'Yeah,' said Mouse. 'If you break the promise, crows will peck out your eyeballs.' He blew another loud raspberry because it seemed the right thing to do.

'What's the Wilderness?' asked Willow.

'The Wilderness is everything between the unexplored Forest of Forever Night of the west and the Dragon Gardens of the east,' said Hare.

Willow folded her arms. 'It's just a wood,' she said. 'It's not even that big.' She remembered her dad's words. 'It's a mess. It needs a good tidy up.'

Mouse gasped and looked at the others.

Hare stepped forward, glancing over her shoulder as if the trees were listening. 'This isn't just any wood,' she whispered.

Fox nodded. 'There are mountains, deep

