



EXTRACT TWO

from Chapter 19: The Inventing Room – Everlasting Gobstoppers and Hair Toffee (243 words)

“Everlasting gobstoppers! cried Mr Wonka proudly. “They’re completely new! I’m inventing them for children who have very little pocket money. You can put an Everlasting Gobstopper in your mouth and you can suck it and suck it and suck it and suck it and it will *never* get any smaller!”

“It’s like gum!” cried Violet Beauregarde.

“It is *not* like gum,” Mr Wonka said. “Gum is for chewing, and if you tried chewing one of these gobstoppers her you’d break your teeth off! And they never get any smaller! They never disappear! NEVER! At least I don’t think they do. There’s one of them being tested this very moment in the Testing Room next door. An Oompa-Loompa is sucking it. He’s been sucking it for very nearly a year now without stopping, and it’s still just as good as ever!

“Now, over here,” Mr Wonka went on, skipping excitedly across the room to the opposite wall, “over here I am inventing a completely new line in toffees!” He stopped beside a large saucepan. The saucepan was full of a thick gooey purplish treacle, boiling and bubbling. By standing on his toes, little Charlie could just see inside it.

“That’s Hair Toffee!” cried Mr Wonka. “You eat just one tiny bit of that, and in exactly half an hour a brand-new luscious thick silky beautiful crop of hair will start growing all over the top of your head! And a moustache! And a beard!”

