

Chapter 4: The Enemy

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Question 1

Who was Dr. Sadao? Where was his house?

Solution

Ans: Dr. Sadao Hoki was a famous yet sympathetic and loyal Japanese scientist and surgeon. He was a grounded man and lived in an ancestral stone house in Japan built above a narrow beach on the coast, outlined by narrow pine trees. He spent about eight years in America to improve his skill and learn everything possible about medicine and surgery. When the chapter begins, we are introduced to his scientific research to discover a drug that would render the wound entirely clean.

Question 2

Will Dr. Sadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy?

Solution

Ans: Dr. Sadao stayed loyal to the vows of the medical profession. He saved the injured man, who was washed off on the shore near his home irrespective of him being American. He was aware of the fact that his country and America had political tensions and this step would put the whole family in danger. Still, he went ahead with his duty as a doctor and a human and saved the enemy. So, if we see from a humanitarian perspective, he should not be punished for this, since he did what his profession taught him, and doctors should help humanity irrespective of country and political issues.

Question 3

Will Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself?

Solution

Ans: Hana will help the wounded man. Though it is difficult for her since she is not medically trained and afraid of him since he was an American, she would try her best. Hana and Sadao are husband and wife. I believe they would share common values and moral values. Both would want to serve and help humanity in one way or the other possible. She tries her best to contribute as much as possible to the noble cause alongside her husband. Even though her act was so impulsive after her servant Yumi defied her orders, she still did it with utmost sincerity.

Question 4

What will Dr. Sadao and his wife do with the man?

Solution

Ans: Dr. Sadao and his wife would help the man. The man was unconscious and a prisoner of war. He was a great threat to the family but even then, decided to treat and operate on him. It was his responsibility as a doctor to serve humanity and adhere to the vows of his profession. Hana helped to clean the man after Yumi defied to follow the orders to do the same. They fed him and tried their best to create an escape path for him. Even though they knew they would have to hand him over to the army sooner or later, they still provided him the best possible.

Question 5

Will Dr. Sadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy?

Solution

Ans: Dr. Sadao could be arrested if someone complained about the family harbouring an enemy in their home. The servants were even worried too when they realized that their master was helping an enemy which would lead them all to prison. They were against this and left the work immediately to save their lives, Hana and Sadao even then, though half-heartedly, still helped the enemy to recover. On humanitarian grounds, the act was well justified but it was against the political setup of the country. Sadao was close with the General and was treating him for the heart ailment. The chances were slim that the General would risk his own life at the jeopardy of the country's safety.

Question 6

What will Dr. Sadao do to get rid of the man?

Solution

Ans: With the American patient's health gradually improving by the continued efforts of Hana and Sadao, he further planned an escape for him since he was sentimentally attached with him. It was too brutal for Dr. Sadao to hand over the man to the army since they would kill him. Hana was getting impatient about keeping him at home as he caused them a lot of trouble and was a potential threat for the family too. His primary plan of letting the General know about him and sending assassins to kill him never succeeded since they never came. So, next, he planned to set him off on a boat on a nearby island, with enough supplies of food and water along with clothes, a blanket, and a flashlight. He asked him to board a Korean ship from the island which would sail him safely and save him.
