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**Chapter 48**  
**One who reads the life history of**  
**Siddha with love**

One's trouble of the ghost will be  
dispelled quickly.

He made the dead girl alive  
affectionately

By applying Vibhuti on her body.

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You being indestructible Brahma,  
You have incarnated in the form of  
Siddha. You remove the ignorance  
of the individual soul and keep him  
in the light of knowledge. The  
individual soul becomes helpless  
without the guidance of Sadguru.  
In spite of reading of *shastras*, one  
cannot understand the meaning of  
Truth. It is Sadguru alone who  
helps us how to attain Brahma.  
There is no other choice except  
Sadguru. If one does not surrender  
to Sadguru, one's birth will be a  
waste. If Sadguru does not Grace  
one, one's wealth of this or the  
other world will be wasted. Those,  
who surrender to Sadguru, their  
sins will be destroyed, and their  
progress is certain. If one salutes  
Him with good will, one's worry of  
mundane existence will come to an  
end and egotism will disappear. He  
then gets liberation from the  
bondage. Those, who forget the  
Master face a number of difficulties  
in the mundane life and they again  
surrender to Him.

Now, listen to the story. The story  
of Sadguru is interesting to hear. In  
addition to this, the bondage of  
bhava ( a cycle of births and  
deaths) will flee by just listening to  
it and he will experience eternal  
bliss. There was a Gowda named  
Shrimant in Bagalkot, (Bagalkot  
district). He had a lot of wealth but  
he never worshipped God. He  
always thought of his business day  
and night. He had a daughter  
named

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Rukmini. She was beautiful and virtuous but she was tormented by a ghost. This was a worrying point for her parents. Afflicted by the ghost, Rukmini was scolding her mother and asked why she was not getting her married. Her father, Shrimant was worried at her pitiable state. Sharanappa Akkalakoti accidentally came there. He was a great devotee of Siddharudha. He used to spread the name and fame of Siddharudha by going from place to place. He did not tell anything to the people except the greatness of Sadguru. Having seen Rukmini, Sharanappa said to Shrimant, 'Don't worry about her. If she reads the biography of Siddharudha, all her troubles will come to an end. She should remember Him everyday and drink His padodaka (holy water). If she does this, her trouble will be destroyed' Shrimant said to him. 'I spent a lot of money and planned a number of tactics and hymns. Beside these, I did religious vows to Gods and Goddesses. I tried in vain to get her cured. If she reads a book what would happen?' Hearing his words, Sharanappa said, 'O Shrimant, you don't know the greatness of Sri. Siddharudha. It is immeasurable and incomparable. It has no boundary at all. We know how great Siddharudha is. There were two women in Unakalla who were also affected by the ghosts. When they heard the fame of Sadguru, the ghost fled. Let her repeat the *Naam* (name) of Siddharudha and hear His greatness. However difficult the ghost may be, it will run.' Then Shrimant said, 'OK, let her read the

biography of Sadguru. What should I do for padodaka (holy water) ? I don't have enough time to go to Hubballi because I've got one or two things to attend to. So, I'll send a man to Hubballi

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and fetch some padodaka.'

Sharanappa gave a biography to Rukmini and then he announced the *Naam* of Siddhanatha. On hearing the *Naam* Rukmini became conscious. She said to her father, 'This bhajan seems to be favourable to me. Having heard this, I feel quite happy. I always do bhajan' Sharanappa said to Rukmini. 'Do bhajan with this *Naam* daily. You feel fine from this. He advised the *Naam* into her ears. And he further told her to read the charit. (biography). Rukmini agreed to do as he advised. Having preached her thus, Sharanappa went away.

