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FOR CENTURIES, THE PRISTINE LAND OF HYRULE HAS ENJOYED PEACE.

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KRACKOOM...

THAT FRAGILE CALM IS ABOUT TO BE SHATTERED...
FOR AN ABOMINABLE EVIL SEALED AWAY FOR CENTURIES IS ABOUT TO BE AWAKENED BY A SINISTER SERVANT OF DARKNESS...

CHAPTER ONE
**HERO'S
AWAKENING**

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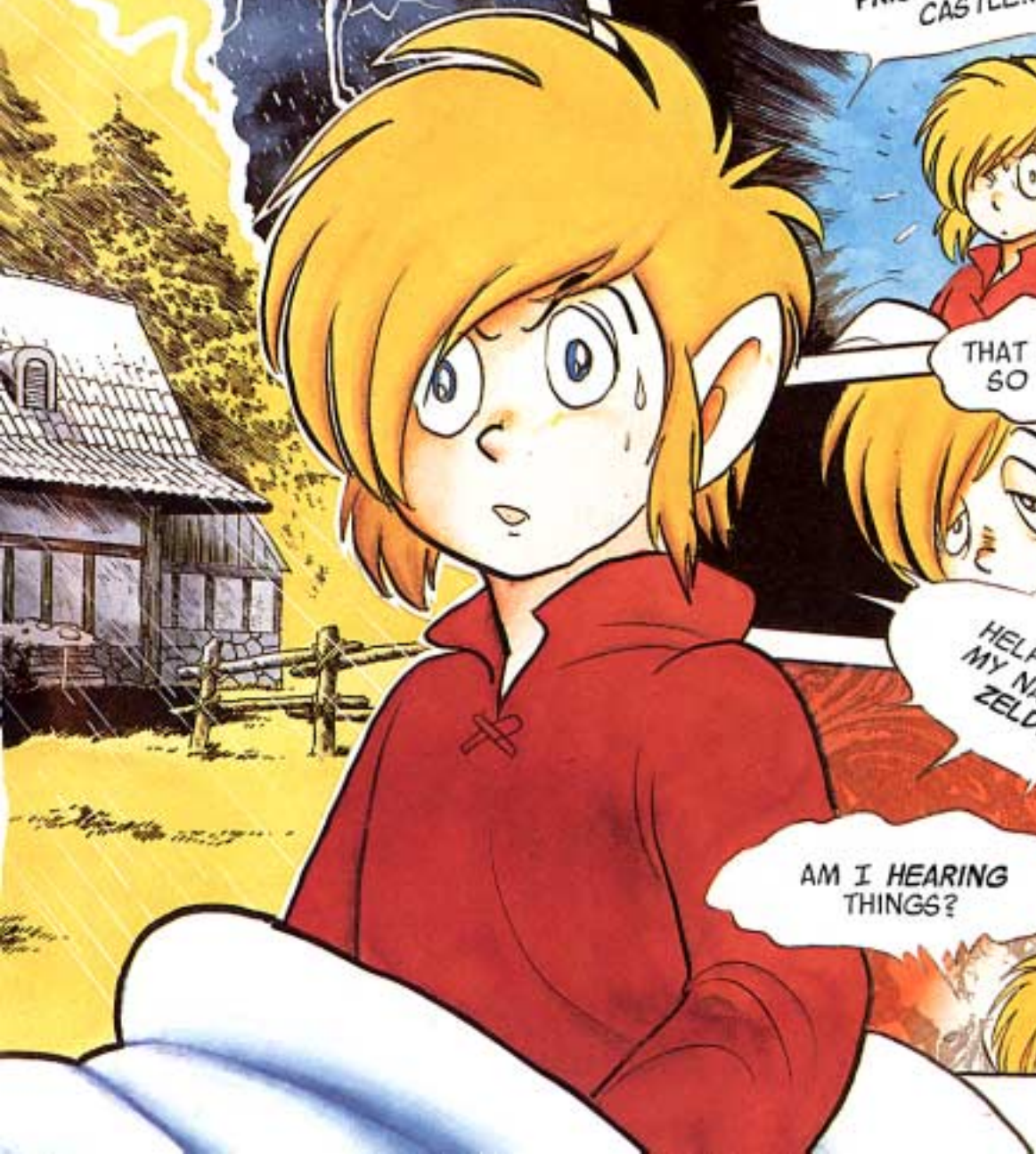
LINK...
HELP ME...

