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You protected a woman from the
noose of Yama

And took her in a plane to the
Kingdom of God

Such a Sadguru, You are merciful
moon to the suppliants.

O Indra of devotees, uplift anyone
through your Lotus-feet.

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Sri.Siddharudha is very kind to all human beings. If anyone chants his name (*naam*), He himself will appear before him. There is no other alternative except *naam*. The other endeavors are of no use in kali-yuga. The study of Yoga is not possible without the help of Sadguru. One should go in quest of Guru but it is rather difficult to find a real Sadguru. If he studies Yoga on his own, if something goes wrong, he may go mad. Though he attained Yoga, he would not get Brahmajnana (Knowledge). This knowledge can be gained through self- thought. Vedant thought is rather difficult to understand. One cannot understand its secret meaning without the assistance of Sadguru. If one serves Sadguru for a long period, he will tell you the meaning of *sriti*, but this is not possible for the worldly people. For such people, remembrance of *naam* has been advised. There is no some other remedy for them. The remembrance of *naam* itself is a saviour. Its forgetfulness is the bondage (a riddle of births and deaths). There is no happiness without the remembrance of *naam*. A devotee will not be afraid of Death because he has the strength of Guru's *naam*. If Sadguru orders that *Naam*, then it will yield the fruit. Therefore, having met Sadguru, one must take the advice of *Naam* (name). One should live happily at home by repeating the holy *Naam*. Sadguru comes to your house. Sadguru lives in and out of the house of bearer of only the *Naam*. Holding him by His hand He leads him to his own self.

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There was a devotee named Viroopaksha. His mother's name was Heerubai who was pious. She was very old. She was repeating the *Naam* of Sadguru lovingly everyday. Besides this, she was going to listen to purana regularly. One day while going to purana (to listen), a stone touched her leg on the way. As a result, she fell on the ground. Having shouted, `Sadgurunatha', she tried to rise but in vain. The people nearby lifted and reached her home. The bone of her leg was fractured. So she could not walk. They requested Siddharudha to come to their house for the worship of Feet (paada pooje). After the worship was over, the old woman enquired, `Why did this happen when I was going for good deed?' Siddha replied her, `Your life time was over but when you were going to purana Sadguru saved you' Speaking thus, Siddharudha returned to the *matha*. Heerubai spent all her time in thinking of the *Naam* of her Sadguru. She stayed home because her leg was broken. Once she said, `Viroopaksha, go to listen to the purana everyday. After coming over here, tell me the gist of the purana. As her wish, Viroopaksha was telling her story. Once he told the story of Markandeya. At the time of his death little Markandeya meditated upon God Shiva. Lord Shiva came and made the Death Flee. Having heard this story, she thought that if she reflected her God, Sadguru, he would protect

her. Since then, she never forgot the *Naam* of Sadguru even for a single minute and she could see the form of Sadguru at her heart.

One day, after the lunch was over, unexpectedly she went mad. She saw two terrible persons standing before her.

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Their form looked very fierce and their tongue was long. Their bodies were dark. Turning their red eyes round and round, they began to shout at Hiroobai. Keeping the form of Sadguru in her mind, she called Him 'Sadguru Siddharudha, come as my protector. Come quickly in order to protect me from the hands of the messengers of Death. I don't intend my body to be saved but I like to live to hear the purana. This trouble destroyed my life span. I didn't hear the advice given by Sadguru Himself, I breathe my last happily after listening to Sadguru'. As soon as she prayed the Sadguru Himself manifested. Seeing the Sadguru near her, Hiroobai mustered her courage and said to the messengers of Death, 'I don't

come with you, go, go back. First, I must go to Siddharudha. After taking advice from Him I may come provided he permits me. Until then, I don't come' Hearing these words, they roared, 'Catch, catch her'. They came near her. They took their ropes out. When they wanted to spread the rope round her, the rope touched Sadguru. Then and there the rope was broken into pieces. Their efforts failed. Carrying a staff, Sadguru went to the messengers of Death. On seeing Him they ran with fear. They came to the city of Death (Yamanagari). They said to Yama, 'When we were carrying out the task ordered by you, some one, a saint came in our way.' The Omniscient, Death said, 'O Messengers, you don't know Siddharudha. He Himself is incarnate Ishwar on the earth. You've gone there to bring His devotee. He always guards His devotees. Your existence can't function over them. He is the controller of all the worlds, He Himself is the All

