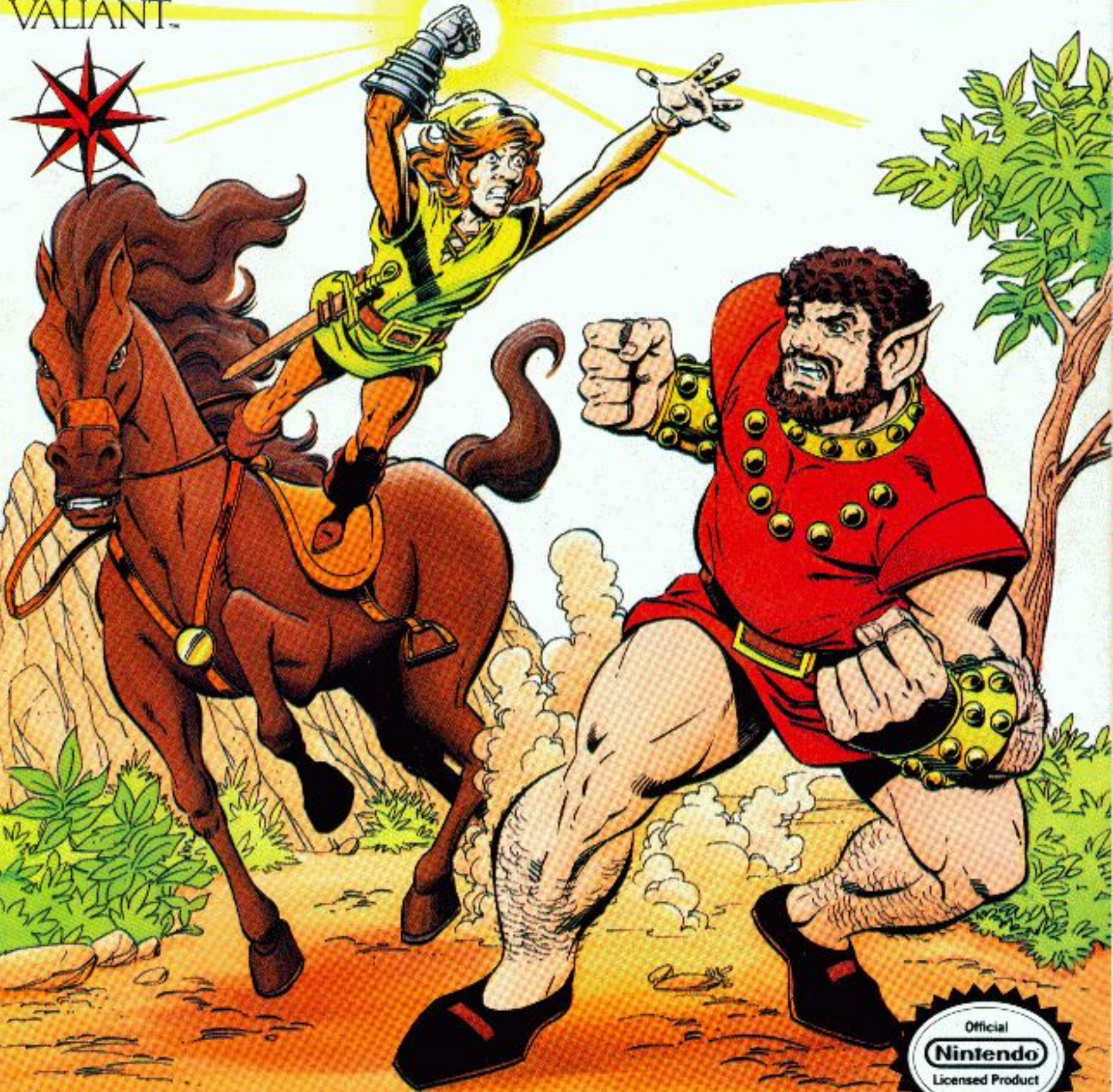


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ONE MORNING AT THE EAST GATE OF ZELDA'S NORTH PALACE...

THIEF IN THE NIGHT



ZELDA, MEET MY BUDDY BAGU, THE STRONGEST MAN IN HYRULE! HE'S COME ALL THE WAY FROM THE MORUGE FOREST TO VISIT US! ON MY SECOND ADVENTURE AGAINST GANON, BAGU HELPED ME CROSS THE SARIA RIVER!



C-CHARMED, I'M S-SURE...

ZELDA?! LINK'S TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU! I'M HAPPY AS A WELL-FED OCTOROK TO FINALLY MEET MY LITTLE BUDDY'S GIRLFRIEND!



LINK TOLD YOU I WAS HIS GIRLFRIEND--?!

ER... LET'S GO INSIDE, BAGU! YOU MUST BE HUNGRY!

OH, BOY! FOOD!



LATER THAT NIGHT...

HA! HA! HA! YOU'RE A REGULAR RIOT, LINK!

BAGU! REMEMBER THE TIME WE--



DO YOU TWO MIND KEEPING THE NOISE DOWN? SOME PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO SLEEP!

THIS ZELDA IS NO SHY VIOLET, IS SHE?

WELL, SHE'S A PRINCESS. SHE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE TIMID. ANYWAY... I THINK SHE'S ...WELL... I'D DO ANYTHING FOR HER!

