

CHAPTER ABSTRACTS - CHAPTER 12

- Bilbo enters the mountain and sees Smaug and the vast treasure he guards.
- Bilbo steals a cup from Smaug's hoard. The dragon reacts in extreme rage and begins to scour the mountain for the thief. Bilbo and the dwarves hide inside the secret door. They successfully haul Bombur up, but the ponies are driven off and some are eaten.
- Bilbo returns to the great hall, where Smaug sleeps on the treasure to find out more about Smaug.
- Smaug is awake and talks with Bilbo. Bilbo exercises his wits to conceal his name from the dragon and to discover Smaug's one weak spot ~ a patch on his left side (near his heart) that is unprotected by either scales or an encrusting of diamonds.
- The dwarves begin discussing how to kill the dragon but soon turn to talk of their treasures within the hoard.
- The dragon strikes, blocking the door and trapping the dwarves inside. He then decides to attack Laketown, as he deduces that the Lake-men have helped the dwarves.

