The Taguien Cycle

A Series for Young Adults

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**Rationale**

* Lucerne currently has no offering for young adults
* Fantasy series have been hits in this hard-to-please market
* Customers are turning to other publishers to meet demand

**Characters of a Hit Fantasy**

* A hero
* An ally
* A teacher
* An adversary

**Plot Elements of a Hit Fantasy**

* A problem
* A skill or power
* A sequence of events

**The Hero**

* Innately sympathetic
* Reluctant rebel
* Untested potential

**The Ally**

1. Does not have to be human
2. Is a stabilizing force
   1. A voice of conscience
   2. Not a “yes” person
3. Embodies loyalty

**The Teacher**

* Does not have to be human
* Can be young or old
* Can be male or female
* Can be beautiful or ugly
* Is wise, but can have flaws
* Uses powers for good

**The Adversary**

* Has the same form as the teacher
* Can be young or old
* Can be male or female
* Can be beautiful or ugly
* Is wise, but seriously flawed
* Uses powers for evil

**The Problem**

* A difficult choice
* An injustice
* A quest

**The Skill or Power**

**The Sequence of Events**

1. The Journey
2. The Battle
3. The Twist
4. The Climax