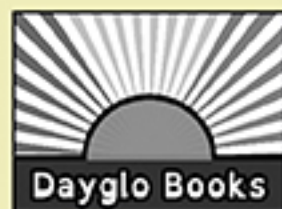




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She took advantage of these absences to go home. She climbed carefully down the shaft in the cave and made her way through the underground passages. She was glad to find members of her community – people she could trust with the information she had gleaned from him.

The elders were much reassured. They were content to let her continue her life with him.

However, they had heard less favourable news of the settlement that was arising along the coast.

They felt that having at least one friendly presence would help to adjust the balance of power when the time came. They especially wanted her to learn the secret of the fire weapon and secure one for them.

There were more fears about the arrival on the coast of groups of unhealthy Africans. They were being forcibly taken to occupy the newly settled lands.

There was more concern about this than about Zeesha's well-being.