

THE HOBBIT

CHAPTER ABSTRACTS – CHAPTER 5

- Bilbo regains his senses and finds himself alone in the dark. He tries to find his way out of the tunnels.
- Bilbo stumbles on a ring and slips it into his pocket. He also discovers that his sword is an elvish blade.
- Bilbo encounters Gollum and agrees to a riddle contest with him: if Gollum wins, Gollum will eat him. If Bilbo wins, Gollum will show him the way out.
- Bilbo wins the riddle contest but Gollum does not intend to keep his word. In a brief scuffle, Bilbo discovers that the ring confers invisibility on its wearer.
- Gollum believes Bilbo knows the way out and "follows" him; Bilbo creeps behind to the exit.
- Gollum blocks the way out of the tunnels. Bilbo considers killing him but decides not to out of honor (it would not be a fair fight as Bilbo is armed and invisible while Gollum is not) and pity.
- Bilbo escapes out of the tunnels.
- The finding of the ring is "a turning point in [Bilbo's] career" - a stroke of luck that proves necessary for later events.
- In a traditional quest, the hero receives a gift or tool that will help him/her achieve the quest.
- Bilbo has to rely on himself for the first time. He is helped by luck rather than skill.

