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Once upon a time, in a quiet village hidden between lush mountains and a serene river, there was a girl named Ayel. Ayel was admired for her grace and beauty, but she also had an odd obsession with keys.

Ayel's room was packed with numerous little keys of all shapes and sizes. She had keys for jewelry boxes, toy chests, diaries, and even locks that didn't exist. Ayel didn't care that her relatives and friends thought it was strange. She adores her keys more than anything else.

Ayel came across a tiny rusty key one day as she was collecting wildflowers in the fields. It was distinct from the other keys she had collected. It had an intricate design etched into it, and it was heavy for its size. Ayel was thrilled she knew that this was the key she had been searching for all her life.

She rushed home with excitement to add it to her collection. However, she discovered that the key doesn't fit anywhere as she attempted to insert it into one of her locks. Every lock in her home was tried, but the key simply wouldn't turn.

Ayel was devastated that the key to her goals had at last been discovered but it was useless. The idea of having a key in her collection that couldn't open anything made her sick to her stomach. So, she did the only thing she could think of, she took the key to a blacksmith to have it fixed.

The key puzzled the blacksmith, he had never seen one like that before. However, Ayel persisted and she requested that one of her locks be made to fit the key. The key was therefore carefully filed down and reshaped by the blacksmith until it finally matched one of Ayel's locks.

Ayel was delighted as she turned her new key and hurried home to test it, she heard an odd noise. The moment the lock opened, Ayel's heart fell. There was nothing but dirt and cobwebs inside the box.

Ayel realized then that her obsession with small keys had been foolish. She had spent her life collecting things that were ultimately meaningless. She decided to put her collection of keys away starting that day and concentrate on the things in life that were important.