

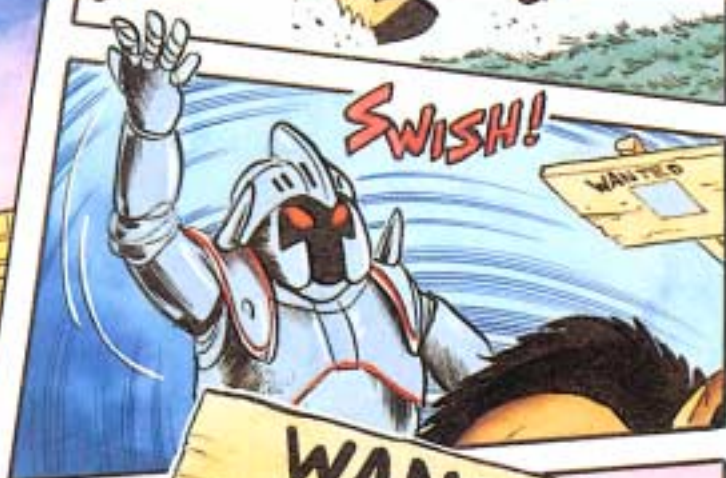
WISE MAN'S WARNING**THE LEGEND OF
ZELDA**
A LINK TO THE PAST™

HEEDING THE TELEPATHIC SUMMONS OF PRINCESS ZELDA, THE YOUNG WARRIOR, LINK, BRAVELY STORMED HYRULE CASTLE AND RESCUED HER FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE EVIL WIZARD AGAHNIM. LINK'S HEROIC EFFORTS TO DEFEND HER WERE FUTILE, HOWEVER AS THE WIZARD SOON FOUND AND RECAPTURED HER. NOW, LINK SEARCHES FOR THE ONLY WEAPON POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HIS FOE. AGAHNIM, POSING AS THE KING, HAS PLACED A PRICE ON LINK'S HEAD...

RRRRUMBLE!!!



SWISH!



WANTED

FOR KIDNAPPING
LARGE REWARD
THE KING



BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



LINK, TAKE
A LOOK AT THIS
SIGN...

"LARGE
REWARD?..."

HMMM...
"WANTED
FOR
KIDNAPPING?"

THIS IS MORE
SERIOUS THAN I
THOUGHT!

WANTED

WELL,
THANKS FOR
YOUR *HELP!*

DON'T *MENTION* IT. WITH
THE KING HAVING GONE
OVER TO THE *DARK SIDE*, I
HAVE NO *REASON* TO
TURN YOU IN...



...THIS MARKS THE LOCATION OF SAHASRAHLA THE ELDER'S HOUSE...

I AM CERTAIN HE CAN TELL YOU MORE OF THE MASTER SWORD.

HE IS A DESCENDANT OF ONE OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN WHO SEALED THE GOLDEN LAND SO LONG AGO.

