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Charlie and the chocolate Factory—a famous story written by Roald Dahl. It has been made to a film. My first touch to this story is while I was joining an English programme. This book was our textbook. It is about a boy called Charlie. He was poor. One day, he luckily got a golden ticket to Wonka Chocolate Factory to see the operation of the special factory which produces all the best chocolate.

There were a total of five children invited. Charlie was the only one accompanied by his grandfather. Throughout the visit to the factory, the other four children were gone despite their curiosity and greed. At last, only Charlie was told to be the winning the whole factory. It was an unexpected result.

Some of the workers are “oompaloompas” from “Loompaland”. These were tiny who love cocoa bean. But I doubt if Mr Wonka did right. The oompaloompas initially were living in Loompaland. Mr Wonka brought them to his factory to work full time. He had changed their own way of living. They may easily get infected by the disease. Anyway, the oompaloompas were willing to help Wonka.

I think this story is quite similar to the movie “Hunger Games”. Charlie could win because he was obedient and not greedy. The rich children were greedy and they got used to getting what they want. Their parents had spoiled them, just like “Hong Kong’s children”. “Hong Kong’s children” are labeled because they are not able to look after themselves. Their parents help them to do all the thing including brushing

teeth, wearing clothes, or even employ some maids to feed them. The children are the king or queen in the home and are not able to get along well with their classmates or friends. The movie "Hunger Games" is also about this phenomenon. The two main characters come from a poor place and live with hunger. They could face and solve the problem calmly. What we can learn from them is that we value what we get and never take them for granted. And be considerate! This story brings a very positive message.

From this story, I learned the importance of being obedient. Miss Veruca Salt, who didn't listen to Mr Wonka, got into troubles. The adults have been living in the world longer than we do. They have much more experience than us. There is a Chinese saying that if you don't listen to the aged, you get lost. Now I realize the true meaning of this saying. I will always tell myself to be obedient.

Through the stories, I learn to be optimistic. I live in a good family so I don't need to worry if we have things to eat. Charlie was living in a poor family but he was not a pessimist. He believed that he wasn't the worst. He was satisfied with what he got. Sometimes I may be a dissatisfied with my life and want more. Charlie was poorer than I but he never asked for more. I am ashamed.

Charlie never gave up his hope to have a golden ticket to the chocolate factory. Finally, he did it. I believe that we may succeed if we keep on doing. If we give up, we will not succeed anymore. So I will not give up. One day, I may have a "chocolate factory", as lucky as Charlie.