

# THE HOBBIT

## CHAPTER ABSTRACTS – CHAPTER 4

- The travelers take the road through the Misty Mountains and are caught by a thunderstorm.
- They take shelter in a cave which seems small and safe, but proves to be the goblins' "Front Porch."
- Goblins take Bilbo and the dwarves prisoner (but not Gandalf) and drag them before the Great Goblin. The Great Goblin is enraged when he discovers Thorin's elvish sword.
- Gandalf creates confusion with smoke and light, kills the Great Goblin, and leads the dwarves and Bilbo away through the tunnels. Bilbo has to be carried on the backs of the dwarves because he cannot run as fast as they.
- After a surprise attack by the goblins, Bilbo is knocked unconscious.
- Quests usually focus on the conflict between good and evil. Here, we see the forces of evil clearly: the goblins are full of hatred and cruelty, in contrast to the dwarves, the elves and the hobbits.
- Bilbo does his first useful thing: he wakes up in time to give the alarm, which allows Gandalf to free himself and not be taken prisoner. However, this is done by chance and not from deliberate choice. But he is beginning to prove his worth.

