Describe the image of this key character in no more than 50 words (full sentences). Use the sentence starters if you need help getting going.

Date: 5/10/15
Title: Shrike Characterisation

The claws were...
His body was...
His eyes shone like...
Learning Objectives: (do not copy)

To **understand** how an author can build a character in a story.

To **analyse** the character of Shrike and explore our own ideas about him.
What techniques can an author use to create a character?
Main Activity:

Create a detailed character map of Shrike in your books.

Copy a quote from the text around your Shrike mind map that acts as an example for each technique.

1. What they say...
2. Appearance: physical & clothes
3. How they say it...
4. Actions / personality
5. Effect on others

'Tom tried to back away, but he couldn't move. Something was trickling down his legs, as hot as spilled tea, and he realized that he had wet himself.'
Plenary:
Where would you say you were on the tree in terms of characterisation techniques?
Add TWO of these quotes to your character map of Shrike in the appropriate sections

'The slit of a mouth lengthened into a long smile and the Stalker darted forward, quick as a lizard.'

'Shrike was just a speck, his green eyes glowing as he stalked out along the strut to watch them go.'

'When he spoke, his voice sounded like a wire brush being scraped across a blackboard. "YOU CAN'T STAY HERE, CHILD," he said, and picked her up and slung her over his shoulder and took her aboard the town.'

'When criminals from one of the great Traction Cities escaped into the Out-Country, Shrike would track them and cut off their heads, which he carefully preserved. When he crossed that city's path again he would take the head to the authorities, and collect his reward.'
2 Points
Earners of this badge have read one sophisticated extended text and developed a response that makes clear and extensive links between technical, linguistic and/or literary techniques and the wider meaning or themes these develop.

Homework:

Read through the criteria and exemplar for the 'This is Novel!' badge. Anything that you do not understand come and speak to me about.
How does Reeve create an effective character with Shrike?

Add quotes to your character map as we read the next chapter which gives us a bit more background about Shrike.
How does Reeve create an effective character with Shrike?

Reeve creates an effective character with Shrike because he has more than one side to him. In some cases he is a terrifying and heartless monster when he chases Tom and Hester in Airhaven but on the other hand we find that he has a more sensitive side. This is demonstrated when he finds Hester on the shores of her home: When he picks her up and says "YOU CAN'T STAY HERE CHILD" This suggests a more caring side to him despite the fact that Hester says he has no feelings. The way that he uses the word 'CHILD' suggests that he might have been a father himself when he was human which creates a feeling of sympathy for him. On the other hand this could create an image somebody who has lost everything and can't rectify it.