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The Legend of **ZELDA**[®]

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A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THE WORLD WAS IN AN AGE OF CHAOS. THERE WAS A LAND CALLED HYRULE, A LEGEND CALLED ZELDA, AN ADVENTURER NAMED LINK, AN EVIL KNOWN AS GANON, AND THE THREE TRIFORCES, WITH POWER OVER THEM ALL.

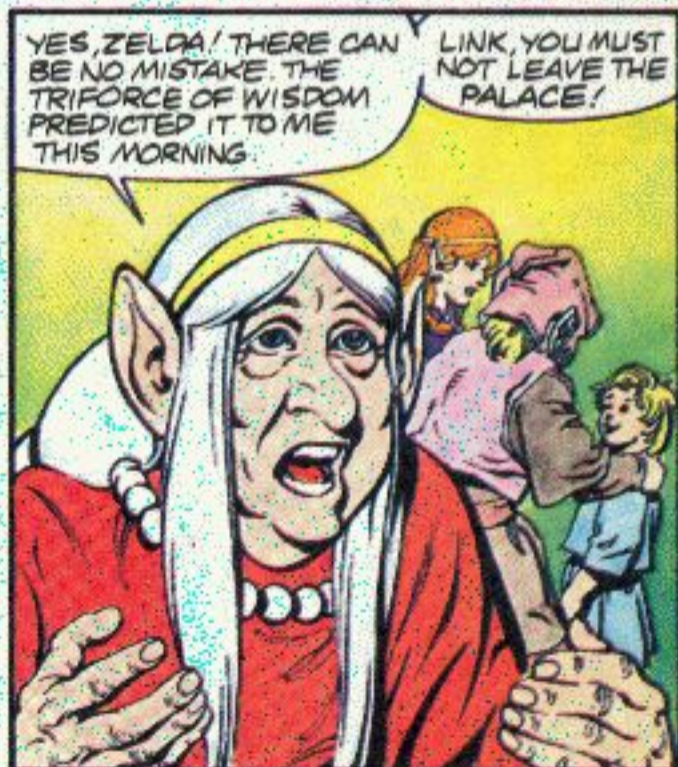
HE ALSO SERVES...

HYRULE'S NORTH PALACE DESTROYED.
GANON TRIUMPHANT.
LINK DOOMED.
ZELDA'S PEOPLE ENSLAVED.



ALL THESE THINGS WILL COME TO PASS... IF LINK LEAVES THE NORTH PALACE TODAY.

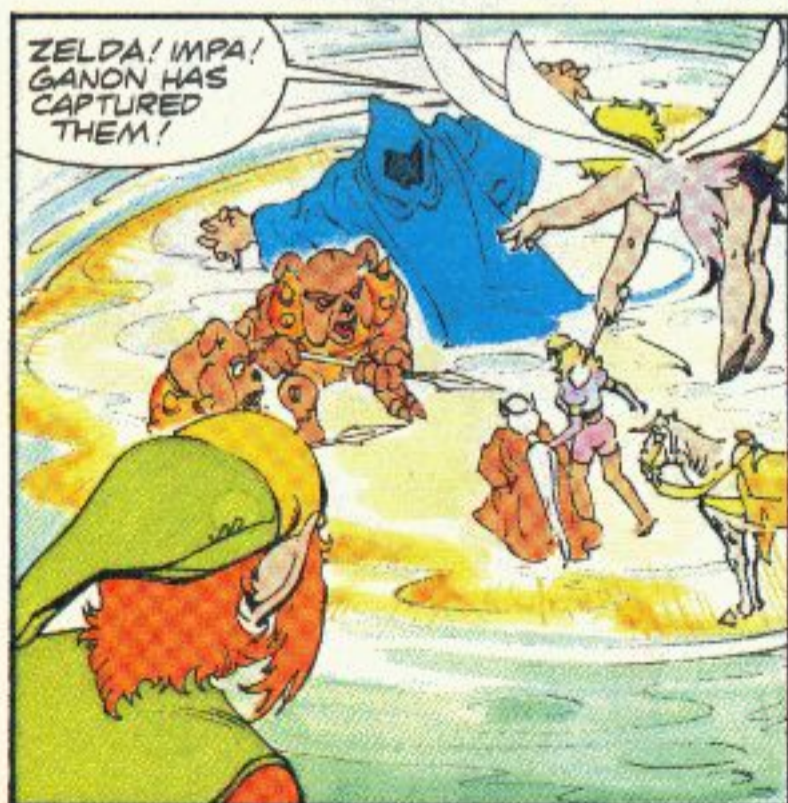
OH, IMPA! ARE YOU SURE?



