

The Hobbit

AndyCrosser #25

[Condensed from the 1937 novel by J.R.R. Tolkien]

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- 1 In a hole in the ground there lived a ____ . Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, nor a dry, bare, sandy hole.
3 It was a Hobbit-Hole, and that meant ____, with a round door, painted green, a brass knob in the center.
- 6 Just what is a Hobbit? A little people, about half our heights, ____ and shoeless, unusually good-natured.
7 Mother of this Hobbit -- of ____, that is -- was the fabulous Belladonna Took, famed Old Took her father.
- 10 With a white beard below his waist and immense black boots, the Wizard ____ responded to Bilbo's herald
of "Good morning!" "Do you mean that is a good morning whether I want it or not, or that you feel good
13 this morning, or that it is a morning to be good on?" "All of them...and a fine morning for a pipe of ____."
- 16 Next afternoon, expecting Gandalf, Bilbo is overwhelmed by Dwarves. First, ____ and ____ ; soon joined by*
17 ____ and ____ ; and then Dori, Nori, Ori, Oin, and Gloin; and still after that, Bifur, Bofur, heavy-set Bombur.*
20 Then an enormously important Dwarf knocked last and gazed about, the great ____ of Oakenshield himself.*

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- 7 Gandalf arrived and sternly addressed the Dwarves' skepticism: "I have chosen Mr. Baggins. That ought
to be enough for all of you. If I say such, a ____ he is, or will be when the time comes. Now the contract."
- 17 Thorin took over: "My grandfather was ____ under the Mountain, but a most specially, greedy, strong
28 dragon called ____ flew into the air and flew south to the Mountain, destroyed Dale, stole our treasures.
Cash on delivery, travel expenses covered, 1/14th of all profits, funeral expenses to be defrayed by us."
- A morning note made noticeable by Gandalf left unprepared Bilbo just ten minutes to join the expedition.
- 22 Enroute, Gandalf drawn away. Pouring rain, ponies spooked away, Party espied a light as might be a ____ .
55 "Now it's the burglar's turn." Sitting on huge logs, three ____ ensnared pick-pocketing Bilbo...then Dwarves.
12 Gandalf timely returned, tricked trolls into arguing how best to cook them, till sunrise turned them to ____ .
68 Nearby troll cave revealed pilfered weapons. Bilbo chose a leather-sheafed knife -- to a Hobbit a short ____ .
- 86 After many miles, Company slithered in the dusk down the steep zig-zag path into the secret valley of ____ .
24 The venerable Elf-lord ____ inspected the found blades: "These are old swords of the High Elves for the
34 ____ - Wars. Keep them well." Amid songs of farewell, the Trekkers set a course for the Misty Mountains.

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- 19 In a storm, boulder-hurling ____ forced Adventurers into a cave. Goblins sprang, captured all but Gandalf.
48 The Great Goblin stood dumbfounded, then died, as Gandalf blazed bright, welded ____, the Foe-hammer.
In flight, Dori was tripped-up, dropping his burden Bilbo, who banged his noggin, remembered no more.*
- 54 In soundless black, Bilbo aroused and groped blindly along a tunnel a long way...laid a hand upon a ____,
56 which he absently pocketed. His drawn blade ____ pale. "Goblins are not very near, nor are they very far."

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33 Miles and then Bilbo stepped abruptly into the edge of a deep underground lake, alerting __, a small
64 slimy creature who long lived on its island. With the dagger calling for patience, "Praps we sit here, my __,
77 and if it doesn't answer the __, we eats it. If we don't answer, we shows it the way out, yess!"

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82 A few answers, Bilbo's turn again: "A box without hinges, key, or lid, Yet golden treasure inside is hid."
99 Gollum: "Alive without breath, As cold as death; Never thirsty, ever drinking, All in mail never clinking."
58 With Gollum learing, Bilbo couldn't think of a riddle, thought absently aloud, "What have I got in my __?"
119 Three guesses and Gollum went to retrieve a __ ring, lost earlier throttling a goblin. "AHH! He's found it!"
108 Bilbo fled down the tunnel, slipped on ring (making him __), shadowed Gollum, snuck past goblin gate.

