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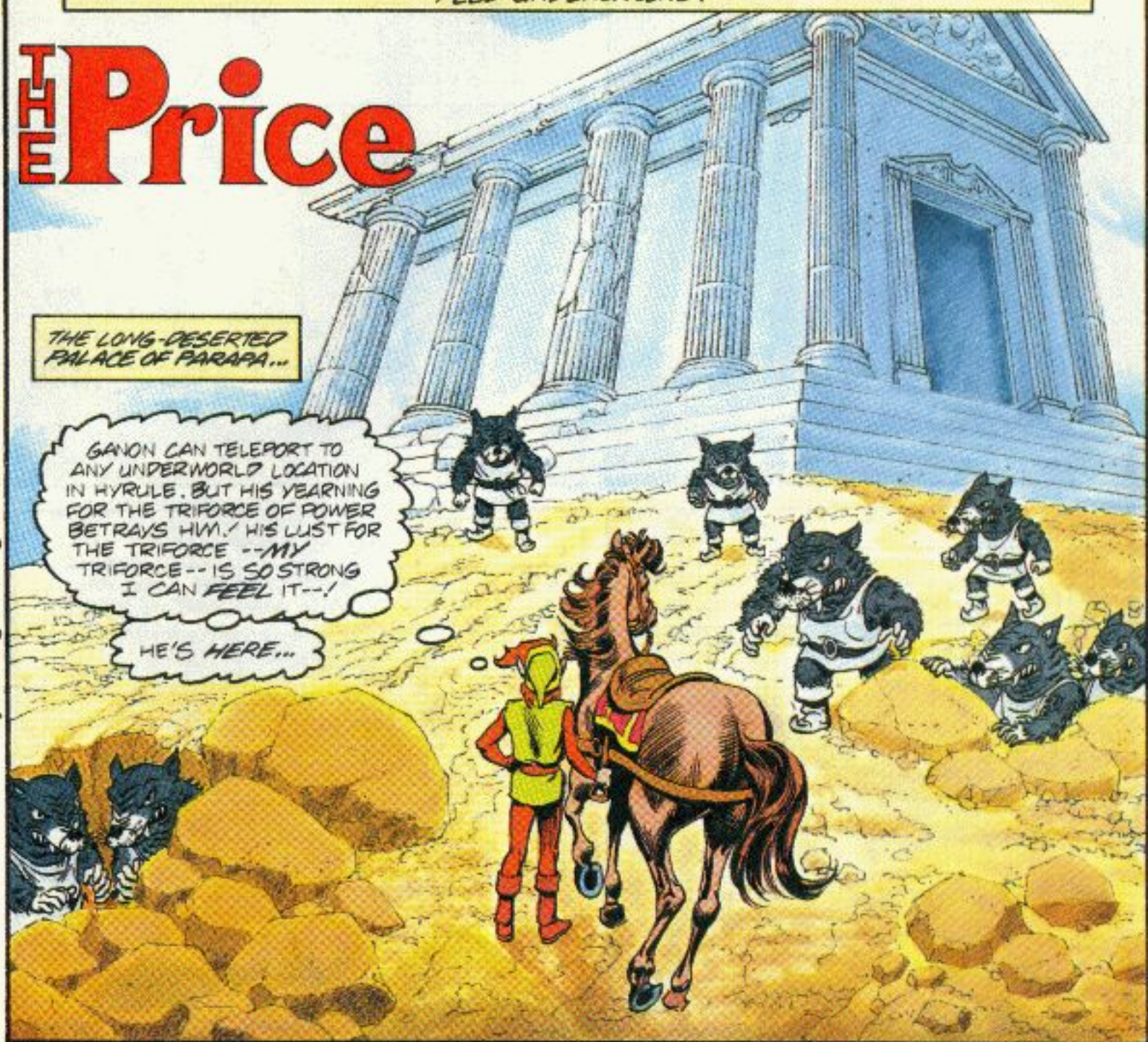
WITH THE CAPTURED TRIFORCE OF POWER IN HIS POSSESSION, LINK HUNTS DOWN THE EVIL DARK LORD GANON, WHO, STRIPPED OF HIS GREATEST SOURCE OF POWER, HAS FLED UNDERGROUND.

THE Price

THE LONG-DESERTED PALACE OF PARAPA...

GANON CAN TELEPORT TO ANY UNDERWORLD LOCATION IN HYRULE. BUT HIS YEARNING FOR THE TRIFORCE OF POWER BETRAYS HIM. HIS LUST FOR THE TRIFORCE -- MY TRIFORCE -- IS SO STRONG I CAN FEEL IT--!

HE'S HERE...



LINK LET GORIYA SERVE HIM NOW? GORIYA MUST SERVE! ONLY LINK HAS TRIFORCE OF POWER! ONLY LINK IS WORTHY TO BE MASTER!

HMMM... WELL... WHY NOT?

