

I wave, take a deep breath, and venture into the dark trees with Dad, Grandma and Polly.

'I know why no one will come up the mountain,' I say and I tell them about Durga and the earthquake, and the man who died following the green light.

'I don't know why people are so scared. It's only a legend,' I finish.

'Stories and words are powerful. Whispers become rumours and rumours become believed,'
says Grandma.

I spot the green light in the distance. It stays still and illuminates the tops of the trees in an eerie green haze. 'There is something creepy about it,' I say slowly.

We stop and watch the light together.

'I told you, it's a shepherd,' says Dad.

But I don't think I believe him.

Read this extract from the book again.

Answer these questions.

1. Why do you think Ruby took a deep breath before she went into the dark forest?
2. Ruby does not understand why people are scared after the earthquake, green lights and people dying. Explain why you think people might be scared?
3. What do you think grandma means when she says...

Bronze: What do you think the green lights are and what do you think will happen next?

Silver/Gold: What do you think the green lights are and what do you think will happen next?

Write this next part of the story, where Ruby discovers what the green lights are. Don't forget to use a range of sentence openers and powerful adjectives to describe what you found out.

For example: 'eerie green haze' 'creepy'