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SUPPORTS: *The Bronze Bow*

On the lines below, restate your thesis and then write three (3) “3-sentence quotations” that provide textual support for your thesis statement. Remember, a 3-sentence quotation includes the following elements:

- A “set-up sentence,” which describes the situation in which the passage occurs and makes brief reference to the prompt, question, or assignment,
- A direct quotation from the story, enclosed in quotation marks and followed by author/page-style citation at the end of the sentence but before final punctuation, and
- A “follow-up” sentence, in which you explain how the quotation answers the prompt, question, or assignment.

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Jane Student

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Thesis Statement:

In the story, the bronze bow represents the thing that is most difficult in one's life to overcome.

[See my comments below.](#)

3-sentence Quotations:

A. Thacia sees how the bronze bow represents the ability of God's strength to make the impossible possible. [And when does she see this? In what situation?](#) "...David meant a bow that a man couldn't bend – that when God strengthens us we can do something that seems impossible." (Speare 87). Thacia comes to understand how God's strength can help someone love his enemies, which is impossible.

B. Joel sees that Jesus is the better leader and that by following him, his hatred can be bent with God's love. [Again, you need to refer to Joel's situation without retelling the whole story.](#) "Go to see him, Daniel. I wish – but it's too late for me now. Perhaps we made a mistake. Maybe Jesus is really the leader we're waiting for" (Speare 220). Joel understands that by following Jesus, his hatred can be bent with God's love. What mistake did Joel make? Perhaps you can incorporate this into your follow-up sentence. [This will help deepen your interpretation of the quote's significance.](#)

C. After meeting Jesus, Daniel learns to let go of his hatred-and love the Romans by following Jesus teaching. “He knew that he would give everything he possessed in life to follow Jesus. Even his vow...Jesus said that the Victory was God’s promise... *Was it possible that only love could bend the bow of bronze?*” (Speare 252) Daniel accepts the help of Jesus to bend the hatred in his heart and turn it into love. Here you make explicit what you have only hinted at so far – good! Go back and make your previous comments this specific.

Jane, I think these texts will support the idea presented in your thesis statement, though I still think you could be saying more in that statement. What exactly is the thing that’s difficult to overcome, and why is it so difficult? You address these ideas in the quotations themselves, but those quotations will be much stronger if you incorporate them into your thesis statement.

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<u>Thesis</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Supports</u>	<u>3</u>