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67 Brief reunion, Gandalf led the way, till the wild __ -- howling at the bright moon -- pounced upon them.
86 "Up the trees, quick!" Gandalf overheard wolves converse of earlier planned __ with approaching goblins.
81 The Lord of the __: "I hear wolves' voices!" He summoned his Guards, circled over the wolves, arriven
124 goblins, who lit __ - fires under inhabited trees. Eagles dove, talons rescuing all...Dori suspending Bilbo.
90 The Lord and Gandalf conferred, while the Dwarves cooked supplied hares and __ ...while Bilbo recovered.
85 This time on their backs, Eagles bore the Company many leagues __ (later thanked with royal gratitude).
And then Gandalf informed Party of imminent business elsewhere: "After all, this is not *my* adventure."

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122 All needing supplies, Gandalf described __ to the Party: "He changes his skin. Sometimes he is a huge*
124 black __, sometimes he is a strong black-haired man with huge arms. And oh yes...he gets angry easily."
After a festive night in his wooden hall, the host ventured about. Meanwhile, his animal friends catered
126 to the weary thankful guests. And Gandalf blew __ rings, all sorts of shapes, colors...chasing one another.
133 Beorn reported, "*They* said they still chase you:" goblin's __ affixed to a pole, warg-skin nailed to a tree.
135 Along with ponies and honey-laden foods, Beorn sent the Party off with advice: "Your way through __ is
137 dark, dangerous and difficult. The black stream there induces oblivion. And DO NOT stray from the __!"
159 "Here is Mirkwood! Now send back these excellent borrowed ponies. Now with __, we may meet again!"
150 Then Gandalf galluped away on borrowed __. The ponies trotted gaily home...the Hobbit espied the Bear.
The Questers each shouldered a heavy pack, then turned from the light...plunged into the black Forest.
151 Seemed ages, the Party trudged through an everlasting stuffy, still __ ...and worked through their supplies.
A black stream did impede their path, but a lassoed boat allowed passage...but still Bombur stumbled in,
155 fell asleep, and needed carrying for many complaining miles. Thirsty, hungry, the Party espied a __ fire off
157 to the left, joined the circle...and Puff! Disappeared! Again, a bigger __ fire farther left, and again Puff!

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171 Actually, the Wood - ___ did not intend to mislead the Party, yet still it happened. Bilbo and the Dwarves
172 stumbled blindly in various directions, till Bilbo gave it up, slept till morning. Jolted awake by a great ___
173 trussing his ankles, Bilbo flung his excited fists, drew his sword and impaled it. Then called his sword ___ .
Adept at quietness, the Hobbit fitted on the Ring, crept, overheard spiders: "Dwarves make fine eating."

174 Adept at aim, invisible Bilbo scooped a stone, launched it, beaned a big spider alongside its head. ___ !
175 Enraged spiders surrounded guessed area, but Bilbo taunted, drew them ever further away, ___ many.
He doubled back, freed Companions. Party fled groggily, Bilbo covering the rear till the spiders gave it up.

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176 Lost, asleep among the birches, Party awoke: "Where is Thorin?" Then out leapt Elves with drawn ___ !
178 Elvin-king cast all but invisible Hobbit into the ___ -- located on Mirkwood's edge -- till secrets revealed.

180 Poor Mr. Baggins spent a weary long time -- never daring to take the Ring off -- trying to ___ a Dwarves'
182 way past the Magic Gate, and eventually found a water-gate used for returning their empty ___ into river.
With unusual luck, Bilbo descended into the cellar behind Butler and Chief Guard, both who wine-tasted.
186 From their sleeping forms, Bilbo obtained the ___ , freed his Companions, and led Party to the barrel deck.

188 Into each, Bilbo secured a ___ Dwarf, and then hid nearby till the Elves aroused and cast the barrels adrift.
189 With invisible Bilbo atop a barrel, the Party thrashed and splashed on the ___ River for many a mile, till it*
192 water-falled into Long Lake, where ___ Men rounded up the barrels that night. Thorin, Fili, Kili, and Bilbo
194 presented themselves to the Hall: "I am Thorin, son of Thrain, King Under the Mountain. And I have ___ !"

195 With town rejoicing and ___ of legends, the Trekkers remustered their vim, vigor, supplies, and ponies.
197 Then marched a determined course for the ___ Mountain, Land of Smaug's Desolation...and the treasure.

