

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

My name is Holly Williams, and I will be your child's Literature and Grammar teacher next year. I am so excited to meet you! Sixth grade is reading *The Hobbit* for their summer reading. They will also have a reading guide that they will need to complete before the first day of school. Attached is copy of the download. Please print it out and put it in a yellow folder. The first page of the download has more information for you and your student to sign.

The book we are reading this summer is *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien. It is the version published by Mariner Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The ISBN is: 978-0-547-92822-7. Please make sure you purchase this edition as it is imperative we have the same edition while working through the book this fall. I know it will be available at the Barnes & Noble at La Cantera and online through Amazon.

I am so excited to get to know my new sixth-graders this fall! *The Hobbit* is a wonderful summer read! I pray that God will give you all a restful summer as you prepare for the adventure of Logic School!

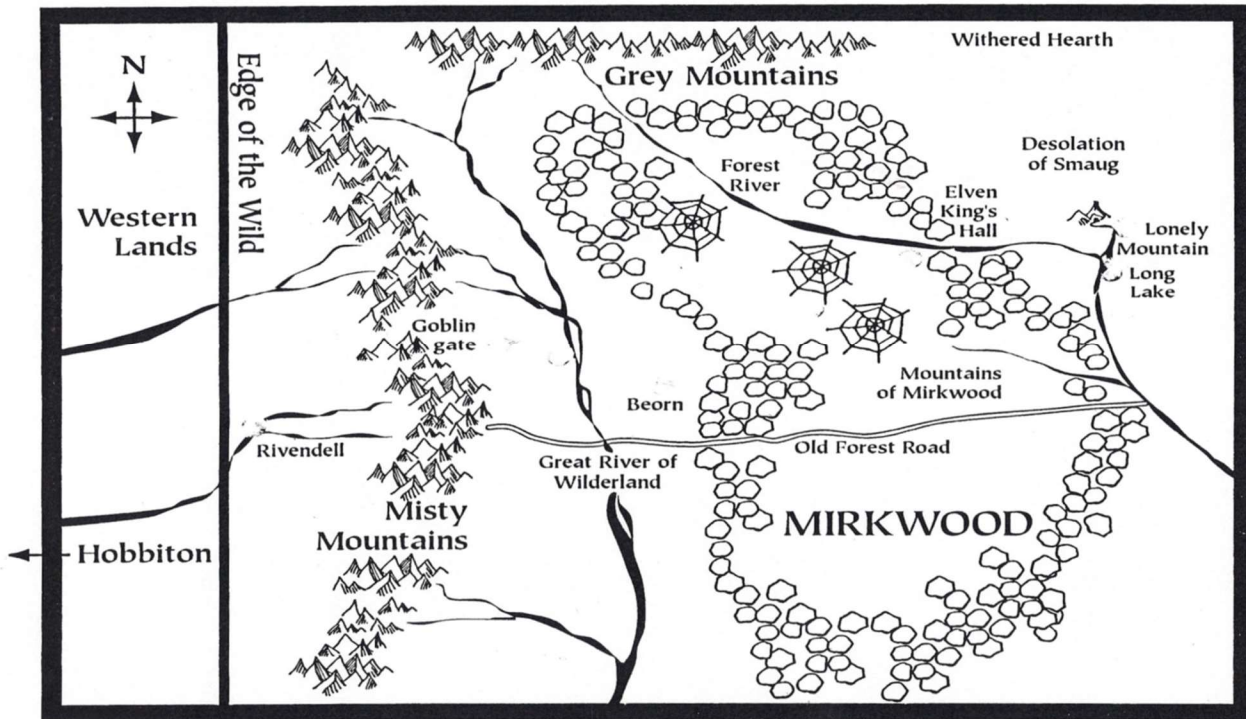
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The Hobbit

By J.R.R. Tolkien

THE HOBBIT



Ch.1 An Unexpected Party:

In Chapter 1, we are introduced to Bilbo and his way of life. We find the unexpected visit of Gandalf, followed by the unexpected visit of the thirteen dwarves. Gandalf has enlisted Bilbo to be the “burglar” on the Dwarves quest for their treasure in the Lonely Mountain.

