

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Characters

Bilbo Baggins: Main character of the story. Chosen by Gandalf to join dwarves on their journey to Lonely Mountain.

Gandalf: Wizard who directs the dwarves' quest to reclaim their treasure.

Thorin: Leader of the dwarves. Grandson of Thrór, Son of Thráin who was the King under the Mountain when Smaug took the treasure.

Dwalin, Balin, Kili, Fili, Dori, Nori, Ori, Oin, Gloin, Bifur, Bofur, Bombur: The Twelve dwarves that accompany Thorin, Bilbo and Gandalf on the journey.

Bert, Tom, and William: Trolls from whom Bilbo takes the key to the cave where they find swords and gold. They want to eat the dwarves. Gandalf tricks them into staying out past dawn, thereby turning to stone.

Elrond: Leader of the elves. Lives in the Last Homely House at the edge of the wild. He translates the runes.

Goblins: Ugly wicked creatures that live in the cave in the Misty Mountains. Their leader the Great Goblin is killed by Gandalf and Thorin.

Gollum: Slimy creature who guards the mouth of the cave. Talk to himself. He owned the ring of invisibility that Bilbo steals. Plays riddle game.

Wargs: Wild wolves who chased the dwarves into the trees. Dwarves were rescued by Eagles.

Lord of the Eagles: Chief eagle. Rescues Gandalf from trees. Other eagles help to rescue the rest of the dwarves, and they all gather on their perch on the mountain. They come to the aid of the dwarves in the Battle of Five Armies.

Beorn: Also known as a skin-changer because he can change into a bear. He gave dwarves provisions to get to Lonely Mountain. He fights the Goblins at the Battle of Five Armies. Gandalf and Bilbo spend the yuletide with him on their way back to Hobbiton.

Elvenking: King of the Elves who imprisons Thorin, and the other dwarves. They escape in barrels with the help of Bilbo. He appears at the Battle of Five Armies.

Master of Lake-town: Ruler of Esgaroth the town of Men. Lake-town. Becomes corrupted by the treasure.

Smaug: The dragon who lives under the Lonely Mountain. Sleeps on top of the treasure.

Bard: The man from Lake-town who kills Smaug the dragon. Becomes the Master of Lake-Town.

Dain: Cousin of Thorin, comes to the aid of Thorin in the Battle of Five Armies.

Where does Bilbo Baggins live? (Bag-End in Hobbiton)

Who are Bilbo's parents? (Belladonna Took and Bungo Baggins)

Which side of the family is the adventurous one? (Took)

Who is the first dwarf to arrive? (Dwalin)

Thorin wants Bilbo to join the group for two reasons, what are they? (A group of 13 would be unlucky and he needs a burglar)

Where was the explanation note to Bilbo placed? (on the mantelpiece, under the clock)

How many dwarves were on the adventure? (13)

What distinguishes hobbit feet from human feet? (they are wooly)

Who is the leader of the dwarves? (Thorin)

What is Gandalf's profession? (wizard)

In what month did they begin their journey? (April)

Who were the youngest dwarves? (Fili and Kili)

Who's map did Gandalf spread out to look at before their journey? (Thrór's map, grandfather of Thorin)

What else was with the map? (a key)

Where do the dwarves need to travel to? (the Lonely Mountain)

What are the troll's names? (Tom, Bert and William)

What do the troll's want to do with the dwarves? (eat them)

What happened to the Troll's. (they turned to stone at dawn)

Who found the key to the troll's cave? (Bilbo)

What do they get from the troll's cave? (gold and swords as follows: Thorin=Orcrist, Gandalf=Glamdring, Bilbo=Sting)

What did they do with the gold? (took some with and buried some)

What is the dragon's name? (Smaug)

Who is the Master of Rivendell? (Elrond)

What is the name of the dwelling? (The Last Homely House or the First Homely House depending on which way you are heading)

Who deciphers the moon-runes? (Elrond)

What day do they have to wait for before they can open the secret door on the side of the mountain? (Durin's Day)

What is Durin's Day? (first day of the dwarves' new year, first day of the last moon of Autumn)

Why do Fili and Kili seek shelter for the group in a cave? (to protect them from the stone-giants and the storm)

The goblins capture them in the cave. Who does not get captured? (Gandalf)

What happens to the Great Goblin? (he gets slain by Gandalf's sword Glamdring the Foe-hammer)

Which dwarf carried Bilbo? (Dori)

What does Bilbo discover on the floor of the caves? (a ring)

