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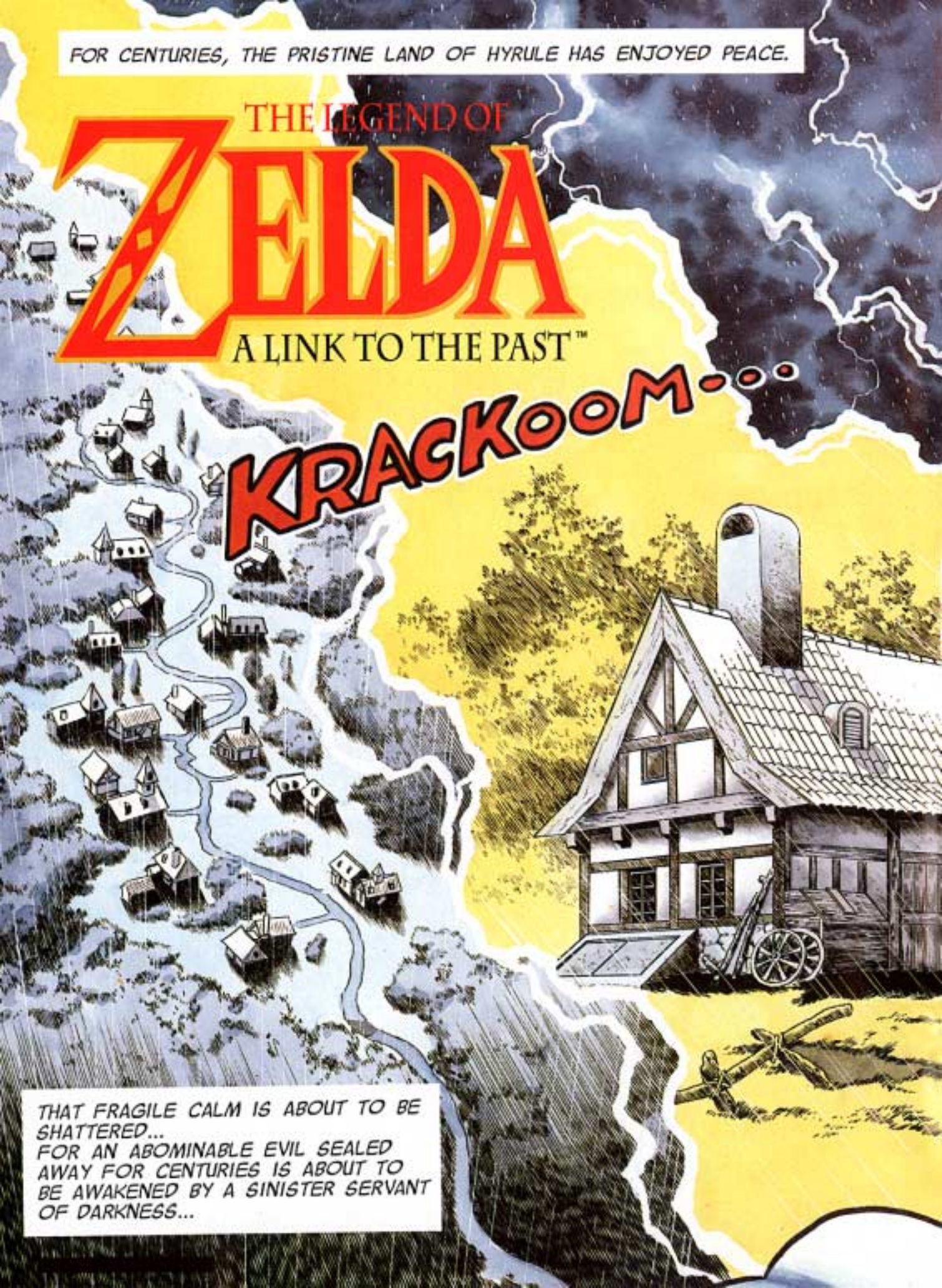


FOR CENTURIES, THE PRISTINE LAND OF HYRULE HAS ENJOYED PEACE.

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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**

BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



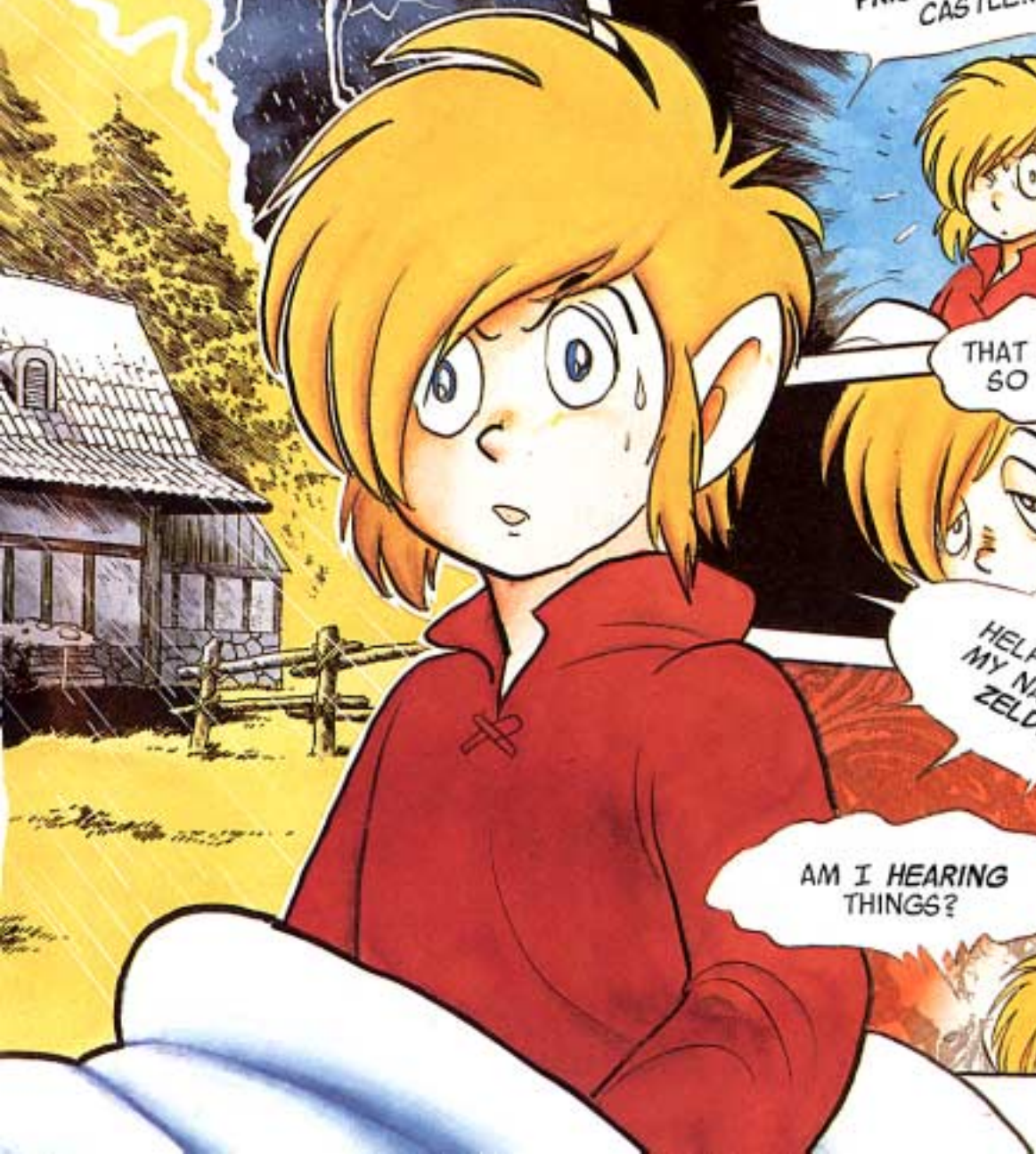
LINK...  
HELP ME...

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...

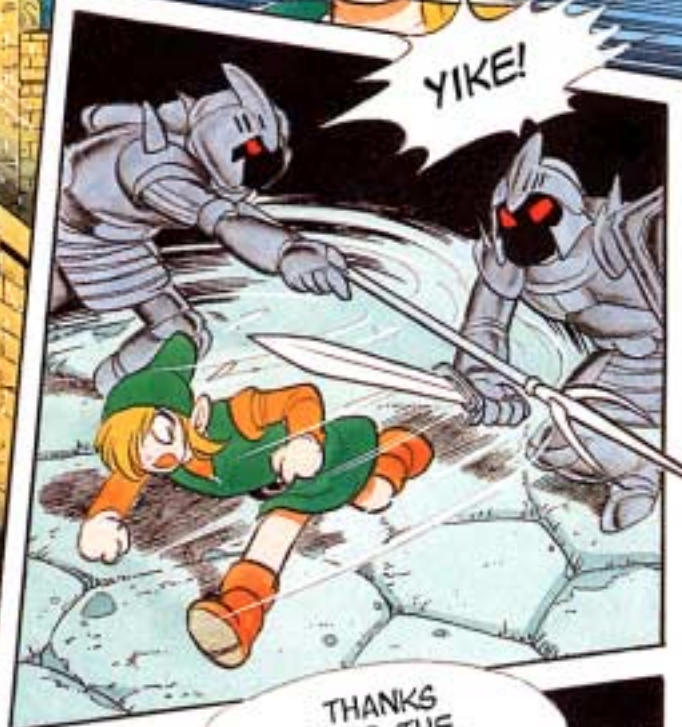
BE WARY OF  
THE CASTLE SOLDIERS!  
AGAHNIM CONTROLS THEM  
WITH HIS MAGIC!

**SWISH!**

**YIKE!**

THANKS  
FOR THE  
WARNING!

WHICH  
WAY TO GO?





...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!*



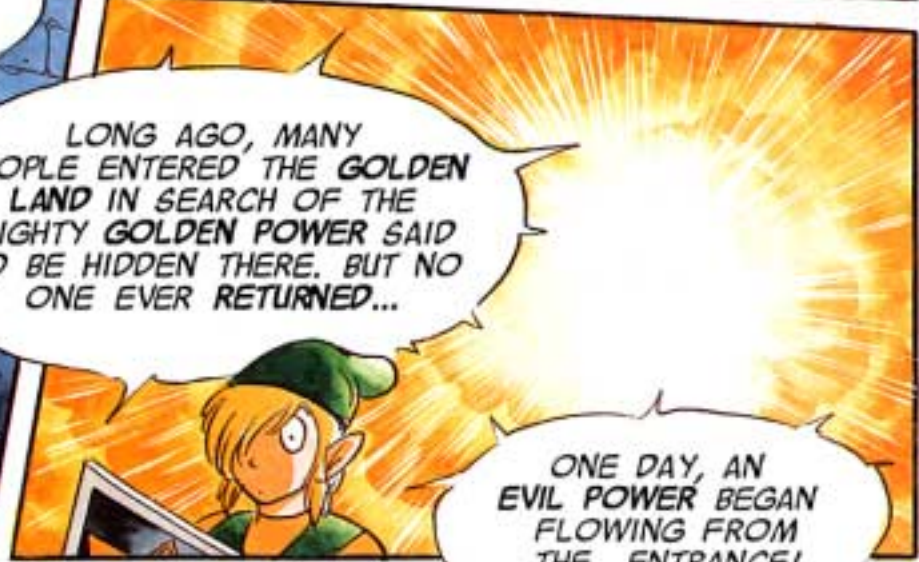
AGAHNIM IS  
PLANNING TO USE THE  
LIFE FORCE OF SEVEN  
MAIDENS TO OPEN THE  
SEAL OF THE SEVEN  
WISE MEN...



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!

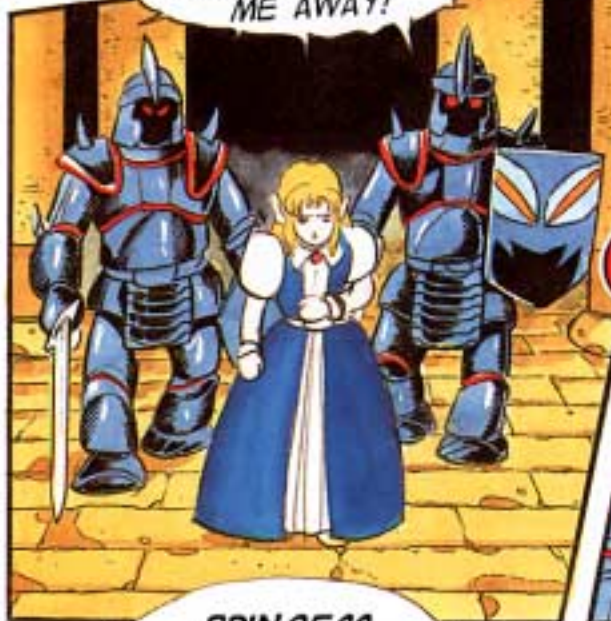
**BOINGG**  
**SPROING**

**SWISH**



**AIEEEE!**

LINK, HURRY!  
THEY ARE TAKING  
ME AWAY!



PRINCESS  
ZELDA!

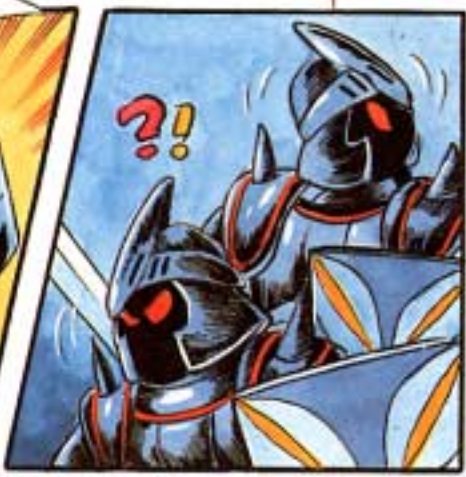
LINK?!



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!**



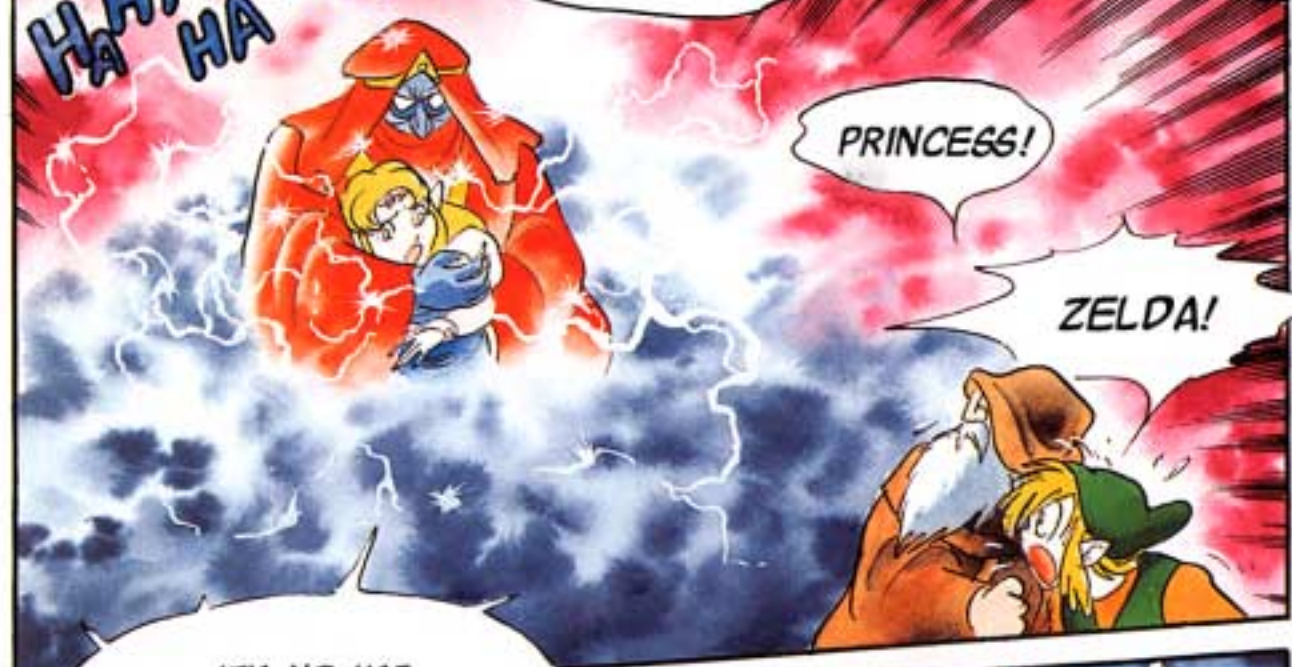
**CLACK**



GROAN...

MAYBE THIS  
WILL KNOCK SOME  
HEROIC SENSE  
INTO ME!

**HHA 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...

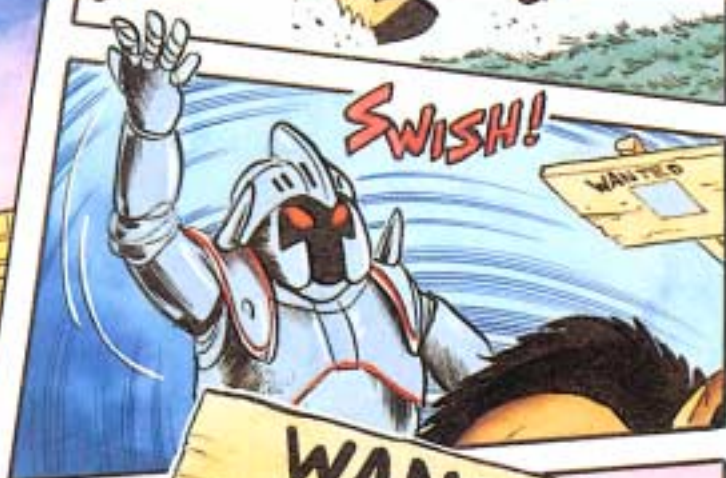
**WISE MAN'S WARNING****THE LEGEND OF  
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HEEDING THE TELEPATHIC SUMMONS OF PRINCESS ZELDA, THE YOUNG WARRIOR, LINK, BRAVELY STORMED HYRULE CASTLE AND RESCUED HER FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE EVIL WIZARD AGAHNIM. LINK'S HEROIC EFFORTS TO DEFEND HER WERE 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.

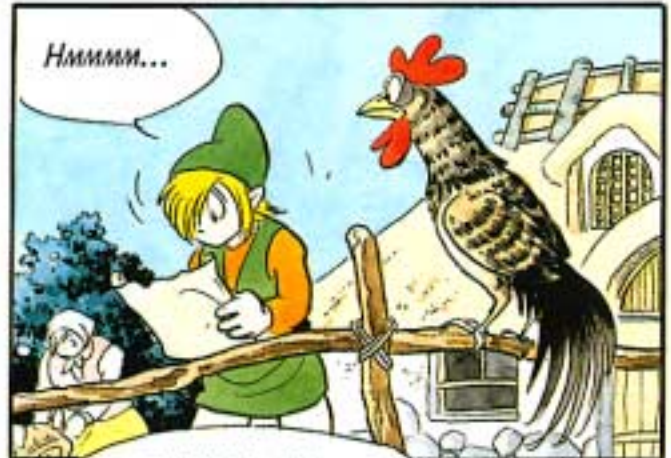
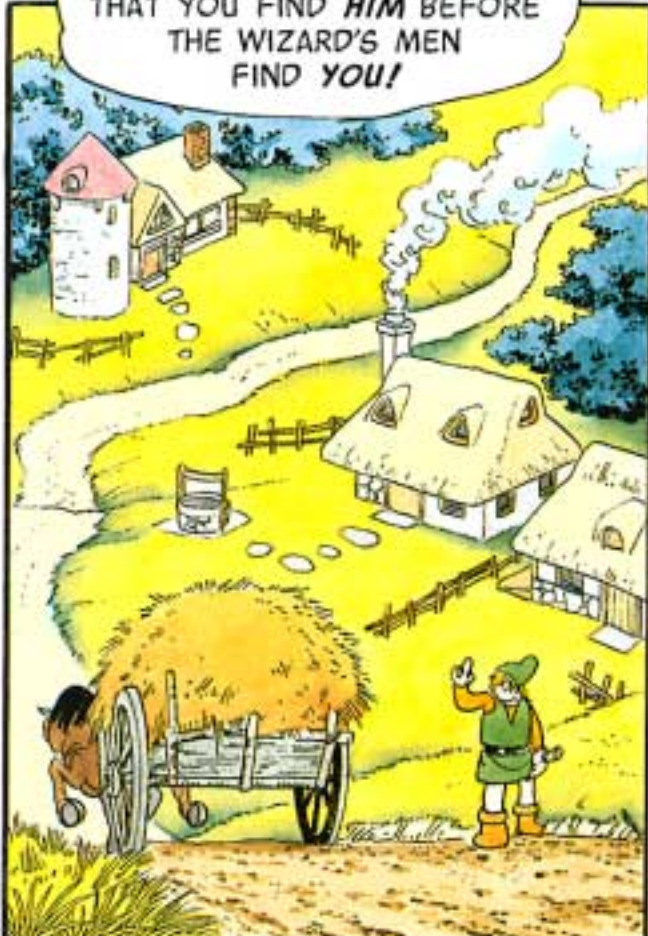
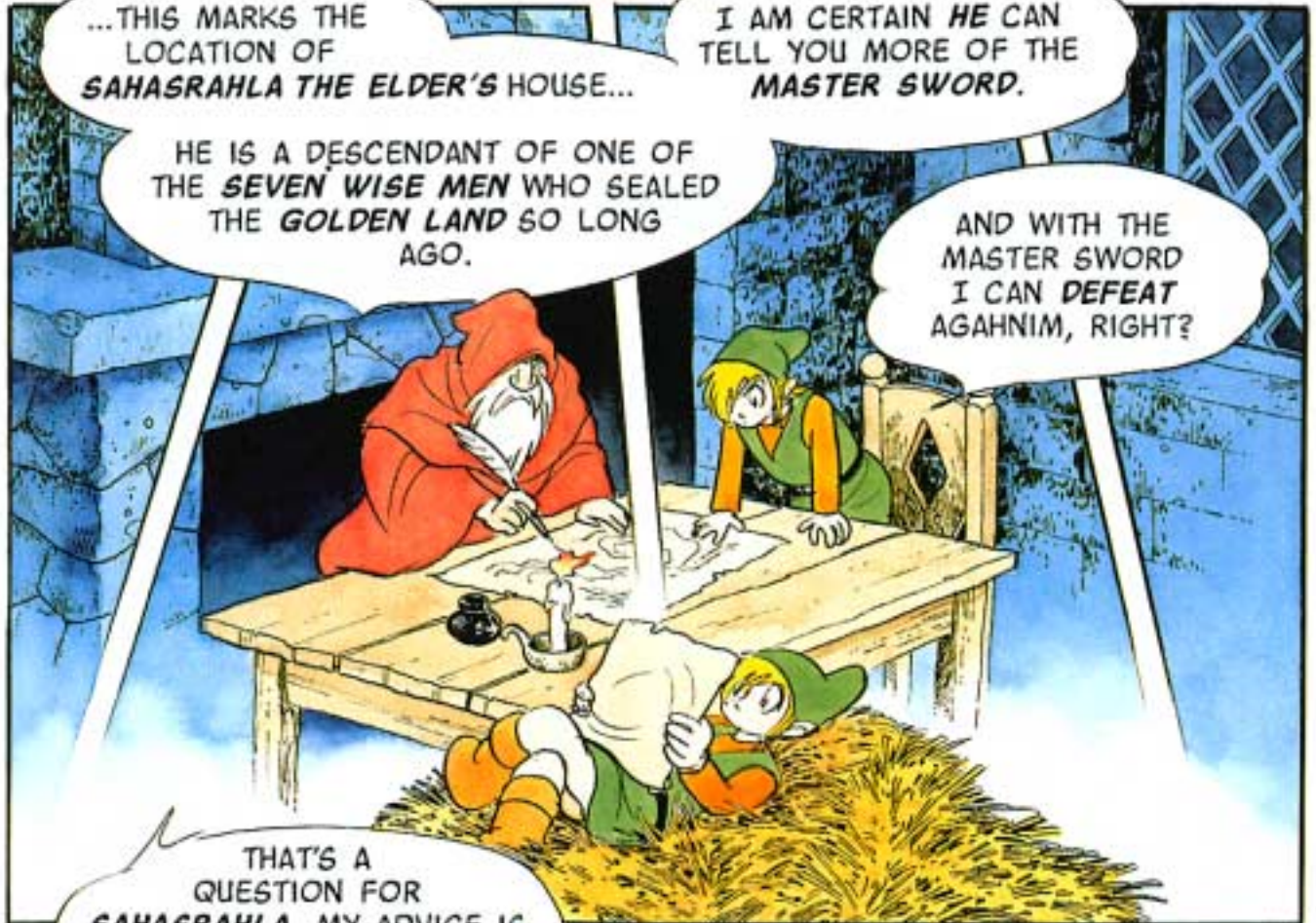
AND WITH THE MASTER SWORD I CAN DEFEAT AGAHNIM, RIGHT?

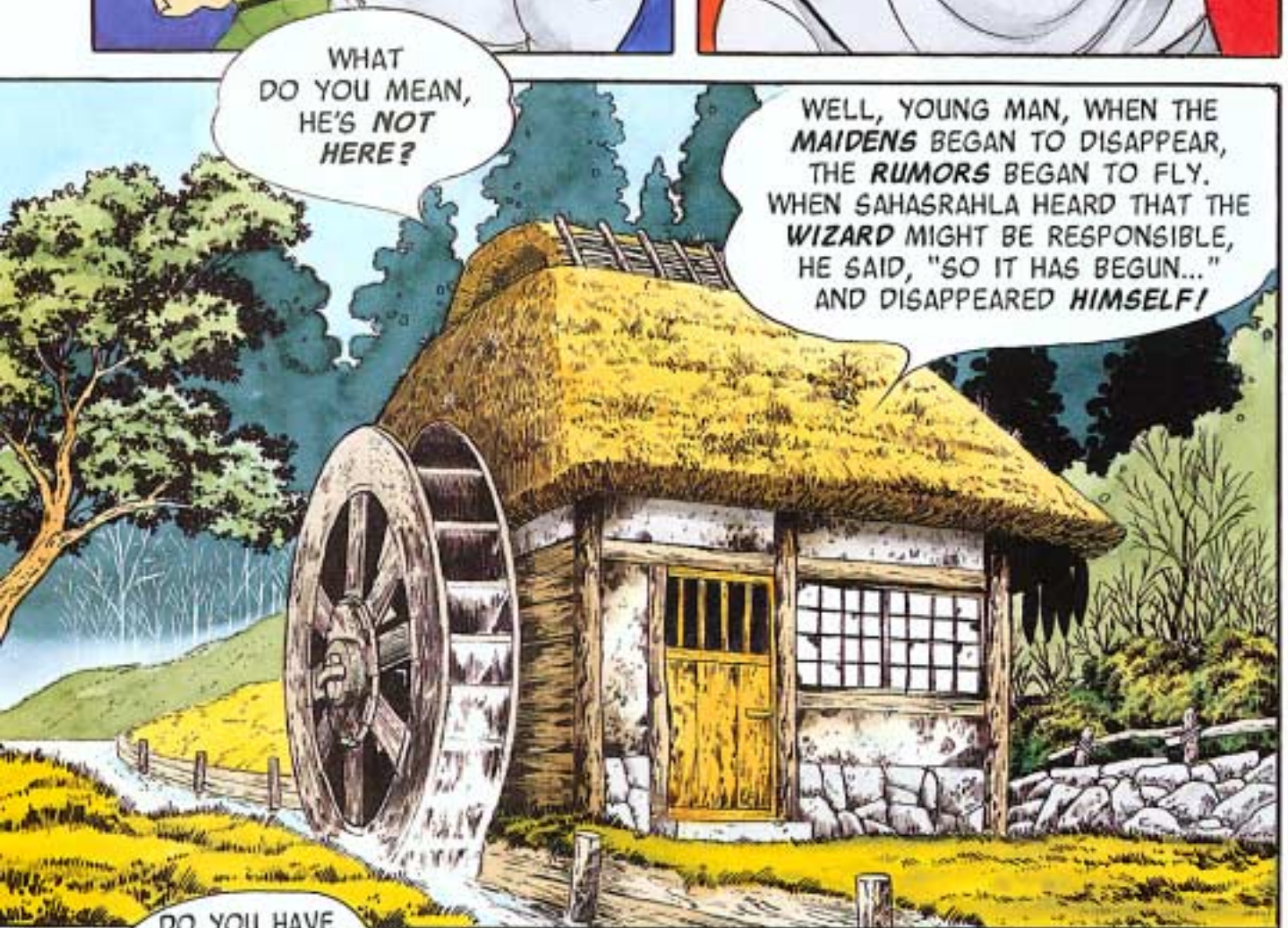
THAT'S A QUESTION FOR SAHASRAHLA. MY ADVICE IS THAT YOU FIND HIM BEFORE THE WIZARD'S MEN FIND YOU!

HMMMM...

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

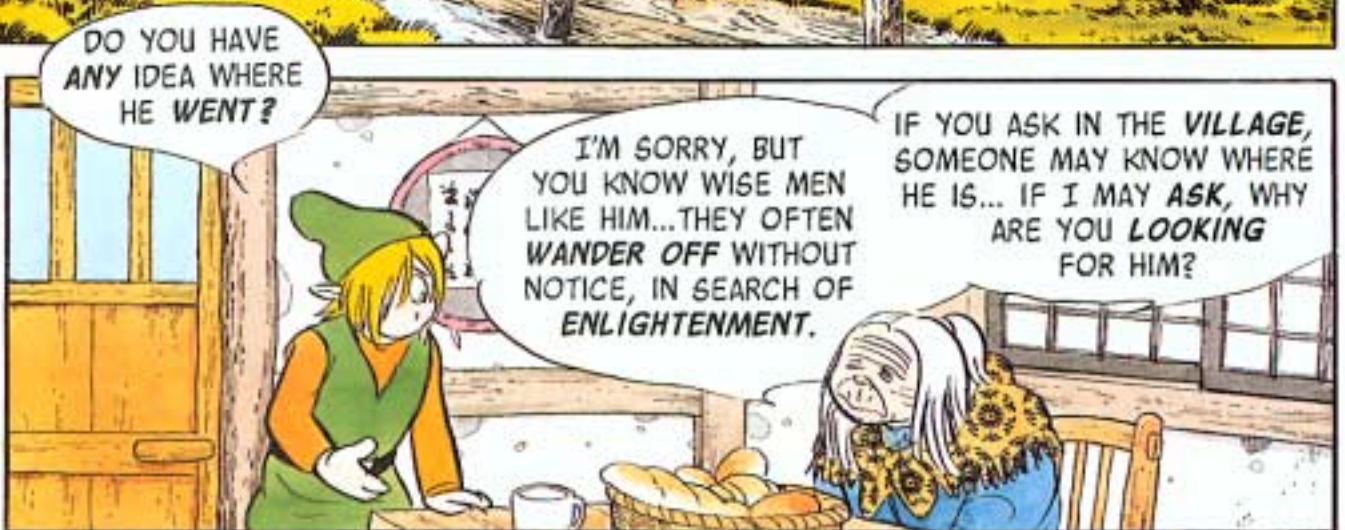
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE'S NOT HERE?

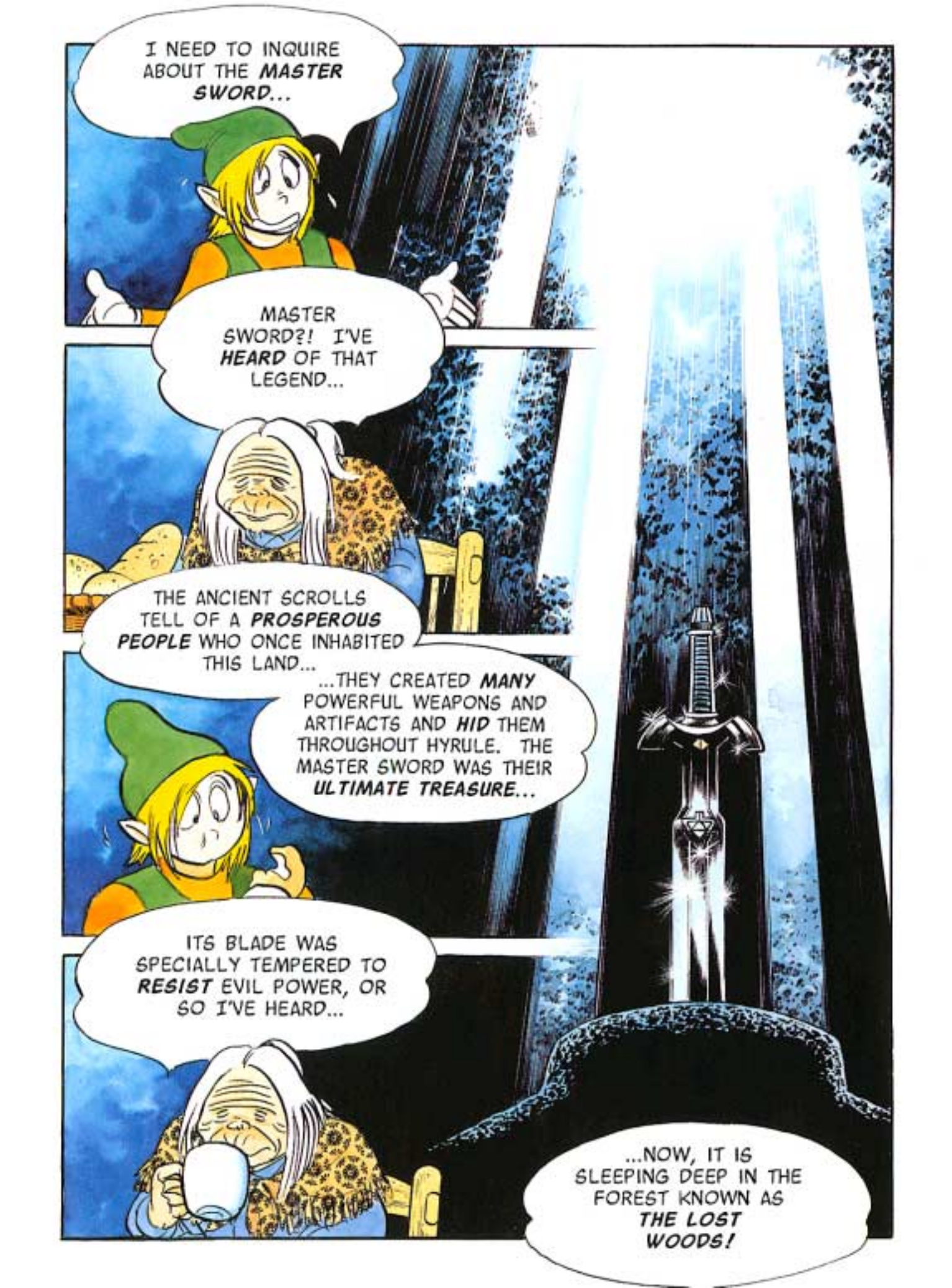
WELL, YOUNG MAN, WHEN THE MAIDENS BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR, THE RUMORS BEGAN TO FLY. WHEN SAHASRAHLA HEARD THAT THE WIZARD MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, HE SAID, "SO IT HAS BEGUN..." AND DISAPPEARED HIMSELF!



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...**

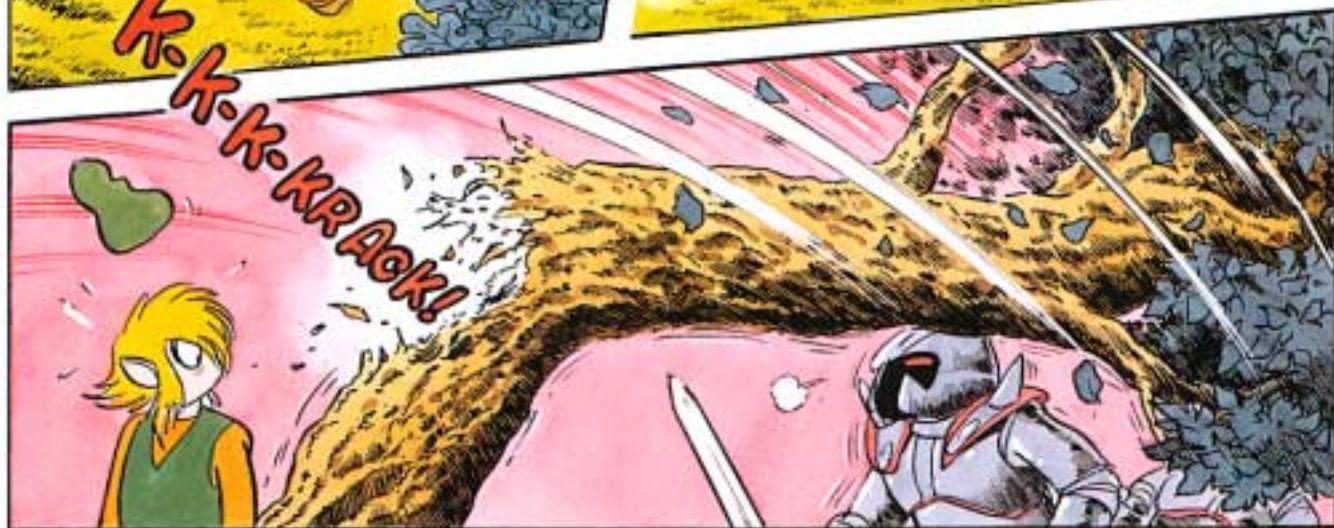
MASTER  
SWORD?! I'VE  
HEARD OF THAT  
LEGEND...