1. How do the dwarves know to come to Bilbo’s house?

2. What is important to Bilbo? How can you tell? With what does he struggle?

3. Why is this treasure so important to Thorin & Co.? Is there something more than just the riches?

4. What does Gandalf have that would help them find the secret entrance?

Chapter 2 Roast Mutton

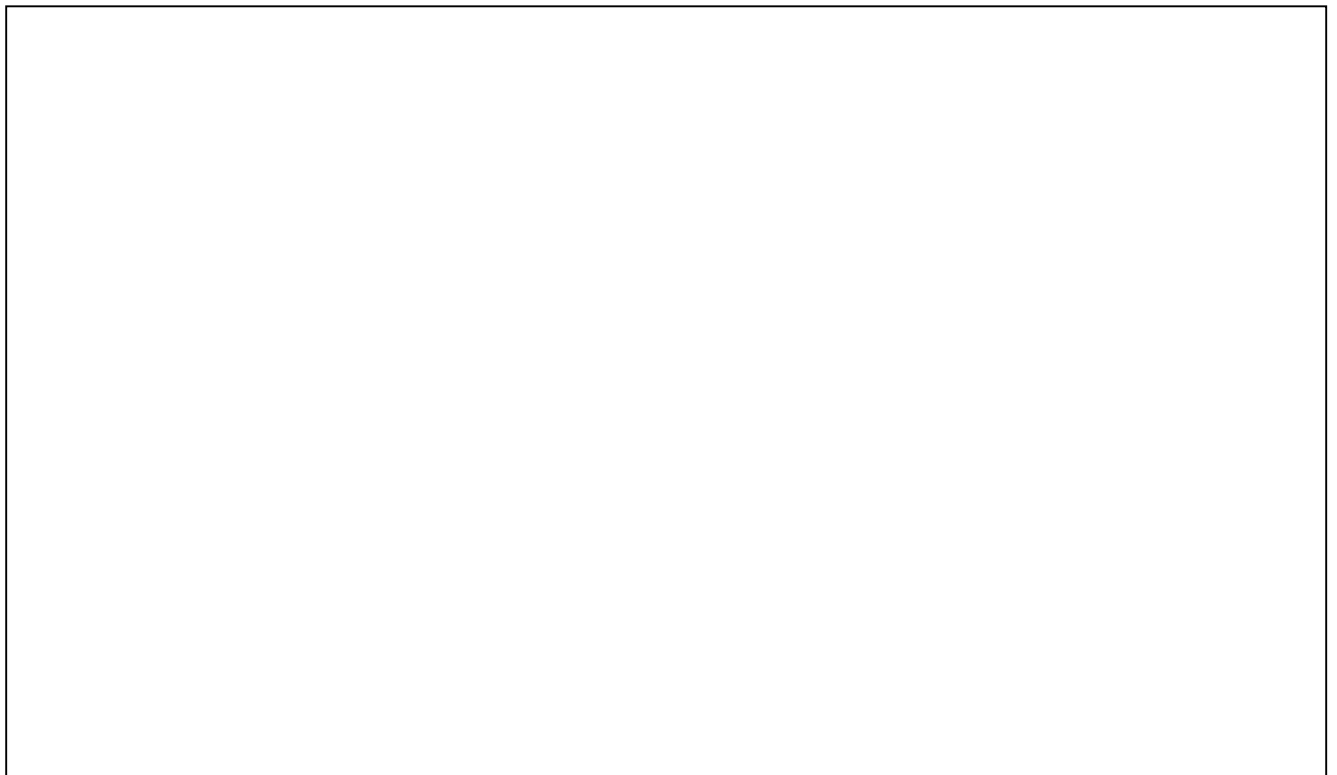
1. Where do the dwarves leave a message for Bilbo?

2. How do the trolls know Bilbo was there?

3. Whose voice keeps the trolls arguing?

4. What does Bilbo get from the trolls' lair?

Draw a picture of the trolls and label them with their names.
































Chapter 3 A Short Rest

1. Why is Durin's Day important? (There is more than one reason.)_____

Do the Rune Translation Project on the following pages.

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Rune Translation Project

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Rune Translation Project, Page 2