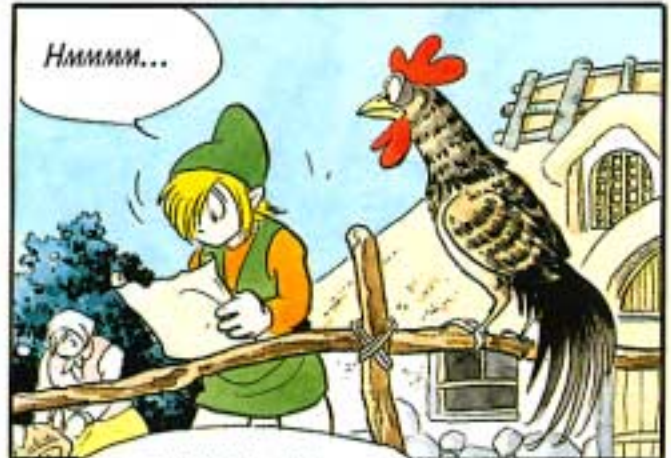
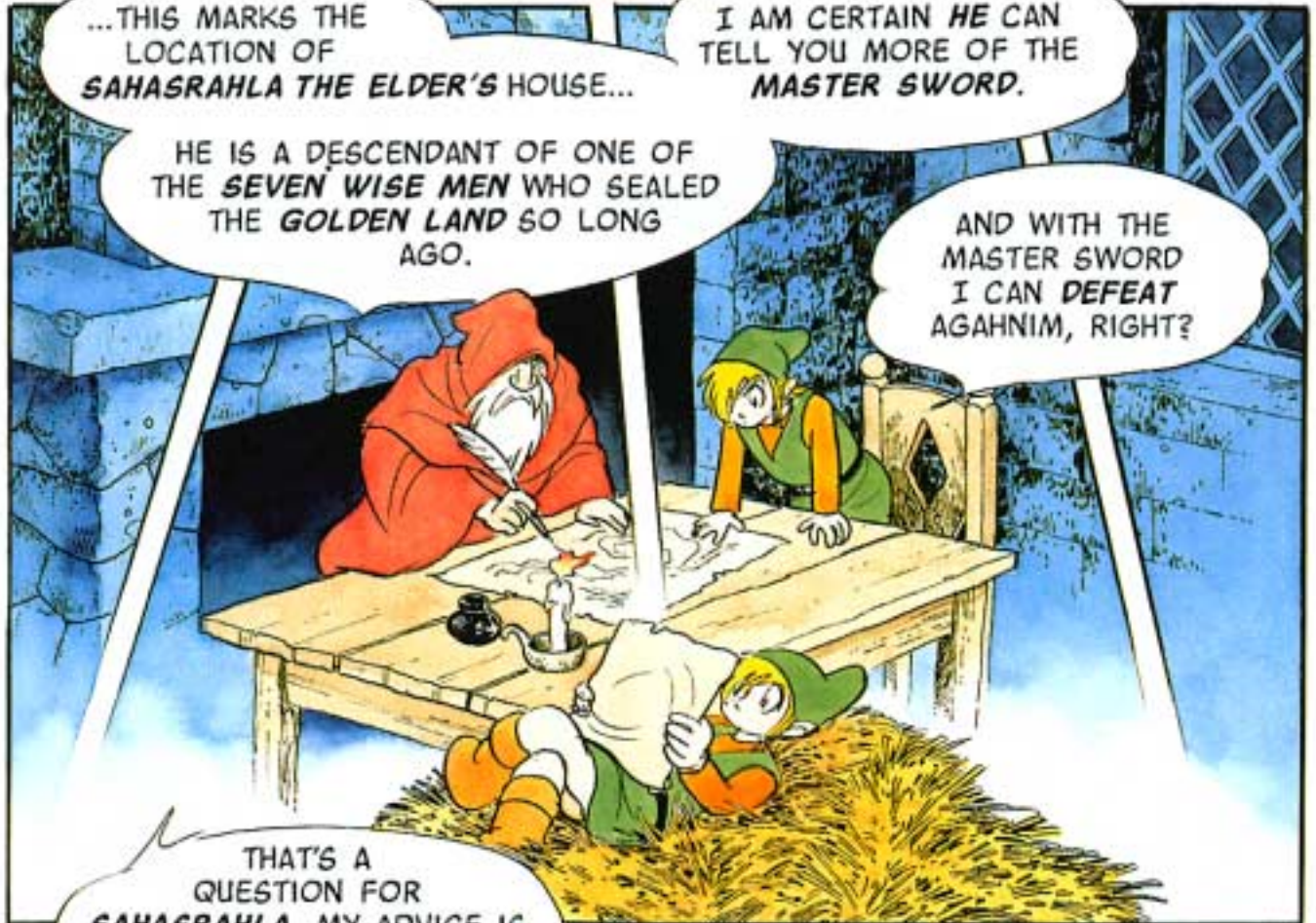
AND WITH THE MASTER SWORD I CAN DEFEAT AGAHNIM, RIGHT?

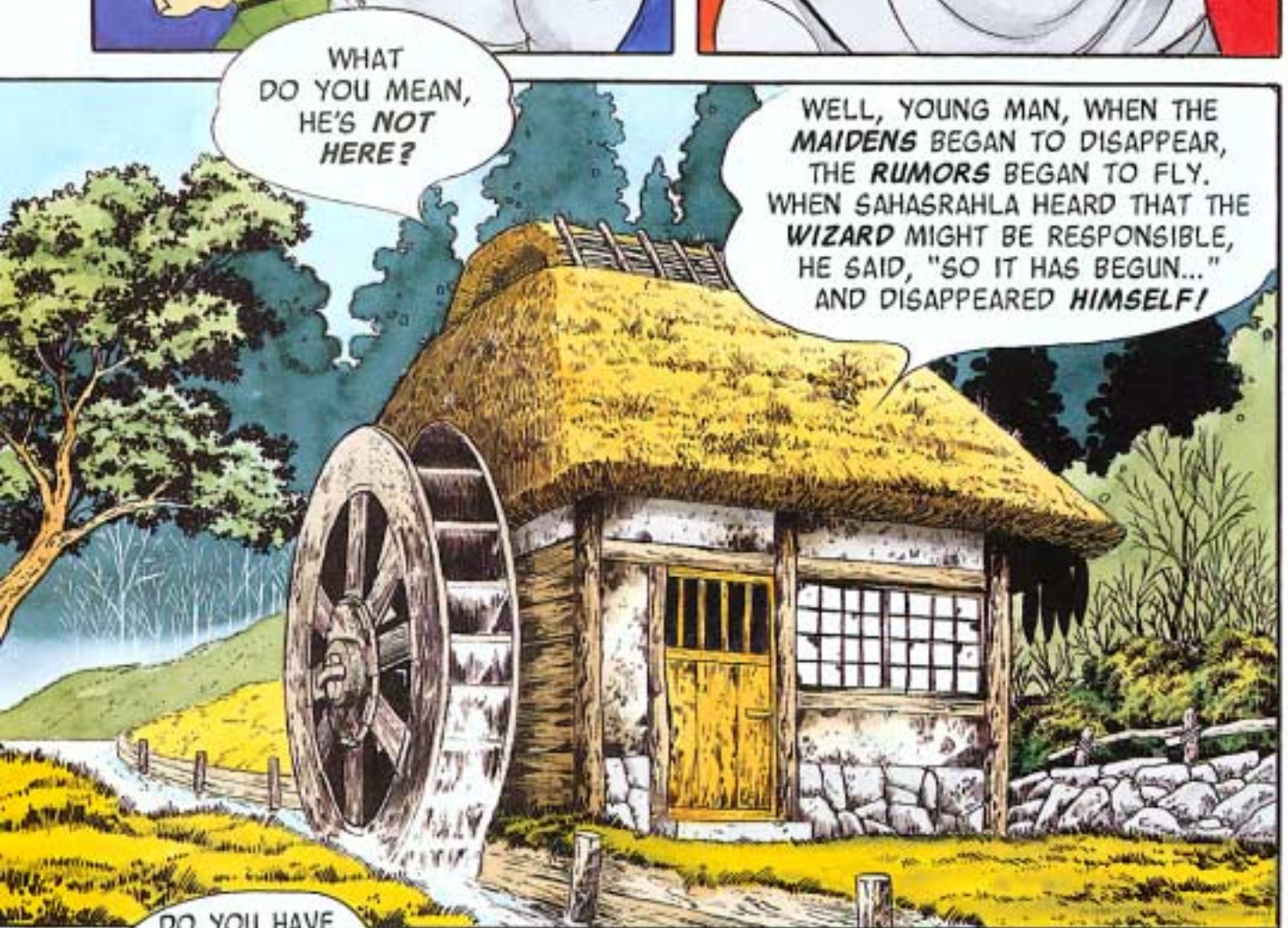
THAT'S A QUESTION FOR SAHASRAHLA. MY ADVICE IS THAT YOU FIND HIM BEFORE THE WIZARD'S MEN FIND YOU!