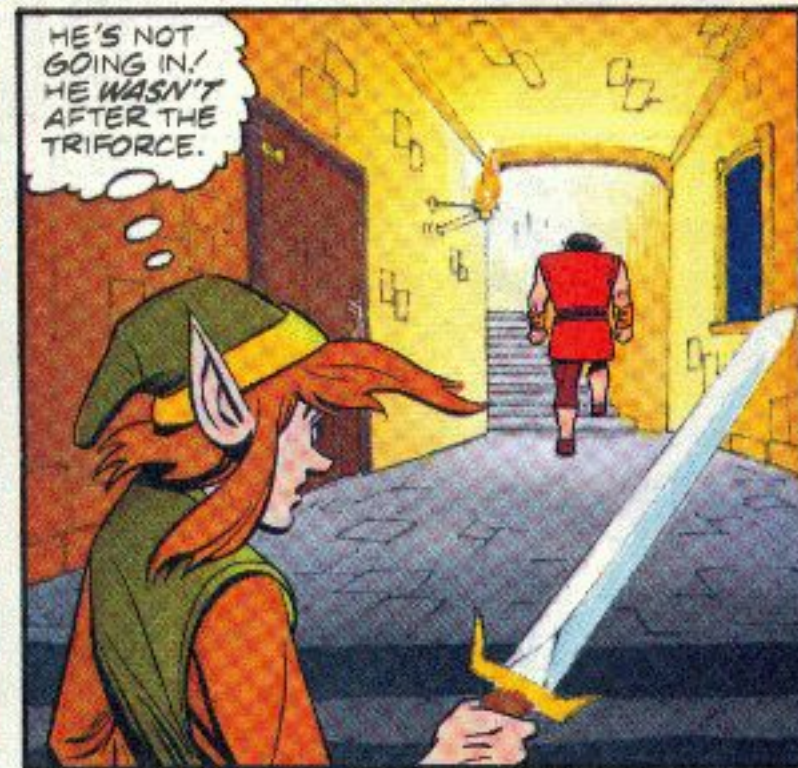


SAY, WHERE ARE LANGHORNE AND CALAVERAS-- THOSE TWO FROGS THAT ALWAYS FOLLOW YOU AROUND?

I...ER... DECIDED TO LEAVE THEM AT HOME.

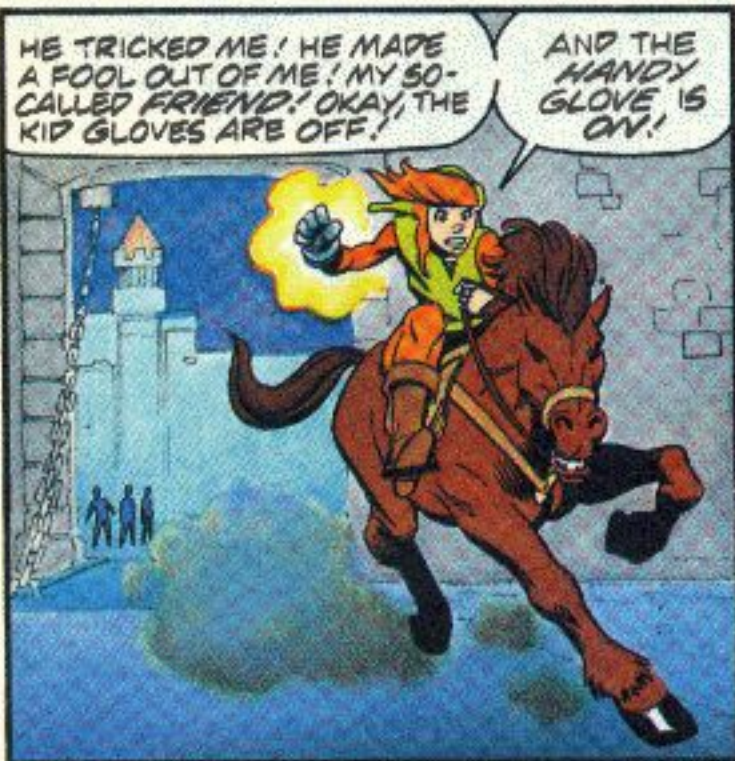














THE TRIFORCE SEGMENT! HAND IT OVER!

I DON'T HAVE IT!



I GAVE IT TO GANON, I HAD TO. HE'S HOLDING MY FROGS FOR RANSOM!

THUD



WHY DIDN'T YOU STEAL THE TRIFORCE BEFORE?

BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME. YOU'RE LOUSY AT BEING SNEAKY!

