Twitter Q&A with Richard Armitage, Andy Serkis and James Nesbitt

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RT means retweet – the actors retweeted a question in order to answer it. Sometimes the answer appeared as a separate tweet, other times the answer appears before the RT.

One or more of the hashtags #AskThorin, #AskGollum and #AskBofur appear in every tweet. These are filters, distinguishing tweets that contained questions for the actors from any ordinary message on twitter.

Below you will find the entire transcript of questions and answers.



RT @tiibacka: What does it has in its pocketses? #AskGollum Andy: USB stick, car keys, and of course, I never travel anywhere without the precious.

RT @designer2342: @TheHobbitMovie #AskBofur...what was your fav scene to shoot and why? James: There were many but I think the opening scene at Bag end because that was the first scene that was shot and there were 13 actors getting together to go on this journey with a wizard and a hobbit and it was an emotional experience.

RT @mitsuhachikuro: @TheHobbitMovie #AskThorin Would you rather fight a horse-sized duck or an army of duck-sized horse?

Richard: Horse sized duck. Good in hand-to-hand combat and (can give) a sword to the beak.

RT @MayaLMathers: @TheHobbitMovie If you could swap roles with any other actor from the movie, who would it be and why? #AskGollum

Andy: It would be @IanMcKellen because I've always wanted to say "you shall not pass" in his fruity tones.

RT @Cat_V_: @TheHobbitMovie if you could have dinner with any 3, fictional or non-fictional, who would they be? #AskThorin

Richard: Richard III, John F. Kennedy, and Ian McKellen.

RT @akositomil: Will you be as adorable in Desolation as you were in Unexpected Journey? #AskBofur James: It's not for me to say, but I imagine I'll be every bit as adorable and perhaps even more so.

RT @TamaraCrosby: @TheHobbitMovie #AskGollum Do you find yourself having a Gollum/Smeagol moment when cameras stop rolling?

Andy: Yes. Often when I am traveling home on the tube "No precious, that's a completely lie. There isn't a tube." "Where are we then, Precious?" "That's for me to know and you to find out. Gollum, Gollum."

RT @not_a_machine: @TheHobbitMovie #AskBofur #AskThorin Who is the better singer between you two?

James: #Bofur. Bofur has a natural voice, #Thorin has a trained voice.

RT @CristinaMaps: What was the scene you were most excited to shoot? And the one you were more worried about? #AskThorin

Richard: Thorin's first arriving in Bag End. Because you are seeing him out of his comfort zone and starting his journey.

RT @GizGunslinger: Do you like #DepecheMode? I won't believe if not, cause their songs match greatly with most of your characters #AskThorin

Richard: Yes. I would like to know which songs you think fit his character. Master and servant.

RT @MoonyDwarf: @TheHobbitMovie Hi Andy! What was the biggest difference between filming LOTR and The Hobbit? Thanks for answer. :)

Andy: On #TheHobbit, I was also directing the 2nd unit, which was an unexpected journey.

RT @amistoso_: Do you wear the same hats as Bofur in your free time #AskBofur James: Not before I did the movie. I'm hoping to start an entirely new trend because it think the hats symbolize hope, courage and innocence. And also I look great in them.

RT @hannahmcspadden: @TheHobbitMovie Somewhere in the world you've always wanted to travel to, but not had the chance to yet? #AskThorin

Richard: Peru. I would like to climb Machu Picchu.

RT @ddmsen: #AskGollum What is your favorite line from #LOTR and #TheHobbit.

Andy: "If you want him, come and claim him."

RT @RegineHolst: @TheHobbitMovie #AskBofur Did you become tired of going through the make-up everyday? What is the best memory from the set?

James: Beyond your wildest imagination of tired. The very notion of going back to it fills me with dread and fear. But it certainly reminded me I was in #TheHobbit every day.

RT @Hedgeypig: @TheHobbitMovie I am making hobbit feet for a Tolkien mad 9yr old...Any tips even though you were a dwarf #AskThorin

Richard: Lots of talcum powder when putting them on. Use lots of hair. Stay on flat surfaces and avoid stairs.

