

THE HOBBIT

CHAPTER ABSTRACTS – CHAPTER 10

- The barrels arrive at Laketown. Bilbo releases the dwarves from their barrels and finds that they have all arrived safely, although hungry and battered.
- Thorin proclaims himself to be the grandson of Thror, the former King Under the Mountain, who has returned to reclaim Thror's kingdom.
- Thorin and the other dwarves (and Bilbo) are well received by most of the people of the town, who have heard the stories about the former prosperity of their town during the reign of Thror and believe these times are returning.
- The Master of Laketown, who cares little for songs and legends, believes Thorin and company to be frauds, but humors them. He is surprised when they actually set off for the Lonely Mountain.
- Throughout all the celebrations, Bilbo is preoccupied and concerned about the Lonely Mountain and the dragon waiting there.
- The Elvenking learns of their escape and the true nature of their quest.
- This chapter provides another "rest" before the final obstacle of the quest is faced.
- Bilbo demonstrates that he has more common sense and wisdom than the dwarves. While the dwarves are enjoying the accolades and songs of the townsfolk, and are becoming (over)confident about recovering their treasure and their kingdom, Bilbo is aware that the most difficult obstacle still lies in front of them.

