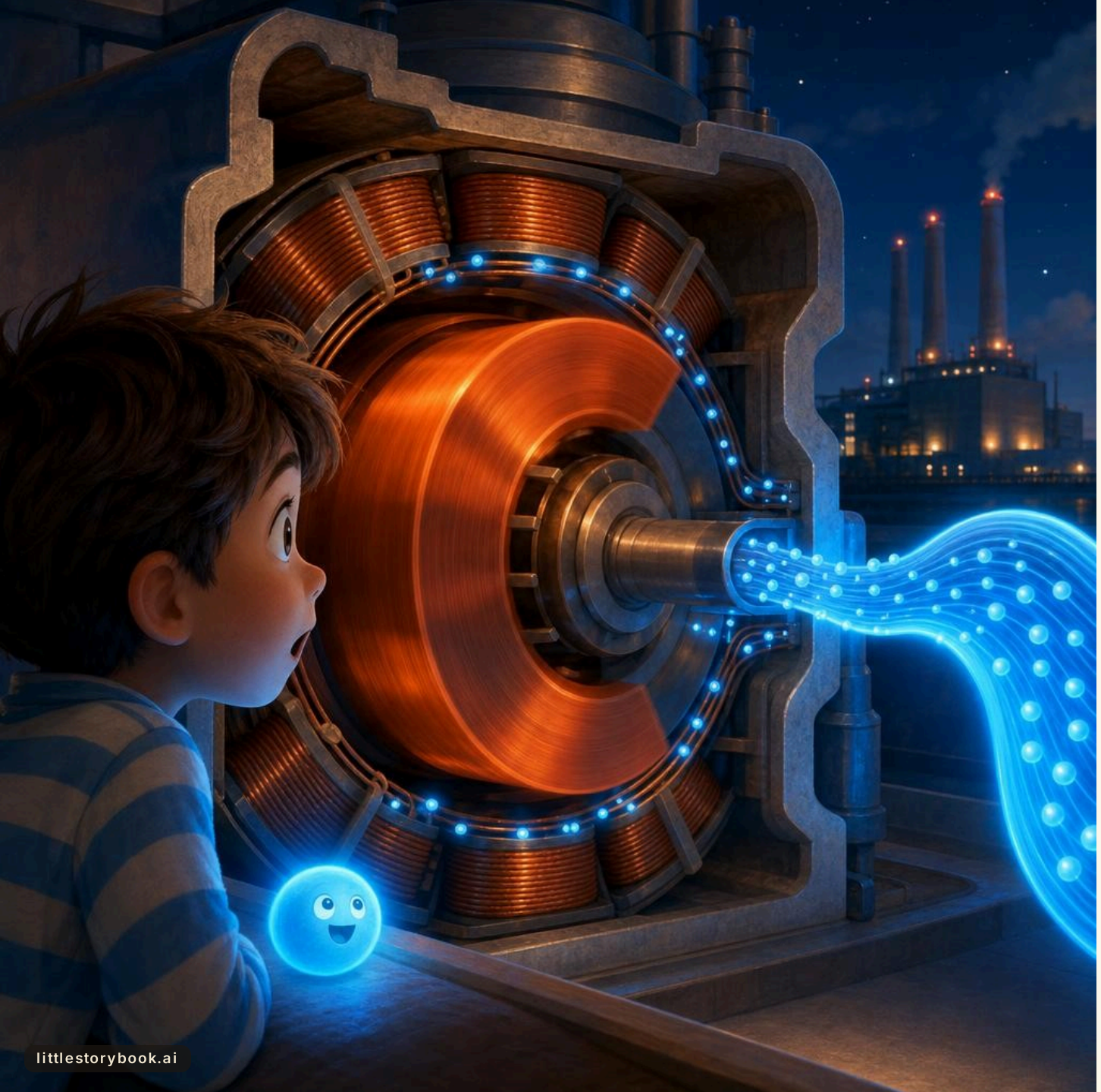
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Click — Instant Glow

You flick the switch and *click* — the lamp glows instantly, like it was waiting. But the lamp doesn't store light inside it. So where does that glow actually come from?





The Spinning Magnet

Far away in a giant power plant, something spins a huge magnet around coils of wire, really fast, like a blender for energy. That spinning pushes the tiny electrons into a moving wave. The aha: the plant doesn't make electrons, it makes them move.

TALK ABOUT IT

What does the power plant do?

The Racing Push

That push rides along thick wires drooping pole to pole like jump ropes — and travels close to the speed of light, fast enough to circle Earth about seven times in one second! Quick — what do you think slows it down before it reaches your house?

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> What slows the push before your house?





The Loop Must Close

A box called a transformer makes the push gentler and safer for your home. And here's a sneaky mix-up: electricity isn't stored sitting in the wires — it's like a toy train loop. See two prongs on a plug? One carries the push in, one loops it back. Break the loop, and the train stops.

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Electricity just sits stored in the wires.

Loop Closed, Lights Go!

So picture the whole journey: a magnet spinning far away, a push racing down the poles, a transformer calming it, and a tiny loop closing inside your wall. You're not turning on hidden light — you're finishing a track that lets the push run. Tonight, find a switch and whisper, "Loop closed, lights go!"



Check your wonder

1 **Does the power plant make new electrons, or make them move?**

- **A.** Makes them move
- **B.** Makes new ones

2 **Why does the lamp light the instant you flick the switch?**

- **A.** The push travels super fast
- **B.** Light was stored inside
- **C.** The bulb saves energy

3 **When does the push actually flow?**

- **A.** Only when the loop is complete
- **B.** All the time in the wire

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! The spinning magnet pushes the electrons into a moving wave. 2. Right! The push races close to the speed of light. 3. Exactly! No complete loop, no glow.

THE END

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