



Fig. 45.1. Grandsons Connor and Jake, ages 7 and 4, get urgent Indiana Jones message.

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Draft of Chapter 45 of Sophie's Planet is available [here](#) for fact checking. Climate justice requires recognition of global energy needs, with a focus that preserves options for young people and future generations.

Wisdom of a 10-year-old: "If we keep doing what we are doing now then the environment will be ruined when the people who are kids now are grownups. And unless we can figure out how to make a time machine that actually works, there will be no way to go back in time to fix it. It's not fair that the grownups now are ruining the atmosphere for the grownup in the future. Grownups now are scared of nuclear power but they should be scared of what will happen if they keep doing what they're doing now because we know the ways to use nuclear power safe and we know that using fossil fuels is not safe. It's very dangerous."

Connor deserves an "A" for that analysis. Sophie, his older sister, thinks that the government deserves an "F." Our government in Washington wades in a deep mire of special interests. Yet our Constitution stands as a bulwark that protects all people. Young people believe that they are people and deserve equal protection of the laws. Let us see now if their trust is warranted.

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