

NOT YET!



The Trials of a Tea Cup...



I haven't always been a tea cup. There was a time in my life when I was just a lump of clay.

Then my Master took me and began to pat and mold and shape me.

It was very painful and I begged Him to stop, but He only smiled and said,

“Not yet!”



Then He placed me on a spinning wheel and I went 'round and 'round

I got so sick I thought I wasn't going to make it, but then He finally let me off

Just as I thought I was going to be all right, my Master put me in an oven.



**I've never understood why He wanted
to burn me;**

I yelled and begged for Him to stop, to let me
out. I could see dimly through the glass in the
oven door, but He only smiled shook His head
and said,

“Not yet!”

Finally He came and took me out.

“Oh, that sure feels better,”

I said to myself.



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Then all of the sudden, my master picked me up and started sanding and brushing me.

Then He took a paint brush and started Painting colors all over me. The fumes were so strong I thought I was going to pass out. I pleaded with Him to stop, but He continued to smile and said,

“Not yet!”



**Then He placed me in another
oven.**

This one was twice as hot as the first.

I knew that I would suffocate.

**I begged, I pleaded, I cried but He still
only smiled and said,**

“Not yet!”



I began to feel there was no hope.

I would never make it.

I couldn't take any more.

It was all over for me.

I decided to give it all up.

Then the door swung open and
the Master said,

“Now!”



He lifted me up and He placed me on a shelf
to rest. Later He came to me with a Mirror and
told me to look.

As I looked at myself , I could not believe my
eyes.

I said, "Oh My, what a beautiful teacup."



Then the Master explained:

“I want you to understand that I knew it hurt
when I patted and molded you.

I knew the spinning wheel made you sick.

But if I had left you alone, you would have
dried up and always have been just a lump
of clay.

You would not have had any personality in
your life.”

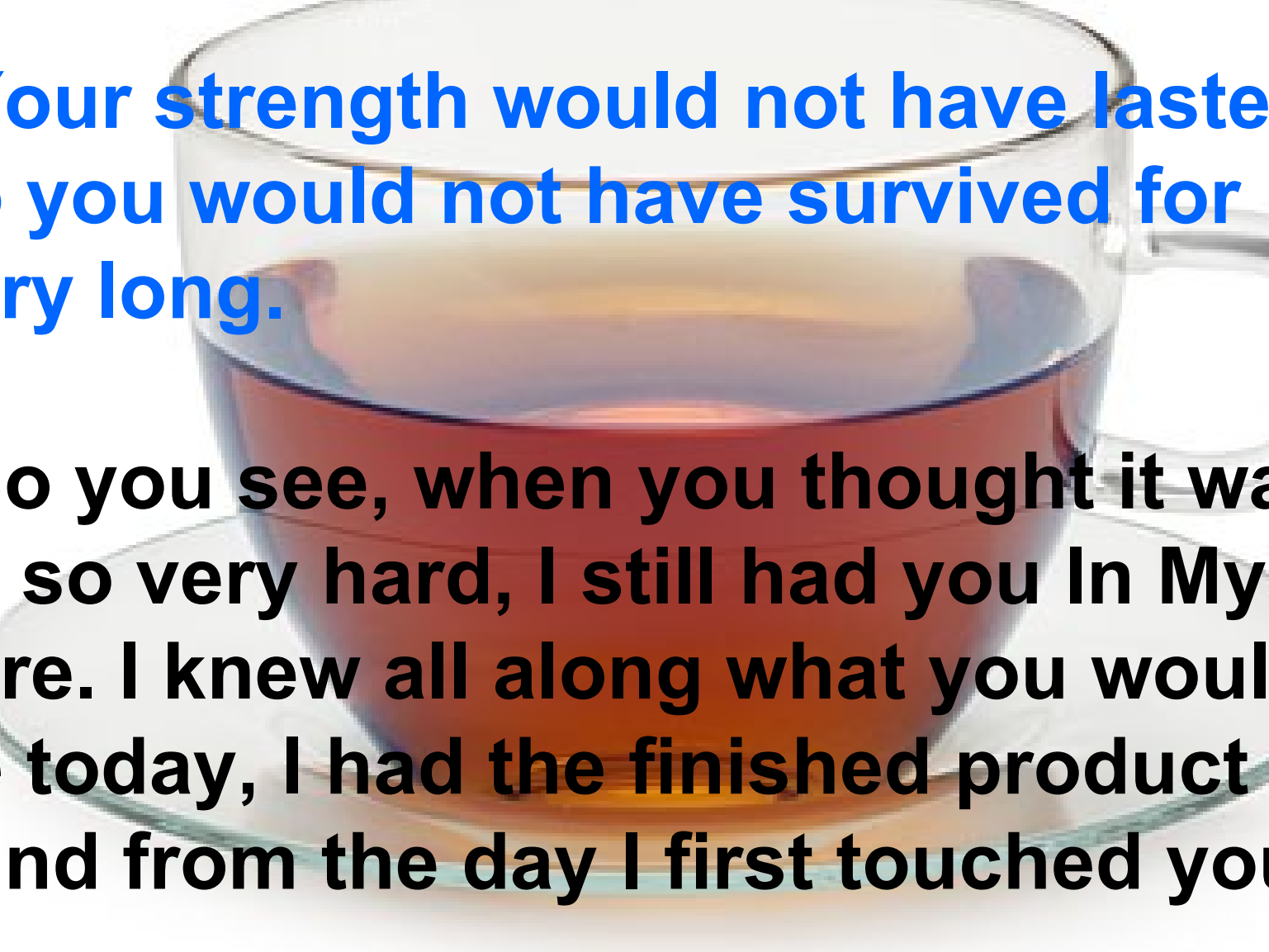
"I knew it was hot when I put you in the first oven, but if I hadn't, you would just have crumbled."

