

Chapter 16

1. What news did Roäc bring the besieged dwarves?

Dain and more than 500 dwarves were within two days' march of Dale.

2. Why did Bilbo offer to take Bombur's watch?

Bilbo wanted to be able to leave undetected.

3. What did Bilbo give Bard? Why?

Bilbo gave Bard the Arkenstone so Bard could use it in bargaining with Thorin. Bilbo wanted peace.

4. Who praised Bilbo for his meeting with Bard?

Gandalf did.

Chapter 17

1. Why did Thorin throw Bilbo out of his camp?

Bilbo confessed that he gave the Arkenstone to Bard.

2. Why wouldn't Bard let Dain and the dwarves pass?

He could see that they were well supplied and would resupply the dwarves at the Mountain, dragging out the time it would take to make Thorin comply.

3. What announcement did Gandalf make?

He announced that bats, goblins and wargs had come to fight.

4. What were the armies in The Battle of Five Armies?

They were armies made of wargs, goblins, dwarves, elves, and men.

5. What plan did Gandalf propose?

He suggested that they could lure the goblins into the valley between the arms of the Mountain, manning the parts that struck out to the south and east. The elves would be on the southern part and the men and dwarves would be on the eastern section.

6. Why did the dwarves agree to fight with the men and elves against the goblins and wargs?

It was their only chance for survival.

7. Who were the first to charge against the goblins?

The elves were, followed by Dain's dwarves.

8. When all seemed lost against the goblins, what appeared on the scene?

The eagles came to help.

9. What happened to Bilbo during the battle?

He put on his ring to become invisible, but he was still struck in the head with a stone and was knocked out.

Chapter 18

1. When Bilbo awoke after being knocked out by the stone, what did he see?

It looked as if the battle had ended and the goblins had been defeated.

2. Why did Thorin call for Bilbo?

He wanted to make peace with Bilbo before he died.

3. What did Bilbo miss at the end of the battle while he was knocked out?

The eagles fought against the goblins. Beorn came and fought, found Thorin wounded and carried him to safety, returned to the battle and killed Bolg, the goblin king. With Bolg dead, many goblins fled. They scattered and were killed by the elves and the armies who drove them away. Some goblins were eliminated by the perils of Mirkwood.

4. What parting gift did Bard bestow upon Thorin?

He placed the Arkenstone on his breast at his burial.

5. What parting gift did the Elvenking give Thorin?

He laid Orcrist upon Thorin's tomb.

6. Who led the dwarves after Thorin's death?

Dain did.

7. What did Dain give Bard? Why?

He gave Bard 1/14 of the treasure, as Thorin had promised him for the Arkenstone.

8. What did Bard do with his riches?

He rewarded the Master of the Lake people, the Elvenking and Bilbo.

9. What did Bilbo give the Elvenking? Why?

He gave him a necklace of silver and pearls to repay his hospitality.

10. Who became a great chief, ruling lands between the mountains and the wood? Beorn did.

Chapter 19

1. Where had Gandalf been while he was away from Thorin and Co.?

He was at a council of wizards of good magic, who drove the Necromancer from his hold on the south of Mirkwood.

2. What did Gandalf and Bilbo dig up?

They dug up the troll treasure.

3. When Bilbo arrived home, what did he find?

His belongings were being auctioned. He was presumed dead.

4. What, besides spoons, did Bilbo lose?

He lost his reputation. He was an elf-friend, had the honor of dwarves and wizards, and was no longer quite respectable among the hobbits.

5. Who came to visit Bilbo a few years after his return home?

Gandalf and Balin came.

6. What news did Balin bring?

He said that the land of the Mountain was quite prosperous and all was well.

7. What were Gandalf's last words to Bilbo in this book?

“ . . . Surely you don't disbelieve the prophecies, because you had a hand in bringing them about yourself? You don't really suppose, do you, that all your adventures and escapes were managed by mere luck, just for your sole benefit? You are a very fine person, Mr. Baggins, and I am very fond of you; but you are only quite a little fellow in a wide world after all.”