John decided to investigate the reasons why the factory had been closed and so many people in the town had died. “ Dad, please don’t go away , don’t leave me alone again, I want you to stay with me!” cried John. His dad tried to reassure him, saying that he would have waited for him there, in the factory, during the working hours, he had an important mission for his little boy. Frightened but happy to have met his father again he went back home. He wondered if he could tell everything to his auntie. Would she believed his words?He ran to the house because it was late, he wanted to reveal to his aunt that strange and incredible meeting! She had prepared a delicious meal but John wasn’t hungry. He was too excited and confused. When the aunt asked him about his day as usual, John became serious and prayed her to sit because he had an important secret to reveal. She was curious to listen to that revelation, trying to guess what she was going to hear from his lovely nephew. When John started to tell his story she thought it was a funny story or a joke but when he continued and got angrier and angrier because she seemed not to believe him, she began worrying about his state of mind and his mental health. Maybe it was time for them to move to another town to change their life, away from that sorrowful place...a place of death polluted by that horrible factory!

The following day John went to the factory to meet his father. He knew how to enter...his dad was waiting there, standing in front of a bright circular door. “What a strange door...What is hidden behind it?” asked John. His father told him that he was going to leave for a journey back in time...He would have seen something never shown before...he would have discovered the truth! Before entering the door he had to put on a mask because of the poisonous gases all around... the ones that had killed lots of people in town. He went back in time...he met many other people who he had known when he was a child and were died. The factory....was the origin of all the problems. Carbon dioxide, soots, were released everywhere. He walked along a narrow corridor full of smog...at the end his father and all the other workers told him that he had an important mission. That was the last time he would have seen him, so he gave him a bottle with a message inside. His mission was to bring it to a foreign country because there was a town to save from another poisonous factory.” Where is that town?How can I go there”? Asked John. It’s in another country, it’s a town in the centre of Italy, near a wonderful waterfall where the nymph Nerina was changed into a river by his jealous father who opposed to her love for Velino, a sheperd who loved her at first sight. John understood the importance of his task and fearless promised his father that he was ready to go. “John, said his dad, I’m sure you and the new friends you are going to meet will succeed in this campaign. John tried to hug him but he couldn’t...it was a ghost. “ Dad, he said, I promise you’ll be proud of me”. “It’s time to go now, follow me” said the father. John entered a time door, a blinding light wrapped him and...

end of chapter 3