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Class-XII

English

Vistas

Chapter-4

The Enemy

Part - 6



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"Yumi cried over the baby," she went on with a sigh. "She misses him so."

"The servants will come back as soon as the foreigner is gone," Sadao said.

He went into the guest room that night before he went to bed himself and checked carefully the American's temperature, the state of the wound, and his heart and pulse.

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inconvenient : परेशानी / समस्या

The pulse was irregular but that was perhaps because of excitement. The young man's pale lips were pressed together and his eyes burned. Only the scars on his neck were red.

"I realise you are saving my life again," he told Sadao.

"Not at all," Sadao said. "It is only inconvenient to have you here any longer."

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runs out : खत्म होना

He had hesitated a good deal about giving the man a flashlight. But he had decided to give it to him after all. It was a small one, his own, which he used at night when he was called.

"If your food runs out before you catch a boat," he said, "signal me two flashes at the same instant the sun drops over the horizon.

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raw: कच्चा

Do not signal in darkness, for it will be seen. If you are all right but still there, signal me once.

You will find fresh fish easy to catch but you must eat them raw. A fire would be seen."

"Okay," the young man breathed.

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He was dressed now in the Japanese clothes which Sadao had given him, and at the last moment Sadao wrapped a black cloth about his blond head.

"Now," Sadao said.

The young American, without a word, shook Sadao's hand warmly, and then walked quite well across the floor and down the step into the darkness of the garden.

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suspected: शक होना

Once — twice... Sadao saw his light flash to find his way. But that would not be suspected. He waited until from the shore there was one more flash. Then he closed the partition. That night he slept.

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"You say the man escaped?" the General asked faintly.

He had been operated upon a week before, an emergency operation to which Sadao had been called in the night. For twelve hours Sadao had not been sure the General would live. The gall bladder was much involved. Then the old man had begun to breathe deeply again and to demand food.

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Sadao had not been able to ask about the assassins.

So far as he knew they had never come. The servants had returned and Yumi had cleaned the guest room thoroughly and had burned sulphur in it to get the white man's smell out of it. Nobody said anything.

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cross : गुस्सा



Only the gardener was cross because he had got behind with his chrysanthemums.

But after a week Sadao felt the General was well enough to be spoken to about the prisoner.

"Yes, Excellency, he escaped,"

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Sadao now said. He coughed, signifying that he had not said all he might have said, but was unwilling to disturb the General further. But the old man opened his eyes suddenly.

"That prisoner," he said with some energy, "did I not promise you I would kill him for you?"

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amazement: आश्चर्य

"You did, Excellency," Sadao said.

"Well, well!" the old man said in a tone of amazement, "so I did! But you see, I was suffering a good deal. The truth is, I thought of nothing but myself. In short, I forgot my promise to you."

"I wondered, Your Excellency," Sadao murmured.

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patriotism : देशभक्ति

dereliction : कर्तव्य पूरा न करना

"It was certainly very careless of me," the General said.

"But you understand it was not lack of patriotism or dereliction of duty."

He looked anxiously at his doctor.

"If the matter should come out you would understand that, wouldn't you?"

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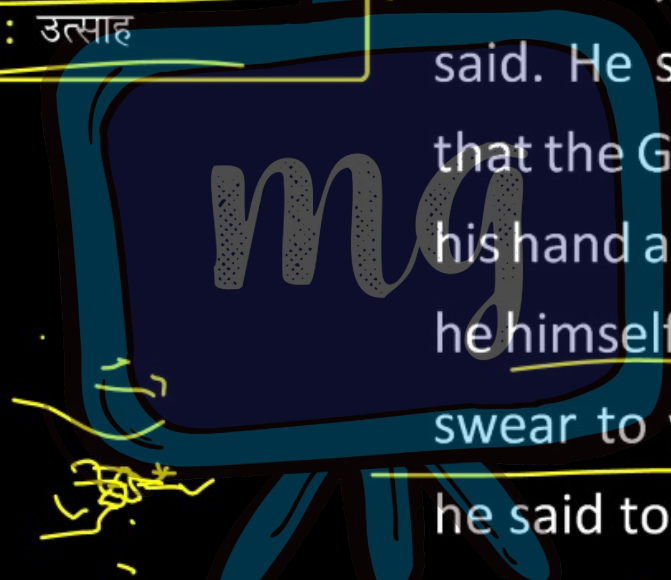
consequence : परिणाम