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Camping on the west side of the mountain opposite Smaug's east cave opening, the Party searched daily
208 for the ___ Door, map-lore claiming openable by Thorin's inherited key. As Elrond had transcribed the
203 map's ___ - letters: "Stand by the grey stone when the thrush knocks. The setting sun with the last light
253 of ___ will shine upon the keyhole." Thorin had illuminated, "The first day of the last moon of Autumn."*

232 (with 241-Across)
From an ancient line, capable of speech, the ___ cracked a snail on a rock, the Autumn sunset revealed
218 the keyhole, and Thorin turned the key to reveal a long straight ___ headed down to the mountain's core.

"Now is the time for our esteemed Mr. Baggins." Bilbo bravely snuck down and burgled a jeweled cup.
255 Next day Bilbo crept down, but this time Smaug was awake. "Well, ___ ! I smell you and I feel your air."
201 Bilbo taunted, "Oh treasure was only an afterthought with us. We came over hill and under hill...for ___ !"
Smaug snorted, "My armour is like tenfold shields, my teeth are swords, my claws spears, shock of my
258 tail like a ___ , my wings a hurricane, and my breath death!" Provoked, Smaug showed-off chest, "Look!"

217 "Dazzlingly marvellous! Perfect!" but Bilbo thought, "Old Fool! A large patch in your left ___ is as bare
as a snail out of its shell!" As Bilbo hastily retreated, a BELLOW: "Lake-town! They *must've* helped you!"

281 Bilbo told the Dwarves all, overheard by the Old Thrush, who flew off. Party scampered into the tunnel,
234 secured the door, just as Smaug's tail forever smashed it. Two days passed and no sign of the ___, so Bilbo
(with 249-Down)
ventured out and was drawn to the ___, coveted "Heart of the Mountain." Bilbo pocketed a 1/14th share.

263 Then Dwarves ventured out to behold vast dragon-less ___, gems, silver...and battle-wear. "Here's the first
payment of your reward!" Thorin garbed Bilbo in small coat of mail, wove of elvish silver-steel -- mithril.

Now...two days earlier, after Smaug smashed the door, he raged, stormed off to Lake-town to lay waste.
257 And lay waste Smaug did, almost finished it, when Bard the Bowman of the Ancients ___ his last big arrow.
The Old Thrush alit and spoke to Bard of hollow. "Black Arrow! You have never failed me. Speed well!"
255 The great bow ___. The arrow smote and vanished...barb, shaft, and feather. So with a deafening shriek,
Smaug lolled dead, thunderously crashed into whatever remnants of the town remained, burning the rest.

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269 Then Bard took command, messengered the Elvin-king of their plight, and Elves marched for Lake-town.
Then all to the Mountain. Thorin's "I will not parley while you're armed" and "The treasure is solely ours"
resulted in an announced ___, with Thorin's kin soon due with 500 armed Dwarves. And enough for Bilbo.

268 Bilbo offered guard-duty for Bombur, then without a ___ eased down rope over newly-constructed wall.
With a small time window, Bilbo swam the river. Elvin guard: "Is that the little creature, their servant?"
271 To Elvin-king and Bard, a Hobbit in elvish armour was something new. Also new, "___ the Arkenstone!
282 I give it to help you in your bargaining. I may be a burglar, but I am an ___ one. Now, I must be going."
292 ___ the hidden rope, climbed Hobbit-like, rolled himself into a corner...and he dreamt of eggs and bacon.

287 Next morn, Elvin-king, Bard, a cloaked old man presented the Arkenstone in exchange for share of ___.
290 "I gave it them," squeaked Bilbo. "I wish ___ Gandalf were here!" as enraged Thorin lifted Bilbo over wall.
300 "Stay! Your wish is granted. Here is Gandalf! And if you don't like my Burglar, please don't ___ him."

302 Then dark clouds broiled! Gandalf *thundered* and Thorin's kin Dain and his ___ joined the Elves and Men
303 against the oncoming goblins aboard wargs, incensed by riches and their own revenge. All ___ were forgot.
304 Terrible ___ ensued, with Dwarves, Elves, Men with early upperhand, only to be rear-attacked, soon flailing.
315 A pulled lever caused the wall to fall, and out charged steeled Thorin and Company, clad in ___ battle dress.
All still desperate, Bilbo's sharp eyes spotted "The Eagles!" But a hurtled stone to his helm silenced herald.

Guard took arousing Bilbo to a tent and dying Thorin: "I would take back by words and deeds at the Gate."
Afterwards, Bilbo learnt of unsettled battle even with the Eagles, till Giant-Bear-Beorn leapt into the melee,
318 and tossed wolves and goblins from his path like straws, feathers...ambulated Thorin away from the ___.
321 Songs said "Three o'er four of the goblin warriors ___ that day!" The mountains enjoyed peace for years.
323 They ___ Thorin deep underneath the Mountain; Bard laid the Arkenstone upon his breast as just payment.

