

The Enemy



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1.1 ABOUT THE WRITER -

1. Buck was born in West Virginia, but in October 1892, her parents took their 4-month-old baby to China.

2. Pearl Sydenstricker Buck (June 26, 1892 – March 6, 1973) was an American writer and novelist. She is best known for *The Good Earth* a bestselling novel in the United States.

3. Pearl S. Buck won the Pulitzer Prize in 1932.

4. Pearl S Buck won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1938.

5. She was the first American woman to win that prize.

6. Pearl S. Buck died of [lung cancer](#) on March 6, 1973, in [Danby, Vermont](#).

7. Her novels-

East Wind: West Wind

The Good Earth

A House Divided

The Mother

1.2 INTRODUCTION OF THE CHAPTER IN ENGLISH -

The story is set during the Second World War. A Japanese doctor finds an American POW at his doorstep. He is in a dilemma: being a doctor, should he save the wounded man or being a Japanese, should he hand over the enemy to the army.

1.3 INTRODUCTION OF THE CHAPTER IN HINDI -

कहानी द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के दौरान की है। एक जापानी डॉक्टर अपने दरवाजे पर एक अमेरिकी युद्धबंदी पाता है। वह एक दुविधा में है: एक डॉक्टर होने के नाते वह घायल आदमी को बचाए या एक जापानी होने के नाते, क्या वह दुश्मन को सेना को सौंप दे।

1.4 SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER IN ENGLISH -

The Enemy is a story set in Japan during the second world war. In this story, an injured American army man washes up on the beach near the home of a Japanese surgeon, Dr. Sadao Hoki. Although he has lived in America and follows a modern profession, Dr Sadao's family lives a traditional Japanese life.

Dr Sadao is in a dilemma to leave the American man to die, to throw him back into the sea, to hand him over to the army or to save his life. He reluctantly takes him home and decides to save his life. The presence of an enemy disrupts his family life. His wife is against his idea of operating upon and taking care of the soldier. The servants of the house oppose the idea and leave their master. Yet, Dr Sadao shelters him, operates upon him, and saves his life.

Out of the fear of being accused of sheltering an enemy, he narrates the

incident to a general in the Japanese military. The general helps Dr Sadao and offers to get the man killed by hired killers. However, the killing doesn't take place, and after waiting for three nights, Dr. Sadao thinks of getting rid of the American himself. He arranges a boat for the man to help him reach the nearby island. He provides him necessities like food and clothing to survive till he finds a Korean fishing boat which could rescue him. Dr. Sadao wonders why he saved the life of an enemy.

1.5 SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER IN HINDI -

यह पाठ द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के दौरान जापान में स्थापित एक कहानी है। इस कहानी में, एक घायल अमेरिकी सेना का जवान एक जापानी सर्जन, डॉ. सदाओ होकी के घर के पास समुद्र तट पर पहुंच जाता है। हालांकि वे अमेरिका में रह चुके हैं और एक आधुनिक पेशे का पालन करते हैं, डॉ. सदाओ का परिवार पारंपरिक जापानी जीवन जीता है।

डॉ. सादाओ अमेरिकी आदमी को मरने के लिए छोड़ देने, उसे वापस समुद्र में फेंकने, उसे सेना को सौंपने या उसकी जान बचाने के लिए दुविधा में है। वह अनिच्छा से उसे

घर ले जाता है और उसकी जान बचाने का फैसला करता है। शत्रु की उपस्थिति उसके पारिवारिक जीवन को बाधित करती है। उसकी पत्नी सैनिक की देखभाल करने और उसकी देखभाल करने के उसके विचार के खिलाफ है। घर के नौकर इस विचार का विरोध करते हैं और अपने स्वामी को छोड़ देते हैं। फिर भी, डॉ. सदाओ उसे आश्रय देते हैं, उस पर काम करते हैं, और उसकी जान बचाते हैं।