YES, ZELDA! THERE CAN BE NO MISTAKE. THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM PREDICTED IT TO ME THIS MORNING.

LINK, YOU MUST NOT LEAVE THE PALACE!













SUNDOWN...

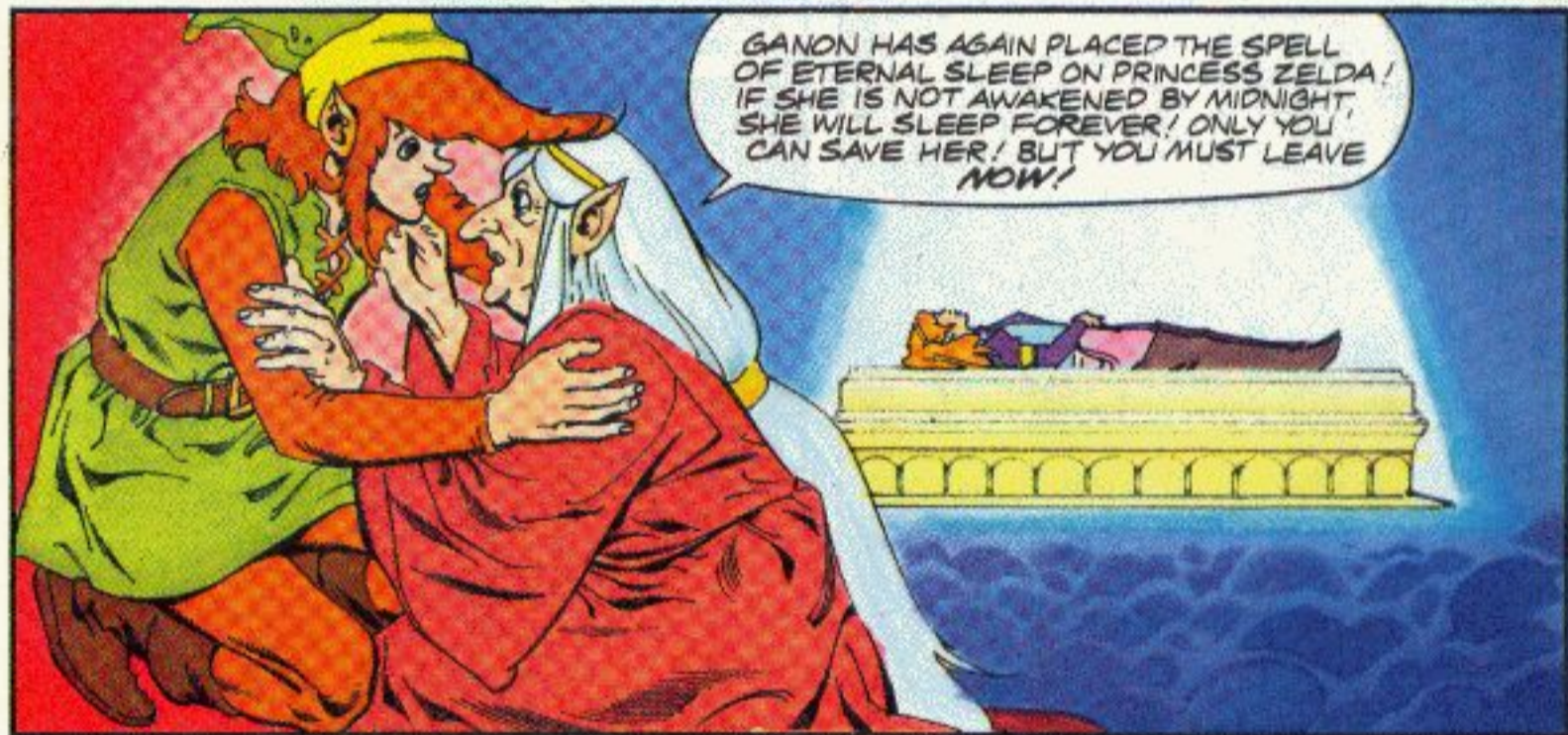
A WOMAN AT THE FOOT OF THE BRIDGE! -- ALONE!