335 With but two small chests, one of gold, one silver, Bilbo Baggins bade ___ to the surviving ten dwarves:
336 "Don't wait to knock! Tea is at four, but any of you are ___ at any time!" And with Gandalf, turned home.
337 Year after leaving, Bilbo returned safely to his Hobbit-Hole. Later, Gandalf mused: "I am very ___ of you.
338 But you are only a little fellow in a wide world after all!" "Thank ___ !" as Bilbo handed Gandalf tobacco.

- 1 Newly arriven chickees?*
- 21 Stubborn brute
- 23 Shown in comics as a lightbulb
- 26 Writer Mark (1835 - 10), international fame with "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County"
- 27 "Kind of like" suffix
- 30 (with 32-Across) Challenge from confident Texas Hold'em player
- 32 Chic
- 36 In 1965 epic "Doctor Zhivago", the love interest and poetic inspiration (played by Julie Christie)*
- 37 Toward the stern
- 38 Reason to go to a night club
- 41 Preposition used to indicate distance or direction from, separation, deprivation
- 43 "Suppose..."
- 44 How they describe an electric water snake in the land of Elrond?*
- 46 Conjunction used in negative phrases to introduce the second member in a series
- 47 Theurapist to Patient: "___ walks don't work for you, how about short runs?"
- 49 Initials of award-winning actor (1970 -), '98 "Saving Private Ryan", '02 - 16 "Bourne" franchise*
- 50 Initials of actor (1977 -), breakthrough as Legolas in "Rings" series, Will Turner in "Pirates" series*
- 51 "This is Mission Control. How we looking in there? Set for blast-off?" "Gauges are good. It's ___!"
- 53 Alpha-Soup for State Disability Insurance -- California program run by the EDD
- 54 Old hwy.
- 57 Saving grace for whoosy fighter in the 9th
- 62 Circular diaphragm forming the colored portion of the eye
- 64 Alpha-Soup for American west coast zone in the winter
- 65 Simple yet handy gardening tool
- 66 Texter's "I'm just messing with your head"*
- 69 White-bearded scarlet-hooded Dwarf who Tolkien gave few lines: "At your service" and "Bravo!"*
- 71 Three prefix
- 72 School yard retort to "Are not!"
- 74 "Honey"
- 78 Speaker to a roadie
- 79 Mother board deg.
- 80 Detesting
- 84 In a Mexican/American restaurant, waiter asked elderly gentleman, "Are you __ , __ ?"*
- 89 What Smaug expelled through his great nostrills
- 91 "Oh, they're just singing to the ___."
- 92 Initials of Revolutionary War philosopher (1737 - 89), co-founder of Vermont, took Ft Ticonderoga*
- 93 Alpha-Soup for Idaho Transportation Department (well-organized website)
- 94 On Atlantic, the third-smallest South American country, only officially English-speaking one!
- 96 Texter's "To keep you up on the facts"*
- 97 Preposition used for expressing direction or motion
- 98 Initials of actress (1945 -), '68 - 70 "Laugh-In", '78 "Foul Play", '87 "Overboard" (mate co-starred)*
- 100 Initials of sci-fi writer (1920 - 92), with more than 500 books, invented Three Laws of Robotics*
- 102 The ever-partying Trolls got ___ first thing in the morning.
- 105 To move with short, quick, irregular movements side to side
- 111 "___ and behold the Arkenstone!"
- 112 Manchester st.

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- 113 Pronoun used to indicate something as present, near, just mentioned or pointed out
114 Future Capt.
117 ___ Asia
118 Out of jail (also, following the clue, a Community Chest card)
130 One of Cleopatra's friends
131 Blender company (\$40 for the Party Blender!)
138 Basketball rim hanger-on-er
140 Alpha-Soup seen embossed on tires
141 "This" in Puerto Vallarta
144 Alpha-Soup for Employment Development Department -- California claim-handlers and more
146 Initials of Italian soccer manager/player Alessandro Nesta (1976 -), known for artistic tackles
161 Anger
162 (with 164-Across) Finished
164 Lincoln st.
165 Specializing preposition
166 Crazy
167 Alabama town was the starting point for three 1965 marches to Montgomery, John Lewis present*
169 Fib
170 An abbreviation for one of America's 50 "territories", used many times in this puzzle

