



CHAPTER 12
BUKKAPATNAM DAYS



Little Sathya was a very pious boy. Every morning He reached school a little early. He collected all the boys under a tree where He installed some image or idol of God and performed Arati, encouraging the participation of all the young lads. This way He nurtured the spiritual hearts of the kids.

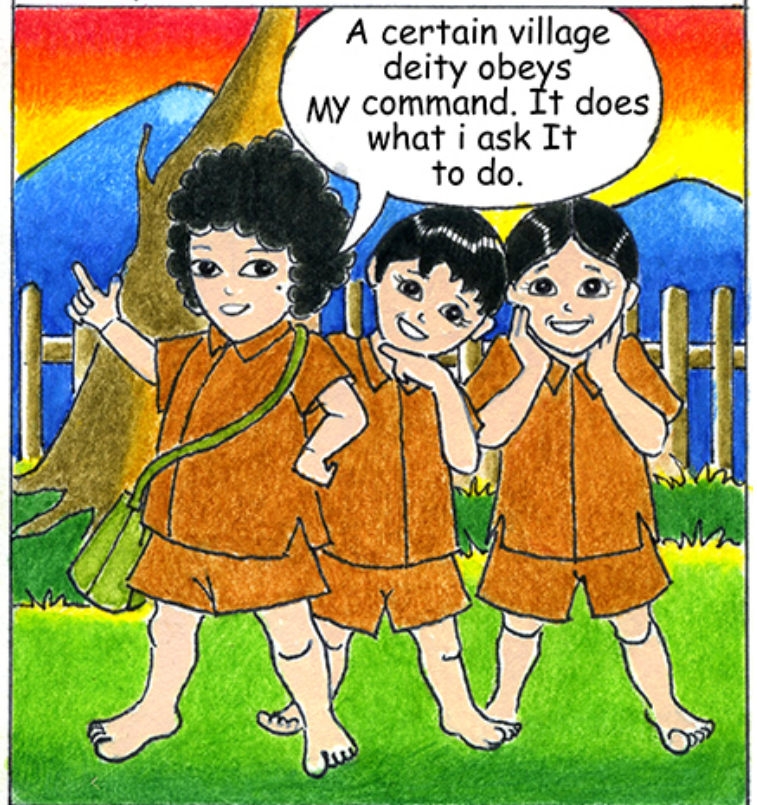
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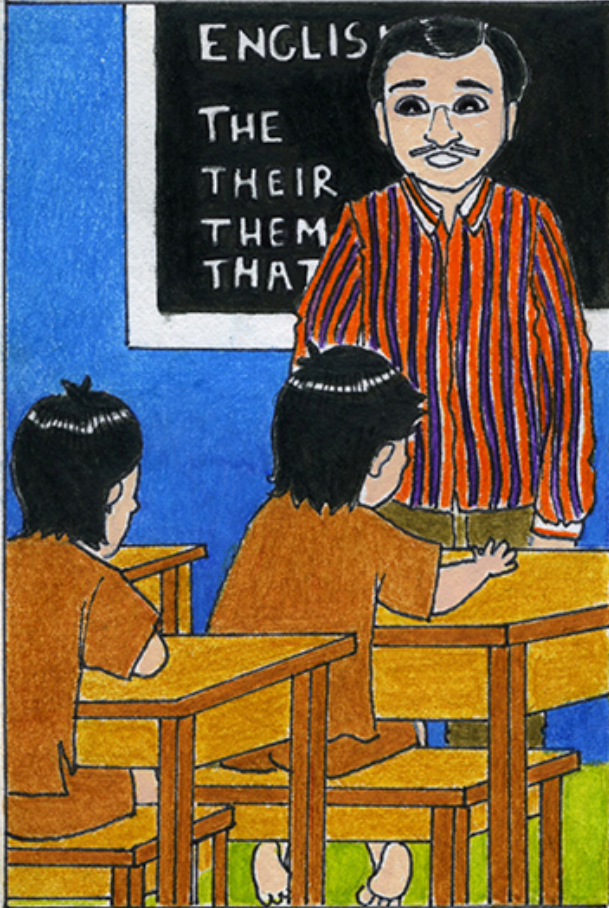
He, being a perfectionist, liked distributing prasadam as well. This was done in a unique fashion. He would search His 'empty' bag and retrieve delicious sweet treats out of it.



