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The Bond of Love

Part - 1

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BEFORE YOU READ

Can there be love and friendship between human beings and wild animals? Let's read a fascinating account of an orphaned sloth bear that was rescued by the author.

Rescued : উদ্ধাৰ



☛ Sloth bears inhabit forested areas, including the tropical rain forests of India and grasslands at lower elevations. Sloth bears have very shaggy hair and long muzzles.

Tropical rain forests	: বৰ্ষাৰণ্য
Grassland	: তৃণভূমি
Shaggy	: দীঘল আৰু ডাঠ
Muzzles	: মুখ আৰু নাক





- Using their claws to dig, they can then use their lips to form a tube, which can go deep into the ground, or into hard-to reach areas like dead trees for their food. Their main food is termites. You can hear them suck up their food from several feet away.

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1. I WILL begin with Bruno, my wife's pet sloth bear. I got him for her by accident.
Two years ago we were passing through the sugarcane fields near Mysore. People were driving away the wild pigs from the fields by shooting at them.

Sugarcane : কুঁহিয়াৰ

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Some were shot and some escaped. We thought that everything was over when suddenly a black sloth bear came out panting in the hot sun. Now I will not shoot a sloth bear wantonly but, unfortunately for the poor beast, one of my companions did not feel that way about it, and promptly shot the bear on the spot.

Wantonly : বিনা কাৰণে Panting : উশাহ চুটী হোৱা



As we watched the fallen animal we were surprised to see that the black fur on its back moved and left the prostrate 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.

Prostrate : চিত হৈ শুই পৰা

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The little creature ran around its prostrate parent making a pitiful noise. I ran up to it to attempt a capture. It scooted into the sugarcane field. Following it with my companions, I was at last able to grab it by the scruff of its neck while it snapped and tried to scratch me with its long, hooked claws.

Scooted : দৌৰি পলোৱা
Scruff : ডিঙিৰ পিছফাল
Snapped : কামুৰিব চেষ্টা কৰা

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We put it in one of the gunny-bags we had brought and when I got back to Bangalore I duly presented it to my wife. She was delighted! She at once put a coloured ribbon around its neck, and after discovering the cub was a 'boy' she christened it Bruno.

Christened : নামাকৰণ কৰা
gunny-bags : বস্তা

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Bruno soon took to drinking milk from a bottle. It was but a step further and within a very few days he started eating and drinking everything else. And everything is the right word, for he ate porridge made from any ingredients, vegetables, fruit, nuts, meat (especially pork),

Porridge : খিচিৰি/ খীৰ

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curry and rice regardless of condiments and chillies, bread, eggs, chocolates, sweets, pudding, ice-cream, etc., etc., etc. As for drink: milk, tea, coffee, lime-juice, aerated water, buttermilk, beer, alcoholic liquor and, in fact, anything liquid. It all went down with relish.

Condiments : মচলা
Aerated water : ছড়া পানী



The bear became very attached to our two Alsatian dogs and to all the children of the tenants living in our bungalow. He was left quite free in his younger days and spent his time in playing, running into the kitchen and going to sleep in our beds.

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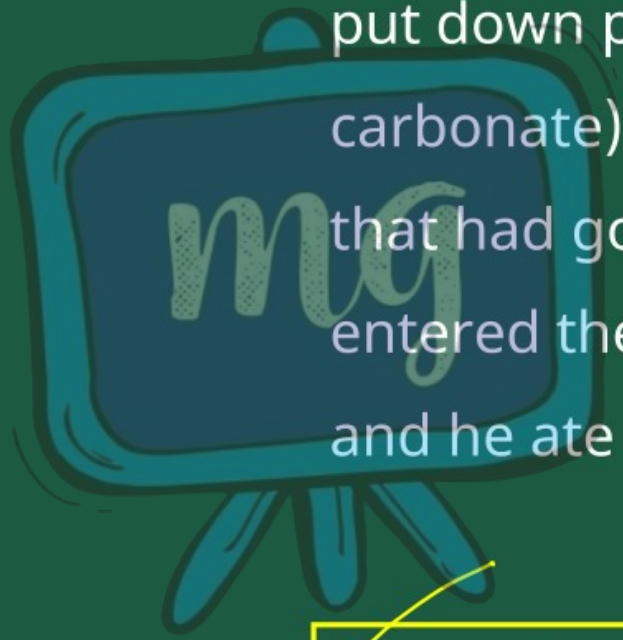
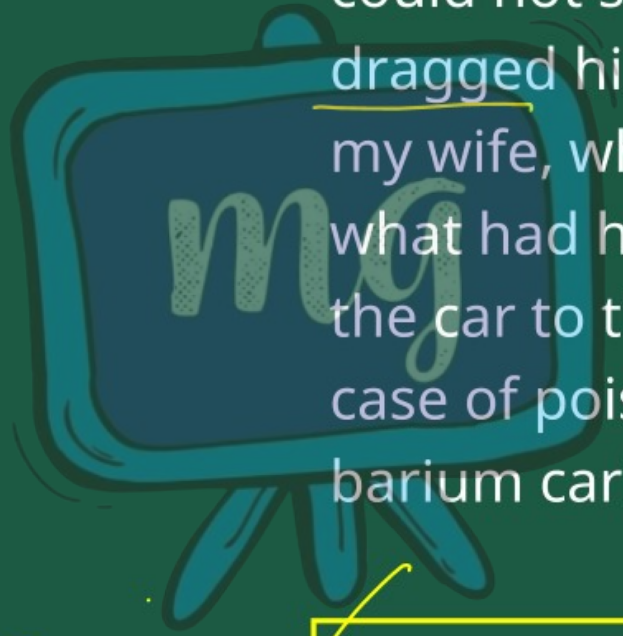
One day an accident befell him. I put down poison (barium carbonate) to kill the rats and mice that had got into my library. Bruno entered the library as he often did, and he ate some of the poison.



Befell : ঘটনা ঘটা

Paralysis set in to the extent that he could not stand on his feet. But he dragged himself on his stumps to my wife, who called me. I guessed what had happened. Off I rushed in the car to the vet's residence. A case of poisoning! Tame Bear-barium carbonate-what to do?



Stumps : ভৰি

ASSESSMENT



1 What did they see when the bear died?

A A baby bear leaving the dead body

B Another bear running away

ASSESSMENT



2 The author's wife named the baby sloth bear -

A Tommy

B Baby

C Bruno

D Gerry