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CLASS IX

The Bond of Love - Kenneth Anderson



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Summary

The Bond of Love is a story by Kenneth Anderson which shows the love of a human with a sloth bear whom she called 'Bruno'. Bruno was a sloth bear rescued by the author. Bruno's mother was shot by the author's companions. Bruno gets attached to the author's wife.

Soon in the story there are accounts of Bruno's life which shows how he spends time with the author, with frequent accidents. As he grew in size he was sent to a zoo. The story then comes to effect when the author's wife wants to meet Bruno again.

The author thinking that he must have forgotten her takes her to the zoo, but after reaching there he came to know that it was mutual love. With the permission of the superintendent of the zoo they bring him back home.

At home a separate island is made for the animal where the author's wife and the bear spend hours together.

Theme

The theme of the story is the bond we have with the wild and the bond that the wild keep with us. Animals have always been our friends. Just because we kill animals for food they do not put an eternal bar on us, as the jungle law permits killing and eating each other. What is more important is the bond.

Message

Love is an emotion that exists only in mutual relationships. The story projects the fact that only if one gets love it will be able to reciprocate the same emotions. It shows how humans and animals develop a special bonding that grows more because it is mutual.

I. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

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

- i. Who watched the fallen animal?
- ii. How did the animal fall?
- iii. What was the moving black fur that left the animal?

B. 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.

- i. Who does 'he' refer to?
- ii. What did he consent to?
- iii. What other arrangement did he make for the family?

II. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

- i. Bruno once got paralysis. Why? How was he treated?
- ii. Why was it decided to send Bruno away?
- iii. Why did the author finally decide to get Bruno back home?
- iv. Why was the narrator asked to get special permission from the superintendent of the Bangalore zoo to release Bruno?

III. Answer the following questions in 100- 120 words.

- i. 'Love is mutual'. Illustrate with reference to 'The Bond of Love'.
- ii. Pets need unique care and handling requirements and should only be kept by those with the commitment to understand and meet their needs. Give your argument in support of this statement.