दुश्मन को पनाह देने का आरोप लगने के डर से वह जापानी सेना के एक जनरल को घटना के बारे में बताता है। जनरल डॉ. सदाओ की मदद करता है और उस आदमी को भाड़े के हत्यारों द्वारा मारने की पेशकश करता है। हालांकि, हत्या नहीं होती है, और तीन रातों के इंतजार के बाद, डॉ. सादाओ खुद अमेरिकी से छुटकारा पाने के बारे में सोचते हैं। वह आदमी को पास के द्वीप तक पहुंचाने में मदद करने के लिए एक नाव की व्यवस्था करता है। वह उसे जीवित रहने के लिए भोजन और कपड़े जैसी आवश्यकताएं प्रदान करता है जब तक कि उसे एक कोरियाई मछली पकड़ने वाली नाव नहीं मिल जाती जो उसे बचा सके। डॉ. सदाओ को आश्चर्य होता है कि उन्होंने एक दुश्मन की जान क्यों बचाई।

1.6 WORD MEANINGS FROM THE CHAPTER -

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| 1. Expansive- | covering wide area in terms of space or scope | (विस्तृत) |
| 2. Profound - | very great or intense | (अत्यंत) |
| 3. Isolation - | separation | (एकांत) |
| 4. Landmass - | a continent or other large body of land | (भूभाग) |
| 5. Amalgamated - | combine or unite to form one structure | (समामेलित) |
| 6. Thrived - | prosper | (समृद्ध होना) |
| 7. Mind-boggling - | overwhelming | (विलक्षण) |
| 8. Frigid - | very cold in temperature | (ठंडा) |
| 9. Desolate - | (of a place) uninhabited | (उजाड़) |
| 10. Surreal - | unusual | (अवास्तविक) |

1.7 MCQ'S FROM THE CHAPTER -

1. The young prisoner was asked to flash the light if food ran out

- (i) twice
- (ii) thrice
- (iii) once
- (iv) not at all

Answer: (i) twice

2. The escape for Sadao would be in

- (i) a Korean fishing boat
- (ii) a Russian fishing boat
- (iii) a Chinese fishing boat
- (iv) a Japanese fishing boat

Answer: (i) a Korean fishing boat

3. Why did the servants refuse to help ?

- (i) out of fears
- (ii) because of superstitions
- (iii) because he was an American Soldier
- (iv) All these

Answer: (iii) because he was an American Soldier

4. How did Hana help Dr. Sadao?

- (i) By assisting him
- (ii) by giving him money
- (iii) by giving him tools
- (iv) by working as a nurse

Answer: (iv) by working as a nurse

5. Sadao made the prisoner dress up in

- (i) Korean clothes
- (ii) Chinese clothes
- (iii) Indian clothes
- (iv) Japanese clothes

Answer: (iv) Japanese clothes

6. Why did Hana wash the wounded man herself?

- (i) Because of her servants
- (ii) because her servants ran away
- (iii) because her servants refused to help an American enemy soldier
- (iv) none

Answer: (iii) because her servants refused to help an American enemy soldier

7.. Who was Dr. Sadao?

- (i) An Iranian Doctor
- (ii) An American doctor
- (iii) A Japanese doctor
- (iv) None

Answer: (iii) A Japanese doctor

8. Sadao got his reward when

- (i) the prisoner could escape
- (ii) when he got an award from the government
- (iii) when his servants returned
- (iv) when his wife appreciated him

Answer: (i) the prisoner could escape

9. The General, in not sending the assassins, had been

- (i) unpatriotic
- (ii) patriotic
- (iii) selfish for himself
- (iv) helpful towards Sadao

Answer: (iii) selfish for himself

10. Why did the General not pass orders to arrest Dr. Sadao for giving space to a white man?

- (i) because he trusted him
- (ii) because he needed him
- (iii) General was not in good health and needed his services
- (iv) None

Answer: (i) because he trusted him.

1.8 SHORT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS -

1. What did Sadao's father tell him

about the islands of the South Seas?

Answer: Sadao's father had taken him quite often to the islands of South Seas. He would always say to his little boy Sadao that those islands are the stepping stones to the future for Japan.

2. What was Sadao's father's chief concern ?

Answer: Sadao was the only son of his parents. Sadao's education was his father's chief concern. For this reason Sadao had been sent to America, when he was twenty-two, to learn what could be learned from surgery and medicine.

3. How was Sadao married to Hana?

Answer: Sadao had met Hana in America and fell in love with her after knowing that she was Japanese. After their studies, they came back to Japan. With the approval of Sadao's father, their marriage was arranged in the old Japanese way.

4. How did Dr. Sadao come to know that the wounded young man was an American and a prisoner of war ?

Answer: Dr. Sadao felt that the wounded young man looked like an American. From his cap where 'U. S. Navy' was inscribed, it was confirmed that he was a sailor from an American warship and a prisoner of war.