OPEN THE GATE!



IMPA! WHAT HAPPENED?

THE WORST THING IMAGINABLE!



GANON HAS AGAIN PLACED THE SPELL OF ETERNAL SLEEP ON PRINCESS ZELDA! IF SHE IS NOT AWAKENED BY MIDNIGHT, SHE WILL SLEEP FOREVER! ONLY YOU CAN SAVE HER! BUT YOU MUST LEAVE NOW!



BUT, IMPA WHAT HAPPENED ABOUT THE PREDICTION? ALL THE BAD THINGS THAT YOU SAID WOULD HAPPEN IF I LEFT THE NORTH PALACE TODAY.

I WAS WRONG! IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE! NOW GET OUT THERE!



HURRY! YOU MUST GO NOW!







GAME OVER

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GET OUT OF MY WAY!

SEIZE HIM! LINK MUST NOT REACH THE KING!



MISSING IN ACTION

CAPTAIN KRIN! LINK IS HYRULE'S GREATEST HERO! WHY DID YOUR MEN TRY TO RESTRAIN HIM?

FORGIVE ME, MAJESTY, BUT LINK WAS ACTING LIKE A MADMAN. WE FEARED HE MIGHT ATTACK YOU!



OF COURSE I'M MAD! I COME BACK FROM A QUEST TO FIND PRINCESS ZELDA AND THE TRIFORCE MISSING AND NOBODY IN THIS PALACE WILL TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON! WHERE IS SHE?



THIS IS A SAD DAY IN THE KINGDOM! MY DAUGHTER ZELDA HAS TAKEN THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM AND LEFT HYRULE FOREVER!



ZELDA SAID THAT THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM SAFE FROM GANON IS FOR HER TO TAKE IT FAR AWAY AND NEVER RETURN! I COULD NOT STOP HER!



