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Again in Myrtle Beach, walking on the paths and chatting.

"His presence is here. When I came this time I felt like homecoming. Here we see and talk only about Baba. We don't see any outside world. The planes flying overhead also bow to the Center. Holy ground saturated with His love. Feeling is there as if it is our own house. We feel like we have stayed here all along. Baba's love is everywhere, but in New York it is busy, and not like here. Even then in NY when we were staying in the Society's rooms, there was talk of Baba all along [and so forth].

We walked with Baba in all these parts, beautiful forest, and Baba used to walk here in company with the mandali -- serene, quiet and all the time you think of Baba in these forests. Jim (James Cox) has been walking several miles every day. Baba used to tread these paths and we were together with him, evenings, mornings. Even you don't see anything outside.

One thing I remember is that Baba asked Elizabeth to keep these paths in their natural states, and the atmosphere of the forest is very spiritual, and that's why Baba wanted it to remain in this natural condition, except to build cabins.

James: "Did Baba like to be near water?"

Meherjee: Yes Baba used to stand in the center of the bridge and watch the lake and the alligators.

Did Baba talk to the mandali as they were walking through the woods?

Meherjee: Oh yes, Baba made signs. It was not just quietly walking through the woods. Baba's humor was always there.

[Westerner asks for example of Baba's humor, and Meherjee chuckles.]

"Baba used to take someone and throw him around, or he would run fast and we had to chase after him, and he used to walk very fast. Sometimes alligators used to come up to the boat here, and you used to pass near them."

Always we had one or two dogs in the ashram.

Question about animals Baba had. If Baba wishes an animal can take human birth but it is not automatic. Baba gives them some sort of a push, but sometimes Baba would say this animal is going to take a human birth.

[Question about Mastan, and Meherjee responds that the dog will take human birth according to Baba. Question about a parrot, Meherjee doesn't remember. Meherjee says anything can be done by God, even God-realization.]

Baba used to come around us and see us eating. He wouldn't like us to eat too much or relish something nice, and here vegetarian diet, no meat, no fish, and we had to eat whatever was given to us, and Baba was always around our table, watching that we shouldn't eat too much, like the food too much.

Meherjee tells that in going to Persia, there were no restrictions on diet, because it was impractical.

In 1952 we stayed in the Cabin on the Hill, and the women in the guest house and Baba in his house. Ping pong was in that cabin. I also played marbles and cricket with others. Also seven tiles.

[Meherjee points out a bench on which Baba used to sit.]

Meherjee came to the Center in 1952 and 1956 but not in 1958. They used to give tea to Baba in those years, and they lived in Baba's house in 1956.

Someone asks about the sound of the bullfrogs disturbing Baba. Meherjee thinks it might be a rumor.

[Meherjee recounts how he went to Hollywood in 1952 instead of traveling in the car that pursued Baba's car. Five mandali members were in that car, a Plymouth station wagon given by Elizabeth, and they received a telegram in California telling them of the accident and they turned around and went directly to Prague.]

"We arrived the third day after the accident. The badly injured were Baba, Mehera and Elizabeth. They were given very nice treatment by Dr. Burlson and his family who were very nice to us. The whole clinic was occupied by us, using his kitchen and closets, and all that. After some days we moved Baba to Youpon Dunes. Baba looked very bad after the accident, though from the right side he didn't look bad at all. Major damage on the left side, practically none visible on the right.

Baba didn't allow anyone to touch him. I had the job of taking care of him from 7 in the morning to 7 at night, except for an hour off for lunch. In Bombay he had called us together and had interviewed us one by one in a room, and he had been hinting at that time that a personal disaster would fall on him.

[Some well known details of the 1952 accident are mentioned.]

Baba said, "America wanted my blood and had had it."

Baba received physical therapy in Duke hospital, and the therapist taught me and Donkin how to do it, and we did it thereafter.

Miracles do happen in the lives of Baba lovers, though Baba says he doesn't do any miracles.

You have to run after Baba because his stride was so rapid, prior to the accidents.

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