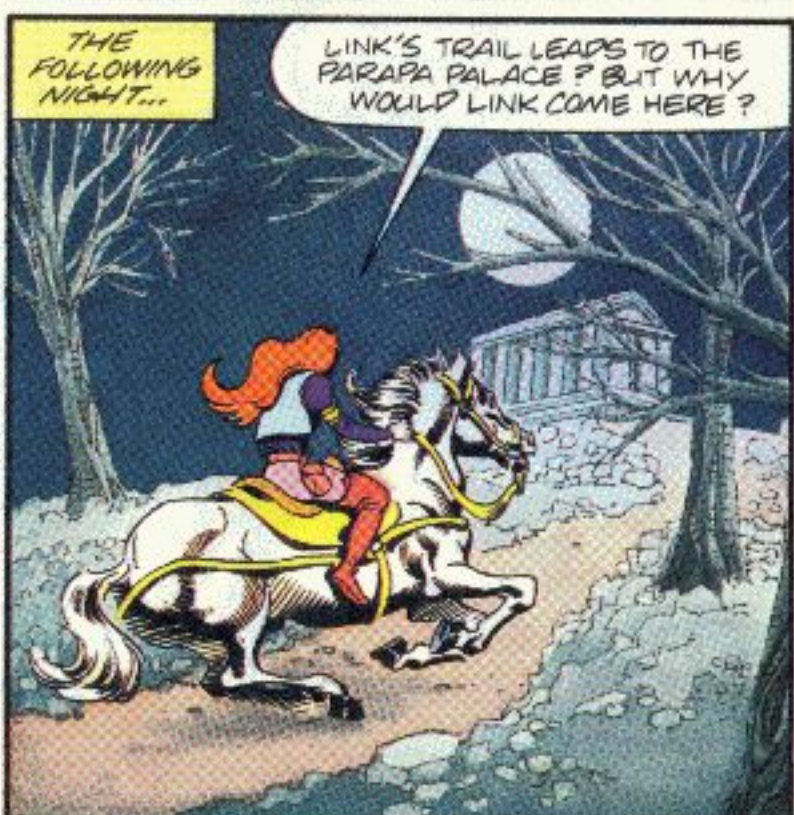
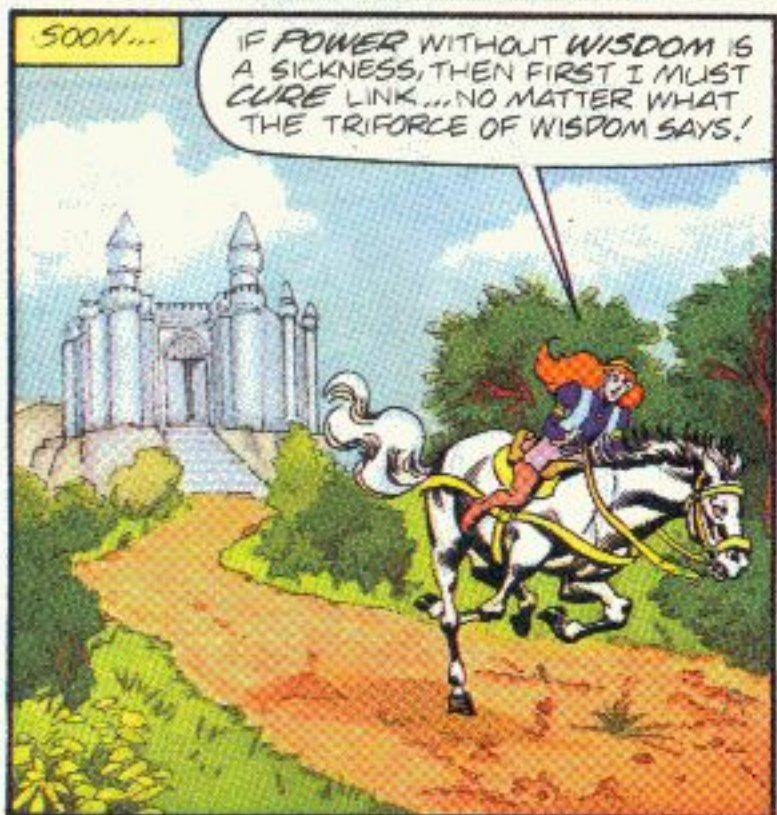


INSIDE, IN A THRONE ROOM THAT ONCE BELONGED TO AN ANCIENT KING...

I'LL DESTROY GANON AND BRING PEACE TO HYRULE. I HAVE THE POWER!

LINK WILL RULE! LINK IS KING! LINK WEAR KING ROBES!





THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT CRUMBLING RUINS!



PERHAPS THERE ARE SCAVENGERS AS WELL...! SEEKING EASY PREY!

NO! LET GO!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE PALACE THRONE ROOM...

A TELEPORTATION SPELL--!

GANON!

YOU LIKE THE POWER, DON'T YOU, BOY?



NOW THAT YOU HAVE TASTED TRUE POWER, I OFFER YOU THIS-- JOIN MY ARMY OF DARKNESS! HELP ME CONQUER HYRULE, AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE EASTLANDS TO RULE IN MY NAME!



I'LL NEVER JOIN YOU! I HAVE THE TRIFORCE OF POWER NOW! I'LL DESTROY YOU!

FOOLISH CHILD! I OFFER YOU THE CHANCE FOR GREATNESS!

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YOUR SPELL DIDN'T HARM ME! HOW? THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE PROTECTED ME!

NO! THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE IS MINE!

NOT ANYMORE! THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE HAS LEFT YOUR HEART... AND COME TO ME!

THE TRIFORCE OF POWER YOU HOLD IS NOT EVIL, BUT GANON TRICKED YOU INTO USING POWER WITHOUT THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM TO GUIDE YOU!



REMEMBER THE LEGEND OF THE THREE TRIFORCES? "THE THREE MUST BE BROUGHT TOGETHER... BUT IF MISUSED THEY WILL BRING MANY EVILS"?

YOU HAVE MISUSED THE TRIFORCE! HE WHO DEPENDS ON POWER ALONE, WITHOUT WISDOM... CANNOT CLAIM COURAGE!





GIVE UP THE TRIFORCE OF POWER, LINK...OR, EVEN IF IT BREAKS MY HEART...

...I'LL FIGHT YOU. WISDOM AND COURAGE WILL ALWAYS TRIUMPH OVER POWER!



LINK! LISTEN TO ME! WE CAN DEFEAT HER TOGETHER, IF YOU LET ME HAVE THE TRIFORCE OF POWER BACK...! THEN, ONCE SHE'S GONE, WE'LL DIVIDE THE SPOILS OF HYRULE...! I SWEAR IT!



PLEASE! I MUST HAVE THE TRIFORCE BACK! I'M FADING AWAY!

SHUT UP, GANON! THE POWER IS MINE, FOREVER!

DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING?! YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN GANON!