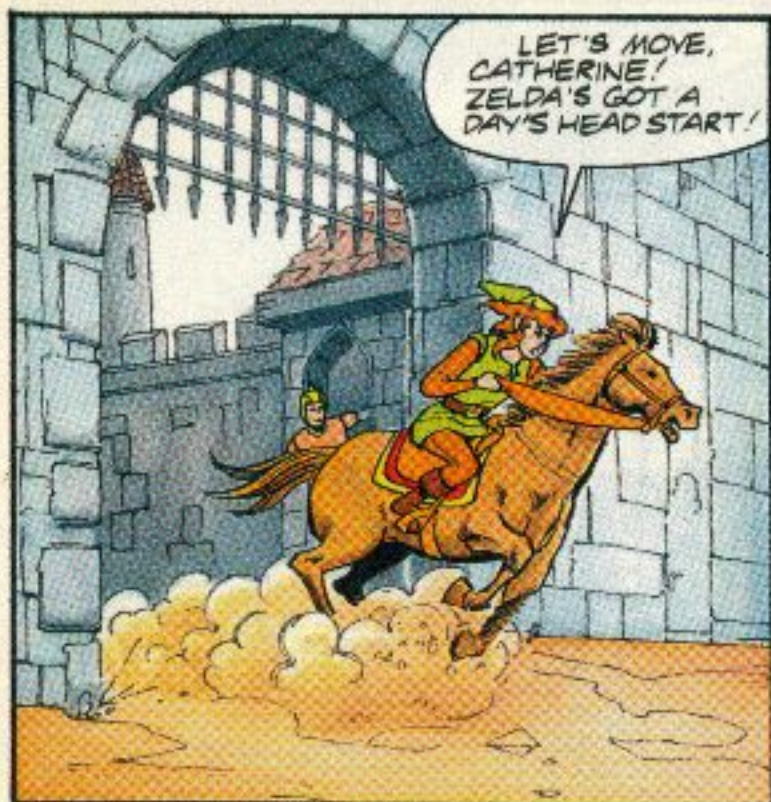
BUT, SOMEHOW, GANON HAS LEARNED OF HER PLAN AND SHE IS BEING HUNTED BY GANON'S MINIONS! THEY WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO CAPTURE MY DAUGHTER ... AND HER TRIFORCE!

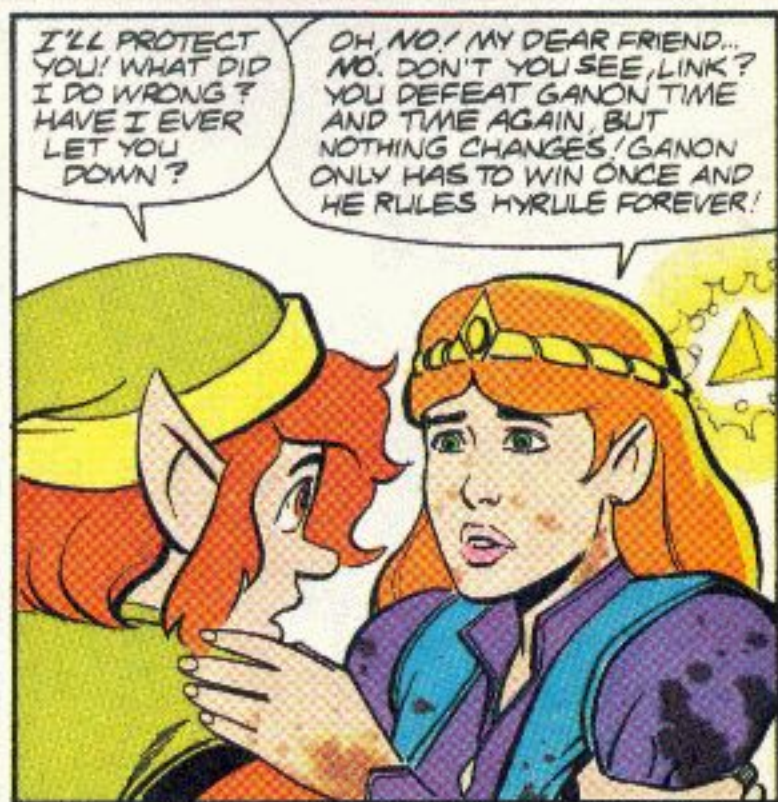


YOU MUST FIND HER AND CONVINCE HER TO RETURN, LINK!



I'LL GET HER BACK, SIRE! COUNT ON IT!