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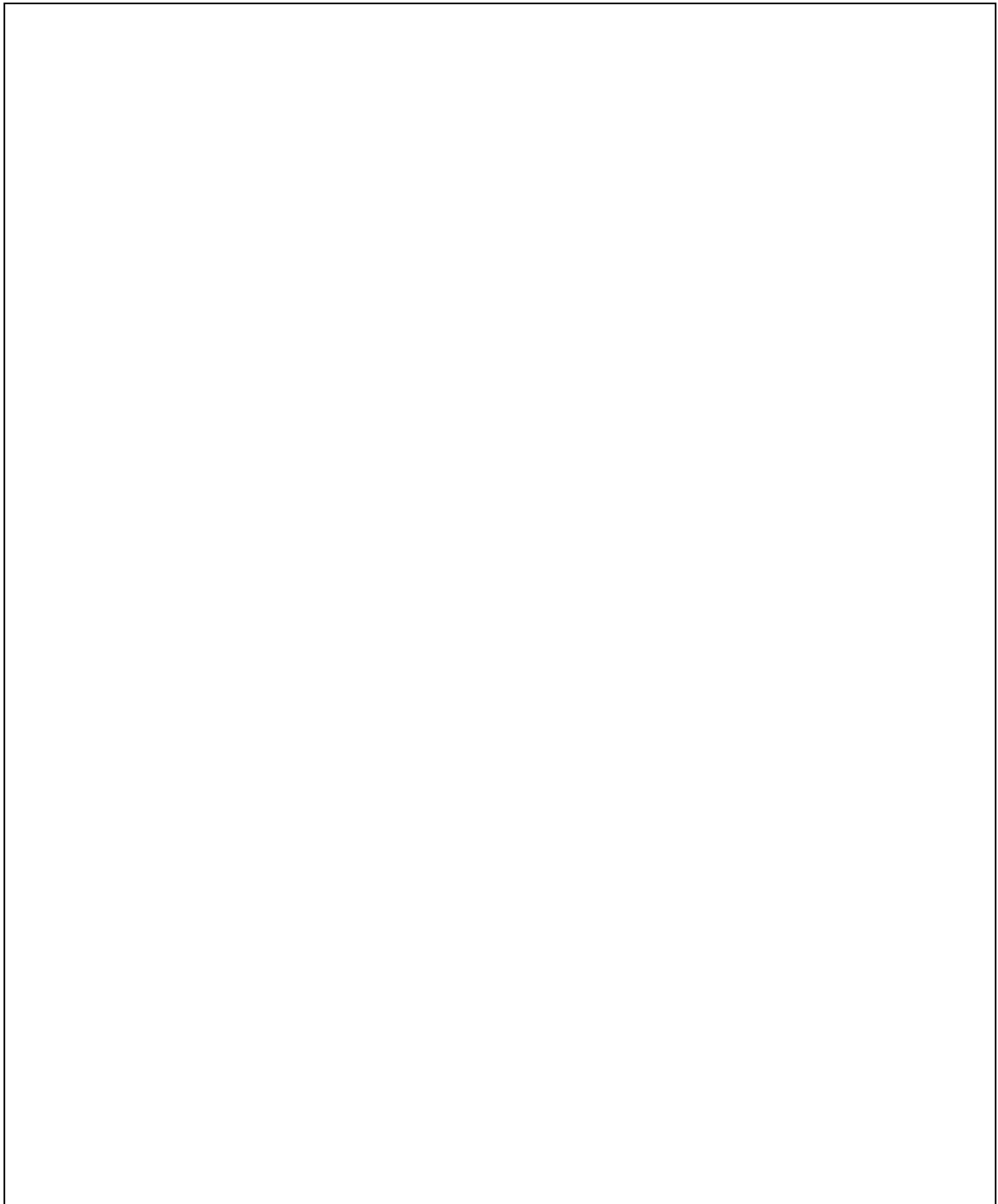
Tolkien wrote it.

There and back again.

Chapter 4 Over Hill and Under Hill

1. Who are Biter and Beater?

2. Please illustrate why the group had to find shelter.



Chapter 5 Riddles in the Dark

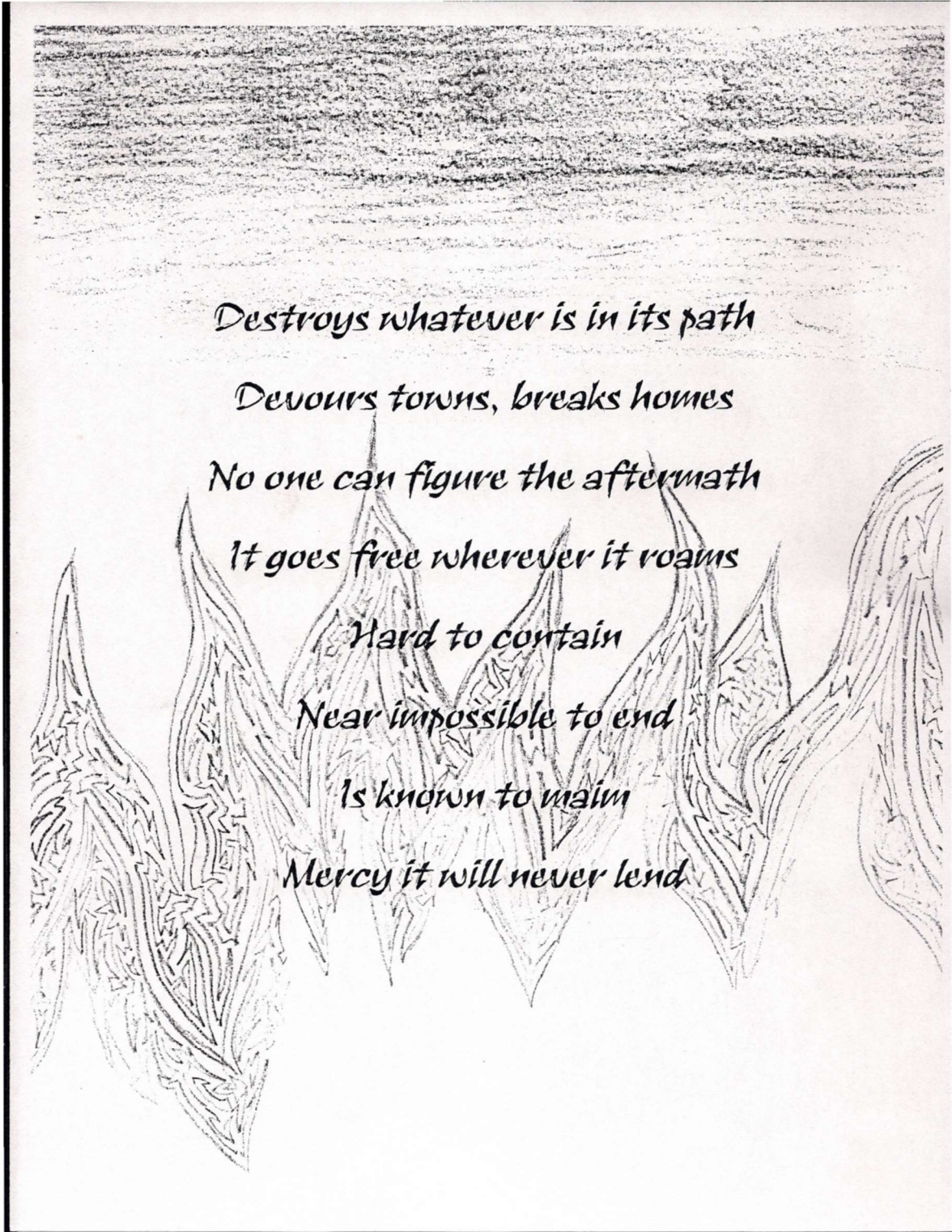
1. Write four adjectives Tolkien uses to describe Gollum:

