

# That October Day...

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I was in my village Namgo. It was October mid-term vacation for our school.

One day early in the morning, I was sitting in my home. It was too boring that morning, so I decided to go for a walk.

As I was walking, I saw a man wearing an orange coloured dress and wooden slippers. When I saw him, I got very scared. I thought he could be a crook. I started to run. Suddenly, he signaled me and gave me a smile and said from where he was sitting. “Baby, why are you running?”

I stopped and went near him. “I am not going to harm you” he said. “I came to visit your village.”

‘He seems to be a good person’, I thought again. Then he asked me my name. “Alikmai Kri”, I replied. I relaxed myself and asked him, “Where have you come from? What is your name?”

“Vivekananda” he replied. “I came from Kolkata.” “By walking?” I asked. He nodded.

I was surprised. ‘Truly? Is he lying? Or he’s really a crook?...’

“What are you thinking, Alikmai?” he asked. “If you don’t believe me, you can see this photo.”

I took the photo. It was the famous Swami Vivekananda. I looked at his face again. I found him to be really Swami Vivekananda.

“Samai..” he said. “Please will you show me around your village?” without thinking anything, I immediately said, yes.

I took him around my village. When we were walking, we talked many things about the people in villages, environment, agriculture, mountains, birds and animals. We met many villagers. He gave many nice tips to the village people. I felt very happy walking around with him and talking to him.

We were tired now and rested beneath a shady tree. We were silent for a while.

Then Swamiji rose. He said it was time for him to go. My eyes filled with tears.

Swami looked at him and said, “Alikmai, why are you crying? I will come back whenever you remember me.”

He blessed me and walked away.

I still remember that October day...

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