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SURPRISE RETURN OF HOBBIT THOUGHT DEAD

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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!

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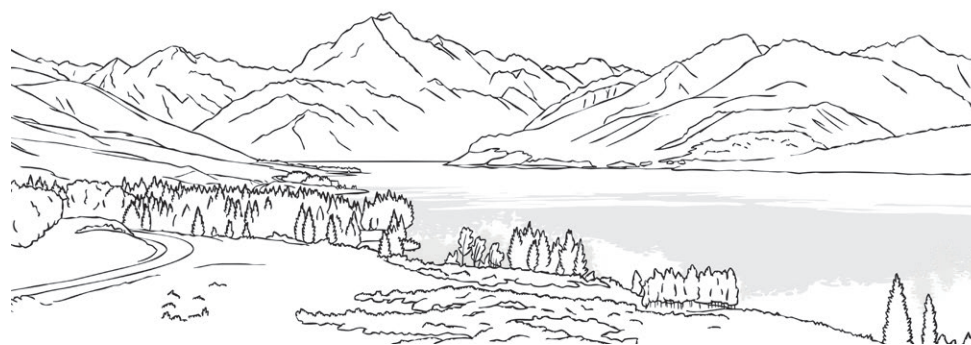
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