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excitingly. "Oh it was time. Let's go. That is our way to the factory." We walked into a hall with one exit only. "I suppose you know where to go."

Charlie said ironically, "Welcome to our factory!" He grabbed the door handle and started opening the door. "No! Stop! You haven't told me what this factory is producing." "You will know yourself when you see it. And welcome to our factory, again." He opened the door and we came into a huge room. The machines were everywhere but I couldn't figure out what the factory was producing. Small creatures were working in the factory. They were speaking some strange language the same that Charlie was speaking earlier. There were thousands of them. You could barely see anything. "But what are they doing? I can't figure it out!" "This is a factory of wishes and hopes. Everyone's wish is processed here whether it is a child's or an elder person's wish. Every wish is valued the in a same way here. Every wish is equally important." "But I don't see any problems here." "Do you see those small creatures?" Charlie asked me.

"Yes, I can see that there are too many employees. It is too loud here, they are always arguing!" "That is the problem. We can't find a way to calm them down. They don't pay attention to work anymore and, if so, it is not well done. If this continues like this, all people's wishes will disappear forever and with them hope also. I suppose you remember those giant plants at the beginning of the path. They are huge because these people are getting smaller and smaller." "Oh that is horrible! I can't see how I can help you." "Oh of course you can! You are our only hope!" Charlie said hopefully. "Where can I find those creatures? This is my first time I have seen them!" I asked. "Let me tell you one secret. These creatures are people who thought that it is foolish to believe in hope and have wishes. For the punishment they have to work here for the rest of their lives. Unfortunately the number of these people increases so quickly that I can't find a place to work for every each of them. I need you to go back in your world and start telling people that they should have wishes. Without hope we are just bodies without soul, a crab without a shell, a river without water. If people start dreaming and wishing again not so many people would come down here." "Oh that is horrible I am going right now!" "Remember you are my only hope!" I opened my eyes. It was already morning. I sat at the bed's side and started thinking about my dream. So here I am telling you this. Believe in your dreams, let them come true. Make as many as possible wishes you can every single day and remember to hope for something!

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