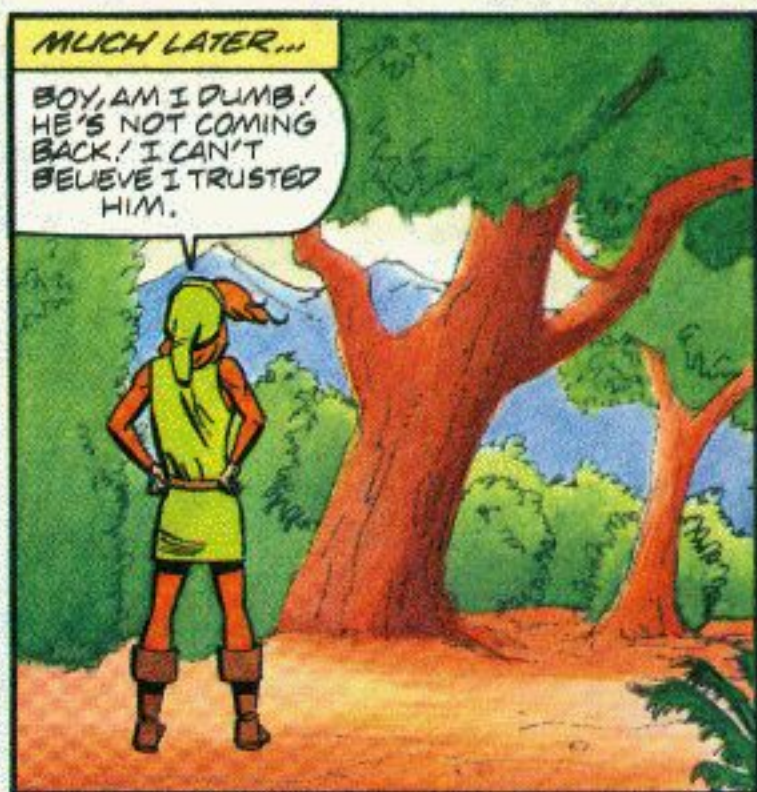


GANON TOLD ME TO BRING THE REST OF THE TRIFORCE, OR ELSE! WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THE TRIFORCE, ANYWAY? GANON SAYS IT'S JUST A BIG JEWEL. THE PRINCESS HAS PLENTY OF JEWELS! SHE WON'T MISS IT!



YOU BIG DUMB JERK! GANON IS THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS! HE'S A BLACK-HEARTED VILLAIN! IF YOU BROUGHT HIM THE REST OF THE TRIFORCE, HE'D HAVE THE POWER TO TAKE OVER HYRULE AND DESTROY US ALL!





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 DEATH MOUNTAIN AREA OF SOUTHWEST HYRULE. NOT THE BEST PLACE TO TRAVEL ALONE.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

GANON WILL REWARD US WELL FOR CAPTURING THIS WOMAN!



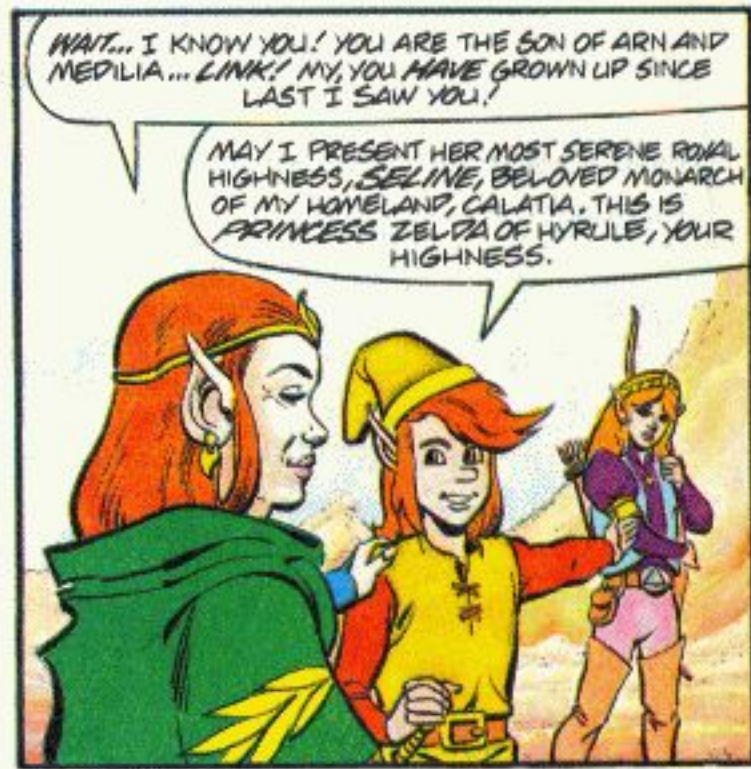
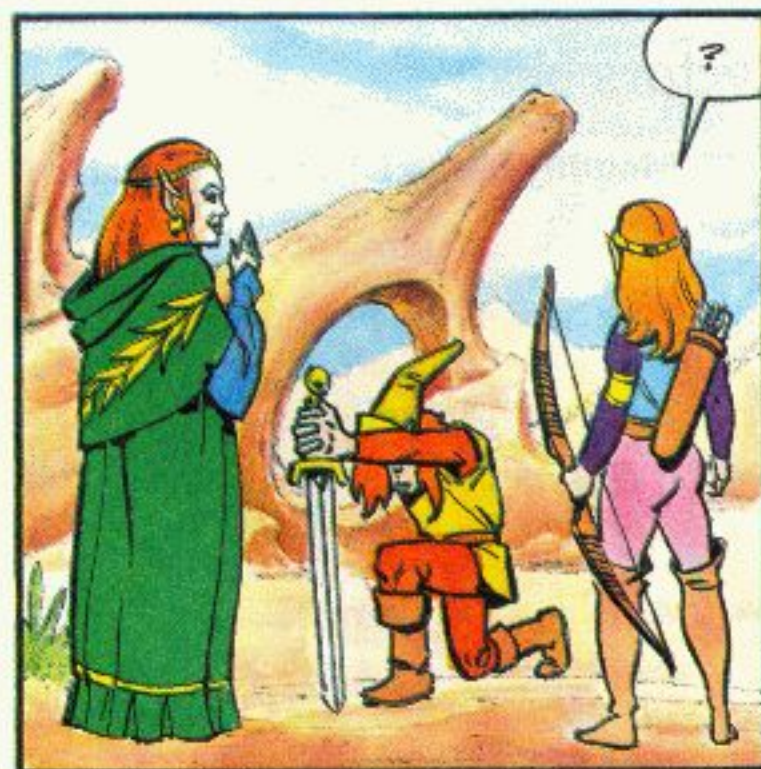
THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY!

