

Stephen Fry was interviewed by Digitalspy.co.uk, and he discusses his role in The Hobbit, Master of Laketown. He describes the look of the master and design of Laketown. He calls the location, "Smelly city that's on stilts in the lake below the mountain where Smaug the Dragon lives." When the dwarves arrived, the Master of Laketown greeted them generously, but only to keep public spirits up. After the destruction of Esgaroth and the slaying of the dragon by Bard, he was given money for the rebuilding of Laketown by Dain II Ironfoot, the ruler of the Lonely Mountain. He is therefore described as weak, because he is easily overcome by the lust of the treasure Smaug held, and by the dragon-spell. He flees into the wild with the gold, and is eventually abandoned in the waste and perishes there of starvation. - <http://lotr.wikia.com>
Video Courtesy of Digital Spy "He was a shlock, gore director

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