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# The Legend of ZELDA

THERE IS A SPECIAL ROOM IN THE HIGHEST TOWER OF ZELDA'S NORTH PALACE. NORMALLY, THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM IS KEPT HERE. AND NORMALLY, THE ADVENTURER LINK LIVES HERE TO GUARD IT. THIS DAY, HOWEVER, BOTH OF THEM ARE ABSENT.

IMPA!  
THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM...!  
IT'S GONE!

YES, ZELDA!  
THE DAY HAS COME...

## THE DAY OF THE TRIFORCE

ONCE EACH DECADE, PRINCESS, ALL THREE TRIFORCES-- WISDOM, POWER, AND COURAGE-- DISAPPEAR FROM HYRULE FOR ONE DAY, FROM DAWN TO DUSK!

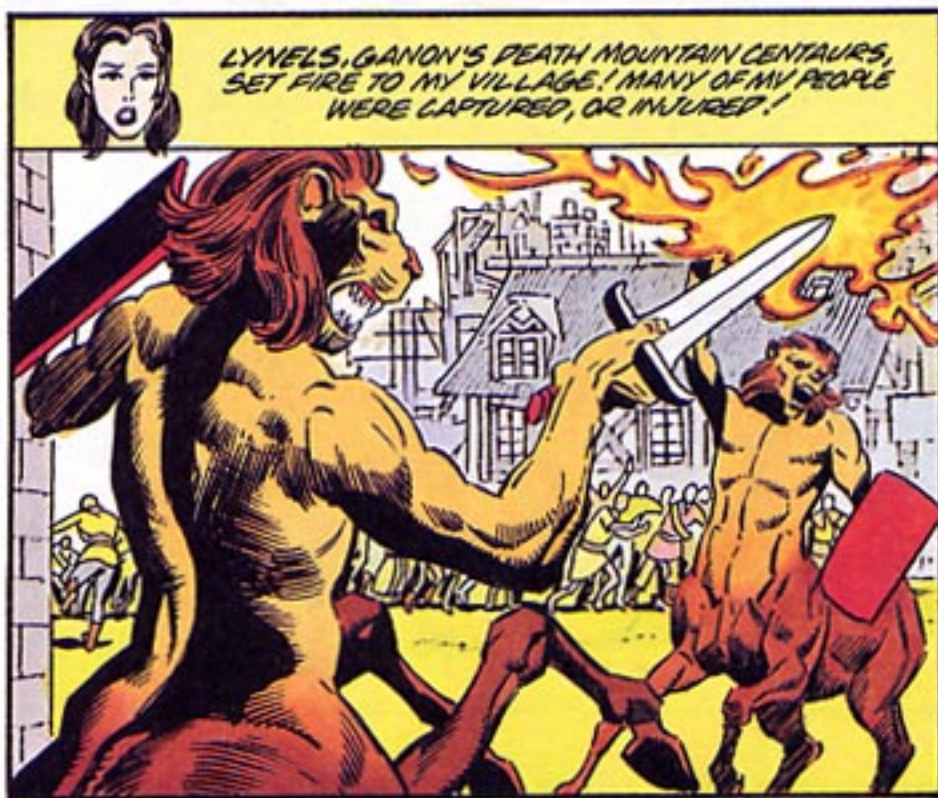
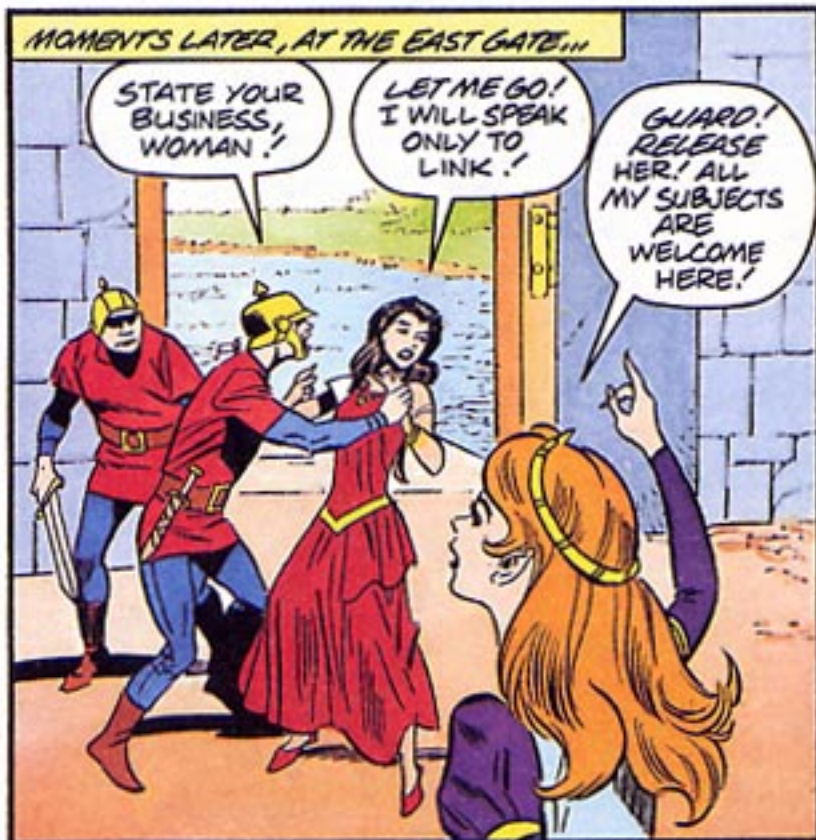
WITH THE TRIFORCE MISSING AND LINK AWAY VISITING TO HIS HOMETOWN OF CALATIA, WE ARE DEFENSELESS!

