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The Journey Out Of Ember

The City of Ember is a sad city underground with fading light and a lack of food supply, which is one of the worst cities to live in. Everyone living there was a simpleton so they didn't think to realize why there was no blue sky when they looked up, or why it was just pitch black. Its lack of creativity is what sparked these two minds to go on an adventure to find the outside world. Lina and Doon are the heroes because Lina found the note, Doon found the room, and together they had to decipher the note to escape and save the city; one of these is unlikely, and the other is more likely to be a hero.

That ending in the City of Ember is a real cliffhanger because of its suspense. First of all, the diary makes readers interested if the heroes will see the grandchildren of Star and Forest, which are the supposed children of the first group to leave Ember. The second Lina and Doon find a world with light, they drop a note from the roof of the city and leave. Such a big build up throughout their escape and not emphasizing the people left below makes the ending mysterious. Because they dropped the note instead of calling down to the city and waiting for survivors, they lost their chance of going with a bigger group.

The very likely hero of the story is Lina because she was the only character narrated frequently. Also, readers are more familiar with her in terms of her family and what she does in life. In addition, she was the only one who aggravated the mayor to the point where he talked to her in a private place without the guards due to exploiting his privacy. She also was the one to find the instructions which sparked their adventure to find a new world. This makes her the most likely hero since she was the one most curious and positive about the way out of Ember. But Doon is a different story.

Doon is the most unlikely hero because of his anger issues. This anger comes out as he chucks a shoe heel at his dad, and he resists the mayor. Doon doesn't believe in the instructions working at first and constantly doubts the note. He is still a hero though because of his glorious comeback: finding the room which gave him and Lina the entry to finding a new land. He also

brought extra resources such as the peas on their long annoying journey, which gave all three of them a bigger survival rate.

Poppy would be the likely unexpected character because she was doing only small stuff as Lina's sister, such as biting the paper. She may grow to help more in the next novel of the series. Lina and Doon seem to be a yin-yang, since Doon is negative and Lina is positive. This ends up helping them because their hope and fear came together to help them escape successfully.