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Vocabulary: List any unknown words here. If you can determine a definition or synonym based on context clues include that next to the word	Deftly- clever, skilled way Birthmark- a stain, discoloration or mark that someone has since birth Thicket- dense trees and bushes Keening- singing after a loss
Setting: Any new locations or new details about locations	Seer and Matty's home: seems to be typical, has a kitchen where they cook rabbit and have spices Clearing: opening outside the Forest Forest: capitalized so it is a specific forest probably with it's own personality, people seem to fear it, unsure why Village: name of town
Questions: What questions do you have or could you ask of others who read the same text?	Why has trading become dangerous? What has changed? Why don't they talk about Ramon's Trade Mart experience? What does Matty hide in the clearing? Why do people fear the Forest? What has caused S to lose vision and get scars on his face? What is the purpose of the frog? What is is Matty learning about himself?
Characters: List any new characters or things you learn about any characters Include physical or personality descriptions	Matty- impatient, dislikes following other people's rules, teenager Seer- Matty lives with Seer, older, wise, easily adapted to his blindness, moves with ease, special visions Mentor- teacher, nice, red mark covers half of his face, nickname Rosy, wise, patient Jean- Matty's crush, likes to garden, a tease, flirt Ramon- Matty's friend Herbalist- town doctor
Connections: Any connections to your own life, other books, tv shows, etc.	This reminds me of a dog that buries a bone in the yard and doesn't want others to find it.

Plot:

Include important events. Bullet points, sketches, etc. This page should be where you spend most of your time and be full.

Matty is going through puberty and adjusting from child to adult
Matty lives with Seer- they seem to have a good relationship: playfully disagree on cooking
Seer tries to teach Matty patience and how it can be good= example: taking time to cook an onion is better than eating it raw
People can trade for things: example: fishing pole for a kiss
Trading has become sort of dangerous and secret
Matty wants to do to the clearing before dark to look at something but won't tell Seer- secret
Matty has hidden something in the clearing- may trade it away

Seer plays an instrument, S used to have vision
Matty tries to sneak out to Forest but Seer hears him, S tells M to leave light on in case it's dark when he gets home
S says he was never afraid of Forest, rumors about Forest being scary?

Matty came from a different town where flaws like a birthmark would mean a person was killed
Matty came to town as a child, Mentor taught him to read
Matty likes Mentor's daughter Jean
Goes by Jean's house- no one home except a dog
Matty's friend Ramon invites him to dinner
Ramon's family had traded for a "gaming machine" aka slot machine that gives out candy
Whatever they traded for for the g.m. no one ever asked
Matty grew up lying in his old town, it is wrong in his new town

Matty has skill to travel forest, understand weather
Forest would entangle and could hurt people traveling in the woods, kill
Vines in Forest never reached to hurt Mattie but would kill others
Matty's job is to go through Forest for errands or to send messages
Matty thinks he will be given the name "Messenger"
Matty is in the forest goes to a hidden spot
Finds a frog that looks completely find
They make frog noises back and forth
Matty is learning something about himself

Matty heads back and hears singing/keening aka song of loss