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## **THE BOND OF LOVE**



Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:-

“Oh please, sir,” she asked the curator, “may I have my Baba back”? Hesitantly, he answered, “Madam, he belongs to the zoo and is Government property now. I cannot give away Government property. But if my boss, the superintendent at Bangalore agrees, certainly you may have him back.”

There followed the return journey to Bangalore and a visit to the superintendent’s bungalow. A tearful pleading: “Baba and I are both fretting for each other. Will you please give him back to me?” He was a kind-hearted man and consented. Not only that, but he wrote to the curator telling him to lend us a cage for transporting the bear to Bangalore.

Back we went to Mysore again, armed with the superintendent’s letter. Baba was driven into a small cage and hoisted on top of the car; the cage was tied securely, and a slow and careful return journey to Bangalore was accomplished.

Once home, a squad of coolies were engaged for special work in our compound. An island was made for Baba. It was twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide, and was surrounded by a dry pit, or moat, six feet wide and seven feet deep. A wooden box that once housed fowls was brought and put on the island for Baba to

sleep in at night. Straw was placed inside to keep him warm, and his 'baby', the gnarled stump, along with his 'gun', the piece of bamboo, both of which had been sentimentally preserved since he had been sent away to the zoo, were put back for him to play with.

In a few days the coolies hoisted the cage on to the island and Baba was released. He was delighted; standing on his hind legs, he pointed his 'gun' and cradled his 'baby'. My wife spent hours sitting on a chair there while he sat on her lap. He was fifteen months old and pretty heavy too!

The way my wife reaches the island and leaves it is interesting. I have tied a rope to the overhanging branch of a mango tree with a loop at its end. Putting one foot in the loop, she kicks off with the other, to bridge the six-foot gap that constitutes the width of the surrounding pit. The return journey is made the same way. But who can say now that a sloth bear has no sense of affection, no memory and no individual characteristics?

## **ASSESSMENT**

### **Short Answer Type Questions:-**

- Q1.** What request did the narrator's wife make to the curator? Did the curator grant the request?
- Q2. How did Baba reach back home?
- Q3. What kind of a place was prepared for Baba at the narrator's home and why?
- Q4. Describe the house on the island in which Baba would sleep at night.
- Q5. How would the narrator's wife reach the island where Baba was kept?
- Q6. How does the story illustrate that animals love human beings just as humans love them?

### **Extra Questions and Answers Long Answer Type:-**

- Q1. How was Bruno brought to the author's home? How did he become it member of the family?
- Q2. On two occasions Bruno ate/drank something that should not be eaten or drunk. What happened to him on these occasions?
- Q3. Why was Bruno sent to the Mysore zoo and why was he ultimately brought back home?
- Q4. How was Bruno transported back to Bangalore from the Mysore zoo? What special arrangements were made to keep him at home?
- Q5. The author ends the story "The Bond of Love" with the rhetorical question: "But who can say now that a sloth bear has no sense of affection, no memory and no individual characteristics?" Discuss this statement in the light of Bruno's character.

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