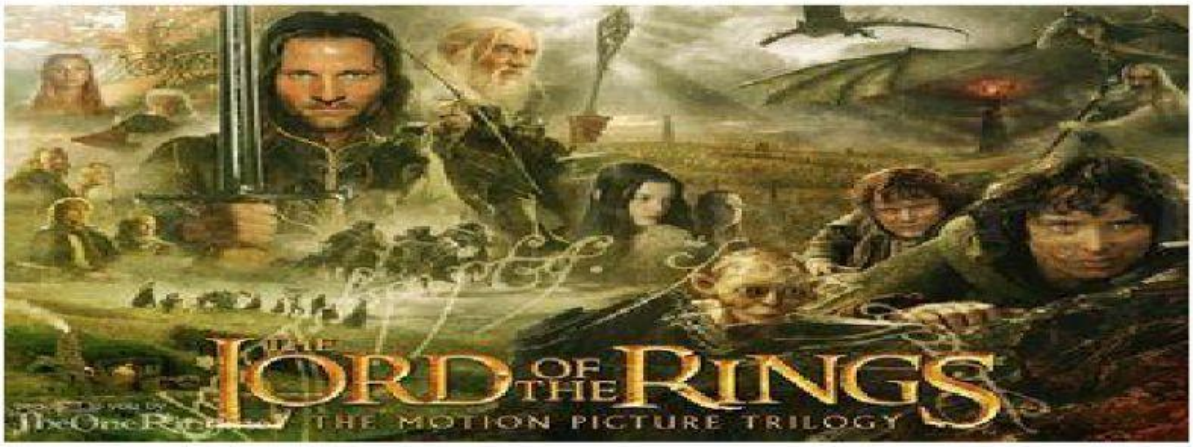


Opening lines by Galadriel

The world .....(change): I feel it in the water, I feel it in the earth, I smell it in the air ... Much that once .....(be) is lost, for none now .....(live) who ..... (remember) it. It .....(begin) with the forging of the Great Rings. Three..... (give) to the Elves: immortal, wisest and fairest of all beings. Seven to the Dwarf Lords: great miners and craftsmen of the mountain halls. And Nine, nine rings ..... (gift) to the race of Men, who above all else desire power. For within these rings ..... (bind) the strength and the will to govern each race. But they ....., all of them, ...(deceive). For another Ring ..... (make).

In the land of Mordor, in the fires of Mount Doom, the Dark Lord Sauron .....(forge) in secret a Master Ring to control all others. ...and into this Ring he ..... (pour) his cruelty, his malice and his will to dominate all life. ***One Ring to rule them all***... One by one the Free lands of Middle Earth .....(fall) to the power of the Ring.

But there ..... (be) some who ..... (resist). A last alliance of Men and Elves ..... (march) against the armies of Mordor. On the slopes of Mount Doom, they..... (fight) for the freedom of Middle-Earth. Victory was near! But the power of the Ring ..... (can not undo). It was in this moment, when all hope ....(fade), that Isildur, son of the king, ... (take) up his father's sword. Sauron, the enemy of the Free Peoples of Middle-Earth, ... (defeat).

The Ring ..... (pass) to Isildur ... who had this one chance ..... (destroy) evil forever. But the hearts of Men ..... (easily corrupt). And the Ring of Power has a will of its own. It .....(betray) Isildur to his death. And some things that ..... (should not forget) were lost.

History .....(become) legend ... legend .....(become) myth. And for two and a half thousand years, the Ring passed out of all knowledge. Until, when chance came, it ..... (ensnare) a new bearer. The Ring came to the creature Gollum, who .....(take) it deep into the tunnels of the Misty Mountains and there it ..... (consume) him.

The Ring .....(bring) to Gollum unnatural long life. For five hundred years it ..... (poison) his mind. And in the gloom of Gollum's cave... It .....(wait). Darkness .....(creep) back into the forests of the world. Rumour .....(grow) of a Shadow in the East ... whispers of a nameless fear. And the Ring of Power .....(perceive) its time ..... (now come). It .....(abandon) Gollum.

But something .....(happen) then the Ring ..... (not intend)... It .....(pick up) by the most unlikely creature imaginable... A Hobbit ... Bilbo Baggins of the Shire. For the time .....(soon (come) when the Hobbits ..... (shape) the fortunes of all.

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