2. What will Gollum receive if he wins the riddle competition? What will Bilbo receive?

3. What is the riddle and answer that Gollum cannot solve?

Riddle Project:

Hobbits are very fond of riddles. Bilbo's grasp of riddles saves him from being eaten by Gollum. Choose an everyday object and on the next page write a riddle which describes it. Write the answer to the riddle on the *back* of the sheet. Make sure to include an illustration as well. An example is provided for you behind the blank page.



Destroys whatever is in its path

Devours towns, breaks homes

No one can figure the aftermath

It goes free wherever it roams

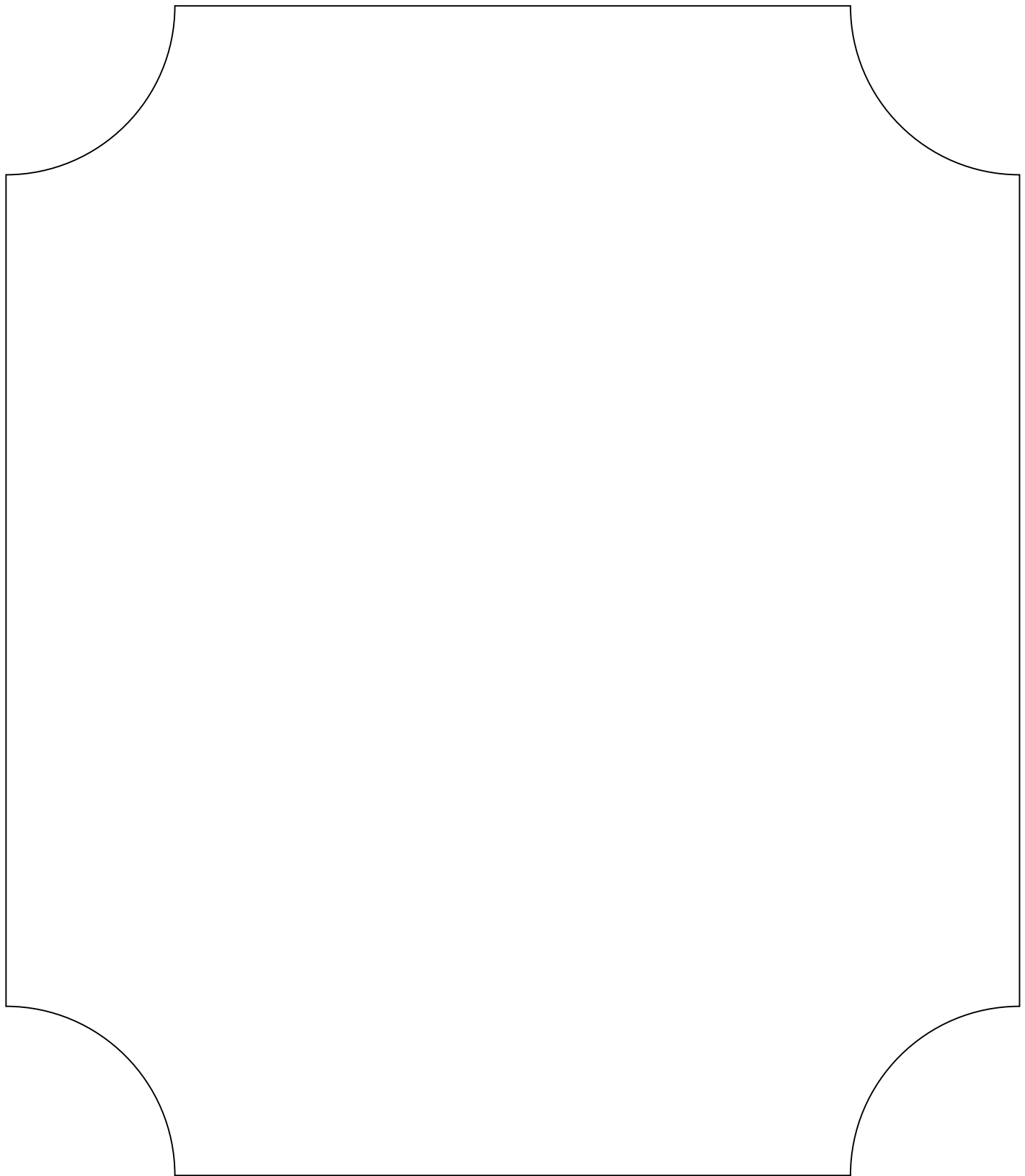
Hard to contain

Near impossible to end

Is known to maim

Mercy it will never lend

Answer: *Fire*



Answer:

Chapter 6 Out of the Frying-Pan and into the Fire