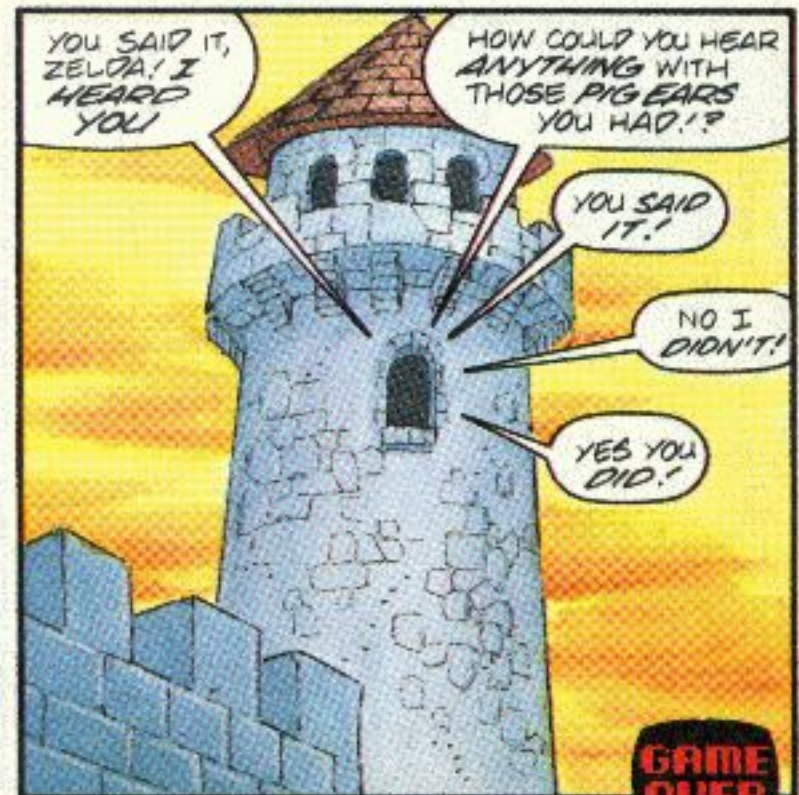


YOU'VE BECOME GANON!



NOOOOOOO!!!





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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.

THE POWER

WITHIN THE DEADLY MAZE OF GANON'S DEATH MOUNTAIN...

YOUR WEAPONS CANNOT PENETRATE A DARKNUT'S ARMOR, HERO! YOU ARE DOOMED!

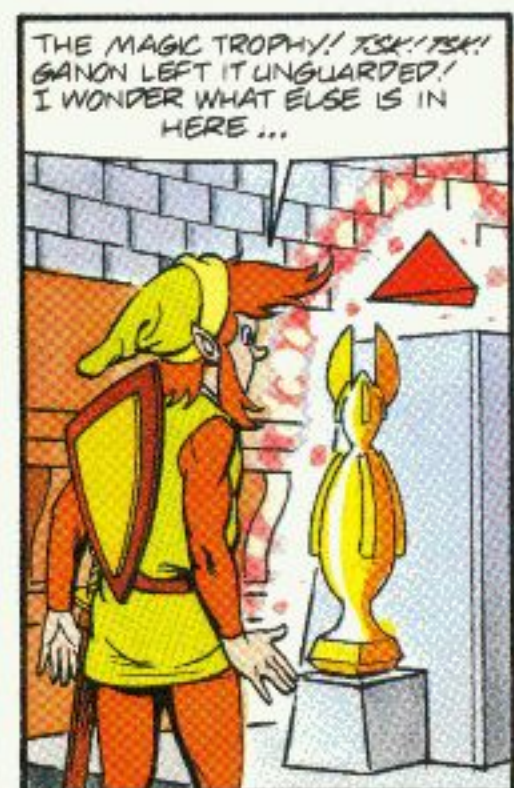
LOOKS BAD, ZELDA! HOW ABOUT A KISS FOR LUCK?

GET SERIOUS, LINK!