HMMMM...

EXCUSE ME, BUT DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAHASRAHLA'S HOUSE?

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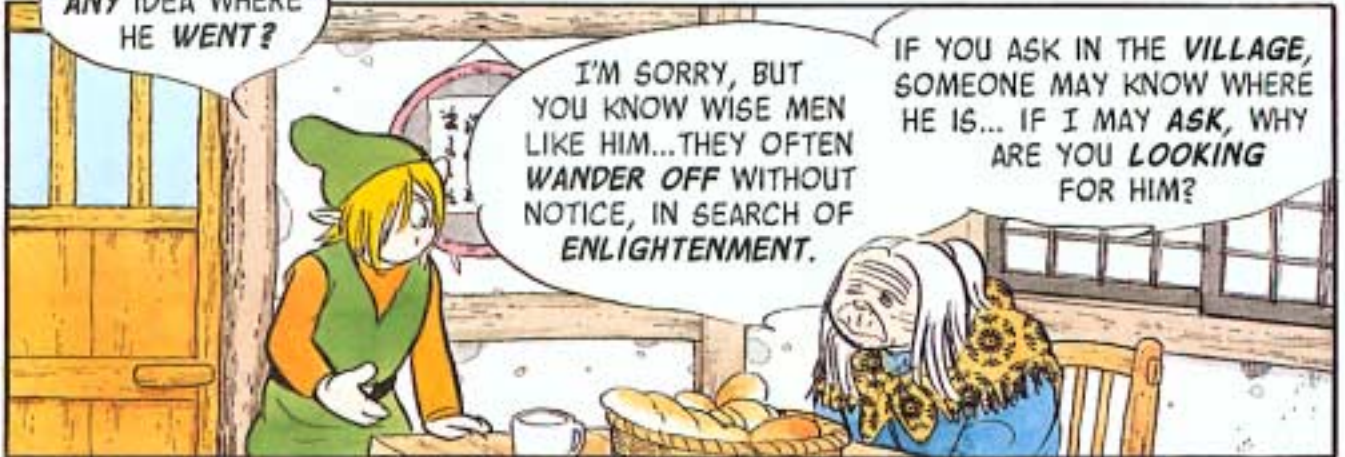
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE'S NOT HERE?


WELL, YOUNG MAN, WHEN THE MAIDENS BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR, THE RUMORS BEGAN TO FLY. WHEN SAHASRAHLA HEARD THAT THE WIZARD MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, HE SAID, "SO IT HAS BEGUN..." AND DISAPPEARED HIMSELF!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE HE WENT?


I'M SORRY, BUT YOU KNOW WISE MEN LIKE HIM...THEY OFTEN WANDER OFF WITHOUT NOTICE, IN SEARCH OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

IF YOU ASK IN THE VILLAGE, SOMEONE MAY KNOW WHERE HE IS... IF I MAY ASK, WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIM?






I NEED TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE **MASTER SWORD**...




MASTER SWORD?! I'VE HEARD OF THAT LEGEND...