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!**







**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!**

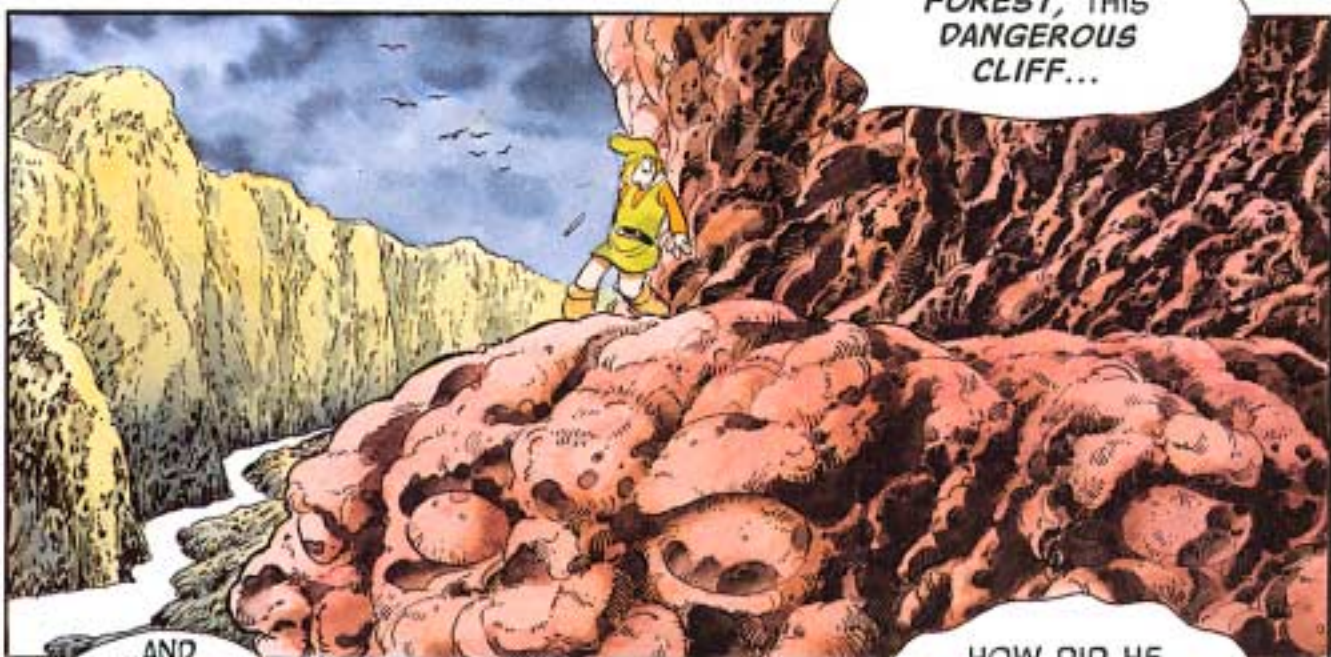


**DO I  
LOOK LIKE A  
BAD GUY?**

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!



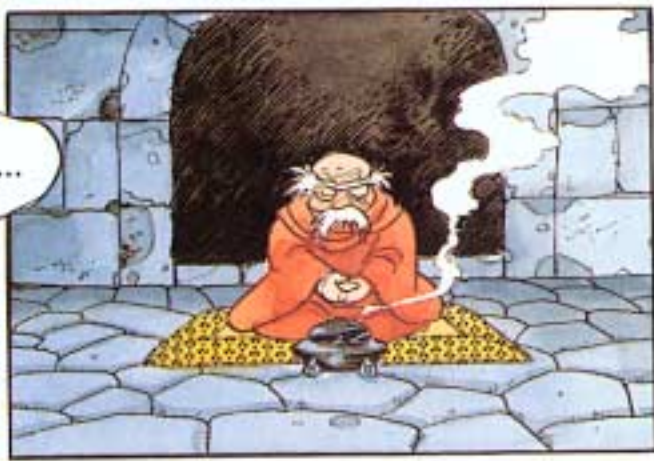
THIS  
MUST BE  
IT...

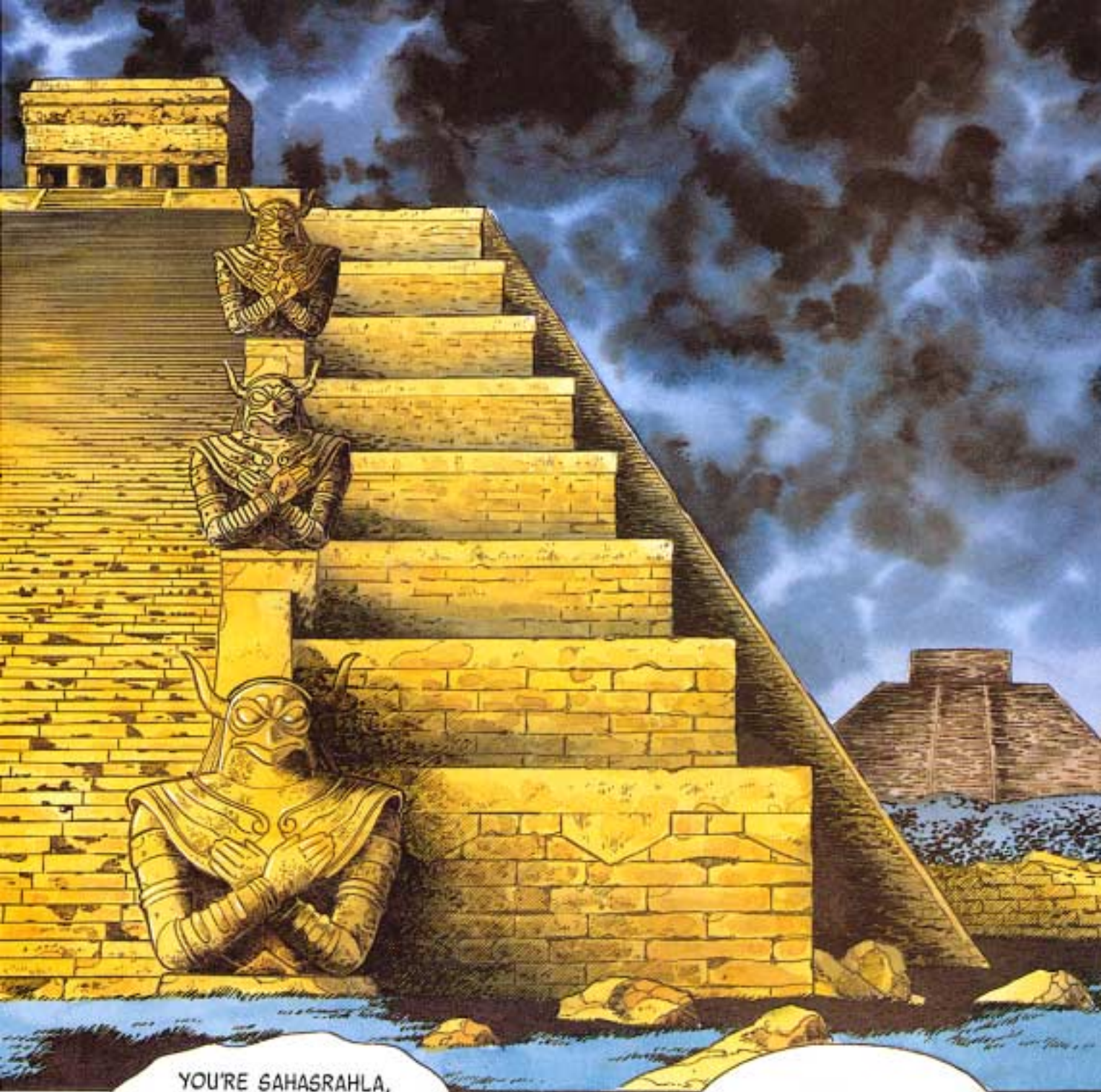
...THE **EASTERN  
PALACE** WHERE HE'S  
HIDING OUT...

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!

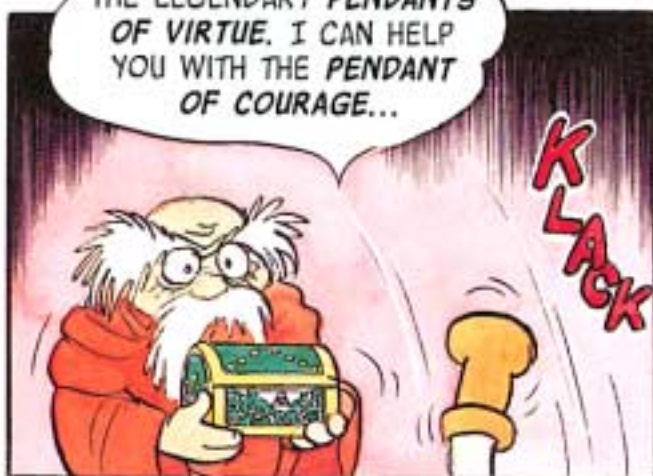
UHH...DON'T JUDGE ME BY MY **SIZE!** I MUST FIND IT!

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**...



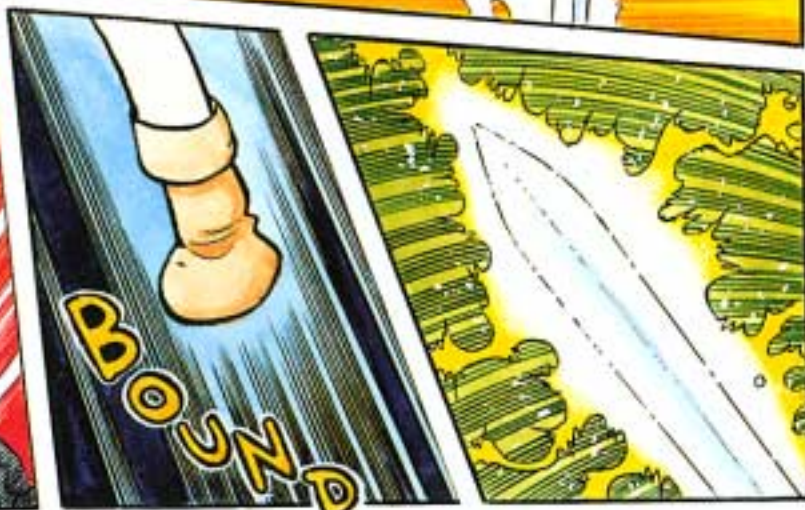
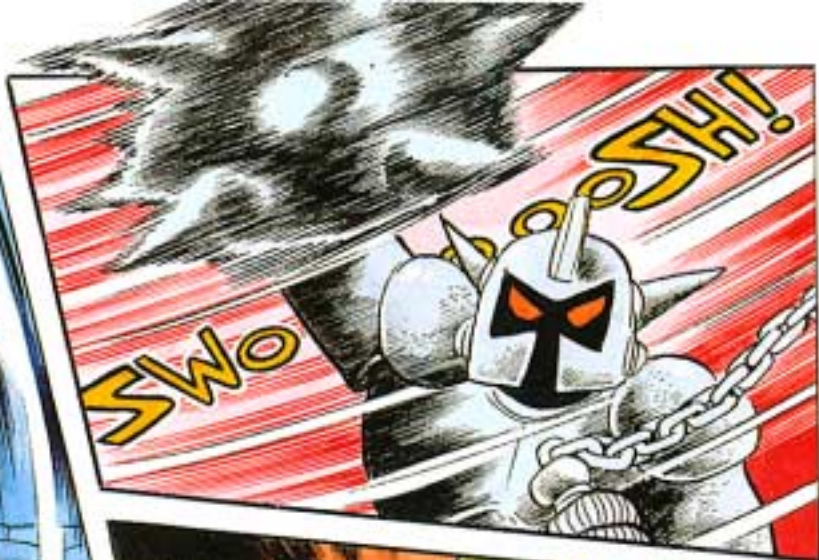
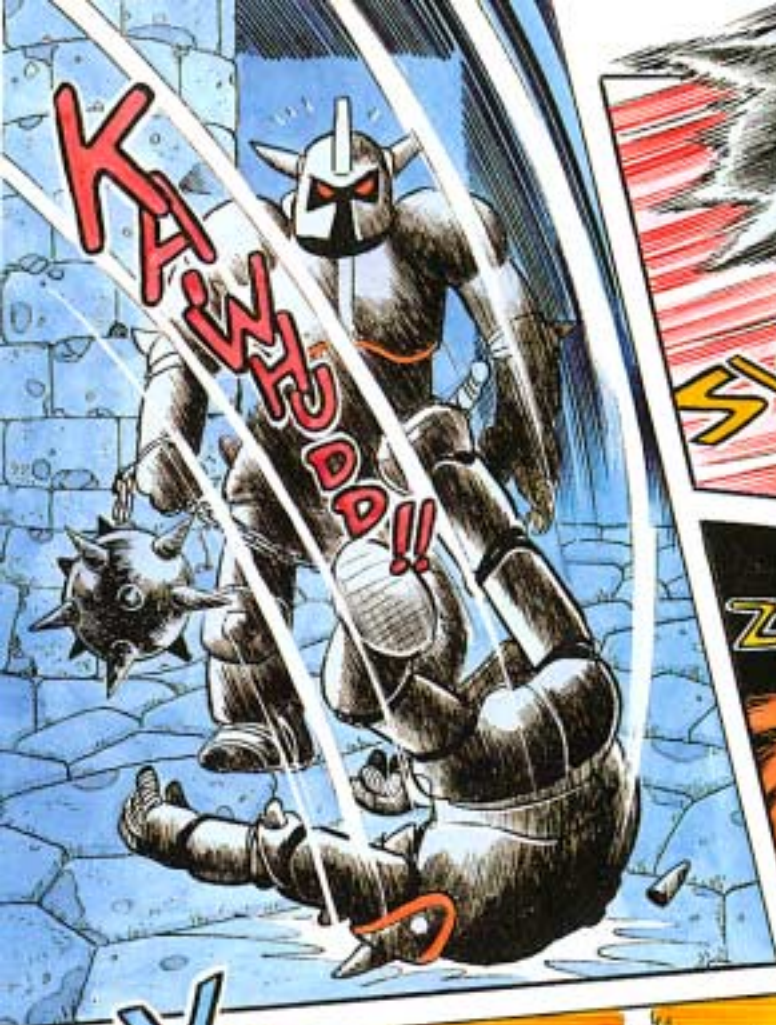
BUT FINDING THE **REMAINING TWO** PENDANTS IS NOT A QUEST TO BE TAKEN **LIGHTLY**...

...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...



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CHARGED WITH HEROIC ENERGY UPON OBTAINING THE **PENDANT OF COURAGE**, THE YOUNG WARRIOR, **LINK**, DEFEATED ONE OF AGAHNIM'S MYSTICAL KNIGHTS WITH A SINGLE SWORD BLOW. ACCORDING TO THE WISE MAN, SAHASRAHLA, LINK MUST FIND TWO MORE OF THE LEGENDARY **PENDANTS OF VIRTUE** BEFORE HE CAN CLAIM THE MIGHTY **MASTER SWORD** THAT HE NEEDS TO DESTROY AGAHNIM. WHILE LINK SEARCHES DESPERATELY FOR THE PENDANTS, **PRINCESS ZELDA** AWAITS HER FATE DEEP IN AGAHNIM'S DUNGEONS...

CHAPTER THREE  
**THE BOOK OF  
MUDORA**

BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI




DO YOU MEAN TO  
TELL ME THAT THE **BOY**  
HAS THE **PENDANT**  
OF **COURAGE**?!

AND YOU **WEAKLINGS**  
CAME BACK HERE  
WITHOUT **STOPPING**  
HIM?

...I HAVE TRIED TO  
BE **MERCIFUL** TO THE  
PEOPLE OF THIS KINGDOM,  
BUT THOSE IN THE  
**KNIGHT'S LINE...**

...THEY  
MUST BE  
**TERMINATED!**




I THOUGHT THE  
OLD FOOL I DESTROYED  
IN THE CASTLE WAS THE  
**LAST ONE!**



**FIND HIM! AND  
LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED  
IN YOUR SEARCH!**

COULD IT  
BE THE WHELP IS  
**ALSO** OF THEIR  
BLOODLINE?




**DO NOT RETURN  
TO THIS CASTLE UNTIL  
YOU WITNESS HIS LAST  
BREATH!**

IS THAT  
**UNDER-  
STOOD?**

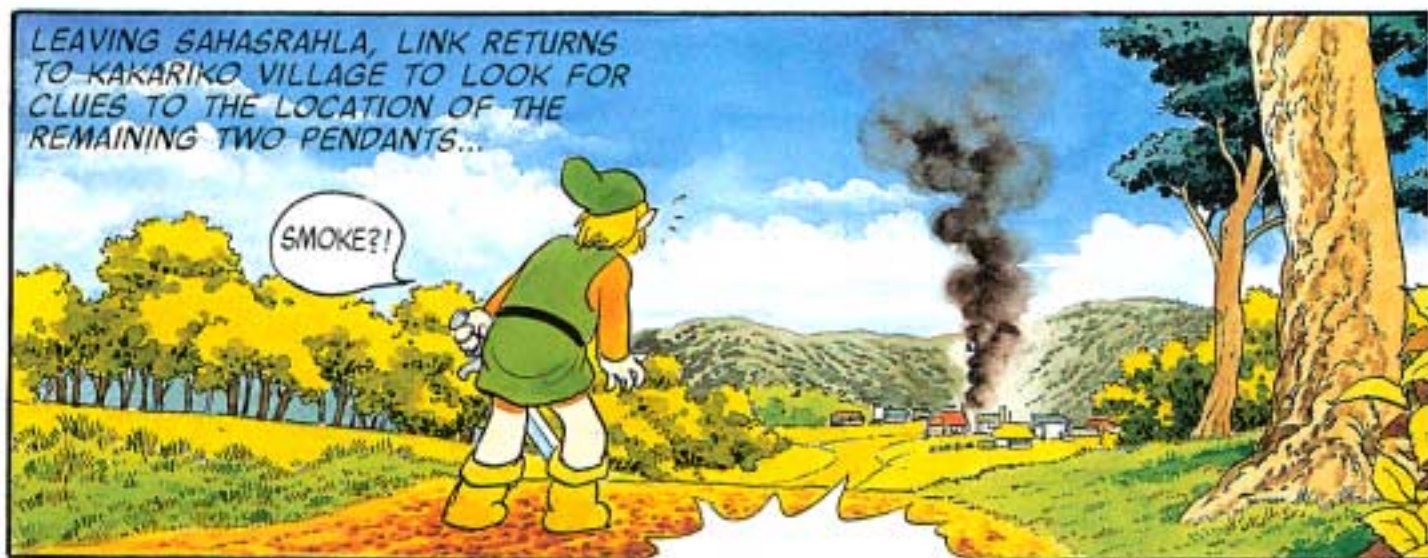
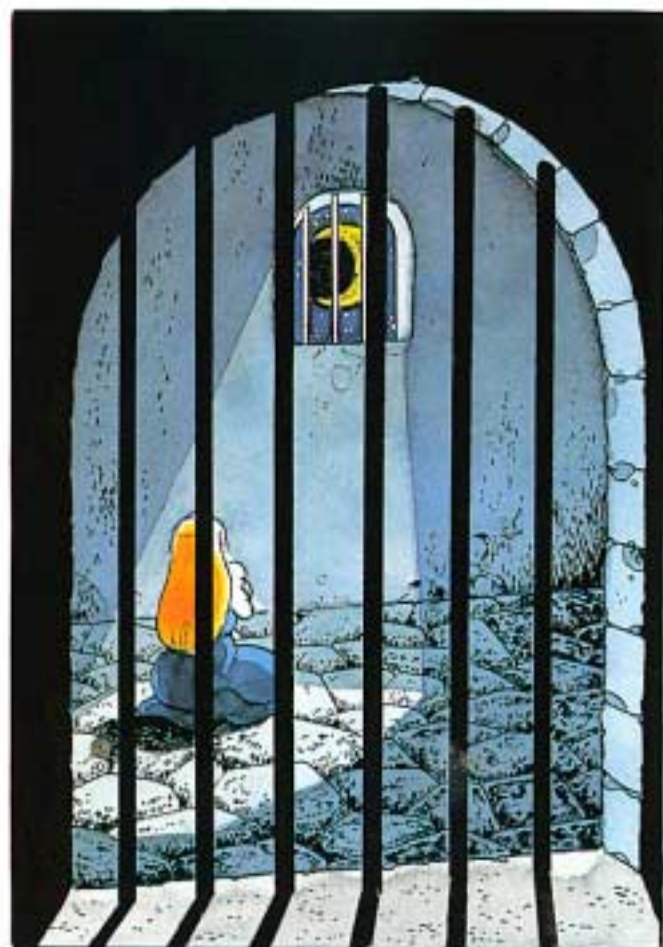


**YES,  
MASTER!**

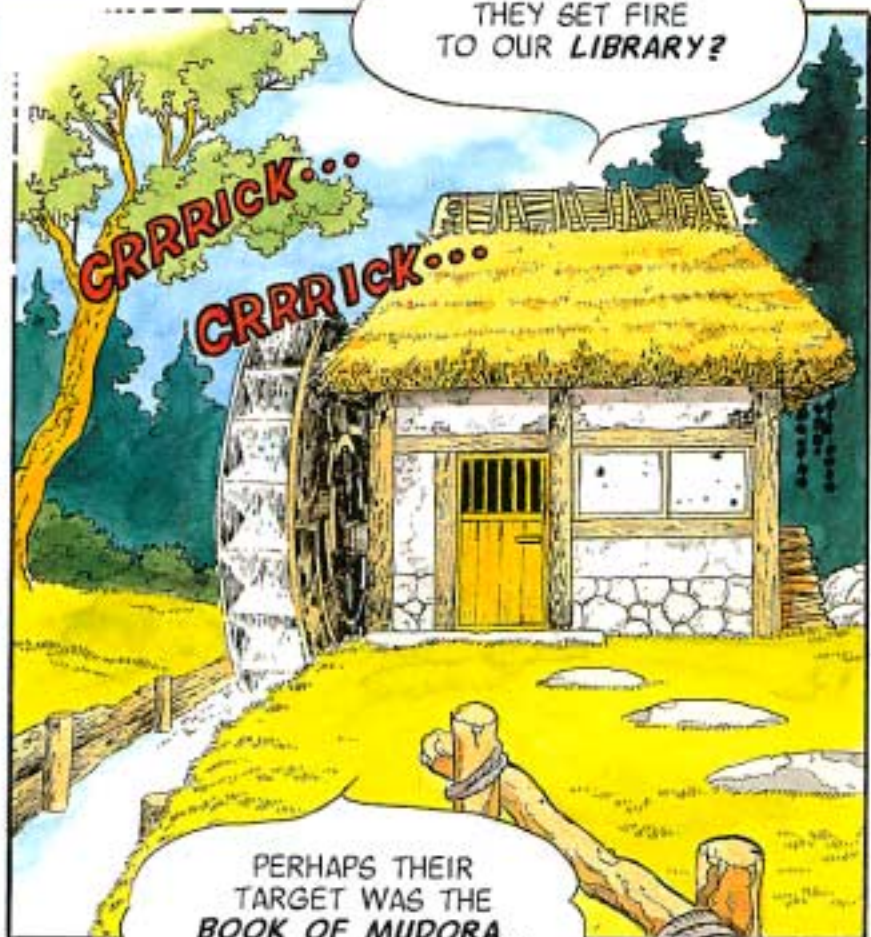
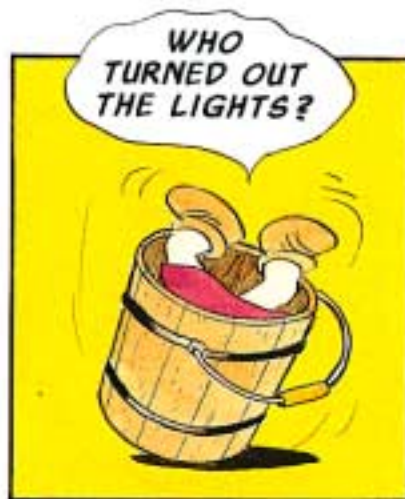
IT MAKES NO  
DIFFERENCE...THE **WORLD** WILL  
BE OURS WHEN THE MOON IS  
**FULL** AND I CAST THE **FINAL  
INCANTATION** ON PRINCESS  
ZELDA...



THE PROPHECY  
OF THE LEGENDARY  
**HERO** IS BUT A  
**FOLKTALE...**





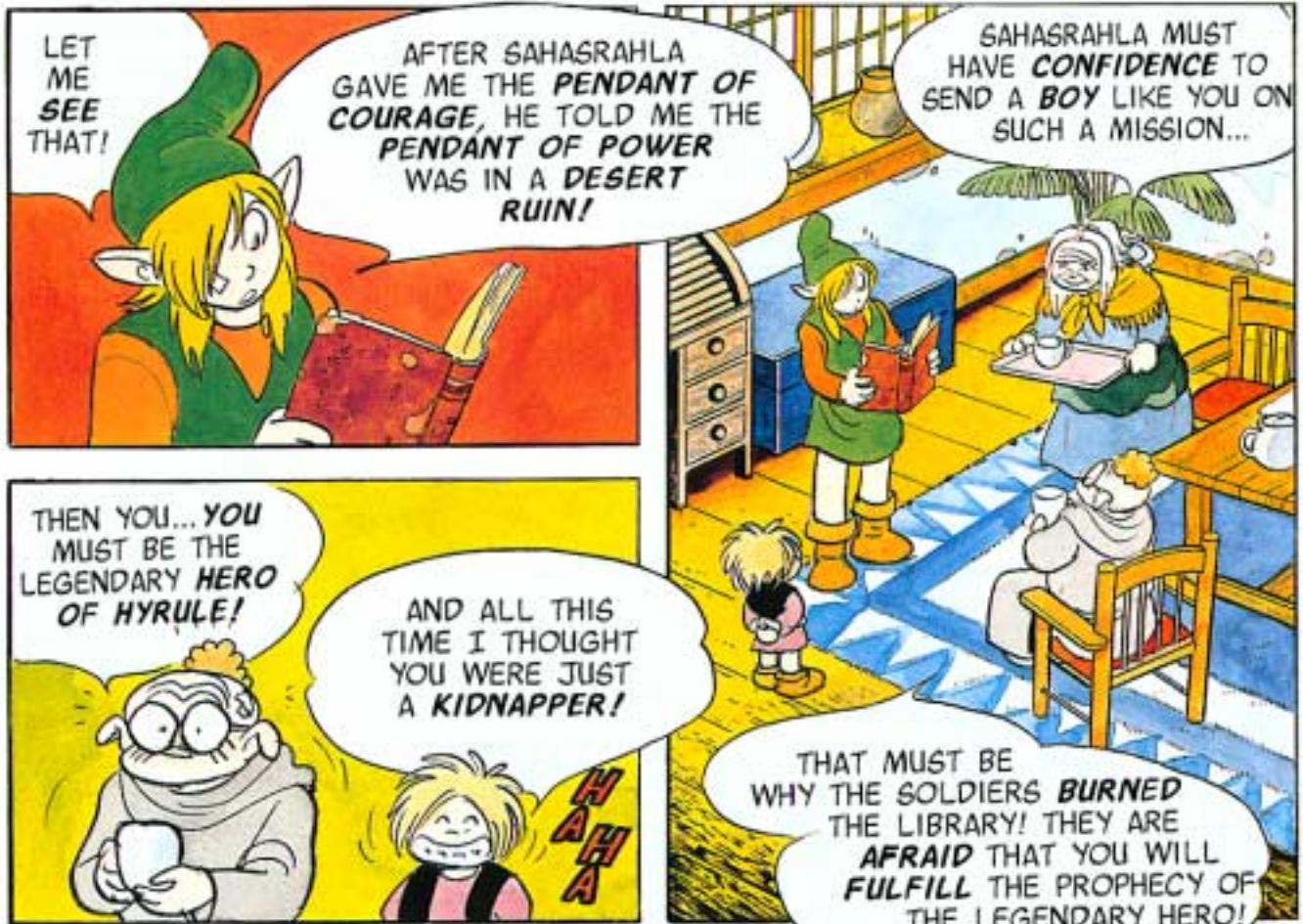




WHAT IS THE BOOK OF MUDORA?

WE MANAGED TO SAVE IT FROM THE FLAMES...

THIS BOOK IS THE KEY TO THE ANCIENT HYLIAN LANGUAGE. ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS, THE HERO WILL STAND IN THE DESERT WITH THIS BOOK...



LET ME SEE THAT!

AFTER SAHASRAHLA GAVE ME THE PENDANT OF COURAGE, HE TOLD ME THE PENDANT OF POWER WAS IN A DESERT RUIN!

SAHASRAHLA MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE TO SEND A BOY LIKE YOU ON SUCH A MISSION...

THEN YOU... YOU MUST BE THE LEGENDARY HERO OF HYRULE!

AND ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A KIDNAPPER!

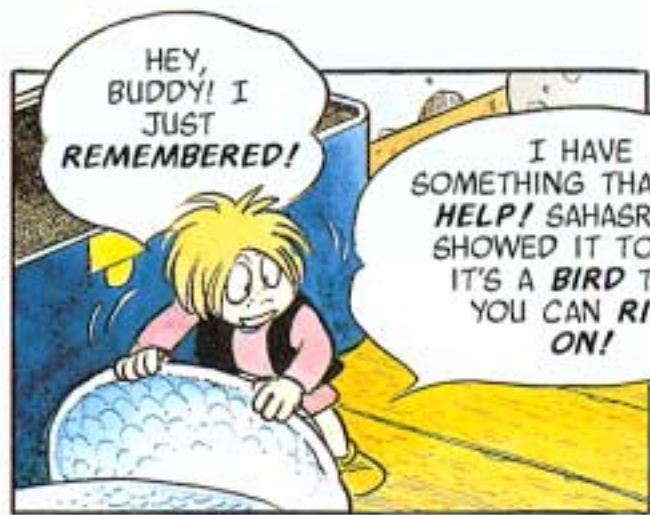
H A H A

THAT MUST BE WHY THE SOLDIERS BURNED THE LIBRARY! THEY ARE AFRAID THAT YOU WILL FULFILL THE PROPHECY OF THE LEGENDARY HERO!



THIS IS A VERY FORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS! I WILL LEAVE THE BOOK IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS.

I SHOULD WARN YOU THAT TRAVELLING IN THE DESERT IS NO SIMPLE MATTER! THE FIERCE WINDS AND SHIFTING SANDS HAVE BURIED MORE ABLE ADVENTURERS THAN YOU!



HEY, BUDDY! I JUST REMEMBERED!

I HAVE SOMETHING THAT MAY HELP! SAHASRAHLA SHOWED IT TO ME! IT'S A BIRD THAT YOU CAN RIDE ON!



THEY SAY THESE MIRACLE WINGS BELONGED TO A POWERFUL BIRD THAT CARRIED THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE INTO BATTLE!

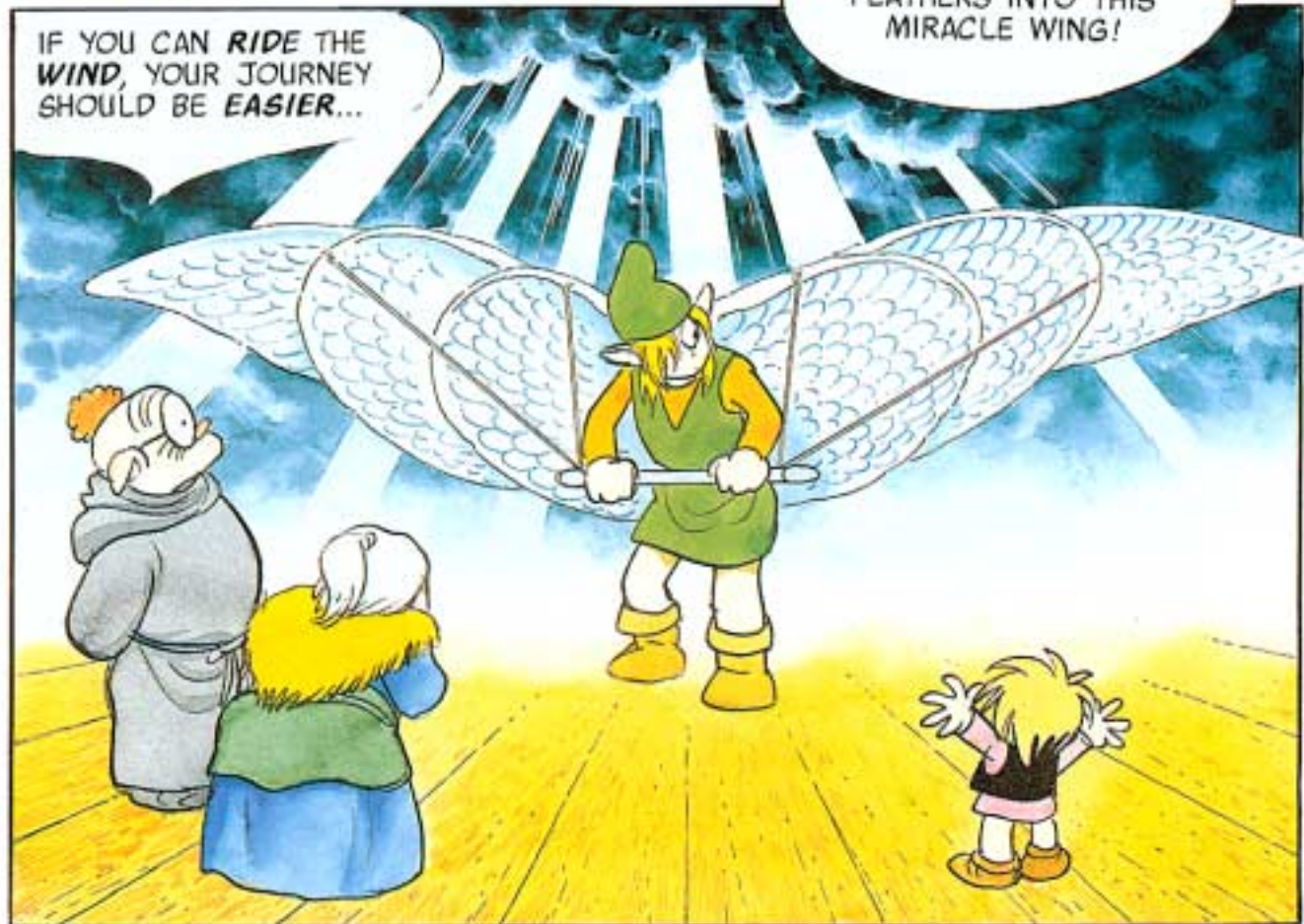


A BIRD THAT COULD CARRY PEOPLE?

IT WAS NO ORDINARY BIRD! ITS STRENGTH WAS LEGENDARY! THE KNIGHTS USED TO TAKE IT ON THEIR CAMPAIGNS TO PROTECT THE KINGDOM!



THE HYLIAN SAGES WOVE ITS FEATHERS INTO THIS MIRACLE WING!



IF YOU CAN RIDE THE WIND, YOUR JOURNEY SHOULD BE EASIER...

FLYING  
IS SURE THE  
WAY TO GO!



BUT  
WHERE  
TO?

ALL I CAN  
SEE IS SAND  
STRETCHING OUT  
FOR MILES!

THIS  
DOESN'T LOOK  
GOOD!