It was all too thrilling for the children. The awestruck kids asked their Raju how was He able to perform such 'tricks', to which He said-



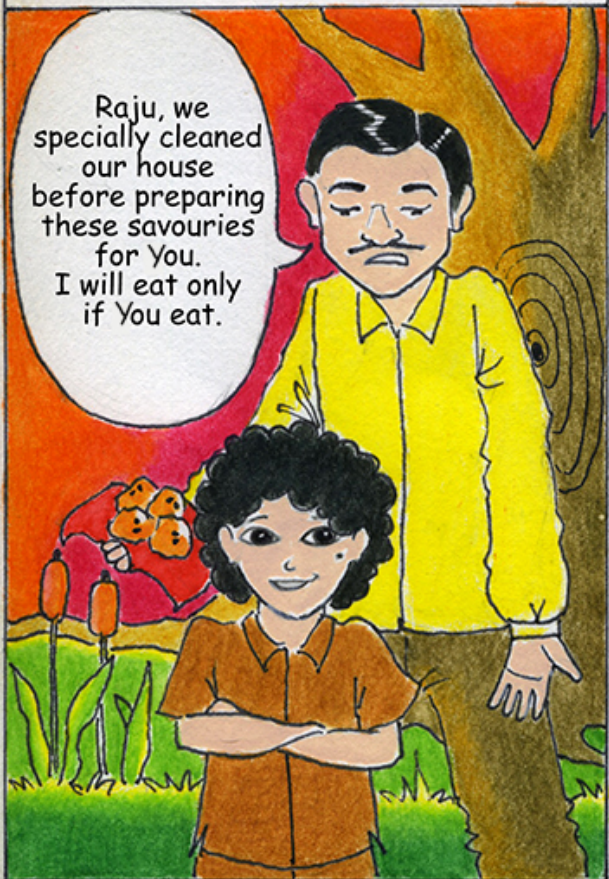
A teacher named Mehboob Khan had immense love for little Sathya. That love was born out of Atmic relationship.



He was an excellent English teacher. The minute he entered the class, he called Sathya and caressed Him lovingly. Children made fun saying "Raju, go, go near his chair".



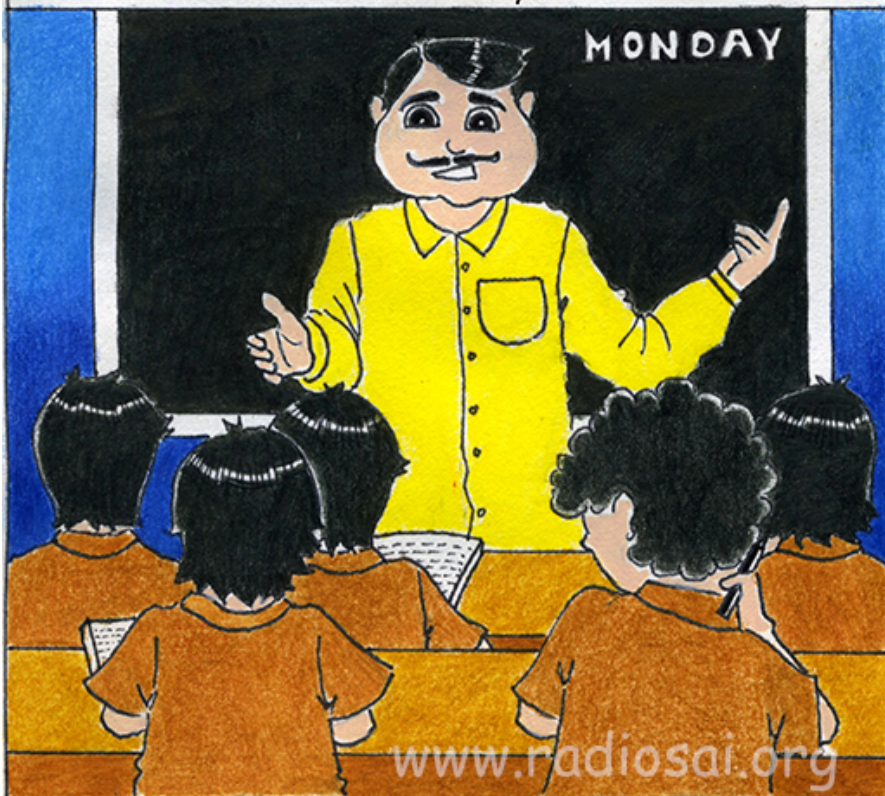
Whenever some savouries were prepared in his house he brought them for Sathya. Sathya always refused them politely but Mehboob Khan insisted saying-



