

## 6. THE BOOKEND BEAST



"With a sound like stone grinding on stone, the beast turned its head and held Archie with its gaze. A ripple of light pulsed through the beast, and its body turned from grey stone to living flesh." *Archie Greene & the Magician's Secret*, by D D Everest

When Archie and his cousins wake up the two bookend beasts in their lair, Archie recognises them from a riddle:

*"Buried deep in caverns cold  
A secret that remains untold  
Two ancient sentries guard the prize  
With lion's heart and eagle eyes."*

1. Colour in the bookend beast
2. What lines of the riddle do you think Archie recognises the beasts from?
3. Can you make up another riddle about a magical creature? Try to give clues in the riddle without naming the creature.

Here's one for a tortoise, for example:

Underneath a protective shield  
His wrinkled face remains concealed  
The sturdy legs that bear his weight  
Move so slow that he's always late