

THE HOBBIT

CHAPTER ABSTRACTS – CHAPTER 6

- Bilbo discovers that he is on the eastern side of the Misty Mountains and rejoins the dwarves and Gandalf, who have also come through the mountains.
- The adventurers flee through the woods away from the mountains, knowing that the goblins will hunt them at nightfall.
- They hear the howls of a pack of wargs (evil wolves) and take refuge in trees. Gandalf attempts to drive away the wargs by setting pinecones on fire and hurling these at the wargs.
- The goblins arrive for a meeting with the wargs and find the woods on fire and the adventurers up trees. The goblins put out all the fires except the ones near to the adventurers, planning to set the adventurers' trees on fire and kill them.
- The Lord of the Eagles hears and sees the goblins and wargs at work. He and his followers fly in to rescue Gandalf and the dwarves. Bilbo is nearly left behind, but catches hold of Dori's legs.
- The adventurers are guests of the eagles overnight, although Bilbo is at first afraid that the eagles intend to kill and eat them.
- Bilbo's account of his adventures alone with Gollum, along with his ability to creep past Balin unseen, help the dwarves to start seeing him as a worthy member of the adventure.
- Bilbo does not tell the dwarves about the ring and its powers. It is interesting to speculate about his motives for doing this (although in *The Lord of the Rings*, the psychological/spiritual effects of the ring on its wearer are explained).