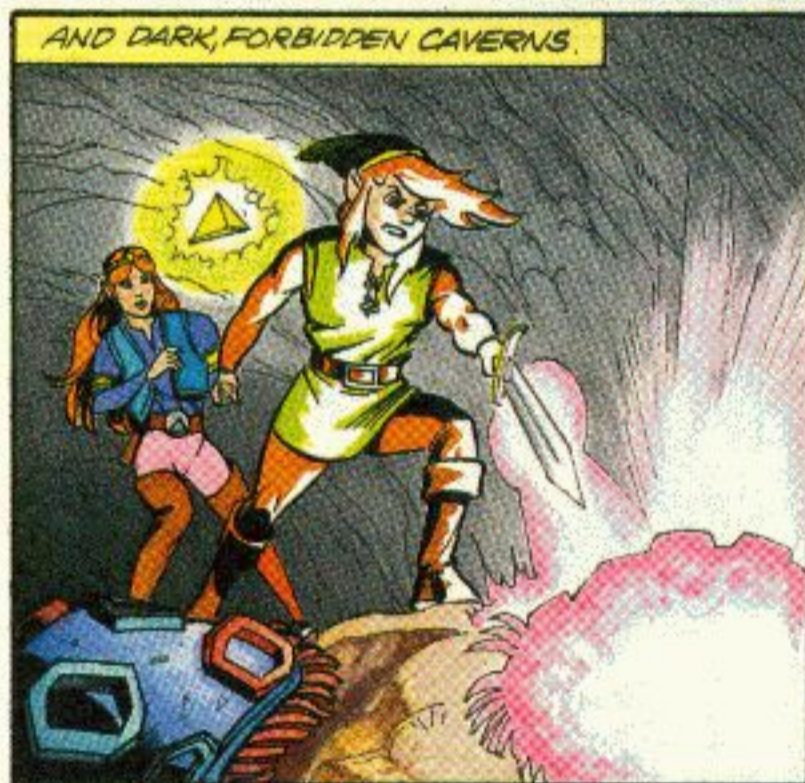




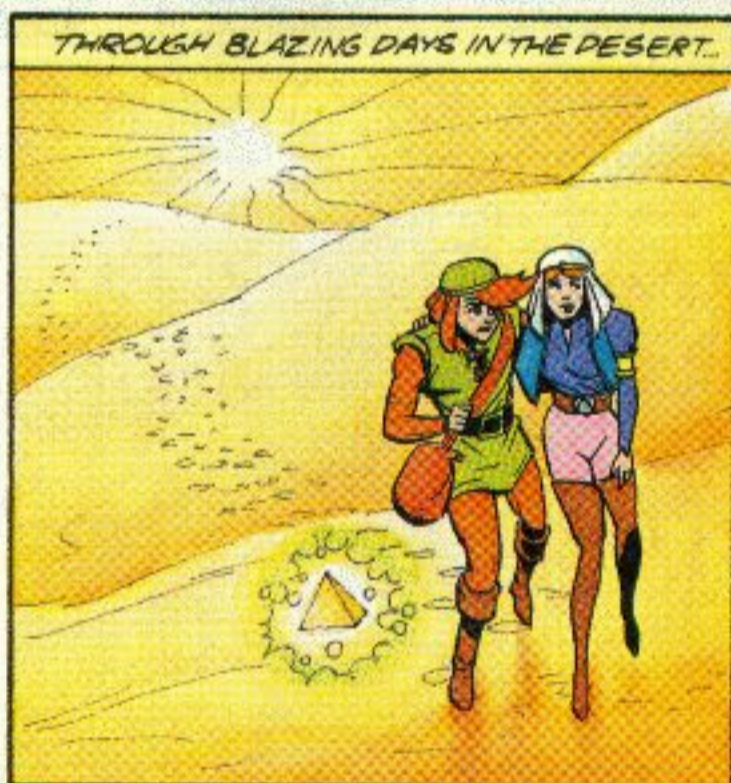
AND SO, THE JOURNEY BEGINS,
ACROSS THE MURKY SWAMPS...



