

### 13. FACTORY CLOSING

*(CHARLIE notices his father sitting alone on a bench.)*

CHARLIE

Dad? Why aren't you at work? Did they close the factory early?

MR. BUCKET

That's an understatement Charlie. They've closed it forever. I'm out of a

CHARLIE

Out of a job?

MR. BUCKET

Yep, the factory is moving overseas...gonna be fully automated. And toothpaste-cap twisting is the only profession I know. I guess you don't need cap-twisters when you have robot-gizmos.

CHARLIE

Don't worry about it, Dad. You never liked that job anyway! Maybe now you can get back into the candy business—like Grandpa Joe keeps saying.

MR. BUCKET

Grandpa Joe likes to dream big dreams, Charlie. But I'm afraid big dreams aren't gonna put food on the table. I don't know how I'm going to tell your mom, Charlie. Things were tough enough when I had a job, but now—

CHARLIE

I said, don't worry, Dad. Just...think positive!

MR. BUCKET

Positive? Why?

CHARLIE

*(shrugs)*

Why not?