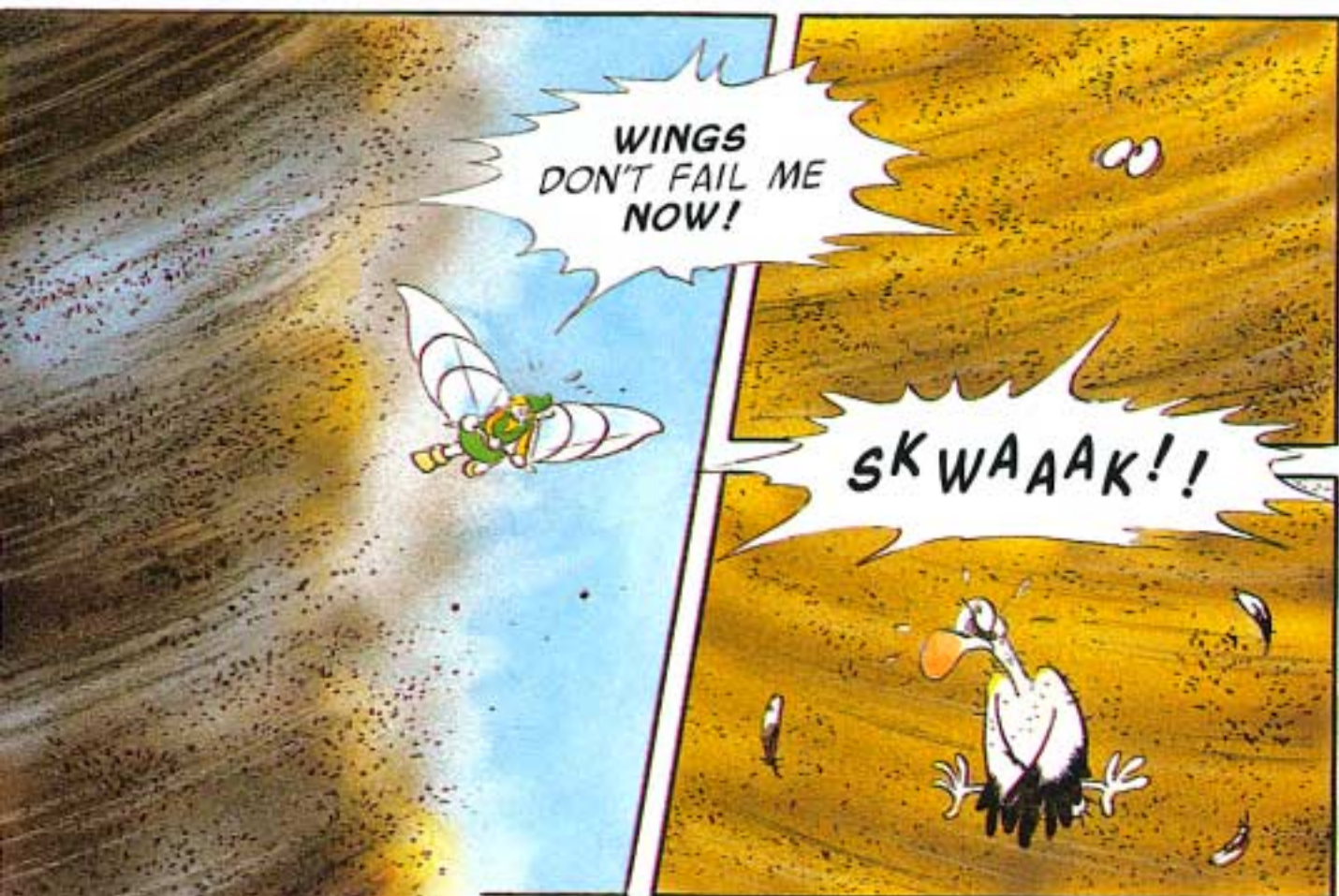
**H** WOOOOOSH!!

UH-OH!  
IT'S A--



--TWISTER!

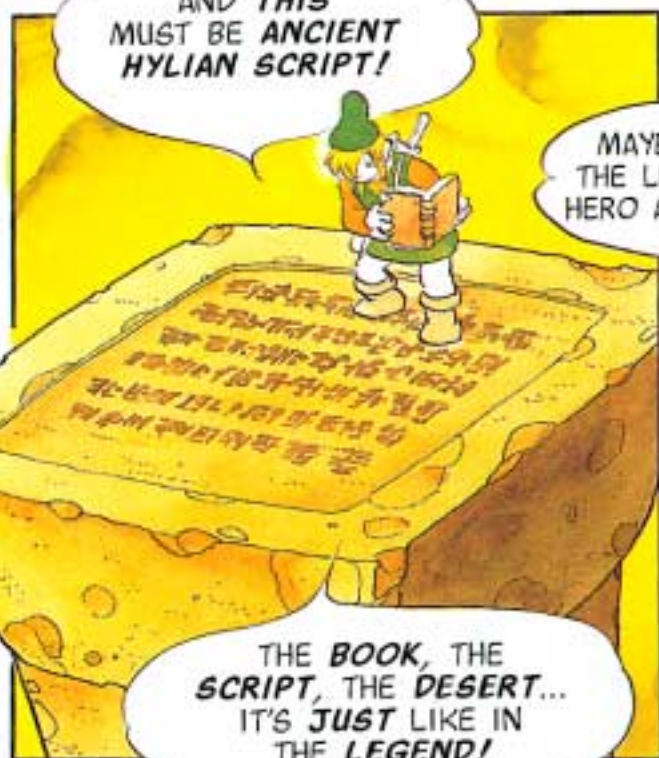




THE  
DESERT  
RUINS!



AND *THIS*  
MUST BE ANCIENT  
HYLIAN SCRIPT!



MAYBE I AM  
THE LEGENDARY  
HERO AFTER ALL!

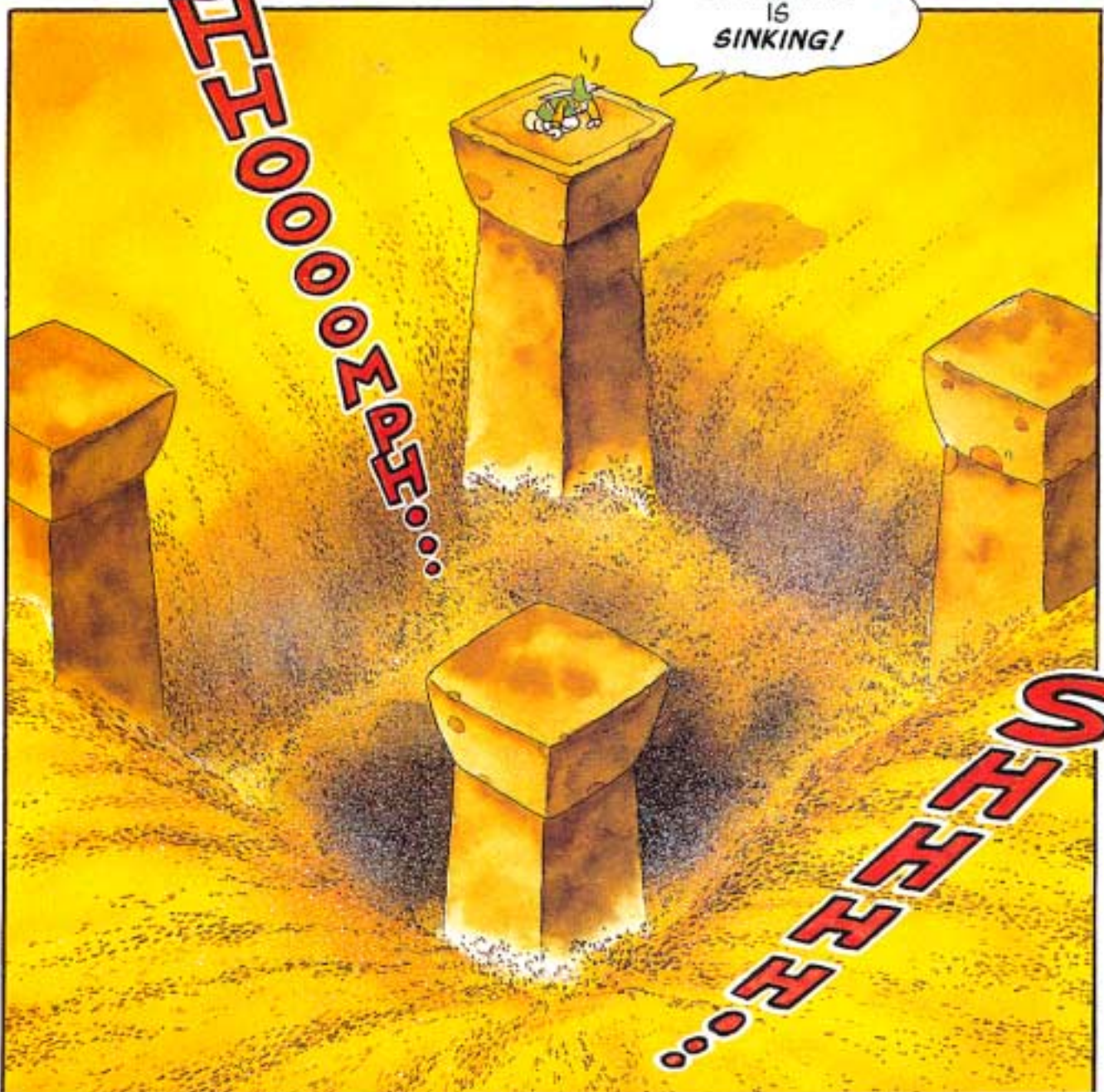
I SUPPOSE  
IF I LOOK IT UP  
IN THE BOOK, THE  
WRITING SHOULD  
MAKE *SENSE*...

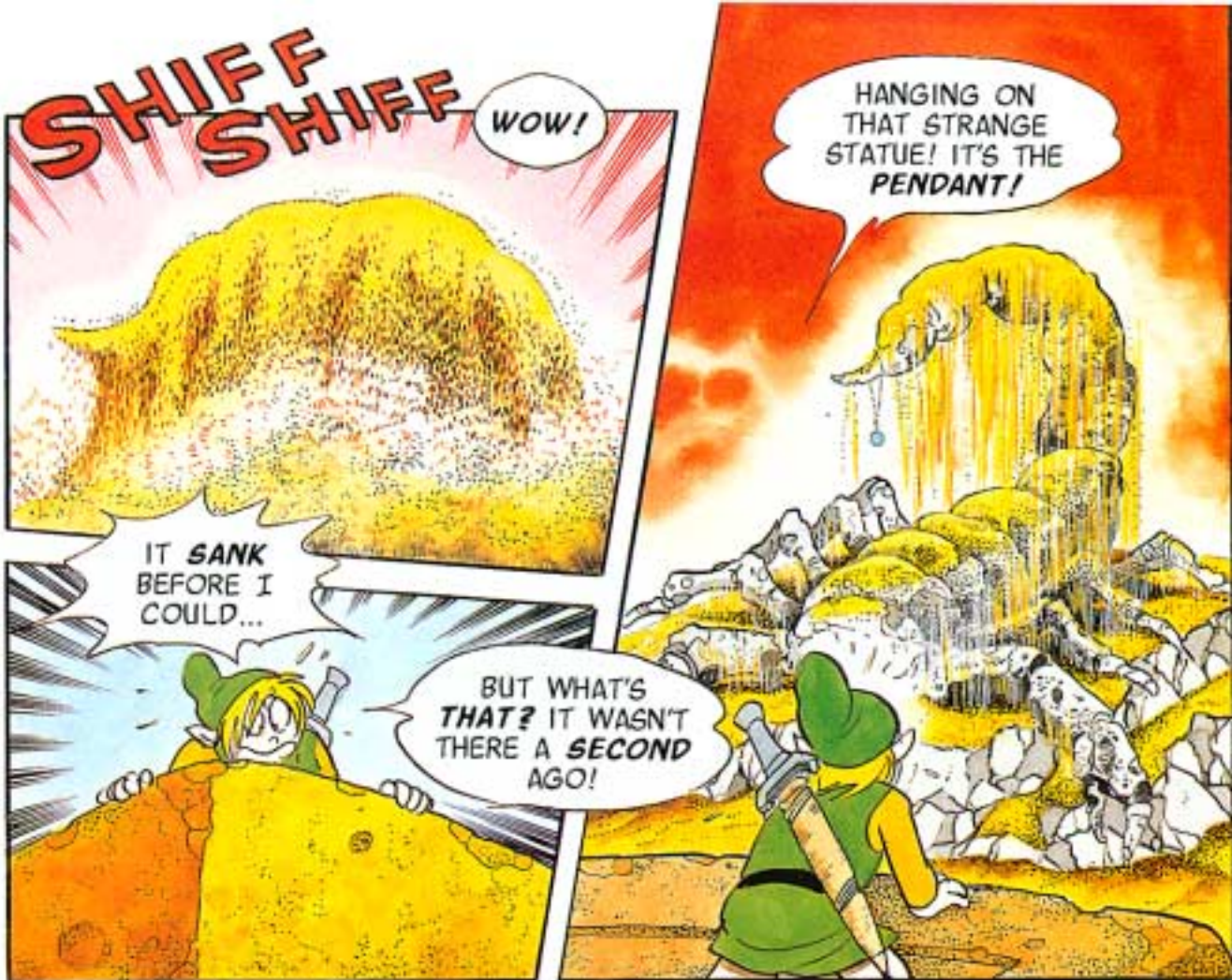


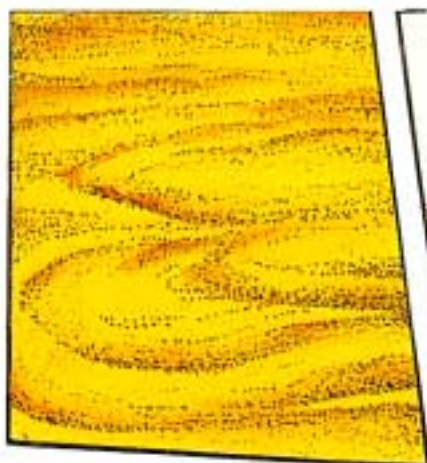
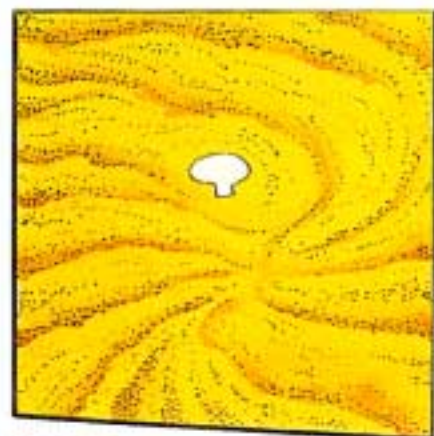
HEY!



THE *BOOK*, THE  
*SCRIPT*, THE *DESERT*...  
IT'S JUST LIKE IN  
THE *LEGEND*!







**Zoom!**

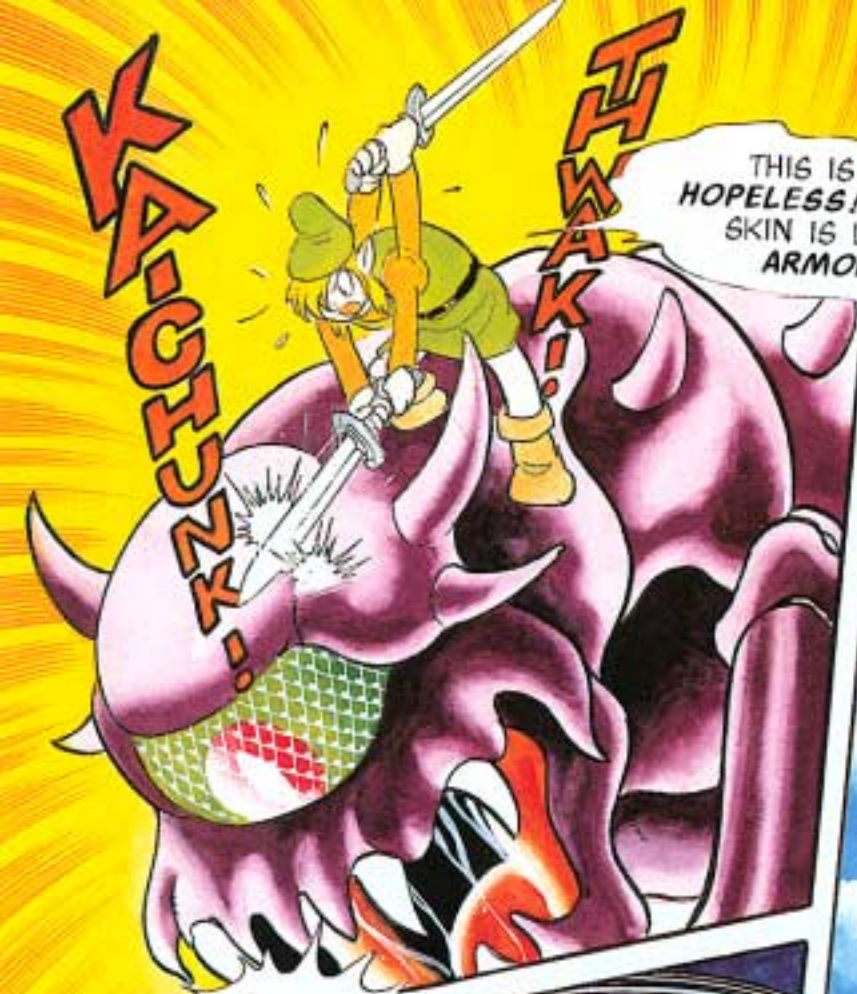
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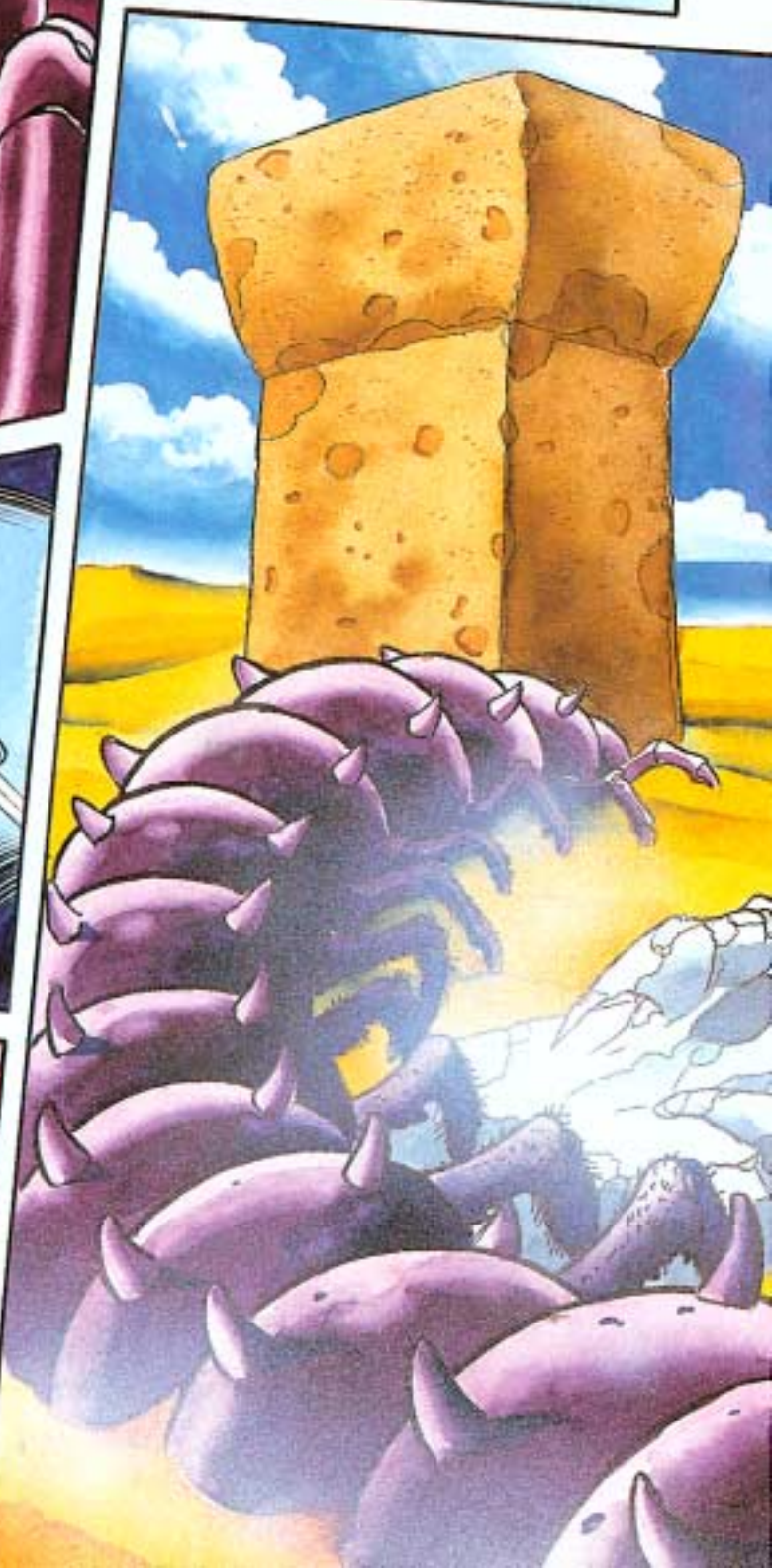
**A  
LANMOLA!!**

**GRRROAR!!**





THIS IS  
HOPELESS! ITS  
SKIN IS LIKE  
ARMOR!!





NICE MOVE, UGLY!  
BUT NOW YOU'RE PLAY-  
ING WITH THE PENDANT  
OF POWER!



TO BE CONTINUED...

CHAPTER FOUR  
THE  
**MASTER  
SWORD**

BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



I CAN'T  
CRACK ITS  
ARMORED  
SHELL!



IT'S NO USE!

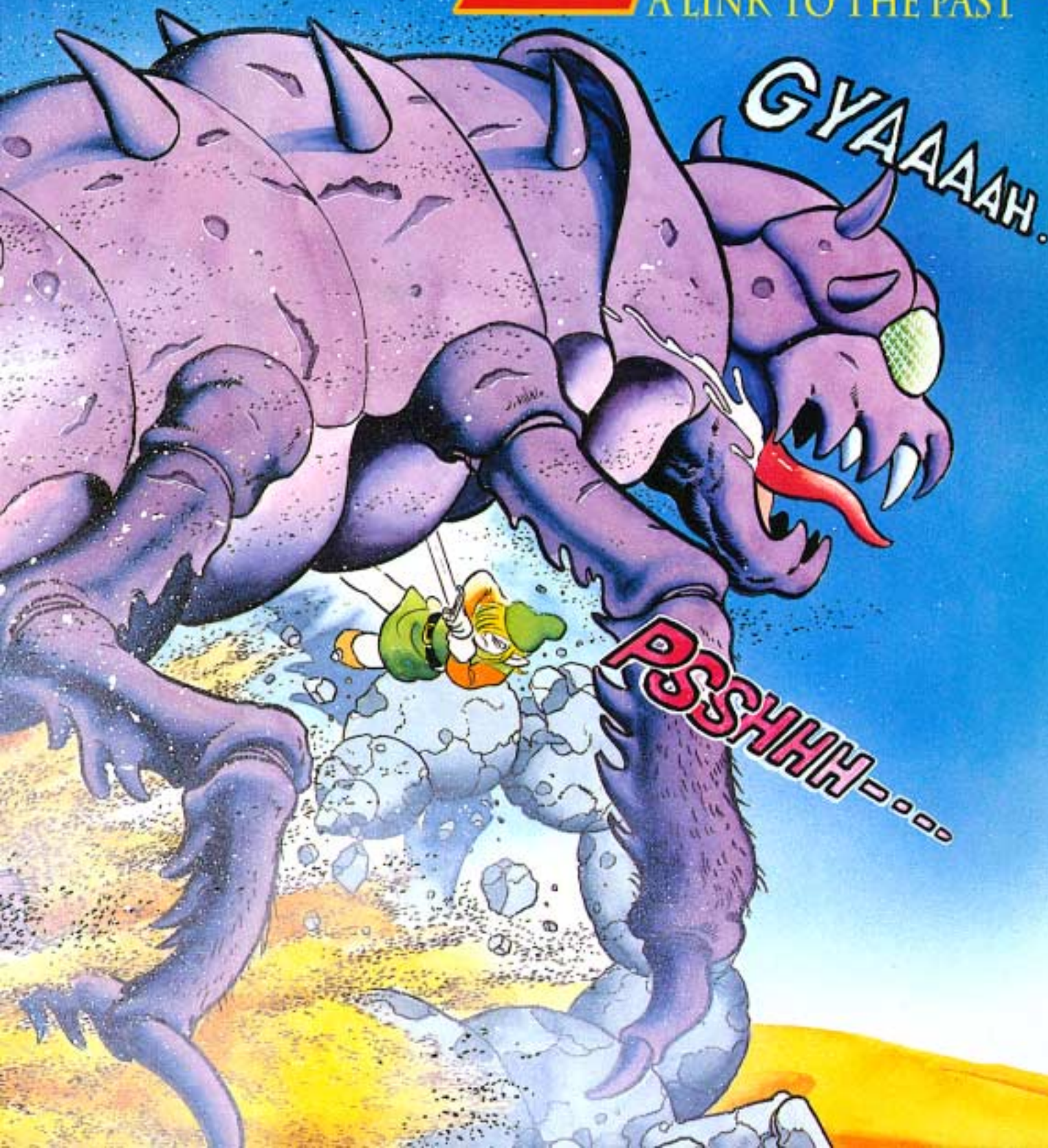
**GRRROAARR!**



A-HA!



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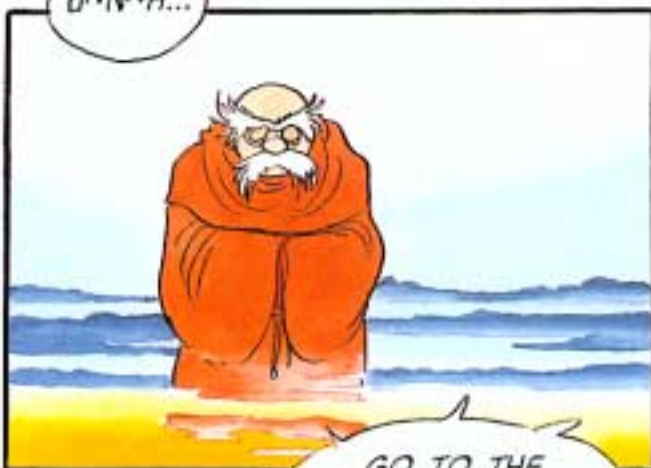
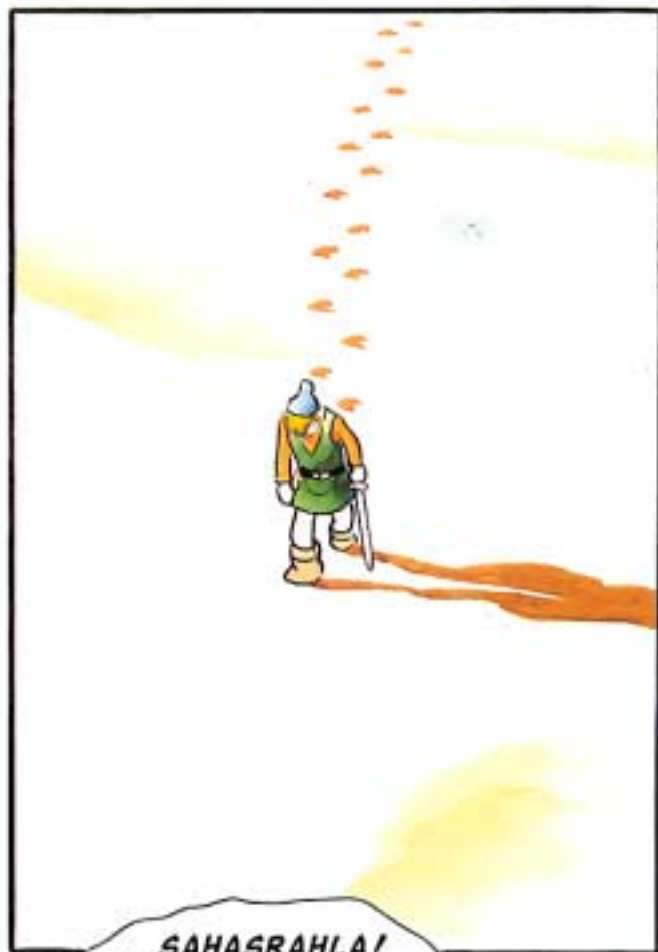
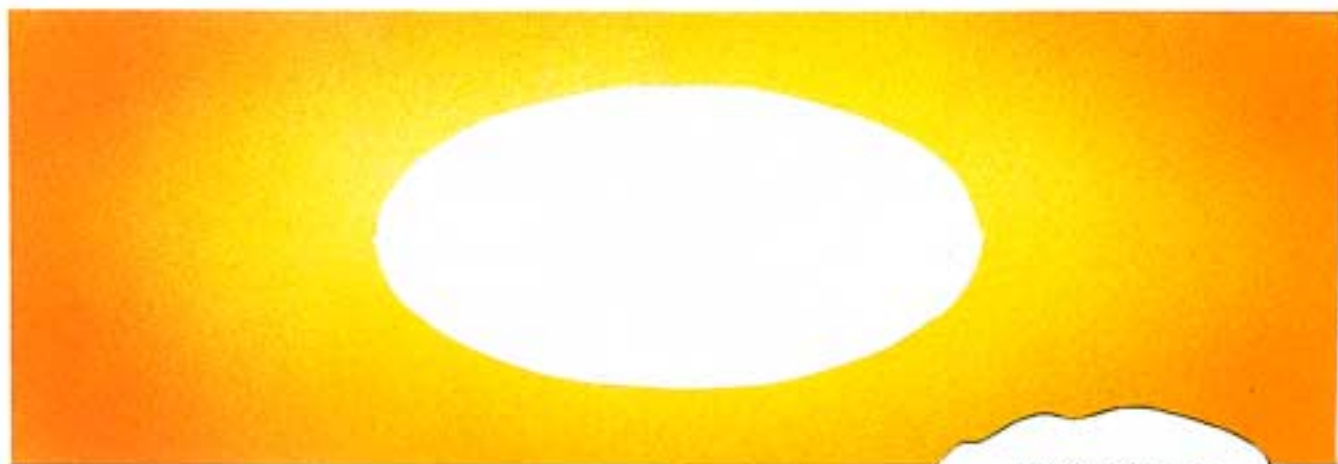
**GYAAAAAH.**

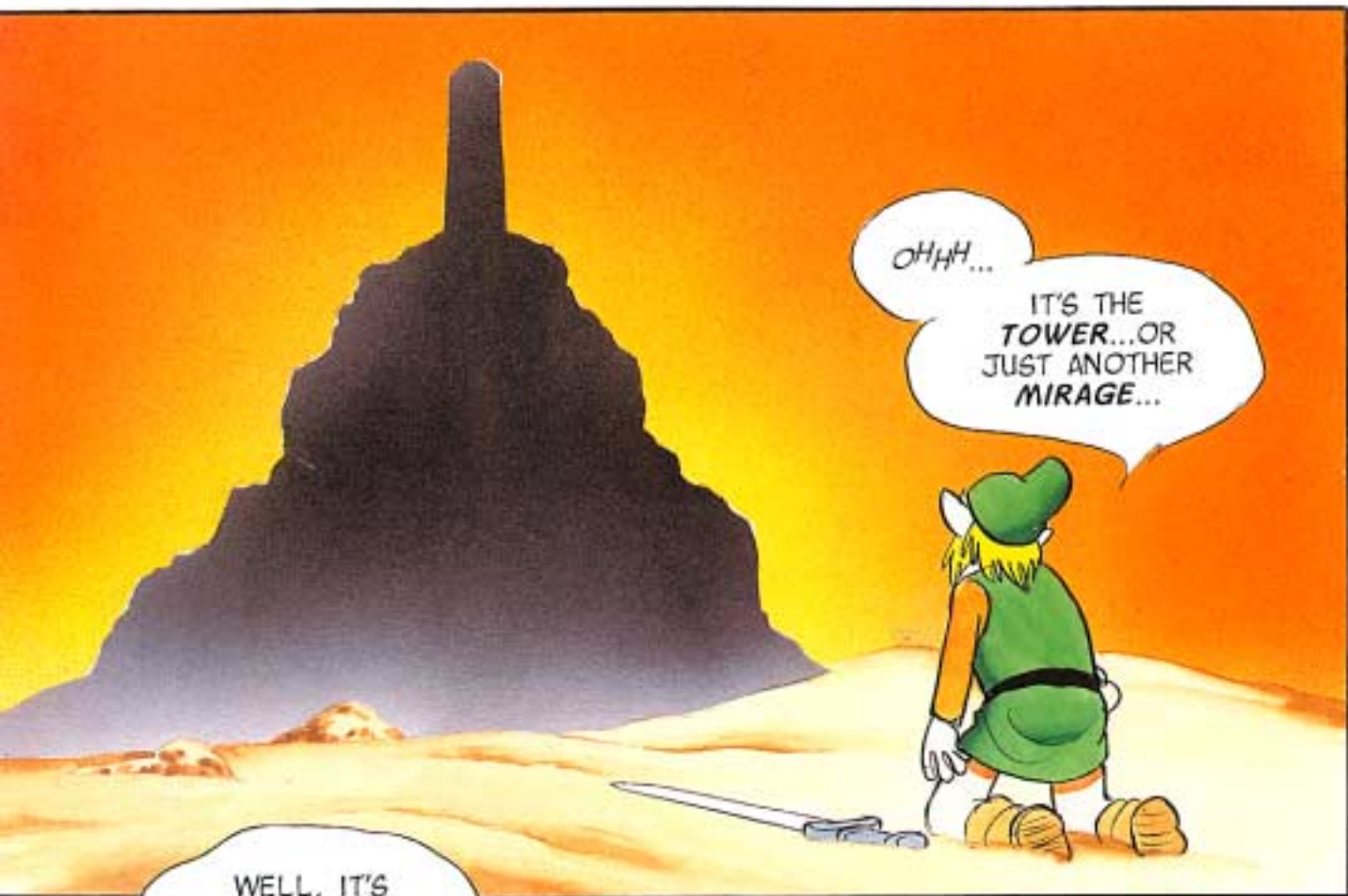
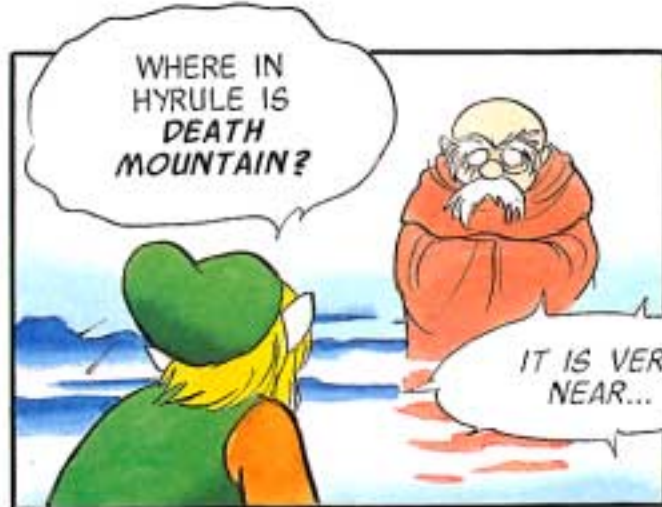
**PSHHH...**

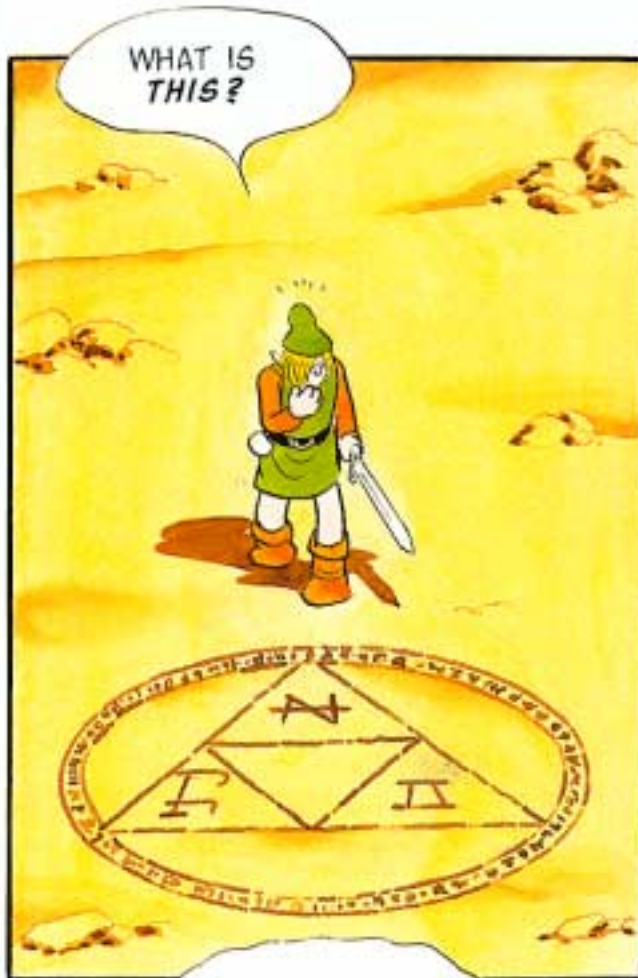


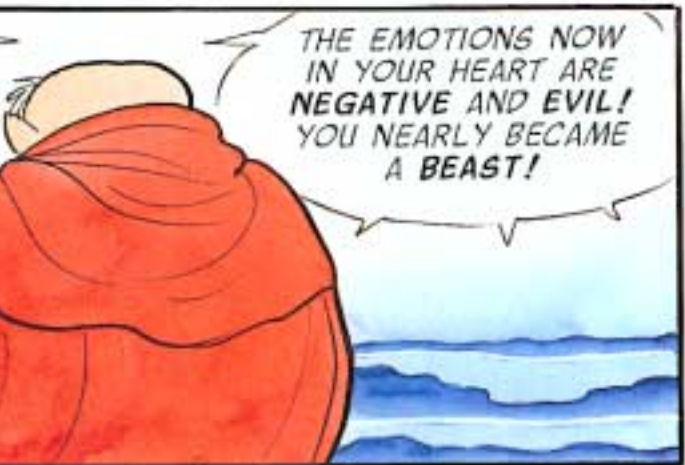
IT'S GOING TO BE HIM!