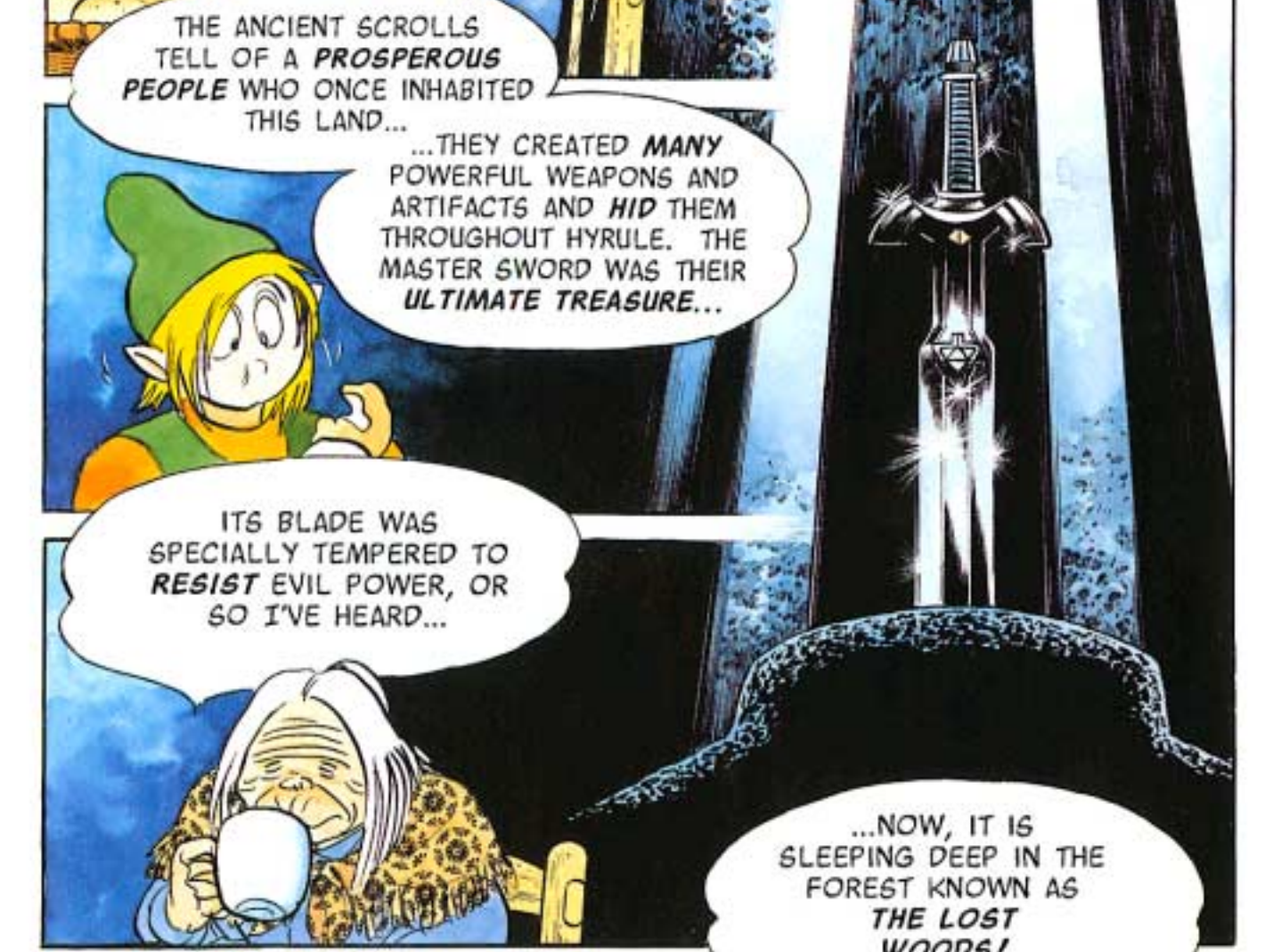


THE ANCIENT SCROLLS TELL OF A **PROSPEROUS PEOPLE** WHO ONCE INHABITED THIS LAND...

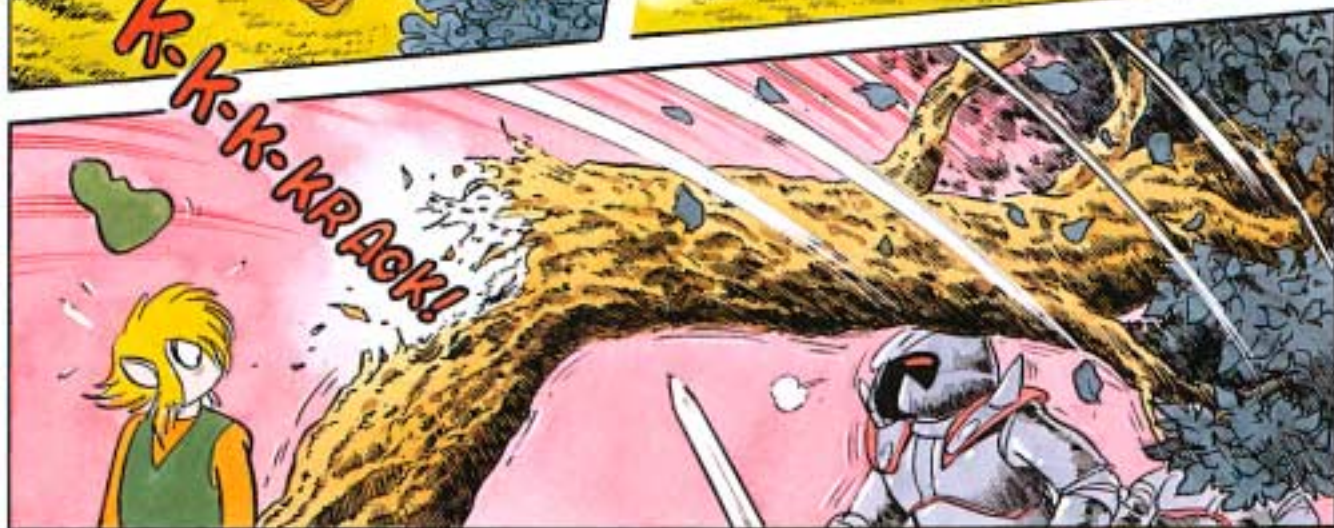
...THEY CREATED **MANY** POWERFUL WEAPONS AND ARTIFACTS AND **HID** THEM THROUGHOUT HYRULE. THE MASTER SWORD WAS THEIR **ULTIMATE TREASURE**...