zeal : उत्साह



"Certainly, Your Excellency," Sadao said. He suddenly comprehended that the General was in the palm of his hand and that as a consequence he himself was perfectly safe. "I can swear to your loyalty, Excellency," he said to the old General, "and to your zeal against the enemy."

"You are a good man," the General murmured and closed his eyes."

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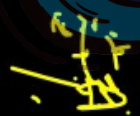
twilighted : सूर्यास्त के समय

prick : हल्का सा



"You will be rewarded."

But Sadao, searching the spot of black in the twilighted sea that night, had his reward. There was no prick of light in the dusk. No one was on the island. His prisoner was gone — safe, doubtless, for he had warned him to wait only for a Korean fishing boat.

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He stood for a moment on the veranda, gazing out to the sea from whence the young man had come that other night. And into his mind, although without reason, there came other white faces he had known — the professor at whose house he had met Hana, a dull man, and his wife had been a silly talkative woman, in spite of her wish to be kind.

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insistent : जोर देना
mercy : दया
slatternly : गंदी सी

He remembered his old teacher of anatomy, who had been so insistent on mercy with the knife, and then he remembered the face of his fat and slatternly landlady. He had had great difficulty in finding a place to live in America because he was a Japanese.

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prejudice : पूर्व विचार / पूर्वाग्रह

despised : नफरत करना

consented : सहमति देना

The Americans were full of prejudice and it had been bitter to live in it, knowing himself their superior. How he had despised the ignorant and dirty old woman who had at last consented to house him in her miserable home!

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haggard : थका हुआ/कमजोर
repulsive: बहुत बुरा

He had once tried to be grateful to her because she had in his last year nursed him through influenza, but it was difficult, for she was no less repulsive to him in her kindness. Now he remembered the youthful, haggard face of his prisoner — white and repulsive.



"Strange," he thought. "I wonder why I could not kill him?"

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COMPREHENSION

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Question 1. Who was Dr Sadao? Where was his house?

Answer : Dr Sadao Hoki was an eminent Japanese surgeon and scientist. He was perfecting a discovery which would render wounds entirely clean.

Dr Sadao's house was built on rocks well above a narrow beach that was outlined with bent pines. It was on a spot of the japanese coast.

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Question 2. Will Dr Sadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy?

Answer : Dr Sadao knew that they would be arrested if they sheltered a white man in their house. The wounded man was a prisoner of war who had escaped with a bullet on his back. since Japan was at war with America, harbouring an enemy meant being a traitor to Japan.

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Question 3. Will Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself?

Answer : At first, Hana will hesitate to help the wounded man as he belongs to their enemy country. But her humanity will force her to be kind. When her maid servant denies to wash the man, Hana herself will wash him.

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Question 4. What will Dr Sadao and his wife do with the man?

Answer : Dr Sadao and his wife, Hana, had told the servants that they only wanted to bring the man to his senses so that they could turn him over as a prisoner.

Dr Sadao was against handing over a wounded man to the police. He decided to carry him into his house.

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He operated upon him and extracted the bullet from his body. He and his wife looked after him and fed him till he was strong enough to walk on his legs.

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Question 5. What will Dr Sadao do to get rid of the man?

Answer : Dr Sadao will give him a boat with enough food and clothes in it. He will instruct him to reach a nearby island. From there, he will be able to take a Korean boat and escape to freedom. Thus Dr Sadao will get rid of him.

