

In the The Hobbit Gandalf frequently disappears for long stretches. He also seems to jet during critical moments. Quint describes an emotional scene between Sir Ian McKellen and Richard Armitage that leads up to Gandalf vanishing. How often and for how long Gandalf will disappear from the story in Peter Jackson's version is not known, but I'd expect that it won't be as often or for as long as it was in the book. The scene shot this day was a hefty bit of character work as Thorin and Gandalf's friendly consultation turns heated. The introduction to the scene was a good LOTR style shot, though, so don't you worry. There's still a lot of New Zealand on display as all 13 dwarves, Bilbo and Tall Paul ride their horses and ponies through some rocks to the hill where the derelict farmhouse sits, or what's left of it. Quint's 5th Set Report for

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