BUT SAHASRAHLA,  
AGAHNIM KILLED MY  
UNCLE! AND NOW  
HE'S HOLDING  
ZELDA!

ONLY ONE  
FORCE IS STRONG  
ENOUGH TO OPPOSE  
EVIL AND  
HATRED!

YES, LINK, BUT  
YOU CAN NEVER WIN  
WITH **HATRED** ALONE...  
EVEN IF YOU WERE  
VICTORIOUS, DARKNESS  
WOULD **CONSUME**  
YOU!

HMMM...

LINK!

WHAT HAPPENED  
TO SAHASRAHLA?!

NOW ZELDA!  
**MORE**  
ILLUSIONS?!

WHY ARE  
**YOU** HERE?!

WE ARE IN OUR  
DREAM...IF TWO  
PEOPLE DREAM THE  
SAME THING, THEY  
WILL MEET...

DREAMS...  
MIRAGES...IT'S  
ALL SO  
**CONFUSING!**

IT'S MAKING  
ME EVEN **MORE**  
EXHAUSTED  
**THINKING**  
ABOUT IT!

THIS IS  
A **DREAM?**



THE  
TOWER OF  
HERA!

IT LOOKS  
LIKE MY TROUBLES  
ARE BEGINNING  
AGAIN!

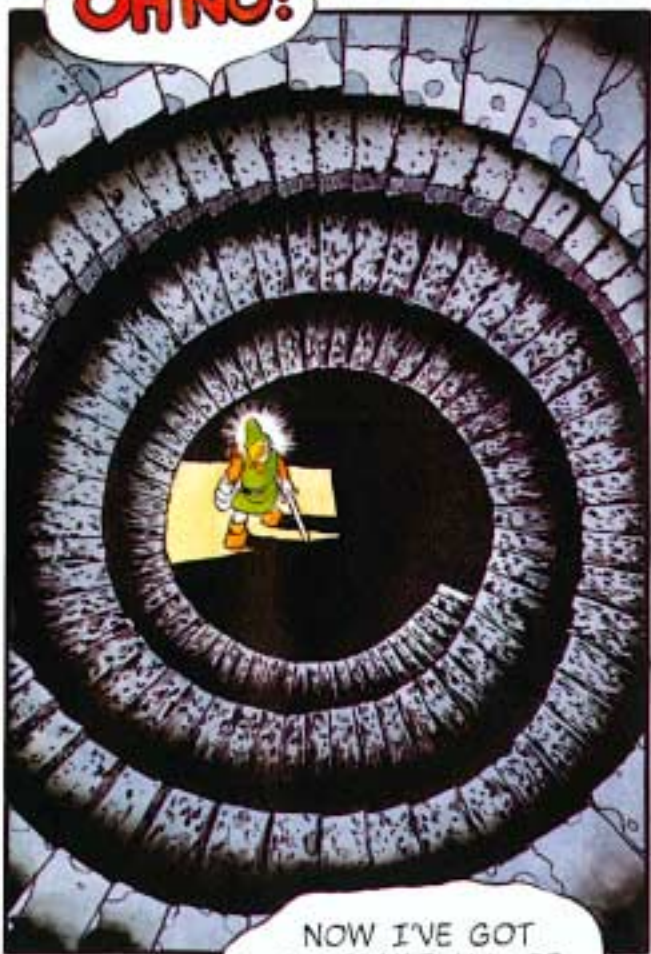
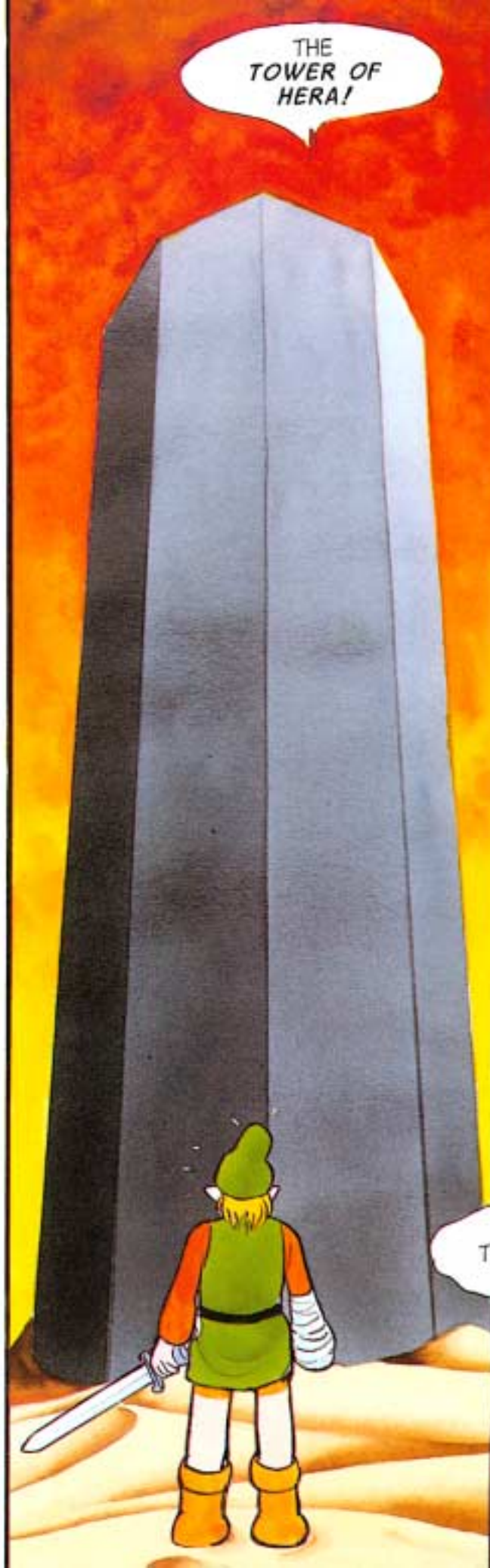
OH NO!

NOW I'VE GOT  
TO CLIMB ALL OF  
THESE STAIRS?!

I'M  
THIRSTY...

MY ARM  
ACHES...

IT'S HOT...  
I HOPE  
IT'S  
WORTH IT!



**FOOSH!**

WHO TURNED  
ON THE  
LIGHTS?



**SKITTER!**

WHAT IN THE  
WORLD!?



LINK... THE PENDANT IS THE THIRD EYE...



ARE YOU KIDDING?!



MONSTER EYES!



IT'S IMBEDDED IN THE MONSTER'S FOREHEAD!



YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO JUST LIFT IT OUT...

I'M GLAD THIS IS THE LAST PENDANT!

SIGORA...



MY ARM!  
IT'S BACK TO  
NORMAL!!

WHOA!  
AFTER THOSE  
STAIRS, I GET A FREE  
RIDE DOWN!



**KASPLAT!**

LINK! YOU HAVE DONE  
WELL! YOU RECOVERED  
THE PENDANTS! NOW  
GO FORTH TO THE  
LOST WOODS!



CAN'T I  
REST FOR  
A WHILE?

LOST  
...IIII...

LOST  
...IIII...

NO...  
IF YOU REALLY  
ARE THE LEGENDARY  
HERO OF  
HYRULE...

...THE SWORD OF  
EVIL'S BANE WILL SELECT  
YOU AS ITS BEARER!

THE SWORD WILL  
SELECT ME?

WHAT IF IT  
DOESN'T?

YOU WILL NEVER  
BE ABLE TO ENTER  
THE DARK WORLD  
AND FIND YOUR  
PARENTS!

ARE MY  
MOTHER AND  
FATHER REALLY  
STILL ALIVE?

THEY DWELL  
NOW IN THE  
DARK WORLD...

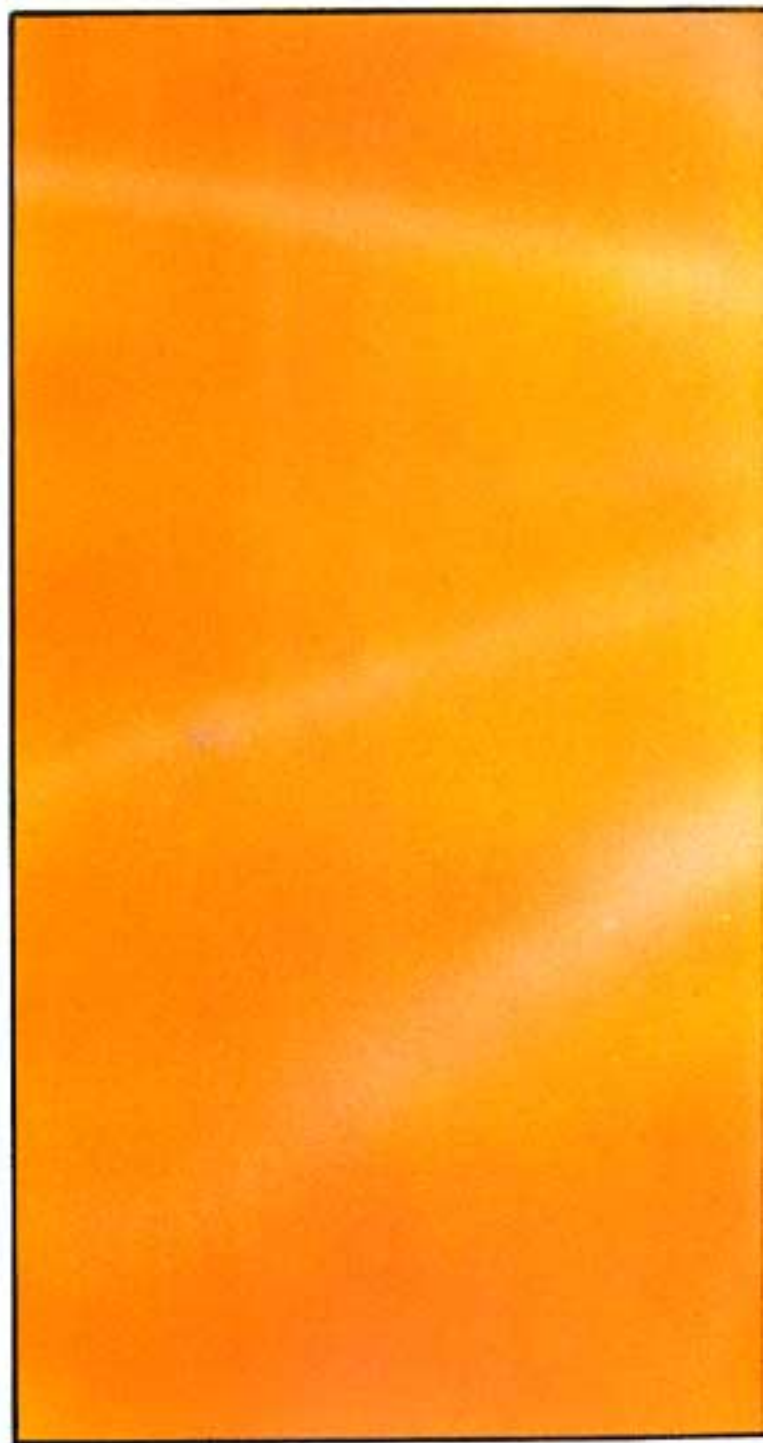
YOUR PARENTS  
WERE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE...  
BUT THEY STUMBLED INTO  
THE DARK WORLD...

AFTER THEY  
DISAPPEARED, YOUR UNCLE  
ADOPTED YOU AND  
SHIELDED YOU FROM THE  
INTRIGUES OF THE  
ROYAL FAMILY...

A-HA!

IF YOU TRULY  
ARE THE HERO...

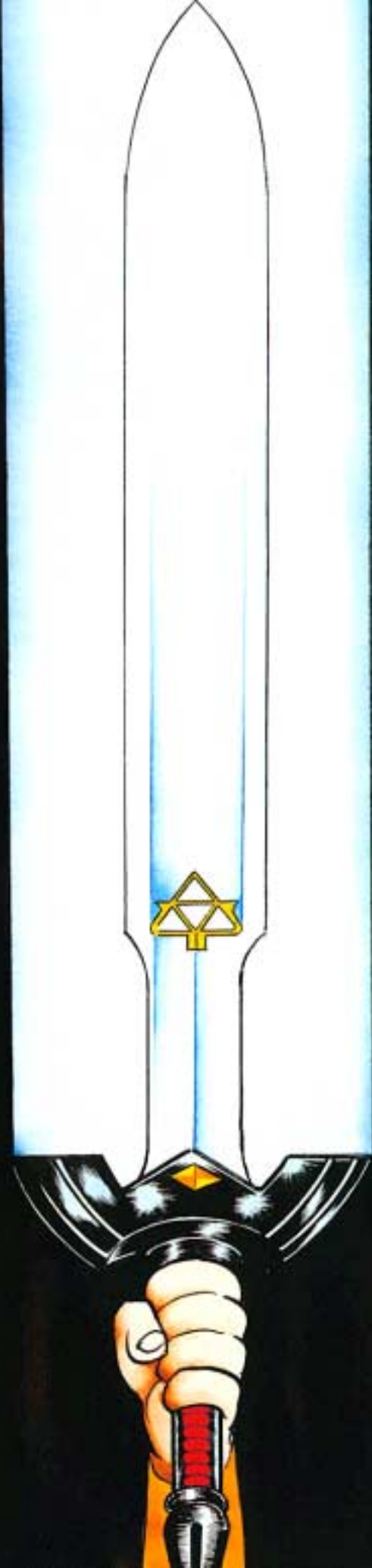
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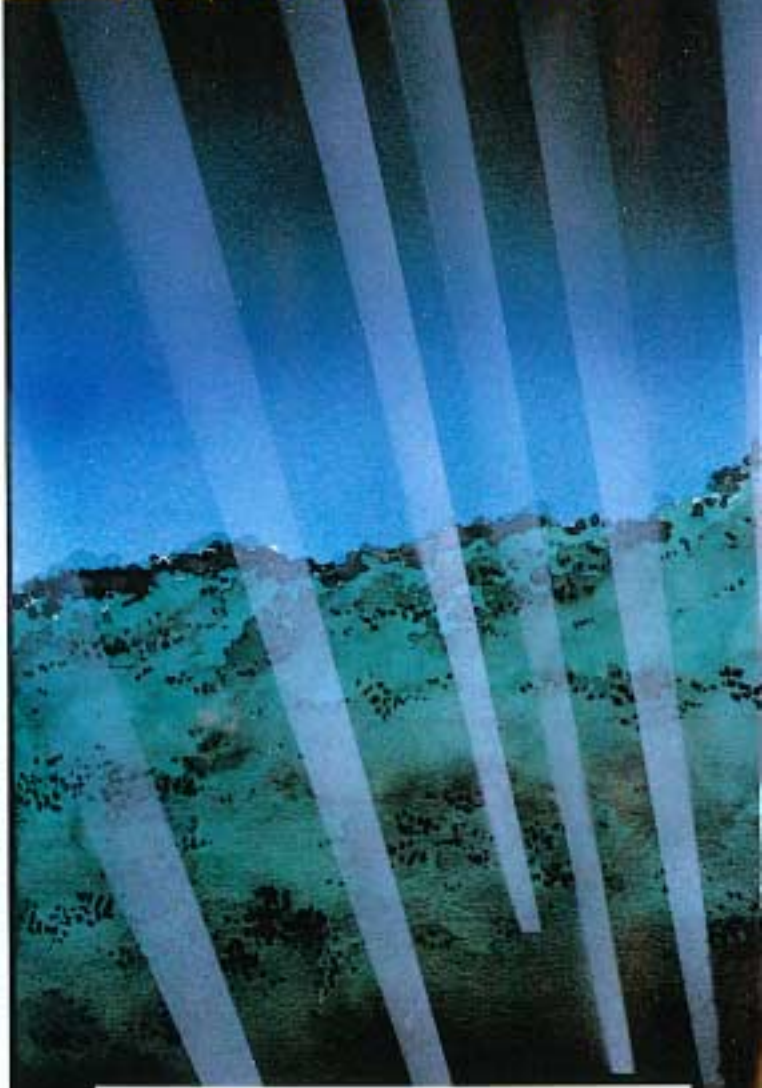
THE  
MASTER SWORD!



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THE YOUNG HERO, LINK, IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO REALIZE THE EXTENT OF HIS DESTINY AFTER WINNING THE THREE PENDANTS OF VIRTUE. WITH THE MASTER SWORD FIRMLY IN HAND, ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR HIM TO RESCUE ZELDA! CAN LINK MEET HIS ULTIMATE CHALLENGE?

CHAPTER FIVE  
**AN  
OLD  
ENEMY**

SO MUCH  
POWER! IT'S LIKE  
HOLDING A  
LIGHTNING BOLT!

POWER...



**SKRRACK**

WOO!



BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



**SCHWINNG**



YOU SOLDIERS ARE JUST IN TIME FOR A LITTLE PRACTICE!

**WHOOSH!**

**SWISSH!**

**KA-CHINNG!**



**KA-CHINNG!**

WISSSSSH!



I...I DID IT!

...WAKE  
UP, LINK...



EXHAUSTING...I  
FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN  
CHOPPING WOOD  
ALL DAY!

Whooooot!

ZELDA?!

I MUST  
REST! I  
CAN'T...





LINK! ONLY  
A **SINGLE NIGHT**  
REMAINS!


AGAHNIM WILL  
CAST HIS **INCANTATION**  
ON ME UNDER  
A **FULL MOON!**

LINK! YOU  
MUST **HURRY!**

IF HE **SUCCEEDS**, THE SEAL  
OF THE WISE MEN WILL BE  
**BROKEN!** THE ENTRANCE TO THE  
DARK WORLD WILL BE THROWN  
OPEN AND EVIL WILL  
**OVERWHELM US!**


DO NOT FORGET  
THE SACRIFICE YOUR  
UNCLE MADE TRYING  
TO FOIL AGAHNIM'S  
PLOT!

AND YOUR PARENTS...  
DO YOU THINK IT WAS  
AN **ACCIDENT** THAT THEY  
FELL INTO THE DARK  
WORLD?!



PLEASE, YOU MUST  
DESTROY AGAHNIM BEFORE  
HIS EVIL MAGIC LEADS TO  
HYRULE'S **DESTRUCTION!**

ALRIGHT,  
ALRIGHT. I'M  
ON MY WAY!



I HAVE SWORN  
TO **DEFEAT** AGAHNIM!  
AND NOW I HAVE THE  
**MASTER SWORD** TO  
FULFILL MY VOW!!



SO ALL THE APPROACHES TO THE CASTLE ARE **BLOCKED** BY AGAHNIM'S SENTRIES?



TOMORROW THE **FULL MOON** RISES:

YEP! EVEN **APPROACHING** THE CASTLE MEANS **CERTAIN DEATH!**

ONLY A **BIRD** WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO GET INTO THE CASTLE NOW...



TOO BAD OUR **WINGS** WERE **LOST** IN THE DESERT...



YOU DON'T NEED **WINGS** TO **FLY**... LOOK AT THESE **SOAP BUBBLES!**

HMMMMM...

THAT GIVES ME AN **IDEA!**

I BELIEVE THAT A LARGE BUBBLE...

...FILLED WITH HOT AIR...

...WILL FLOAT!



...IN ONE DAY... WILL BE...



...HARD WORK!



THIS BUBBLE HAS TO BE AIR-TIGHT, RIGHT?



AT LAST!  
THE FULL MOON  
RISING!

SOON...

WHEN IT REACHES  
PRIME ASCENSION...  
THE PINNACLE OF  
THE SKY...

HMMM...

KING AGAHNIM,  
THE PREPARATIONS  
ARE **COMPLETE!**

THEN LET  
US **BEGIN!**

ᠠᠨᠢ ᠶ᠋ᠢᠨ ᠶ᠋ᠢᠨ ᠶ᠋ᠢᠨ ᠶ᠋ᠢᠨ



EH?

NOW IS THE HOUR OF THE INCANTATION... YOU MUST NOT FAIL ME!



...AGAHNIM...

MASTER GANON!



YES, MY LORD...



HMMMM...

I SENSE A BEING APPROACHING THE BARRIER SURROUNDING THE CASTLE... A BEING WITH INTENSE EMOTIONAL ENERGY...



WHAT?! CAN IT BE HIM?!

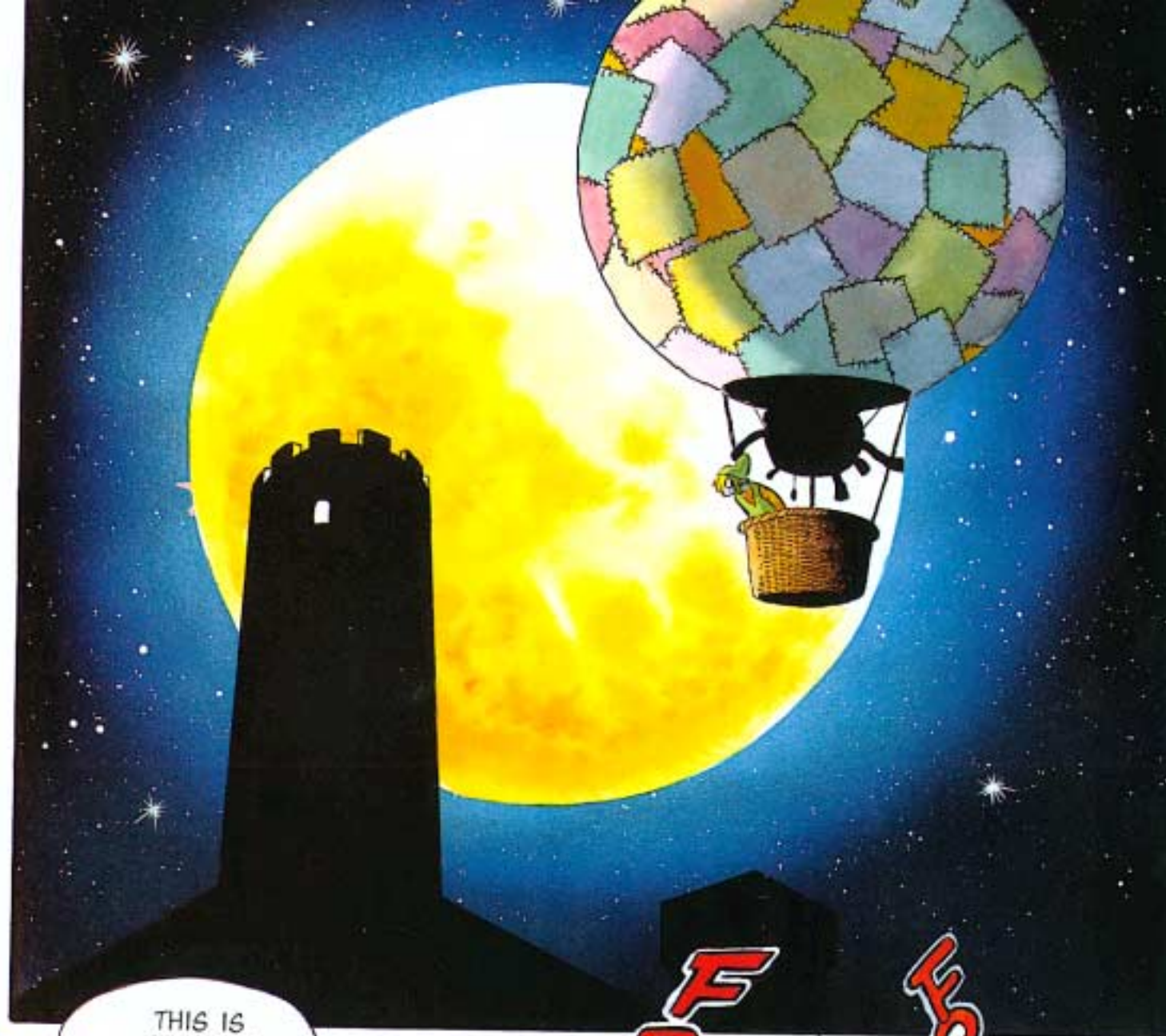


VERY WELL... I WILL SEND PRINCESS ZELDA INTO THE DARK WORLD BEFORE HIS VERY EYES!!



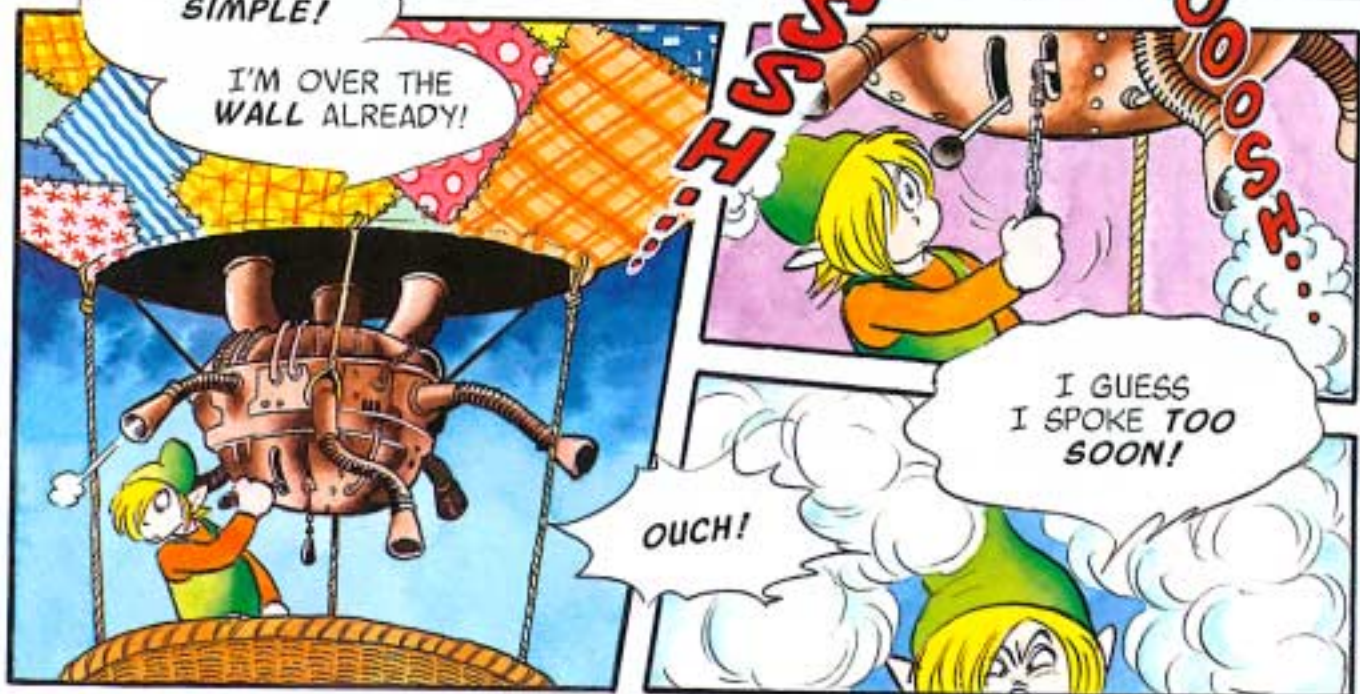
BUT, IF HE CAN MAKE IT HERE...

HEH HEH HEH...



THIS IS  
SIMPLE!

I'M OVER THE  
WALL ALREADY!



OUCH!

I GUESS  
I SPOKE TOO  
SOON!

HSSS F  
FOOSS... F

WHOOOOAH!!

F  
SHOOOOOOSH!

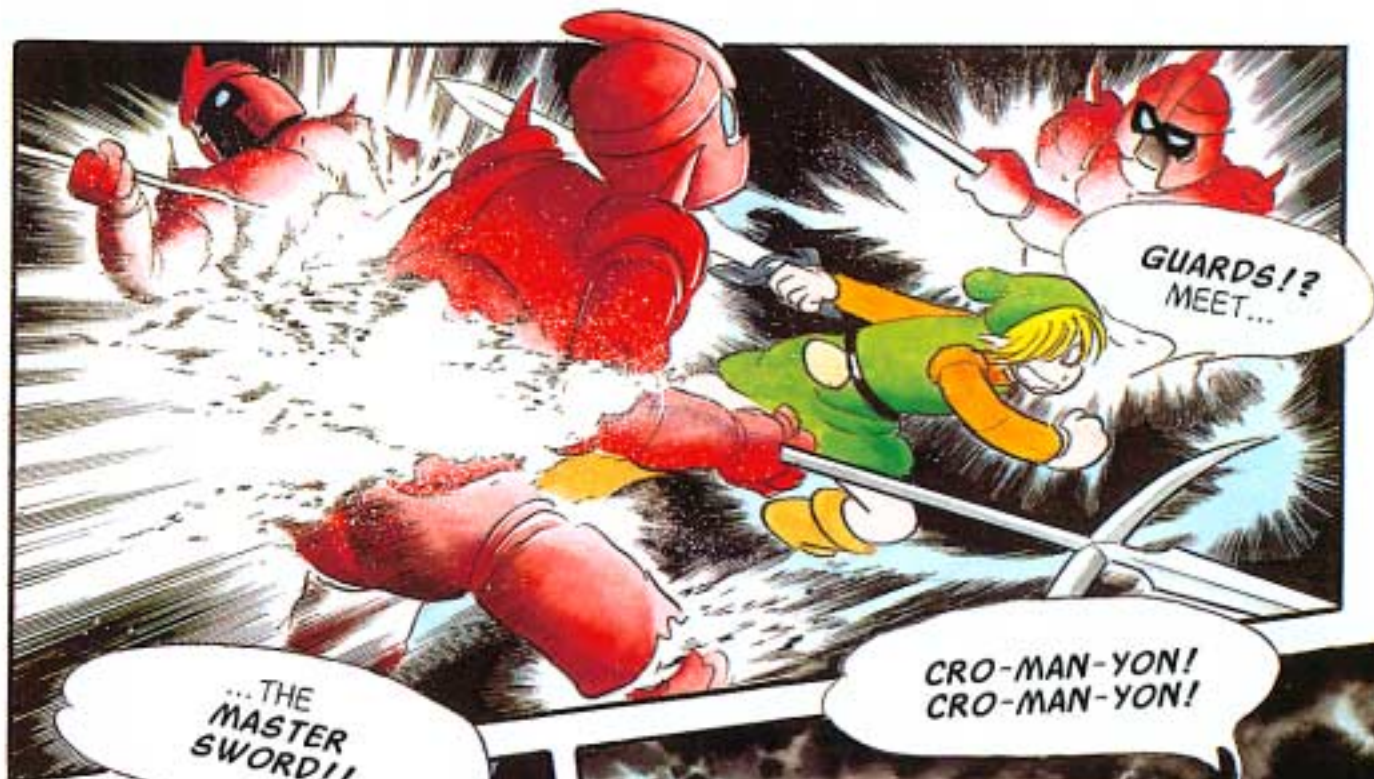
THIS IS NO  
TIME TO BURST  
MY BUBBLE!

PLOP!

WHEW...

G  
A  
S  
P!

SH-  
ZZZ-  
ZZZ!



GUARDS!?  
MEET...

...THE  
MASTER  
SWORD!!

CRO-MAN-YON!  
CRO-MAN-YON!



NE-AAN-DERU-TAA!

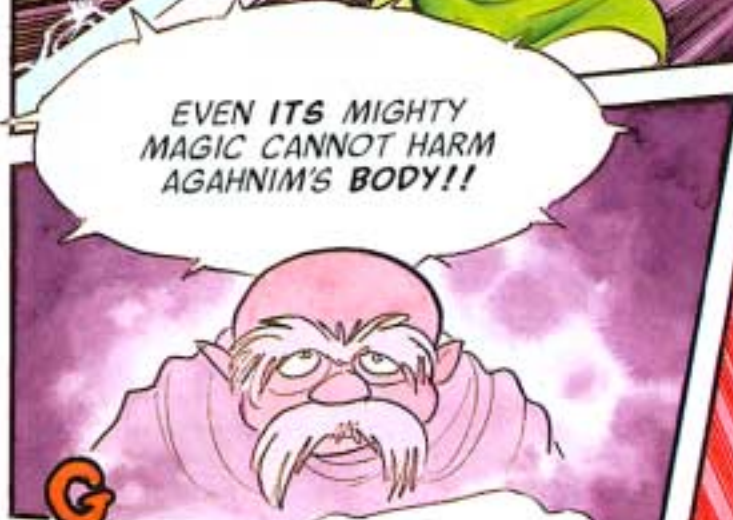


GASP!  
IT'S ZELDA!



AGAHNIM!!

LINK, DO NOT PUT ALL YOUR TRUST IN THE MASTER SWORD!



EVEN ITS MIGHTY MAGIC CANNOT HARM AGAHNIM'S BODY!!



IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!

BOOZZA..



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

GROATZ



HUH?! THEN IT'S TRUE?!

URSH..



**U L P I !**

WHA--?!

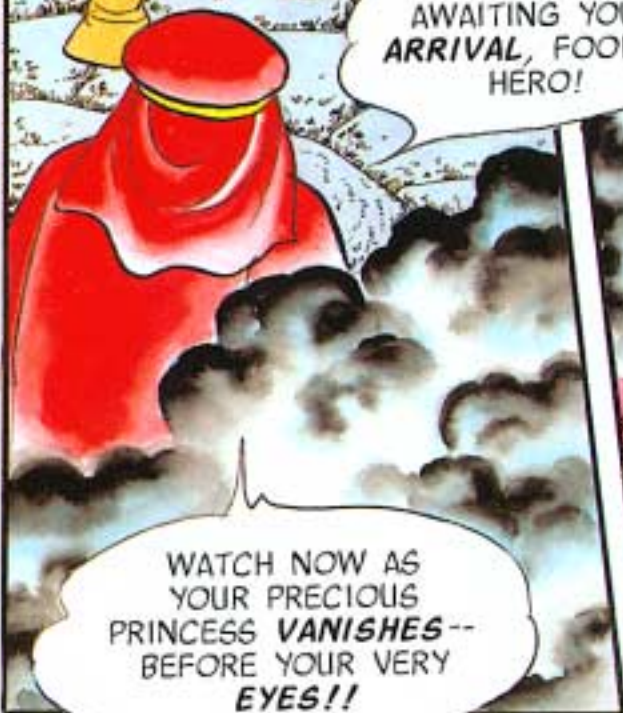


I...I  
CAN'T MOVE!!

**HEH HEH...**

**BEHOLD!**

THE LAST  
MOMENT OF  
PRINCESS ZELDA!



