



Sati Soma

Long long ago there lived a girl called Soma. She was a very good girl. From her teachers and parents she learnt goodness and prayers. She learnt that she must be kind and obedient. She believed in Ahinsa, so she never ever hurt anybody. She always had kind words and did kind things to all living things. Everyday she would say the Navkar Mantra.

Soma grew up to be lovely girl and soon she was married. Sadly for her, no one in this new house prayed at all and hated religion. Her mother-in-law did not ever allow her to pray. She scolded her for praying. Yet Soma continued her prayers.

Everyday her mother-in-law would be rude with her and even beat her. Poor Soma never said a word back. One day her mother-in-law did a terrible thing. She bought the poisonous snake from a snake charmer and hid it in a pot. She wanted to get rid of Soma forever.

In the evening she ordered Soma, "Fetch the flowers from the pot right now." She thought that as soon as Soma would put her hands into the pot the snake would bite her and she would die. Soma went to the pot outside and before she picked it she recited her prayers and the Navkar Mantra. Miracle happened! The pot now had flowers instead of snake! This was a miracle of the Navkar Mantra!

When Soma's mother-in-law saw this she was amazed. She now understood that Soma was really a special lady and that her faith was real. Since that day everyone in the family became true Jains.

We must say the Navkar Mantra everyday and be good Jains.