

6) THE STRANGER

A) Chapter Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1) Name two ways in which the stranger was different than the men in Dar's clan.

2) What did Dar wish he had done before leaving his camp?

3) Given how powerful the stranger appeared, what wise thing did Dar do?

4) What friendly gesture did Dar make to the stranger?

5) What did Dar do that greatly impressed the stranger?

6) What did the stranger do that greatly impressed Dar in two different respects?

7) Recall that Kenok believed that woodcarvings possessed no value because they were not practical. What does the spear-thrower combine in one object that might change Kenok's mind?

8) What did the stranger want Dar to do?

9) Why didn't Dar trade?

10) In what way would the trade have been beneficial for Dar?

11) How would the trade have been beneficial to Toreg and his clan?

12) What internal conflict did Dar experience?

13) What did the stranger do that might give Dar another chance at getting the spear-thrower?

14) Dar thought that if he owned the "magical rod," something about him wouldn't matter any more. What?

C) Subtheme Exercises

Certain subthemes can be abstracted from the events of this chapter. Below is a list of them. For each one, describe the particular events from which the subtheme can be abstracted.

1) How to confront strangers.

2) The value to others of one's possessions.

3) The power of technology to make people more powerful.

4) Referring to something as "magical" when you don't understand how it works.

5) The mutual benefit of trade.

6) Sentimental (personal) value versus practical value.

7) The problem with multiple languages.
