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### The Ring

- Compels those with weak wills (i.e., Bilbo, Frodo, Smeagol, etc.) to use it
- Addictive
- Gains control of its user.
- The One Ring that weakened Sauron's power when he lost it.
- Contains fire-written message that can be read once it has been passed through fire. The

message says:

*One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,  
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them.  
Three Rings for the Elven-Kings under the sky,  
Seven for the Dwarf-lords in their halls of stone,  
Nine for Mortal Men doomed to die,  
One for the Dark Lord on his Dark Throne  
In the land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.  
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One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them,  
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie. (Fellowship of the Ring  
75)*

- Seems to "find" each of its users.
- Makes its wearer invisible
- Consistent use of it makes the user fade. Gandalf told Frodo:

'A mortal, Frodo, who keeps one of the Great Rings, does not die, but he does not grow or obtain more life, he merely continues, until at last every minute is a weariness. And if he often uses the Ring to make himself invisible, he *fades*: he becomes in the end invisible permanently, and walks in the twilight under the eye of the dark power that rules the Rings. Yes, sooner or later—later if he is strong or well-meaning to begin with, but neither strength nor good purpose will last—sooner or later the dark power will devour him.' (Fellowship 71)

- Created by Elves.