1. The title of this chapter is an idiom. An idiom is an expression or phrase that has a figurative (or sometimes literal) meaning. Example: *It is raining cats and dogs*. What does the title of this chapter mean?

Think of another idiom and write it down and it's meaning: _____

2. What important decision does Bilbo make about Gollum on his way out? _____

3. How had Gandalf helped the Lord of Eagles?

4. Why won't the eagles take the dwarves too close to where the men lived? _____

Chapter 7 Queer Lodgings

1. What does Beorn warn the group not to do at night when they stay at his house? _____

2. From the tracks he found, what does Gandalf believe happened that night? _____

3. What does Beorn provide for the group on their journey?

Chapter 8 Flies and Spiders

1. Who falls into the enchanted stream? How does he fall in? What do the dwarves have to do for him?

2. What are the dwarves shooting at when they use up all their arrows?

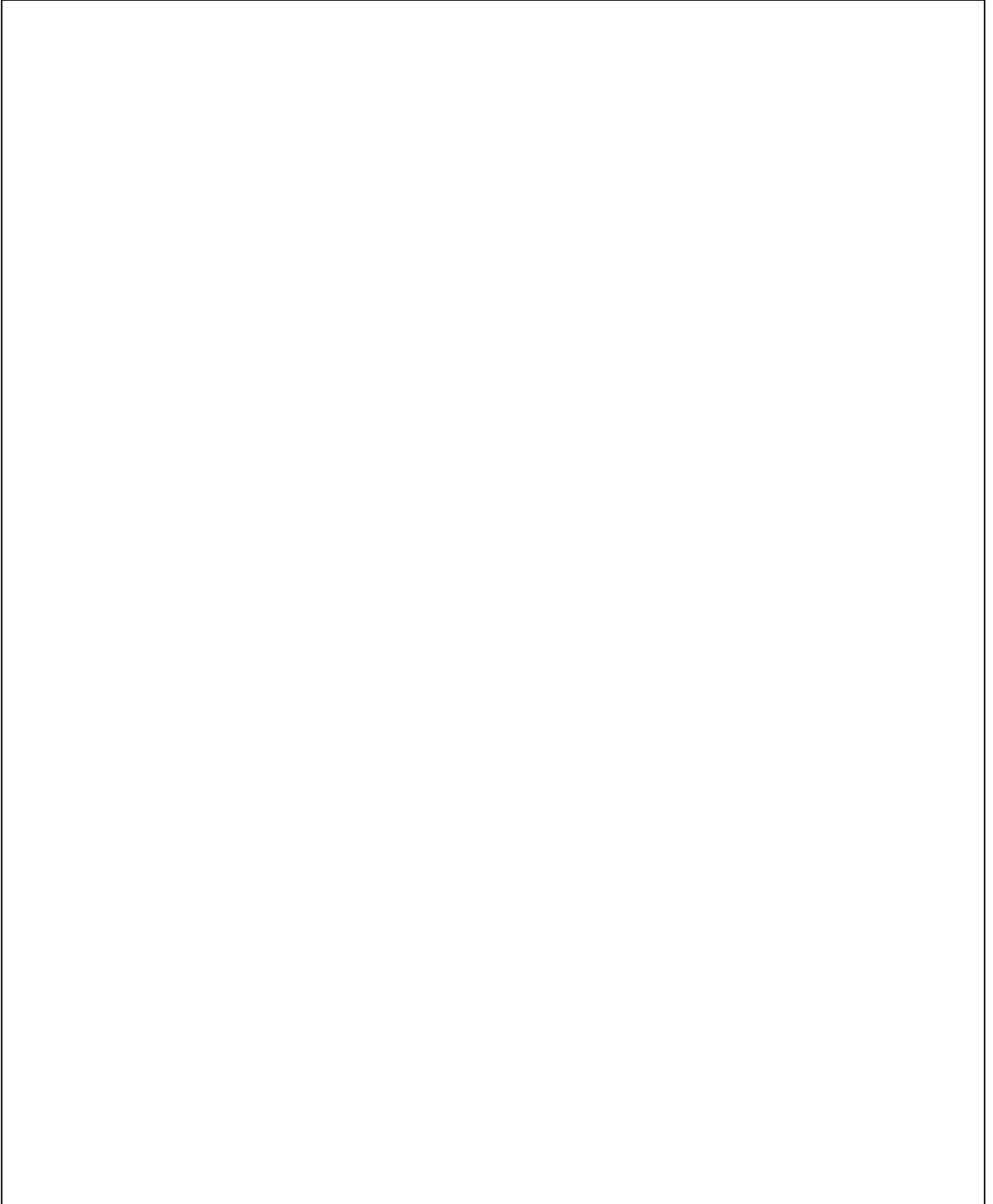
3. What does Bilbo name his sword? Why?

