

The Bond of Love

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□ ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kenneth Douglas Stuart Anderson (1910 - 1974) was a British writer and hunter who wrote numerous books about his experiences in the South Indian jungles. Several close calls with man-eating tigers, rogue elephants, leopards, and other wild creatures occurred during his hunting adventures. His collection of works The Kenneth Anderson Omnibus were published in two volumes in 2000. The Bond of Love is the story by Kenneth Anderson which shows love between a human and a sloth bear whom the author called 'Bruno'.

□ Chapter Overview

The Bond of Love summary revolves around the story of the bond of love between a human

and an animal. In this story we learn that there is a bear whose name is 'Bruno' and the author's wife, who adopts him. The author saved the sloth bear named Bruno and gave him to his wife as a gift. As time passed the author's wife developed a strong attachment to Bruno and treated him like her own child. Thus in short, we shall learn about Bruno's life and how he became a family member of the author's house.

□ Summary of The Bond of Love

The author and his friends were traveling through the sugarcane fields near Mysore two years ago. People were shooting at the wild pigs to scare them away from their fields. A sloth bear emerged from the field abruptly. They observed a bear cub atop its mother.

The cub was howling piteously. Writer made an effort to seize it. However, the bear cub fled into a nearby field. The author and his friends chased after it. They finally succeeded in catching it. The author gifted the baby bear to his wife. She was very happy. She named the bear cub Bruno. Bruno was raised by the author's wife with love and care. She looked after the bear cub as her own child. Bruno was initially taught to drink milk from a bottle. He soon started eating normally. He drank and ate everything. . He ate vegetables, fruit, nuts, meat, curry and rice. He ate things like bread, eggs, desserts, pudding, ice cream, and chocolates. He drank a variety of beverages, including milk, tea, coffee, lime juice, aerated water, beer, and others. As Bruno started growing up he formed relationships with everyone, including the kids and the family dogs. He played with the kids all day long and had his own bed. However one day he accidentally consumed poison{ barium carbonate} which was meant to kill rats in the author's library. After getting proper treatment and right care they were able to save Bruno. In an incident Bruno drank a gallon of old engine oil but fortunately it did not affect

Bruno. As Bruno started growing up, he became equal to the size of Alsatians and even over grew them, but he was very fond of the people nearby, especially to the author's wife. She changed Bruno's name to 'Baba' which meant 'a small boy' in hindi.

With the passage of time it was impossible to keep Bruno at home as the bear became too big. The author's wife was encouraged by the author, his friends, and his son to donate Baba to the Mysore Zoo. She finally agreed after receiving such advice for a few weeks. The author's wife missed Baba so much that she asked everyone to inquire at the zoo about his well-being. The author's wife gets depressed and after three months she visits the zoo and finds that Baba recognises her instantly although everyone had told her that Baba would not recognize her. The author's wife sobbed bitterly. She believed that she could not live without Baba. She requested the curator to send Baba back. Once the formalities were completed she finally brought him back home. Baba was kept in a special island with a dry pit and a wooden box was made for him to live happily amidst his family..

पाठ का सारांश

लेखक और उसके दोस्त दो साल पहले मैसूर के पास गन्ने के खेतों से यात्रा कर रहे थे। लोग जंगली सुअरों को उनके खेतों से दूर डराने के लिए उन पर गोलियां चला रहे थे। एक सुस्त भालू अचानक खेत से निकला। उन्होंने अपनी माँ के ऊपर एक भालू के शावक को देखा। शावक दयनीय रूप से कराह रहा था। लेखक ने इसे पकड़ने का प्रयास किया। हालांकि, भालू शावक पास के एक खेत में भाग गया। लेखक और उसके मित्रों ने उसका पीछा किया। अंततः वे इसे पकड़ने में सफल रहे। लेखक ने अपनी पत्नी को भालू का बच्चा उपहार में दिया। वह बहुत खुश थी। उसने भालू के शावक का नाम ब्रूनो रखा। ब्रूनो को लेखक की पत्नी ने प्यार और देखभाल से पाला था। वह अपने बच्चे के रूप में भालू के शावक की देखभाल करती थी। ब्रूनो को शुरू में बोतल से दूध पीना सिखाया गया था। उसने जल्द ही सामान्य रूप से खाना शुरू कर दिया। उसने सब कुछ पिया और खा लिया। उसने सब्जियां, फल, मेवा, मांस, करी और चावल खाया। उसने ब्रेड, अंडे, मिठाई, हलवा, आइसक्रीम और चॉकलेट जैसी चीजें खाईं। उन्होंने दूध, चाय, कॉफी, नींबू का रस, सोडा पानी, वियर, और अन्य सहित कई प्रकार के पेय पदार्थ पिए। जैसे ही ब्रूनो बड़ा होने लगा, उसने बच्चों और परिवार के कुत्तों सहित सभी के साथ संबंध बनाए। वह दिन भर बच्चों के साथ खेलता था और उसका अपना बिस्तर था। हालांकि एक दिन उसने गलती से जहर खा लिया (बेरियम

कार्बोनेट) जो लेखक के पुस्तकालय में चूहों को मारने के लिए था। उचित उपचार और उचित देखभाल के बाद वे ब्रूनो को बचाने में सफल रहे। एक घटना में ब्रूनो ने एक गैलन पुराना इंजन तेल पी लिया लेकिन सौभाग्य से ब्रूनो पर इसका कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा। जैसे-जैसे ब्रूनो बड़ा होने लगा, वह अल्सेशियन के आकार के बराबर हो गया और उन्हें भी बड़ा कर दिया, लेकिन वह आस-पास के लोगों से बहुत प्यार करता था, खासकर लेखक की पत्नी के लिए। उसने ब्रूनो का नाम बदलकर 'बाबा' कर दिया जिसका मतलब हिंदी में 'एक छोटा लड़का' था।