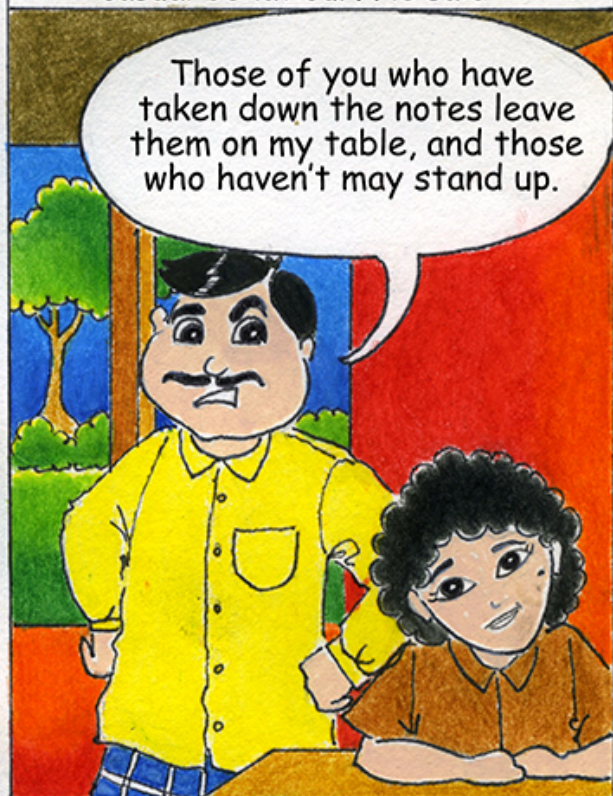
Sathya would then take a small bite out of courtesy, which brought tears of happiness in the teacher's eyes. Sathya politely told the teacher that it was unfair to shower Him with so much love in front of other children. He said-



A strange incident occurred once. Sathya used to compose new bhajans while in class. One day He did not take down the notes as dictated by the teacher.



The teacher noticed this. He decided to teach Sathya a lesson for this casual behaviour. He said-



All the children got up and left their notebooks on the table except Sathya.



Sathya decided to explain the situation. He told His teacher-



This hurt the teacher's ego even more. He said-



All the children became sad to see their Raju being punished.



Meanwhile, Mehboob Khan came that way. The sight of Sathya got punished shocked him.



He enquired from that teacher-



Mehboob Khan told him that Sathya must have understood the lesson well but the teacher did not listen. The bell rang, the teacher tried to get up but got stuck to his chair.

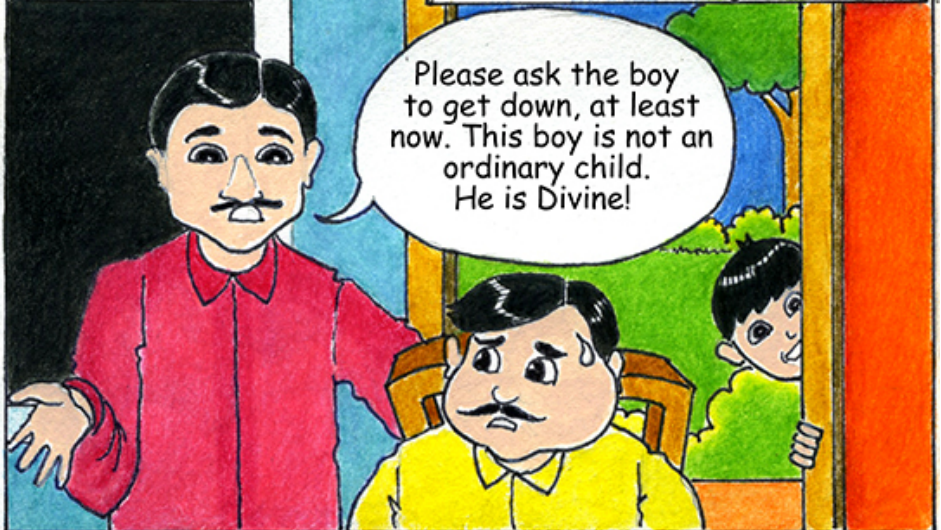
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No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't get the chair off himself.