4. How does Bilbo lure the spiders away from the dwarves?

5. When they get away from the spiders, who is missing?

Chapter 10 A Warm Welcome

1 Draw a picture of Lake Town. Be sure to include the Master of Lake Town in your illustration and label him.



Chapter 11 On the Doorstep

1. Who stays behind to guard the dwarves' possessions and refuses to climb the path or be lifted up by rope?

2. Name two things done unsuccessfully by the dwarves to get the door open.

3. What makes a sound at the time when the keyhole can be spotted?

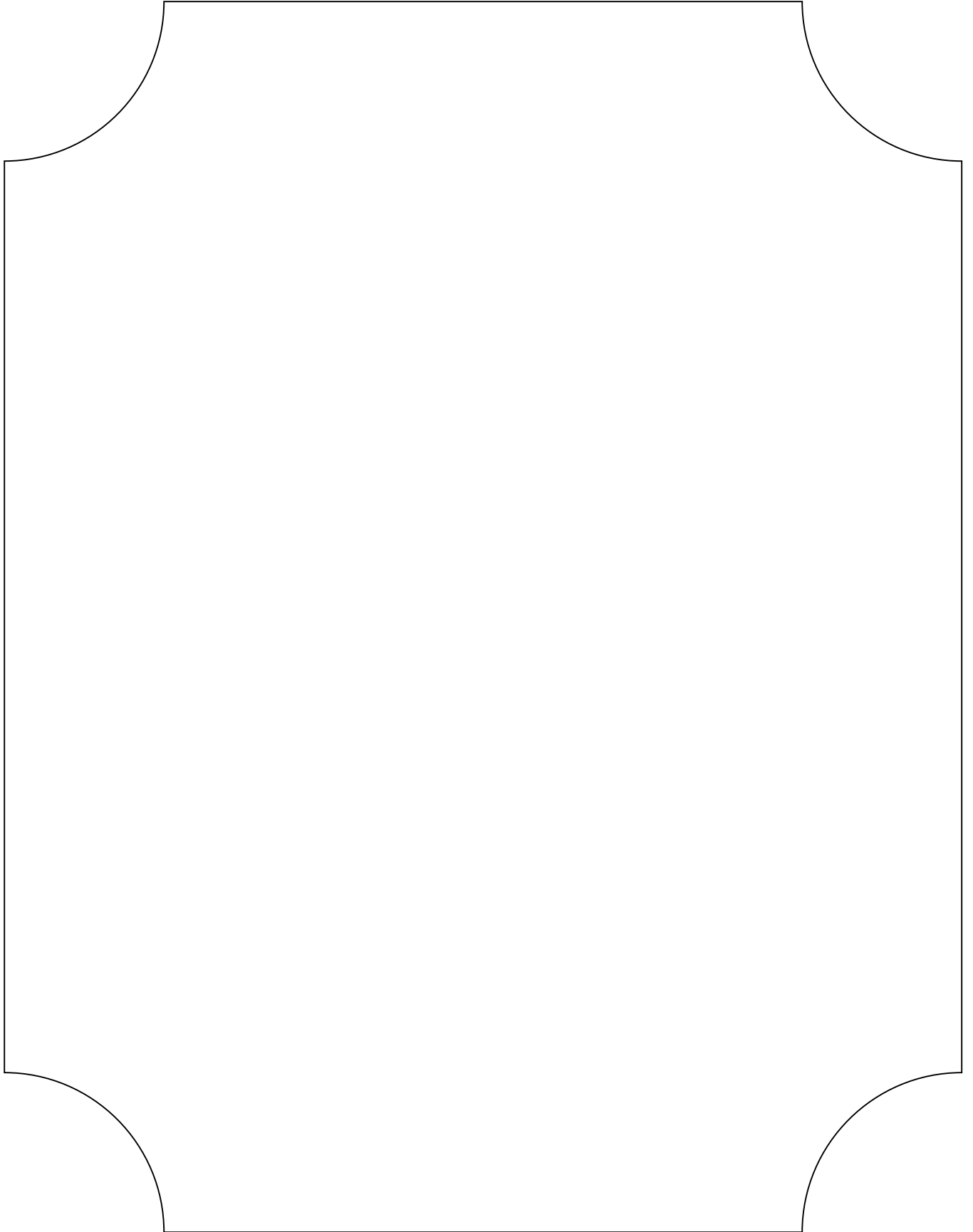
Chapter 12 Inside Information

1. How are Bofur and Bombur rescued from Smaug?

2. Where is Smaug's weak spot?

3. On the next page, draw a colorful illustration of Smaug in his chamber.

Smaug



Chapter 13 Not at Home

1. What does Bilbo take from Smaug's treasure when the others were too scared to explore?

2. Why is Bilbo screaming for help down in Smaug's cave?

Chapter 14 Fire and Water

1. How does Smaug's killer know where his weak spot was?