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- 2 Dwarf tool (or what the discontented feel compelled to grind)
4 Alphabet quartet
5 "Yes" in Chihuahua
8 Initials of Udo Dirkschneider (1952 -), singer/songwriter with heavy metal "Accept", later "U.D.O."
9 Restrain
11 Again prefix
12 Alpha-Soup for sold-out shows*
14 Just
15 Alpha-Soup for Network Device Interface -- royalty-free software for accommodating hi-def video
18 ___ emergency, break glass, and summon Gandalf!
25 Not sm. (more like Bombur)
28 Bilbo asked Oin to pass it, but a "We don't have any" drew many ___ ?*
29 Fire extinguisher salesman, "...and further Smaug, ___ extra cost to you..."
31 When doubled, Land of Hollywood
35 What the great Lord of the Eagles basically sleeps in
39 Exist
40 Lincoln to chums
42 NFL's next-best play
45 Swell name for a 1950s TV show talking horse [What else you gonna call him?]
52 Hanging with Elrond or watching the Great Goblin buy it: both great photo- ___ !
59 Taking responsibility for gaff, with "it"
60 First in 1967, Marvel Comic's blue-skinned humanoid race, with Captain Marvel a one-time leader*
61 Evidently not the place to eat an apple
63 Beatle drummer Starr and Steve McQueen's horse in TV's "Wanted: Dead or Alive"

70 Braves on scoreboards
73 A question of only the mildest genuine concern
75 Initials of Ub Iwerks (1901 - 71), Academy Award-winning animator, designed Disney's Mickey Mouse
76 Pay to play
80 "___ plane, a bird! No, it's Superman!"
83 What ET was forever railing about
87 Slangily, to arrest a homeless person*
88 Initials of actor (1883 - 39), known for swashbuckling roles in silent films, like '24 "Thief of Bagdad"*
95 Initials of Yuja Wang (1987 -), classic Beijing pianist started at 6 years old -- by 21, world tours
97 Hikers pest
99 Tampa st.
101 Kind of tuna, dividable into yellowfin and bigeye
103 Pair of days after Tu.
104 Dorothy did this to the Tin Man...and he liked it a lot.
106 Homonym pair
107 What yacky folks feel compelled to tear off
109 Suppose
110 Auntie Em gossiped, "At first? Dorothy was an outright ___ I taught her proper Kansas manners."
115 "Lord of the Rings": "___ Bombadil was a merry fellow, Bright Blue his jacket is, his boots yellow."*
116 Spools out*
120 Exist
121 Dreaded kid activities
122 Initials of actress (1908 - 89), 100 films in 50 years, Academy for '38 "Jezebel" (song about her eyes)*
123 Providence st.
125 Initials of Eugene O'Neill (1888 - 53), playwright and Nobel laureate, with play "Longs Days Journey"
127 Lg. hill
128 Dayton st.
129 A character in the Book of Genesis, proposed as the first son of Seth*
131 Kind of iridescent gems, found in many colors
132 Initials of Tom Izzo (1955 -), winningest Michigan State basketball coach, 23 consecutive NAAs
133 Takes advice
134 To unite or join for an increase
136 Existed
137 Sum of money offered as a prize
139 Superlative suffix
142 In a tavern, Men tease Bilbo, disparage Sting as a mere ___. "Well...may you never feel its sting."
143 Raced
145 Trudging through Mirkwood, Party disoriented. So Dwarves volunteered Biblo to climb tallest ___.
147 145-Down part
148 Clarinet part
149 With "out" or "by", barely make a living
152 Connecting conjunction
153 Initials of astronaut (1930 -12), first to walk on moon, a test pilot, and a university professor*
154 Didn't play an athlete for a game
155 Clip
156 Teenager's ascension*

- 157 Initialed radio designation for stereophonic sound*
- 158 Compete
- 160 Initials of actress and model (1970 -), '94 "Pulp Fiction", '97 "Gattacca", '03 - 04 "Kill Bills"*
- 163 Initials of Orhan Pamuk (1952 -), Turkey's most prolific writer, 13 million books in 63 languages!
- 166 Duluth st.
- 168 Initials of award-winning actor (1974 -), '97 "Titanic", '02 "Catch Me If You Can", '02 "Gangs of NY"*

