Setting

Time

The story takes place in modern time. There are schools, haunted houses, and Halloween costumes that suggest things are similar to how they are now.

Place

The story takes place in a magical world called the outskirts. It contains five kingdoms, each with different kinds of magic called “shaping”.

Characters

Cole

Cole, a 6th grader from Arizona, is the main character of the book. He is brave, loyal, hopeful and smart. When faced with peril, he says things like “Fun to think about!”. When times seem terrible, and chances of saving his friends, Dalton and Jenna seem terrible, he still pushes forward and keeps op hope of saving them. He is strong in being brave, and weak in choosing between who to save.

Mira (Miracle)

Mira is an experienced, optimistic old princess. Even though her father stole some of her [remarkable power](#Shaper), making her never seem any older, she still finds something happy to think about. Whatever the situation she always knows what to do to have the best outcome.

Jace

Jace is a brave, stubborn young hero. He won’t agree to anything anyone says. Not even the princess, Mira. For instance, when a slave treated him badly, he dumped soup on the slave’s head. However, when Mira chastises him for his rudeness, he ignores her and argues: “…I can survive just fine on my own.”. Although he can be rude, when it is important, he is always quick to rush to the rescue.

Twitch

Twitch is a young boy whose original form is a flying bug. He is cautious and loyal. When in danger, his first instinct is to run away. Despite his timidness, he is very loyal to anyone who treats him kindly.

Liam

Liam is a mischievous and creative [shaper](#Definitions), and a servant of [Declan](#Declan). When having to conquer a dangerous enemy, he laughs at it and creates something out of thin air to defeat it. He creates and transforms many funny things including a giant pig made of carpet, a room made of edible furniture, a room with furniture balancing on one leg, flying robot bugs, a talking happy face and transforming poison into honey.

Declan

Declan is a wise old [shaper](#Shaper). He was very helpful to Cole and Mira in discussing what they should do about overthrowing the king. Him and his servants conjured gifts to help Cole and his friends on their journey.

Dalton

Dalton is a young 6th grade boy with a sense of humor. Although he was kidnapped, he still continued to smile and make jokes. Despite his sense of humor, he is also very aware of his surroundings. For example, he noticed a door locking and odd things about a haunted house that turned out to be a kidnapper’s trap.

Jenna

Jenna is a kind, young, and hopeful girl. She followed along with Cole as long as she could, even though things seemed scary. She was nice to her kidnappers despite their crimes, and when Cole promised to rescue her, she never gave up hope.

Conflict

The character’s goal is to overthrow the king of the [Outskirts](#Outskirts) and save many kidnapped children. The problem is, they were all branded as slaves and have many armed soldiers trying to capture them.

Main Idea

The main idea of the story was…

Summary

First, Cole and his friends were kidnapped and brought into a magical world called [The Outskirts](#Outskirts). Cole was sold as a slave to a company called the Sky Raiders. There, he met some friends. One of which, was the king’s daughter, Mira. After running from the king’s soldiers, Cole and his friends defeated a monster that had formed from Mira’s [shaping power](#Shaping). They then continued on their journey, to save Mira’s sister Honor, who they had recently been informed was in peril.

Word definitions:

Shaper = a person containing the power to create an object using magic

Shaping = the art of creating an object using magic

Outskirts = a magical land in which many kidnapped children were brought to