I'M BEING HELD
PRISONER IN THE
CASTLE...

THAT DREAM...
SO REAL...

HELP ME...
MY NAME IS
ZELDA...

AM I HEARING
THINGS?



AM I UNDER
A SPELL? AM I
GOING CRAZY?

NO, I AM THE KING'S
DAUGHTER, ZELDA.
I AM COMMUNICATING
THROUGH TELEPATHY.

WHERE
ARE YOU?

UNCLE!?

WHERE
DID HE GO?

PLEASE, LINK, LISTEN!
I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN SAVE THE
PEOPLE OF HYRULE!

THAT'S
STRANGE...SHE
EVEN KNOWS
MY NAME!

ANY FURTHER
DELAY MAY PROVE
DISASTROUS...
HURRY!

BUT HOW
WILL I EVER
FIND YOU?

THIS WAY...

WHAT A
NIGHT!

...LINK!

SPLISH

SPLASH

IN
HERE!

KRACKOOM

I DON'T
SEE ANY...

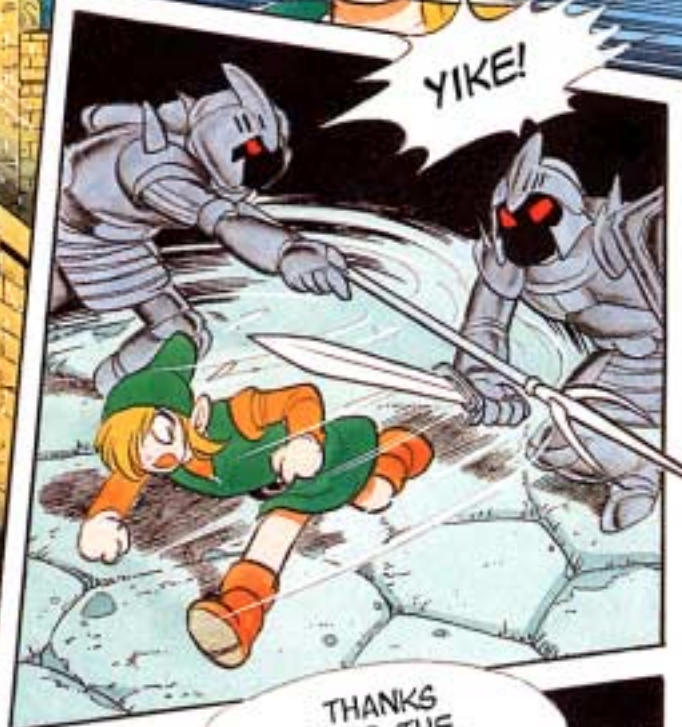
BE WARY OF
THE CASTLE SOLDIERS!
AGAHNIM CONTROLS THEM
WITH HIS MAGIC!

SWISH!

YIKE!

THANKS
FOR THE
WARNING!

WHICH
WAY TO GO?





WHAT'S THIS?

KA-TANG!
KLANG!



UNCLE!!



YOU HAVE STRUCK
YOUR FINAL BLOW,
PUNY FOOL!

ZZZZZAM!

AAAAH!

...HMNPH! THUS SHALL ALL WHO CHALLENGE ME, AGAHNIM, MEET THEIR DOOM!

UH-UNCLE!! ARE YOU...?

GROAN...

IT WAS ZELDA... SHE SUMMONED ME THROUGH TELEPATHY!

LINK... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

ZELDA, EH... SO YOU HEARD HER, TOO... VERY WELL...

