

intractability

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Marc Aramini — 24 Dec 2008, 18:03

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Son of Witz — 24 Dec 2008, 18:21 · follows Marc Aramini

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From: Marc Aramini [mailto:[marcaramini at yahoo.com](mailto:marcaramini@yahoo.com)]

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To: urth at urth.net

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Stuart Hamm — 25 Dec 2008, 13:50 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Greg Bates — 26 Dec 2008, 14:48 · in reply to Stuart Hamm

I just started Short Sun a couple of days ago. Hope to finally finish the whole Cycle. :-)

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Dave Tallman — 26 Dec 2008, 21:45 · in reply to Marc Aramini

Marc Aramini wrote:

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It might be useful to compare Long Sun/Short Sun with Pirate Freedom, where God seems to take a direct hand (indeed, a divine miracle seems to be the only available explanation for the time-travel). Is that story intractable, even if (as I theorize) Bram Burt is another time traveler and Chris is his son? It seems like it could be, but it's probably tractable with multiple linear rewrites.

- 1) Burt goes back in time from the convent, does rather badly, and nearly dies. He arrives back at the day of his birth, older and wiser.
- 2) With advance warning from his older counterpart, Burt2 trains and prepares, and brings back LeSage as an accomplice to help him. This time he becomes a successful pirate, and leaves treasure for himself to pick up.
- 3) Burt2, now a wealthy gangster, decides to have a son, Chris. He doesn't want his son in the same business, so he arranges that Chris will be at the convent for the time-shift. Burt3 will try to look after him.
- 4) Multiple iterations are built up for Chris, as Burt and LeSage learn from experience when and how to help him. Chris eventually lives to find the woman of his dreams, Novia.
- 5) The first time this happens, Chris has to leave Novia alone or with someone untrustworthy. He decides to go back and help her, as Ignacio.

Comparing BoTLS and PF, I would say Silk is a good man in a bad religion, and Chris is a bad man in a good religion. When they are exposed to the real world, Silk loses his innocence and Chris reforms.