The Clumsy One

Questions

1. What does this story’s setting do to communicate the cultural context of this time period? Is this set in today’s world or do we see a past world? Explain using evidence from the text? /2
2. What POV does the narrator take in the telling of this story? How does this affect how we see Dan and Dave? /2
3. How are Dan and Dave characterized? Compare and Contrast their character types and explain how these character types help the reader to understand their personality traits. /2
4. What is ironic about this story? Explain what type of irony is most important in this story and identify how it helps the reader better understand the characters. /4
5. To what extent does this story’s title speak to its theme? Write an expository essay identifying this story’s theme and explaining how this theme helps the reader understand the story’s purpose. /6