RT @bellumperfecit: #AskGollum Andy, can you hug Richard? #AskThorin Andy: Mmmm. This is nice. Some Gollum on Thorin action. How's it for you Thorin?

RT @Amy_Glove: @TheHobbitMovie James, dolled up dinner out or comfy home cooked meal in? #AskBofur #AskThorin #AskGollum

James: Dolled up, dinner out all the way, every time.

RT @pattyrism: @TheHobbitMovie What's your favourite book? #AskThorin #AskGollum #AskBofur James: The Catcher in the Rye

RT @Cseverus: @TheHobbitMovie #AskGollum what do you consider your 'precious' in real life? Andy: My iPad mini. And, of course, my family.

RT @IngeD3: @TheHobbitMovie Richard, what's currently n°1 on your bucket list?#AskThorin Richard: Climb Everest.

RT @mitsuhachikuro: @TheHobbitMovie #AskThorin It must be hard putting on all those makeup and costume! Which part do you dread the most?

Richard: The face because it was the most uncomfortable, it stings, and fills up with sweat.

RT @ShhmessiJessi: @TheHobbitMovie Hi Andy! What scene was the hardest for you to try and portray? #AskGollum

Andy: As an actor, riddles in the dark. As second unit director, scene 88.

RT @itslegendrarry: @TheHobbitMovie what is working with #PeterJackson like? #AskGollum Andy: Enormous fun. Hugely challenging. Totally exacting. Different on every take.

RT @MochacianaMarch: @TheHobbitMovie #AskBofur #AskThorin If you could've played any other Dwarf EXCEPT Bofur, which one would it be?

James: That's a good question. I'd like to play Ori, he's a funny little character.

RT @EnrquliaIglestr: @TheHobbitMovie Would you ever consider growing a Bofur-like moustache for yourself? It's a good look #AskBofur

James: I have, but not quite like that. I'm a big fan of facial hair. But Bofur's would be quite hard to cultivate. But I've received pictures from at least ten men who've grown Bofur mustaches.

RT: @Danihuri #AskGollum Which one do you prefer, Gollum or Smeagol? Andy: Smeagol. No. Gollum. No. Smeagol.

RT @CCsFallenAngel: @TheHobbitMovie What't the weirdest thing a fan has ever said to you? #AskGollum Certainly nothing I can repeat.

Chocolate ice cream. RT @AnaraDubh: @TheHobbitMovie #AskThorin What's your favorite dessert?

RT @KarolinaZajc5: @TheHobbitMovie What is your recipe for life?:) #AskThorin Richard: Chocolate ice cream. Treat others as you would want to be treated. And lots of chocolate ice cream.

RT @SamiB89: @TheHobbitMovie #AskThorin What is your favorite part of playing Thorin? Richard: 1.) Making him fight. 2.) Trying to rationalize his madness.

Room temperature ale. RT@DanVoss What is a dwarve's fave type of beer? Stop via Sydney & i'll shout you one ;) #AskThorin @TheHobbitMovie

Deep water. RT @AlessiaCrawley: @TheHobbitMovie (one) thing you are afraid of? #AskThorin

RT @Clairey_Fairy7: @TheHobbitMovie #AskGollum Andy if you could be any other LOTR character who would like to play and why?! #legend Andy: Galadriel. She gets the best frocks.

RT @HelmiTsh: #AskGollum What is your favorite planet?

Andy: Mercury. Because it was this planet that was able to lead Albert Einstein to prove his Theory of Relativity.

RT @ZaanQ101: Ooh gosh , okay so how cool was it to play the creepiest creature ever?? * #AskGollum!

Andy: Creep in your books maybe, but I always approached Gollum as the romantic lead. Especially in The Hobbit. He looks cute, huh?

RT @sadie72733929: #AskThorin- what characteristics do you admire of Thorin and why, & what do you recognize in yourself?

Richard: His nobility and bending will to succeed. We share a propensity for a bad temper and anxiety of care.

Thanks fans for supporting the film. Come back and keep watching. - Richard Armitage

We loves you, precious fans. Yuck, I want to vomit. Don't be nasty Gollum. You're such a creep, Smeagol.