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or grand events*

*It is about beautiful feelings in
ordinary people and miracles in
every day life*

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Most people work
for money

I work for the things
that money cannot buy



Robin Hood of Nottingham

Foreword



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I have travelled the world for the last 42 years to understand and serve the world's most urgent needs. In these travels, I have met a plethora of fascinating people and been in many thought provoking scenarios. This book is my recollection of some of these 'raindrops of wisdom' – moments that made me realize that the world is more good than bad; and that there is more to hope than fear.

Lion Paawan Gupta has assisted me in compiling my thoughts into this book.

I hope that this book will renew your faith in the human condition and inspire you to do at least one act of kindness to help someone live a life of dignity.



Happy reading :)

Blessings from my Parents

Whatever and wherever I am today, is because my Late Father, **Sri Ved Prakash Aggarwal**, and Late Mother, **Srimati Karan Pyaari Aggarwal**, set me upon this path.



My parents have been the biggest influence on me. My father's actions and words would always match. He was the living personification of his teachings. My mother's heart was filled with kindness, patience and concern for others.

I feel that every child in the world is entitled to a similar feeling. Every child deserves a free, safe and dignified life with caring parents. With your help, we will make the dream of every young soul come true.

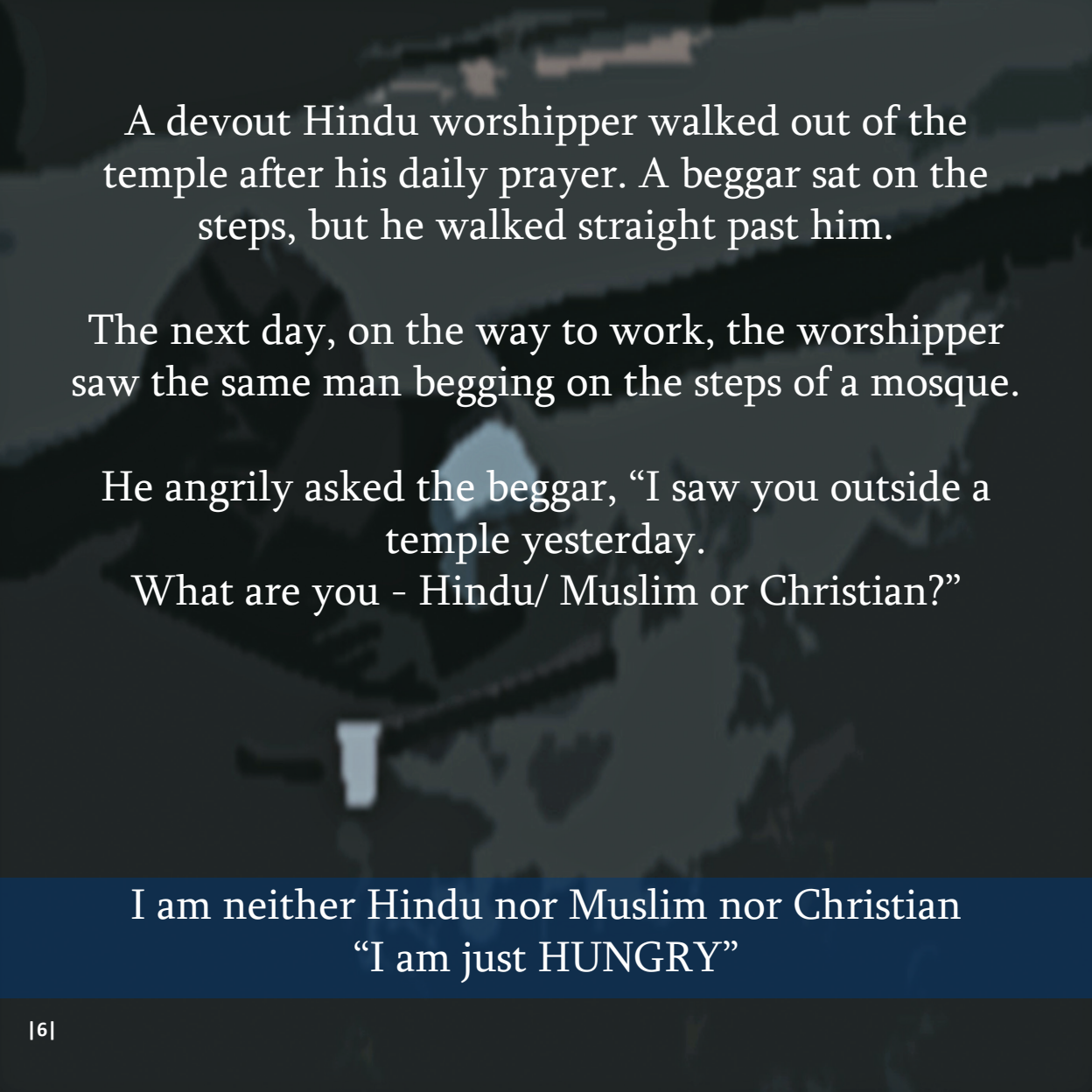
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DR. NARESH AGGARWAL was born in a philanthropic family in Batala - a small town in Punjab, India. After completing his education, he joined the family business with great success. He leads half a dozen business entities; most prominently Voestalpine VAE VKN India Private Limited. This company manufactures railway track systems.

