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AFTER MY PARENTS GOT DIVORCED, ME AND TWO OF MY SISTERS MOVED WITH OUR MAMA TO CHINTHALAPUDI. MY OTHER SISTER HAD SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, SO SHE STAYED WITH OUR PAPA...FOR A WHILE, ANYWAY. I GUESS SHE RAN AWAY FROM HIM EVENTUALLY. ANYWAY, ONCE WE ARRIVED IN OUR NEW VILLAGE, MAMA ARRANGED FOR ME AND MY SISTERS TO STAY IN A WELFARE HOSTEL THERE. THE HOSTEL WAS RUN BY A BAD MAN, THOUGH, AND HE SEXUALLY ABUSED THE GIRLS STAYING IN HIS HOSTEL, INCLUDING ME AND MY SISTERS. FINALLY, I TOLD THE POLICE WHAT WAS HAPPENING, AND THEY SENT ME BACK TO MY MAMA.

MAMA SENT ME TO WORK, BECAUSE WE NEEDED MORE MONEY, SO I BECAME A DAY LABORER. THAT'S WHERE I MET SREENU. HE TRICKED ME INTO MARRYING HIM, AND THEN HE ABUSED ME, SO THEY TOOK ME AWAY FROM HIM AND PLACED ME IN A GOVERNMENT HOME. I WAS SCARED BECAUSE I WASN'T HAVING MY MONTHLY CYCLE, SO I THOUGHT I HAD BECOME PREGNANT AND I'M ONLY 14. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY IDEA HOW I WOULD TAKE CARE OF A BABY. BUT I WAS SENT FOR A PREGNANCY TEST AND IT WAS NEGATIVE. IT TURNS OUT I HAD JUST BECOME ANEMIC AND NEEDED MORE IRON, WHICH THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBED FOR ME.

AFTER I LEFT THE GOVERNMENT HOME, I WAS SENT HERE TO NEW HORIZONS HOUSE. THERE WERE ONLY A FEW OTHER GIRLS THERE WHEN I ARRIVED, AND I DIDN'T TRUST ANYONE AT FIRST. BUT THEY GAVE ME BRAND NEW CLOTHES, AND A BED THAT WAS ALL MY OWN, AND THEY CONTINUE TO LET ME HAVE AS MUCH HOT FOOD AS I WANT. SOMETIMES THERE'S EVEN CAKE! ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS IS THAT WE HAVE A ROOM FULL OF SEWING MACHINES, SO I CAN PRACTICE MY TAILORING ALL THE TIME. SOMEDAY, WHEN I'M READY TO LEAVE NEW HORIZONS HOUSE, I WANT TO SUPPORT MYSELF BY BECOMING A TAILOR, SO I'M HAPPY TO LEARN AS MUCH AS I CAN WHILE I'M HERE.