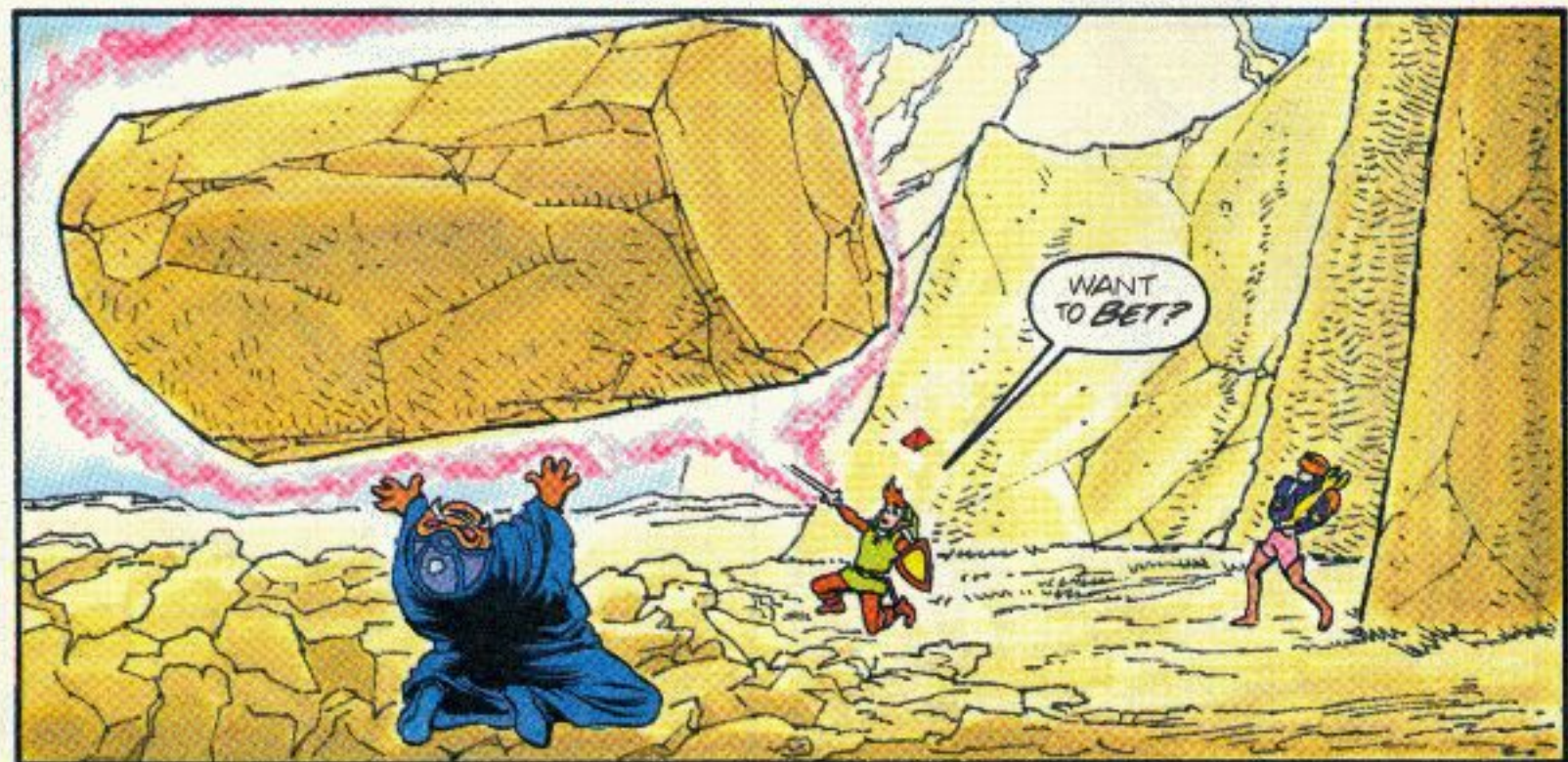
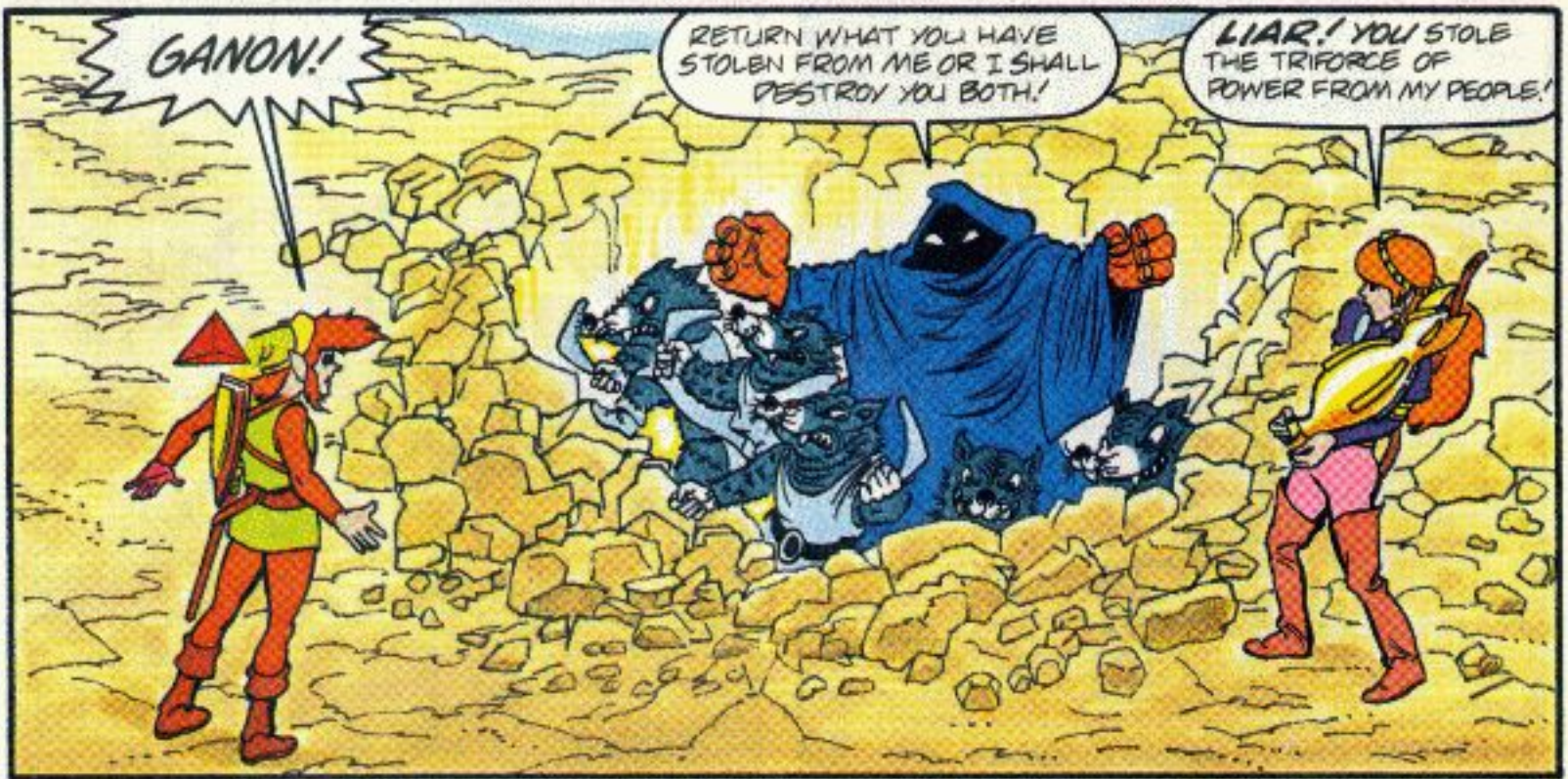


