

# THE HOBBIT

## CHAPTER ABSTRACTS – CHAPTER 2

- Bilbo wakes to find a letter the dwarves have left announcing that they have gone ahead and are waiting for him. He rushes out of his house to join the adventure.
- At first, the journey is pleasant.
- On a rainy night, the dwarves and Bilbo find themselves without a fire, without Gandalf and with very little food.
- Bilbo is sent ahead to investigate a fire in the distance and finds three trolls eating and drinking.
- Bilbo tries his first act of burglary and is caught by the trolls.
- The dwarves come to find Bilbo and are caught.
- The trolls argue about how to cook the dwarves; Gandalf returns and manages to keep the trolls arguing until dawn breaks and the trolls turn to stone.
- The adventurers raid the troll's store of plunder, finding food and weapons.
- Bilbo begins developing courage and bravery. The dwarves had not sent him to rob the trolls, but he chose to make his first attempt at burglary.
- We see the characters of the dwarves and of Bilbo at the outset of the journey - the dwarves are complaining and quarrelsome; Bilbo is soft and unused to hardship.
- The "not for the last time" refrain is introduced. This phrase is used to indicate Bilbo's love of home.
- Quest adventures involve many obstacles. This is the first obstacle (or "preliminary adventure") in the quest.



THE TROLLS