RELAX, IMPA... IT'S NOT AS BAD AS ALL THAT.

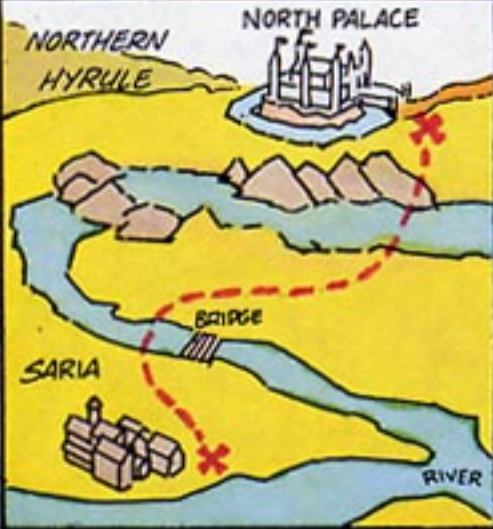
IF ALL THREE TRIFORCES ARE GONE, THEN THE EVIL WIZARD GANON IS BEREFT OF THE TRIFORCE OF POWER. HE WILL NOT ATTACK US WITHOUT IT. LOOK UPON TODAY AS A RARE DAY OF...PEACE.

HMM... WHAT'S THIS?

LET ME GO!

