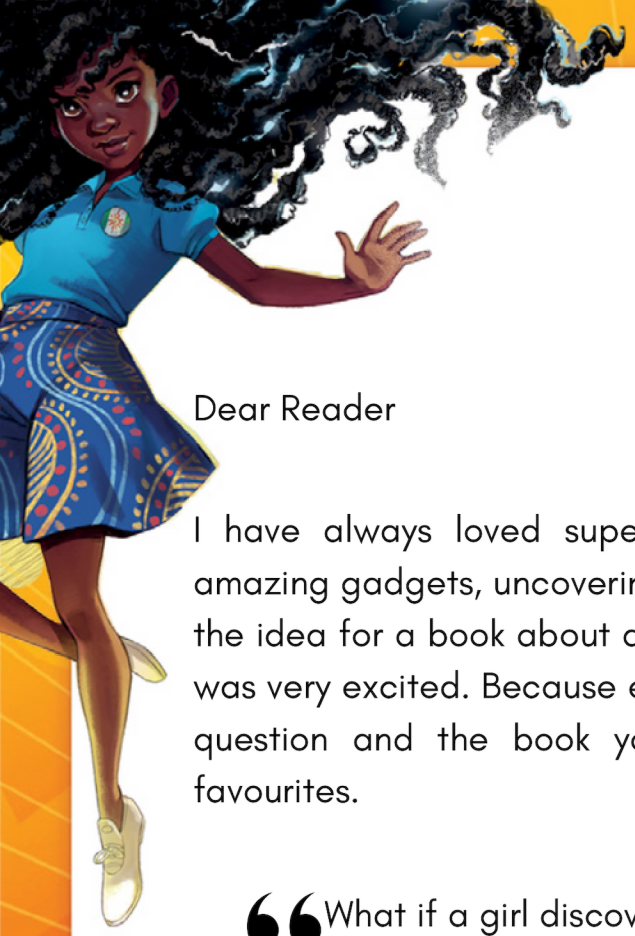

Dear Reader

I have always loved superhero stories. The fast-paced action scenes, amazing gadgets, uncovering secret lairs and defeating bad guys. So when the idea for a book about a girl with superpowered afro hair came to me, I was very excited. Because every story I write starts with a simple thought or question and the book you're about to read began with one of my favourites.

> "What if a girl discovers that the very thing, she considers to be her greatest flaw, is in fact, her greatest strength!"

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun is about twelve-year-old Onyeka, who discovers that she can control her hair after saving her best friend from drowning. Her mother reveals that she's actually Solari—a human, gifted with superpowers. But these powers, though great, are also making her sick. Onyeka must return to Nigeria and a secret high-tech school for Solari called the Academy of the Sun to find both her missing father and a cure. Whilst there she makes new friends and discovers a deadly foe that threatens her family and the future of all Solari.

I believe we all have a superpower inside of us. Something that makes us special, unique and maybe even a little...different! I hope Onyeka's journey to find her power will help you discover yours too. So hold on tight, you're in for an action-packed adventure!

Yours,
Tọlá Okogwu

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