



Rumblestar: Chapter 23



Q 1: How do Casper and Utterly know which volcano crater they'll be safe to land in?

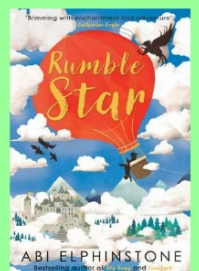
... he whispered. Over there.

There were a dozen craters bursting through the clouds but it was the one furthest away from Zip that he was pointing at.

'All of the craters are pumping out *white* smoke but that one over there is spouting *silver* smoke.' He paused. 'The storm ogre who drank from the Witch's Fingers that you told me about . . . Perhaps that's *his* volcano? You said everything he owned turned to silver.'

'And the river took his sight,' Utterly said slowly, 'which means that if we were to start our search for a familiar face *there*, our chances of survival might be *slightly* more than in the other volcanoes because the blind ogre wouldn't see us!'

Casper nodded. 'Exactly.'



Activity: Create a picture that shows a storm.

Casper reached for the microphone but at the same time the thunder growled again and more marvels pulsed out of the largest crater. They swarmed across the sky and sank between the volcanoes until the darkness was so thick it was as if the sun had set. A bolt of lightning split the sky. Bright and terrible, it burst up from the largest volcano, then zigzagged down through the clouds, missing the hot air balloon by a whisker. Once again the sky fell dark and Casper and Utterly were left blinking in the lightning's wake.

The ogres roared and the clouds kept coming, bringing with them more thunder and more lightning. Then the darkness returned and Casper gripped the microphone with shaking hands. But the command he wanted to give Zip wouldn't come – the words were trapped in his throat, along with his courage – until he felt Utterly's hand thread through the dark to clutch his.

