

## The Bond of Love Class 9 Summary

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However, in an accident one day, Bruno ate poison to kill rats. After consuming poison, Bruno got paralyzed, and after proper treatment, they were able to save him. Soon, life became normal when, in another incident, he drank up a whole gallon of old engine oil meant for termites. But surprisingly, it did not affect Bruno. Thus, Bruno started growing in size but was equally sweet and playful. Upon growing up, they changed his name to 'Baba', which meant a small boy in Hindi. He picked up a few tricks growing up and entertained everyone. Nonetheless, his size was a problem and being an animal, and he threatened the children.

Therefore, everyone except the wife was ready to send him to a zoo as he was not fit as a pet. While initially disagreed, she had to give in for everyone's safety. After the official paperwork, he was ready for the Mysore Zoo. The wife missed him terribly and asked everyone to visit the zoo about his well-being. She learned that Baba was not eating well and remained sad all day. So, after three months, she decides to visit him herself.

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### Introduction:

The Bond of Love covers the story written by Kenneth Anderson in an easy way. It revolves around the story of the bond of love between a human and a wild animal. We learn that there is a bear whose name is "Bruno" and the author's wife adopts him. Bruno was a sloth bear whom the author saved and gifted to his wife. Further, as time passed, the wife grew very fond of Bruno and treated him like her own child. However, due to unavoidable circumstances she has to leave him for the betterment of her family. Upon separating she realizes that she shares a true bond of love with Bruno and reunites with him.

## **Explanation :**

**The Bond of Love Story Explanation:** The author begins The story bond of love With Bruno, his wife's Sloth Bear. The narrator's wife got a pet sloth bear pet due to an accident. Two years before the time when this story was written, the narrator and his friends were passing through sugarcane fields near Mysore. Farmers were driving out pigs from their farms by shooting at them. As it was over, a sloth bear appeared from the area. It was breathing heavily due to running and excessive heat. The author said he would not shoot a bear wantonly, but unfortunately, one of his companions did not feel that way and promptly shot the Bear on the spot.

The Bear was shot dead as they watched the fallen animal; they were surprised to see that the black fur moved and left the prone body. Then we saw it was a baby bear that had been riding on its mother's back when the sudden shot had killed her. The little creature ran around its prostrate parent, making a pitiful noise. Now that the mother bear was dead, the baby got up and ran around the mother's body, crying.

The narrator tries to catch the baby bear. The baby escaped into a sugarcane field. The group chased it, and finally, the author caught hold of it from the back of its neck. The Bear tried to snatch them with its hook-shaped claws.

The group stuffed the Bear in a gunny bag and took it to Bengaluru. The author gifted the baby bear to his wife. She was happy to have it and tied a colored ribbon on its neck. As it was a male cub, she named it 'Bruno'. The Bear drank milk from a bottle. After a few days, it started drinking and eating many things- anything and everything. The Bear enjoyed eating and drinking. Bruno became friendly with the narrator's Alsatian dogs also. Also, the tenant's children lived in

the narrator's bungalow. As the Bear was left free, it played, ran around the house and even slept in the narrator's bed.

One day accidentally, Bruno drank the poison kept in the library to kill rats. He was paralyzed and could not stand on his feet. As it reached the narrator's wife, she called him, and he realized what had happened. He took Bruno to a veterinary doctor. The doctor asked everyone to hold Bruno. As it screamed, the medicine was injected. As the condition did not change, another injection was given. Ten minutes later, Bruno's breathing eased it could stand after thirty minutes and ate food. It gave them such a look that showed that it had been fine all the time and as if nothing had happened to it.

In Another incident, Bruno drank the used engine oil that the narrator had taken out of his Studebaker car and had kept getting rid of termites. That did not affect Bruno. As the day passed, Bruno grew bigger and outgrew the alsatian dogs. Still, it was sweet, naughty, and playful like before. He was fond of everyone. The narrator's wife was very attached to Bruno. She changed his name to Baba, which means a small boy in the Indian language.

Baba did some tricks when he was ordered 'Baba Wrestle' or 'Baba Box'; he would wrestle the person and overpower him. When commanded, 'Baba, hold gun', he would point a stick at the person as if ready to shoot him. When asked, 'Baba, where's baby?' He would take out a piece of wood under the straw bed. As he had grown enormous, he was chained because he could be a threat to the tenant's children.

Baba was sent to Mysore zoo after being advised by their family and friends. The author's wife agreed to send Baba to the zoo after being advised by all as Baba can be a threat to people around them. After that, friends visiting Mysore were begged to make a point of going to the zoo and seeing how Baba was getting along. They reported that he was well but looked very thin and sad. All the keepers at the zoo said he was fretting. For three months, the narrator restrained his wife from visiting Mysore Zoo. But after that, the author took him to the Mysore zoo.

Their friends had predicted that Baba would not recognize her, and the narrator had thought so too, but to his amazement, she was a few steps away from the cage when Baba saw her and recognized her. He screamed with happiness. She ran up to him, petted him, and Baba was happy to have her back.

She remained there for three hours. She fed Baba different things which were his favorites. As the zoo had to close, they had to leave. The narrator's wife did not want to leave Baba, and both cried bitterly. Even the zoo in charge was sad. The narrator was okay because he knew the next step would be to take Baba back to Bengaluru. The wife requested the authority to take Baba back. He replied that the Bear was government property and that she needed permission from the Superintendent in Bengaluru.

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## **The Bond of Love Class 9 Question and Answers**

1. How did the author get the baby sloth bear?

Ans. The author got the baby sloth bear in a freak accident. Once the author and his friends were passing through the sugarcane fields near Mysore, Bruno's mother was wantonly shot dead by one of his companions. The cub was found moving in the body of his mother. It was in a great shock and tried to flee but the author managed to capture it and bring it home.

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Ans. The author's wife was extremely happy to get the baby sloth bear as a peet. She put a coloured ribbon around his neck and named him Bruno.

### 5. How was Bruno, the baby bear, fed initially? What followed within a few days?

Ans. Initially, the little Bruno was given milk from a bottle. But soon he started eating all kinds of food and drank all kinds of drinks. He ate a variety of dishes like porridge,vegetables,nuts,fruits,meat,eggs,chocolates etc. and drank milk tea,tea coffee,lime juice,buttermilk,even beer and alcoholic liquor.

### 6. Why had Bruno to be kept in chains most of the time?

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