

CHAPTER 8  
IDEAL SON



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Little Sathya was a very responsible son. He considered helping His family members in their routine chores His foremost duty. He would shop on behalf of His father, who had a small shop in the village, returning with four donkey loads of provisions. He would explain the purchase and return the exact change - correct to the last coin.



He would go to the well and fetch water for the family.



Sometimes He was also referred as the elder sister of the family as He would help in cleaning of the house as well.



He would help His sister Venkamma cook meals for the family as well. His active participation in the household chores, some of which were considered girl's work in those days, was exceptional.





Even after He shifted to His grandfather's home He performed all the tasks Himself from cooking food to cleaning the utensils. After that He used to run all the way to another village called Bukkapatnam to attend school.



As soon as the clock struck one and the school bell rang, Sathya would go back home running to serve His grandfather food and eat with him.



Puttaparthi's lack of middle school and such strenuous daily routine did not become obstacles for Sathya. Instead, He marched forward bravely. After lunch He would run back to Bukkapatnam again.



Seeing his grandchild undergoing such physical strain Kondama Raju would say-



You are a small child. Don't go through this ordeal every day. Why don't you carry a lunchbox?

Grandfather, I'm prepared to undergo any ordeal. I don't shy away from difficulties. In fact, this is a good exercise for me.



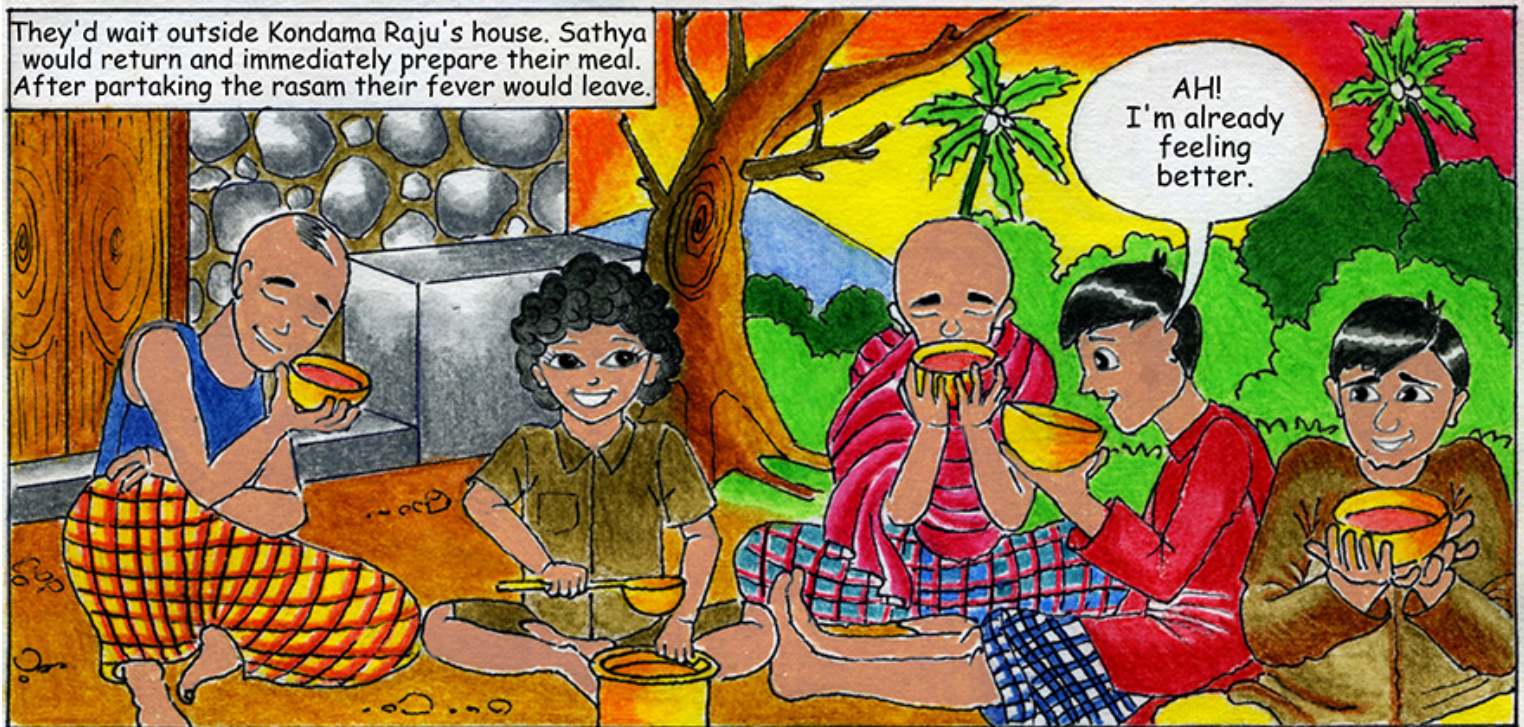
He had only one set of uniform for school. As soon as He returned He'd wrap a towel around His waist and wash the uniform, iron it and keep it ready for the next day.