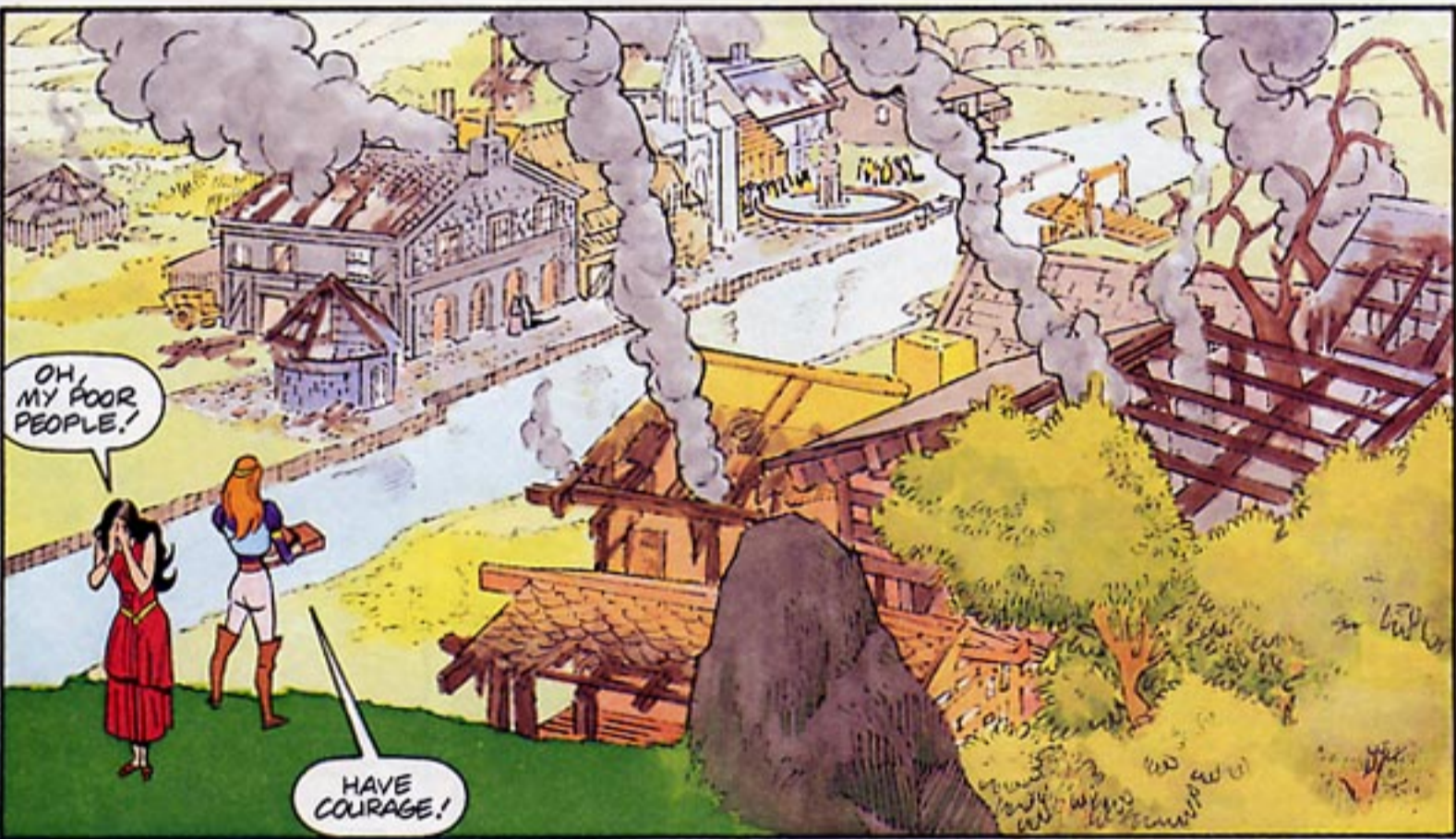


MINUTES LATER, AS ZELDA AND THE HEALER CASSIOPA USE THE POWER BRACELET AND THE UNDERGROUND MAGIC SHORT-CUT TO REACH SARIA QUICKLY...



THEY SOON EMERGE ON A HILL OVERLOOKING SARIA.

HURRY, PRINCESS! I FEAR WE ARE TOO LATE!

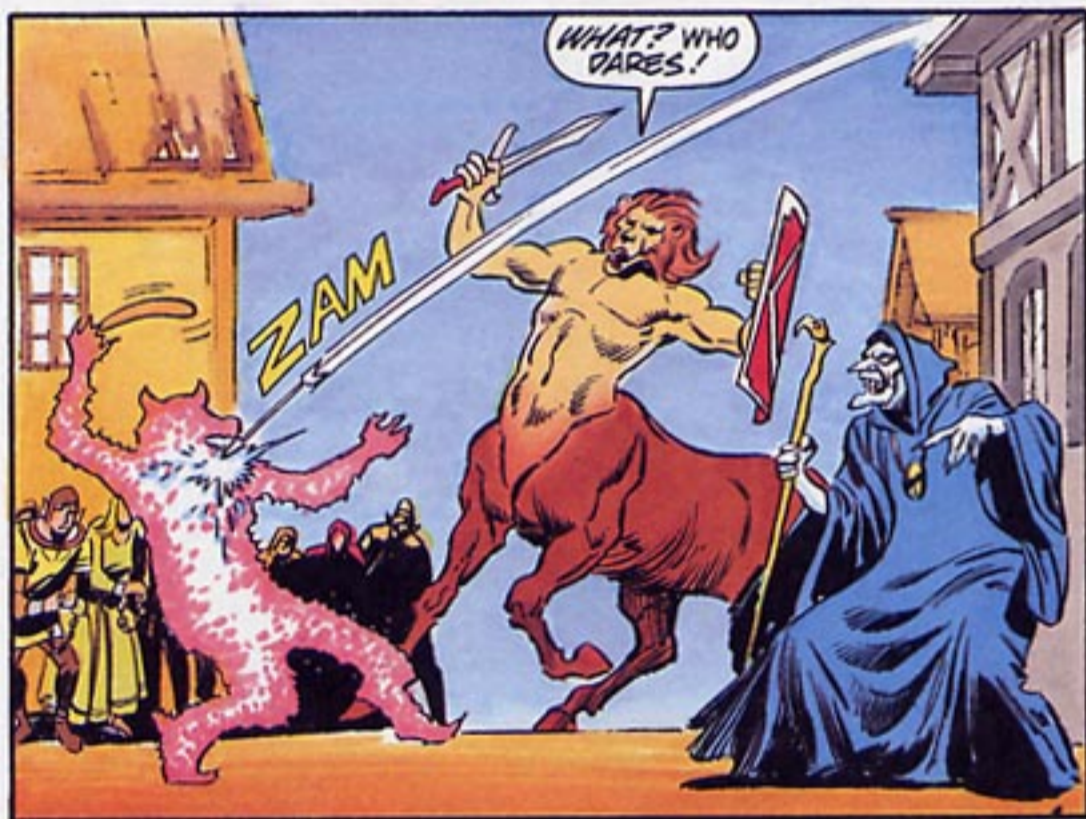


AND FOLLOW ME! WE MUST EITHER FREE YOUR PEOPLE...

