

Pronunciation Guide/Roles:

Narihiko: Nar Ee Hee Koh- youngest child of the Torii family

Sadatake: Sah Dah Tah Kay- oldest child of the Torii family, ruler of the country

Malecint

Katsusuke: Cat Sue Sue Kay- middle son of the Torii family

Tadao: Tah Dow- an employee for the Shimizus, very pretty (according to Narihiko)

Kane: Kah Nay- the wife of Isamu, ruler of Kales (a city in Irene)

Isamu: Ih Sah Moo- the husband of Kane, ruler of Kales (a city in Irene)

Chiyo: Chee Yo- eldest daughter of the Torii family

Shimizu (last name of Kane and Isamu): Shee Mee Zoo

Torii (last name of Narihiko and their brothers): Tory

Kales: Kal Is

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