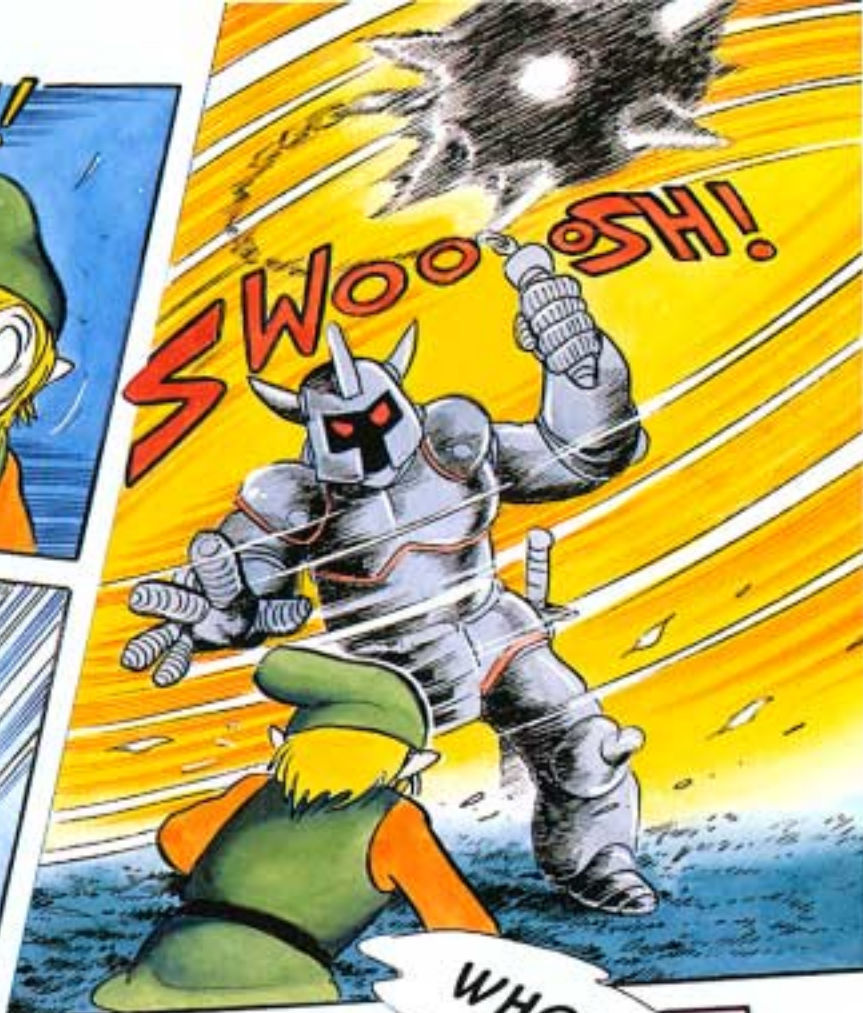


ITS BLADE WAS SPECIALLY TEMPERED TO **RESIST** EVIL POWER, OR SO I'VE HEARD...



...NOW, IT IS SLEEPING DEEP IN THE FOREST KNOWN AS **THE LOST WOODS!**





WHERE'D HE GET TO?



LIGHT A TORCH! IT'S GETTING TOO DARK TO SEE ANYTHING!