...TAKE MY SWORD AND SHIELD. THE PRINCESS... YOU MUST SAVE HER!

HUH?

AFTER YOU RESCUE ZELDA... AND THE PEOPLE IN THE DARK WORLD... YOU MAY MEET YOUR PARENTS...

UNCLE


WHAT?!

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THEY'RE DEAD!

UNCLE! \gg SOB \ll WHY? WHAT IS HAPPENING?

THERE IS NO TIME TO GRIEVE NOW. YOU MUST HURRY ONWARD!

UNNNGH...




...IT APPEARS
ZELDA WAS ABLE TO
SUMMON *HELP* WITH HER
TELEPATHIC POWERS...


...IF WE DO NOT ACT
SOON, *MORE* FOOLS MAY
ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THEIR
PRECIOUS PRINCESS!

BRING
ZELDA TO ME
AT *ONCE!*


THE *FINAL*
ENCHANTMENT MUST
BE CAST
IMMEDIATELY!



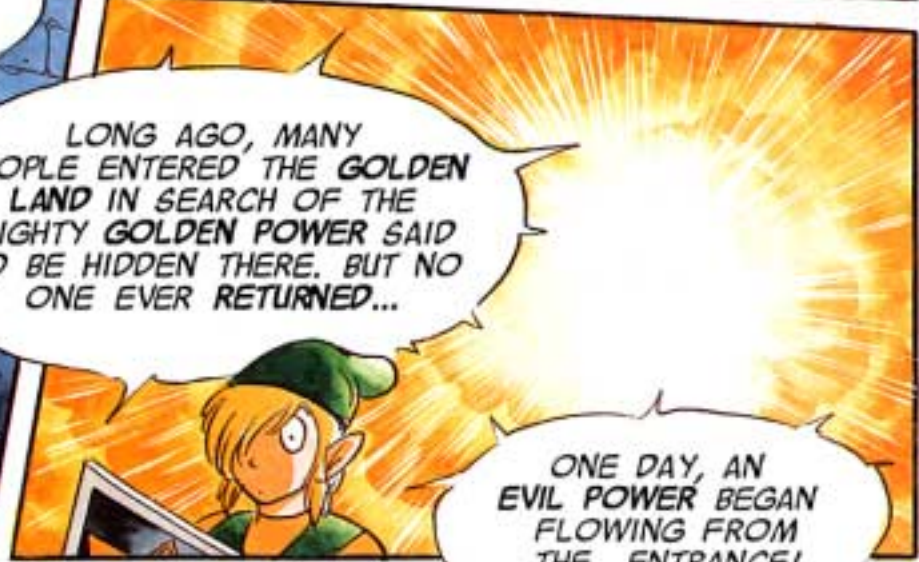
AGAHNIM IS
PLANNING TO USE THE
LIFE FORCE OF SEVEN
MAIDENS TO OPEN THE
SEAL OF THE SEVEN
WISE MEN...



SEVEN WISE
MEN? *SEAL?* I'VE
NEVER HEARD OF
THESE THINGS...



LONG AGO, MANY
PEOPLE ENTERED THE *GOLDEN*
LAND IN SEARCH OF THE
MIGHTY *GOLDEN* POWER SAID
TO BE HIDDEN THERE. BUT NO
ONE EVER RETURNED...



ONE DAY, AN
EVIL POWER BEGAN
FLOWING FROM
THE ENTRANCE!

AND THE KING
ORDERED SEVEN
WISE MEN...

...TO SEAL
THE GATE TO THE
GOLDEN LAND
FOREVER!

BUT NOW, AGAHNIM IS
GOING TO OPEN THE
GOLDEN SEAL USING
OUR LIFE ENERGY!

OUR LIFE FORCE? SO
YOU ARE ONE OF THE
SEVEN MAIDENS?

THAT'S
TERRIBLE!

I...I CAME TO
SAVE PRINCESS
ZELDA!

WHO GOES
THERE?

