

The first Hobbit who lived an adventure

One Hundred years before the existence of Bilbo, there was a young Hobbit called Loren who lived in the Shire. Loren had blond, straight hair. He had big, sky blue eyes and was hairy. His family wasn't rich, for this reason, Loren cooked Waybread for the Shire inhabitants.

One sunny day, his parents were invited by their brothers to visit them in North Farthing, the place where they lived, because they hadn't seen each other for a long time.

Loren had no idea that something strange was going to happen on the journey and that it would change his life forever.

While Loren and his parents were walking in the forest to get to the North Farthing, a fight between orcs and elves started. The first one to notice the fight was Jenga, Loren's mother, who immediately got scared.

Suddenly she saw an arrow arriving in their direction. She tried to warn Loren and Pimli, his husband, but she didn't manage to do it in time.

That's why the arrow transfixed Loren's chest. He fell on the grass. Poor Loren, he lost his senses. His parents were very worried about their son and they knew that they couldn't do anything to help him. They accepted his fate. But that wasn't the end of Loren's life: a cloud appeared to him. In this cloud he could partially see a female figure that with a sweet voice said: "Dear Loren, Hobbit of the Shire, I think you're the luckiest Hobbit in this world. From today, your life will be more lively. Take this leaf, it's name is Vails, it's unique, it will save you, it's the only thing that will save you". As the voice spoke, the words became less clear until she stopped speaking. When the figure totally disappeared, Loren saw the leaf and without thinking, he ate it and was healed. Loren's parents were euphoric: they found it a miracle. But there was trouble waiting for Loren, in fact the vision had warned him about a change.

When he came back to the Shire, he began to have visions, sometimes terrible visions with orcs, trolls and other dreadful creatures. The greatest worry for him and the inhabitants of the Shire was that Loren's visions full of hate and aggression could affect his behavior. His parents were really afraid, so they decided to lock Loren up at home. Loren was not loved as before in the Shire and his visions worsened. He decided to try to find the woman in one of his visions. He finally found her. "Oh dear and good woman" he said "please, help me. Everybody here hates me. I feel alone and now I'm starting to believe that death was better than this dreadful destiny". "Loren" answered the woman "I can't take away this power from you and it still won't be right. Listen to me: you must prove worthy of this privilege, I'll give you a riddle of the place where I am now; try to solve it and find me:

*Here reigns the futility,
the obsession of the majority.
Among men the remorse,
the way for getting worse.
For all that misses
corpses.
Full of red dust,
the land without trust.
Here in the ovest,
there is a forest.*

Loren started thinking about the riddle. While he was trying to have an answer, he didn't have any visions, luckily. But this riddle was too difficult for the Hobbit and he didn't even have a map! Then he had an idea: he decided to ask Bunmer for help, who was the ruler of the Shire and the oldest. Some people in the Shire thought that you could tell what Bunmer would say on any question

without bothering to ask him. But, that wasn't the same for Loren: in fact, he tried to ask Bunmer for help, but the ruler was informed of Loren's visions and didn't want to help him.

"Please Bunmer" begged Loren "you are the only person that can help me solve this riddle". "Why do you need to solve it? Are you organizing an evil plan? Loren, dear Loren, you have changed since you have these visions. I'm sorry, but, for the good of the Shire, I mustn't help you". "No, it is for the good of the Shire that you have to help me! A magic woman will help me but to find her I have to solve this riddle. I know that you have the answer".

Bunmer sighed and said: "the answer is Dagorlad, the battlefield. In the western part there is a forest, an enchanted forest. I know who you are looking for. Here you are, this is the map of the Middle earth." Bunmer gave the map to Loren and continued: "In the lands of Minhiriath and Enedwaith you won't have trouble. Then go south and you will find the land of Rohan. Its inhabitants love Hobbits and are wise and kind. If you need, they'll help you". Loren thanked Bunmer and prepared for his first adventure.

He was excited, but, at the same time, frightened. For a Hobbit adventures are useless, but for Loren it was different.

As any Hobbit would do, he brought lots of delicious food such as eggs, bacon and cakes. So his backpack was really heavy, but he didn't want to skip all the breakfasts. For another creature such as an elf, this adventure would be easy, but not for a Hobbit.

After getting ready, he set off. He followed Bunmer's suggestions and walked towards Dagorlad through high mountains and dense forests.

He was tired but he charged himself with new energy every day consuming the immensity of food he had procured for the journey.

He walked a lot and after two days he arrived in Minhiriath.

At Minhiriath Loren stopped for the night, he slept on the fresh grass under a tree and set off again the next day.

Days later he arrived at the borders of Enedwaith. Loren was excited about his journey and he was incredulous that he was drifting further and further from the Shire.

As he walked south, towards the lands of Rohan and found himself in the passage between the two lands, he heard noises: they were tiny and terrifying creatures that slowly seemed to reach him. They were many small hairy and poisonous spiders. Loren had no idea that this was happening to him and that he would be in a similar situation.

From desperation he began to scream and fortunately he was not far from the land of Rohan.

Milly and Molly, inhabitants of the land of Rohan, who were walking near that wood heard Loren's cry and, being experts in fighting against spiders, like all the inhabitants of those lands, saved Loren by bringing him safe and sound to their home.

That evening, as he had been told by Bunmer, received a warm welcome.

He took a great nap and after loading himself with new energy he set off braver than ever for his adventure. He was happy because he had already passed more than halfway, everything was going right (except the meeting with the spiders) and soon he would arrive at his destination.

In fact, after three days of walking without stopping, Loren arrived in Dagorlad until he reached the enchanted forest.

The Hobbit observed the forest for a moment and he was proud of himself. Then the woman appeared: "Loren, so you have succeeded in the task. Congratulations. Now you'll control your visions and I believe that they'll be useful for the Shire. Remember: in a few years the Shire will change and will not be the one it is now. But everything will happen when you are no longer".

"I'm really glad" said Loren "but I'm really tired and this adventure wasn't easy for this little Hobbit. So please, let me awake in the Shire". The woman smiled and, the day after, Loren awakened in the Shire.

He told Bunmer all about this experience and now Loren had a new title: the first hobbit who lived an adventure.

All the people in the Shire loved him again and his power would be useful for predicting all the natural catastrophes. He also predicted Bilbo's adventure, but he died before he could tell it to anyone.