Born on 13th January, the birthday of Melvin Jones, the founding father of Lions Clubs International (LCI); Naresh has been passionate to serve the community since his youth. Hence, immediately after joining the family business he also became a member of the Lions Club Batala Smile in 1974.

Naresh has been elected as the 101st International President of LCI at its 100th International Convention in Chicago. Naresh served at important positions at various levels of LCI. His financial contributions to the community have been well recognized. He is an Ambassador of Goodwill, the highest recognition in LCI. He is a Lead Gift Donor and Humanitarian Partner of LCIF.

Naresh has also made valuable contributions to promoting business and trade. He is the Past Chairman of the Railway Equipment Division of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), an apex trade and industry organization in India. Naresh and his wife Navita have 2 sons, one daughter and 7 grand-children.



A devout Hindu worshipper walked out of the temple after his daily prayer. A beggar sat on the steps, but he walked straight past him.

The next day, on the way to work, the worshipper saw the same man begging on the steps of a mosque.

He angrily asked the beggar, “I saw you outside a temple yesterday.

What are you - Hindu/ Muslim or Christian?”

I am neither Hindu nor Muslim nor Christian
“I am just HUNGRY”



*Everything you
are looking for
Is looking for you*

Mandarin proverb

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**When people believe in the power of their ideas, the
only result is revolution**