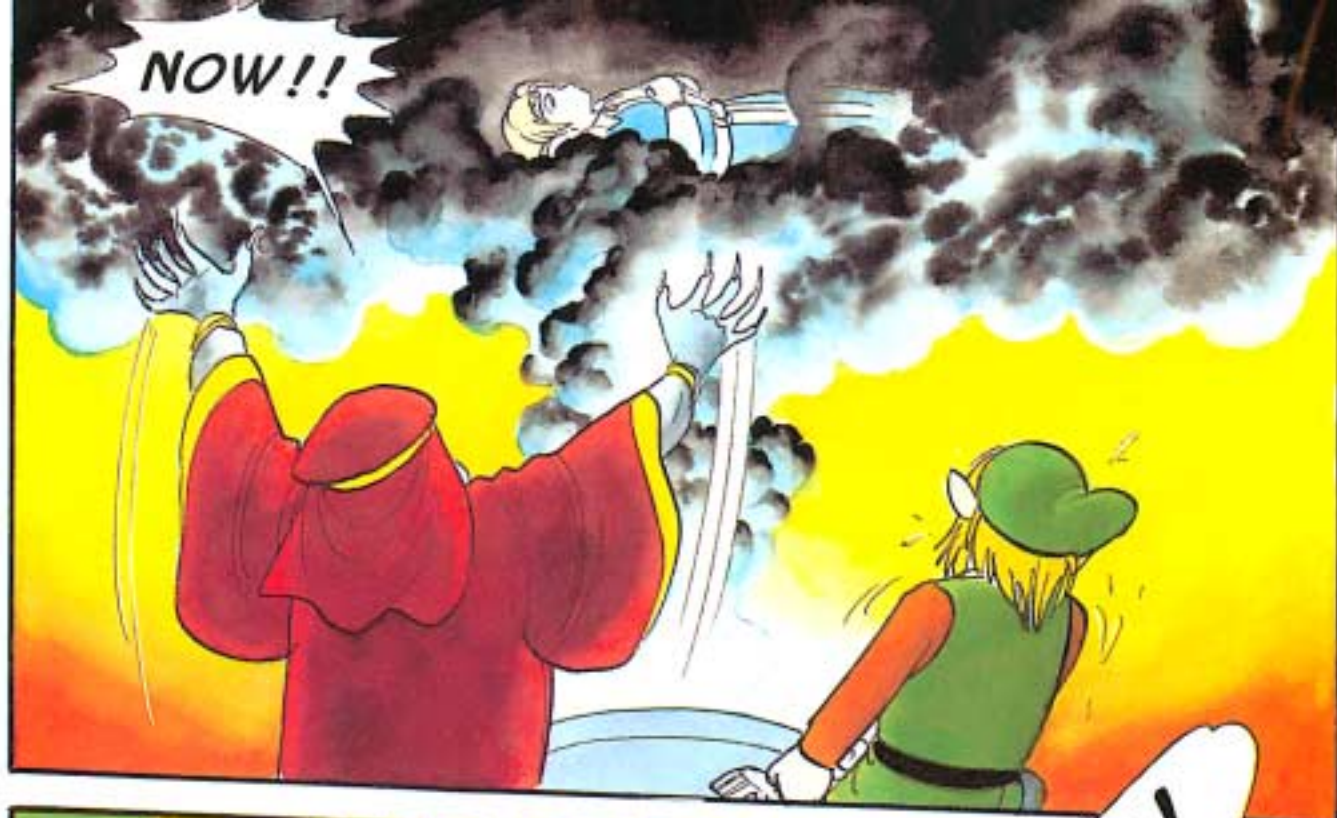
I HAVE BEEN  
AWAITING YOUR  
ARRIVAL, FOOLISH  
HERO!

WATCH NOW AS  
YOUR PRECIOUS  
PRINCESS **VANISHES**--  
BEFORE YOUR VERY  
**EYES!!**



**Z  
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!**

**H A H !!**

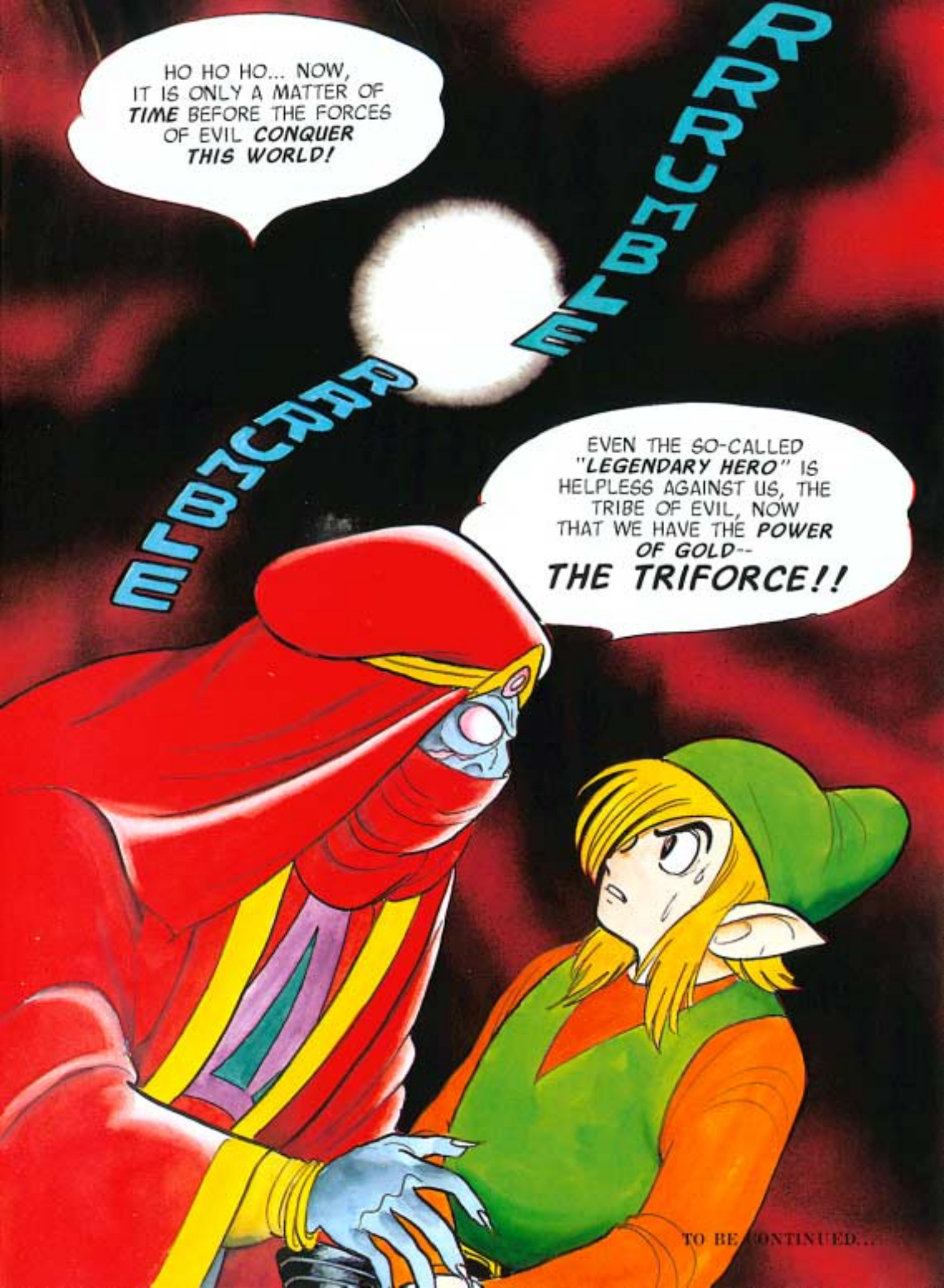


NOW!!



ZELDA!!

KRACKA-BOOOOSH!



HO HO HO... NOW,  
IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF  
*TIME* BEFORE THE FORCES  
OF EVIL *CONQUER*  
*THIS WORLD!*

EVEN THE SO-CALLED  
"LEGENDARY HERO" IS  
HELPLESS AGAINST US, THE  
TRIBE OF EVIL, NOW  
THAT WE HAVE THE *POWER*  
OF GOLD--  
**THE TRIFORCE!!**

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WHAT IS  
THIS?!!



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CHAPTER SIX  
A  
**FOOL**  
IN THE  
**SHAPE**  
OF A  
**TREE**

HUMMPH...  
THE PUNY FOOL'S RAGE IS  
SOMEHOW BEING CHANNLED  
BY THE  
MASTER SWORD!

HE AND  
THE SWORD  
ARE AS ONE!

BONK!  
POK!

HUH?!

I'M  
FREE!

HOLD IT,  
AGAHNIM!

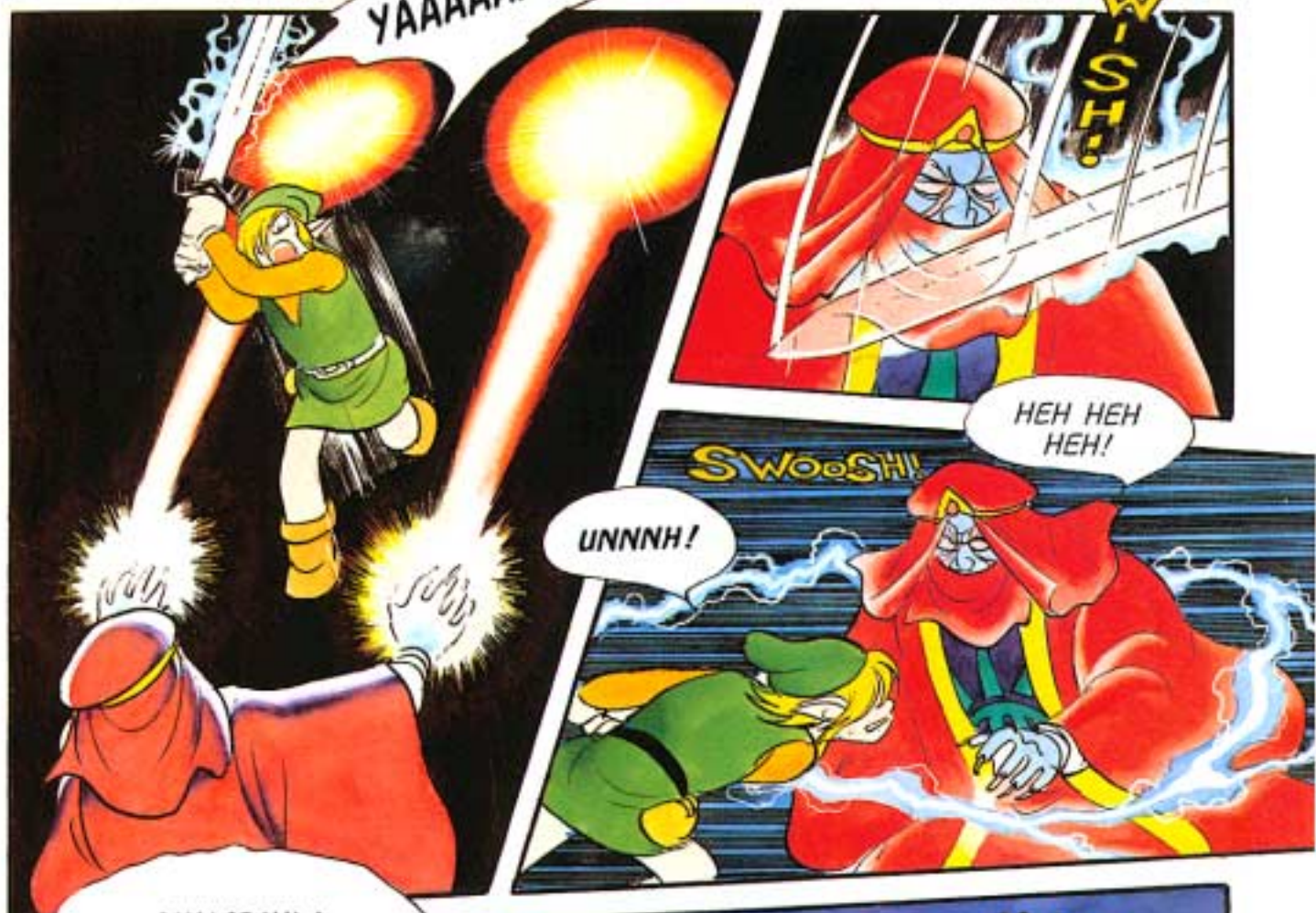




**VAZZZZZAP!**

**YAAAAAAH!!**

**S-S-SH!**



**HEH HEH HEH!**

**Swoosh!**

**UNNNH!**

**SAHASRAHLA WAS RIGHT!**



**PANT**

**PANT PANT**

**HA HA HAH!**

**I CAN'T SEEM TO HARM AGAHNIM'S BODY WITH THE MASTER SWORD!**

LINK, LISTEN!  
AGAHNIM'S MAGIC IS LIKE  
A DOUBLE-EDGED  
SWORD...

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?

**POOF!**

THE MASTER  
SWORD WAS ALSO  
FORGED TO REPEL  
EVIL MAGIC!

IT CAN  
DEFEND AS WELL  
AS ATTACK?

I HAVE  
YOU NOW,  
AGAHNIM!

YOUR  
OWN EVIL  
ENERGY

WILL BE  
THE END

**NOOOOOO!!**

**KRACKA-ZAP!**

OF YOU!

ZAH-BOOM!

URRRGH...

WELL MET,  
HERO...

IT APPEARS  
YOU ARE NOT SUCH  
A FOOL AFTER ALL...  
BUT IT MAKES NO  
DIFFERENCE...

MY DEFEAT WILL  
NOT RESTORE THE  
WISE MEN'S SEAL,  
ON THE  
CONTRARY...

HEH HEH  
HEH...

RUMBLE RUMBLE

AND WITH  
MY FINAL  
BREATH...

... YOU WILL  
JOIN  
ZELDA  
IN...



OHCS



I'VE LET YOU DOWN AGAIN!

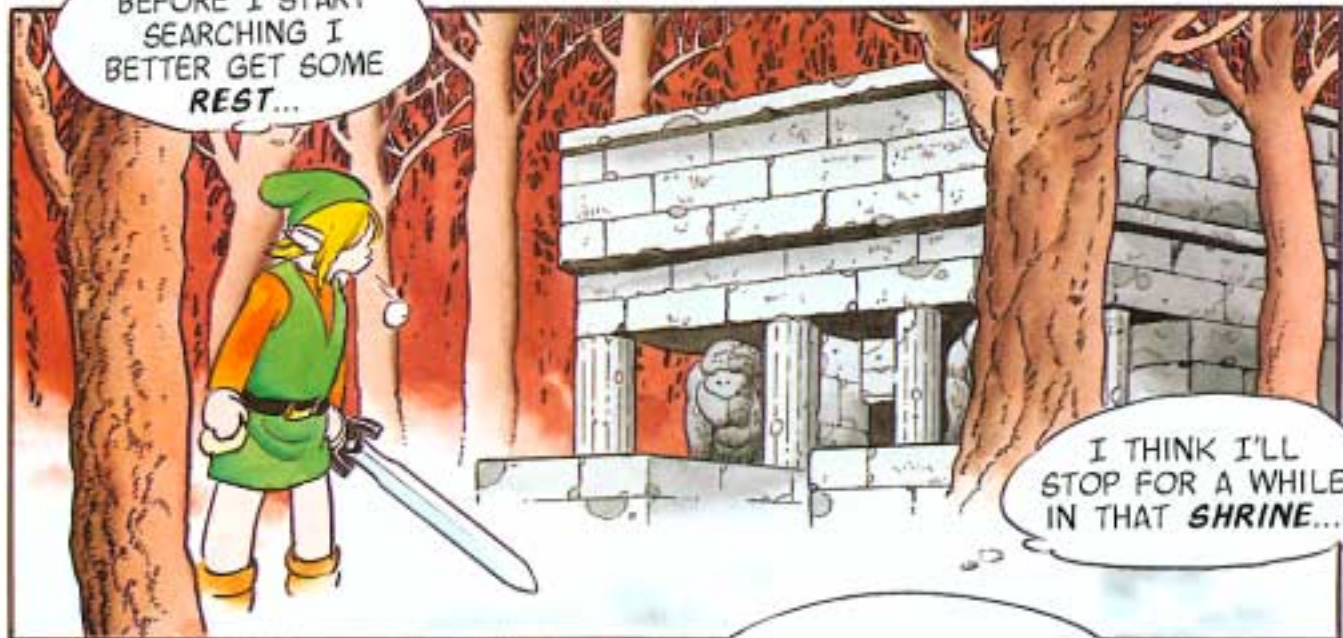


NOW WHO WILL SAVE YOU?



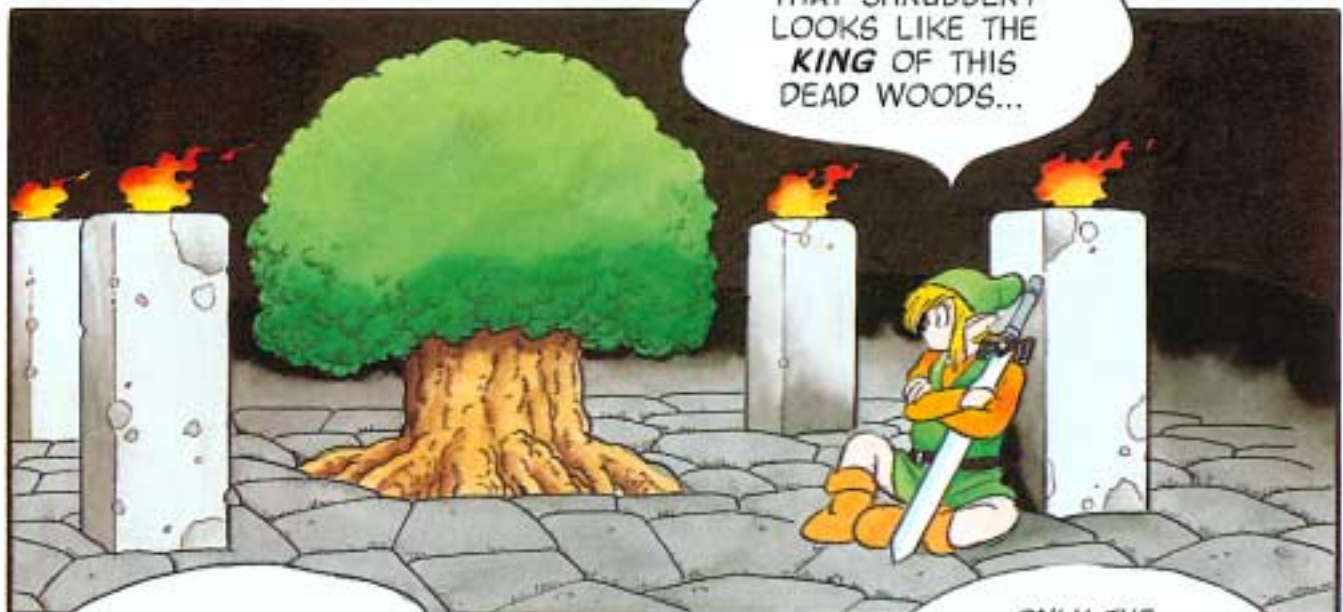


BEFORE I START  
SEARCHING I  
BETTER GET SOME  
**REST...**



I THINK I'LL  
STOP FOR A WHILE  
IN THAT **SHRINE...**

THAT SHRUBBERY  
LOOKS LIKE THE  
**KING** OF THIS  
DEAD WOODS...



**YOU THERE...**  
DID YOU JOURNEY TO  
THIS WORLD IN SEARCH  
OF THE **POWER OF  
GOLD-- THE  
TRIFORCE?**



NOT  
**REALLY,**  
BUT...



ONLY THE  
**FIRST** TO TOUCH  
THIS **GOLDEN POWER**  
WILL BE **ENDOWED**  
WITH ITS  
**STRENGTH...**



THIS LAND WAS ONCE THE GOLDEN LAND WHERE THE TRIFORCE WAS HIDDEN BY THOSE WHO CREATED THE WORLD.

GANONDORF THE THIEF, SKILLED IN THE MAGICAL ARTS, ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED UPON THE ENTRANCE TO THIS MAGICAL PLACE

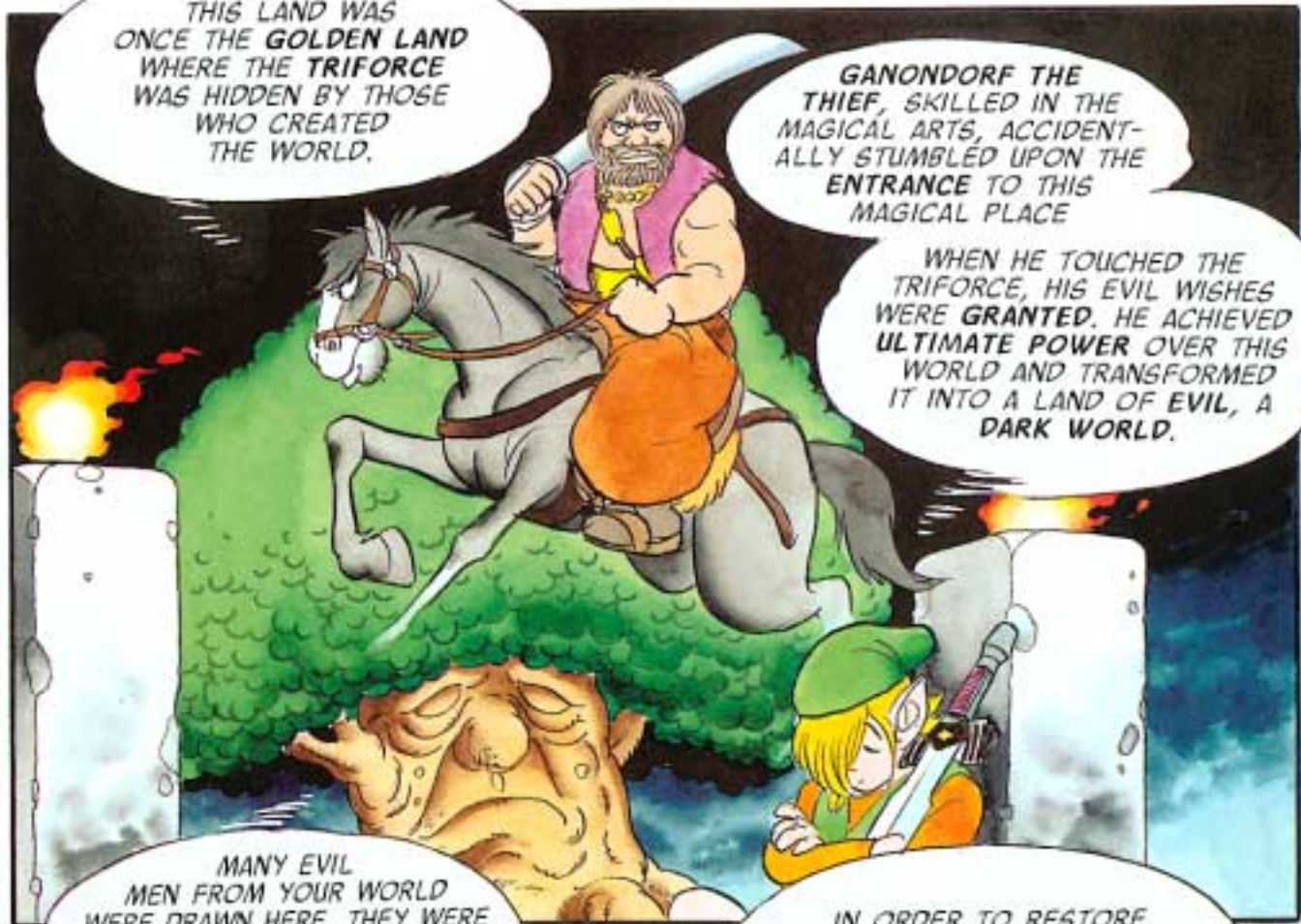
WHEN HE TOUCHED THE TRIFORCE, HIS EVIL WISHES WERE GRANTED. HE ACHIEVED ULTIMATE POWER OVER THIS WORLD AND TRANSFORMED IT INTO A LAND OF EVIL, A DARK WORLD.

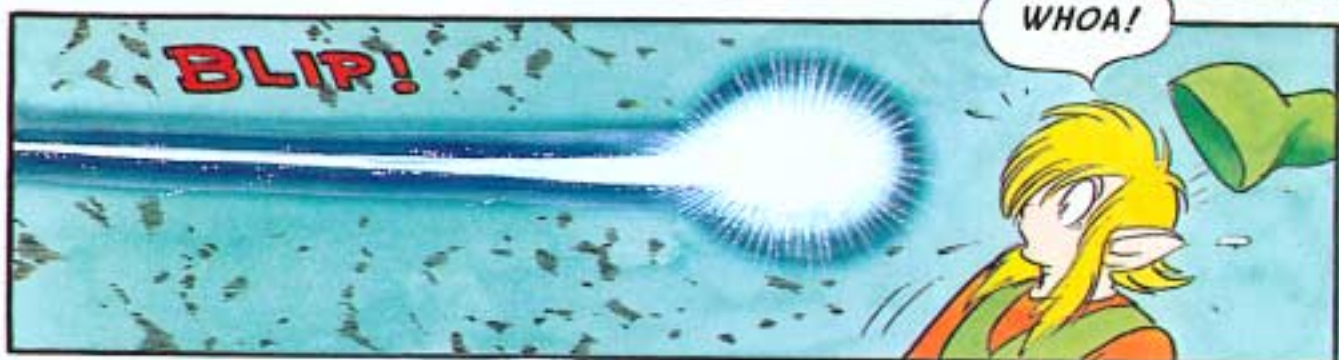
MANY EVIL MEN FROM YOUR WORLD WERE DRAWN HERE. THEY WERE TRANSFORMED INTO MONSTERS BECAUSE OF THEIR EVIL THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS.

IN ORDER TO RESTORE THIS WORLD TO THE SHINING GOLDEN LAND IT ONCE WAS, YOU MUST DEFEAT THE THIEF AND RECLAIM THE TRIFORCE!!

I WAS ONE OF THEM...

HMMMM...



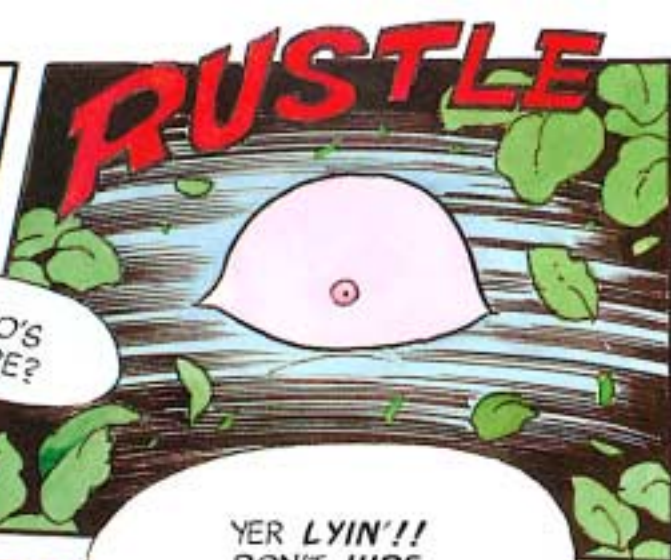




WHAT!?

RUSTLE RUSTLE

WHO'S THERE?



RUSTLE

YER LYIN'!!  
DON'T HIDE  
HER!

WE  
WANT HER MAGIC  
POWERS AND WE  
WANT THEM NOW!

ALL RIGHT, KID! DID  
YOU SEE A FAERIE  
FLY THROUGH HERE?  
WHICH WAY DID  
SHE GO?

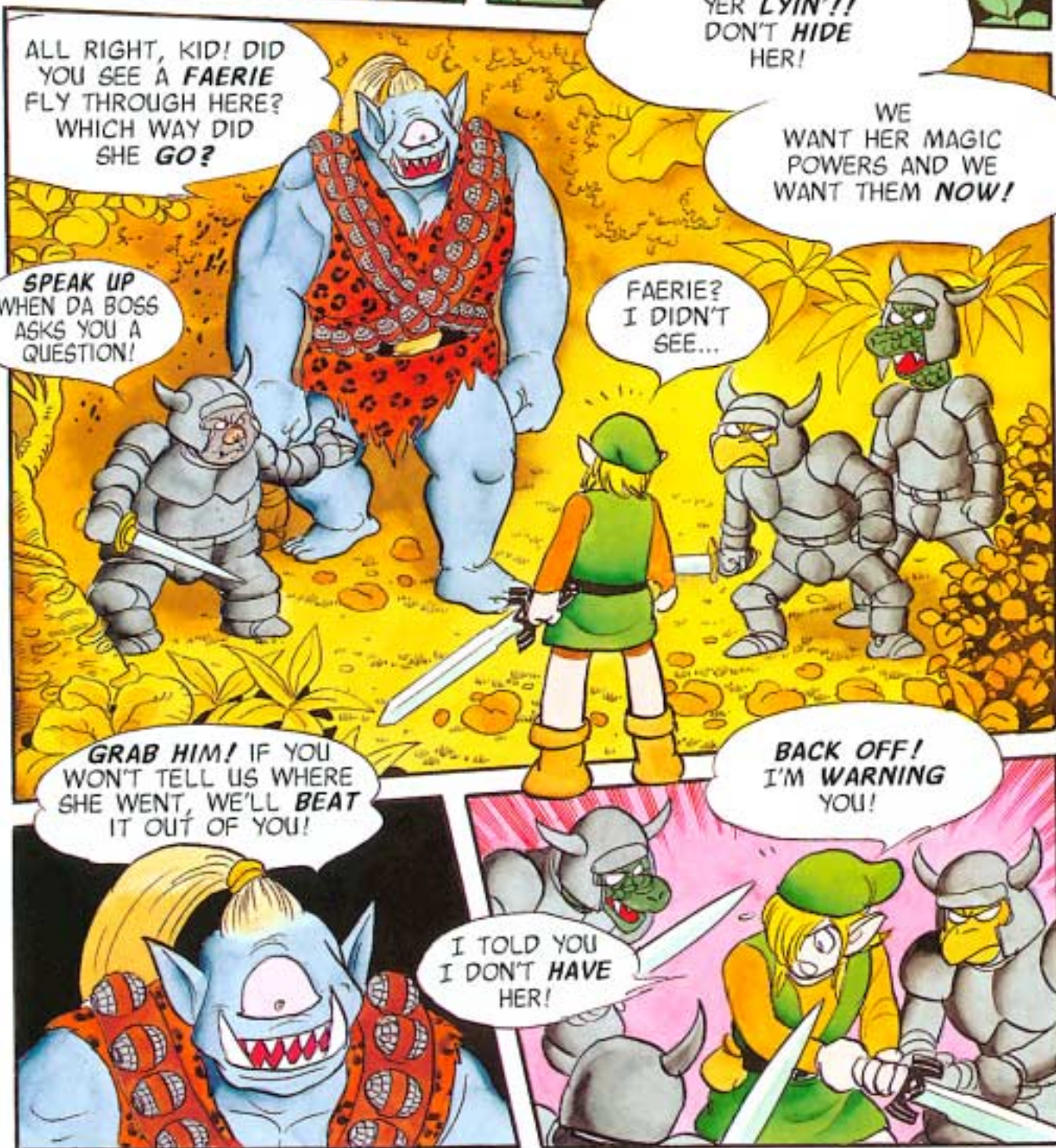
SPEAK UP  
WHEN DA BOSS  
ASKS YOU A  
QUESTION!

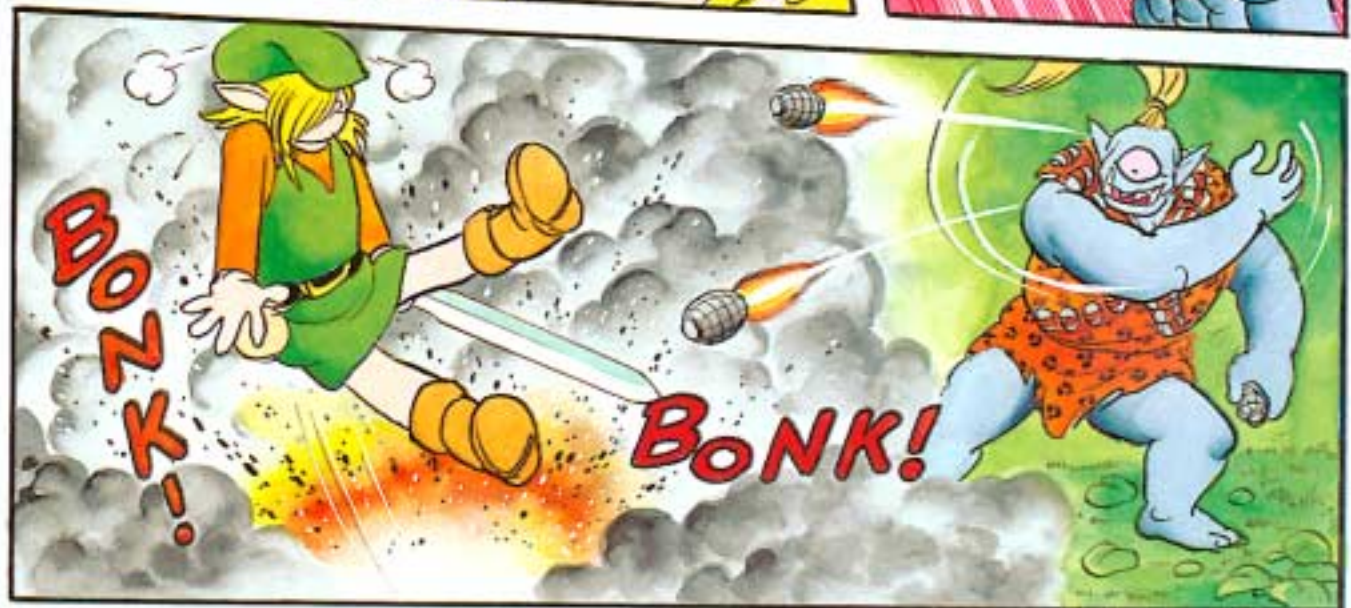
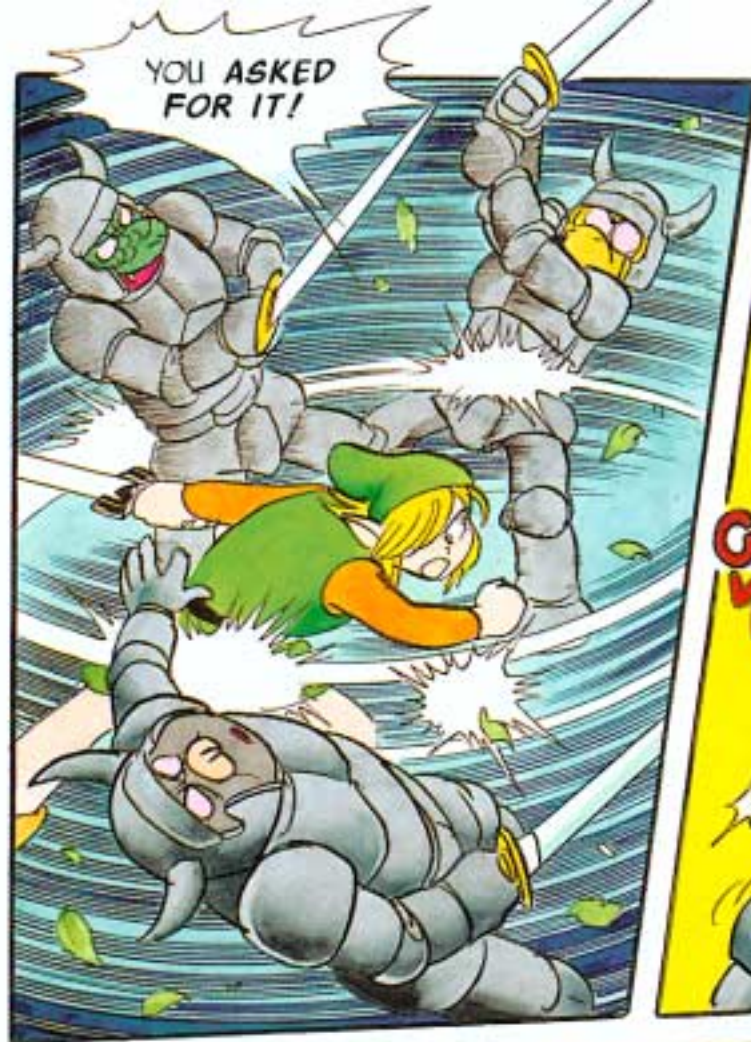
FAERIE?  
I DIDN'T  
SEE...