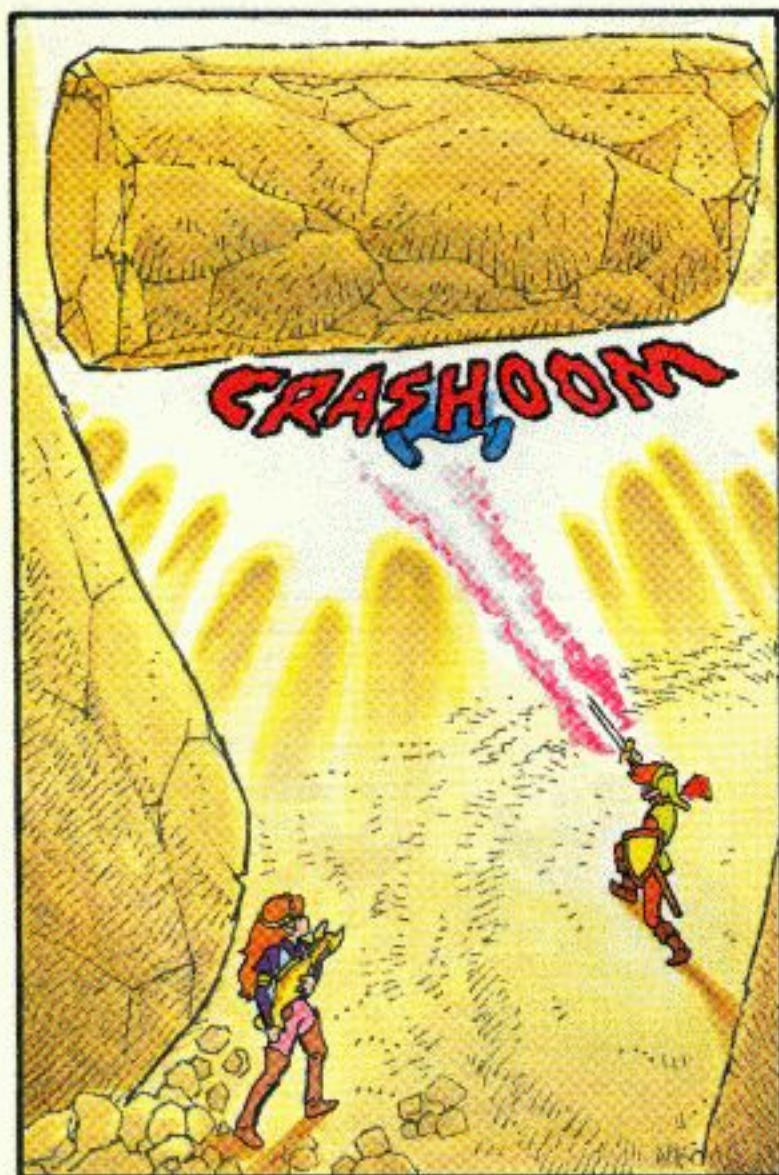




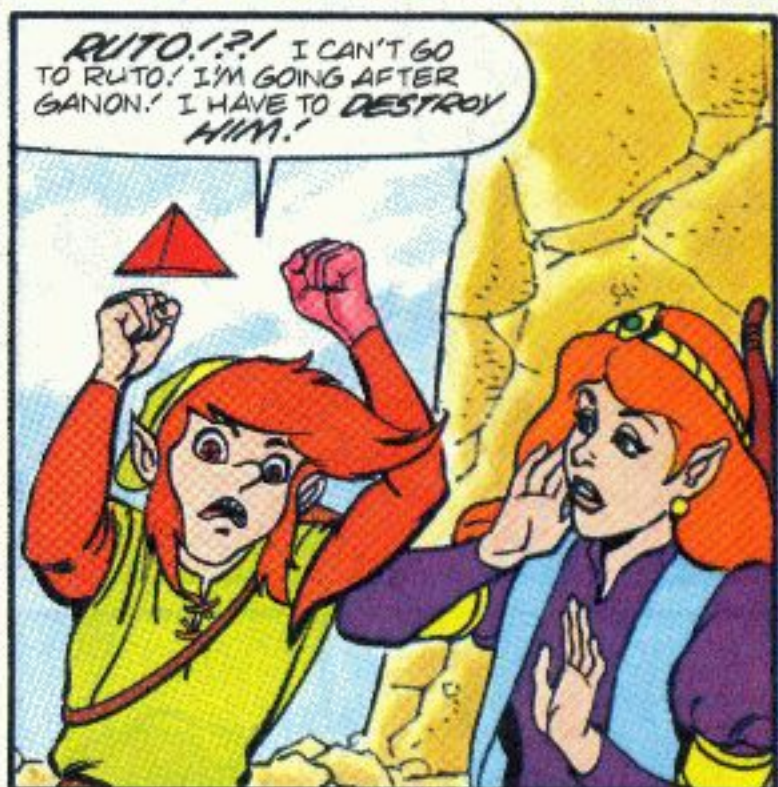


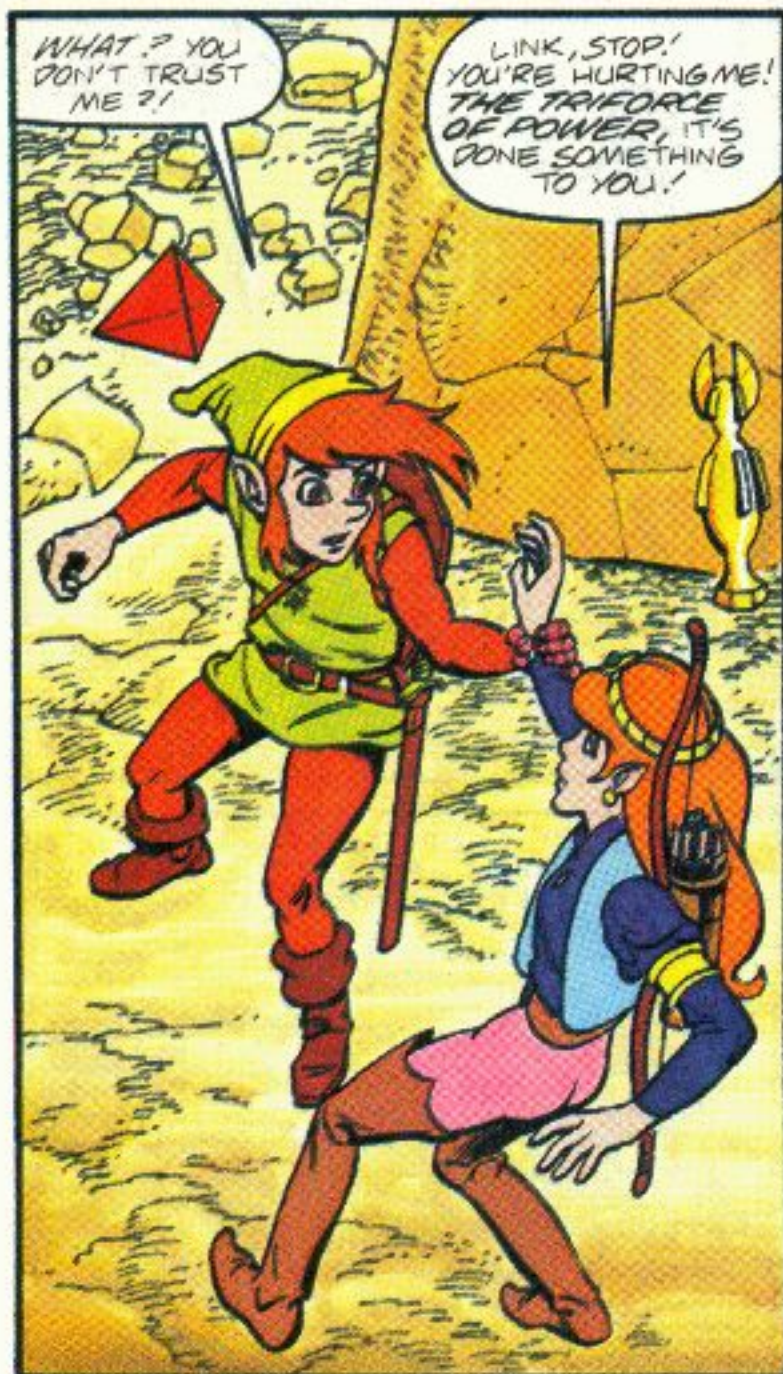






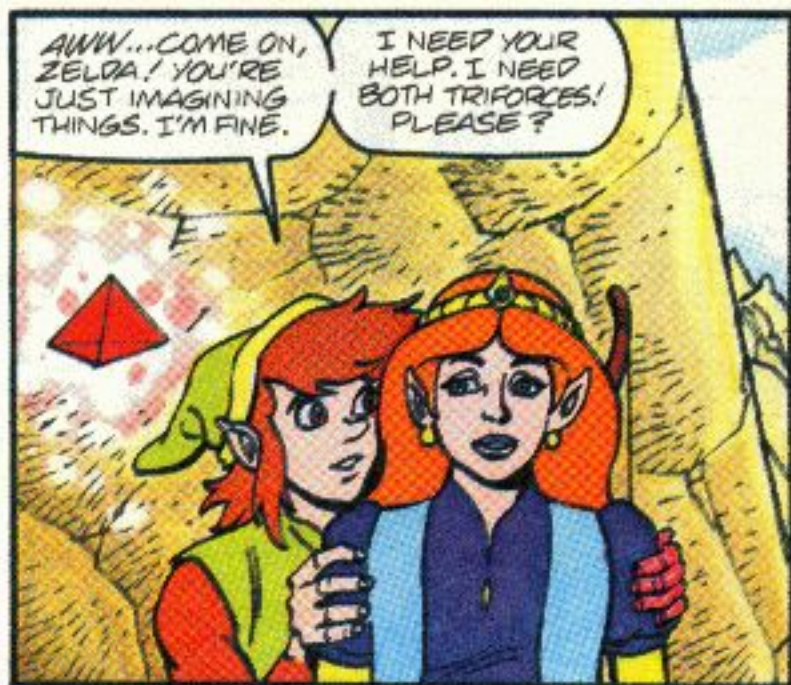






WHAT? YOU DON'T TRUST ME?!

LINK, STOP! YOU'RE HURTING ME! THE TRIFORCE OF POWER, IT'S DONE SOMETHING TO YOU!

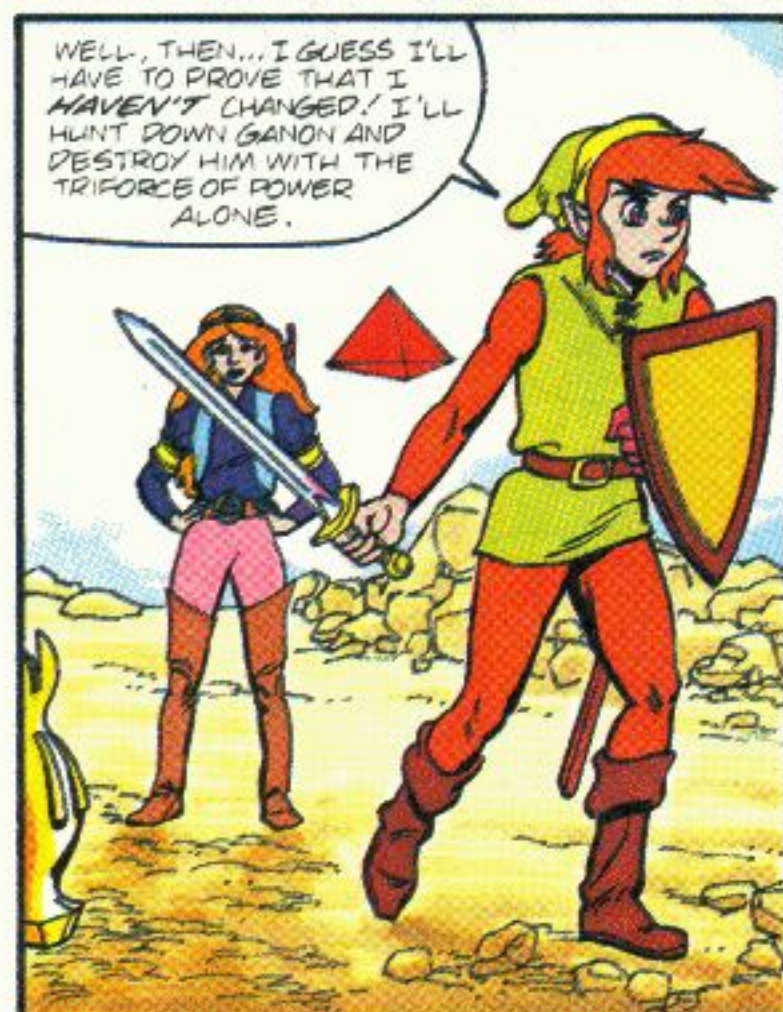


AWW...COME ON, ZELDA! YOU'RE JUST IMAGINING THINGS. I'M FINE.