Napoleon Bonaparte, French Emperor

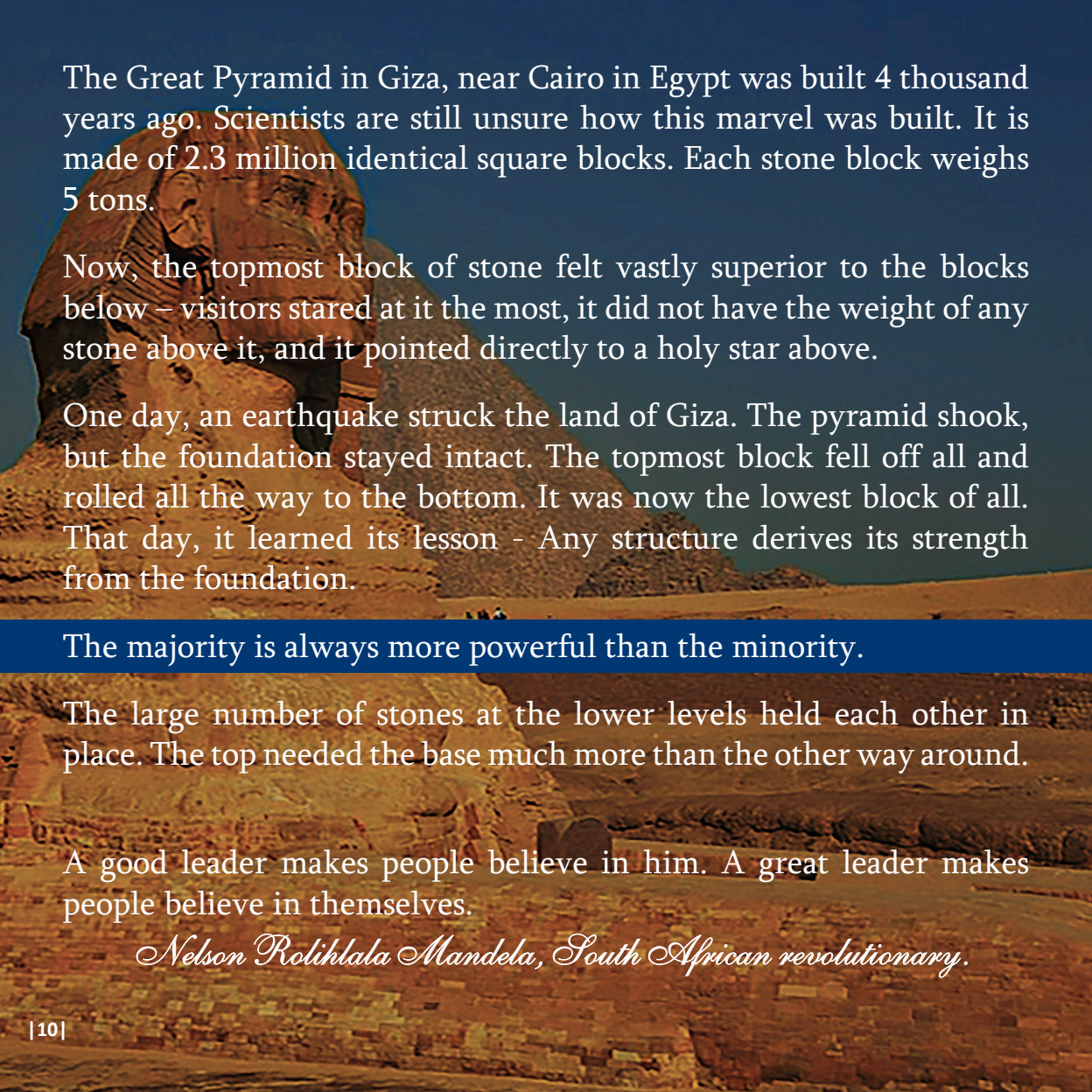
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THE POWER OF WE

The most powerful word in the English language
has only 2 letters: We

Story 1

In every case, the top needs the base



The Great Pyramid in Giza, near Cairo in Egypt was built 4 thousand years ago. Scientists are still unsure how this marvel was built. It is made of 2.3 million identical square blocks. Each stone block weighs 5 tons.

Now, the topmost block of stone felt vastly superior to the blocks below – visitors stared at it the most, it did not have the weight of any stone above it, and it pointed directly to a holy star above.

One day, an earthquake struck the land of Giza. The pyramid shook, but the foundation stayed intact. The topmost block fell off all and rolled all the way to the bottom. It was now the lowest block of all. That day, it learned its lesson - Any structure derives its strength from the foundation.

The majority is always more powerful than the minority.