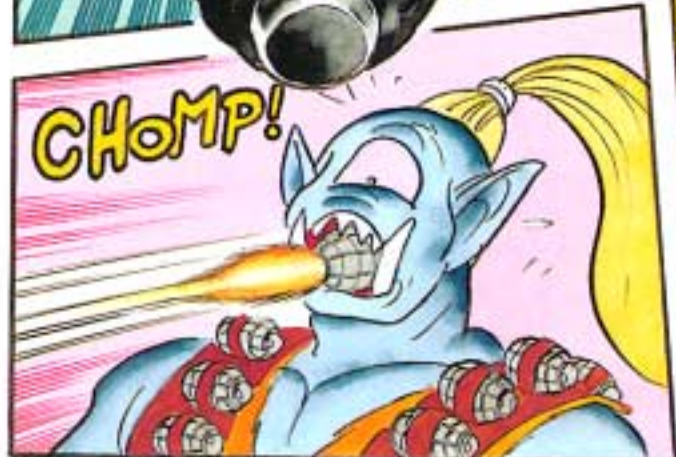
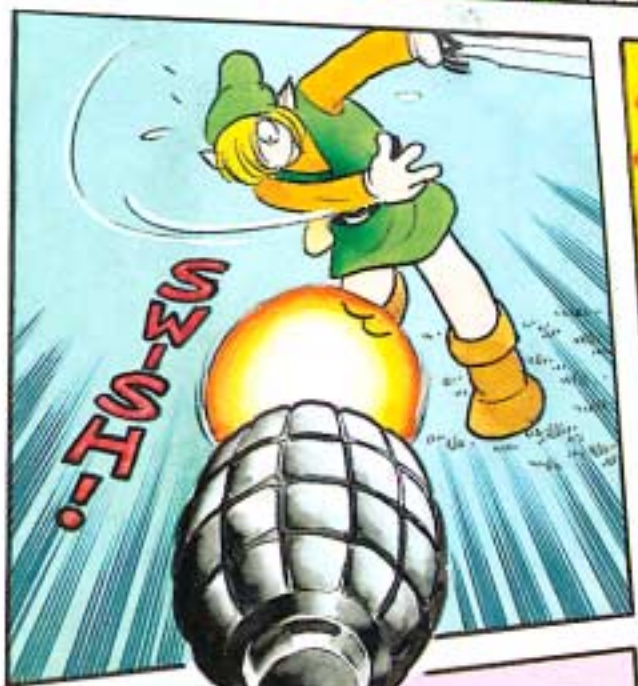
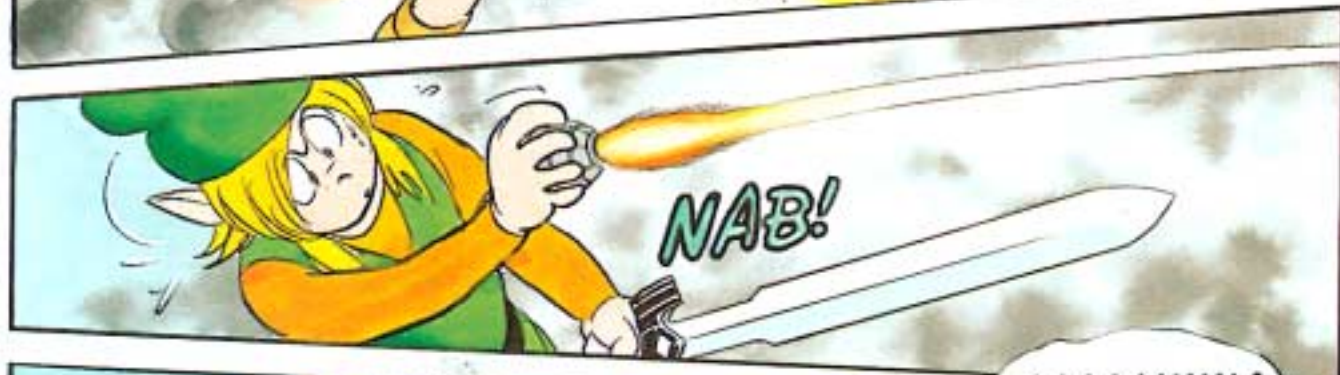
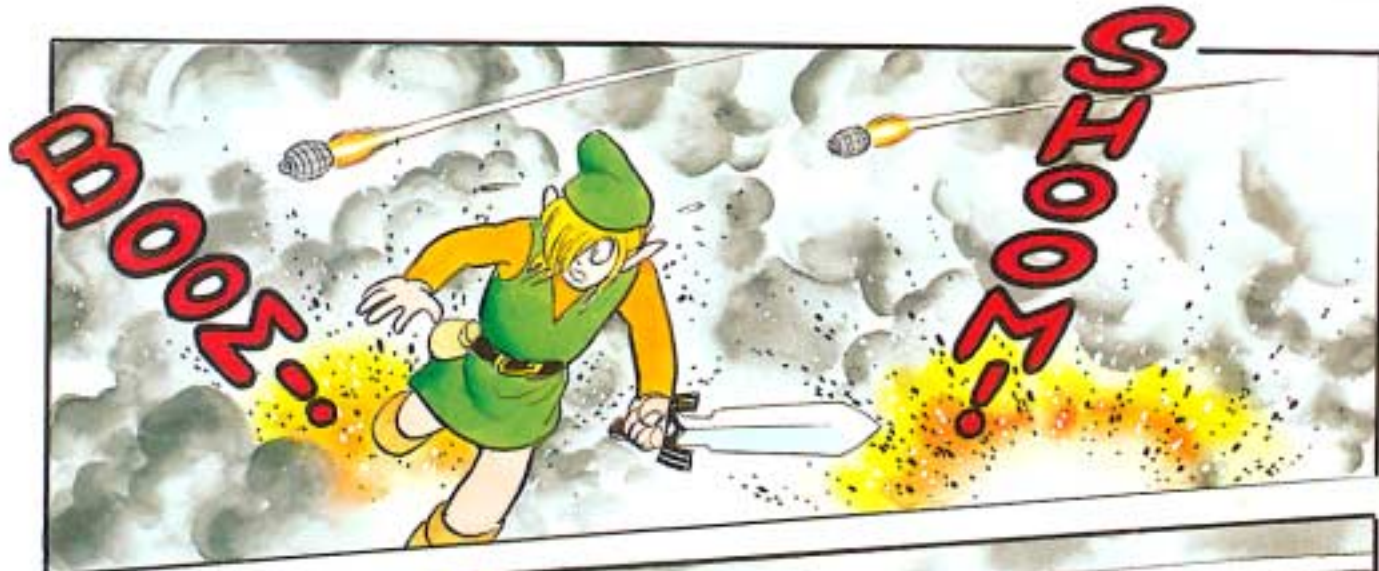
GRAB HIM! IF YOU  
WON'T TELL US WHERE  
SHE WENT, WE'LL BEAT  
IT OUT OF YOU!

BACK OFF!  
I'M WARNING  
YOU!

I TOLD YOU  
I DON'T HAVE  
HER!










HUH?



TO BE CONTINUED...

ALTHOUGH LINK COULD NOT PREVENT AGAHNIM FROM SENDING ZELDA TO THE DARK WORLD BEFORE HIS VERY EYES, HE WAS TRIUMPHANT IN DEFEATING THE EVIL WIZARD THEREAFTER IN A TERRIFIC BATTLE. EVEN IN DEFEAT, AGAHNIM WAS ABLE TO TRAP LINK IN THE DARK WORLD ALSO. IN THIS DISTANT WORLD FULL OF MONSTERS, BEYOND THE REACH OF SAHASRAHLA'S TELEPATHIC ADVICE, LINK WAS LEFT TO FIGHT ALONE.

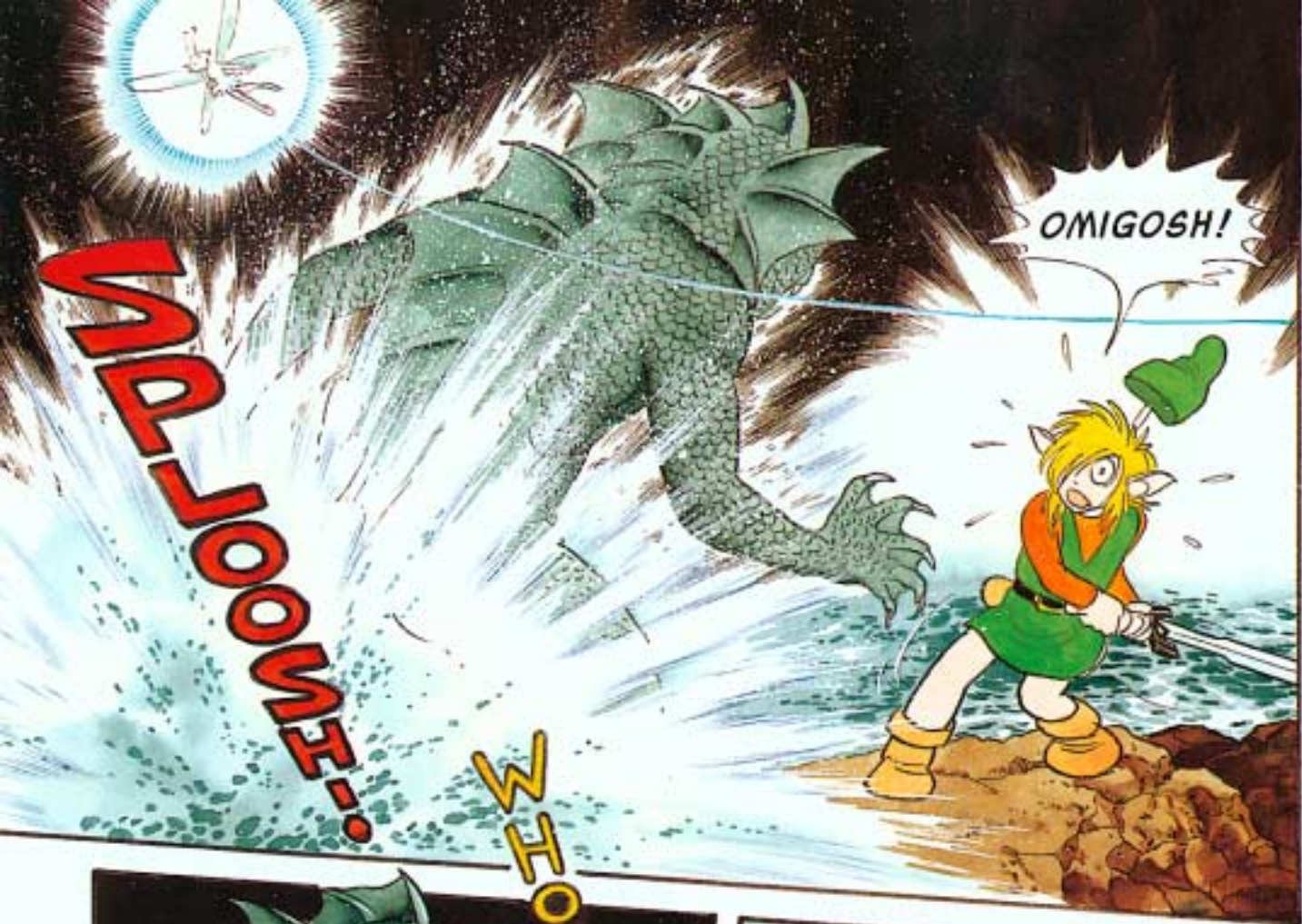


YOU... YOU  
MUST BE... THE  
FAERIE THE MONSTERS  
WERE AFTER!



Wooo!





WALLOOOWH!!!

OMIGOSH!

WALLOOOWH!!!



UNNH...

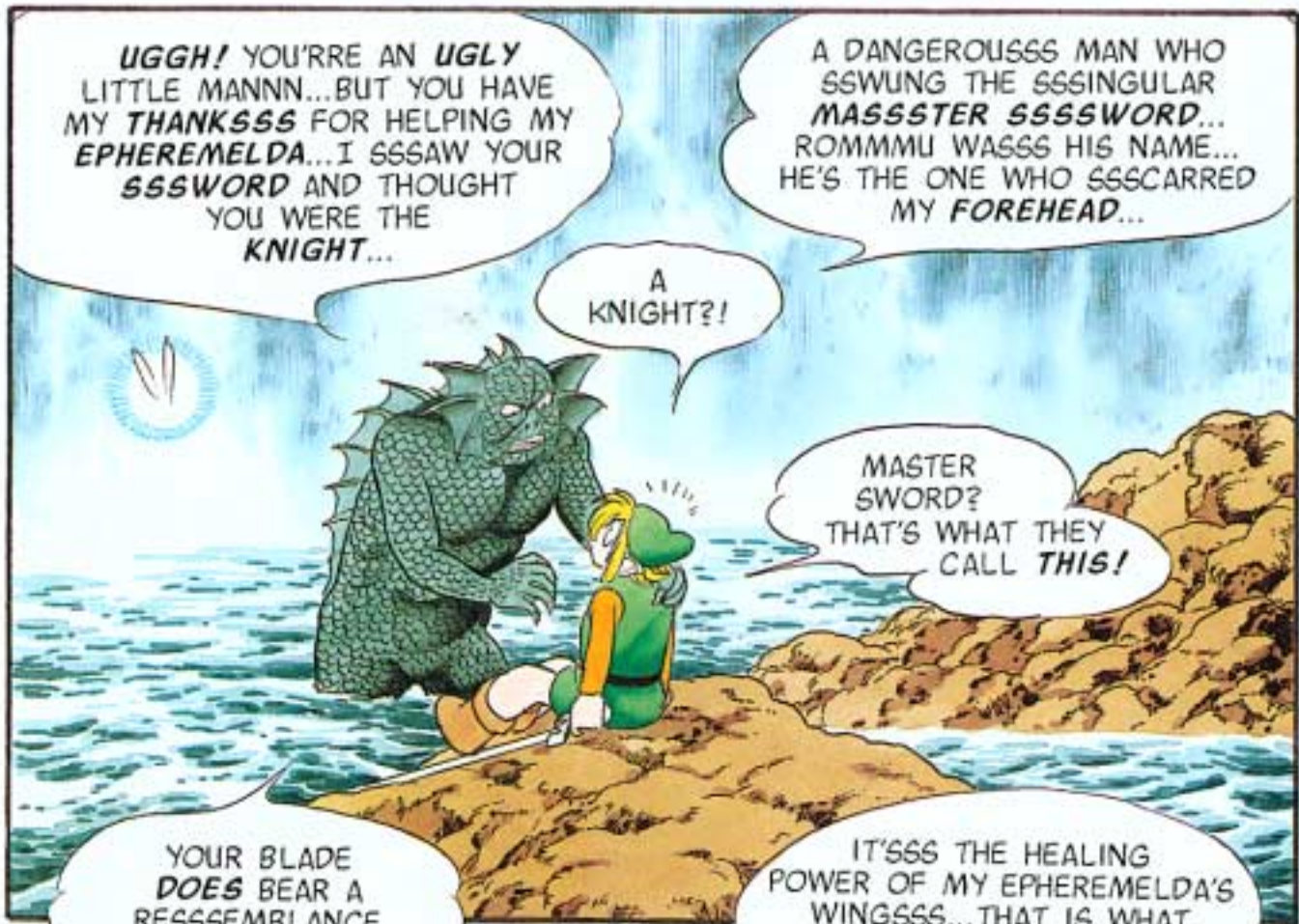


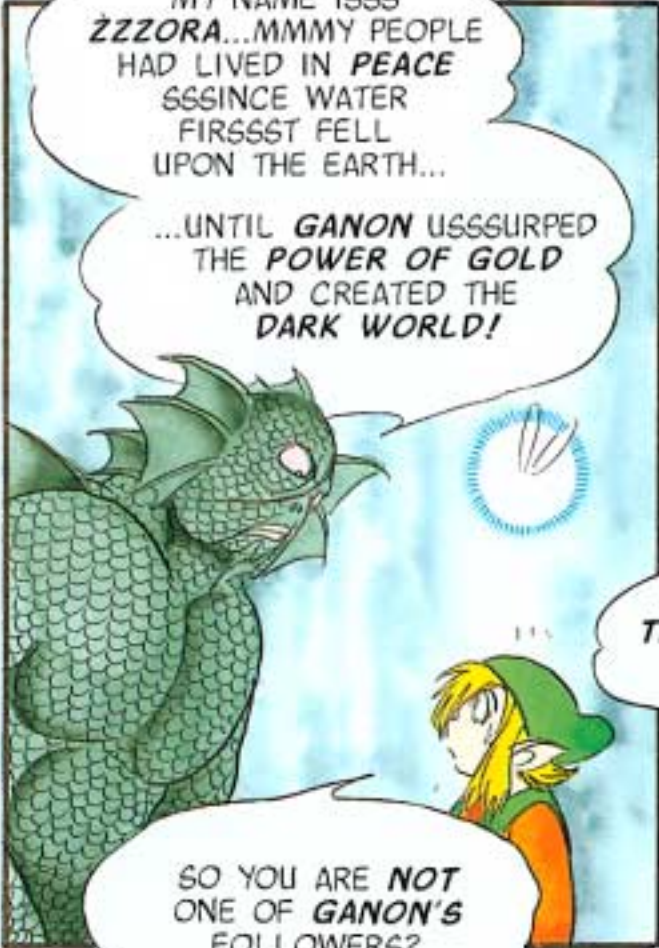
AWWWW...



HIINA...

THE SWORD...  
SO HEAVYYY...





MY NAME ISSS  
ZZZORA...MMMY PEOPLE  
HAD LIVED IN **PEACE**  
SSSINCE WATER  
FIRSSST FELL  
UPON THE EARTH...

...UNTIL **GANON** USSURPED  
THE **POWER OF GOLD**  
AND CREATED THE  
**DARK WORLD!**

SO YOU ARE **NOT**  
ONE OF **GANON'S**  
FOLLOWERS?

OH, REALLY?  
AGAHNIM AND GANON  
ARE **GOOD BUDDIES!**

THEN THE  
MISSING  
GIRLS...

...AND **ZELDA...**  
ARE **ALIVE AND**  
IN **THIS WORLD?**

YESSS, AND ONE IS  
IMPRISONED IN **CRYSTAL**  
IN THE PALACE NEARBY...

**BUT YOU**  
**SHOULDN'T**  
**GO THERE!**

THAT'S RIGHT!  
**SOME PEOPLE ARE**  
**OPPOSED TO HIS**  
**RULE, YA KNOW!**

SAYYY... I HAVEN'T  
SEEN **YOU** AROUND  
HERE BEFORE!

WELL, I  
TRIED TO SAVE  
**ZELDA...**

...BUT AGAHNIM  
CAST ME INTO  
**THIS WORLD!**

EVEN THOUGH  
GANON HAS THE **TRI-**  
**FORCE**, HE CAN'T GO TO  
HYRULE! SO, HE SENT  
AGAHNIM THERE TO DO  
HIS DIRTY WORK!

AGAHNIM  
SENT THE MAIDENS  
HERE SO GANON COULD  
**STEAL THEIR POWER!**

IN LEGENDSSSS THAT PLACE IS KNOWN AS THE **PALACE OF DARKNESS**...GANON'S SERVANTSS HAVE SSSSTOCKPILED THE DANGEROUSSS, EXPLOSSIVE **FIRECORN** THERE...

I'VE ALREADY **SEEN** WHAT THE **FIRECORN** CAN DO, BUT NO MATTER WHAT...

I **MUST** RESCUE THE GIRL WHO IS **HELD** THERE!

COOL!

HMMMMM...

IF YOU **MUSSST** GO, TAKE MY EPHEREMELDA FOR YOUR GGGUIDE...

...ALSO, YOUR GGGROTÉSSSQUE FACE ISSS TOO **CONSSSPICUOUSSS**...

**Rlick!**

AHHH... **SPLNDID!** TAKE GOOD **CARE** OF HIM, EPHEREMELDA!

...YOU MUSST WEAR **ZZZORA'S MASSSK!!**


**SPLORK!**

...




IT'S THE  
PALACE OF  
DARKNESS!

AND INSIDE, A  
MAIDEN IN A CRYSTAL  
COCCOON...



MAYBE IT'S  
ZELDA!



IGNORE THE GUARDS!  
TRY TA LOOK LIKE  
YA BELONG HERE!



WHAT?!





YIKES!

⇒WHEW!⇐ JUST  
A **STATUE!** DON'T  
SCARE ME LIKE  
THAT!

I CAN SEE ANOTHER  
FACE BEHIND THE MASK! THE  
FACE OF AN **INTRUDER!**  
**DEATH TO THE**  
**INTERLOPER!**



IT'S  
**ROCKLOPS**  
#1!

WHIRRRR...



VZZZIT!

OH,  
**NO!**



FORGET THIS!  
HE SEES RIGHT  
THROUGH ME!

YOU FOOL! YOU  
KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN  
IF YOU USE THE  
FIRECORN HERE?!!

WE'LL ALL  
GO UP IN  
SMOKE!

BUT IF YOU GUYS  
ARE GOING TO  
GET ME...

**KA-CHING!**

...WE'LL  
ALL GO  
TOGETHER!

**WHIRRRRY!!!**

**WHIRRRRR...**

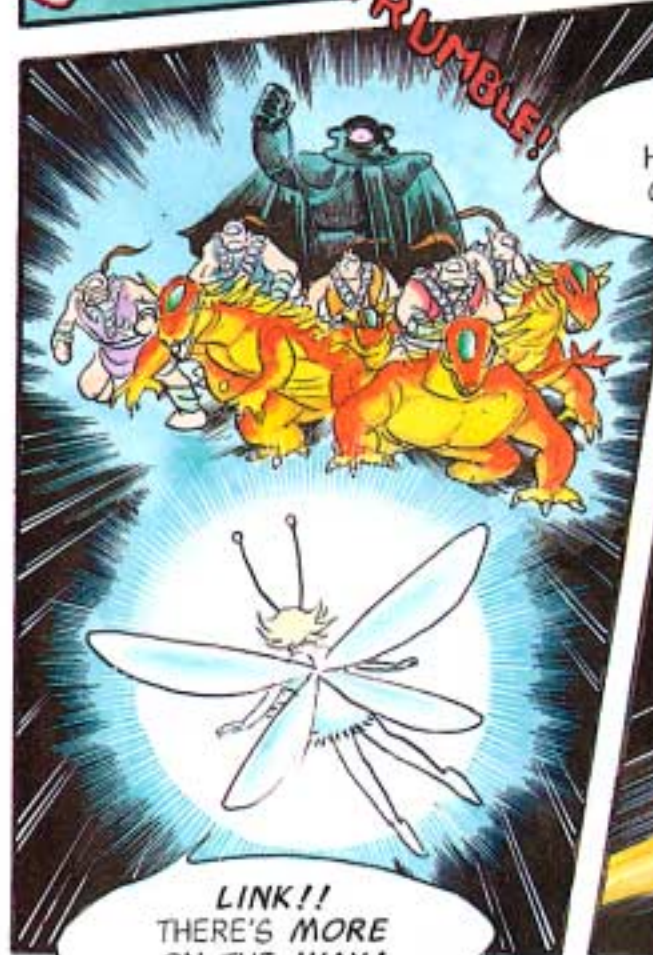




GRRRRUGGH!!  
RRR RUMBLE!

WOULD YOU MIND  
TAKING THEM A  
PRESENT!?

WE  
HAVE *ONE*  
CHANCE...



LINK!!  
THERE'S MORE  
ON THE WAY!



WOULD I  
MIND?



I'D LOVE  
TO!

**KA-BOO**

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CRASH...

GRRROAN...



SPARKLE!



ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT,  
EPHEREMELDA?!

GOSH! I  
DIDN'T KNOW  
YOU CARED!

I'M ALL  
RIGHT, BUT MY  
HEART IS BEATING  
SO FAST!!



K-K-K-K



K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K

THANK YOU, LINK!  
BECAUSE OF YOU  
I CAN *ESCAPE* THIS  
CRYSTAL PRISON!



NOW, HERE IS  
SOMETHING THAT WILL  
HELP YOU--THE  
*COMM-FORK!*



WAIT! DO  
YOU KNOW WHERE  
ZELDA IS...

*CHINNNG...*



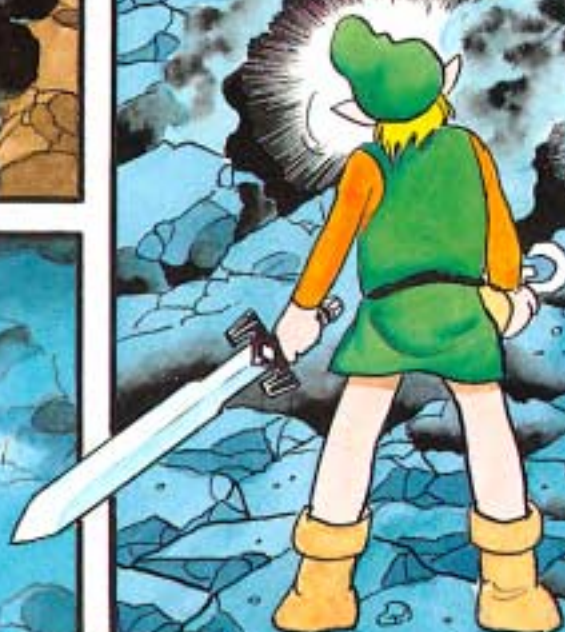
COMM-FORK?!

NOW YOU WILL  
HAND *ME* THE  
MASTER SWORD!!



*HUH!*

WHO ARE  
YOU?!



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WHO ARE YOU?

I CHALLENGE YOU...

...FOR THE RIGHT TO WIELD THE MASTER SWORD!!

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MY NAME IS ROAM!

KA-TANNG!!



ST-IT-

DEFEND YOURSELF!



LET SUR  
E!



WHAT ARE YOU?

SKR-EEK!

BY  
SHOTARO  
ISHINOMORI

CHAPTER EIGHT  
**ROAM,**  
THE MYSTERY KNIGHT



IF YOU ARE *TRULY* THE HERO...

...AND YOUR SWORD IS REALLY THE *MASTER SWORD*...



IT IS WRITTEN IN THE **BOOK OF MUDORA**:  
"HE WHO CORRUPTS THE LAND OF GOLD SHALL FALL TO THE SHAFT OF THE ENCHANTED ARROW OF SILVER..."

MY FAMILY HAS ALWAYS **EXCELLED** IN ARCHERY, AND IT IS MY **DESTINY** TO DESTROY GANON!

I HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED THE **ENCHANTED ARROW**, BUT...

**SHNIK!**

ENCHANTED ARROW?

ROAM IS THE DESCENDANT OF ONE OF THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE WHO WAS A **MASTER ARCHER**. WHEN HE DISCOVERED THAT **AGAHNIM** WAS SENDING MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN'S LINE TO THE DARK WORLD, HE WENT AFTER THEM THROUGH THE PORTAL NEAR DEATH MOUNTAIN.

SO YOUR ANCESTORS WERE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE? **MINE TOO!**

YES, THOUGH I DOUBT THEY WERE OF THE **SAME BLOOD** AS YOURS... DO NOT BE **DECEIVED** BY MY FORM... WHEN I DO BATTLE, I AM **TRANSFORMED** INTO A MONSTROUS **EAGLE** BY THE DARK FORCES OF THIS WORLD!

PERHAPS WE CAN JOIN FORCES TO FIND **PRINCESS ZELDA!**

WHAT?!  
PRINCESS ZELDA  
IS HERE, IN THE  
DARK WORLD?!!

WHERE WERE  
THE KNIGHTS?  
WHY DIDN'T THEY  
PROTECT HER?!

THEY MUST BE MAD,  
GIVING A WEAKLING LIKE  
YOU THE MASTER SWORD  
AND SENDING YOU TO  
RESCUE HER!

WEAKLING?

I'LL  
SHOW YOU  
WHO'S  
WEAK!!

I'VE BEEN THROUGH  
A LOT TO GET THIS  
FAR! I HAVE THE PENDANTS  
OF POWER, WISDOM AND  
COURAGE TO PROVE IT!

I FIND THAT  
DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE,  
WITH YOUR LACK  
OF DISCIPLINE,  
AND OBVIOUS  
IMMATURITY...

WELL, I'M OFF TO  
FIND THE ENCHANTED  
SILVER ARROW...

...WITHOUT IT, NO  
ONE CAN DEFEAT  
GANON.

I HAVE A FEELING  
THAT THE TIME WILL  
COME WHEN WE MUST  
JOIN FORCES AGAINST  
HIM...

...UNTIL THEN,  
DO TRY TO  
STAY ALIVE.

STRANGE...

OF ALL THE CRAZY,  
MIXED-UP CREATURES  
IN THIS WORLD,  
THAT GUY BEATS  
'EM ALL!



WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

...ZZZZZ...



...AND THE EASTERN PALACE WAS SHAKEN BY A QUAKE THAT ALMOST LEVELLED IT...



HUMMMMM!

SAHASRAH!!



SHHH...DID YOU HEAR THAT? I THOUGHT I HEARD LINK'S VOICE...

I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING...

YOU MUST BE HEARING THINGS... AFTER ALL, YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HIM A LOT LATELY...



YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. ANYWAY, WHERE WAS I? YES, THE STRANGE PENDANT...



...WHEN THE COMFORK RINGS! THE GIRL IN THE CRYSTAL WASN'T KIDDING WHEN SHE SAID IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL!

I CAN SEE THEM...

NOW I  
HEAR HIM!



BUT IF HE IS IN  
THE DARK WORLD... AHHH,  
IT MUST BE THE MAGICAL  
**COMFORK**, OF LEGEND!  
THE VIBRATIONS OF THIS  
CRYSTAL TUNING FORK  
CAN DISTORT TIME  
AND SPACE...

WHILE THE COMFORK  
**VIBRATES**, YOU CAN  
**COMMUNICATE** WITH BEINGS  
ON DIFFERENT PLANES  
OF EXISTENCE...

SO  
DO  
I...



LINK?  
I'M GLAD  
YOU'RE **SAFE!**

THROUGH THE COMFORK'S MAGIC, LINK  
TOLD HIS FRIENDS ABOUT HIS JOURNEY  
THROUGH THE DARK WORLD AND ABOUT  
HIS BATTLES AT THE PYRAMID AND THE  
PALACE OF DARKNESS. AS HE SPOKE,  
SAHASRAHLA NOTED SIMILARITIES BETWEEN  
THE DARK WORLD AND HYRULE ON HIS  
MAP OF THE LAND.



LINK, LISTEN!  
ACCORDING TO MY  
CALCULATIONS, THE LOCATION  
OF THE **PYRAMID** IN THE DARK  
WORLD CORRESPONDS TO  
THAT OF **HYRULE CASTLE**  
IN THE LIGHT WORLD!

THE **PALACE OF  
DARKNESS**, WHICH  
YOU DESTROYED, MUST  
SOMEHOW BE **CONNECTED**  
TO HYRULE'S  
**EASTERN PALACE!**

THAT EXPLAINS  
THE SUDDEN  
**EARTHQUAKE...**

THIS EVENT LEADS ME  
TO BELIEVE THAT THE DARK  
WORLD IS LIKE A WARPED  
REFLECTION OF OUR LIGHT  
WORLD, AND THAT THE TWO  
WORLDS ARE SOMEHOW  
CONNECTED!

I'M GLAD YOU  
FOUND A WAY TO  
**COMMUNICATE**  
WITH US, LINK!

ALSO, IT APPEARS  
THAT THE **INNER CONTENTS**  
OF YOUR **MIND** WILL ALSO  
INFLUENCE THE **EXTERNAL**  
**SHAPE** OF YOUR **BODY** IN  
THE DARK WORLD!

BECAUSE THE MIND  
OF THE MAIDEN WAS SO  
PURE, SHE WAS IMPRISONED  
IN THE CRYSTAL COCOON...

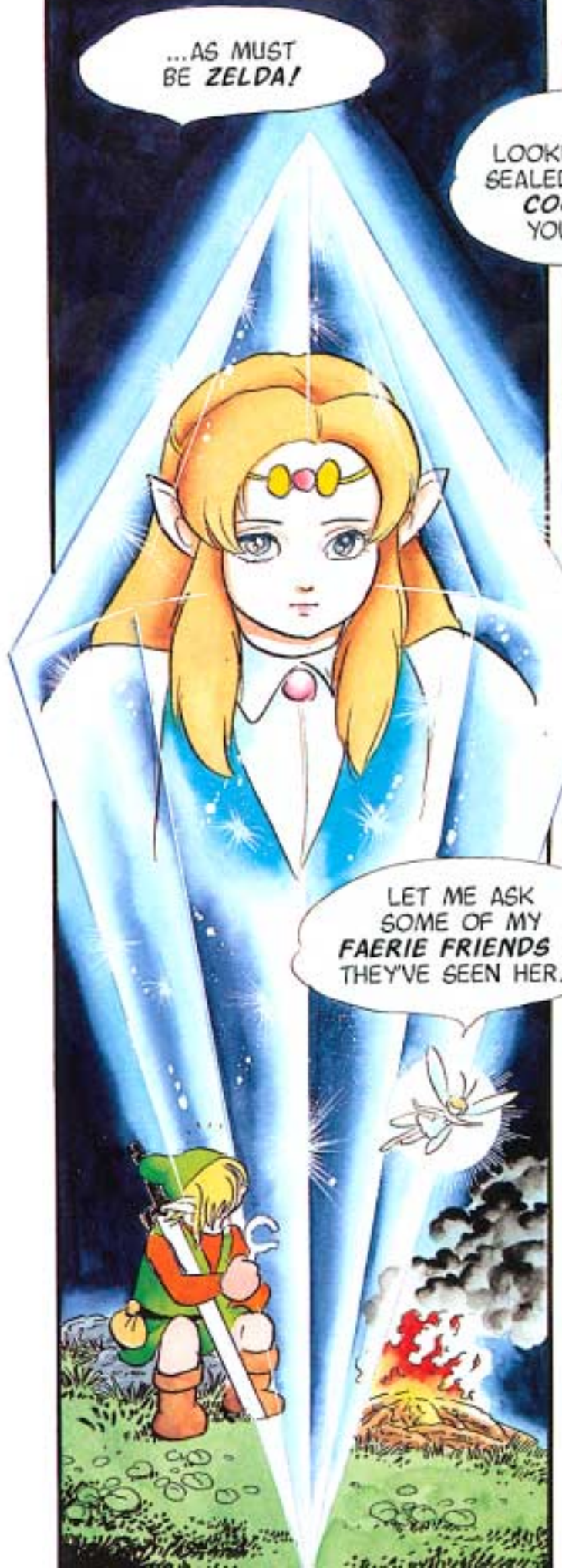
...AS MUST  
BE ZELDA!

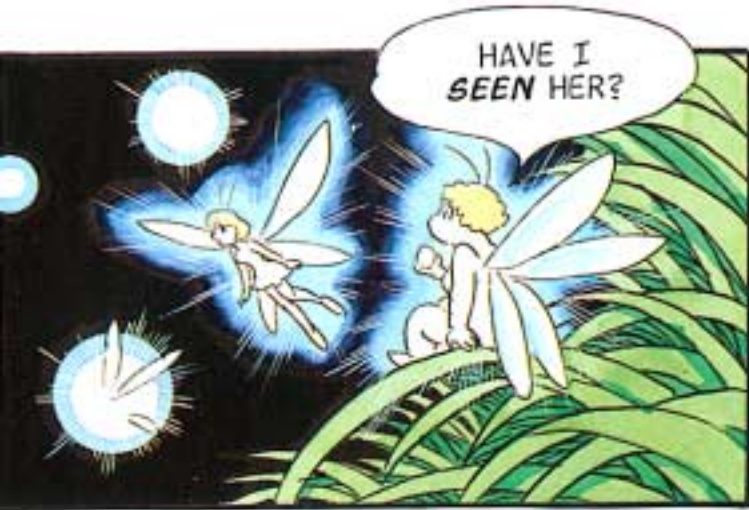
SAY, I'M  
LOOKING FOR A GIRL  
SEALED IN A **CRYSTAL**  
**COCOON**. HAVE  
YOU **SEEN** HER?

"YA KNOW, I OVERHEARD SOME  
MONSTERS TALKING ABOUT  
SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEAR  
THE SWAMP PALACE..."

LET ME ASK  
SOME OF MY  
**FAERIE FRIENDS** IF  
THEY'VE SEEN HER...

THE  
**SWAMP PALACE**,  
EH?