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- 176 "Hey, be __ and fetch me a brew!"
- 180 Bounced a basketball
- 187 Anger
- 189 Less robust
- 195 __ Mineo (1939 - 76), known best for nominated role as "Plato" in '55 "Rebel Without a Cause"*
- 198 Initials for one of four Monopoly squares
- 199 "__ the knot" (divorce)
- 200 Initials of philosopher/writer (1905 - 82), known for her '57 "Atlas Shrugged", market objectivity*
- 204 Drafts
- 206 Alpha-Soup for Indium Tin Oxide, useful for its electrical conductance and optical transparency
- 207 Song sung by multiple teams with the same words, but with staggered start times
- 211 Congressional opposition vote
- 212 Hosp. additions
- 214 Ceremonial wind-flyer?*
- 215 Psy- __
- 216 Initials of actor (1955 -), directed/starred in '92 Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men", '94 "Forrest Gump"*
- 220 Archaic for awry, crooked, or ajar*
- 222 NFL offensive position, usually good for short drop-passes and some yards muscled afterwards
- 223 Prevailed
- 225 Curse
- 226 1955's "__ of the King", third in "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, whereby Aragorn makes good
- 229 Foreboding
- 230 Single-masted, fore-and-aft-rigged sailing vessel
- 233 Alpha-Soup for Student Aid Report, used to access/assess college federal assistance
- 235 __ your tongue?
- 236 Forsaken, desolate
- 237 Exclusively
- 238 Small hotel
- 239 Start a new line?
- 242 @
- 243 "I'm ready to be let in now."
- 245 Dorothy's gossip Auntie
- 247 Initials of Gloria Estefan (1957 -), Cuban sung/wrote #1 Hit "Anything For You", opened Latin doors
- 248 Plant genus with showy flowers and sword-shaped leaves
- 250 Removed from a particular place (and Bilbo's mother's and grandfather's last name)
- 251 "That is __ consequence to me."
- 261 Interjection in response to unpleasant scent

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262 Initials of Sarah Geller (1977 -), star of TV's '97 - 03 "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and '02 "Scooby Doo"
264 Arnie likes to pound them, abbr.
265 ___ - Motion
267 Providence st.
274 Initials of Austrian actor (1947 -), Mr. Universe at age 20, '82 "Conan", '84 - 19, "Terminator" series*
275 Exerting to the utmost
276 Initials of Edgar Degas (1834 - 17), French impressionist famous for pastels depicting ballerinas
277 School rm. aide*
278 Married
279 Spoken
281 .
297 Gandalf's proposal to de-stone the earlier-afflicted trio if willing to peacefully depart the lands?*"Lift, as a submarine hatch
300 Airport's tabled info
308 Their names range from "Fifi" to "Bowser" to "Champ" ...and so beyond
309 Beach goal
310 Capone to chums
311 Ali's modus o.
312 Inspired by berets, women's headwear made popular in the 1920s to serve shorter hairstyles*
314 Gary st.
315 Helena st.
327 Employee ID
328 Adjust
330 What Dori did to the boat to draw from farside of the black creek
332 Conjunction meaning "in order that"
333 Exclamation from MGM's Leo
335 Ash receptacle

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177 Quit a college course
179 They can be split
181 Short for a corralled missed basketball shot
183 Located east of the Shire, village of Men and Hobbits, where Frodo expected Gandalf, met Aragorn*
184 RN hangout
185 Cut into a store of supplies
187 "Oh ___ it alright."
190 Disturb or disquiet
191 Army member
193 "The Book of ___ ", 2010 post-apocalyptic neo-western flick with Denzel Washington*
196 Preposition meaning "in", "or", or "near"
202 Richmond st.
205 Duluth-to-Richmond dir.
209 Initials of cartoon character who hangs with cynical beagle, insecure blanket-toter, a loud mouth*
210 Duty
213 Roller coaster worker to new mother: "On the corkscrew part, you should keep the baby ___ you."