I NEED YOUR HELP. I NEED BOTH TRIFORCES! PLEASE?



I... I'M SORRY, LINK. I CAN'T GIVE THE TRIFORCE TO YOU. OR ANYONE!



WELL, THEN... I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PROVE THAT I HAVEN'T CHANGED! I'LL HUNT DOWN GANON AND DESTROY HIM WITH THE TRIFORCE OF POWER ALONE.



WAIT! IT MAY BE DANGEROUS. LET ME COME WITH YOU!

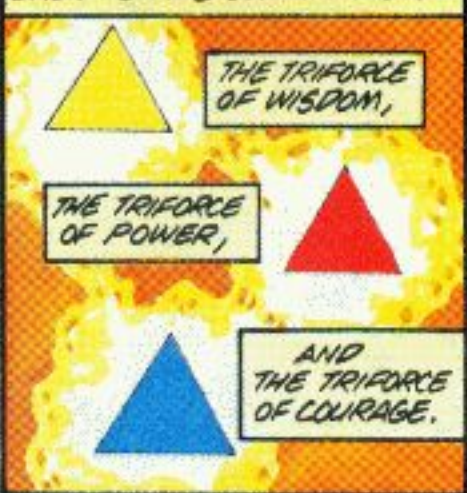
I SAID I'LL DESTROY HIM ALONE! I DON'T NEED YOU!