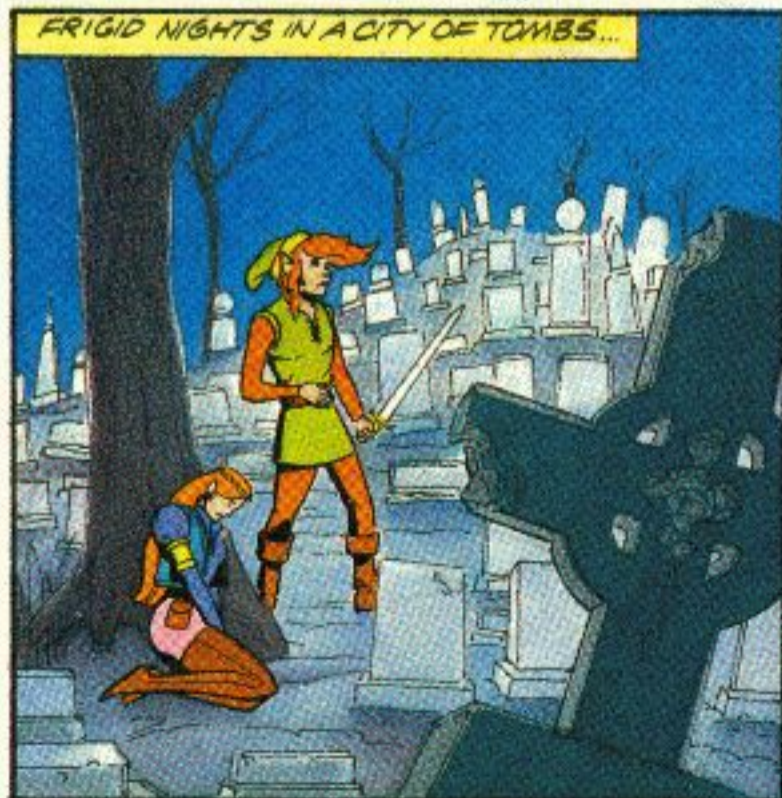
AND DARK, FORBIDDEN CAVERNS.



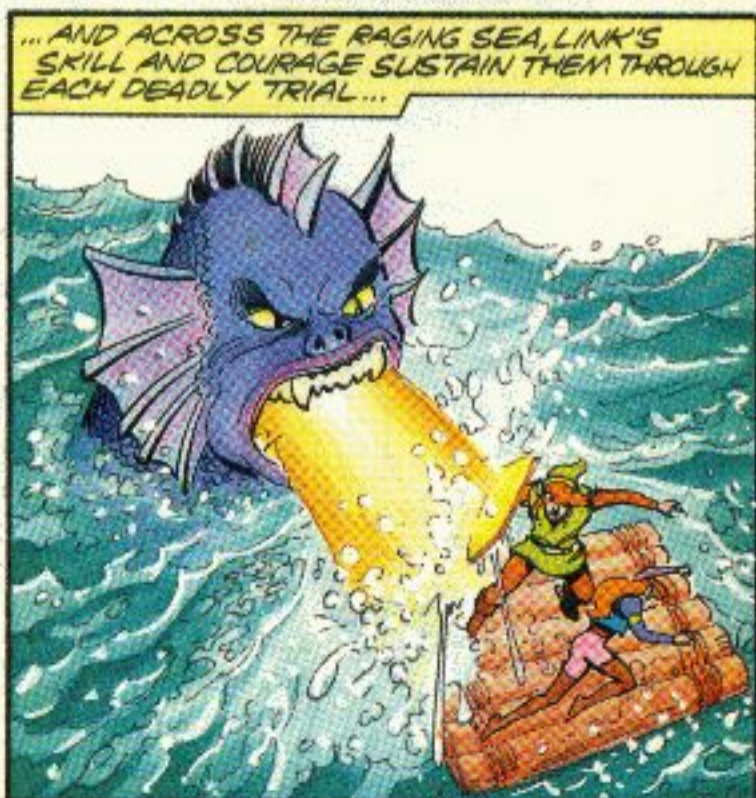
THROUGH BLAZING DAYS IN THE DESERT.