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doer and All destructor.' Here, Hiroobai said, 'O Merciful, You've saved from the hands of the God of Death. Now, give strength to my leg.' Siddha told her to take six months time and make proper use of her life span. He also told her to come to His world (loka) and do Bhajan. Speaking thus, Siddharudha touched her leg. Soon she stood up and saluted Siddha Sadguru. When she looked up, He was not there. Though her son, Viroopakshappa was quite near her, he could not understand anything. He asked her how she gained strength suddenly. She then described in detail. Having guarded me, Sadguru gave me six months life span and made me strong enough to go to *matha* and listen to the purana. He also promised me to take me to His world within six months. Viroopakshappa felt very happy to hear all this.

He then took his mother to the *matha*. She fell at the Lotus-like feet of Sadguru. Heerubai explained to Him all the events 'O Sadguru, You protect your devotees from the God of death. You are visibly Ishwar, incarnated in the human form for the devotees. In the past, when the saint, Markandeya prayed to You, at that time You came to his rescue. In the same way, O God, You came and protected me from the God of death.' Having heard these words, Siddha said, 'Sadguru favoured you for your good-will. A man, who reflects Him will be saved from Death. However, you shouldn't forget the *Naam* of Sadguru. If you repeat the *Naam* continuously, ignorance will be destroyed. You'll attain your real nature and you'll get Sadguru.' Having experienced the bliss of *Samadhi* (the fourth

state) for a while, she then fell at
the Lotus feet of

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Sadguru. Bearing the advice of her
Guru in her mind, she went home
with her son, Viroopakshappa.
Since then, she was repeating the
Naam of Sadguru continuously-
day and night.

Six months passed. Once, when she
was asleep, Sadguru woke her up
and said, 'Now, come' Heerubai got
up and saw Siddharudha whose
face was shining brightly. She also
saw a jewel-studded and lustrous
aeroplanc near Him and on it two
holy men who were equal to
Siddharudha. Holding her hand, He
made her sit in the place. She felt
extremely happy. Even *Shritis*
couldn't describe her happiness.
She forgot her son and grand
children in her blissful state. She

lost her body conscious.
Virupakshappa was near her
without understanding anything.
He saw the light soon after
pronouncing `Siddharudha', she left
her body. In that very moment
itself he saw the light. Then, the
members of the family and the
neighbors did bhajan and buried
her dead body. Thus, having
defeated the God of death,
Siddharudha gave her devotee
infallible position who just
repeated His *Naam*

Now hear the secondary meaning
of the story. Heerubai is an intense
seeker. While going to listen to the
purana as advice, Prarabdha (Fate)
came in her way. A stone as love
touched her leg as dispassion. She
could not go out of her house. This
obstructed her listening to the
purana but the power of
discrimination remained. With the
help of discrimination, she began to
remember *Naam*. Then, two
merciless messengers of Death
came unexpectedly. They

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come there to take jeeva (here
Hiroobai) to Hell. Seeing them, she
remained in her true nature. So they
ran away without looking back.
Jeeva needed six months time as
shatsampatti to join Sadguru. After
six months Sadguru made jeeva
ishwaraikya (unification of jeeva
and Ishwar). Thus, a jeeva, who
hears the story of unification by the
Grace of Sadguru joins Shiva. Here
Shivadas dedicates the forty first
chapter of `Sri Siddharudha

Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri
Siddharudha, which burns all the
sins by just hearing.

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Sri Ganeshaya Namaha | Sri
Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

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