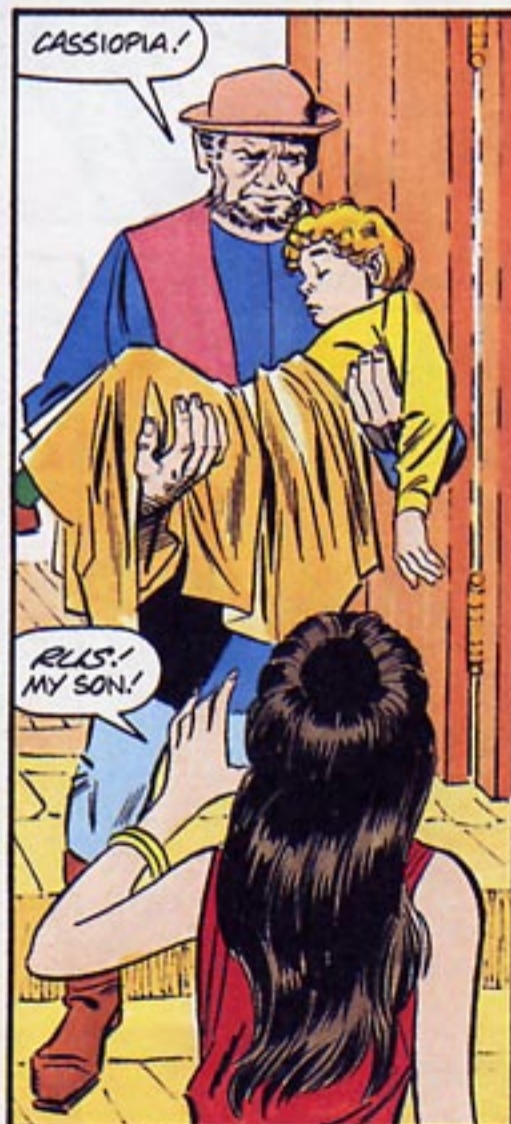
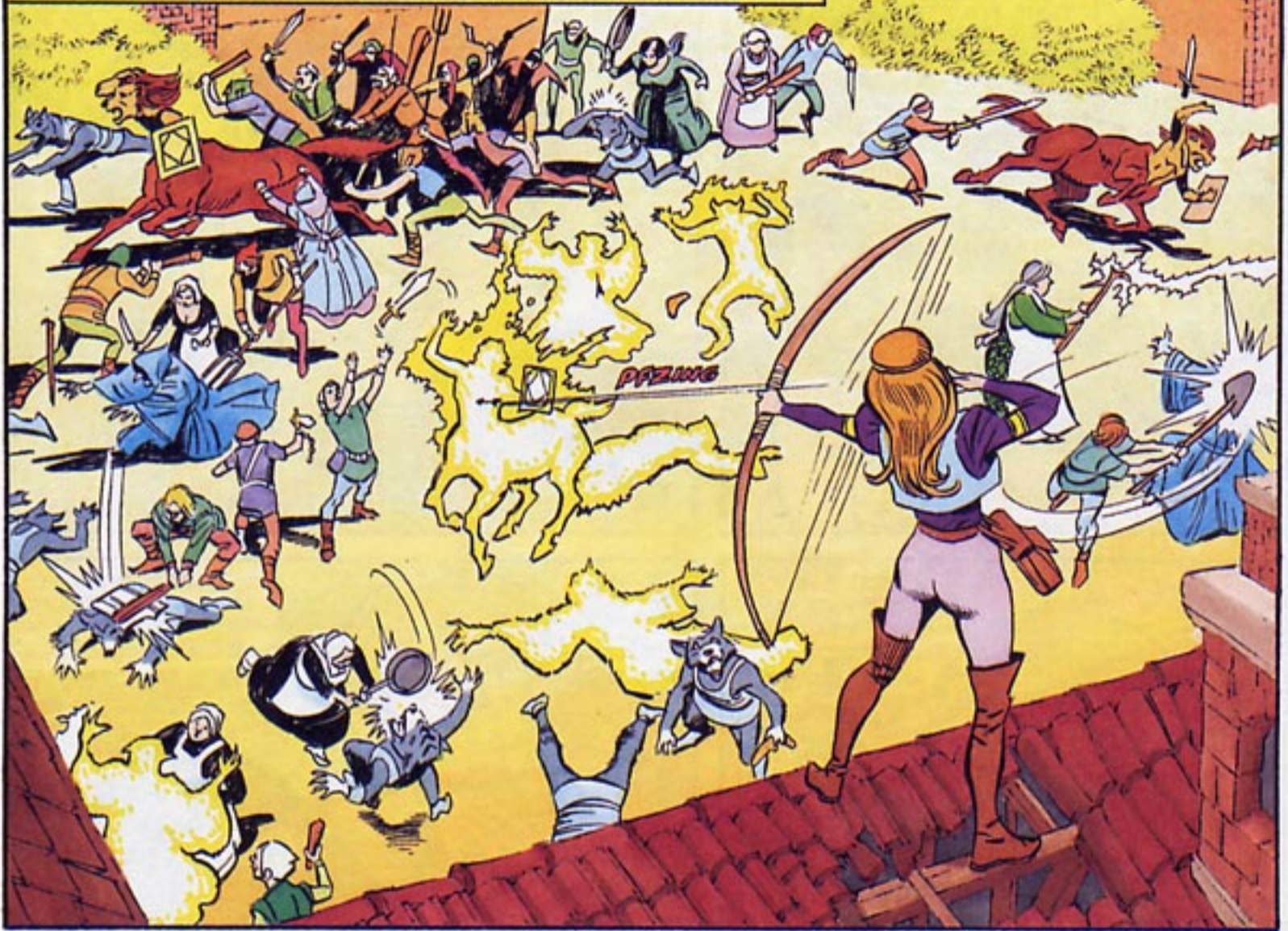