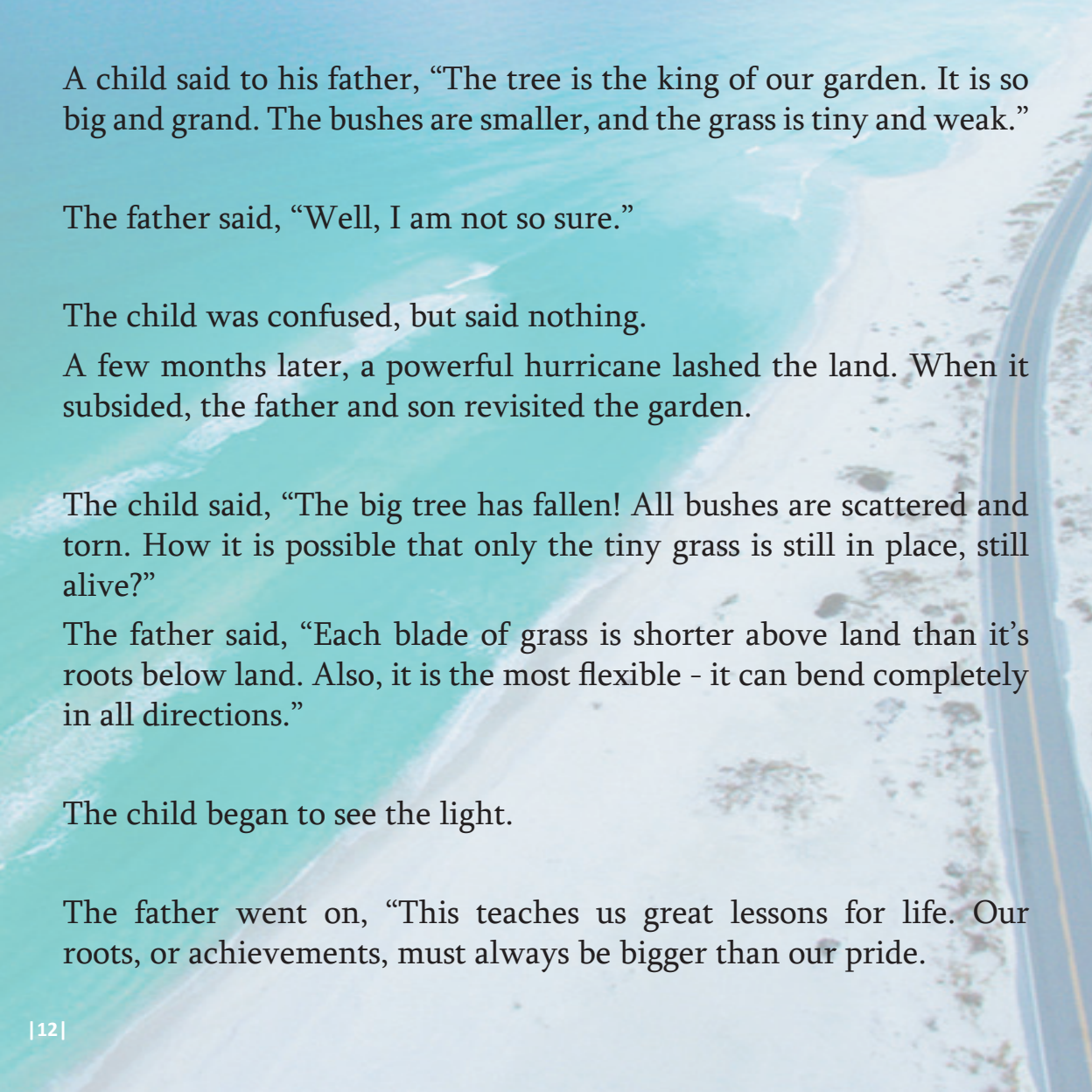
The large number of stones at the lower levels held each other in place. The top needed the base much more than the other way around.

A good leader makes people believe in him. A great leader makes people believe in themselves.

Nelson Rolihlala Mandela, South African revolutionary.

Story 2

The King of the Garden

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half shows clear turquoise water meeting a white sandy beach. A blue road with yellow lane markings runs along the right side of the beach. The bottom half of the image is a light blue gradient where the text is placed.

A child said to his father, “The tree is the king of our garden. It is so big and grand. The bushes are smaller, and the grass is tiny and weak.”

The father said, “Well, I am not so sure.”

The child was confused, but said nothing.

