The Enemy

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Glossary

Creeping up – (here) slowly moving up	Wreathing – encircling
Haori – a loose outer garment resemblance a coat and extending to the knees worn over kimono	 Kimono – wide sleeved Japanese dress
Voluble – talkative	 Heedlessly – (here) carelessly; recklessly
Breaker – heavy wave	Staggered – walked unsteadily
Surf – foam of sea	• Tended – nursed
Solemn – earnest; serious	Beachcombers – a person without a regular job, who lives by selling whatever is found on the beaches
Muttered – mumbled; murmured	 Stanch – check or stop the flow of blood
Packed – (here) filled	Strewed – scattered
Stupor – unconsciousness	Repulsion – disgust; aversion
Inert – immobile, inactive, lifeless	Battered – (here) torn
Fowl – chicken, poultry as food	Distress – anxiety, dismay, sorrow
Pallor – paleness	Stoop – bend down
Vitality – strength, vigor, stamina	Menace – (here) a person who is threatening or dangerous
Bluntly – curtly, straight forwardly, frankly	Sustained – supported, encouraged
Conviction – belief	Impulsively – instinctively; involuntarily
Ebbing – declining; (here) subsiding	 Tokonama alcove – a niche in Japanese home, generally for displaying flower arrangement or a piece of art
Concise – brief	Peered into – looked closely into
Superficial – on the surface; not deep	Choked – suffocated, felt gagged
 Retching – making motion of vomiting 	Distress – anxiety, sadness, grief
 Moaned – groaned; a low sound of pain or grief 	 Ruthless – callous, hard, cruel, fierce, heartless

•	Intricate – complex, complicated, not simple	Contradicted – denied
•	Scars – marks on the skin	 Probed – examined
•	Profound – deep	Cardinal – chief, fundamental
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•	Perceived – became aware	 Summon – call, convene, (here) gather together, muster
•	Gasped – breathe with difficulty; (here) uttered with difficulty	Porcelain spoon – spoon made of China clay
•	Marred – spoiled, damaged	 Contemptuously – arrogantly, scornfully
•	Assuage – lessen, soothe, appease	Dismayed – disappointed, distressed
•	Brusquely – abruptly	Unaccustomed – not a accustomed or used to
•	Indispensable – essential crucial	Assassins – killers, especially political or religious
•	Timid – coward, fearful	Gaily – cheerfully
•	Gaunt – grim, desolate, lean	Stubbly beard – unshaven beard
•	Blond – golden yellow	Comprehending – understanding
•	Shaggy – rough	Boughs – branches
•	Eaves – overhanging edges of roofs	Fathoms – measure of six feet in terms of depth
•	Dereliction – neglect	 Prejudice – bias, preconceived opinion
•	Slatternly – untidy	 Despised – hated, disliked, looked down upon
•	Repulsive – causing aversion	 Haggard – worn out, exhausted, run down, unhealthy