**BLAST! FAN OUT!
HE CAN'T HAVE
GOTTEN TOO FAR!**

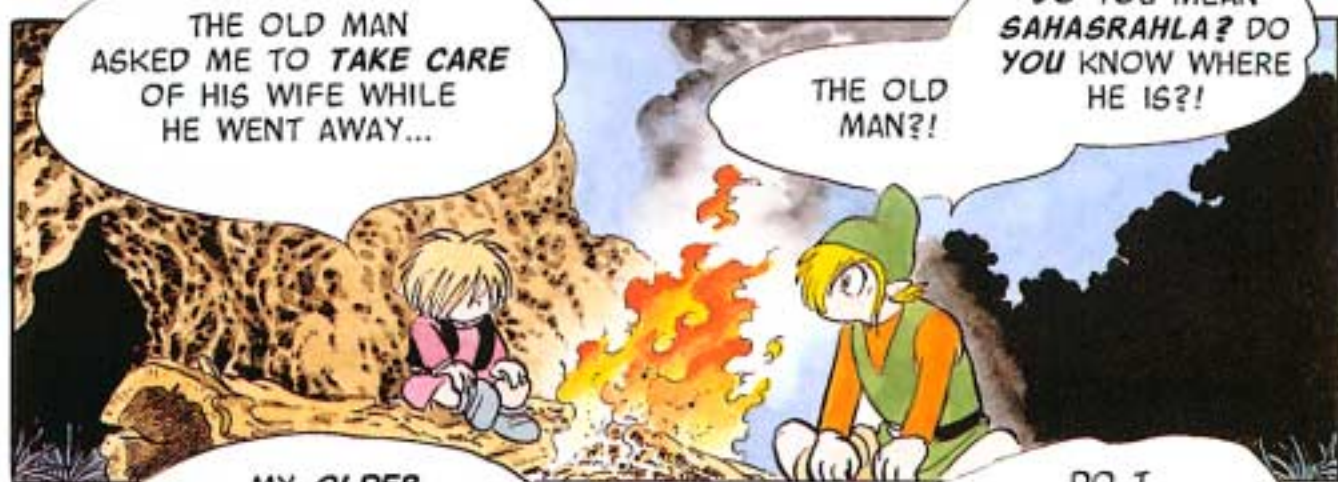


**I GUESS I
GAVE THEM THE
SLIP!**



**RUSTLE
RUSTLE**

**WHO ARE
YOU, KID?**



**THE OLD MAN
ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE
OF HIS WIFE WHILE
HE WENT AWAY...**

**THE OLD
MAN?!**

**DO YOU MEAN
SAHASRAHLA? DO
YOU KNOW WHERE
HE IS?!**



**SURE
DO!**

**MY OLDER
BROTHER WAS FIGHTING
THE SOLDIERS AND...
OOPS! THAT'S A
SECRET TO BAD
GUYS!**

**LOOK
AT ME!**

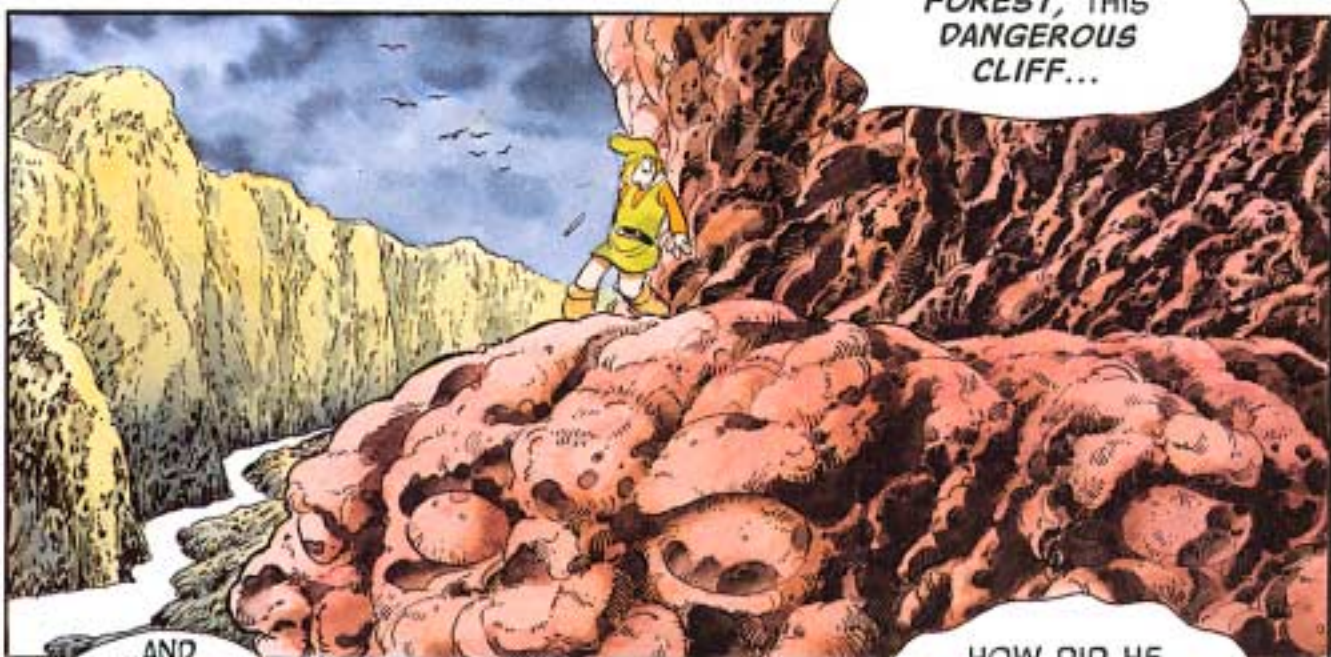


**DO I
LOOK LIKE A
BAD GUY?**

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SAHASRAHLA TRAVELLED THROUGH *THIS*...