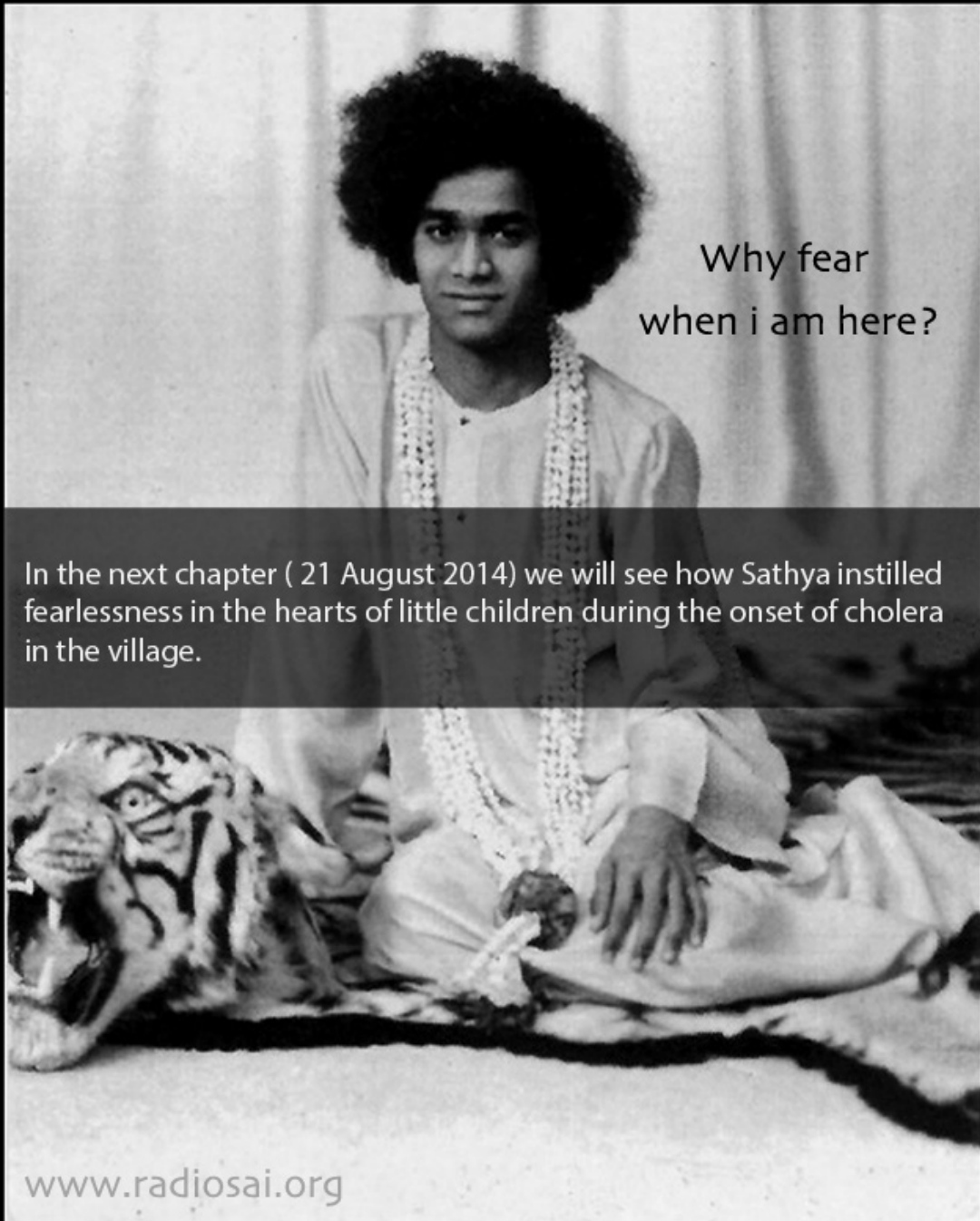
Not only this, the curries He prepared grew very popular in the entire street. Whenever people fell ill with fever they'd crave for the Rasam prepared by Him.



They'd wait outside Kondama Raju's house. Sathya would return and immediately prepare their meal. After partaking the rasam their fever would leave.







Why fear  
when i am here?

In the next chapter ( 21 August 2014) we will see how Sathya instilled fearlessness in the hearts of little children during the onset of cholera in the village.

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