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The Bond of Love

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Out came his medical books, and a feverish reference to index began: "What poison did you say, sir?" "Barium carbonate". "Ah yes-B-Ba-Barium Salts-Ah! Barium carbonate! Symptoms-paralysis-treatment-injections of . .. Just a minute, sir. I'll bring my syringe and the medicine."

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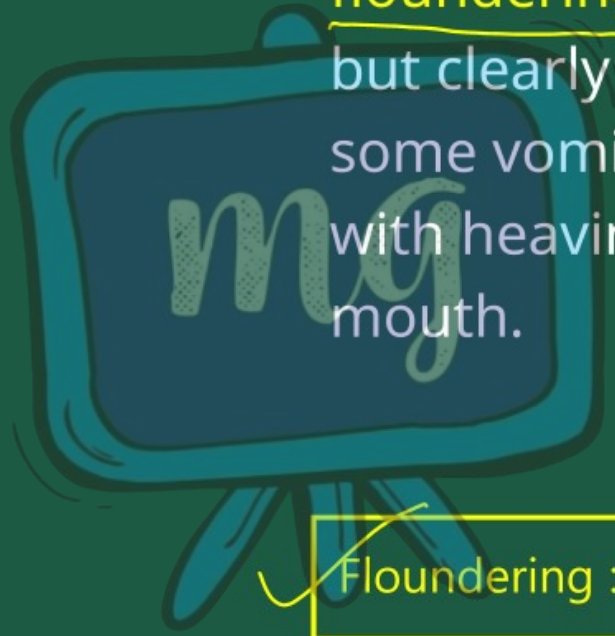
A dash back to the car. Bruno still floundering about on his stumps, but clearly weakening rapidly; some vomiting, heavy breathing, with heaving flanks and gaping mouth.



Floundering : অস্থিৰভাৱে / থৰক বৰকৈ

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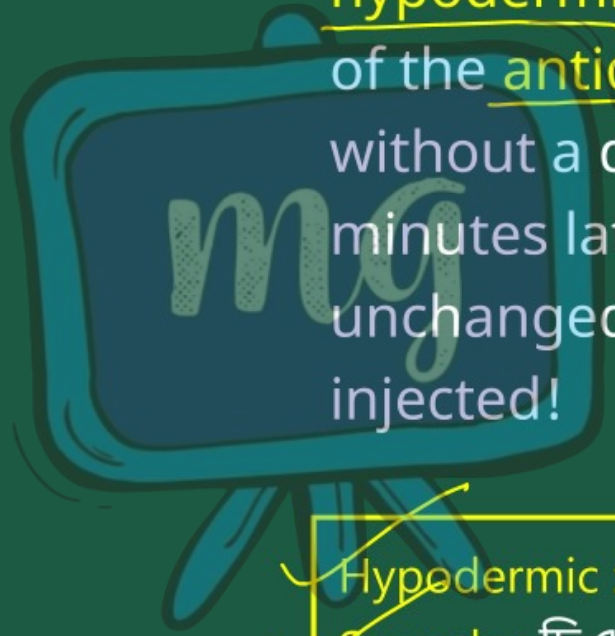
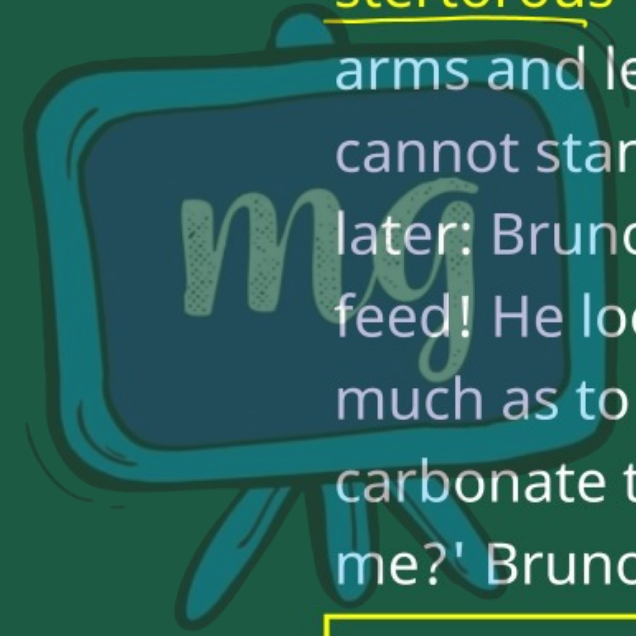
Hold him, everybody! In goes the hypodermic-Bruno squeals - 10 c.c. of the antidote enters his system without a drop being wasted. Ten minutes later: condition unchanged! Another 10 c.c. injected!