समय बीतने के साथ ब्रूनो को घर पर रखना असंभव था क्योंकि भालू बहुत बड़ा हो गया था। लेखक की पत्नी को लेखक, उनके दोस्तों और उनके बेटे ने मैसूर चिड़ियाघर में बाबा को दान करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया। कुछ हफ्तों तक ऐसी सलाह मिलने के बाद वह आखिरकार मान गई। लेखक की पत्नी ने बाबा को इतना याद किया कि उन्होंने सभी से चिड़ियाघर में उनका हालचाल पूछने को कहा। लेखक की पत्नी उदास हो जाती है और तीन महीने के बाद वह चिड़ियाघर जाती है और पाती है कि बाबा उसे तुरंत पहचान लेते हैं, हालांकि सभी ने उसे बताया था कि बाबा उसे नहीं पहचानेंगे। लेखक की पत्नी फूट-फूट कर रोने लगी। उनका मानना था कि वह बाबा के बिना नहीं रह सकतीं। उसने क्यूरेटर से बाबा को वापस भेजने का अनुरोध किया। औपचारिकताएं पूरी होने के बाद वह आखिरकार उसे घर वापस ले आई। बाबा को एक सूखे गड्ढे के साथ एक विशेष द्वीप में रखा

गया था और उनके परिवार के बीच खुशी से रहने के लिए एक लकड़ी का बक्सा बनाया गया था।

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Bruno became a part of the family and the family nourished him and helped him grow.

In an incident Bruno accidentally consumed poison { barium carbonate } but the family was able to save him.

Bruno grew up and came to be known as Baba.

It was decided that Baba would be sent to the zoo at Mysore.

Everyone missed Baba , especially the narrator's wife.

Baba felt miserable and refused to eat in the zoo.

Finally after three months the narrator and his wife visited Baba at the zoo the narrator's wife requested the curator to send Baba back with her.

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2. The narrator's wife named the cub Bruno and raised him with love and care as her own child.
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10. At home an island along with a dry pit and a wooden box filled with straw were made for Baba.



Answer the following questions.

1. "I got him for her by accident."

(i) Who says this?

Answer: The narrator is the speaker of the above-quoted statement.

(ii) Who do 'him' and 'her' refer to?

Answer: In the above sentence, Bruno the sloth bear is referred to as "he," while "her" refers to the narrator's wife.

(iii) What is the incident referred to here?

Answer: The incident that is being discussed here is the story of how the narrator met Bruno. A friend of the narrator happened to shoot a black sloth bear while passing through sugarcane fields near Mysore, and as they watched

the fallen animal, they discovered that beneath its thick fur was hidden a baby bear. After that, the narrator grabbed the baby bear and handed it to his wife as a pet.

2. "He stood on his head in delight."

(i) Who does 'he' refer to?

Answer: 'He' refers to Bruno in the above statement.

(ii) Why was he delighted?

Answer: Bruno was delighted because the narrator's wife had come to pay Bruno a visit at the zoo. For more than three months, he had been separated from her.

3. "We all missed him greatly: but in a sense we were relieved."

(i) Who does 'we all' stand for?

Answer: Here, 'We all' in the preceding sentence refers to the narrator and his family.

(ii) Who did they miss?

Answer: Bruno, their sloth bear, was missed by everyone.

(iii) Why did they nevertheless feel relieved?

Answer: Bruno had gotten rather huge and had to be kept tied up most of the time since he presented a threat to the tenant's

children, so they were relieved when the zoo authorities took him away. As a result, Bruno's transfer to the zoo provided him and the narrator's family with freedom.

MCQ

1. Who is Bruno?

- (a) Author's pet dog
- (b) Author's wife's pet dog
- (c) Author's wife's pet sloth bear
- (d) Author's wife's pet deer

Ans (c) Author's wife's pet sloth bear

2. Two years ago, the author and his wife were passing through the sugarcane fields of

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Meerut
- (c) Allahabad
- (d) Mysore

Ans (d) Mysore

3. To clear their way while driving, the people were shooting at

- (a) Tigers
- (b) Wild pigs
- (c) Wild dogs
- (d) Goats

Ans (b) Wild pigs

4. The _____ was a kindhearted man who wrote to the curator to arrange a cage for transporting Baba

- (a) The author
- (b) The chief minister
- (c) The Superintendent
- (d) The MLA

Ans (c) The Superintendent

5. Baba used to sit on the lap of

- (a) Author
- (b) Author's wife
- (c) Author's son
- (d) Curator

Ans (b) Author's wife

6. The chapter portrays a beautiful bonding of

- (a) Two lovers
- (b) A human being and animal
- (c) Two friends
- (d) Author and his wife

Ans (b) A human being and animal

7. A _____ was arranged and put up on the island for Baba to sleep at night

- (a) Cage

- (b) Gunny back
- (c) Wooden Box
- (d) Straw bags

Ans (c) Wooden Box

8. Bruno was sent to a zoo in

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Mysore

Ans (d) Mysore

9. The author presented the sloth bear to

- (a) The Zoo department
- (b) The Museum
- (c) His wife
- (d) To his friend

Ans (c) His wife

10. Bruno would eat

- (a) Only meat
- (b) Only vegetables
- (c) Everything
- (d) Only termites

Ans (c) Everything