

## **KG-081B**

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### **Content**

Eruch tells how he swooned on the Blue Bus tour through Baluchistan.

Baba's orders were that Eruch should drive the bus. People on the Indian border found it impossible to do this with women on the bus, because it was infested with bandits.

Orders were not to stop the bus under any circumstances, no regular roads, sometimes it took an entire day to negotiate 30 miles. When they reached Quetta, Eruch swooned. In 1938 Eruch joined Baba, and they went out on the New Life in 1949, and then they got back in 1952. Now Eruch tells about how he simply could not go out on tour to America with Baba.

When Baba said, "Prepare to go to the West," Eruch simply couldn't summon the energy to accompany Him. Now the story of how Baba told Eruch to leave unfolds, with the eventual compromise that Eruch and Pendu go all around India speaking on Baba. Very poignant story of how Eruch realized that everything he had was actually Baba's, so he might have to leave naked. Then Eruch realized that even his body didn't belong to him, but it all belonged to Baba. Baba sent a message to sleep there, and eat food, and the following morning there would be the court martial.

Going without Baba all over the country of India for six months was actually less preferable from Eruch's perspective than accompanying Baba to the West. Eruch had never spoken to the public before and had no idea how to do it. Eruch was to start on 1 April 1952, but he didn't know how, as an attendant, to become a speaker.

Baba said that Eruch was not to say anything, but just to stand up to tell people, remembering Baba and the words would come out. Baba went so far as to say that the words would be spoken by Him. Day might start at 4 in the afternoon and end at 4 in the morning, and continuous talking from start to finish. Pendu would stop Eruch from talking "do you realize the time?" Host would get up and say that all should now rest. Sleeping on the floor at each place, host would spread his little mat next to Eruch and ask "And then what happened?"

When the Fiery Free Life started, Baba would have them take Him to the places where Eruch had been speaking about Him. Baba labeled each of the periods of the New Life as a life with a specific name, like Langoti Life, Fiery Free Life, Complicated Free Life, etc. Eruch couldn't keep track of which life they were in at a certain time.

The events of going to the West were eventually reported to Eruch. Baba was in a wheelchair while saying, "I am the one for whom you have been waiting..." Baba spread fire in the hearts of the people wherever he went, for months of the Fiery Free Life.

Hamirpur, Madras, Delhi, all over the country Baba went.

**Mani** now takes over to remark that utter strangers used to see through Baba's anonymity and be charmed by Him. This happened on the Blue Bus tours, too. Baba was incognito, to the point that the workers with Baba were not to use the name "Baba." Even when the people were trying to get into a bogie, almost fighting to get into the car, Baba's passage near the bogie would stop the crowd to watch Him. Baba would take care not to stand out, and still they would see him and stop what they were doing.

In 1936 they were with Baba in Mysore, in the very cloistered period of their life. In a way the travel phase started when Baba made this decision. The cloister was picked up in Meherabad and moved en masse to Mysore, the work of doing this being handled by the men. At Mysore there was tata privacy arranged for them from the first.

Baba looked at Mani and said, "You need ultraviolet ray treatment." "Yes, Baba." "You have to go to this hospital, take the treatment and come back every day." "Yes, Baba."

This hospital was for women, everything done by women, except for a male gardener, who was so old that it was difficult for him to do his job.

Baba asked if Mani was friends with the nurses. Mani said she was, and Baba asked if she knew the doctors. Mani said she didn't, and Baba told her to talk to them, too, the Norwegian and the American doctor.

Soon Baba was going to Ooti, where the climate was much nicer. Mani was to tell the doctors that she was going with him to Ooti. Baba said, "Ask the doctors and the sisters what she could bring them from Ooti." Each one said a particular item. So for those four days, Baba went and did his mast work, acquired the things and asked Mani to bring it to them. Note that Mani hadn't gone, only Baba and his mast workers. So Mani lied, and said she had gone because it was Baba's order. This was somehow Baba's work, and Mani did it. Suddenly one night Mani's ear "burst" and there was blood all over the bed, and a message was sent to Baba. It was a Sunday and you couldn't get any help from the doctors and the hospitals. They took Mani to the same hospital, where she had friends already. Word went around, private ward was opened, doctors came running to the hospital, and they phoned the doctor to the Maharaja of Mysore, a surgeon. An operation happened immediately. Mani almost died. Baba told Naja to stay with her. Mastoid bone was infected, and it was really dangerous.

Baba used to come to visit in the hospital every day.