

The Enemy

Q) How did the gardener react when Dr. Sadao told him about the wounded American soldier?

Ans) When Dr. Sadao told the gardener about the wounded American soldier, he pulled a few hairs on his upper lip. He said that the man was first shot and then the sea wounded him with her rock. So the man ought to die and the master ought not to heal the man's wound because if he heals what the gun did and what the sea did they will take revenge on him.

Q) How was the plan of the prisoner's escape executed in the story?

Ans) Dr. Sadao dragged a stout boat down to the shore and as soon as it was dark and put food and bottled water in it which he had brought during the day as well as a quilt he had bought at a pawn shop. He tied the boat to a post in the water. Then he went home and at night checked the prisoner's pulse. He gave the prisoner a flashlight and told him to signal two flashes at the same instant the sun drops over the horizon if he runs out of food before catching a boat. He told him not to signal in the darkness because it would be seen. If he is alright but still there signal him once. He will find fresh fish easy to catch there but he would have to eat them raw as a fire would be seen. He then dressed him in Japanese clothes and wrapped a black cloth about his blond head. He then sent him to the boat.

Q) How did Yumi react when Hana told her to wash the soldier?

Ans) When Hana told Yumi to wash the soldier she followed her to

the room and went over to the white man. When she saw him her lips folded themselves into a ~~stubble~~ stubbornness. She said she had never washed a white and she will not wash such a dirty one then. When Hama told her they wished only to bring him over to his senses so that they can turn him over as a prisoner, she said she will have nothing to do with it, she also said she was a poor person and that was not her business. After this she was excused.

Q) Describe the difficulties faced by Dr. Sadao when he decided to help the enemy?

Ans) When Dr. Sadao discovered an injured American war prisoner on his beach he took him into his house to deliver him to the government later. But since he was a doctor he chose humanism over patriotism and chose to help the enemy to treat the enemy's wounds. He was. Due to this he constantly feared being arrested for helping the enemy. He and his wife were terrified. Their servants were against him. Eventually they all protested and left. There was a constant conflict between his nationality and <sup>professionalism</sup> ~~professionalism~~ in his mind. These were the difficulties faced by Dr. Sadao.

Q) "Will Dr. Sadao be arrested on charge of harbouring an enemy?" Bring out the idea contained in the line.

Ans) During the time of World War when a fierce series of wars were being fought between Japan and America, an American soldier washed ashore on Dr. Sadao's beach. Seeing how wounded the man was he decided to operate on him and then turn him over to the authorities. Since he helped

the enemy despite being a Japanese poet was to be considered a traitor as he harboured an enemy. This is the idea contained in the above line.

Q) What did Dr. Sadao do to get rid of the man?

Ans) As soon as the man started getting better a messenger was sent to Dr. Sadao's house. At first Dr. Sadao's wife was scared that he was sent to arrest him on the charge of harbouring an enemy, but the messenger had only come to inform that Dr. Sadao was called for by General Takima. When he reached the General's house he told him about the American soldier that had washed ashore and how he helped him by treating his wounds. He then asked the General for a solution and the General thought it was best to assassinate that man at night and the matter will be resolved in silence.

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

Ans) In the story 'The Enemy' it is seen that Sadao's father believed that the islands were stepping stones to the future of Japan. He was a very serious man. He never joked around or played with his son but took infinite pains for his education. His chief concern was Sadao's father inculcated in him the virtues of patriotism and nationalism when the latter was quite young. He was also conservative and wanted to preserve the Japanese tradition. He lived in a house built on traditional Japanese architecture and also wanted his son to marry a Japanese girl.

Q) Why was Dr. Sadao being kept in Japan and not sent abroad?

with the troops?

Ans) Doctor Sadao was a brilliant surgeon. When the war started he was about to make a discovery which would make wounds entirely clean. Also the General who was old and being treated by Dr Sadao and he may require an operation anytime soon. Hence he was being kept in Japan during the war.

Q) Describe the condition of the soldier when he was found by Dr. Sadao.

Ans) When the soldier washed ashore on Sadao's beach, he staggered a few steps and then crawled. Sadao found the man wounded. He was bleeding profusely. Sadao saw a bullet wound had reopened. He was unconscious and dirty. In order to save his life Sadao took him in.

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

Ans) The soldier that had washed ashore on Dr. Sadao's beach was an American prisoner of war. Since at that time Japan and America were rivals in the second World War, the mentality of the people was to hate the Americans. His nationalism suggested him to let the man die, while his humanitarianism suggested him to treat the man's wounds. But on doing so there was a chance that he would be viewed by the government as a traitor and be arrested for harbouring an enemy. Hence it was risky for Dr. Sadao to give medical aid to the soldier.