HEY! WATCH IT, LINK!

SORRY, ZELDA! WHEN I SEE THESE CREEPS, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

KICK SOME TAIL!







YOUR, MAJESTY... WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR MAGIC SPELLS TO DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST GANON'S CREATURES?

SOME WEEKS AGO, MY POWERS DISAPPEARED. MY SEARCH TO REGAIN THEM LED ME HERE.



IF YOU FEEL UP TO IT, SELINE, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FATHER, THE KING...

THANK YOU, ZELDA, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.



HARKINIAN!

SELINE...?

SELINE!



IT'S BEEN... SIXTEEN YEARS! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT! NO... YOU'RE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL!

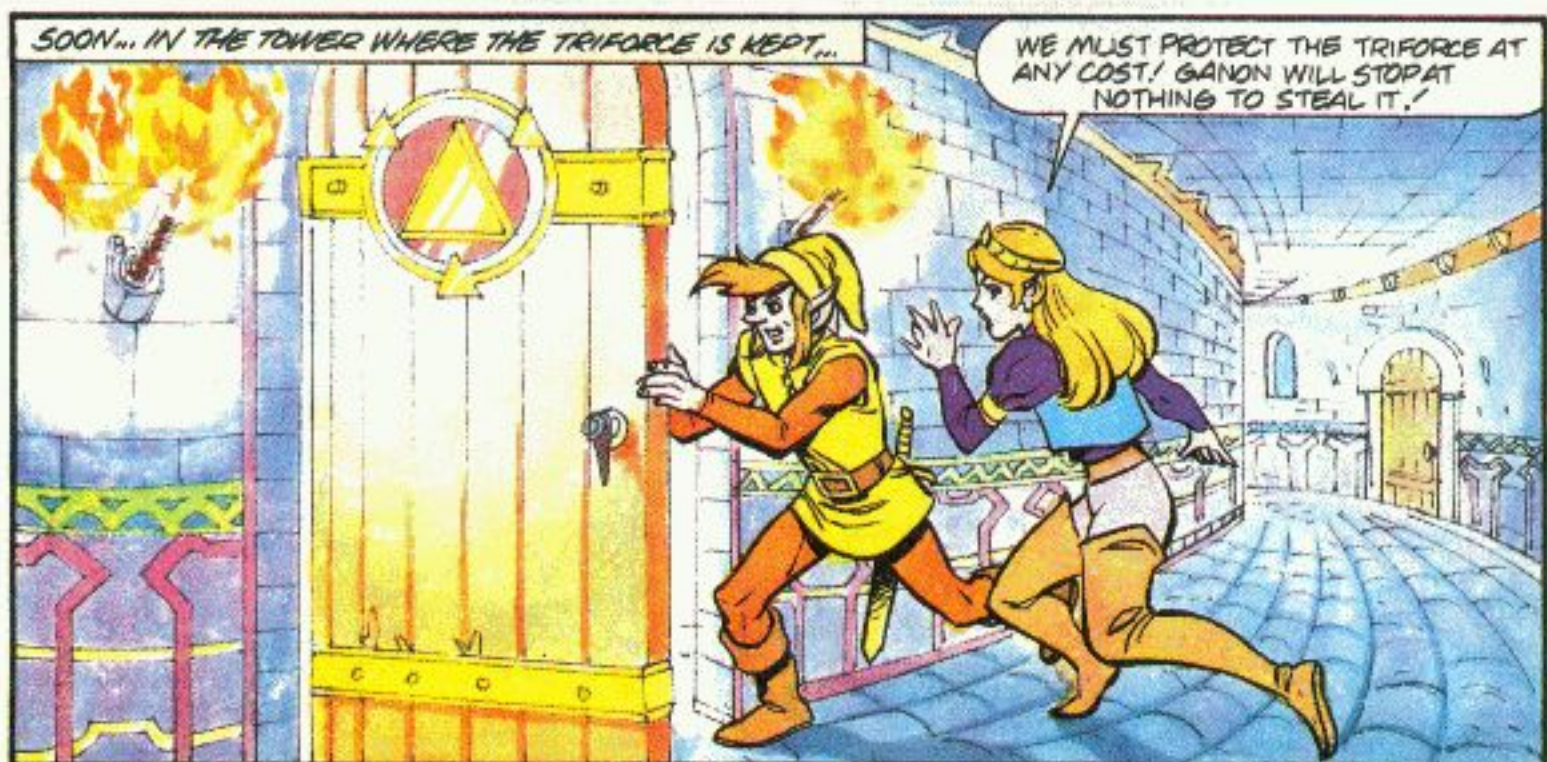
AND YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER, YOU FLATTERER!

