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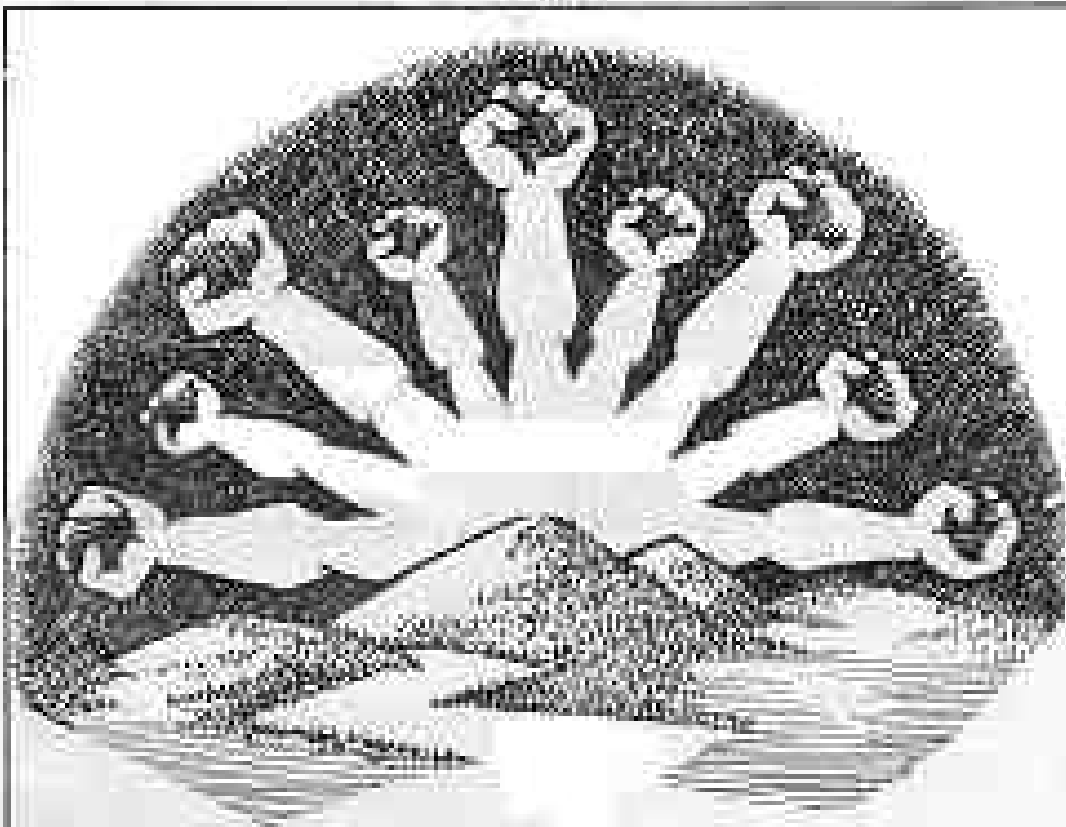
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An enormous shape towered above him over the river and the hills. "I am the spirit of this land," it announced. "You will never defeat me." Cao Bien had some reputation as a magician, but he was too scared. He kept quiet.

The next day he had several altars built to drive the spirit away. A storm came up that night and bolts of lightning bent the altars out of shape. Cao Bien sighed a deep sigh. "This country has a powerful spirit," he thought. "I won't be able to stay here."

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