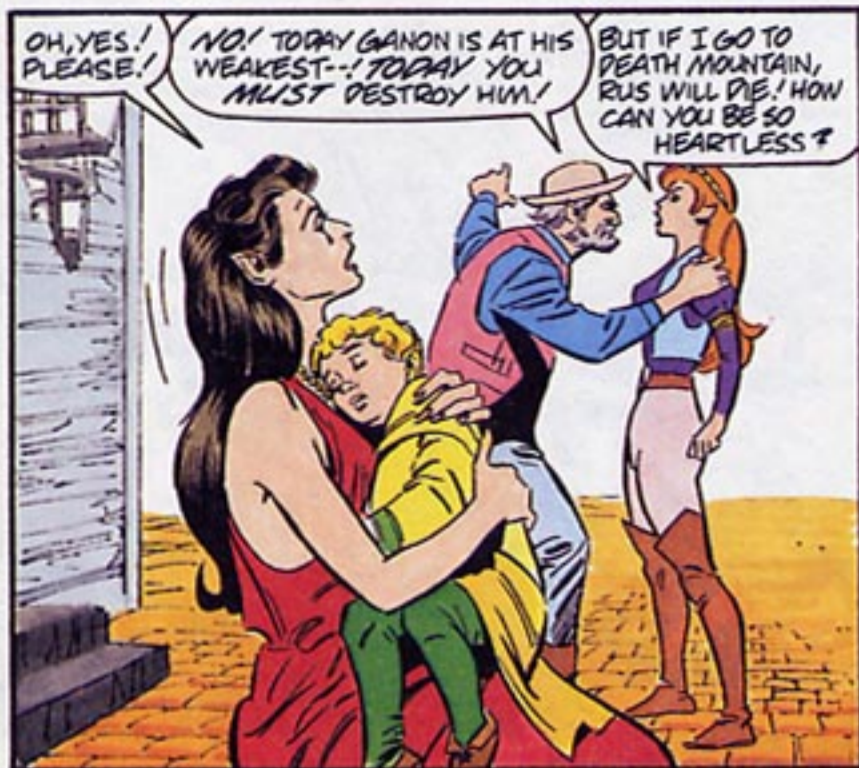
...OR AVENGE THEM!





AIDED BY THE DEADLY ACCURATE SNIPER FIRE FROM ZELDA'S COMMANDING POSITION, THE TOWNSPEOPLE USE EVERY AVAILABLE WEAPON TO QUICKLY TURN THE TABLES ON THEIR FORMER MASTERS!





AS ZELDA MAKES HER WAY DEEP INTO DEATH MOUNTAIN LABYRINTH, INTO THE VERY LAIR OF THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS...



**GANON!**

ZELDA! ARMED WITH THE SILVER ARROW!



THE TRIFORCE OF POWER HAS LEFT YOU! THIS IS THE PAY YOU PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES, MONSTER!

WITH YOUR VILLAGES IN FLAMES, HAVE YOU NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN TROUBLE ME?



THE BURNING OF SARIA WAS MEANT TO DISTRACT ME? YOU ARE A FOOL, GANON!

HELP!  
HELP!

WHAT'S THAT? A CRY FOR HELP! SURELY YOU CANNOT IGNORE SOME INNOCENT IN DANGER!



CURSE YOU, GANON!



THIS ISN'T OVER YET!

HA HA  
HA HA!



HA HA  
HA HA!

GANON CLOSED THE SHUTTER BEHIND ME! I CAN WORK MY WAY BACK IN THROUGH ALL THOSE OTHER ROOMS, BUT IT'LL TAKE HOURS!



FAIRY MAKE GOOD SNACK!

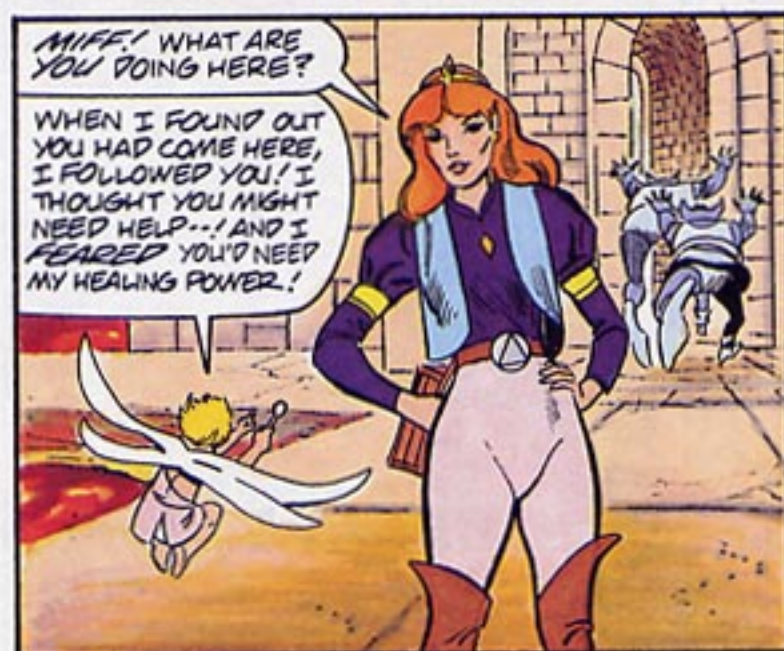
NOT ENOUGH FOR TWO! GET LOST!

HELP!

LET HER GO!