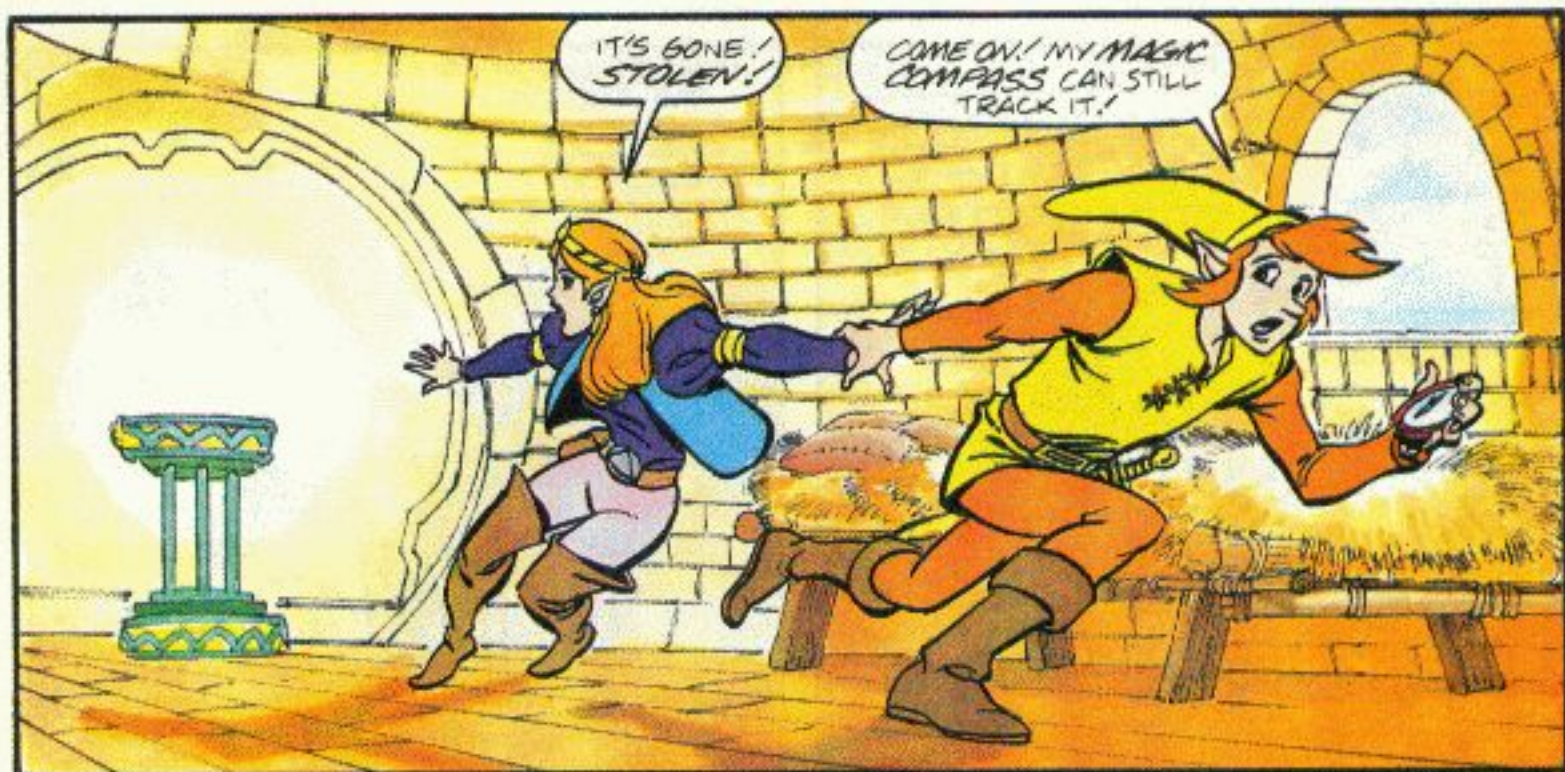


THE NEXT DAY...

FATHER? ARE YOU READY? TODAY'S THE DAY YOU PROMISED TO HELP ME CHOOSE A DRESS FOR THE ROYAL BALL ON MY BIRTHDAY!

OH... CAN'T THAT WAIT, DARLING? I'M SPENDING THE DAY WITH SELINE. IT'S BEEN SIXTEEN YEARS, YOU KNOW! SO MUCH TO CATCH UP ON!





IT'S GONE! STOLEN!