Mehboob Khan always knew that Sathya was divine. He tried to convince the teacher again-

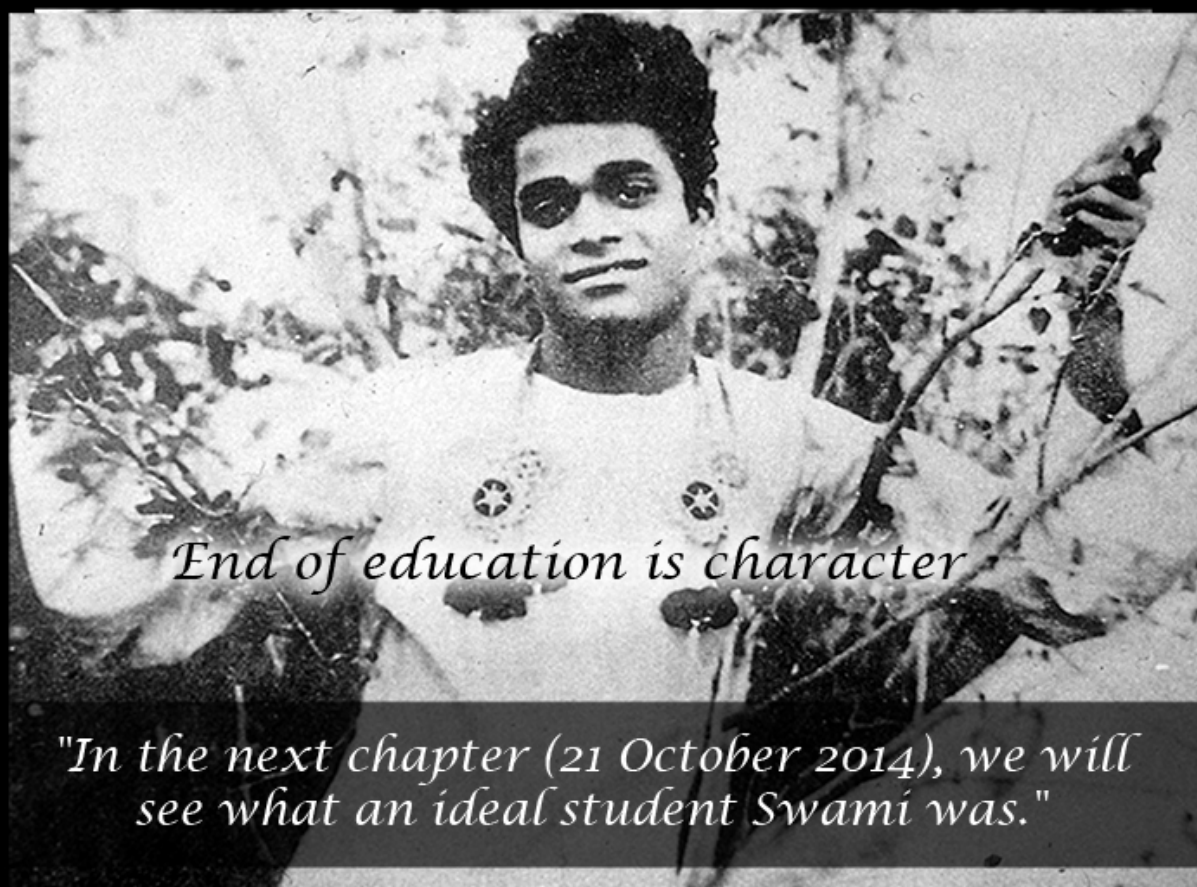


The moment Sathya got off, the teacher was released from his chair. Later, Swami said about the whole incident that it was His leela. He had not done this to insult His teacher. In fact, Swami was an ideal student who had tremendous respect for all His teachers. This miracle happened at an appropriate hour to prepare the people for many more miracles to come.

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"In the next chapter (21 October 2014), we will see what an ideal student Swami was."