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ENGLISH
BEEHIVE

CHAPTER - 4

The Bond of Love
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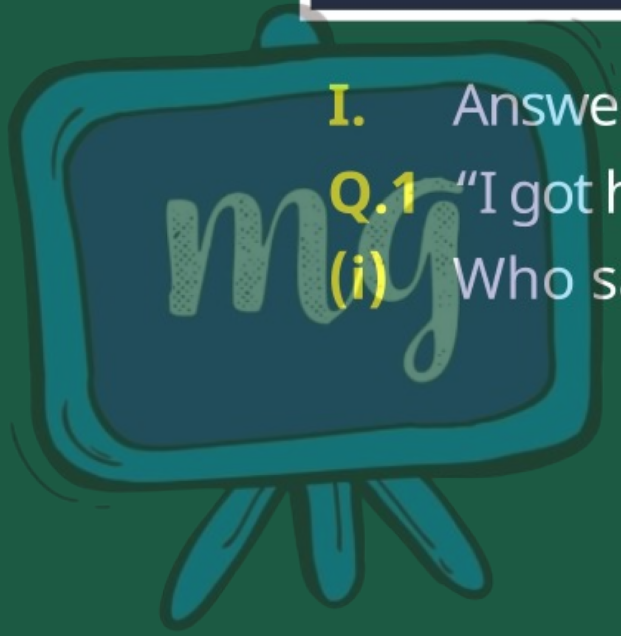

I. Answer the following questions

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

(i) Who says this?

Answer: The author says this.



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(ii) Who do ‘him’ and ‘her’ refer to?



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Answer : Here, ‘him’ refers to the baby bear and ‘her’ refers to the author’s wife.



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(iii) What is the incident referred to here?



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Answer : The incident referred to here is the author's encounter with the baby bear and gifting it to his wife. About two years ago the narrator and his companions were passing through the sugarcane fields near Mysore.

Suddenly, they saw a black sloth bear who comes out of a sugar cane field trying to escape the bullet shots that were aimed to evacuate the pigs. Unfortunately, one of the narrator's companions shot it on the spot.

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It is then that they noticed a baby bear that was riding on her back. The narrator ran up to it and attempted to capture it. He finally succeeded in grabbing it and gifted it to his wife.

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

(i) Who does 'he' refer to?



Answer : 'He' refers to the bear, Bruno.



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(ii) Why was he delighted?



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Answer : Bruno was delighted to see the author's wife after three months of separation.



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

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



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Answer : 'We all' stands for the narrator, his wife and his son.



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(ii) Who did they miss?



Answer : They missed Bruno, the baby bear.



(iii) Why did they nevertheless feel relieved?



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Answer : Bruno was getting too big to be kept at home.

So they were relieved that it was away from home and safe at the zoo.



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II. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.

Q.1 On two occasions Bruno ate/drank something that should not be eaten/drunk. What happened to him on these occasions?

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Answer : Once, he ate some poison- barium carbonate which paralysed and weakened him.
He also vomited and breathed heavily.
He was rushed to the vet's residence, where he was finally cured after giving antidotes twice 10 C.C. each time that was injected into his body system.
In another incident, he drank nearly a gallon of old engine oil. Fortunately, he remained unaffected.

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Q.2 Was Bruno a loving and playful pet? Why, then, did he have to be sent away?



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Answer : Yes, Bruno was a loving and playful pet. Everybody in the family was attached to him, especially the author's wife. He was very playful. He was able to perform some tricks.

He used to pretend the bamboo stick to be a gun and one stump of wood as a baby. He used to wrestle and box also.

He had to be sent away to a zoo because he was getting too big to be kept at home.

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Q.3 How was the problem of what to do with Bruno finally solved?



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Answer : When Bruno was grown up, it was getting difficult to keep him at home. Therefore, he was sent to a zoo. But he was not happy to be there.

Seeing his condition, Bruno was allowed to go back to Bangalore and the problem was ultimately resolved by making an island for him, keeping all his needs in mind.

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He was provided with one wooden box to sleep in, the bamboo stick (gun), wood stump (baby) to play with.

The wife of the writer spent hours setting on a chair there.