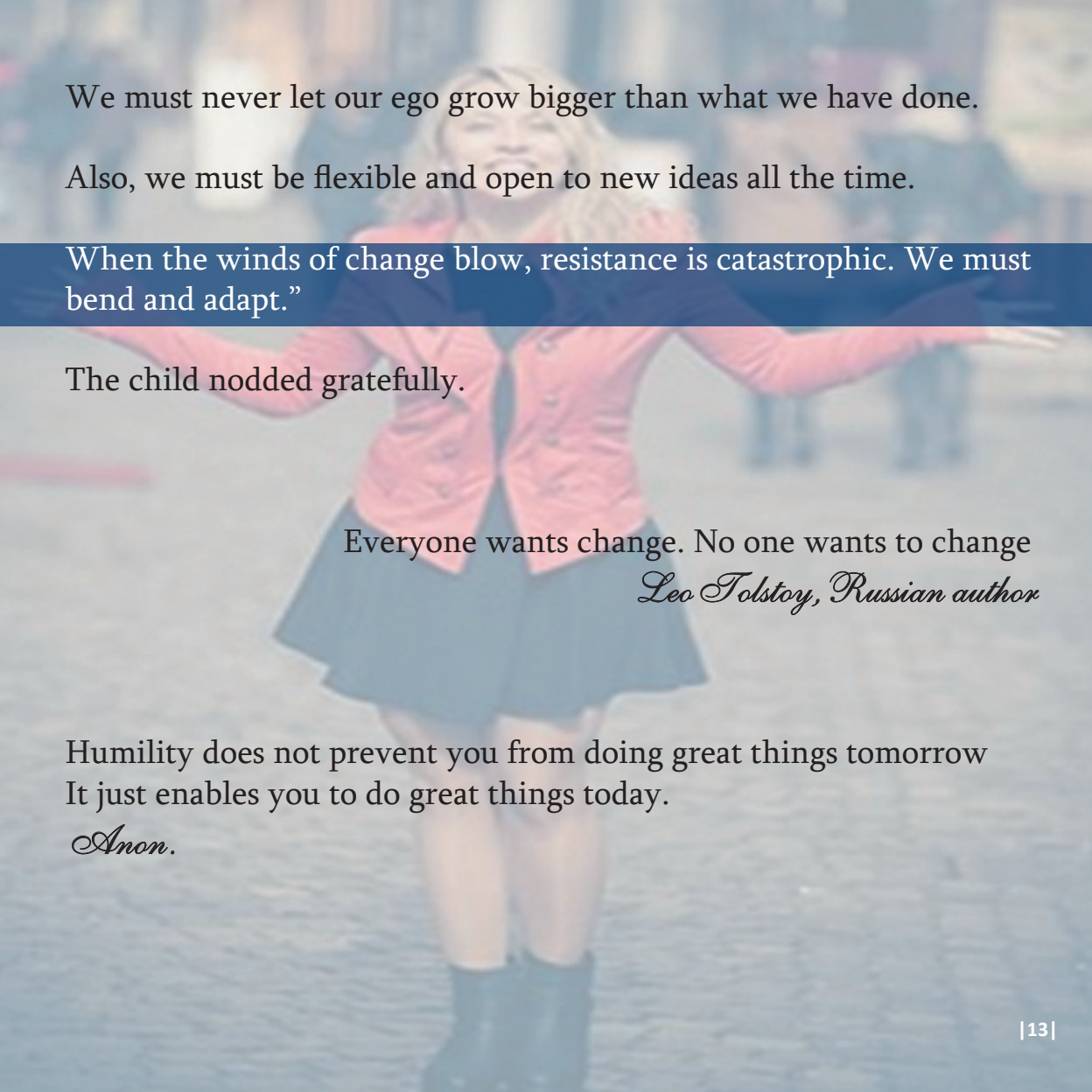
A few months later, a powerful hurricane lashed the land. When it subsided, the father and son revisited the garden.

The child said, “The big tree has fallen! All bushes are scattered and torn. How it is possible that only the tiny grass is still in place, still alive?”

The father said, “Each blade of grass is shorter above land than it’s roots below land. Also, it is the most flexible - it can bend completely in all directions.”

The child began to see the light.

The father went on, “This teaches us great lessons for life. Our roots, or achievements, must always be bigger than our pride.



We must never let our ego grow bigger than what we have done.

Also, we must be flexible and open to new ideas all the time.

When the winds of change blow, resistance is catastrophic. We must bend and adapt.”

The child nodded gratefully.

Everyone wants change. No one wants to change
Leo Tolstoy, Russian author

Humility does not prevent you from doing great things tomorrow
It just enables you to do great things today.

Anon.

