



Elanor Gamgee: Unpacking Sam's Daughter's Backstory in Lord of the Rings

Description

Peter Jackson is collaborating with Stephen Colbert on a new film titled "The Lord of the Rings: Shadow of the Past." This movie is not a direct sequel but will explore some material from J.R.R. Tolkien's original novel, "The Fellowship of the Ring," which Jackson had previously omitted. It will include a framing device set after the events of "The Return of the King," suggesting a narrative that features flashbacks.

The film's synopsis reveals that Sam's daughter, Elanor, uncovers a hidden secret and seeks to understand how the War of the Ring was nearly lost before it started. Fans are looking forward to seeing the next generation of Hobbits in action. Tolkien provided some details about Elanor in his notes and appendices. Notably, she is Sam's oldest daughter and has a name inspired by a flower from Lothlórien. She is described as exceptionally beautiful, with rare golden hair.

Elanor, born at the beginning of the Fourth Age, is one of Sam and Rose's thirteen children. She later marries Fastred of Greenholm. Known for her adventurous spirit, Elanor lives in Gondor for a year when she is twenty and eventually inherits the Red Book from her father. This book contains the history of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings."

In the upcoming film, Elanor may also interact with prominent characters like Aragorn and Arwen. This will likely reveal more about her role in preserving her family's heroic legacy. However, an official release date for "The Lord of the Rings: Shadow of the Past" has not yet been announced.

Vocabulary List:

1. **collaborating** //kə'læbərəɪtɪŋ// (verb): working together with one or more people
2. **sequel** //ˈsi:kwəl// (noun): a later story that continues an earlier one
3. **framing** //ˈfreɪmɪŋ// (adjective): showing events around a main story
4. **synopsis** //sɪ'nɒpsɪs// (noun): a short summary of the main points
5. **flashbacks** //ˈflæʃ,bæks// (noun): short scenes showing earlier events in a story
6. **inherits** //ɪn'hɛrɪts// (verb): receives something from someone who gave it

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What is the title of the new film Peter Jackson is collaborating on?

- Option: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
- Option: The Lord of the Rings: Shadow of the Past
- Option: The Return of the King
- Option: The Fellowship of the Ring

2. Who is Elanor's father?

- Option: Frodo
- Option: Sam
- Option: Aragorn
- Option: Gandalf

3. What inspired the name of Elanor?

- Option: A bird from Rivendell
- Option: A flower from Lothlórien
- Option: A tree from the Shire
- Option: A star from the sky

4. In which region does Elanor live for a year when she is twenty?

- Option: The Shire
- Option: Mordor
- Option: Gondor
- Option: Rohan

5. Who does Elanor marry?

- Option: Aragorn
- Option: Faramir
- Option: Fastred of Greenholm
- Option: Legolas

6. Which book does Elanor inherit from her father?

- Option: The Silmarillion
- Option: The Red Book
- Option: The Book of Lost Tales
- Option: The Unfinished Tales



True-False

7. The upcoming film is a direct sequel to 'The Return of the King.'
8. Elanor is Sam's youngest daughter.
9. Tolkien provided detailed notes on Elanor in his appendices.
10. The official release date for the film has been announced.
11. Elanor's hair is described as having a rare golden color.
12. Peter Jackson is working alone on the film 'Shadow of the Past.'

Gap-Fill

13. Elanor is Sam's oldest daughter and she was born at the beginning of the Fourth Age, making her one of _____ children.
14. In the film, Elanor uncovers a hidden secret regarding the War of the Ring while seeking to understand how it was nearly _____.
15. The film explores material from 'The Fellowship of the Ring' that was previously _____ by Peter Jackson.
16. Elanor is described as exceptionally beautiful, with rare _____ hair.
17. The framing device of the movie is set after the events of 'The _____ of the King.'
18. Elanor may interact with notable characters like Aragorn and _____ in the film.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. The Lord of the Rings: Shadow of the Past 2. Sam 3. A flower from Lothlórien 4. Gondor 5. Fastred of Greenholm 6. The Red Book

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. thirteen



14. lost 15. omitted 16. golden 17. Return 18. Arwen

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