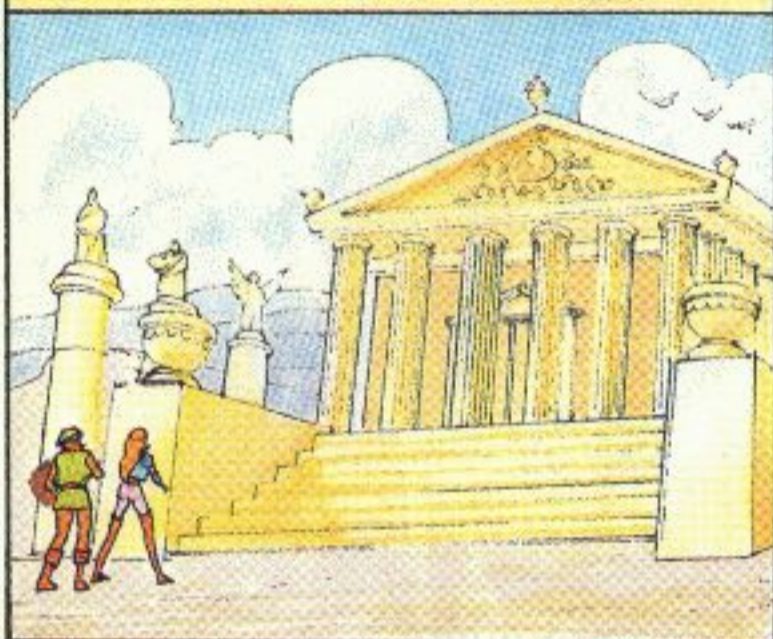
FRIGID NIGHTS IN A CITY OF TOMBS...



... AND ACROSS THE RAGING SEA, LINK'S
SKILL AND COURAGE SUSTAIN THEM THROUGH
EACH DEADLY TRIAL...



UNTIL, AT LAST THEY REACH THEIR GOAL--
THE FABLED 5TH PALACE OF HYRULE!



LITTLE DO THEY SUSPECT THAT THEIR
GREATEST CHALLENGE IS YET TO COME, IN
THE TERRIFYING FORM OF... IRONKNUCKLE!

