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What is the 'strange news' that everybody is talking about at the beginning of chapter 4?

AE3

Why did the people of Earth tremble and weep and pray to God?

AE4

There are very few named characters in this chapter. Instead Hughes writes about 'people', 'kings', 'presidents' and 'ministers'. What effect does this have?

AE5

Why do you think Hughes chooses to repeat the word 'terribly' so often as he describes the space-bat-angel-dragon landing on Australia?

AE6

How do you feel when you read about the space-bat-angel-dragon?