

TIME is the lucky beneficiary of exclusive photos today, as it seems Warner Brothers is slowly distributing exclusive photos to all the major news sources one day at a time. I believe that is a very shrewd approach to drumming up interest in the project. Description of the two characters: "Dwarf Lords in their own right, Balin and Dwalin are close relatives of Thorin. Beyond this, these brothers are two of his most loyal and trusted friends. An old warrior, Balin has lived through hard times and fought many battles, yet he harbors doubts about the wisdom of the Quest to retake the Lonely Mountain. Dwalin has no such forebodings – his belief in Thorin's leadership is unshakeable. A powerful and bruising fighter, with a natural tendency to distrust anyone who is not a Dwarf, particularly anyone who might be an Elf, Dwalin is not someone to cross lightly." The Hobbit: An Unexpected

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