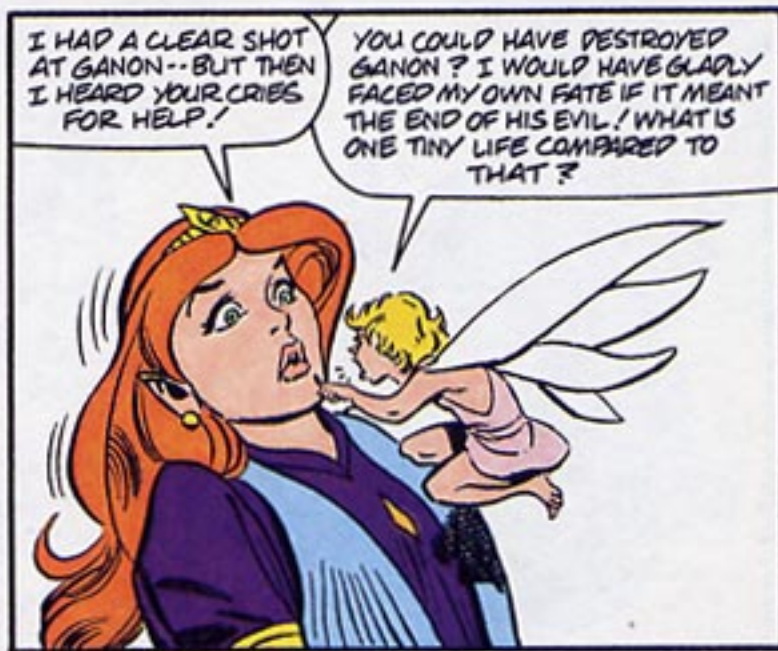


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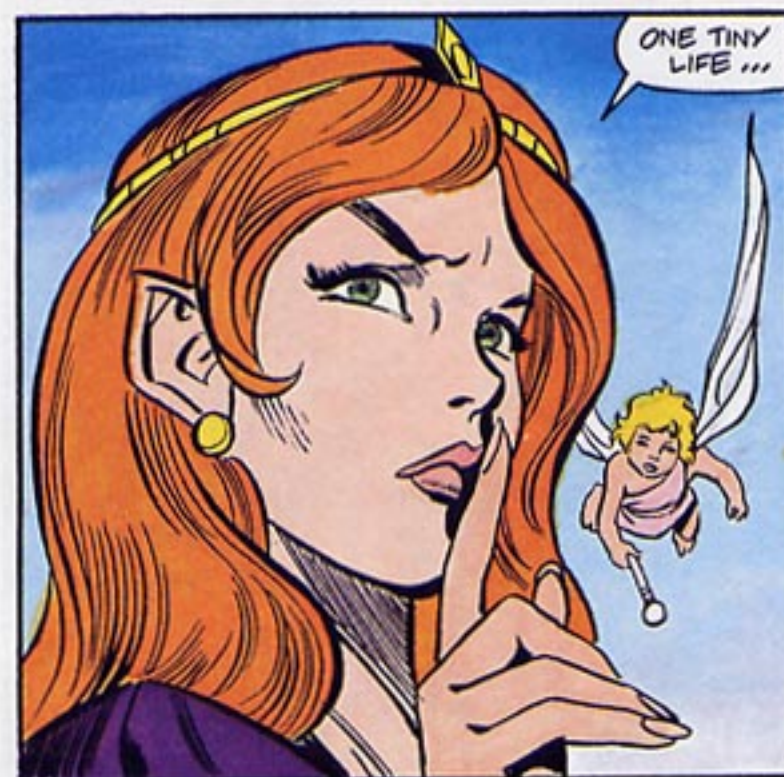
MIFF! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU HAD COME HERE, I FOLLOWED YOU! I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED HELP...! AND I FEARED YOU'D NEED MY HEALING POWER!



I HAD A CLEAR SHOT AT GANON-- BUT THEN I HEARD YOUR CRIES FOR HELP!

YOU COULD HAVE DESTROYED GANON? I WOULD HAVE GLADLY FACED MY OWN FATE IF IT MEANT THE END OF HIS EVIL! WHAT IS ONE TINY LIFE COMPARED TO THAT?