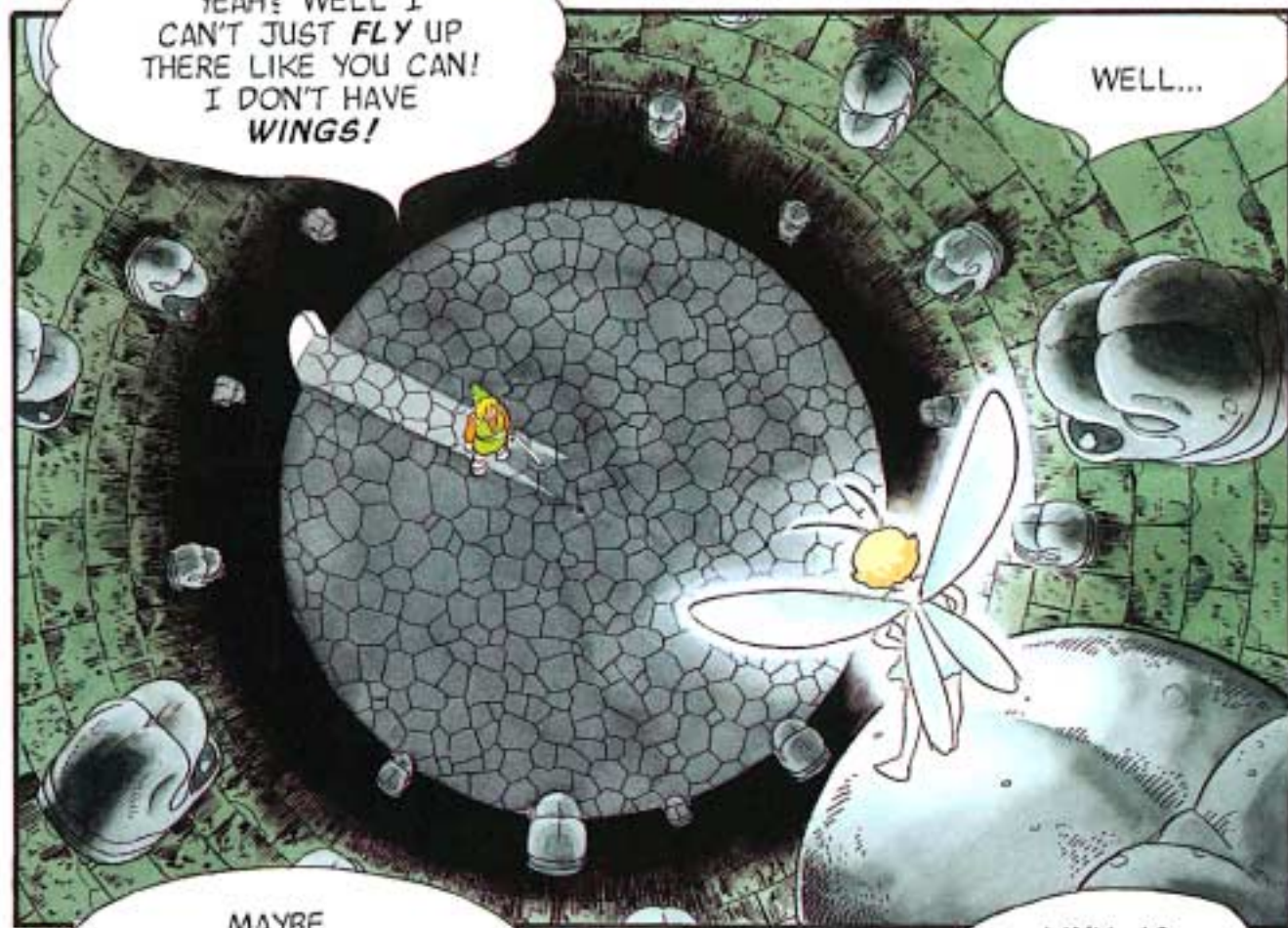




LINK! I FOUND AN OPENING UP HERE!



YEAH? WELL I CAN'T JUST FLY UP THERE LIKE YOU CAN! I DON'T HAVE WINGS!



WELL...

MAYBE SAHASRAHLA HAS AN IDEA! I'LL CALL HIM WITH THE COMFORK!



SAHASRAHLA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?

LINK, IS THAT YOU?



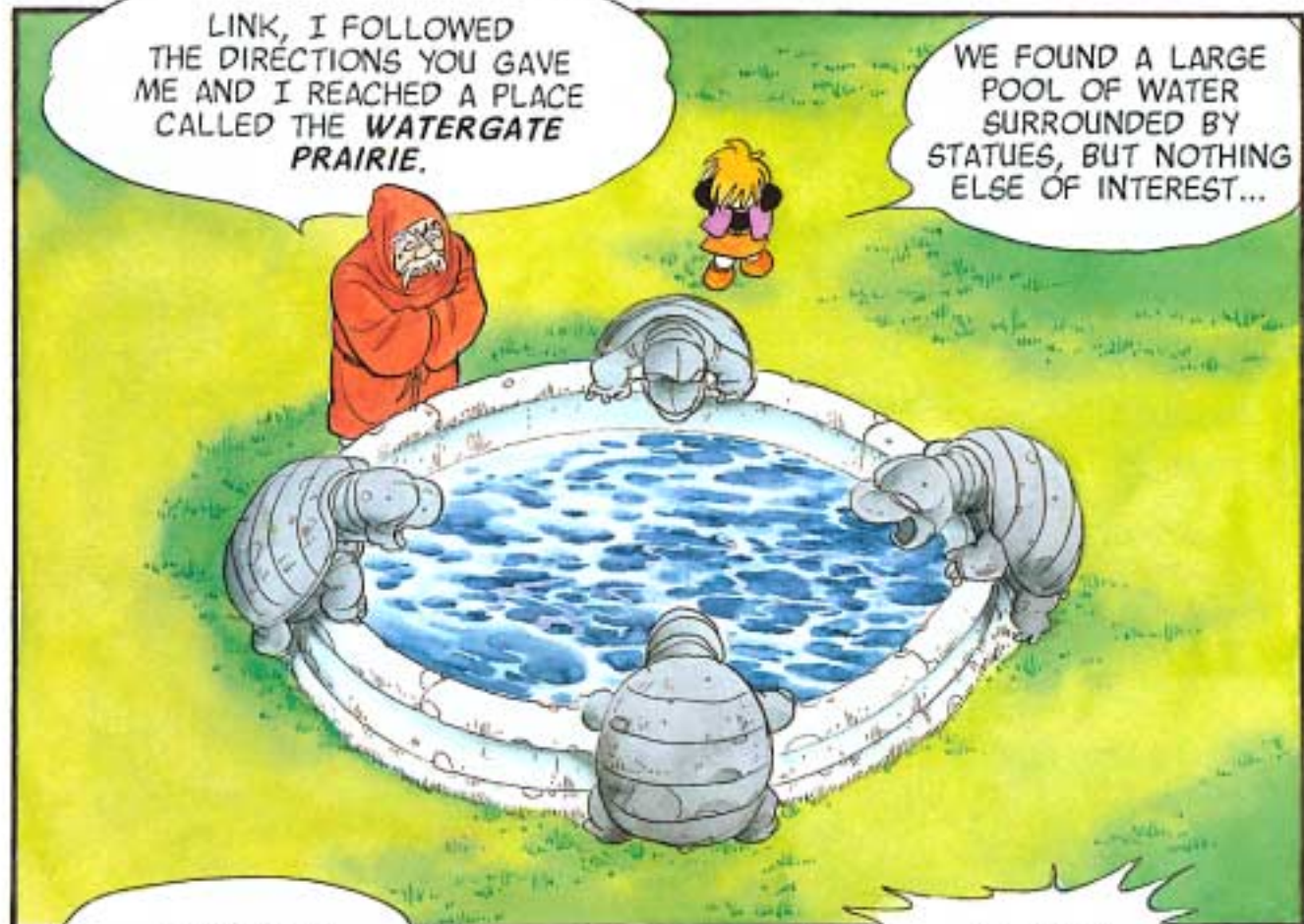
LINK, I FOLLOWED  
THE DIRECTIONS YOU GAVE  
ME AND I REACHED A PLACE  
CALLED THE **WATERGATE  
PRAIRIE**.

WE FOUND A LARGE  
POOL OF WATER  
SURROUNDED BY  
STATUES, BUT NOTHING  
ELSE OF INTEREST...

SO THERE'S  
WATER ON **YOUR**  
SIDE?

LOOK IN  
THE **POOL!**  
I **SEE** LINK!

**LINK!!**  
**BEHIND**  
**YOU!!**





**K-K-A-CIUNK**



**TEK!!**



**THUNNK!**

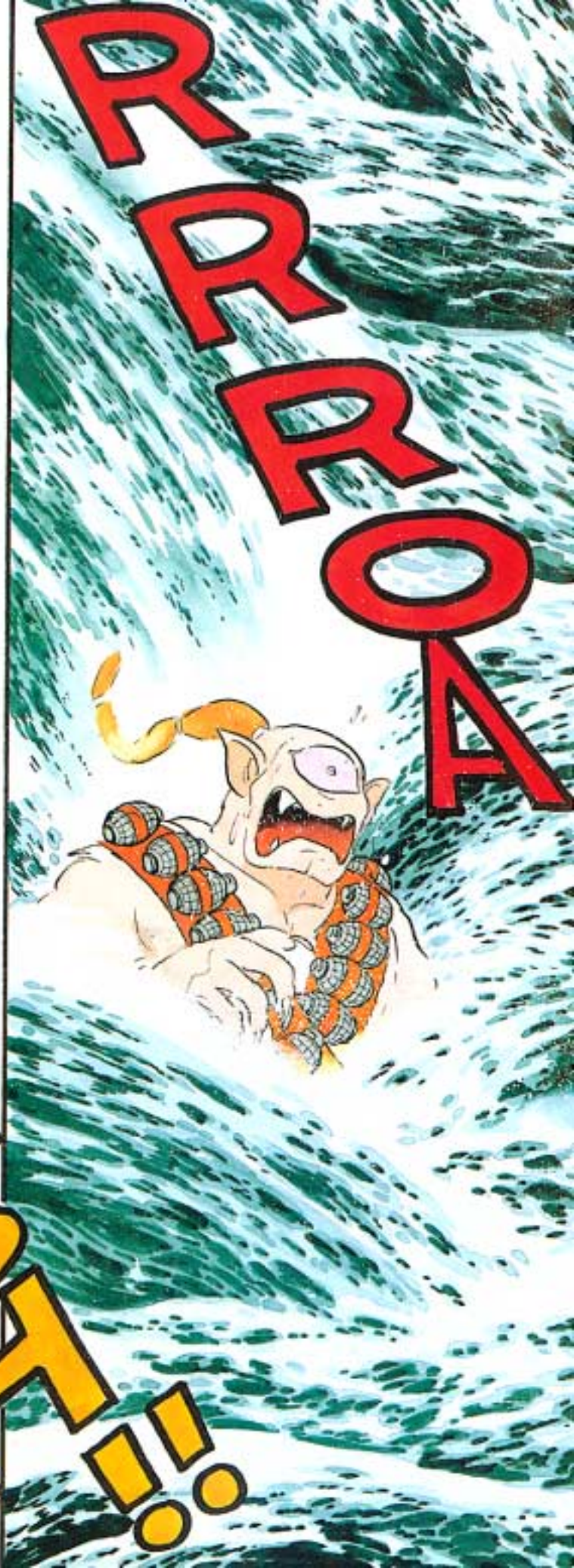
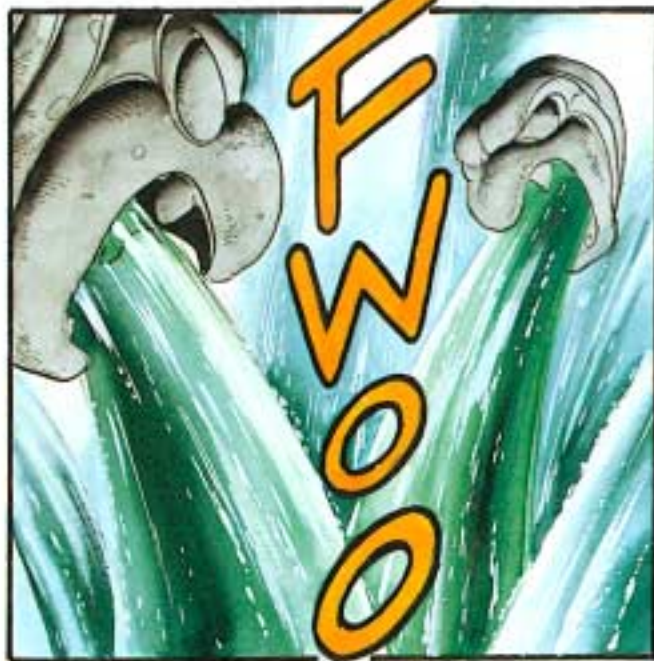
HEH HEH HEH... I SHUT THE DOOR! NOW YOU'RE **TRAPPED** IN HERE!

WHEN WE TAKE YOU TO **GANON**, HE'LL REWARD US **WELL!**



DON'T COUNT YOUR **RUPEES** YET... YOU STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME BEFORE YOU **COLLECT** THAT REWARD!





YAAAAAAAAAH!!



AAA

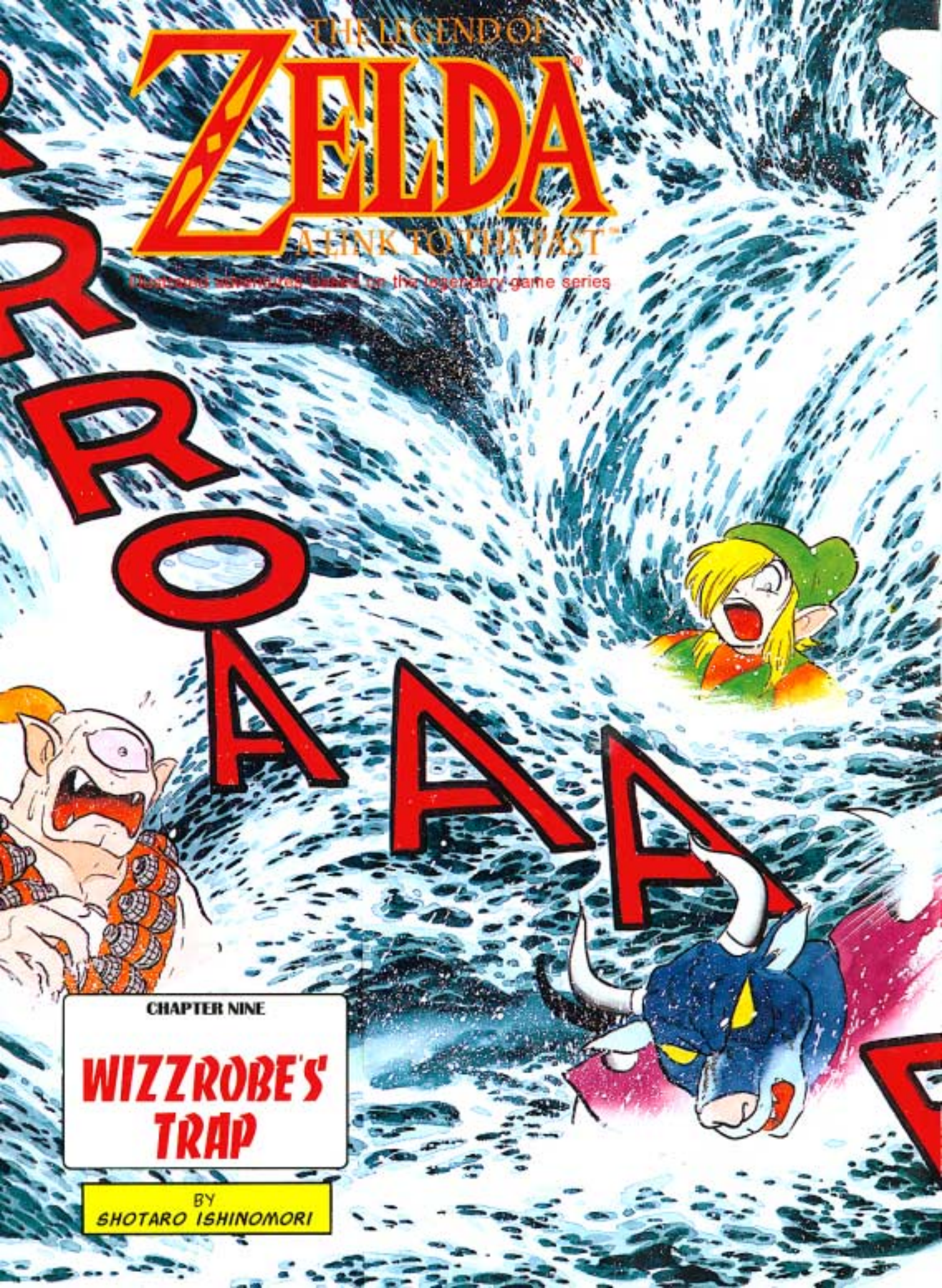


RRR!!!

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CHAPTER NINE

**WIZZROBE'S  
TRAP**

BY  
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YAAAAHH!!

RRR

HELP!  
I CAN'T SWIM!

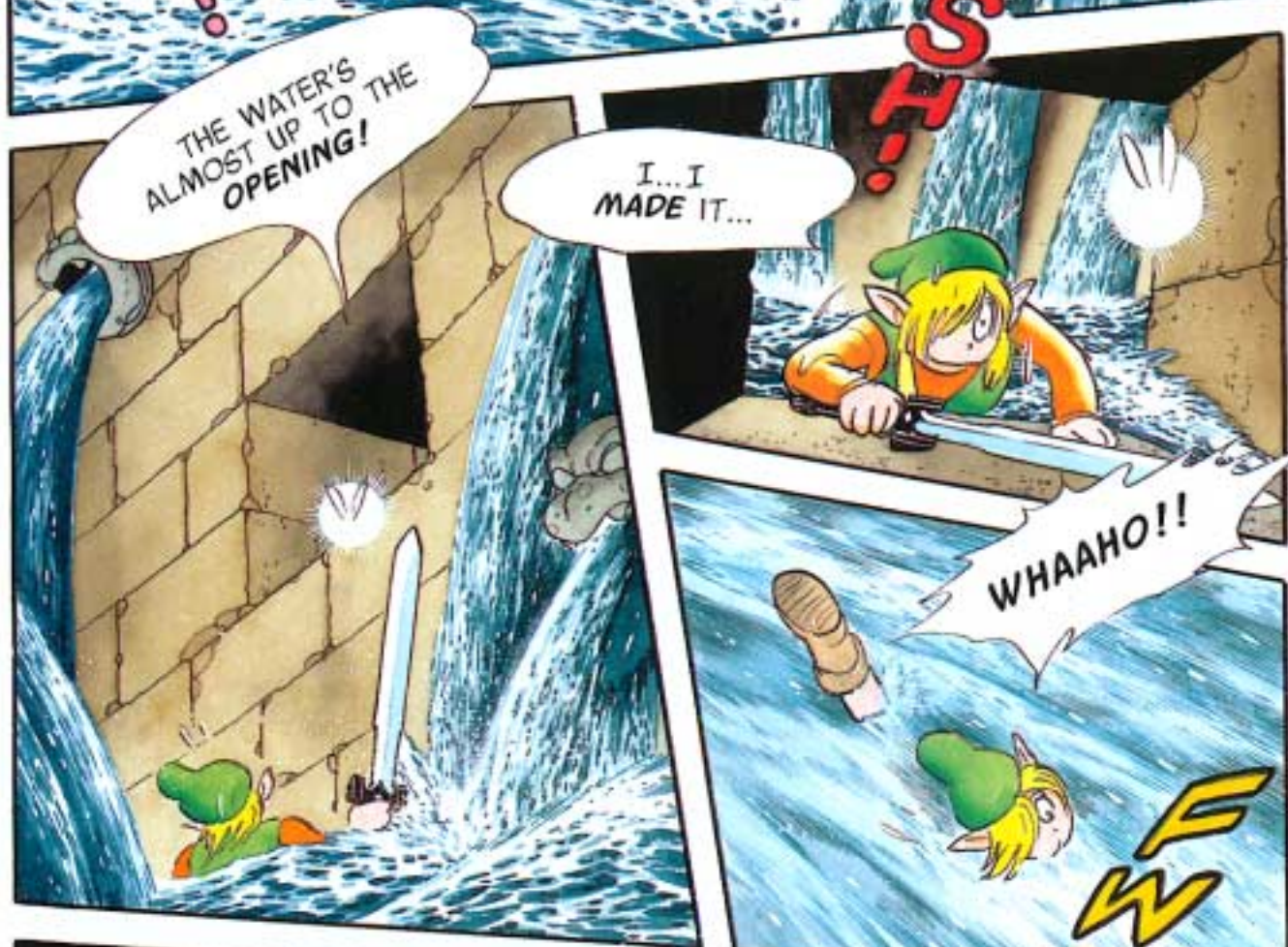
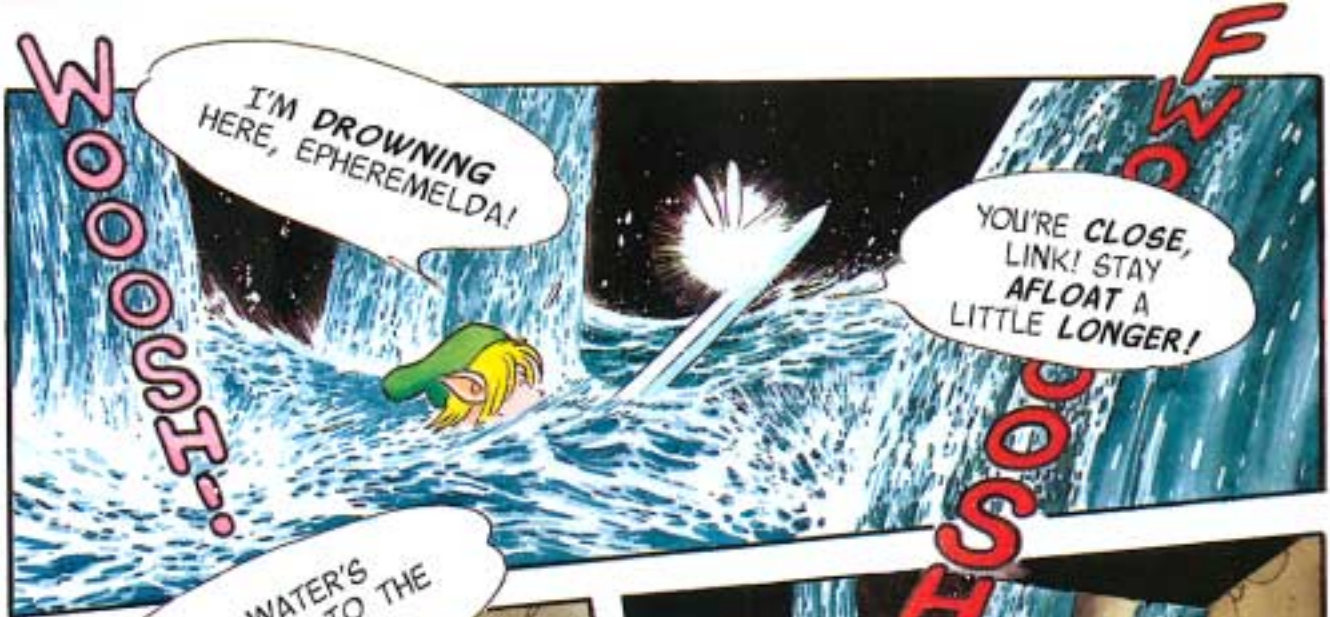


GLUB!  
LET ME G-G-GO!  
YOUR ARMOR... TOO  
HEAVY...

BUBBLES

THE MASTER  
SWORD... DRAGGING  
ME DOWN...







IT'S THE  
CRYSTAL!

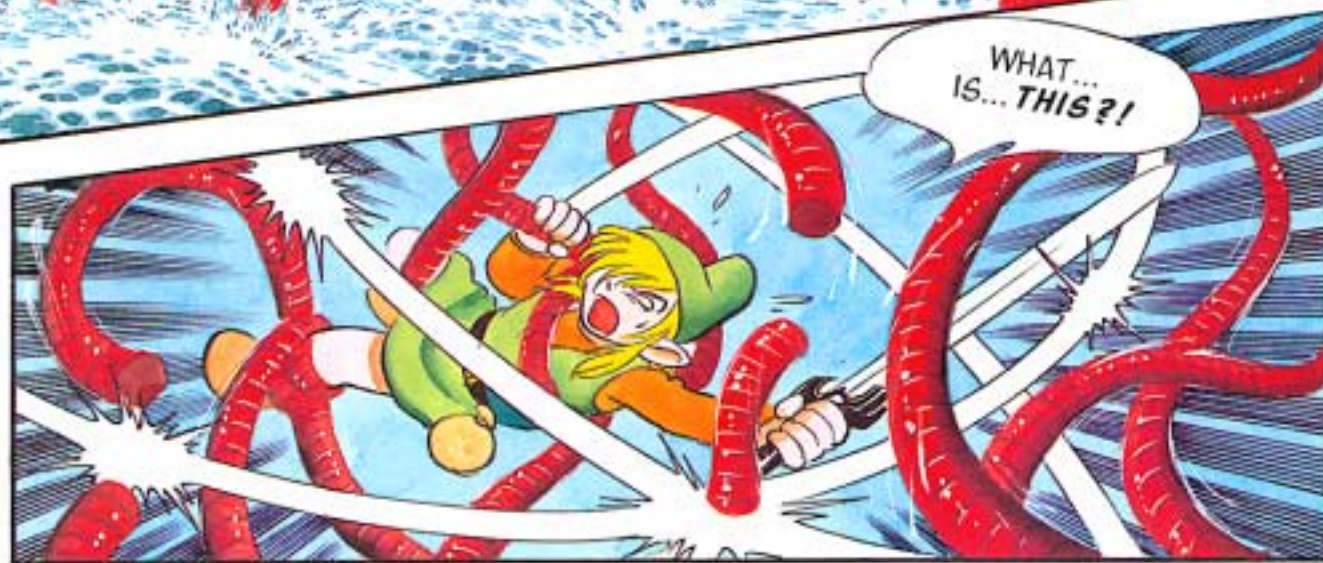


LINK! BE  
CAREFUL!

IT MIGHT  
BE A TRAP!



NO PROBLEM, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT NOW...





BLURPH!

SHISH!



MUST... TRY...  
TO...

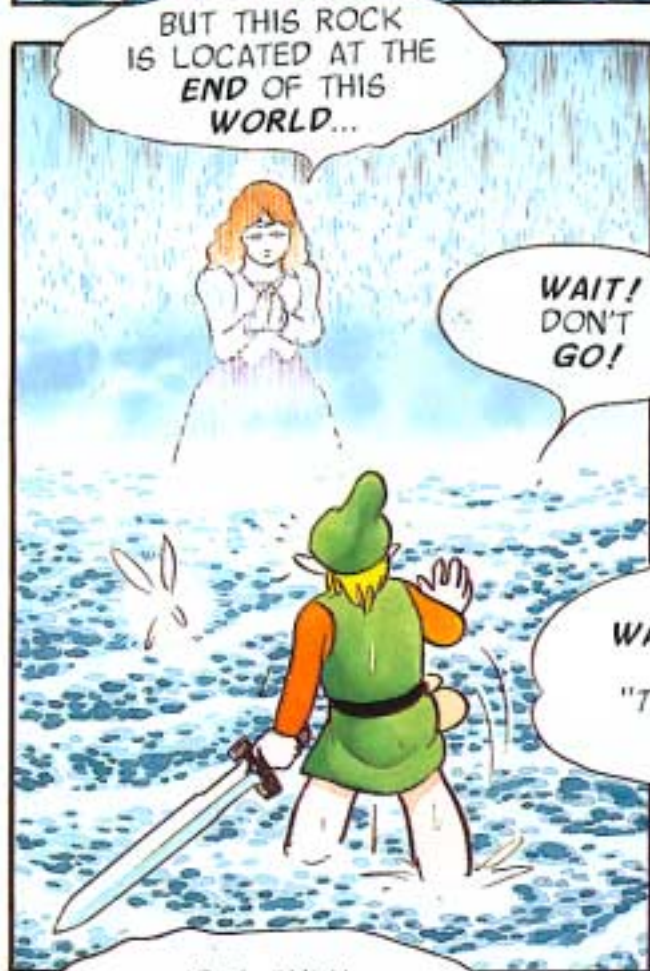


SHISH!

KACHINGG!!



KWMMMM!





ALL RIGHT,  
WHERE IS  
THAT?!

ERR...HOLD  
YOUR HORSES...  
GIVE ME A MINUTE...



LINK!!

ZZZZZ

ZELDA?!



IS THAT  
YOU?!

WHO ARE  
YOU TALKING  
TO?!

I...  
AM... NEARBY...  
HURRY!

NOW YOU'RE  
HEARING THINGS!



CAN'T YOU HEAR  
HER? ZELDA IS  
CALLING FROM  
BEYOND THE  
WASTELAND!

ANYWAY, THE WASTELAND  
IS WAY TOO HARSH!  
ONCE YOU GET IN THERE,  
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!

I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND THE **MAP** FIRST!

IF THIS WASTELAND IS AS **DANGEROUS** AS YOU SAY IT IS, I'VE GOT TO GET **ZELDA** OUT OF THERE **RIGHT AWAY!**

I'VE HAD IT!! ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT IS **ZELDA** THIS AND **ZELDA** THAT! YOU **NEVER** WORRY ABOUT **ME!**

FROM NOW **ON**, YOU'RE ON YOUR **OWN!**

LINK...

IT'S SOME  
KIND OF *OASIS!*



LINK!

THIS MUST BE  
WHERE ZELDA IS BEING  
*HELD!* ZELDA! I'M  
ON MY WAY!




I FINALLY  
FOUND YOU!



CAN  
IT BE?

ZELDA!!





BUT  
WAIT...


THE GIRL IN THE  
CRYSTAL SAID ZELDA WAS  
IN A ROCK SHAPED LIKE  
A TURTLE...



I HAVE YOU NOW,  
MY PRETTY!!



LINK...  
COME...  
CLOSER...



THIS IS  
MISERY MIRE, WORLD  
FAMOUS FOR ITS FINE AROMA OF  
SWAMP GAS. YOU'RE JUST IN  
TIME FOR DINNER WITH SIR  
VITREOUS, THE MASTER  
OF THIS PLACE...

YOU WALKED  
RIGHT INTO MY  
TRAP, TASTY  
MORSEL!

HEE  
HEE  
HEE

AN ILLUSION!  
YOU... TRICKED ME!

SHWHIPP!

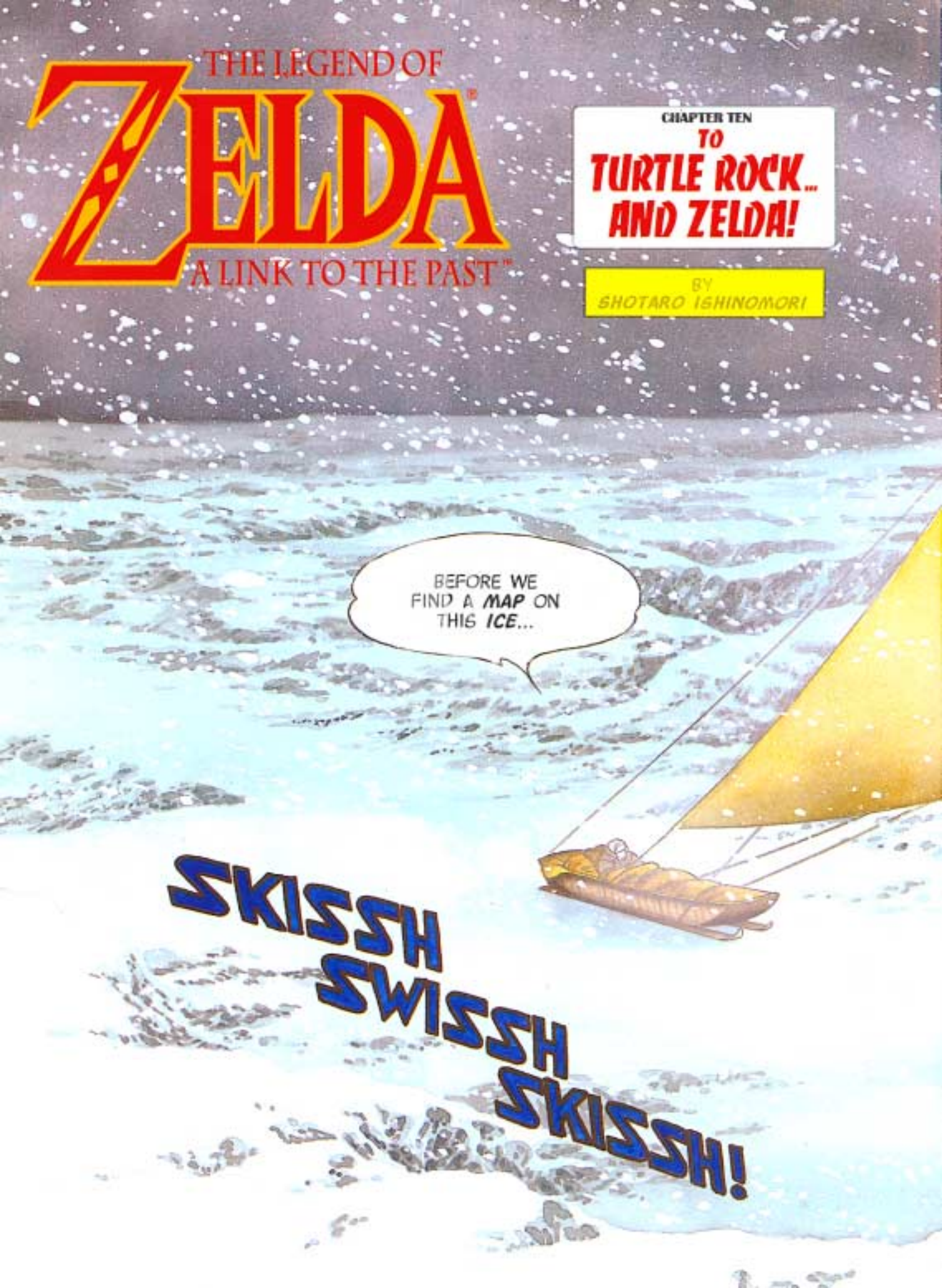
THWHIPP!

DINNER, WITH  
YOU AS THE MAIN  
COURSE!

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CHAPTER TEN  
TO  
**TURTLE ROCK...  
AND ZELDA!**

BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



BEFORE WE  
FIND A *MAP* ON  
THIS *ICE*...

**SKISSH  
SWISSH  
SKISSH!**



...WE'RE LIKELY TO GET  
**BURIED** IN THE **SNOW!**

**Woooooooooosh!**

AFTER **ZORA** SAVED LINK FROM DEFEAT IN **MISERY MIRE**, OUR HERO SETS OFF FOR THE **TOWER OF ICE** WITH **EPHEREMELDA**. IT IS RUMORED THAT A **MAP** OF THE LOCATION OF **TURTLE ROCK** LIES IN THE **TOWER**. IN **TURTLE ROCK**, LINK HOPES TO **FIND ZELDA...**



LINK! IT'S THE TOWER OF ICE!



'EADDAY

CRASH!

Bloop!

WHERE...  
WHERE ARE  
WE?

WOW!



THIS WAY!



ULP!



HEH HEH HEH...  
ADMIRING MY WALL  
DECORATIONS, EH?!  
WHO ARE YOU?!

POP!



I DON'T WANT  
ANY TROUBLE! I  
JUST WANT TO SEE  
THE MAP OF THE  
DARK WORLD!

