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**The Enemy**

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### INTRODUCTION-

It was the time of the World War. Japan and America were at dagger's drawn. An American prisoner of war is shot in the back. He is washed away at the door of a Japanese doctor. He behaves him as a human being and saves his life. Being a doctor Sadao saves the life of a dying man and helps him in escaping to freedom.

### SUMMARY

#### Dr. Sadao – a doctor-

Dr. Sadao Hoki, a Japanese doctor lived with his wife Hana and two children on the Japanese sea coast. His house was situated on the sea coast where he had spent his childhood. He was greatly influenced by his father whose chief concern was Sadao's education. At the age of twenty two, he was sent to America to study surgery and medicine. Sadao was an obedient son and becomes a famous surgeon.

#### Marriage-

Sadao's marriage was arranged with Hana who was herself a doctor and studied in America. Hana was a dedicated wife. They had two children. They loved each other.

#### A wounded American Soldier:-

Once Sadao and Hana found something coming out of the mist. He was badly injured. He was a white man who was an escaped prisoner of war. He had lost lot of blood due a gun wound.

The couple new that they would be termed treacherous if they did not inform the police. They decided to treat the dying man on humanitarian ground and saved his life.

### **Shelter and treatment of enemy:-**

Dr. Sadao brought the unconscious American at home. He operated upon his back, took out the bullet and gave him shelter in his house till the wound was healed. The servants were against this action. They left the house in protest. But Hana served the wounded whiteman for about ten days until he was quiet normal.

### **Get rid of the enemy-**

After saving his life Sadao wanted to get rid of the enemy somehow. If he handed him over to the police, he was sure to be killed by the police. So he helped the man to escape in a boat. Thus he got rid of the enemy without being killed by any one. Sadao acted in a truly humanitarian way.

### **Question and Answers-**

**Q.1-** Who was Dr. Sadao? Where was his house?

**Ans:-** Dr. Sadao Hoki was a famous Japanese surgeon. He went to America to study surgery and medicine. His house was built on the Japanese Coast.

**Q.2-** Who was Hana and where did Sadao meet her? How they married?

**Ans:-** Hana was a beautiful Japanese. She met Dr. Sadao in America at a professor's house. They were married in old Japanese tradition.

**Q.3-** How did Sadao and Hana Come to know that the man was an American?

**Ans:-** Sadao and Hana were standing outside their house. They saw something coming out of the mist. They came nearer and found a wounded man. After turning the man's head they saw his face. He was a white man. "U.S. Navy" was written on his cap.

**Q.4-** Why did the servants leave Dr. Sadao's house?

**Ans-** It was the time of World war Japan was at war with America. Dr. Sadao was nursing a prisoner of war. The servants did not like Dr. Sadao's help. He was trying to

save the life of an enemy. They considered such work of Sadao's a treachery. So they left the house.

**Q.5-** What did Sadao do to get rid of the enemy?

**Ans-** Sadao did not want the man to be killed after he had done so much to save his life. If he handed him over to the police he was sure to be killed. He decided to give his private boat with food and clothes in it. He could row it to a little island and escape to freedom.

### **Character sketch of Sadao Hoki :**

Dr. Sadao Hoki was the only son of his father. He was highly influenced by his father. His father wanted to make him a good doctor. For this reason he had been sent to America at the age of twenty two to study surgery and medicine. He was a great lover of his native land. He married Hana in America when he became sure that she was also Japanese.

Dr. Sadao was a dedicated surgeon and a doctor. He was first a doctor and then anything else . He and Hana found a prisoner of war wounded and bleeding. He at once packed the wound with sea moss. Sadao was in a dilemma. The wounded man was an American . Japan and America were at daggers drawn. If he sheltered a white man he could be arrested. If he handed him over the police he would certainly die. All Americans were their enemies . The best Traits of his personality Come to light when risking his own life and the entire family he dares to save an enemy. Sadao faces opposition from his servants but he Knows his responsibilities as a doctor very well. He is a man of clear Conscience.

Sadao is not only a perfect doctor , he is also a good human being . Dr Sadao and his obedient wife faced displeasure of their servants. Yumi didn't want to wish the wound of a white Man. The gardener left them. Dr. Sadao ignored all these warnings. He heard the call of his profession only. His heart is full with human Kindness.

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