Love and Enemies

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It is very easy to love your enemies. Anybody can do it.

Do you think it is a lie?
How about imagining this?
Now let's imagine that you prepare a present for your enemy. You buy some sweets and put it in a box tied with a ribbon.
Then you bring it to your enemy.

I love you!
So, I’m giving you a present.
You see, loving your enemy wasn’t too hard? What you needed was just a bit of money.

However, receiving love from someone whom you think is your enemy is very hard. ...What? Receiving love is much easier you say?

Rubbish! ...Imagine this.
This time, you receive a present from someone whom you think is your enemy.

I love you!
This is a present as a proof of my love.
So here is the present from your enemy. What could it be? What’s inside? Could it be a bomb? If so, if you opened it, it would explode!
Or could it be a venomous snake?
If you opened it, you might get bitten.
Or maybe it’s a virus?
If you opened it, you’d catch a deadly disease.
Naturally, as if your enemy would give you something you like. If it really is chocolates, they must be poisonous.
It's a present from me. **Take it!**

Nooo! I don't want to die yet!
Nooooo!! I don’t want to die yet.
HELP!!!!

These are real chocolates!
Take them damnit, take them!
See, you get it now. To love someone is very easy.

You can even love your enemies easily.

But, receiving love could be life-threatening!
So, please try to understand!

I can't!
Please understand!

This is a real diamond ring.
Please understand that I love you.

We're bringing you democracy!
Why can't you understand that?

Well, can't you understand us?
Afterword

There are many illusions/misunderstandings related to ‘love’. These misunderstandings tend to cause various tragedies and accordingly countless people become sacrificed.

I have written this picture book with this misunderstanding as the theme, aiming to reduce these tragedies.

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