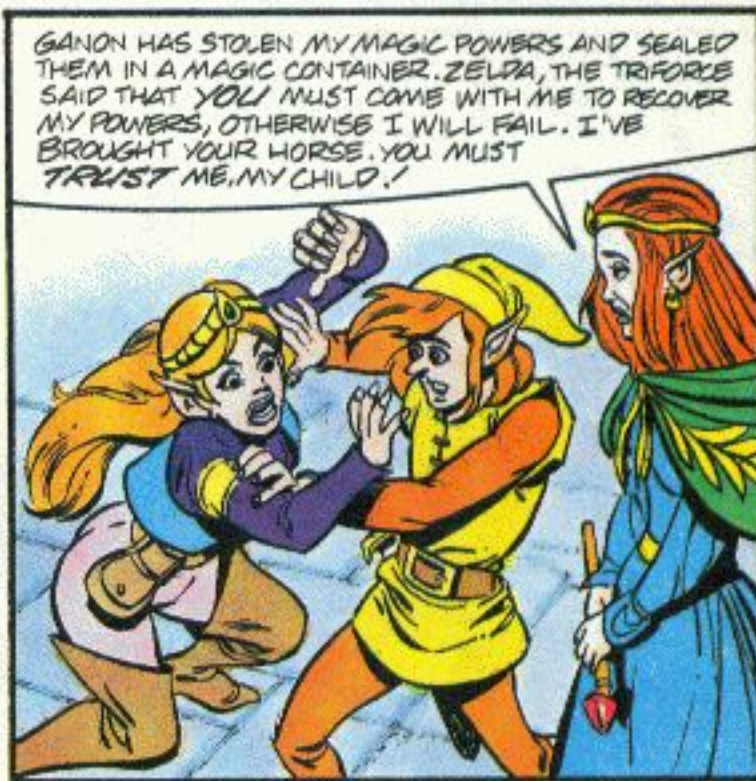
COME ON! MY MAGIC COMPASS CAN STILL TRACK IT!



MOMENTS LATER IN THE COURT-YARD...

SELINE! I KNEW IT! YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD COME IN HERE, TRICK US INTO TRUSTING YOU AND THEN, WHILE WE WERE DEFENDING THE PALACE, YOU'D STEAL THE TRIFORCE FROM UNDER OUR NOSES!

I AM NOT STEALING THE TRIFORCE. I CAME TO HYRULE TO SEEK ITS WISDOM.



GANON HAS STOLEN MY MAGIC POWERS AND SEALED THEM IN A MAGIC CONTAINER. ZELDA, THE TRIFORCE SAID THAT YOU MUST COME WITH ME TO RECOVER MY POWERS, OTHERWISE I WILL FAIL. I'VE BROUGHT YOUR HORSE. YOU MUST TRUST ME, MY CHILD!

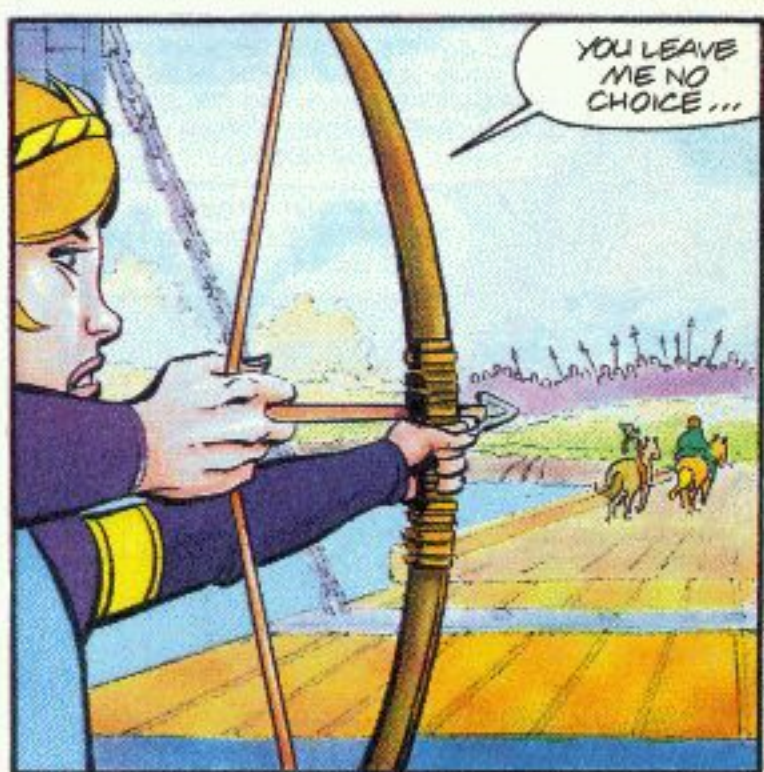


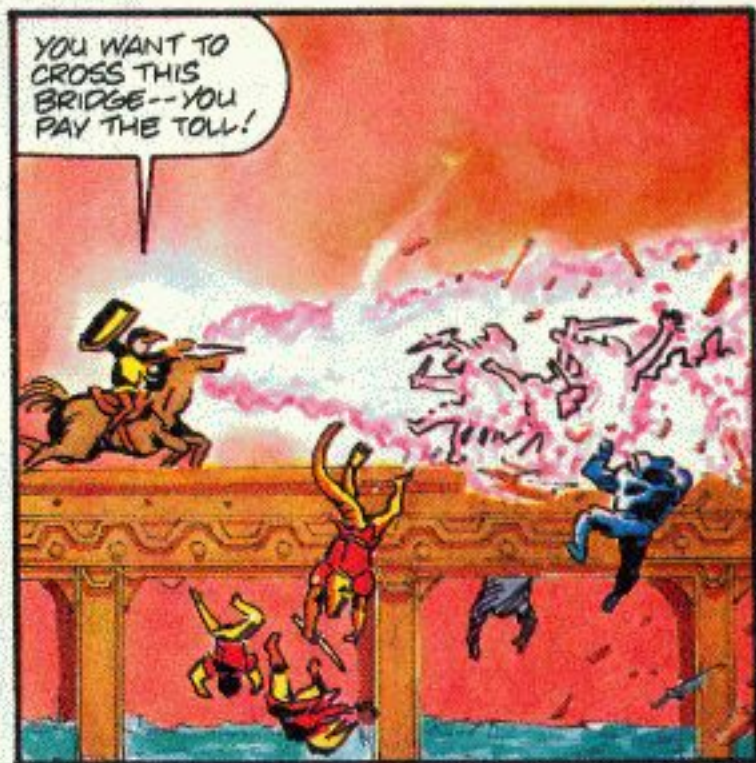
I'M NOT YOUR CHILD! YOU MUST THINK I'M SOME KIND OF IDIOT! YOU EXPECT ME TO TRUST YOU, AFTER YOU STOLE THE TRIFORCE?

