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THE ENEMY

(1) How did the gardener react when Dr. Sadao told him about the wounded American Soldier?

Ans Old gardener was a person of superstitions. He wanted that the white man should die. First, he was shot and then he was caught in the sea. The gardener believed that American soldiers had a fate of death.

(2) How did Yumi react when Hanae told her to wash the soldiers?

Ans When Hanae asked Yumi to wash the wounded soldier, she bluntly refused to do so, saying that she had never washed a white man and she would not wash a dirty one.

(3) What do you learn about Sadao's father from the story 'The Enemy'?

Ans Sadao's father is too patriotic and much loves his country. He always remarked the island, which were the stepping stones to Japan's future. He was quite serious about his son's education. He was a true Japanese who is devoted to Japanese culture and tradition.

(4) Why was it risky for Dr. Sadao to give medical aid to the soldier?

Ans It was risky for Dr. Sadao to give medical aid to the prisoner because he was a prisoner of war and an enemy to Japan.

(5) How did Hand help Dr. Sadao?

Ans Hand helped Dr. Sadao by carrying the wounded American soldier to the house. She washed man's body body and assisted Dr. Sadao in the operation by administering anaesthetic to the patient.

(6) Why did Hand wash the wounded man herself?

Ans Hand had to wash the wounded man herself because Yumi, the maid, refused to wash a 'dirty white man'. Moreover, Hand felt necessary to help her husband. Her qualities of head and heart enable her to take a balanced view about the wounded soldier, even though he was an American.

(7) Why did the General spare the American soldiers?

Ans He promised to get the soldier killed secretly by his private assassins but he failed in his promise. He couldn't take any action due to seriousness of his illness and forgot all about him.

(8) Why was Dr. Sadao not sent to the battlefield?

Ans Dr. Sadao was treating the old General, who was suffering from a serious illness and could need an operation anytime. So, he was not sent to the battlefield as his valuable services could be needed at any time in that town.