" I knew it really bothered you to be brushed and painted, but if I hadn't you would not have had any color in you life."

"Oh, how I knew the second oven was hard for you!"

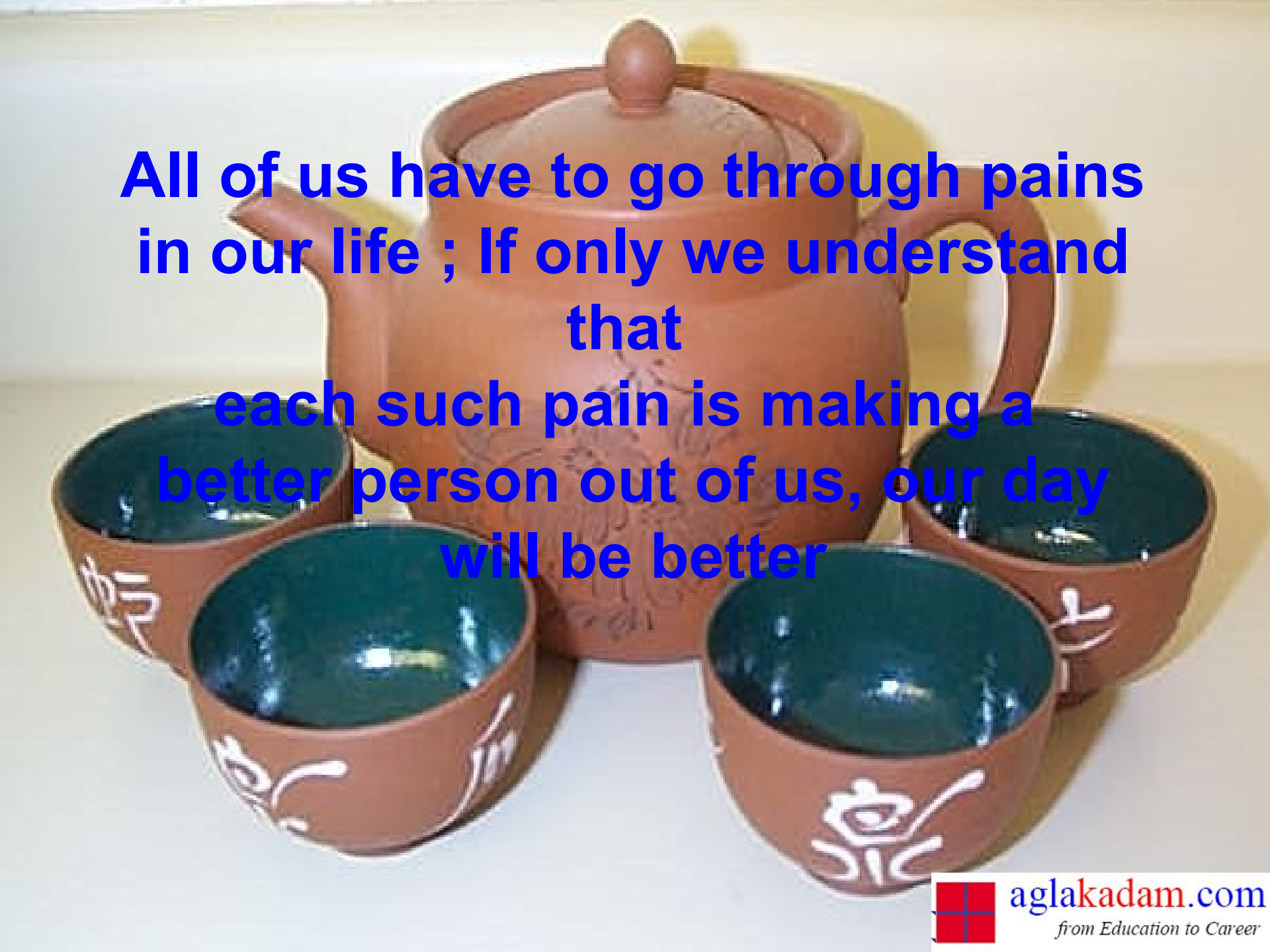
But you see, if I had not put you there, you would not have been able to stand the pressures of life."





“Your strength would not have lasted, so you would not have survived for very long.

“So you see, when you thought it was all so very hard, I still had you In My care. I knew all along what you would be today, I had the finished product in mind from the day I first touched you!”



**All of us have to go through pains
in our life ; If only we understand
that
each such pain is making a
better person out of us, our day
will be better**