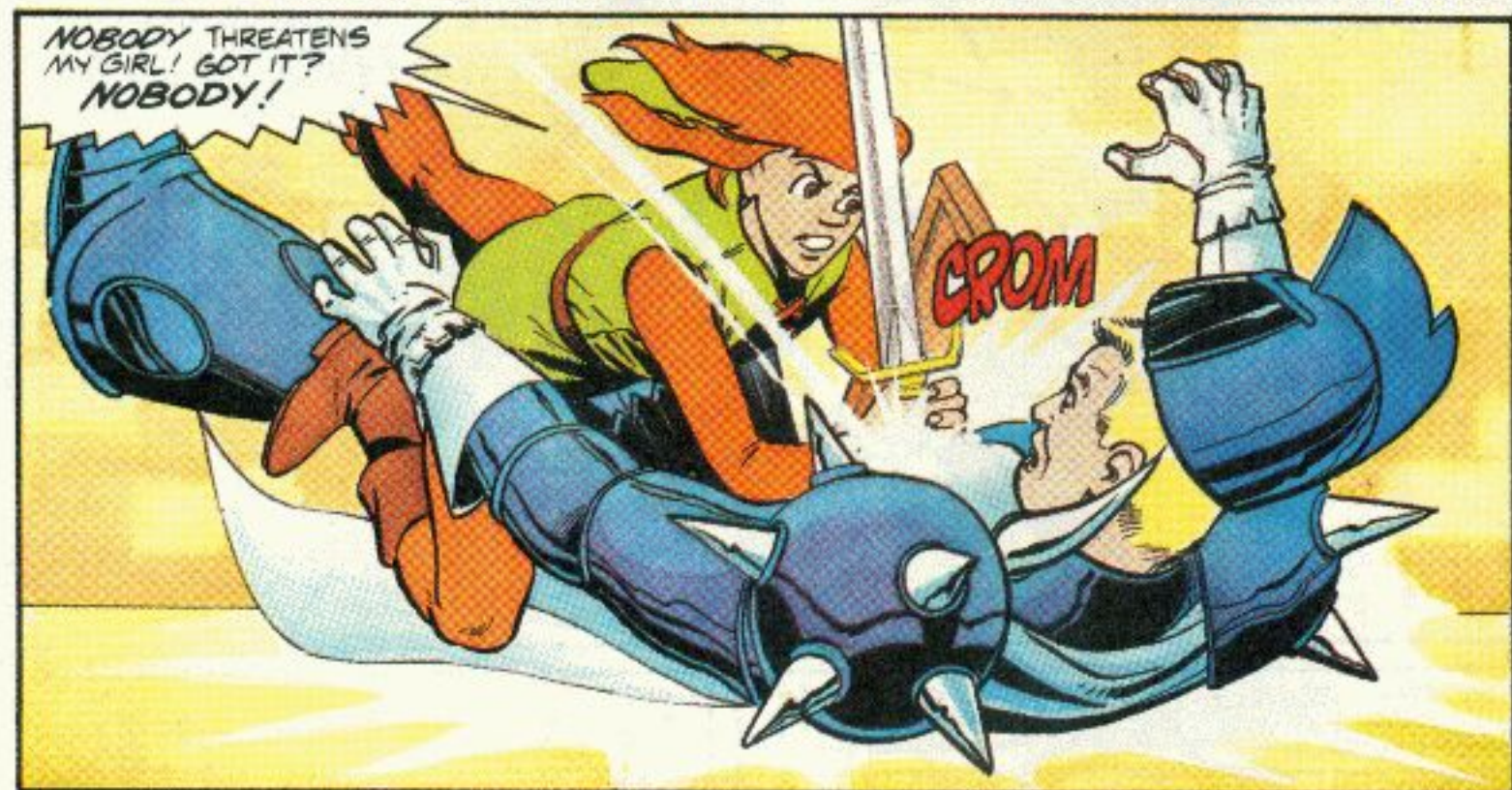




NO CHANCE, METAL MOUTH!



YOU JUST SAID THE WRONG THING!



NOBODY THREATENS MY GIRL! GOT IT? NOBODY!

CROM



MERCY, WARRIOR, I YIELD!

FOR UNTOLD YEARS I HAVE WAITED FOR ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT ME.

HUH? I DON'T GET IT!



LONG AGO, THE OLD KING CHARGED ME TO PROTECT THE PALACE FROM THOSE WHO ARE UNWORTHY. BY REACHING THE FIFTH PALACE AND DEFEATING ME, YOU HAVE PROVED THAT YOU DESERVE THE TREASURES WITHIN.

WITHIN WHAT? IT'S A DEAD END!



NOT FOR ONE WHO IS WORTHY. YOU MAY PASS, WARRIOR.

WAIT HERE, ZELDA. I'LL BE BACK.



BE AT EASE, MY LADY! JUST AS YOU KEEP THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM, I SEE BY HIS ACTIONS THAT THIS YOUTH KEEPS THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE IN HIS HEART. HE IS SURELY THE MIGHTIEST WARRIOR IN HYRULE.

I KNOW.



PAST THE DEAD END, WITHIN THE LOWEST CHAMBERS OF THE PALACE...

THE MAGIC FLUTE. IF I GIVE IT TO ZELDA, I'LL NEVER SEE HER AGAIN.



NO! I'LL SMASH IT. THEN SHE'LL STAY. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS...



... ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LET ZELDA DOWN WHEN SHE'S DEPENDING ON ME.

... ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LIE TO HER.

