

THE HOBBIT

CHAPTER ABSTRACTS – CHAPTER 11

- Bilbo and the dwarves travel to the Lonely Mountain and begin to scout around it. They see the devastation created by the dragon, including the ruined city of Dale.
- The search for the hidden door begins. Most of the dwarves begin to lose heart, but Bilbo remains hopeful and pores over Thorin's map continually.
- Bilbo, Fili and Kili discover the narrow mountain path to the hidden door and the small grassy patch they call "the doorstep."
- They make a camp on "the doorstep," but Bombur and the ponies remain at the lower camp, unwilling or unable to negotiate the narrow path or the ropes.
- The dwarves attempt to open the door by force or magic; their attempts are unsuccessful.
- The dwarves are considering sending Bilbo in by the Front Gate when Bilbo realizes that it is Durin's Day and their one chance for unlocking the secret door has come.
- At Bilbo's prompting, Thorin unlocks the door into the mountain.
- Bilbo is now almost a fully-fledged "hero" - he keeps his spirits up, finds the path, and solves the riddle to find the keyhole.
- Rather than relying on just courage and wits, Bilbo also listens to his inner guidance, which helps him be in the right place at the right time to find the keyhole.

