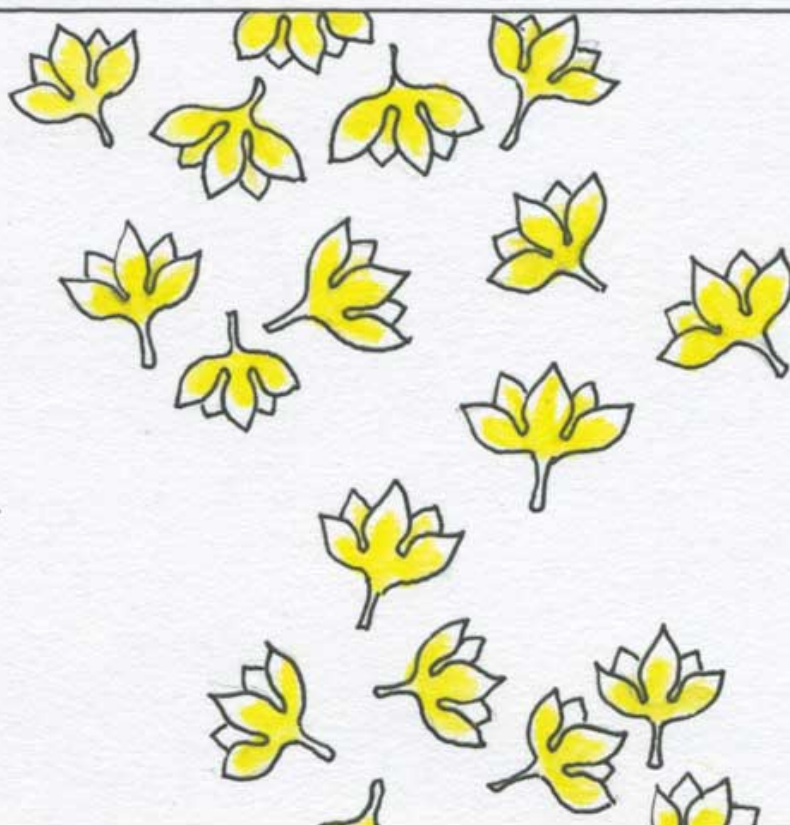


CHAPTER 26
PART 01

I AM SAI BABA



The wounds from Kadiri disappeared one day when a mysterious eagle took three rounds over Sathya's head. Those who saw were shocked.



One evening a snake bit Sathya and it instantaneously died.



Sathya resurrected the snake and told it not to come out of its dwelling place.



In one of His jovial moods He would ask the boys to close their palms after He closed His.



The boys weren't able to open them until Sathya opened His palms.



When Sathya opened His palms and the boys opened theirs, they would find Vibhuthi and Prasadam.



Sathya would disappear for hours altogether to spend time in solitude along the Chitravathi riverbed.



Subamma would always find Him and feed Him food.



A man named Krishnamachari who performed Sathya's 'Akshara Abhyasam' came from Penukonda to witness this strange advent.



To this Sathya retorted -

Sir, that is funny. So you are going to take Me to Myself?



The man left without a word.



He would sit on a deerskin before a Shirdi Sai Baba portrait and spend the time alone without talking, eating or anything else.



At Penukonda people had heard of Sai Baba as the sub registrar, Kesavaiya, was a devotee. They took Sathya to him on a Thursday. He offered Udi to the guests. Sathya said -



Can't you see Me, the Sai Baba? You have worshipped Me for years and I'm here before you.



And saying so, He blew the Udi over His devotee.



This made Kesavaiya very angry.



He ordered them to leave but asked the parents to perform Thursday worship to Shirdi Sai.



When in a good mood, He would take all the boys to Chitravathi and retrieve their desires from the sand.

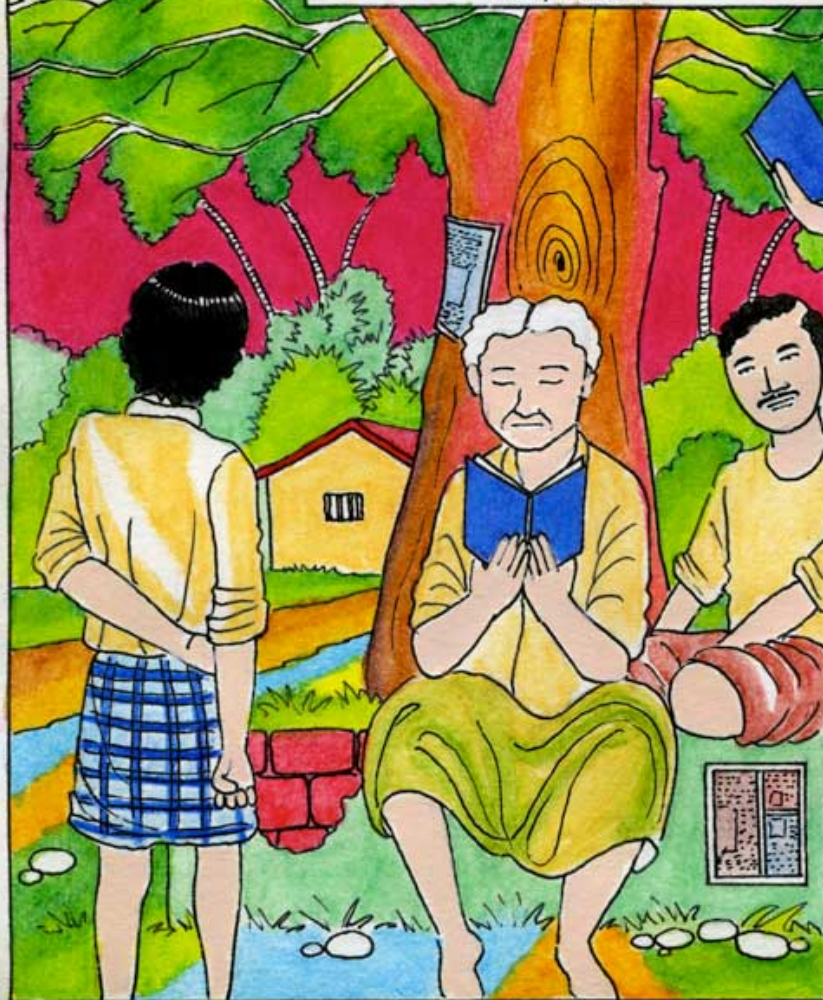


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One of the boys wished for a mango. Sathya sent him to the tamarind tree where, to his shock, he found his mango.



One of Sathya's uncle used to read the biography of Shirdi Sai aloud many times.



Whenever he erred while reading, Sathya would point out the mistake and explain where the mistake was including page number, stanza or line.



A man perhaps hearing the words of Kesavaiya decided to test Sathya. He came from Penukonda and said -



Sathya asked His mother to get flowers and He flung them on the floor. The flowers arranged themselves to form in Telugu the words 'I'm Sai Baba'.

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Kesavaiya became a devotee of Sathya from that day onwards till the end.

