



Rumblestar: Chapter 20

Where Casper and Arlo rescue
Utterly.



Q1: Who has made sure the kingdom still has sunlight?

But Utterly grabbed the axe from him instead. 'It's not just me who needs freeing!' she blurted.

It was then Casper noticed a faint glow from further inside the cave. It grew brighter and brighter until two creatures – a boy and a girl who looked about Casper's age but who could only have come up to Casper's knees – limped into view. They had gold skin, tunics made of bracken and moth-like wings.

'The only two sun scamps not imprisoned by the Midnights. They're the reason this kingdom still has any light at all! The Midnights have been burning whole mills full of sun marvels *and* any other marvels they've managed to steal from the drizzle hags and the snow trolls. These two sun scamps have been sneaking down to the caves at night to collect the ingredients for sunlight, but making marvels without a mill is wearing down their strength.'



Activity: Casper and Utterly are finally friends. Write a note or send a message or make a card for one of your friends - someone you would fly in a hot air balloon for.

Casper blinked. He felt a strange tingling in his chest, and though he knew he had very little experience of these things, he wondered whether perhaps this was his heart stretching. Bristlebeard had warned him that that was par for the course with friendship.

Casper blushed. 'Maybe – possibly – we could upgrade from acquaintances to friends?'

Utterly was silent for a moment, and Casper wondered whether he'd got things wrong all over again, but then she took a small step forward and, for the first time in his life, Casper was hugged by a friend.