2. On the next page, you will make a story board of the events in this chapter. A story board is similar to a comic strip. You tell the story through illustrations. You may use bubbles for dialogue if you would like. Please use color in your storyboard.

Ch. 14 Story Board

Chapter 15 *The Gathering of Clouds*

1. Who is headed towards the Mountain?

2. What does Thorin ask Roac to do for him?

3. Describe Thorin's attitude as he spoke with those gathered at the Mountain. Use quality adjectives and strong verbs.

Chapter 16 A Thief in the Night

1. How does Bilbo get away from the Mountain without being questioned or noticed? (Be sure to give a complete and detailed answer.)

2. Who does Bilbo go see?

3. What does Bilbo give away? Why does he give it away?

4. Draw a colorful picture of the Arkenstone.



Chapter 17 The Clouds Burst

1. How does Thorin find out who stole the Arkenstone?

2. List the 5 armies that fought:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

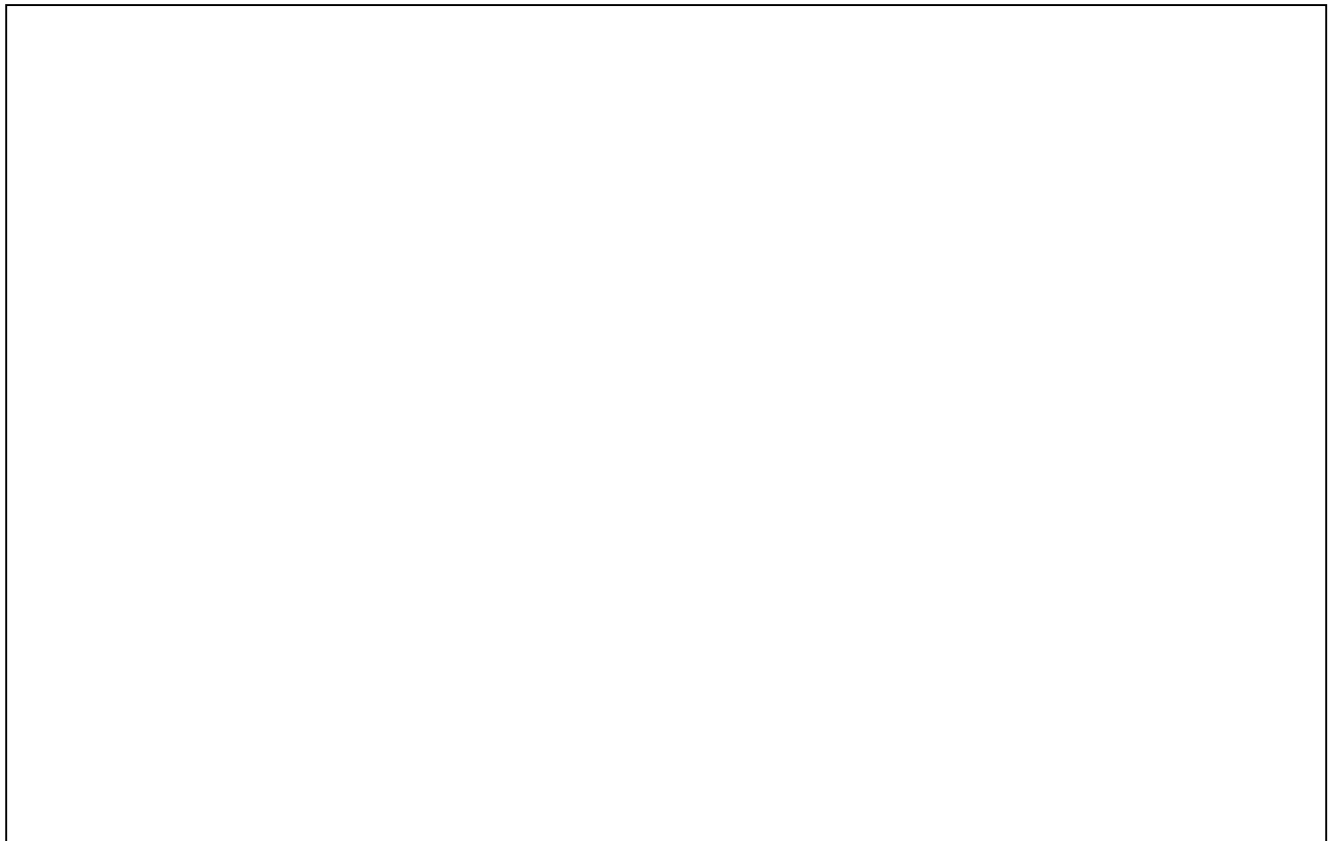
vs.