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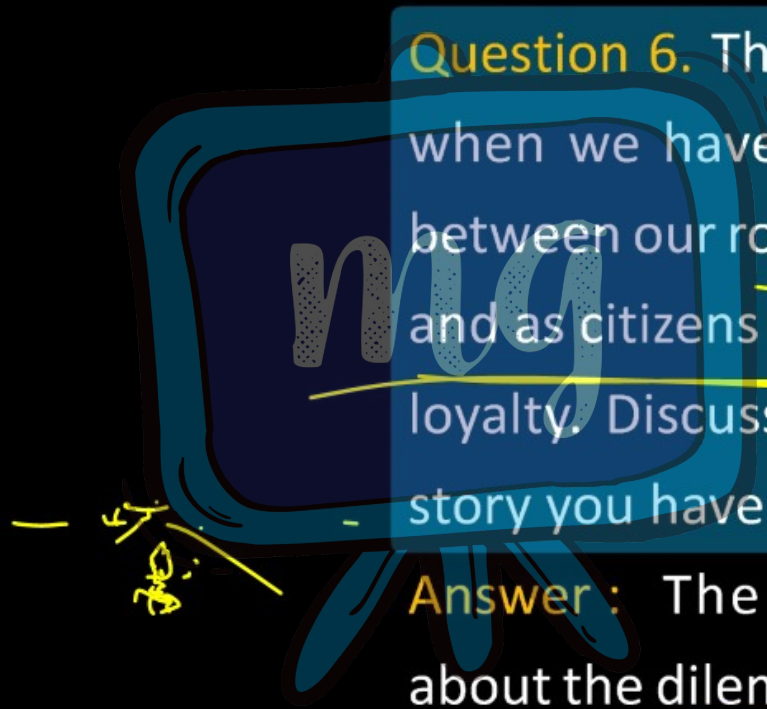

Question 6. There are moments in life when we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and as citizens with a sense of national loyalty. Discuss with reference to the story you have just read.

Answer : The Story 'The Enemy' is about the dilemma faced by a Japanese doctor. An enemy soldier is washed up by the sea and comes at his doorstep.

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Now as being a loyal Japanese, he should hand over the man to the police. But the man is badly wounded. This appeals the heart for a doctor. Now he has to make choice whether being a doctor first or a patriot. He recalls the principle of his profession that he must save a life if he can. He behaves accordingly.

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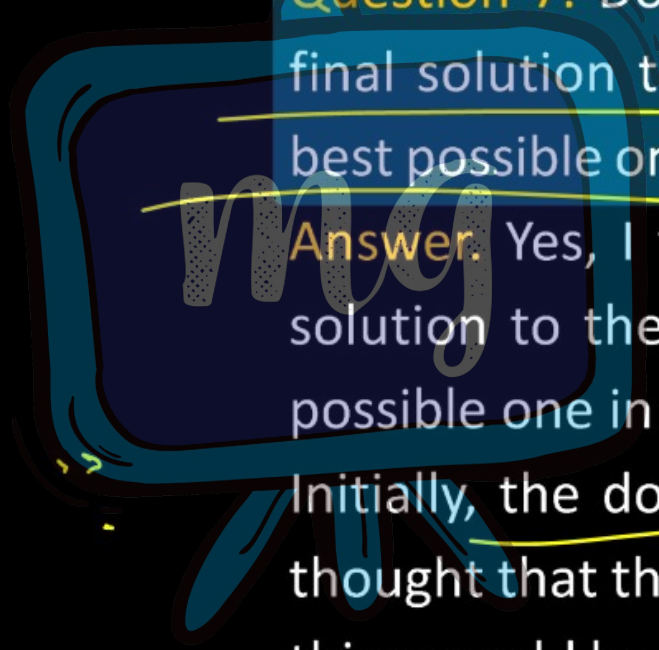

Question 7. Do you think the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible one in the circumstances?

Answer. Yes, I think the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible one in the circumstances.

Initially, the doctor as well as his wife thought that the best as well as kindest thing would be to put him back into the sea. But neither of them was able to put him back into the sea.

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Dr Sadao was an expert surgeon and a perfect human being. He could not see a man dying when he could save him. So he did with the soldier of the enemy country. He saved his life by operating upon him.

And he also saved himself from the guilt of killing a human being.