



Rumblestar: Chapter 4



Q1: Name three facts about the Lofty Husks.

'The Lofty Husks are folk born under the very first eclipse and marked out by the very first phoenix as rulers of the Unmapped Kingdoms,' she muttered. 'They take a different form in each kingdom, so we're told, and up here in Rumblestar they're—'

Casper winced as he thought of all the tall and terrible creatures he'd seen in the book of fairy tales he'd come across when tidying his mum's bookshelves. 'Oh, don't tell me. They're trolls, aren't they? Or ogres?'

'I wish.' Utterly knocked on the door. 'They're wizards. But they're stern as you like, especially if you forget to laugh at their jokes or you don't listen properly in class. They wear robes made from enchanted parchment and hats encrusted with fallen stars and apparently —' she lowered her voice — 'they have starlight bubbling through their veins, which is why they're so wise.' She raised an eyebrow at Casper. 'What's running through your veins, Criminal?'

Casper's knees wobbled. 'Common sense.'
'Is that so?'



Activity: Draw a picture of Frostbite, the Lofty Husk, based on the description below.

reveal a very tall, very narrow man. His robes were indeed made from parchment – ancient paper covered in scripted words that seemed to be there one minute then gone the next. His hat was tall and pointed and glittering at the base, where the fallen stars glowed, and on his little finger a mirrored ring flashed. Casper looked at the Lofty Husk's face. It was heavily wrinkled, like the skin of an apricot, and his nose was long and crooked.