Who does Bilbo encounter in this cave? (Gollum)

What is Gollum's name for the ring? (Precious)
What effect does the magic ring have? (it makes the wearer invisible)
What kind of contest does Bilbo and Gollum hold? (riddle solving)
According to Gollum's riddle, what "ends life" and "kills laughter"? (Dark)
What was the answer to the Gollum's last riddle? (Time!Time!)
What is Bilbo's question? (What have I got in my pockets?)
What was chasing them after they escaped the goblins? (were-wolves or Wargs)
Where did they seek safety? (in the trees)
What did the Wargs and goblins do then? (set fire below the trees to burn them down)
What are the Wolves afraid of? (fire)
What are goblins afraid of? (Eagles)
Who rescued them from the trees? (Eagles)
Where did the Eagles take them? (to the eagle's perch on the mountain)
The Eagles then took them elsewhere to continue on their journey where was it? (Carrock-steps on the great rock built by Beorn)
What do they call Beorn and why? (skin-changer because he can change into a bear)
Who accompanies the dwarves to Mirkwood? (Gandalf and Beorn)
What are they told that they must not do in Mirkwood? (do not leave the path)
What creatures did Bilbo save the dwarves from in Mirkwood? (spiders)
Which dwarf did not get caught by the spiders? (Thorin he got captured by wood-elves)
What does Bilbo name his sword? (Sting)
What kind of people do the dwarves meet after escaping the spiders? (wood-elves)
What names did they call the spiders that made them angry? (Lazy Lob and Attercop)
How did Bilbo liberate the dwarves from the wood-elves? (packed them in wine barrels that were sent down the river)
How did Bilbo travel down the river? (He rode on top of the barrels)
Where does the river take them? (Lake-town or Esgaroth, a town of men)
Where does Smaug live? (under the Lonely Mountain)
What is the first thing Bilbo takes from Smaug's lair? (a great two handled cup)
Does Bilbo tell Smaug is real name? (no)
What are some names Bilbo gives to Smaug? (Barrelrider, Ringwinner, Luckwearer)
Where is Smaug's one weak spot? (on his left breast above his heart)
What did Thorin especially want from Smaug's lair? (the Arkenstone of Thrain)
What is the Arkenstone? (a great white gem, the Heart of the Mountain)
Who took the Arkenstone?(Bilbo)
In revenge, Smaug leaves the Lonely Mountain and does what? (destroys Esgaroth or Lake-town)
Who told Bard about the dragon's weakness? (a thrush)
How did the thrush know about Smaug weakness? (by eavesdropping on the elves)
Who killed the dragon? (Bard with his black arrow through his left breast)
What item did Thorin give Bilbo from Smaug's lair as part of his reward? (a coat of mithril)
What is mithril? (a coat of silver steel)
What is cram? (like a biscuit, good indefinitely, sustaining, not very tasty. Good for long journeys)
The elves and men came to the Lonely Mountain seeking what? (Their share of the treasure)
How does Bilbo try to negotiate peace? (By giving Bard the Arkenstone)
Who fights in the Battle of Five Armies? (dwarves, elves and men against goblins and wargs)
What do the goblins and wargs want? (to avenge the death of the Great Goblin)
Who was the leader of the goblin horde? (Bolg)
Who did Thorin send for help?(a raven named Roac)
Who was a leader of dwarves of the Iron Hills? (Dain cousin of Thorin)
What are Bilbo's last words in the Battle of Five Armies? (The Eagles!)
How many dwarves survive the journey? (10, Thorin, Fili and Kili were killed)
Who became King under the Mountain? (Dain cousin of Thorin)
What was buried with Thorin? (the Arkenstone)
What was laid on Thorin's tomb? (Orcrest the elvish sword)
How many ways was the treasure divided? (14)
What did Bilbo take with him as his portion of the treasure? (two chests one filled with silver and one filled with gold)
Where do the dwarves choose to live at the end of this story? (With Dain)
Where did Gandalf and Bilbo stop on their way home? (Beorn's house for Yuletide and they stayed until spring, they then stopped at the Last Homely House or the First? To visit Elrond and they stopped to dig up the troll's gold they had buried)
What month did Bilbo arrive home? (June a year after he left Bag-End)
Where does Bilbo choose to live? (His old home in Hobbiton)
What does Bilbo find upon arriving home? (His estate being auctioned off by the Sackville-Bagginses)
Which dwarf visits Bilbo at the end of the story? (Balin)
What is the full title of "The Hobbit"? (The Hobbit or There and Back Again)