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â It is me, Paramhams,â the man stood right in front of Juggernaut.

Juggernaut took a long look at the man while quickly going through his own memory lane to recognize Paramhams from his graduate days working as a teaching assistant in Chemistry lab almost four decades ago.

â Yeah, man I recognize you, you changed a lot,â said Juggernaut with his mind still sifting through his old memories.â Sure, so were you; remember me, I am from Belize came to the University in Trinidad in 1973 as an undergraduate.â

â Certainly, how can I forget you with your unique name, I met nobody with that name again.â

â Sure, I remember your comments on my name, you said most likely I was named after some famous Hindu Mystic from India,â Paramhams appeared to have remembered a long explanation Juggernaut gave on the Hindu Mystic Ramakrishna Paramahansa died in 1886.â

â Do you live in Miami?â asked Paramhams.

â No, I am just visiting on a vacation to get away from the cold,â â How about you?â

â I still live in Belize working for the Department of Agriculture, I came here for shopping as you know people from the Latin America and the Caribbean come here to shop, things are much cheaper down here than back home.â

â Sure thatâ s what I did when I lived in the Caribbean,â Juggernaut was very pleased to meet Paramhams.

â So, how you like down here?â

â I like Miami, here I feel comfortable among my brethren from the Caribbean and more importantly I can get various foods from the Caribbean and participate in annual Trinidad Carnival in October.â

â Like your favorite Julie Mango,â â I still remember seeing you devouring Julie Mango in the backroom while we were conducting experiments in the lab,â Paramhams remembered too much information.

â Yes, here I can buy large Caribbean Avocados, Guineps, Mangoes, star Apple, sour and sweet sop, Trinidad Roti and Jamaican Patty, practically anything from the Caribbean.â

When Juggernaut first met Paramhams in the lab; he wondered how he got his name. Paramhams explained that his forefathers were from India and perhaps he was named after some Hindu God. Juggernaut eventually figured out that most likely he might have named after Ramakrishna Paramahansa, a Hindu Mystic since Paramhams close to Paramahansa. Juggernaut never expected to see him again after both left the island well over threedecades ago.

It was a miracle on Collins Avenue to meet Paramhams unexpectedly, if not for his Indian connection, Juggernaut could never figure it out the origin of his name. â Well, Paramhams I am so happy to see you after so long, I would say you could be a reincarnation of Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa, the Hindu Mystic born again in Belize in your form,â said Juggernaut with a laugh in a light hearted way.â If you say so, I donâ t mind the title Swami,â replied Paramhams, he was asvague about his name now as he was then.

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