219 Alpha-Soup for Niv-Shalev-Omri -- firm infamous for Pegasus spyware. [A mythic winged horse?]
221 Actress Burstyn (1932 -), comedian DeGeneres (1958 -), and actress Pompeo (1969 -)
222 British homonym weighs 1/8 more
224 Alpha-Soup for Theatre Resources Unlimited -- non-profit promoting producers and actors
227 In Wells' sci-fi , '60 flick "Time Machine": the year is 802,701, with two species: __ and Morlocks.
228 "Gimme a sec and I'll think of something to say...maybe."
231 Sets afire
233 Serviced hooves
235 Opt for [Gets the asterisk for imperfect clue...if you have one, send it in!]*
239 Maui st.
240 Lansing st.
241 Upcoming dark
243 Twelfth Greek letter, named after Egyptian water symbol*
244 Ocean cousin to the Lord of the Eagles
246 Short for tuna fish condiment
250 Opportunity to be administered
252 What Bilbo did down the tunnel after Gollum's anguished shriek
253 A solo, a __ , __ trio, and a quartet
254 Tore
256 Exists
259 Initials of "Father of the Atom Bomb" (1904 - 67), later a vehement global peace advocate*
260 Two prefix
261 Mathematicians' celebrant for a mid-March party
265 Historic 1626 Massachusetts coastal city, site of infamous of 1692 witch trials (mascot still in vogue)
266 Chemical symbol for a soft, silvery-white alkali metal, coveted for solar energy panels*
269 Ran naked through sports arenas (70s thing)*
270 Fuel station attendant [rather literal...so no asterisk!]
271 Along with the birds, an analogic pair that insinuates a grasp of sexual fundamentals [What nerve!]
272 Alpha-Soup for a written communique dispatching displeasure, especially militarily*
273 ER top-guns
275 Jeff or Beau to Lloyd
278 One who takes away by force
280 Initials of famous physicist (1879 -53); when asked of nuclear power: "Helluva way to boil water!"*
283 Test type
284 Neither's partner
285 Stemming from 20 million years ago, shady deciduous tree popular along Southern boulevards
286 Playfully artful
287 Alpha-Soup for The Force Unleashed -- from "Star Wars" [and kinda cool]
288 Baseball gaff
289 Alpha-Soup for Uniform Resource Locator [So *that's* what it stands for!]
290 Bear charge?
291 Alpha-Soup for United Progressive Alliance -- an Indian big tent political entity formed in 2004
293 They can be split
294 An Indian royal title
295 Fruit or rendezvous
296 Affected by a disorder of the mind

298 Initials of Frederick Quimby (1886 - 65), winner of 7 animated Academies with '40s "Tom and Jerry"
302 Hoot, as in "It was a ___!"
306 Property-secured debts
307 Stop
310 Play part
313 "What pets I got? Well, let's see: I have a cat, ___, a rattlesnake, and an elephant...a few rats."
316 Actress Farrow (1945 -), '08 "Times" Most Influential, '68 "Rosemary's Baby" and '74 "Great Gatsby"
317 Football's Montana or Namath
318 Under the weather
319 Alpha-Soup for Federal Rules of Evidence -- what is sounds like, #803 apparently allowing hearsay
320 Basketball path
321 Korean actor Gong (1979 -), '11 "Silenced" and '16 "Train to Busan"*
322 Wiz
323 Equal prefix
324 Dude
325 Nylon ruiner
326 Angst
327 Marion the Librarian admonishment
329 Interjection in response to unpleasant sight
331 W. Churchill (1874 - 65) was England's from 1940 - 45 and 1951 - 55
334 Initials of woman sharp-shooter (1860 - 26), starred in Buffalo Bill's "Wild West Show"*

SUPPLIED ANSWERS*

1 Hatchees
12 Standing Room Only's
16 Dwalin, Balin
17 Kili, Fili
28 Salt sighs
36 Lara
44 Eelvin
48 Glamdring
49 Matt Damon
50 Orlando Bloom
60 Kree
66 eFfing With yoU
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87 Vag
88 Douglas Fairbanks
92 Ethan Allen
96 For Your Information
98 Goldie Hawn
100 Isaac Asimov
115 Tom

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122	Beorn
122	Betty Davis
123	Billy Idol
129	Enos
153	Neil Armstrong
156	Yea
157	Frequency Modulation
160	Uma Thurman
167	Selma
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183	Bree
189	Forest
193	Eli
195	Sal
200	Ayn Rand
209	Charlie Brown
210	Tax
214	Rite kite
216	Gary Sinise
220	Agee
235	Choose to
243	Mu
253	Durin's Day
259	Robert Oppenheimer
266	Lithium
269	Streaked [I never did!]
272	Letter Of Reprimand
274	Arnold Schwarzenegger
277	Teacher's Assistant
280	Albert Einstein
297	Troll offer
312	Tam
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334	Annie Oakley