WHELP! NOW
IT IS YOU WHO
NEEDS SAVING!

SH-K
KLANG!

YOU AND THE
PRINCESS WILL BE
TOGETHER SOON
ENOUGH!

BOINGG
SPROING

SWISH



BAP!!

ERR...
UNNH!

NOW...

...LEAD ME TO
THE DUNGEON!
WHAT?



SWISH!



FSHHHH!



CRUNCH

...LINK!
CONCENTRATE!
I WILL GUIDE
YOU!
TRUST YOUR FEELINGS
AND YOU WILL FIND ME!



AHH! IT'S
WORKING!

I'M ON MY WAY!
HOLD ON, ZELDA!

AIEEEE!

LINK, HURRY!
THEY ARE TAKING
ME AWAY!

CLINK **CLANK**

PRINCESS
ZELDA!

LINK?!

THIS
WAY!

HALT!

EHH?

?!
?!
?!

I SEE...

YOUR TELEPATHY IS
OF NO USE AGAINST
AGAHNIM...



I OVERHEARD HIM
TALKING ABOUT USING
MY LIFE FORCE TO
FINALLY OPEN THE SEAL
OF THE SEVEN WISE
MEN!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

ALL I KNOW IS
THAT MONSTER AGAHNIM
KILLED MY UNCLE!

I'VE GOT TO BRING
HIM TO JUSTICE,
SOMEHOW!

YES...AND WERE HE
SUCCESSFUL, THE MASTER
OF EVIL WOULD MARSHAL
HIS FORCES AGAINST
THIS WORLD AGAIN!

LINK, I FEEL
THAT YOU ARE...
YOU MUST BE...

...THE LEGENDARY
HERO WHO APPEARS
IN HYRULE ONCE
EVERY HUNDRED
YEARS...

... YOU ARE THE
LONE PROTECTOR
OF THIS LAND!

I
FEEL SURE THAT
YOU CAN FOIL
AGAHNIM'S PLOT!

BLUSH

LINK? IF YOU ARE GOING
TO BATTLE THE WIZARD
AGAHNIM, DO NOT
UNDERESTIMATE HIM! I
SENSE A POWERFUL EVIL
FORCE IS **GUIDING**
HIS ACTIONS...

RRRRUMBLE

BAD OOM!

ZZZZZZAM

WHAT?!
HE IS COMING!
I SENSE HIS
EVIL PRESENCE!

IT'S
AGAHNIM!

HA-HA...

PRINCESS ZELDA...
COME BACK TO THE
CASTLE **QUIETLY!** EVEN
IF YOU RUN TO THE
ENDS OF HYRULE, YOU
WILL NOT **ESCAPE**
ME!

I'LL NEVER
LET YOU TAKE
HER!

HA HA
HA

NOT SO LONG AGO,
ANOTHER FOOLISH
WARRIOR LOST HIS LIFE
SPOUTING *SIMILAR*
NONSENSE!

WHY, YOU--!
THAT WAS MY UNCLE!

ZZZAT!

AAAAH!

YOU ARE
AS WEAK AS YOU
ARE IMPETUOUS!

ZZZZM!

IIIIIEE

I WILL MAKE
YOU TASTE FEAR
LIKE YOU HAVE
NEVER KNOWN!

HM MMM...

BAD OOM!



BAP!



CLACK



GROAN...

MAYBE THIS
WILL KNOCK SOME
HEROIC SENSE
INTO ME!

HA HA HA HA



PRINCESS!

ZELDA!



IT'S NO USE
FIGHTING AGAHNIM
WITH AN ORDINARY
SWORD!



YOU NEED THE
MASTER SWORD OF
LEGENDS PAST!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
FIND THE MASTER SWORD!
LINK--IT'S UP TO YOU
ALONE!

ZELDA!!

FSHHHH...

THERE'S JUST
ONE THING! THE
MASTER SWORD--
WHERE IS IT?

RUMBLE...
RUMBLE...

TO BE CONTINUED...