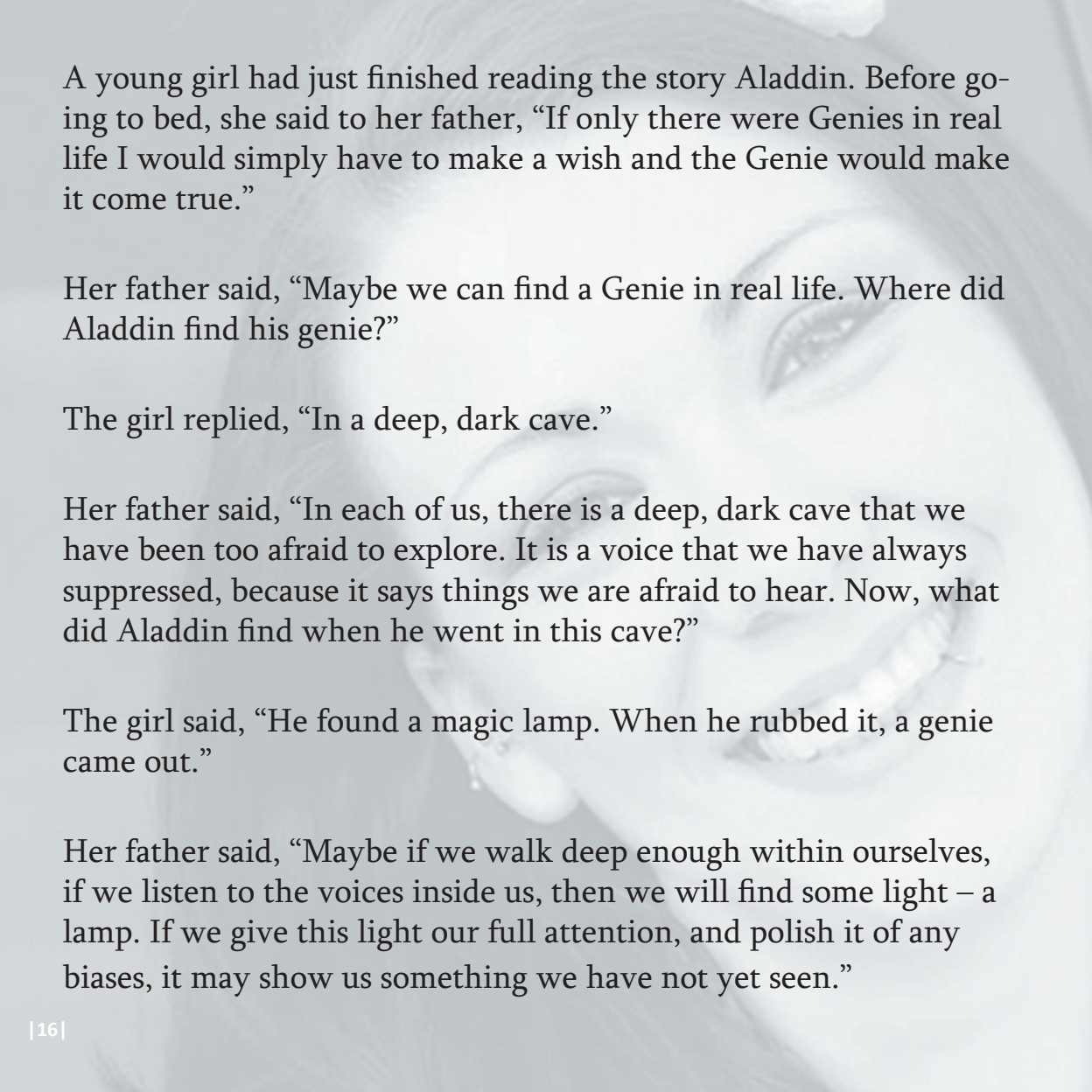
**Try half-heartedly, and it will seem
that everything is against you.
Try whole-heartedly, and every force
in the world will conspire to make
your dreams come true**

Paulo Coelho
Brazilian author



Story 3

The Genius in each of us



A young girl had just finished reading the story Aladdin. Before going to bed, she said to her father, “If only there were Genies in real life I would simply have to make a wish and the Genie would make it come true.”