TO BE CONTINUED...

By George Caragone, Ken Penders, P. Zorito, Jade, Christiaan

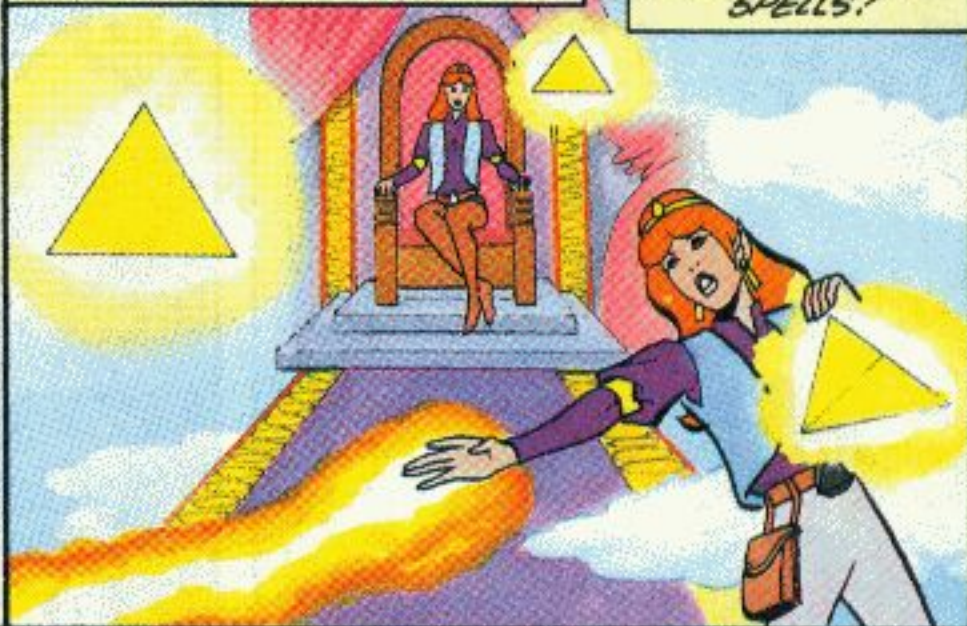
SECRETS OF THE TRIFORCE

IN THE KINGDOM OF HYRULE, THERE ARE THREE TRIFORCES. NO ONE KNOWS WHENCE THEY CAME-- ONLY THAT THEY POSSESS GREAT MYSTIC ENERGY, EACH FOR ITS OWN PURPOSE.



THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM IS KEPT BY PRINCESS ZELDA IN HYRULE'S NORTH PALACE. ITS GUIDANCE HELPS HER RULE THE KINGDOM WISELY.

IN TIMES OF DIRE NEED, THE TRIFORCE HELPS HER CAST POWERFUL MAGIC SPELLS!



THE TRIFORCE OF POWER HAS BEEN HELD BY GANON, THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS, IN HIS DEATH MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD EVER SINCE HE STOLE IT FROM THE PEOPLE OF HYRULE.

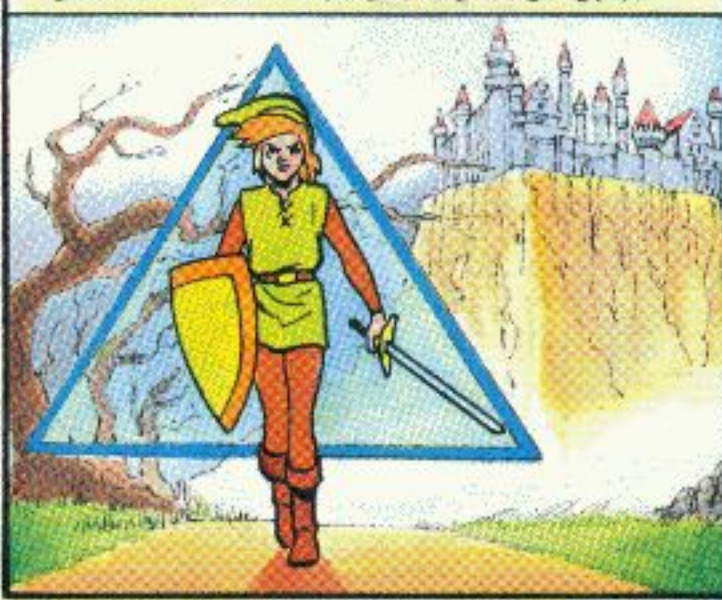
THE TRIFORCE OF POWER MAKES GANON, ALREADY A MIGHTY MAGICIAN, NEARLY INVINCIBLE! IF HE SHOULD EVER OBTAIN THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM AS WELL, HE WOULD CONQUER HYRULE WITH EASE!



THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE, THE MOST MYSTERIOUS OF THE THREE, REMAINED HIDDEN FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL LINK ACCOMPLISHED A DARING QUEST. NOW THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE DWELLS IN HIS HEART, THE SECRET OF HIS GREATEST POWER.

AN ANCIENT SCROLL FORE-TOLD, "WISDOM, POWER, AND COURAGE. WHEN THESE THREE ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER, THE TRIFORCE WILL SHOW ITS MAXIMUM POWER."

"BUT IF MISUSED, THE TRIFORCE WILL BRING MANY EVILS."



GAME OVER

BUT PRICE IS NOT THE ONLY THING TO CONSIDER.



SO, ONLY BUY FROM REPUTABLE STORES!



AND GET A WARRANTY--JUST IN CASE YOUR MERCHANDISE FAILS TO PERFORM IN ACTUAL USE.



IT'S YOUR MONEY. DON'T GET BURNED. THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY...



