Then one day, a young boy called Kehan came to do the test. He was a little boy with a big heart. He wanted to discover the secret place, find the stones and save the Kingdom!

To his surprise, Kehan passed the test. The Guardians said that he could take two friends with him on the journey. He chose his good friend Bariel and another boy, Horaf, to go with him. The Guardians gave each child a sword. The swords had magic powers to protect the children on their difficult and dangerous journey.

Now our three heroes are at the beginning of their journey in the wild countryside of Raban. In front of them are two paths. On the left, there is a path through thick forest down to the valley. On the right, there is a narrow mountain track ...

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3 Read
Read the introduction again and answer the questions.
1. What happened to the Kingdom of Raban?
2. What was special about the stones?
3. Who were the Guardians, do you think?
4. What did the Guardians do every year?
5. Who did Kehan choose to help him?

4 Look at the pictures b–g which show the next part of the story in the wrong order.
1. What do you think happens next?
2. Find these things in the pictures:
   - a ravine
   - a sword
   - a flash of light
   - the beasts