The Little Father  
  
  
  
There is a thirteen-years-old boy, called Sadiq. He lives with his mother and his two younger brothers in India, which are ten and twelve years old.   
His father had to leave the country because of political persecution and his pregnant mother is suffering from an eye disease, for which reason his children have to care about her.   
They can not go to school doe to financial problems, so they only watch others go to school and can only wish to seek knowledge. Having been forced to kill their dreams and other wishes, they are pressed to earn a life for themselves and for their mother.   
That means he and his younger brothers have to work in a textile factory, where wool and cotton are produced, so they see each other all the time.   
Sadiq has been working there since he has been five. His brothers support him and their mother since their eight year of life.   
Daily they spend extremely long hours there for a very low wage, but their income is needed to support themselves and their mother.  
In the morning they wake up early, get dressed and wash a bit since they do not have that much clean water and they do not get breakfast.   
After that they walk about two miles to the factory.  
They start at 7am, end at 8pm and then walk back home for a short dinner, if they can afford and a short sleep for some hours.

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