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BAGGINS IS BACK!

SURPRISE RETURN OF HOBBIT THOUGHT DEAD

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The quiet village of Hobbiton-on-the-Water was yesterday in uproar due to the unexpected re-appearance of Mr Bilbo Baggins, who left the Shire months ago, accompanied by the wizard Gandalf. Where has he been all this time?

A large crowd of Hobbits had gathered at Mr Baggins' home, Bag End, where his property was being sold off by his cousins, Mr and Mrs Sackville. They had asked some months ago for Mr Baggins to be declared dead and had subsequently claimed Bag End as their own inheritance.

Having demonstrated that he was very definitely alive, Mr Baggins demanded that everyone should leave his house. Mrs Sackville was heard to say, "It's outrageous! How can we be sure he's not an imposter?" However, Mr Baggins has told his story exclusively to the *Hobbiton Herald*.

Bilbo Baggins, Gandalf and a party of dwarves (led by Thorin Oakenshield) departed some time ago on a quest to recover lost treasure, stolen centuries before by the fearsome dragon Smaug, hundreds of miles away beyond the Misty Mountains. Their journey through foreign territories was perilous and Bilbo claims that their lives were endangered many times.



Bilbo Baggins

Early on, they were captured by trolls; they only avoided being eaten because Gandalf tricked the creatures and turned them to stone. While sheltering from a violent storm in the Misty Mountains, they were trapped again – this time by hordes of vicious, evil goblins. Bilbo explained they had got away because Gandalf killed the Great Goblin with magic.

Lost and alone underground, Bilbo next met a strange creature called Gollum, who agreed to help if the hobbit could answer a series of riddles. Unfortunately, this individual betrayed Bilbo's trust. Mr Baggins wouldn't detail how he managed to escape – he is strangely reluctant to discuss this particular event...

In Mirkwood, the adventurers unwisely strayed from the path and consequently were imprisoned again. Quick-thinking Bilbo saved them from years in the dungeons: "I made everyone climb into barrels and we floated down the river." he explained.

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When they finally reached their destination – the Lonely Mountain – they found a scene of such desolation that the dwarves were initially unable to find the way into their family home. Bilbo saved the day. He not only located the entrance but also devised how to kill the dragon. Following Smaug’s death, they were attacked by the goblins and their allies. Although the evil creatures were defeated, Thorin was unfortunately killed.

Grateful for all his help, the dwarves rewarded Bilbo with treasure and he set off home with Gandalf. After a less eventful journey back, he arrived in Hobbiton only to find everyone thought he was dead!

Now that Mr Baggins has recovered from his epic adventure, he says he has asked the police to make the Sackvilles hand back his property. He will be staying at Bag End for the foreseeable future: “No more adventures for me!” said Bilbo, grinning.



The Lonely Mountain