Shrimant sent a man to Hubballi to bring padodaka. The man fetched

it. No sooner did she drink the holy water than she looked well. She began to read the biography of Siddhanath and repeat the *Naam*. The ghost left the place. It did not come to her again. Shrimant felt very happy. He said to himself 'Reading of Sadguru charit brought us happiness. Actually, I had no faith in Siddharudha but He solved our problem. Now, we should take Rukmini to Him and we must have His darshan'. Reading of charit ended but what happened was - one after noon Rukmini had sat on a platform which is called Ashwath katte (a raised structure to sit on). The platform was very high. While getting down, accidentally she fell and dashed against the rock. Her head touched the stone with force and it began to bleed. The father came running and found that the daughter was dead. The grief he felt over Rukmini's death was alsomst unbearable. He said, 'O Siddharudha, what did You do? The ghost distanced itself from the daughter through Your Grace but immediately my daughter has gone (died). This is not good to Your fame. In

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fact, I had no faith in You but you redressed our calamity The death of my daughter brought downfall to Your great fame. Now, what the people say is 'The girl repeated Your Naam and read Your charit after these two things were over, the girl died'. Therefore, O Merciful, come soon and protect Your title Yourself. My daughter had surrendered herself at Your Lotus Feet. Don't give her in the hands of Death.' He burst into tears. At this time, a saint came there. The moment Shrimant saw the calm face of the saint, he became silent. He wore a red shawl round his head and a rosary round the neck. He had a water pot in his left hand. The divine saint asked Shrimant, 'What happened to the girl? Why are weeping? Shrimant replied. 'O Great saint, how should I tell my sorrow? As soon as we became the devotees of Siddhanatha, the worldly life became sorrowful to us. We believed the words of a saint. Reading of the charit (biography) became the cause for my daughter's death.' Hearing these harsh words, the saint exclaimed with a surprise, 'Shiva, Shiva'. He said to Shrimant, 'I've been sent here by Him. Just imagine how kind he is! Listen to me, Siddhanatha is the mainstay of His devotees. (Bhaktas). When I met Him yesterday, He said, 'Come here, Yatiraya, you'll see the death of a girl tomorrow. Save her by applying vibhuti on her face' Hearing these words at that time, I was greatly wondered. But those words proved to be true. Siddha Samarth is omniscient. Through His Grace the dead will come to life now'. He took out vibhuti from his batave and addressing the dead one he said. 'I place the vibhuti on your face as ordered by Sadguru

Siddharudha. Get up quickly'.  
Smearing

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the Vibhuti into the mouth of the dead Rukmini, he announced the Siddha Naam. Having heard the news of Rukmini's terrible death, a large number of people had gathered. When they all were watching, a miracle took place. The great saint placed the Vibhuti into the mouth of Rukmini and announced the *Naam* of Siddharudha. Rukmini opened her eyes suddenly and began to see the people gathered there. Shrimant was overjoyed to see his daughter alive. He came running and held the feet of the saint. Rukmini got up and sat on the mat. Seeing this, all became happy. The saint disappeared from the scene suddenly. All were dumbfounded to know this - this is nothing but



Sadguru Himself. The mother was not at home. Now, she came and embraced her with love and affection. Some days, after, they all went to Hubballi to take the darshan of Siddhanatha. He asked Shrimant how Rukmini was. Shrimant was wondered at the fact that how Siddharudha understood the news before he told Him. Then, having dedicated fruits, coconut, gift etc to Sadguru, Rukmini fell at the feet of Sadguru. Shrimant detailed everything about her to Sadguru and said. 'O Merciful Siddhanath, You Yourself saved Rukmini and You generated devotion in us and uplifted us' Having heard this, all did jayajayakar and announced Siddha Naam Then, taking the permission of Sadguru, they all went back to their places.

Now, listen to the secondary meaning of the story. Shrimant Himself is intense seeker. His daughter, Rukmini is good devotion. They had worry of the ghost as Sansara (mundane existence). When she was tormented by a ghost, she was telling her mother to get her married because she

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knew that her trouble would not go without marrying variagya (dispassion). Sadguru as Sharanappa came and advised to remember Sadguru and read charit. From this, the worry of mundane life was destroyed. The fate came in the way of Devotion. Though she appeared as dead, Sadguru revived Devotion and she regained her health and became strong. All this is the game of Sadguru Himself. If one gets one's heart purified, one will see Sadguru everywhere. The purified mind sees Him in all objects. Here Shivadas dedicates the forty eighth chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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