... DARK FOREST, THIS DANGEROUS CLIFF...



... AND THIS SLIMY SWAMP!

HOW DID HE DO IT? HE'S JUST A FEEBLE OLD MAN!



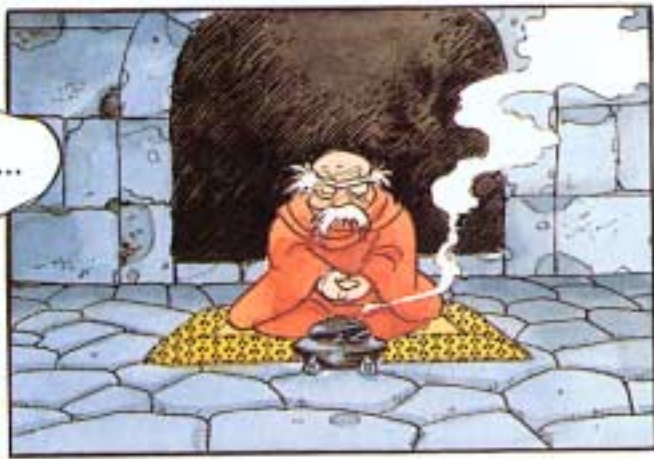
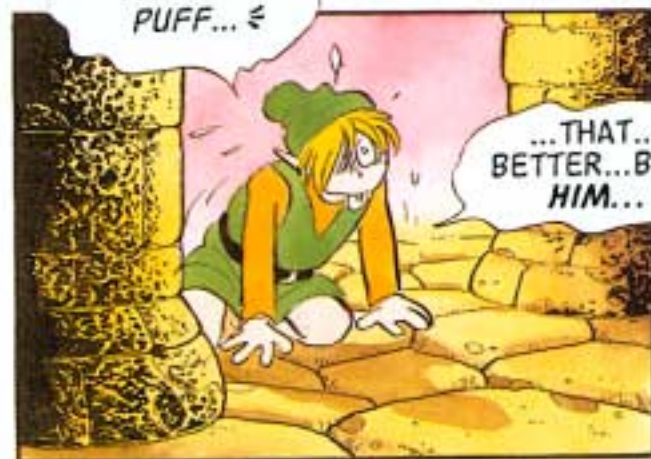
THIS
MUST BE
IT...

...THE **EASTERN
PALACE** WHERE HE'S
HIDING OUT...

NOT MORE
CLIMBING...!

≧HUFF...
PUFF...≦

...THAT...
BETTER...BE...
HIM...





YOU'RE SAHASRAHLA,
AREN'T YOU...? MY NAME IS
LINK...I'M LOOKING FOR
THE MASTER SWORD SO I CAN
DEFEAT AGAHNIM AND RESCUE
PRINCESS ZELDA...I HEARD
YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS!

YES...I
AM **INDEED**
SAHASRAHLA!



BUT YOU...YOU ARE JUST A **BOY**...I CANNOT BELIEVE A **YOUNGSTER** LIKE YOU IS LOOKING FOR THE MASTER SWORD!

NOT JUST **ANYONE** CAN USE THAT MIGHTY BLADE!

UHH...DON'T JUDGE ME BY MY **SIZE!** I MUST FIND IT!

THE ANCIENT **LEGEND** SAYS: "THE HERO WILL COME ON CATACLYSM'S EVE, BEARING THREE SYMBOLS OF VIRTUE. THE MASTER SWORD HE WILL THEN RETRIEVE, KEEPING THE KNIGHT'S LINE TRUE."

"...THREE SYMBOLS OF VIRTUE!?"

WHAT DOES THAT **MEAN?** WHAT ARE THEY?

THE SYMBOLS ARE THE LEGENDARY **PENDANTS OF VIRTUE**. I CAN HELP YOU WITH THE **PENDANT OF COURAGE**...