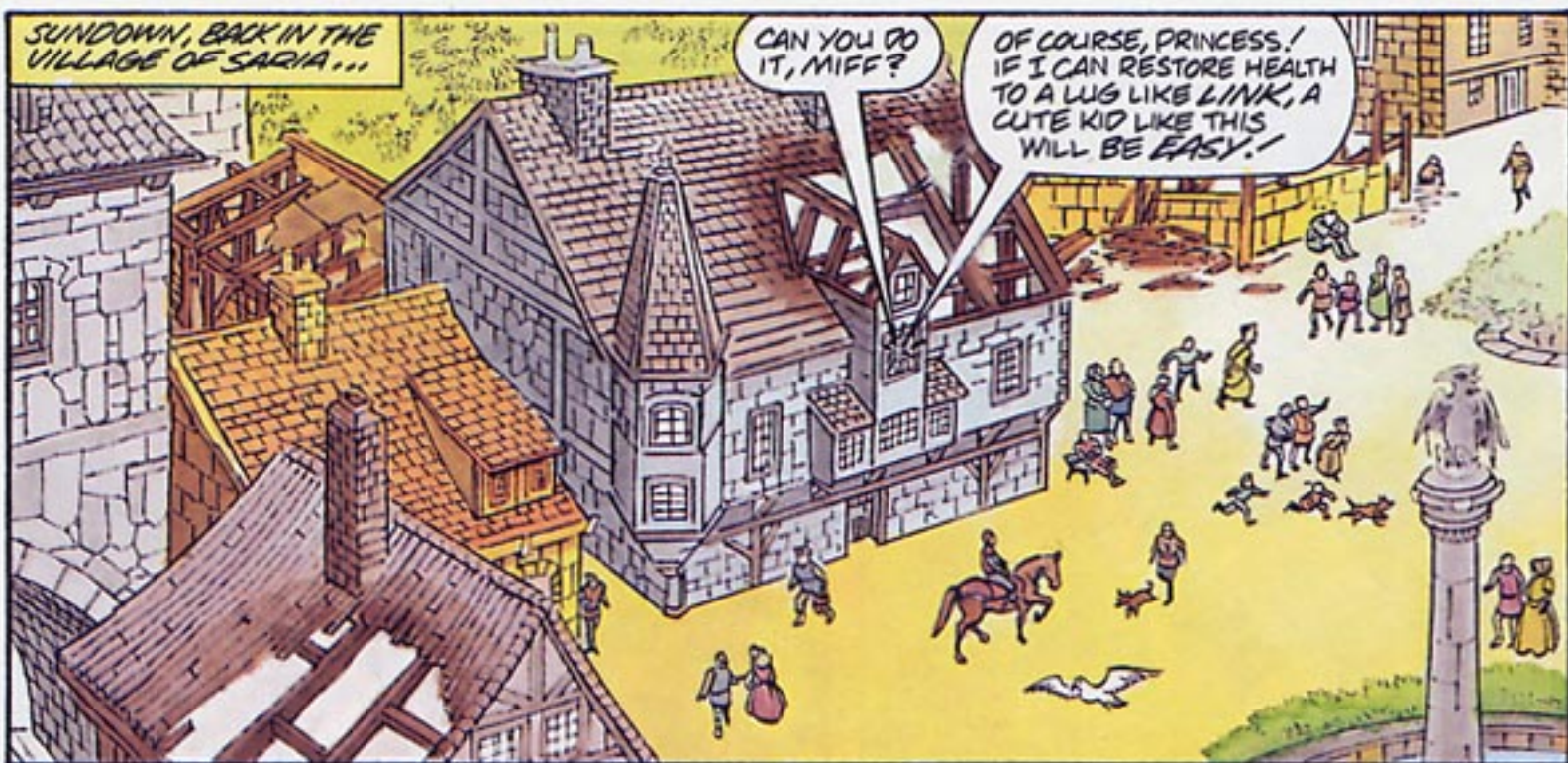
ONE TINY LIFE ...



WHERE ARE WE GOING? GANON IS THAT WAY!

VENGEANCE IS THAT WAY... MERCY IS THIS WAY! THERE IS ANOTHER TINY LIFE YET TO SAVE-- AND WE SHALL SAVE IT, THOUGH ALL THE HORDES OF DARKNESS BAR THE WAY!





SUNDOWN, BACK IN THE VILLAGE OF SARIA...

CAN YOU DO IT, MIFF?

OF COURSE, PRINCESS! IF I CAN RESTORE HEALTH TO A LUG LIKE LINK, A CUTE KID LIKE THIS WILL BE EASY!



INSIDE...

I... THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY SON'S LIFE, PRINCESS. BUT I FEAR GANON HAS WON!

THE DAY WE ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE AN INNOCENT LIFE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST EVIL... THAT IS THE PAY GANON HAS WON.



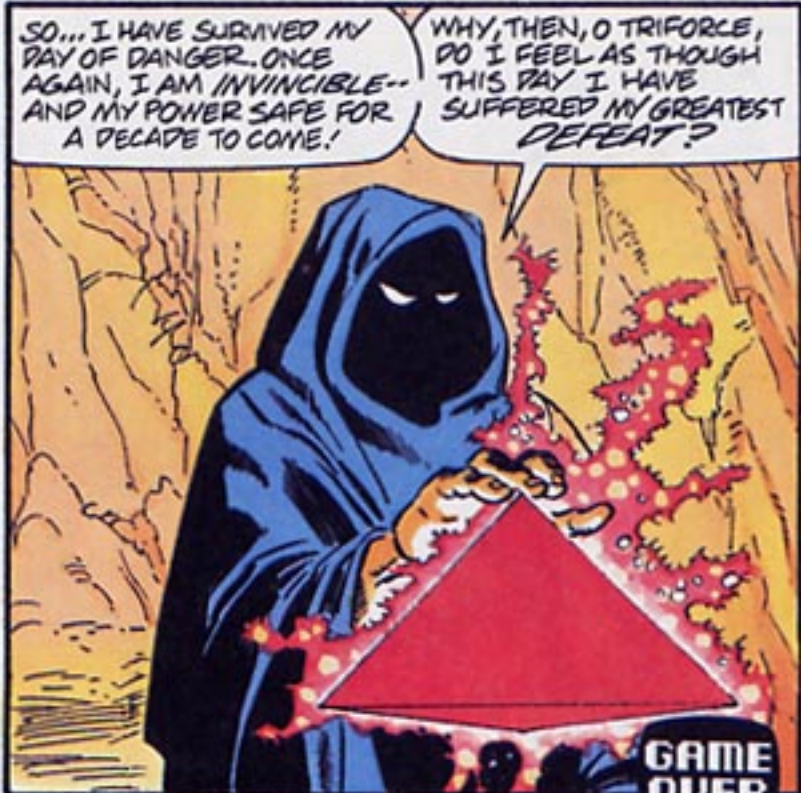
AND THE NEXT TIME GANON'S HORDES ATTACK?

