

SYNOPSIS

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring begins with Bilbo Baggins, the hero of *The Hobbit*, had returned from his journey. He announces a great celebration in honour of his 111th birthday and the 33rd birthday of his nephew Frodo, whom he had adopted as an heir some years ago and brought to live with him at Bag End. Bilbo comes to end his journey and he talks with Gandalf once more before leaving, and almost changes his original intention of giving the ring to Frodo; but Gandalf persuades him to keep to his idea, and Bilbo leaves, much relieved and happier than ever.

There are rumors of strange events outside the Shire arise, such as of the rising of the Dark Power in the Land of Mordor, although most of the hobbits do not believe in them yet. It seems that Sauron had already heard about Bilbo and the Shire from Gollum, so the Shire is probably no longer a safe place for Frodo. He decides he would leave, accompanied by the young Sam Gamgee, his gardener, who believes in the old tales and would greatly like to see the Elves.

The story continues with the scene of a desperate battle against encroaching evil that pits young Hobbit Frodo Baggins against the Dark Lord Sauron, who desperately wants the ring because it will enable him to enslave the people of Middle Earth. In his effort to ruin the Ring, Frodo recruits a fellowship of friends and a Wizard, Elf, Dwarf and others on a mission to destroy the ring by casting it into the volcanic fires in the Crack of Doom, although the ring controls its own power in the struggle.

After having many dangerous obstacles, the fellowship has divided; they now find themselves taking different paths to defeating Sauron and his allies. Their destinies now lie at two towers—Orthanc Tower in Isengard, where the corrupted wizard Saruman waits, and Sauron's fortress at Barad-dur, deep within the dark lands of Mordor.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers begins in the hills of Eryn Mui, where lost Hobbits, Frodo and Sam, discover they are being followed by the mysterious Gollum. An agile creature who has himself been obsessed by the Ring, Gollum promises to guide the Hobbits to the Black Gates of Mordor if they will release him. Sam does not trust their new companion, but Frodo takes pity on Gollum, who like himself was once a Ring Bearer.

Along Frodo's journey, there occur many battles of defending land by other races inside Middle-Earth. People asunder of Sauron's threats and they lose so many. Still, in the face of great losses, they charge forward into the battle of their lifetimes, tied together by their singular goal to keep Sauron distracted and give the Ring Bearer a chance to complete his quest. Their hopes rest with Frodo, a tiny but determined Hobbit making a dangerous trip across deceitful enemy lands to cast the One Ring into the fires of Mount Doom. The closer Frodo gets to his final destination, the heavier his burden becomes and the more he must rely on Samwise Gamgee.

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King presents the threat of Gollum toward Frodo and Sam in their journey to Mount Doom. Gollum's flashback scenes reveal his badly disguise when guiding the two Hobbits. Gollum could finally set them apart by tricky blaming Sam as a greedy of food stock.

Frodo fascinated by Gollum bundling Sam out because of his disbelieving. However, though he is left by Frodo, Sam abandons to leave and comes back to save Frodo from huge spider attack. Eventually, after getting his trust, Sam insists Frodo to continue escorting the Ring. Arrives in Mount Doom, Frodo shows the rounding character. After doing the danger journey, Frodo loses his ability to refuse the effect of the Ring. Hence, he obsesses to wear the Ring instead of throwing the Ring into Mount Doom while his friends are in the huge battle at the gate of Mordor. Fortunately, Gollum disrupting him in a battle. Then, Gollum and the Ring flung into the Mount Doom. It causes the defeat of Sauron's army which later brings the victory of people in Middle-Earth. The story ends with the Frodo's reluctant in leaving his friends and continue the next journey.

APPENDIX