4. _____

5. _____

3. Who is the sixth army that came to help the dwarves?

4. In the space below, illustrate Bilbo during the battle. (use color)



Chapter 18 The Return Journey

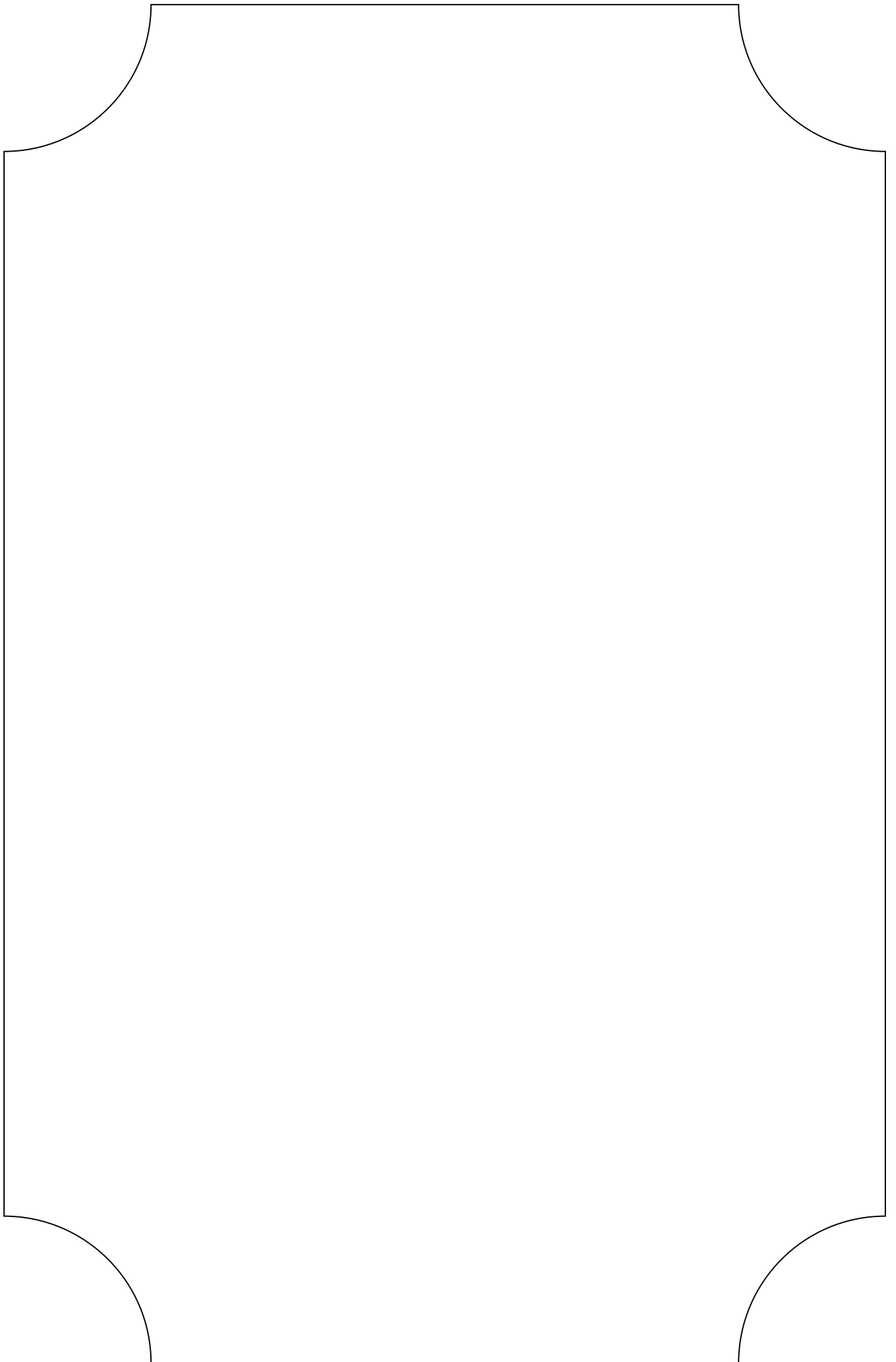
1. Why do they not find Bilbo after the battle?

2. Why does Thorin want to see Bilbo?

3. Name two things Beorn did:

4. Where is Thorin buried? What two things are buried with him?

5. On the way home, Bilbo composes a poem about coming home. On the next page write a poem about your home. It could be about your physical home, the town you live or your hometown (where you were born). Be sure to give your poem a title and illustrate it.



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-Remember to bring this to class the FIRST DAY of SCHOOL-