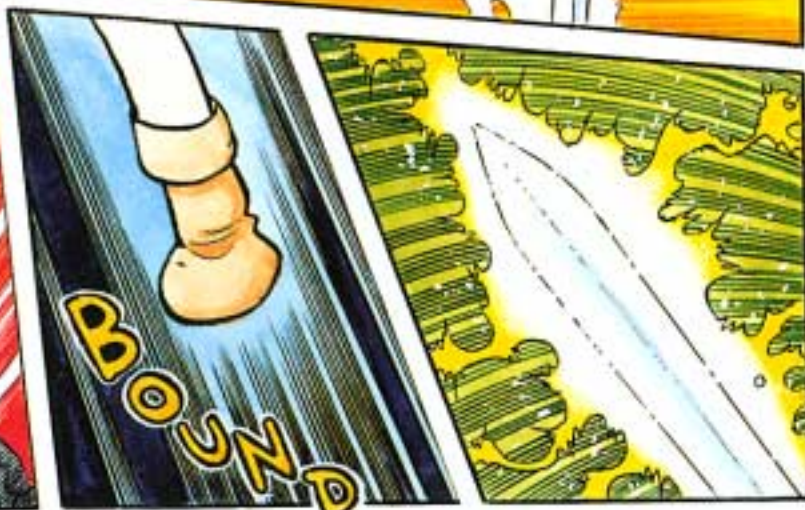
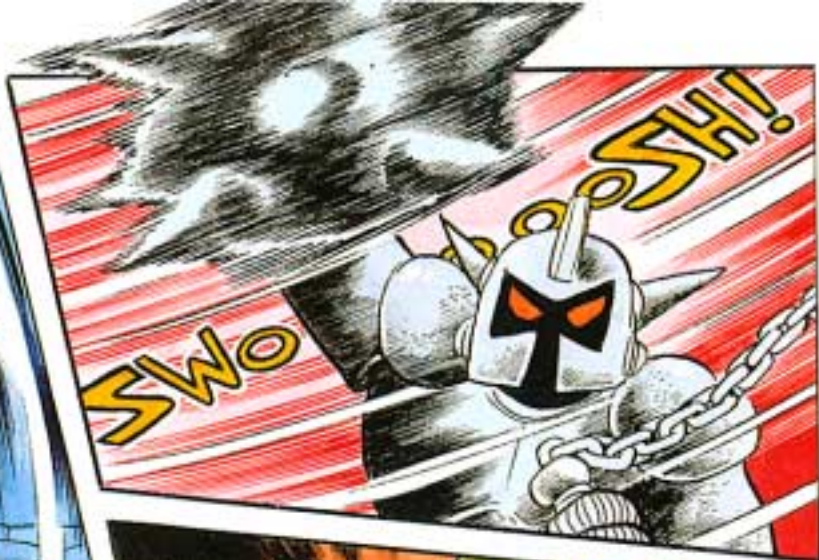
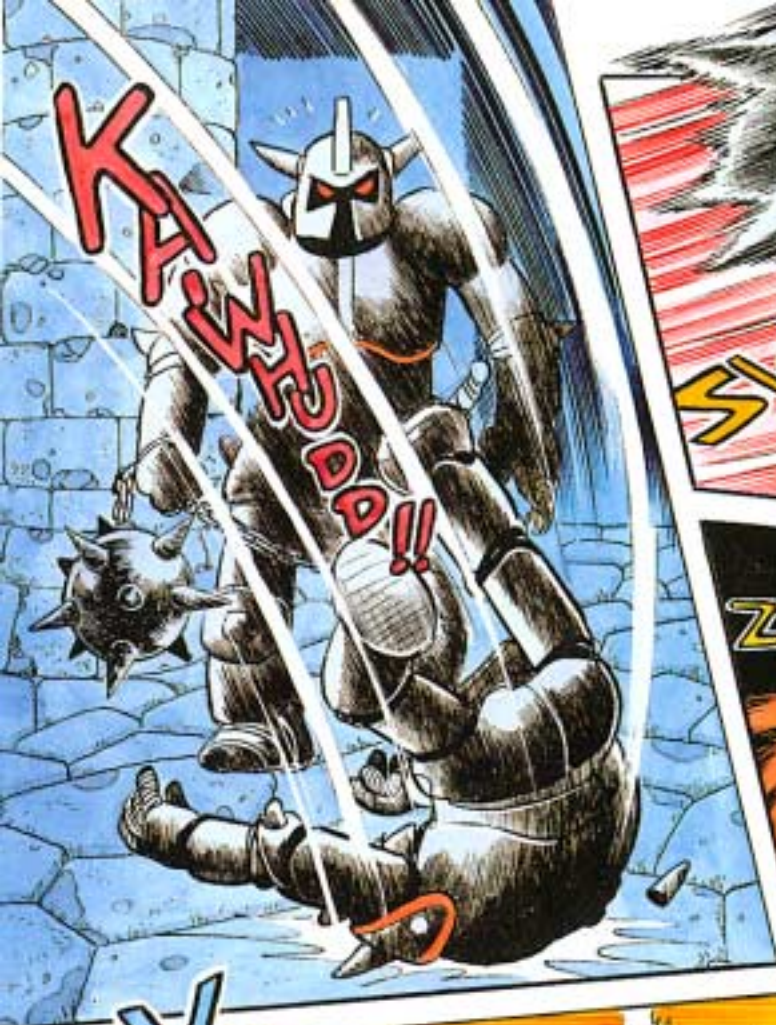


BUT FINDING THE **REMAINING TWO** PENDANTS IS NOT A QUEST TO BE TAKEN **LIGHTLY**...

...DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU CAN **ACCOMPLISH** THIS TASK, YOUNG MAN?

OF COURSE! BESIDES, I **PROMISED** ZELDA!







WAAHHHH!

SO, THIS IS
THE POWER OF
THE PENDANT...

EXCELLENT!

I WILL RISE TO
THE CHALLENGE OF
THE PENDANTS, AND WITH
THEIR POWER I WILL
DESTROY YOU,
AGAHNIM!!

TO BE CONTINUED...