



Lesson 4 -

THE ENEMY

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NOTES OF THE LESSON :

1. Important for Sadao Hoki
 - 1.1 His father's statements and priorities
 - 1.2 His wife's background
 - 1.3 American professor Harley
2. The shadow from the sea
 - 2.1 Staggering, Crawling, Falling
 - 2.2 A fisherman perhaps
 - 2.3 A white man!
 - 2.4 Shot and bleeding
3. What to do next- a dilemma
 - 3.1 Put him back in the sea
 - 3.2 An escaped American POW
 - 3.3 Decision to carry him into the house
4. Taking care of POW
 - 4.1 Refusal of the Yumi, the servant
 - 4.2 Hana washes the man
 - 4.3 Sadao operates
 - 4.4 Hana thinks of his perils
5. Recovery period of POW
 - 5.1 His fears, their problems
 - 5.2 The servants rebel/condemnation
 - 5.3 The man heals, Sadao confused
6. The seventh day
 - 6.1 The servants left together
 - 6.2 A messenger arrives
 - 6.3 Sadao summoned
7. At the General's Palace
 - 7.1 Sadao's confession
 - 7.2 General's suggestion
8. Waiting for assassins
 - 8.1 Restless nights for Sadao
 - 8.2 Sadao's decision
9. The Prisoner escapes
 - 9.1 Arrangements made by Sadao
 - 9.2 The prisoner gone



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- 9.3 The servants return
- 9.4 The General operated and saved
- 10. Sadao's final observation about the General
 - 10.1 Lack of dutifulness
 - 10.2 Sadao knows General's weakness upper hand

EXERCISE

Rearrange the following points in sequence of their narration in the lesson

1. Serving the enemy
2. Meeting the wounded enemy
3. Treating the enemy
4. Recovery in the enemy
5. Dr Sadao and his wife Hana
6. Sending off the enemy in the sea
7. Dr Sadao and his life
8. Annoyance in the household servants
9. Revealing to General
10. Explaining to General
11. Waiting for the enemy's assassination
12. The Real Reward

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Q1. What do you learn about Sadao's father from the story?

Ans. Sadao's father was a visionary. He knew that islands near the sea coast were the stepping stones to the future of Japan. No one could limit their future as it depended on what they made it. His son's education was his chief concern. He sent his son to America at the age of twenty-two to learn surgery and medicine. He loved the Japanese race, customs and manners.

Q2. Who was Sadao's wife? Where had he met her? Why did he wait to fall in love with her?

Hint - American professor's house

Party for new students

Hana was Japanese

Q3. 'Both of them saw something black coming out of the mists '. What did they see and how did they react to it?

Hint - A man crawling

Sadao thought man as fisherman

Sadao ran and Hana followed

Q4. What dilemma did Sadao face about the young white man?

Hint - Putting him back into sea

Being American, man was enemy



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Handed him over to police

Man was wounded

Q5. How did the servants react when their master told them about the wounded white man?

Hint - Frightened and puzzled

Man ought to die

If healed, time would take revenge

Q6. Why had Hana to wash the wounded man herself?

Hint - Yumi refused to wash

Fierce look of Yumi made Hana afraid

Hana had no option

Q7. What did Hana inform Sadao about the servants? How did Sadao react to it?

Hint - Master sheltered a white man

- Americans were their enemies

- Trained not to let a man die

- Servants could not understand

Q8. Why did Dr Sadao tell the General everything about the man he had operated upon?

Hint - wanted to get rid of the man for his wife and his loyalty towards his country.

- Since operated, could not kill POW

- General absorbed the information and decided to take matters in his hands.

Q9. Why do you think, did the old General not want Dr Sadao to be arrested?

Hint - If General had an attack

He wanted Sadao to operate

No faith in other surgeons

Q10. What plan did the old General suggest for getting rid of the man?

Hint - General suggested killing the man

Offered to send assassins

Trick of inward bleeding

Leave the outer partition open

Q11. How was the plan of the prisoner's escape executed?

Hint - Dr Sadao provided essentials to man

Flashlight to signal

Dressed in Japanese style

Head covered

Q12. What did the General tell Dr Sadao about his promise to kill the prisoner for him?

Hint - Sadao told prisoner escaped

General Confessed that he forgot his promise

Indicates General's Lack of Patriotism.

LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS



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- Q1. How can you say that Dr Sadao's father was a Japanese to the core?
- Ans. Dr Sadao's father had high dreams about the future of Japan. There was no limit of their future as it depended on what they made it. He never played or joked with his only son. But he spent infinite pains upon him. For the sake of the best possible medical education, he sent his son to America. Sadao met Hana there, but waited to fall in love until he was sure that she was a Japanese. His father would never have received her unless she had been pure in her race. Their marriage was arranged in the old Japanese way only after Sadao's father had seen her when both of them had come home to Japan after finishing their education.
- He was Japanese every inch. The floor of his room was deeply matted. He would never sit on chair or sleep in a foreign bed in his house. The quilt was covered with flowered silk and the lining was pure white silk. In short, everything here had been Japanese to please him.
- Q2. What was the dilemma that Sadao faced when he saw a wounded, young white man washed to his doorstep? What solution did his wife, Hana, offer to resolve his predicament?
- Hint - young man needed treatment
 Helping American they could be arrested
 They could hand him over to police
 As a doctor Sadao could not let him die
 Hana suggested helping the man
- Q3. Hana was a loving, caring, devoted and obedient wife who was quite anxious about her husband's wellbeing, position and reputation? Discuss.
- Hint - Hana understood her husband very well
 Sentimental, pragmatic approach
 Maintained her dignity
 Devoted wife
 Ideal life partner
- Q4. What impression do you form of Dr Sadao as a man and as a surgeon from your reading of the story 'The Enemy' ?
- Hint - Brave and Obedient
 Intelligent and hardworking
 Surgeon and scientist
 Sensitive and helpful
 Real doctor
- Q5. Comment on the role of the General in the story 'The Enemy'.
- Hint - Suffering from attack
 Needed operation any time
 Have faith on Sadao
 Promised to help Sadao
 Offered assassins
 Forgot his promise