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Dueling SELVES

(Hook) I want this, no – I want that, no - - I really want … (Gist) In the novel The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien, Bilbo Baggins displays conflicting personalities when it comes to adventures; (Topic Sentence) I can relate to Bilbo, as conflicting personalities are a part of me too! Ughhhh! Life would be a lot simpler if we humans did not suffer this particular problem! (Examples for Bilbo) Bilbo on the one hand inherited an adventurous personality from his Mom’s side of the family – The Tooks. His Uncle Bullrooarer Took, “…charged the ranks of the goblins … knocked their King Golfimbul’s head clean off …” On the other hand, his Dad’s side of the family – The Bagginses have been living life exactly the same for years – in fact 50 years for Bilbo, “…living in the beautiful hobbit-hole built by his father … until he had in fact apparently settled down immovably.” (Examples for me) Unlike Bilbo, I am an adventurer by nature: I am constantly seeking some new adventure … usually in the form of hiking and climbing upon seriously steep rocks like a billy goat, on the other hand, climbing is where my adventuring STOPS! I am so unadventurous in my life – always taking the SAFE way – usually with money! I am in the middle of selling my house of 19 years and buying a new one – boy am I stressed out! “This is where the kids grew up … I know all the ins and outs of this place, but a new house would be less work, but what if … Ughhhh! See the struggle? (Concluding Sentence) Both Bilbo and I suffer from conflicting personalities, and Bilbo’s statement, “…you were a fool; you walked right in and put your foot in it” freaks me out! What if my new house turns out to be a disaster???? I want the new, but I want the old, new, old – Ughhhhhhh!