5. How did the wounded young man get washed ?

Answer: Dr. Sadao wanted the wounded young man to be washed

first. He himself wanted to wash him but Hana said that Yumi would do so. When Yumi did not wash him, Hana and later on Sadao got him washed

1.9 Long Questions and Answers-

1. It is the time of the World War. An American prisoner of war is washed ashore in a dying state and is found at the doorstep of a Japanese doctor. Should he save him as a doctor or hand him over to the army as a patriot ?

Answer: I think the Japanese doctor should try his best to save the life of the dying man, whosoever he might be. A doctor's duty is to try his best to save the life of a human being. The doctors are trained for this and they are under oath also to do so. Moreover, the Japanese doctor did not deliberately go to treat the dying man.

Rather he is found by him at his doorstep. If he hands over the man to the army, the man will certainly die. A doctor's conscience can never allow him to do so. So I think that the Japanese doctor should treat the dying man and if he is saved later on he could be handed over to the army. That way he would be doing a doctor's duty as well as the duty of a patriot.

2. Who was Dr. Sadao ? Where was his house ?

Answer: Dr. Sadao Hoki was Japanese. He was sent to America, when he was twenty- two, to learn all that could be learned of surgery and

medicine. He had come back to Japan at thirty. He became famous not only as a surgeon but as a scientist also. He was perfecting a discovery which would render wounds entirely clean. Dr. Sadao's house was built on a spot of the Japanese coast where he often played. The low, square store house was set upon rocks well above a narrow beach that was outlined with bent pines.

3. Will Dr. Sadao take the man in and save him ?

Answer: Dr. Sadao and Hana saw a man on his hands and knees crawling from the verandah of their house. Sadao thought that he was perhaps a fisherman who was washed from his boat. He ran quickly down the steps and Hana followed him. They came toward him and found him wounded. The man lay motionless with his face in the sand. An old cap stuck to his head soaked with sea water. He was in wet rags of garments. Sadao turned the man's head and they saw his face.

Hana whispered that it was a white man. From the white man's cap, Sadao found that he was a U.S. Navy's sailor and thus was a prisoner of war. He had escaped and that is why he was wounded in the back. Hana said that the kindest thing would be to put him back into the sea. Dr. Sadao said that if the white man would not have been wounded, he could have turned him over to the police without difficulty.

He said that he cared nothing for the white man because he was an

American and all Americans were his enemies. Then Hana said to Sadao that he also couldn't throw him back to the sea. So there was only one thing to do, that is, to carry him into the house. Dr. Sadao decided to take the man in and save him.

4. Will Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself ?

Answer: When the white man was found wounded near Dr. Sadao's house, they carried the man towards an empty bedroom, which had been his father's bedroom. They laid the man on the deeply matted floor. Sadao said that he had better be washed. Sadao said that he would wash him.

But Hana said that they would have to tell the servants that he was there. She said that her servant Yumi would wash him. Hana brought her servant Yumi to the room where the white man was dying. When Hana asked her to wash him, Yumi firmly said that she would have nothing to do with him. So she did not wash him. Thus reluctantly and unwillingly. Hana had to wash the white man until his upper body was quite clean.

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

Answer: The white man was lying unconscious on the deeply matted floor of the empty room in Dr. Sadao's house. Dr. Sadao came there with his Surgeon's emergency bag and wearing his surgeon's coat. Hana cried and said if he had decided to operate,

Sadao simply said yes. He unfolded a sterilized towel upon the floor and put his instruments upon it. He asked Hana to fetch towels and help him to turn the wounded man.

Then he began to wash the man's back carefully. Dr. Sadao told Hana that she would have to give the anesthetic if he needed it. When he took out the packing the blood from the man's wound began to flow more quickly. He found out that the bullet was still there in the wound. Dr. Sadao thought there was no reason why this man should

live. But if he stopped now, the man would surely die. Sadao felt the tip of his instrument strike against something hard, dangerously near the kidney.

He took the bullet out. The man vibrated but he was still unconscious. He found his pulse so faint and so feeble. He told Hana that no more anesthetic was required. He dressed his wound and injected him on the patient's left arm. He felt the pulse that grew stronger. Thus doing his duty as a doctor, Dr. Sadao saved the life of that man, even though he considered him as his enemy.