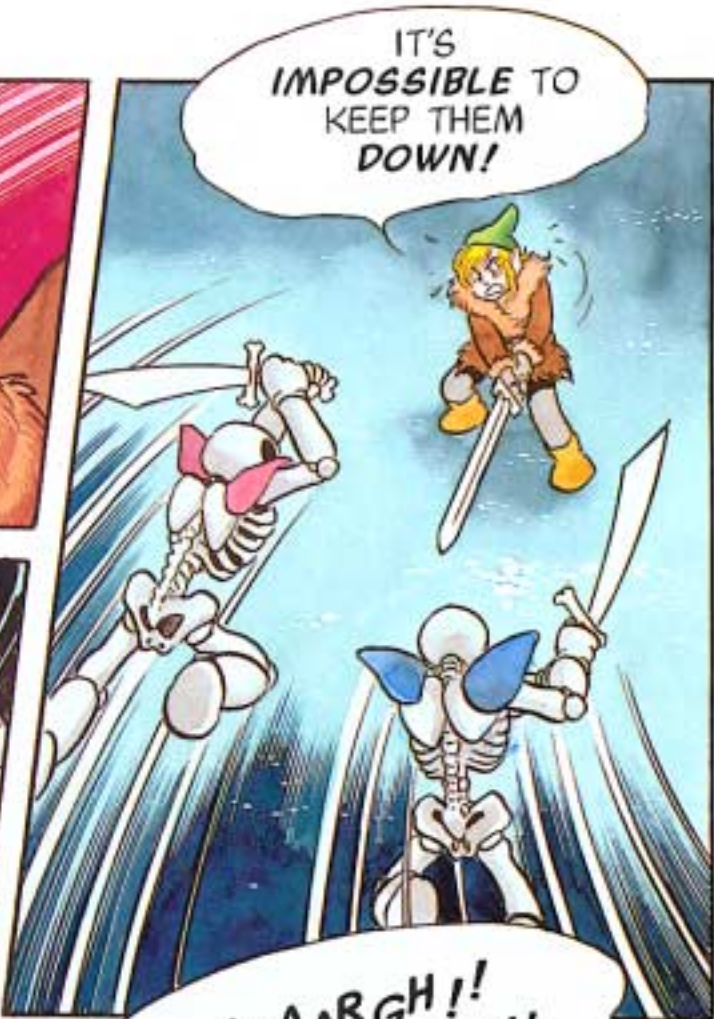
MAP,  
YOU SAY?

THIS MAP YOU SPEAK  
OF IS Kholdstone's **GREAT-  
EST TREASURE!** I WILL NEVER  
LET YOU GAZE UPON IT!



**ARISE,  
STALFOS! DESTROY  
HIM!**





YOU'VE  
GOT QUITE  
A *TEMPER...*

IF YOU BRING THE  
PLACE **DOWN**, YOU  
WILL DESTROY THE  
MAP ALSO!

AH... THE  
FLOOR *IS* THE  
MAP?!

EH?!

LOOK **DOWN**,  
FOOL!

NOW... WHERE'S  
TURTLE ROCK?



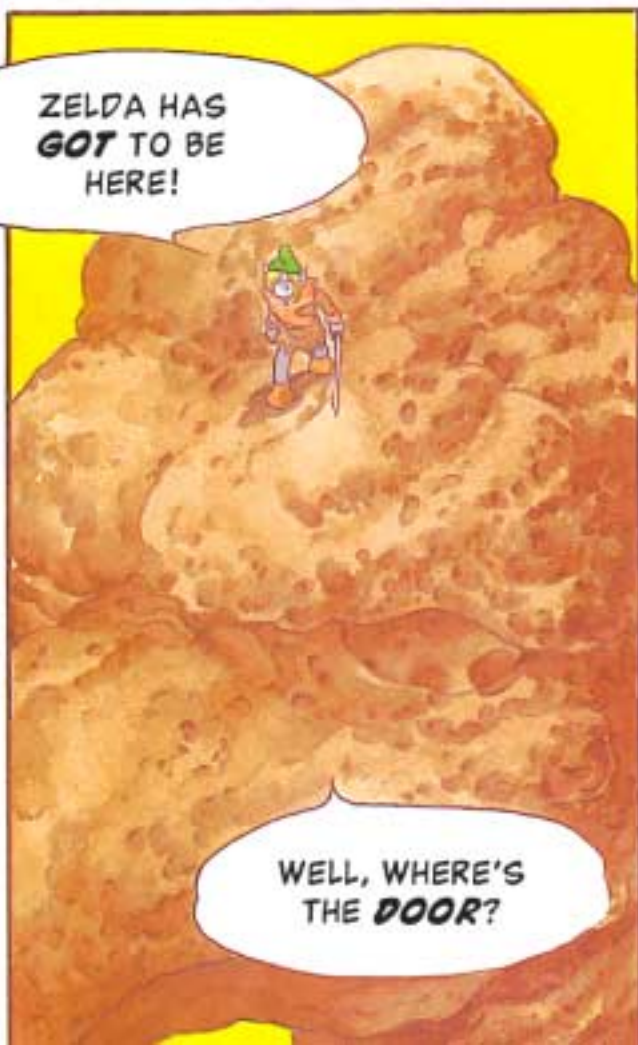


TURTLE  
ROCK!



FOLLOWING THE MAP, HE GLIMPSED  
IN THE ICE TOWER, LINK FINALLY  
ARRIVED AT TURTLE ROCK WITH  
EPHEREMELDA, BUT...

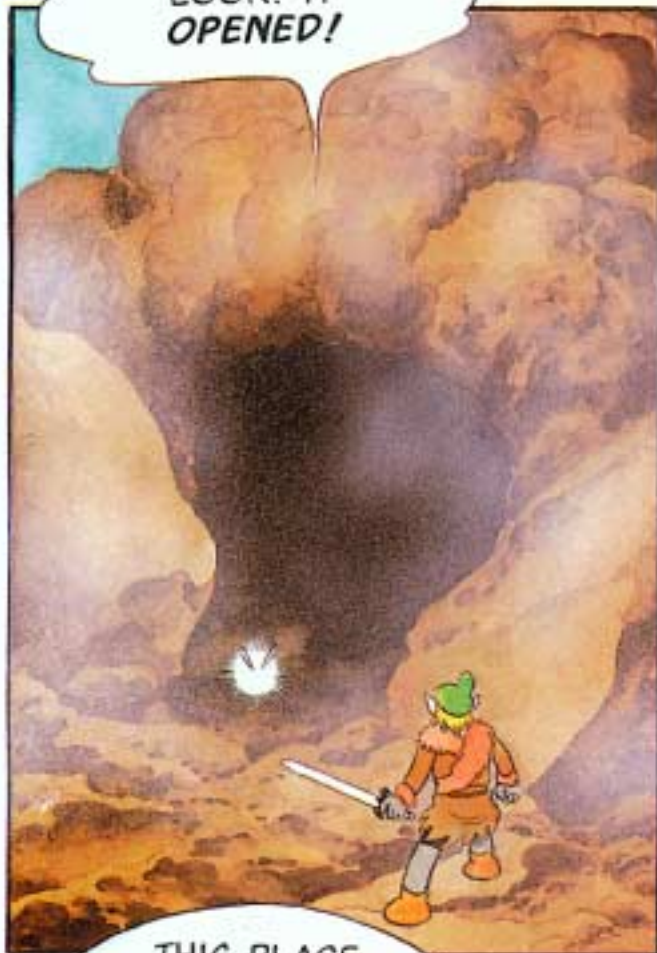
ZELDA HAS  
GOT TO BE  
HERE!



WELL, WHERE'S  
THE **DOOR**?



LOOK! IT  
OPENED!



THIS PLACE  
IS *HOT* AS AN  
*INFERNO!!*



...

A LAVA  
LAKE!



ZELDA!!



IS IT REALLY  
YOU THIS TIME  
ZELDA?!



LINK!  
WATCH YOUR  
BACK!



GRRR



**RRROARRR!!**







**THONNK!**

ROAM!  
HOW DID YOU  
GET HERE?!

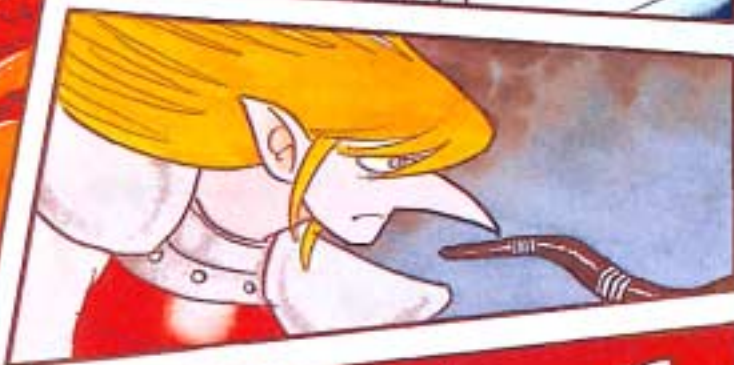
HA HA HA! I  
FOLLOWED YOU  
ALL THIS WAY...

NOW WE SHALL  
TRULY SEE IF ONE  
OF US IS THE  
"LEGENDARY  
HERO"...

TO BE CONTINUED...



YWA-SU-TASSU-TOO



SSSSSH...

SSSSSH...



MOVE IT, HERO!



AN EXPLOSION?!

WITHOUT THAT HEAD, THE MONSTER'S FIRE AND ICE WILL MIX VIOLENTLY! YOU CAN GUESS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

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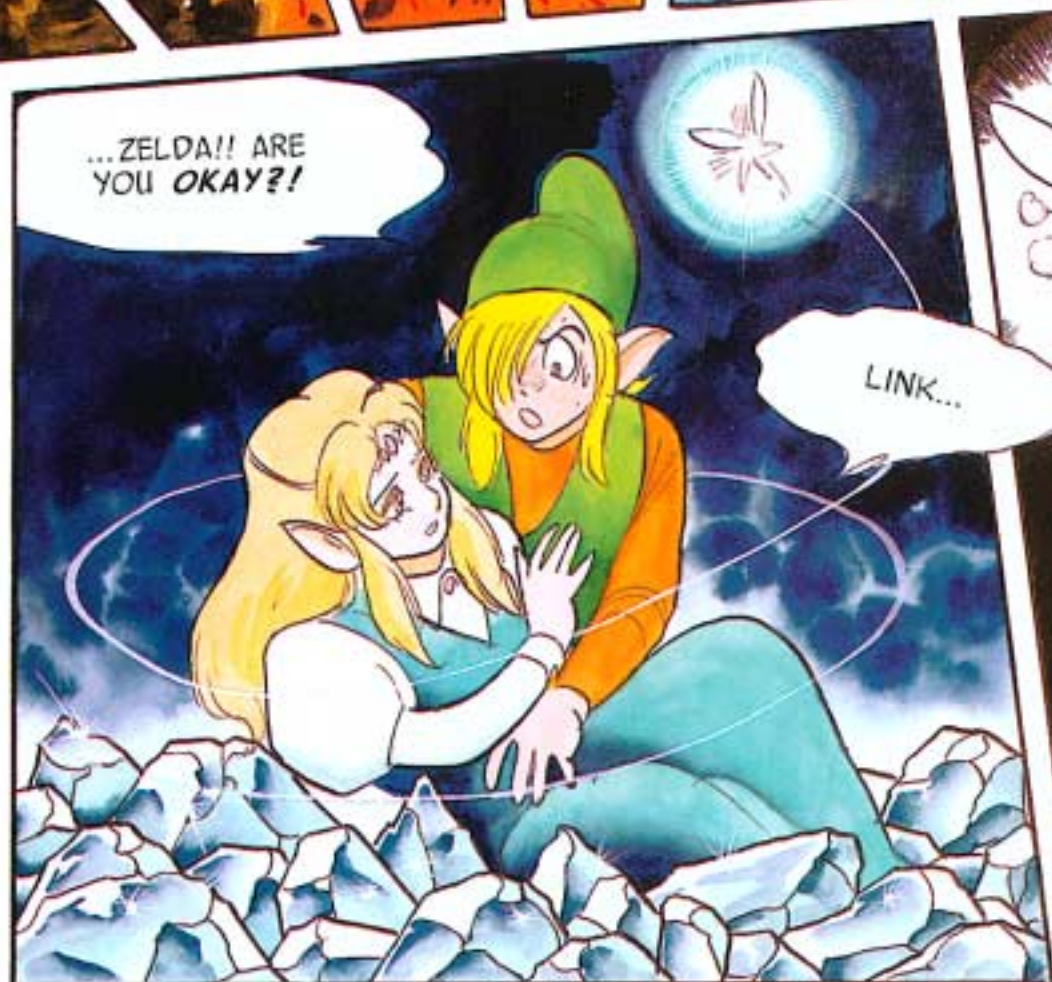
## GANON'S TOWER

BY

SHOTARO ISHINOMORI

!MOOOOOHSSSP







A vibrant, fiery scene depicting a meteor shower or explosion. The background is a gradient of bright yellow and orange, transitioning to a darker red at the top. Numerous small, dark, irregular shapes, resembling meteoroids or debris, are scattered throughout the scene, some appearing to be falling or moving. Several thin, white, curved lines streak across the image, suggesting the paths of meteors or the motion of the debris. The overall effect is one of intense energy and motion.

**PSSHOOO**


M!

IF *I* HADN'T BEEN SUCH  
A GREAT SHOT, *YOU* WOULD  
BE HAVING YOUR REUNION  
*INSIDE* THAT CREATURE'S  
*STOMACH!*


ADMIT IT, LINK. IT  
SEEMS TO SUPPORT THE  
*BOOK OF MUDORA'S*  
PROPHECY THAT ONLY  
THE *ENCHANTED ARROW*  
CAN DEFEAT THE ONE  
WHO *CORRUPTED*  
THIS WORLD.

WELL, I WAS  
DOING FINE WITH  
THE *MASTER SWORD*  
BEFORE YOU SHOWED  
UP...

YOU ARE *STUBBORN*  
AND *FOOLISH*... I WILL  
GET THE ARROW AND  
I WILL DEFEAT  
GANON!




THE WORDS OF THE  
BOOK OF MUDORA HAVE  
A **POWER** WHICH IS  
BEYOND OUR  
**COMPREHENSION...**




SO ROAM MAY  
BE **RIGHT** ABOUT THE  
**ARROW...** BUT SAHAS-  
RAHLA **ALSO** SAID  
THAT ONLY A MAN  
WHO HAS **OVERCOME**  
HIS OWN **NEGATIVE**  
**THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS**  
CAN BECOME THE  
**TRUE HERO...**

EVEN IF ROAM DOES  
FIND THE ARROW, HIS  
ATTITUDE MIGHT BE  
HIS DOWNFALL...

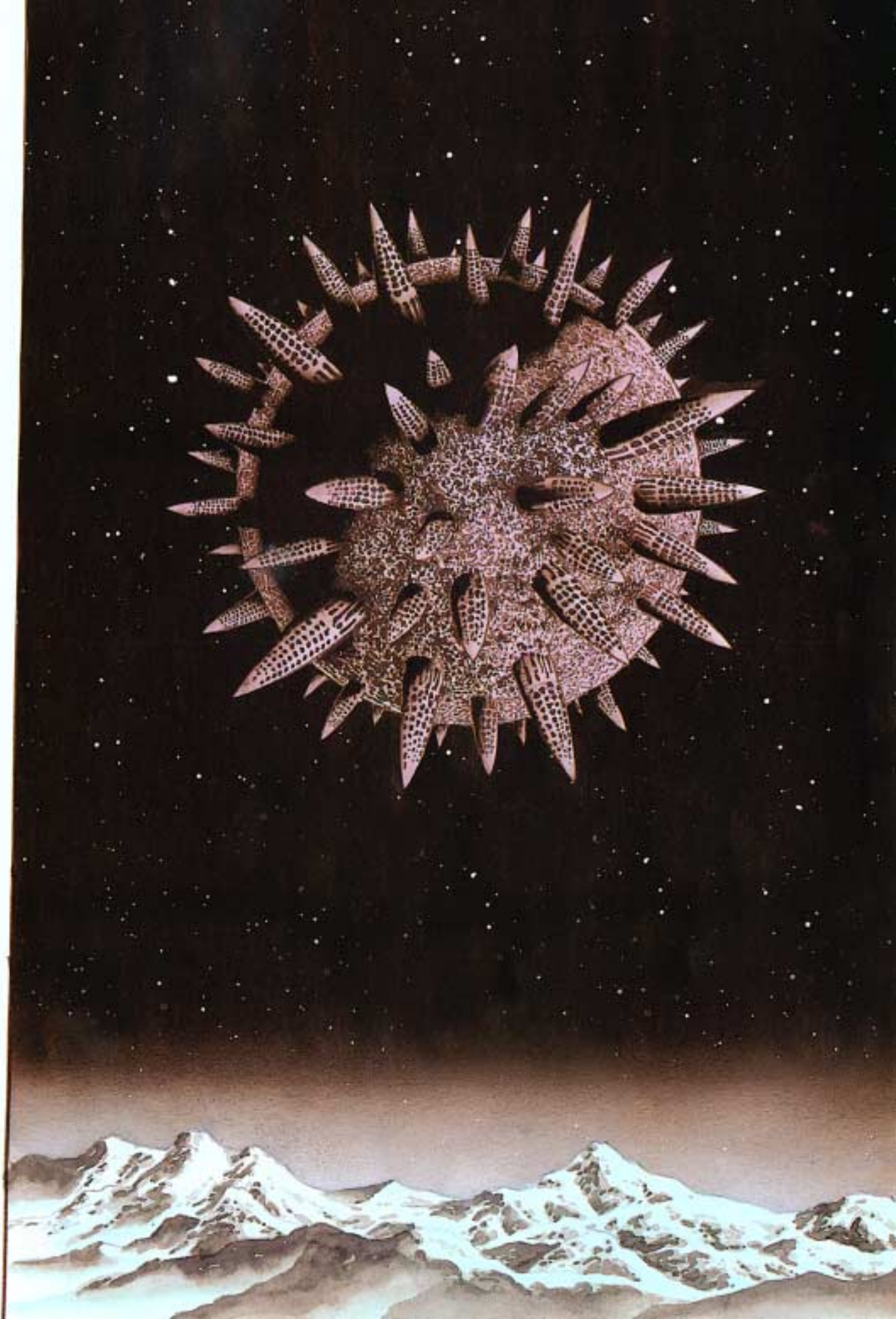


ANYWAY, WE SHOULDN'T  
WORRY ABOUT **HIM**, ZELDA!  
I WILL DEFEAT GANON  
BY **MYSELF**, IF I  
**HAVE TO!**



YOU HAVE SHOWN  
YOURSELF TO BE A  
DETERMINED AND SELF-  
LESS HERO, LINK...

...IF **ANYONE** CAN DO  
IT, I BELIEVE **YOU** CAN...  
THE **LIFE FORCES** OF THE  
**HYLIAN MAIDENS** YOU FREED  
FROM THE CRYSTALS WILL  
**GUIDE** US TO GANON'S  
CASTLE...





THAT'S  
GANON'S  
CASTLE?!

YES, I CAN  
*SENSE* THE EVIL  
IN THE AIR!

BUT HOW ARE  
WE TO *ENTER*  
THAT PLACE?!



HAVE YOU FOUND  
THE *ENCHANTED*  
ARROW?



ROAM?!

NO. NOT  
YET, BUT...



THE **CURSE** OF THE DARK WORLD MAY BE A **BLESSING** IN THIS CASE...



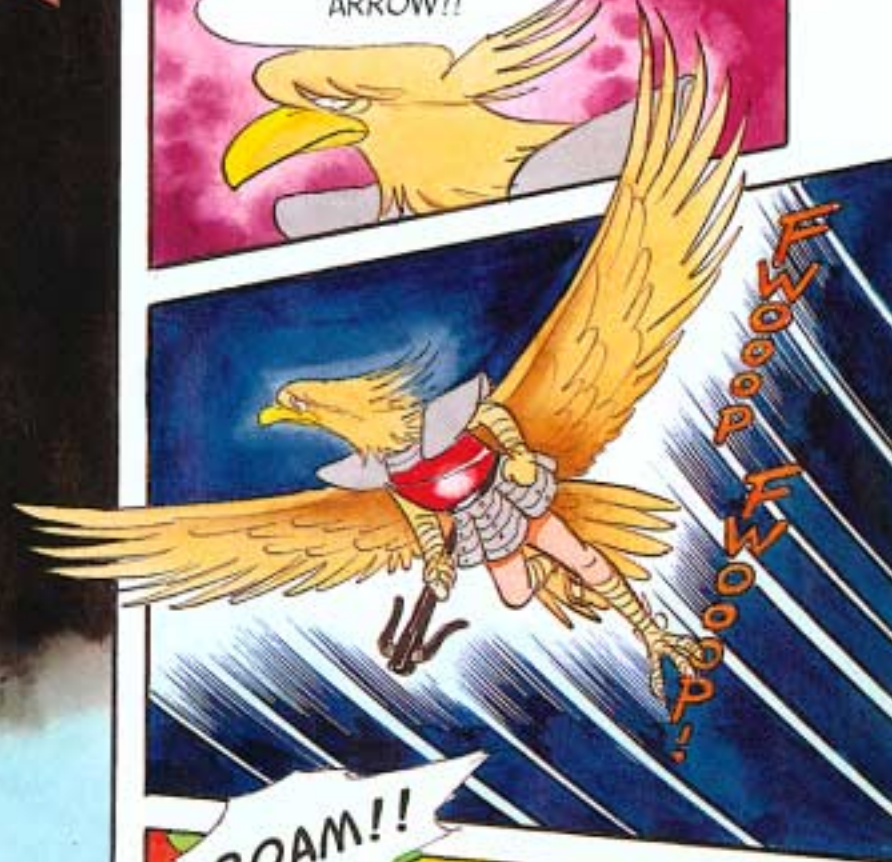
OH, **MYSTICAL MAIDENS**...LEND US YOUR **POWER**...



I CAN **DEFEAT** GANON...



...**WITHOUT** THE ENCHANTED **ARROW!!**



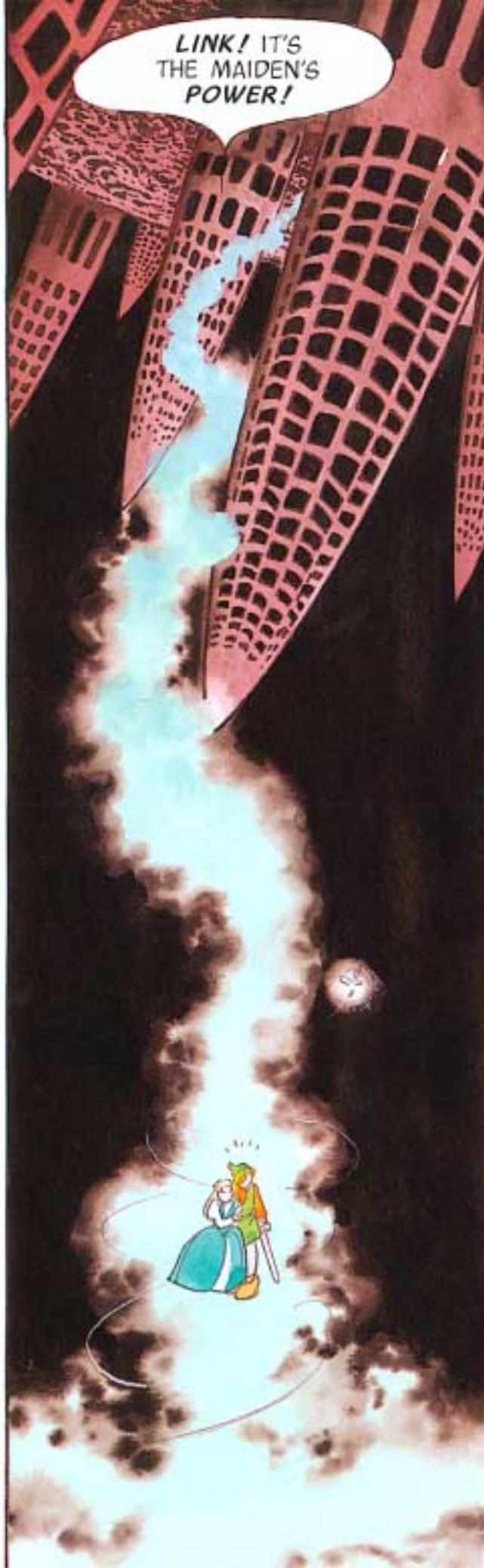
**ROAM!!**



HIS **EMOTIONS** ARE **OUT OF CONTROL**...HE'LL **BECOME A BEAST FOREVER!!**



WHA--?



LINK! IT'S  
THE MAIDEN'S  
POWER!



HMMMM...



IT'S PITCH  
DARK...I CAN'T SEE  
ANYTHING!





HUH?!

WAIT...



LOOK OVER THERE...



PLUG

IT--IT'S AGAHNIM!

IT CAN'T BE!  
I DESTROYED HIM!



HEH!

I HEAR SOMETHING ELSE...COMING THIS WAY...



FO-KS

SK-SH

THE LANMOLA? THE  
MOLDORM? THEY CAN'T  
BE REAL! I DEFEATED  
THEM ALL!



THEY LOOK REAL  
TO ME! I'M NOT  
TAKING ANY CHANCES...

SHWIPP!







ROAM!!





GANON?!

TO BE CONTINUED...

I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO **DESTROY** AGAHNIM, OR TO LOOK DOWN UPON HIS **BATTERED BODY...**

BUT YOUR FOOLISH RESISTANCE **ENDS NOW!**

I WILL **DESTROY** YOU AND MAKE MY DREAM TO **RULE** BOTH **LIGHT** AND **DARK** WORLDS COME TRUE!

NEVER!



THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

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CHAPTER TWELVE

**THE FINAL BATTLE**

BY

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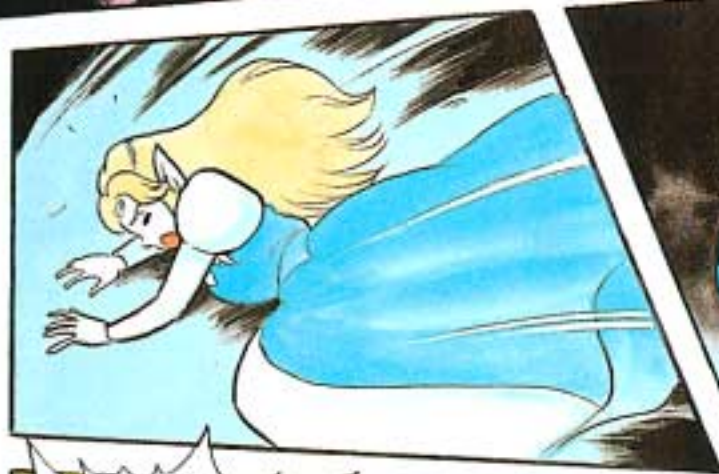




AAAAAH!!

OOPHI!

GNNALLO



IS THAT THE  
BEST YOU CAN  
DO, WEAKLING?

I SHALL FINISH  
YOU OFF WITH  
MY NEXT BLOW!



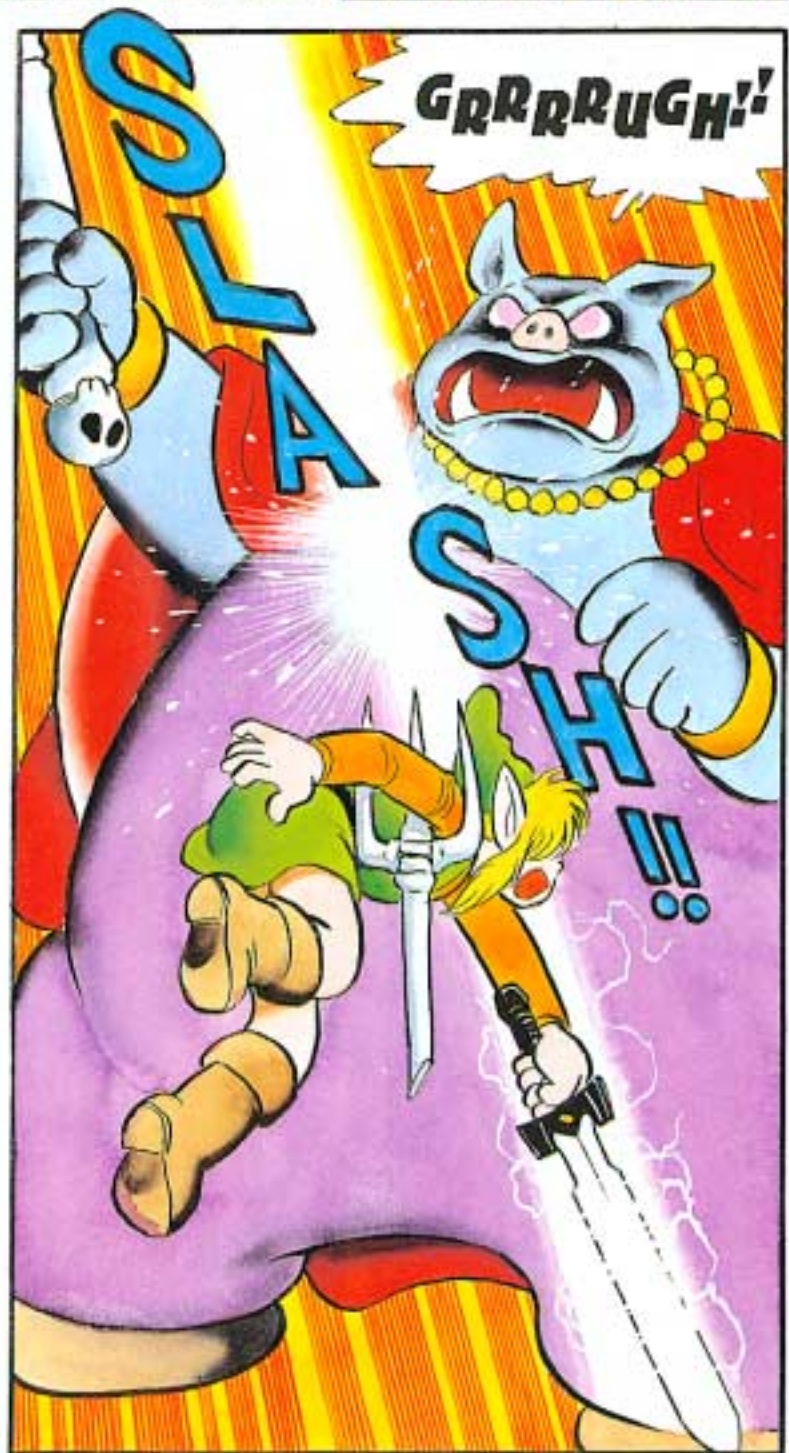
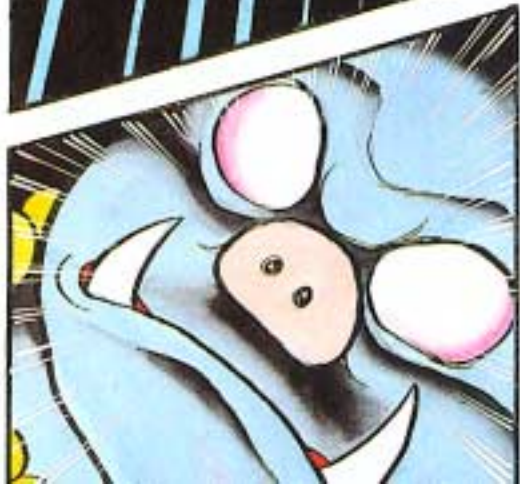
AARRRGH!

LINK!

HAH HAH HAH!

WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN TO DO WITH  
THAT **BOW**,  
PRINCESS?

YOU  
WILL GET **YOUR**  
**CHANCE** TO FIGHT  
ME **AFTER** I DEAL  
WITH THIS  
**WHELP**...







AAAHA...

IT WAS THE  
ENCHANTED  
ARROW...



WELCOME,  
LINK...

I AM THE  
ESSENCE OF THE  
TRIFORCE.

THE TRIFORCE WILL  
GRANT THE WISHES OF  
THE PERSON WHO  
TOUCHES IT.



GOOD WISHES  
ARE BESTOWED  
UPON THE GOOD...

...AND EVIL  
UPON THOSE OF  
EVIL HEART.  
ALL ARE  
GRANTED IN  
PERFECT  
CLARITY.

YOU  
HAVE TOTALLY  
DESTROYED  
GANON.

THE TRIFORCE  
IS WAITING FOR  
A NEW MASTER.

ITS GOLDEN  
POWER IS IN  
YOUR HANDS--

--TOUCH IT  
WITH A WISH  
IN YOUR HEART.







HYRULE,  
MY  
HOMELAND!

WE MADE  
IT! WE'RE  
BACK!



LINK...



UNCLE!

FATHER!  
MOTHER!



YOU HAVE  
DONE WELL,  
LINK...



IN THE IMPRISONING WAR  
OF YEARS PAST, GREAT  
ARMIES RISKED ALL TO  
SEAL GANON IN THE  
DARK WORLD.

YOU,  
HOWEVER,  
ACCOMPLISHED  
A MUCH MORE  
LONELY AND  
DIFFICULT  
VICTORY...

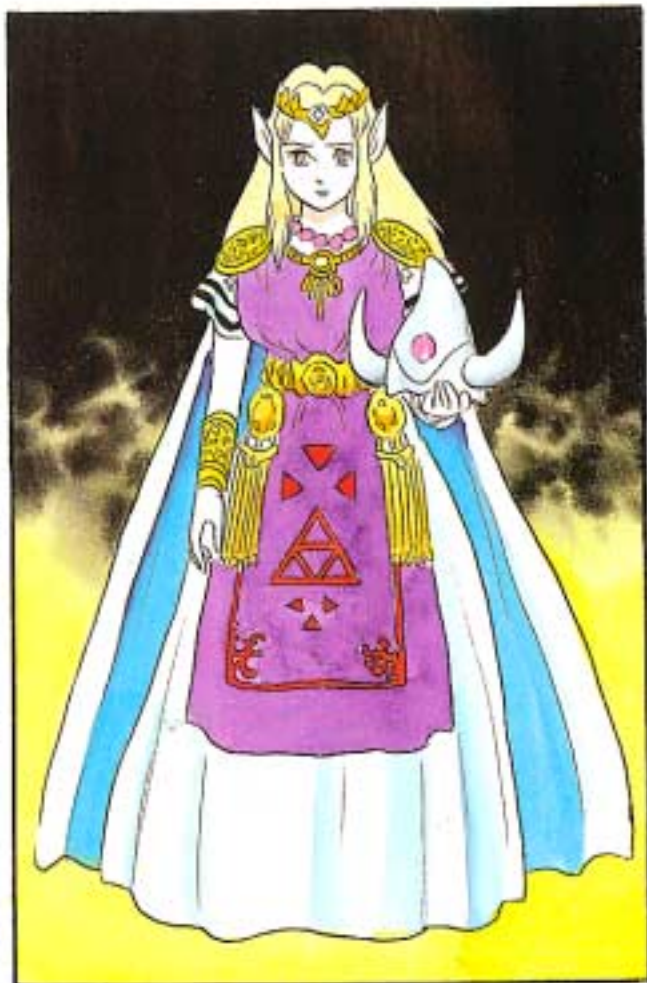


IT WAS NOT  
ONLY BY YOUR  
OWN POWER, BUT  
ALSO THAT OF THE  
MANY GENERATIONS  
OF KNIGHTS AND  
WISE MEN WHO  
PRECEDED YOU.

LET THE  
MEMORIES  
OF THEIR  
EFFORTS  
HUMBLE YOU.  
NEVER  
FORGET!



FOLLOWING GANON'S DEFEAT,  
THE DARK WORLD VANISHED,  
RELEASING MANY WHO HAD  
BEEN TRAPPED THERE IN  
MONSTROUS FORM. THE  
LONGED-FOR PEACE ONCE  
AGAIN RETURNED TO  
HYRULE.



LINK WAS APPOINTED AS MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE BY THE NEWLY-CROWNED QUEEN ZELDA.



IT'S IRONIC  
ISN'T IT...

WHO?  
ZELDA!?



THE *PSYCHIC LINK* BETWEEN US WAS SO *STRONG* WHEN I WAS IN GANON'S CLUTCHES...

...BUT NOW THAT WE ARE BOTH *FREE*, AND AT *PEACE*...



...YOU SEEM SO *DISTANT*, GUARDING THE *TRIFORCE*...

I AM *ALONE*...



AS LONG AS I LIVE, I SHALL NEVER *FORGET* THE TIME WHEN WE WERE *TOGETHER* IN OUR *DREAMS*...



AND AS THE CENTURIES PASS, THE LEGENDARY  
**MASTER SWORD** LIES WAITING IN THE DEPTHS  
OF THE LOST WOODS, WAITING FOR THE TIME  
WHEN DISASTER AGAIN BEFALLS HYRULE...  
WAITING TO CALL A **HERO** TO ARMS.



THE END

## About The Comics

The comics in this book were originally serialized in Nintendo Power magazine. The first of 12 parts appeared in January 1992 (Volume 32) and the series ran through December 1992. Although the story loosely follows the plot of the Super Entertainment System game, *The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past*, some new twists and characters were added to preserve the elements of surprise and add to the dramatic flow.

The designer of the comics, Shotaro Ishinomori, is one of Japan's most famous comic book creators. He has received many awards for his work. Among his most popular works in Japan are "Cyborg 009" (a science fiction adventure); "Masked Rider" (science fiction) and "Hotel" (a dramatic series).





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