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ZELDA'S CONSUMER TIPS



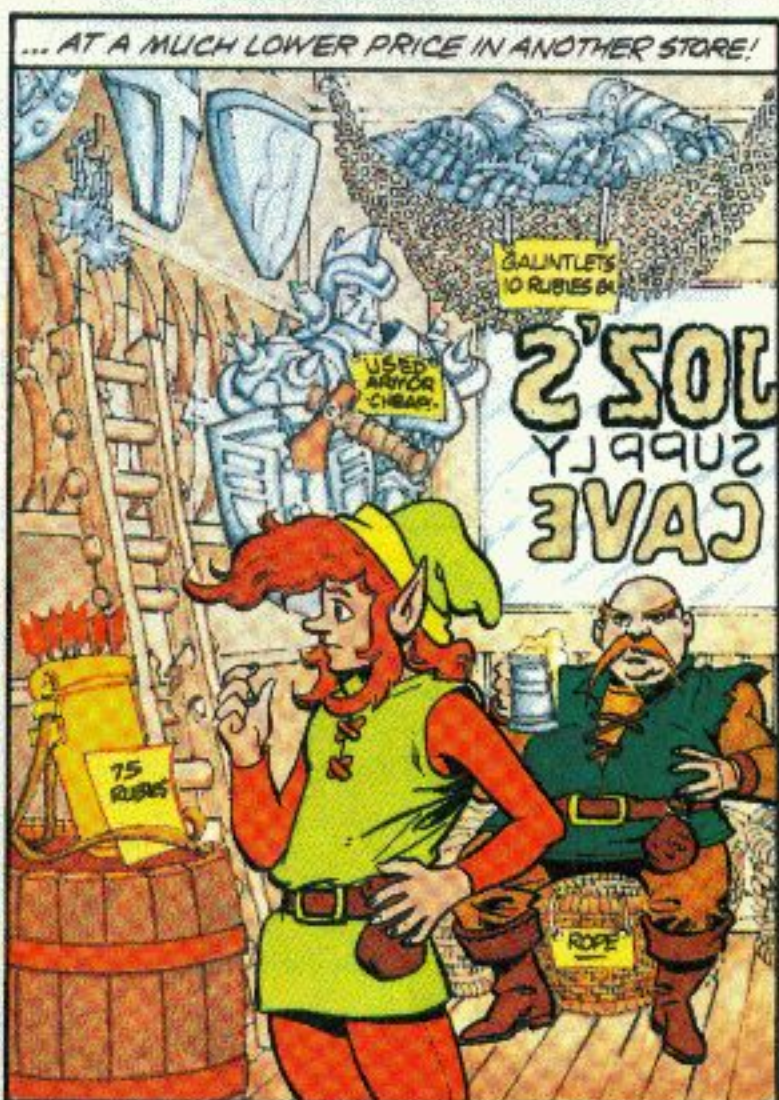
MONEY! NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE YOU HAVE...



...IT'S UP TO YOU TO USE IT WISELY.



IT ALWAYS PAYS TO SHOP AROUND BEFORE YOU BUY. YOU MIGHT FIND THE EXACT SAME ITEM...



... AT A MUCH LOWER PRICE IN ANOTHER STORE!

Dear Editor,

I think the ZELDA comics are great. I sure hope Link gets to kiss Zelda one day.

Till Ganon joins Koopa,
Robert Samms
Shingle Springs, CA

It's always hard to know what's going to happen between Link and Zelda, Robert. We have it on good authority, however, that the princess is definitely, positively, absolutely, and shortly planning to let Link kiss her... maybe.

Dear Creators of ZELDA,

I really like your comic book of Zelda. It's great how you put the Zelda 1 and 2 games together to make such great stories. I'm a real big fan of Zelda, and an even bigger fan of Link.

My dad and I both have been working on Zelda. My dad even went out and bought a Nintendo for himself, to play when he's travelling, even though I have a Nintendo of my own. He got it just to play Zelda! Now, we're at level 9, and we fought Ganon and we died. But we're going to try again.

"Fast Eddie" Mueller
Freehold, NJ

Thanks, Eddie, for telling us about your rad dad! We hope you'll both keep fighting the good fight—it's the only way to win.

(We also think your dad was very smart, to buy a second Nintendo sys-

tem. That kind of action could solve a lot of family disputes...)

To Whomever it May Concern,

I'm 14 years old, and a comic book collector. When I first saw THE LEGEND OF ZELDA, I wasn't too impressed. But I decided to buy it anyway. It was great! The artwork was excellent, some of the best I've seen. The wording was great, too. I didn't have any trouble telling who was talking. And the background information was great, too. I knew what was going on. It was a good adventure.

Well, you know what they say: "You can't judge a book by its cover." Make that a comic book, in this case.

Anyhow, I think you all have nothing to worry about, it was excellent!

Alex Martin
Tallahassee, FL

P.S. Keep up the great work!!!

We're not worried, Alex, we're happy that you wrote. Your comments definitely concern us, and we're glad to get 'em. Thanks for your support!

Dear Voyager,

I am inspired by your great comic, THE LEGEND OF ZELDA! It takes a great imagination to make up stories about an adventurer who risks his life killing Stalfos, and Molblins, and all the rest

of Ganon's foes just to save the land of Hyrule and the Triforce.

I think "The Legend of Zelda" and the "Adventures of Link" are both great Nintendo games! Are you coming out with a Zelda 3?

Timur Declapiers
New York, NY

"Just" to save Hyrule and the Triforce??? Princess Zelda might have an argument with you about that wording, Timur—that's her fate you're talking about!

Dear Link,

I am a big fan of yours, and I love playing The Legend of Zelda. I think you should make a Zelda 3. And, you should make it a two-player game.

But, Link, I've got a problem. My sister likes to play Zelda. And when she does, she keeps on continuing her game and I don't get a chance to play. What should I do? Please write back.

Jackie LaGrow
Detroit, MI

P.S. I think you should know that I really like you A LOT.

Two requests for a Zelda 3 game, in just one column!? Hm. Could this be the start of a trend? In fact, Zelda 3 is in development right now, and we'll be announcing its estimated time of arrival very soon.

Now, about your sister... Have you tried asking her to share the game? How about begging? You could al-

ways try a special trick tactic, like carrying the game cartridge with you everywhere—but remember, you may be risking all-out family warfare! So far, we still think Fast Eddie's dad has the best solution...

Dear Voyager/Nintendo Comics,
I just finished reading the first issue of THE LEGEND OF ZELDA. It was great!

Here are some of my questions: what and where is Link's homeland? Does Link have any brothers, or sisters? Why did Zelda want the magic flute?

And, can you put in a page where you print letters from kids like me, and answer their questions?

Monty Congdon
Fairfield, IA

1) Link is from Calatia; you'll find its direction marked on the map of Hyrule printed in issue #1. 2) So far, no brothers or sisters have been seen—but that doesn't mean there aren't any. 3) The magic flute transports whoever blows it far away, and Zelda wanted to go far away. 4) YES!!

Send your letters to:

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