GANON'S ARMY IS PURSUING ME! HE'LL USE ME TO TAKE OVER CALATIA. ONCE HE CONTROLS CALATIA AND ITS VITAL MOUNTAIN PASSES, HE'LL USE CALATIA TO TAKE OVER HYRULE!



I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL! IF ONLY I'D DONE ALL THIS SOONER! BUT, WHEN I SAW HARKINIAN AND ZELDA AFTER ALL THESE YEARS... MY HEART MADE ME FORGET MY DUTY! I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T HARM ANYTHING TO SPEND A FEW PRECIOUS MOMENTS WITH THEM!





LATER, IN A MYSTERIOUS CAVE TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE NORTH PALACE...

THE MAGIC CONTAINER IS THE KEY--! IF WE CAN BREAK IT OPEN, MY POWERS WILL RETURN!

DESTROY HIM, HE'S ONLY ONE MAN!





WHAT? WHO DARES?



GET AWAY FROM MY FRIENDS, YOU CREEP!



AH! MY POWERS HAVE RETURNED!

NOW THEN, LITTLE WIZARD... IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEARN ABOUT REAL MAGIC.



XOXEAW!



HUH? WHERE DID ALL THESE FROGS COME FROM?

THAT WAS INCREDIBLE! YOU'RE... WONDERFUL!

SO ARE YOU ZELDA... SO ARE YOU.

RIBBIT

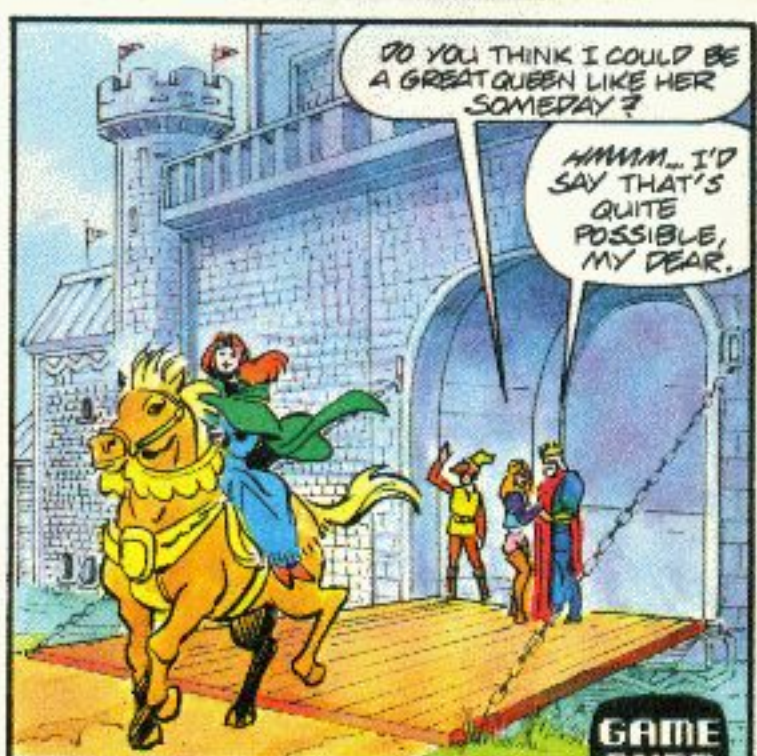
RIBBIT

CROAK!

RIBBIT!

BURP!

RIBBIT!



GAME OVER

IMPA'S INFO



AWW... DO I HAVE TO DO THIS, IMPA? I WANT TO GO FIGHT SOME BATTLES!

PAY ATTENTION, LINK! I CAN TEACH YOU MUCH FROM THESE, THE TAPES-TRIES OF WISDOM!



MANY BRAVE WARRIORS HAVE FOUGHT THE FORCES OF EVIL IN HYRULE.!

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT!



BUT THEY FAILED TO BUILD UP THEIR LEVELS OF ATTACK, LIFE, AND MAGIC BEFORE FACING THE ULTIMATE EVIL!

LINK THE MIGHTY IS SURROUNDED BY LEGIONS OF BAD GUYS! AH-HA! TAKE THAT, VILLAINS! AND THAT!



THAT IS WHY THEIR QUESTS WERE DOOMED! YOU, LINK, MUST PLAN YOUR EVERY MOVE! ACT WITH THE GREATEST CARE!

LINK DOES NOT HESITATE-- HE CUTS THROUGH ENEMY LINES!