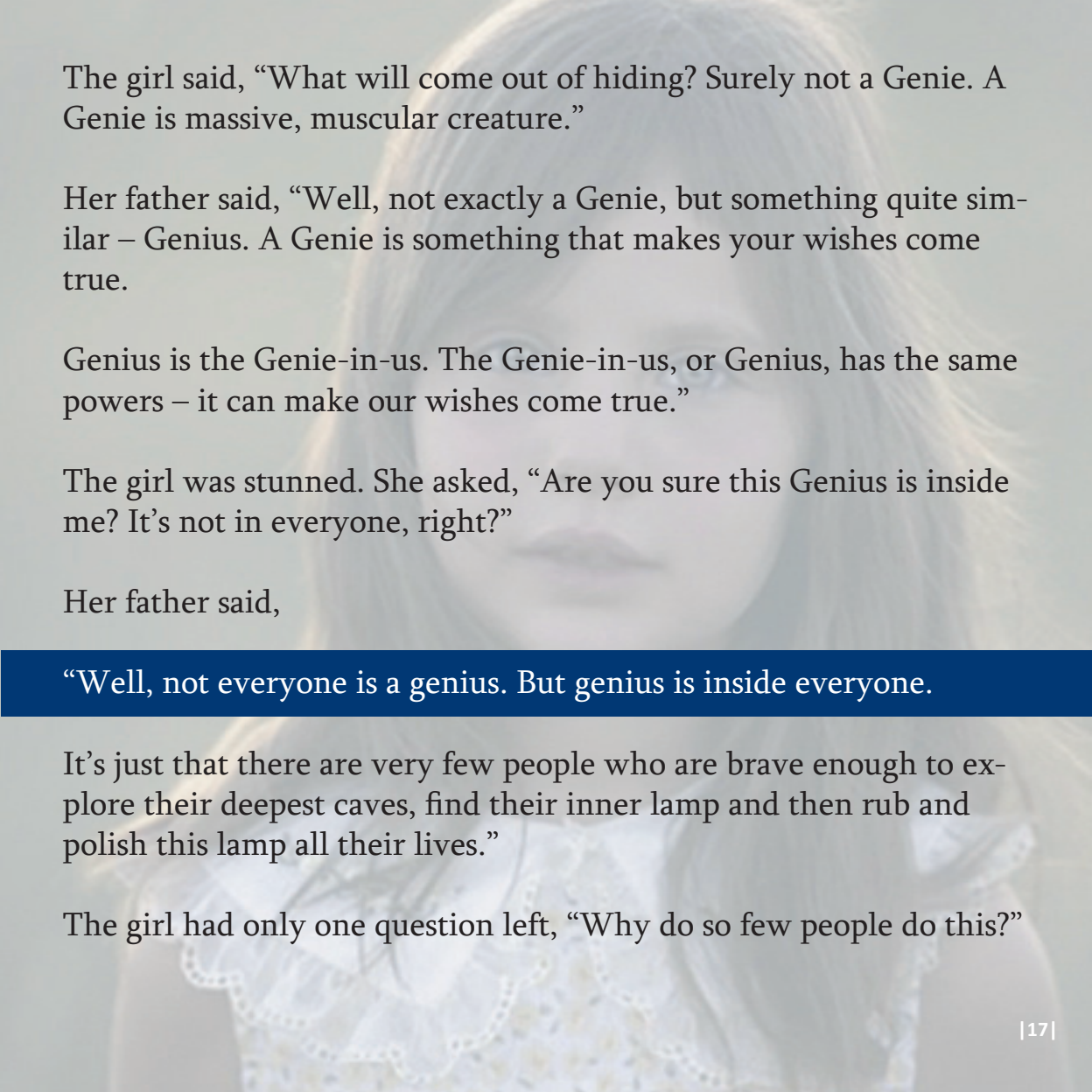
Her father said, “Maybe we can find a Genie in real life. Where did Aladdin find his genie?”

The girl replied, “In a deep, dark cave.”

Her father said, “In each of us, there is a deep, dark cave that we have been too afraid to explore. It is a voice that we have always suppressed, because it says things we are afraid to hear. Now, what did Aladdin find when he went in this cave?”

The girl said, “He found a magic lamp. When he rubbed it, a genie came out.”

Her father said, “Maybe if we walk deep enough within ourselves, if we listen to the voices inside us, then we will find some light – a lamp. If we give this light our full attention, and polish it of any biases, it may show us something we have not yet seen.”



The girl said, “What will come out of hiding? Surely not a Genie. A Genie is massive, muscular creature.”

Her father said, “Well, not exactly a Genie, but something quite similar – Genius. A Genie is something that makes your wishes come true.

Genius is the Genie-in-us. The Genie-in-us, or Genius, has the same powers – it can make our wishes come true.”

The girl was stunned. She asked, “Are you sure this Genius is inside me? It’s not in everyone, right?”

Her father said,

“Well, not everyone is a genius. But genius is inside everyone.

It’s just that there are very few people who are brave enough to explore their deepest caves, find their inner lamp and then rub and polish this lamp all their lives.”

The girl had only one question left, “Why do so few people do this?”

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