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For a thousand years, ash fell and no flowers bloomed. For a thousand years, the Skaa slaved in misery and lived in fear. For a thousand years, the Lord Ruler reigned with absolute power and ultimate terror, divinely invincible. Then, when all hope was lost, the scarred, heartbroken half-Skaa Kelsier found in himself the powers of a Mistborn.

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But even with the best criminal crew ever assembled, Kell's plan looks like the ultimate long shot, until luck brings a ragged girl named Vin into his life. Like him, she's a half-Skaa orphan, but she's lived a much harsher life. Vin has learned to expect betrayal from everyone she meets. She will have to learn to trust, if Kell is to help her master powers that she's never dreamed of.



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Mistborn: The Final Empire

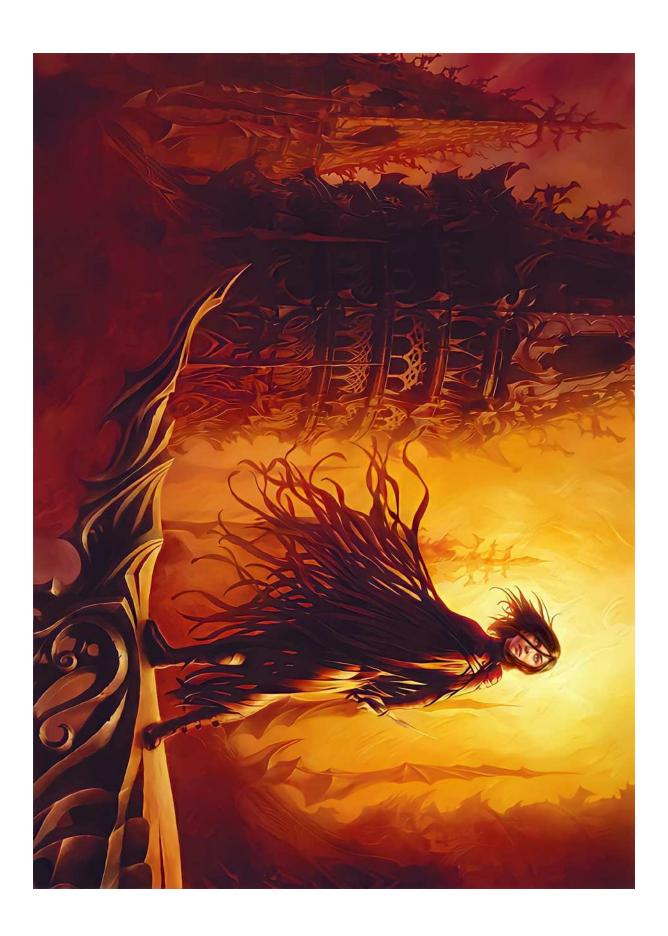
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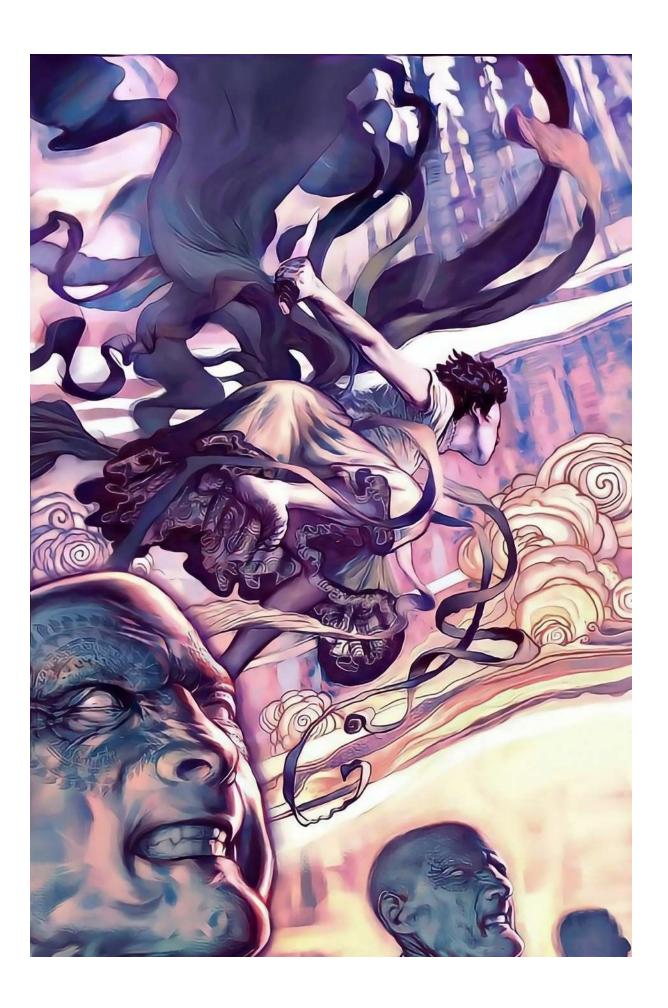
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JACKET SKETCH

I was eager to land Jon Foster right from the start. Irene, the art director at Tor, spends a great deal of time hunting for talented artists who haven't done a lot of cover work. This lets her get skilled professionals with a style that stands out. Jon's work that she sent me was mostly for Star Wars comic book covers and other concept art. It had this awesome "mural atop the ceiling of a gothic church" feel to it. Stately, yet somehow still energetic, full of implied motion.

The *Mistborn* sketch we had looked great to me, though I did request that the angle be revised to make it look less like we were looking up Vin's skirt. Otherwise, I was stoked about it—and then was surprised when the final came back, and the Inquisitors had lost their eye spikes. Turns out that someone on Tor's side decided they looked too "horror" and not enough "fantasy" with that prominent face, spiked right through the eyes.

It was probably the right call, but I do still get a lot of questions from people about who the men on the cover are supposed to be. In any case, I'm very fond of this cover, and I'm grateful Jon let us include it here.

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