Hypodermic : দীঘল বেজী
Squeals : চিঞৰ-বাখৰ
Antidote : প্ৰতিষেধক/ প্ৰতিকাৰক

Ten minutes later: breathing less stertorous-Bruno can move his arms and legs a little although he cannot stand yet. Thirty minutes later: Bruno gets up and has a great feed! He looks at us disdainfully, as much as to say, 'What's barium carbonate to a big black bear like me?' Bruno is still eating.



Stertorous : কষ্টৰে উশাহ নিশাহ লোৱা
Disdainfully : ইতিকিং/ অৱমাননা



Another time he found nearly one gallon of old engine oil which I had drained from the sump of the Studebaker and was keeping as a weapon against the inroads of termites. He promptly drank the lot. But it had no ill effects whatever.

Studebaker : পুৰণি আমেৰিকাৰ গাড়ী
Inroads : প্ৰৱেশ পথ
sump : ধাতুৰ পাত্ৰ য'ত ইঞ্জিনৰ তেল সংগ্ৰহ কৰি ৰখা আৰু শীতল কৰি ৰখাত ব্যৱহাৰ হয়



The months rolled on and Bruno had grown many times the size he was when he came. He had equalled the Alsatians in height and had even outgrown them. But was just as sweet, just as mischievous, just as playful. And he was very fond of us all.

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Above all, he loved my wife, and she loved him too! She had changed his name from Bruno, to Baba, a Hindustani word signifying 'small boy'. And he could do a few tricks, too. At the command, 'Baba, wrestle', or 'Baba, box,' he vigorously tackled anyone who came forward for a rough and tumble.

vigorously : তীব্রতাৰে

Rough and tumble : যুদ্ধ

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Give him a stick and say 'Baba, hold gun', and he pointed the stick at you. Ask him, 'Baba, where's baby?' and he immediately produced and cradled affectionately a stump of wood which he had carefully concealed in his straw bed.

Cradled : কোমল আৰু স্নেহপূৰ্ণভাৱে ধৰি ৰখা
Concealed : লুকোৱা
a stump of wood: কাঠৰ টুকুৰা এটা

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But because of the tenants' children, poor Bruno, or Baba, had to be kept chained most of the time.

Then my son and I advised my wife, and friends advised her too, to give Baba to the zoo at Mysore.

He was getting too big to keep at home.

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After some weeks of such advice she at last consented. Hastily, and before she could change her mind, a letter was written to the curator of the zoo. Did he want a tame bear for his collection? He replied, "Yes". The zoo sent a cage from Mysore in a lorry, a distance of eighty-seven miles, and Baba was packed off.

Curator : সংৰক্ষক / তত্বাবধায়ক

We all missed him greatly; but in a sense we were relieved. My wife was inconsolable. She wept and fretted. For the first few days she would not eat a thing. Then she wrote a number of letters to the curator.

Inconsolable : সান্ত্বনা দিব নোৱাৰা
Fretted : উদ্বেগিত/ চিন্তিত

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How was Baba? Back came the replies, "Well, but fretting; he refuses food too."

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.

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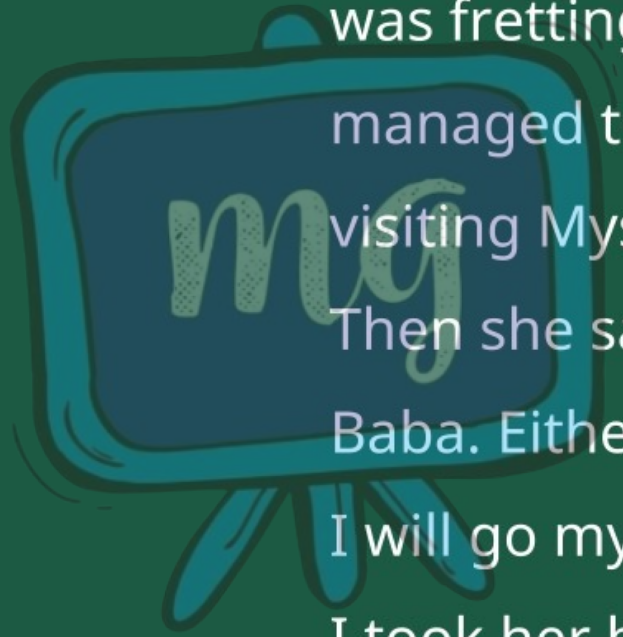

All the keepers at the zoo said he was fretting. For three months I managed to restrain my wife from visiting Mysore.

Then she said one day, "I must see Baba. Either you take me by car; or I will go myself by bus or train." So I took her by car.

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1 What was Bruno's name changed to ?

A Baba

B Cruno

C Truno

D Babu

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2 What kind of pet Bruno was-

A Loving and playful

B Scary

C ferocious