

KILI & FILI 1

(please learn/read both Kili's & Fili's lines)

(FILI and KILI enter. They are drenched, breathless, and gasping.)

THORIN. Where are the ponies? What's happened?

KILI. We lost them. (The DWARVES press forward around them excitedly asking questions: "Lost them!" "How could you?" "Did they run away?" etc.)

THORIN (sternly). Silence, dwarves. Kili, what happened?

KILI. We took them down to water like you said. But the stream bed was almost dry and they wandered out into it drinking at some of the little pools. (Pauses, gulping breath.)

THORIN (sternly). Did you stay with them?

KILI (uncomfortably). I did, until they were settled drinking water. Then I--well, I went along the bank looking for mushrooms to eat.

THORIN. You mean you left them!

KILI. But Fili was watching them from the bank and I ran back the minute I heard him shout.

THORIN. What happened, Fili?

FILI. A great wall of water came thundering out of the mountains. I shouted, but it was over the ponies in a moment. They just tumbled over and over like logs and were gone!

THORIN. All of them!

FILI. Yes.

THORIN. And the food bags?

KILI. On the ponies. (THORIN turns away with a gesture of despair.)