THANKS FOR THE TIPS, IMPA! LOOK OUT, GANON, HERE I COME!

ON THE OTHER HAND... PERHAPS EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER.

:(SIGH):

GAME OVER

The Adventurer LINK



THE ELDEST SON OF ARN AND MEDILIA, YOUNG LINK GREW UP IN THE KINGDOM OF CALATIA, WEST OF HYRULE. AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, LINK DISPLAYED A TALENT FOR SWORDPLAY AND A THIRST FOR ADVENTURE.



IN ADDITION TO HIS GREAT STRENGTH, STAMINA AND TOUGHNESS...



LINK POSSESSES A VARIETY OF WEAPONS HE HAS COLLECTED IN HIS ADVENTURES. THESE WEAPONS CAN BE REDUCED TO A TINY SIZE AND STORED IN LINK'S MAGIC POUCH.



LINK'S MAGIC SWORD IS AN ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE WEAPON, BOTH IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT--AND AT A DISTANCE.



YET, OF ALL LINK'S QUALITIES, HIS GREATEST ASSET IS HIS UNMATCHED COURAGE THAT ENABLES HIM TO FACE ANY CHALLENGE, NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS!



Dear Editor,

I like Nintendo and I have a friend who does, too. His name is Jake. I have Zelda games both one and two. We love to play them.

How did Ganon make all of the enemies? Why does Ganon have a pig face?

I like how you draw the Wizzrobes.

Sam MacArthur
Keflauik, Iceland

So far, no one has come forward to explain just where Ganon's minions originated. Perhaps it will be revealed in time.

We do know that when the Triforce of Power is possessed alone, it can have strange physical effects. That's the danger of using power without wisdom... as Link discovered in the last issue! Take a look, and many of your questions will be answered, Sam.

Dear Nintendo People,

I've been thinking of a new Nintendo game. It would be called the Legend of Zelda 4, and Zelda would have to save Link.

Justin Klieman
Honolulu, HI

Good idea. But maybe we should work on producing the Zelda 3 game first...

Dear Zelda and Company,

I loved issue #2! I liked the part where Ganon got washed away by the water from the dam ["Trust Me"]. I also liked it when Wizzrobe was thrown into the hole

and fell in front of Ganon ["To the First Power"].

I like your books. I'm just glad you came out with Zelda comics!

Michael E. Osborne
Grassy Creek, NC

And we like your comments, Michael. Thanks for writing!

Dear Fellow Hyrulians,

Why does Zelda refuse to admit she likes Link? It is a mystery to me, because I'm sure Link would be glad to hear it. I am also curious about when Link was growing up... how he became so good at swordplay, etc.

The Legend of Zelda is my favorite of any comic you can name. My only problem is that they don't get to comic stores for a long time. Once I was only about a yard into the store when the guy at the counter said, "They're not here yet."

Get my point? I'm seriously considering a subscription. I think if I missed an issue, I would just flop onto my bed and CRY!!! Or maybe even more drastic measures.

Thank you so much for starting this comic.

Terry Gonzales
Roseville, CA

"Seriously considering"? We think it's time to take action! Isn't that what Link or Zelda would do??

In fact, there is a subscription ad in this very issue. Using it may solve your difficulties!

LETTERS

Dear VALIANT,

Your Legend of Zelda comics are the best. I liked #3, when Link was turned into Ganon. I also like the Secrets of the Triforce.

I had been wondering where the Triforce of Courage was. Then I read your comic book and found out it dwells in Link's heart.

Ryan Mullen
El Paso, TX

Glad we were able to clear that up for you, Ryan. Keep in mind, though, that the Triforges can bring evil, instead of good, if misused! That by itself is a good reason to keep an eye on all the doings in Hyrule, don't you think?

Dear Voyager,

HEY, DUDES AND DU-
DETTES!

I wrote once before, but feel the need to write again. Your comic, The Legend of Zelda is a *totally excellent* series! It's hard to find a decent comic book lately.

I love the way Link looks at life. Carefree, and always adventurous. Zelda, however, has a slight attitude problem. Does she have to be so mean to Link?

Link is totally cool. He has a great attitude, he's sweet, and he's not one of those guys who pull the 'one liner' bit. His love for Zelda is undying, and I noticed he truly cares for her deeply. I know Zelda *does* care for him. But duty comes first.

About the comic, I have an idea for a story. Why not have some mysterious girlfriend from Link's

past suddenly show up? She could pose as a threat to Link's relationship with Zelda, but also secretly be working for Ganon! Anyway, she steals the triforce, and Link must choose between his heart, or his duty as Hyrule's hero and protector. Long letter, huh?

I just want you folks to understand I *really, really, really* love The Legend of Zelda.

Can you and would you use my idea for a possible story? I would *love* to see how Zelda would react to having another woman touching her territory (Link).

Keep up the TOTALLY RAD ART AND STORIES!

Lesslie Johnson
Princeton, IL

P.S. Does Link have any brothers or sisters? Man, if so, introduce them!! They, like Link, would be a total hit!

(Tell Zelda to take her eyes off Captain Krin and put 'em on Link!!)

Good story idea, Lesslie. And, you never know. Perhaps it could happen — particularly since no one seems to know very much yet about Link's background. But, we're always interested to find out!

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