AFTER THE WAY YOU FOUGHT TODAY, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE TROUBLE WITH THOSE CREATURES AGAIN.



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HALLS OF DEATH MOUNTAIN...

THE TRIFORCE OF POWER HAS RETURNED TO ME!



SO... I HAVE SURVIVED MY PAY OF DANGER. ONCE AGAIN, I AM INVINCIBLE-- AND MY POWER SAFE FOR A DECADE TO COME!

WHY, THEN, O TRIFORCE, DO I FEEL AS THOUGH THIS PAY I HAVE SUFFERED MY GREATEST DEFEAT?

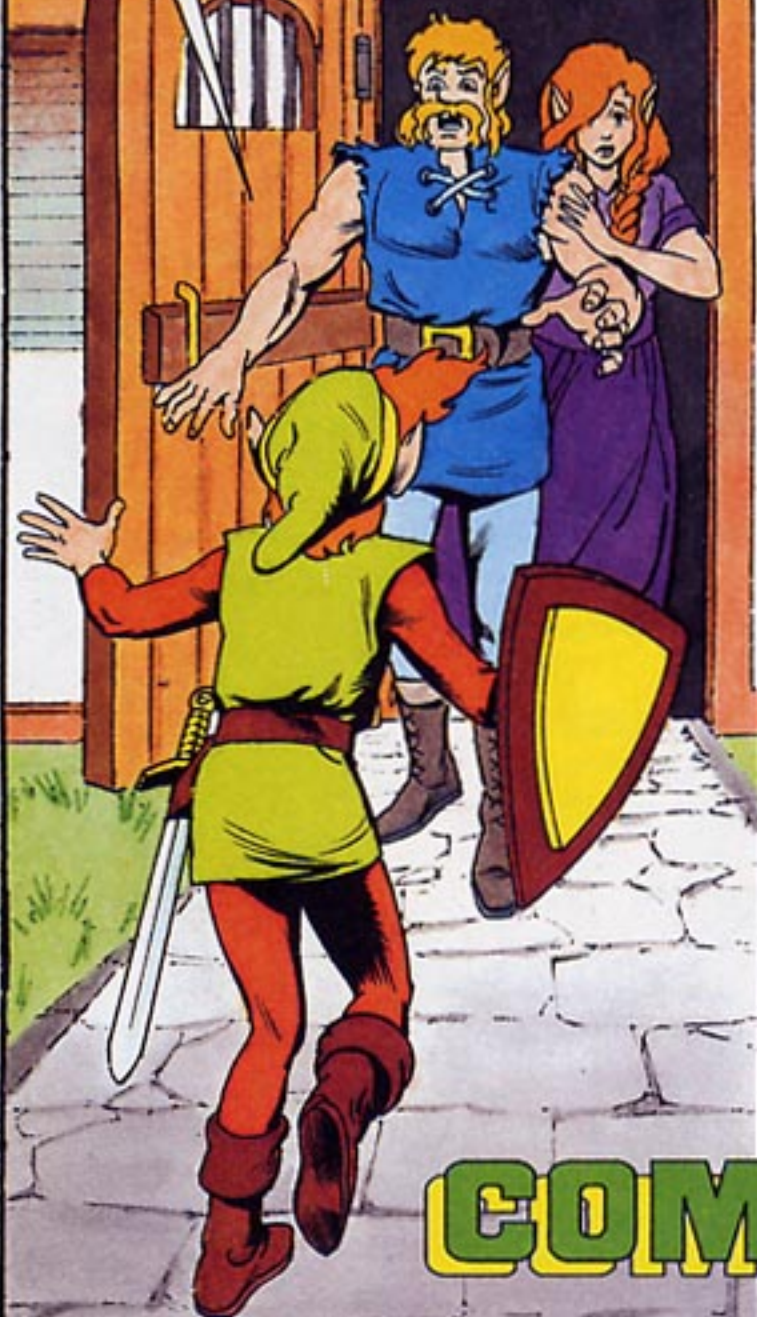
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AFTER MANY LONG QUESTS AND ADVENTURES IN HYRULE, LINK AT LAST RETURNS TO VISIT HIS HOMETOWN, CALATHIA--THE KINGDOM TO THE WEST OF HYRULE, AND THE HOUSE OF HIS PARENTS, ARN AND MEFILIA.

MOM! DAD!  
I'M HOME!



# WHAMMO

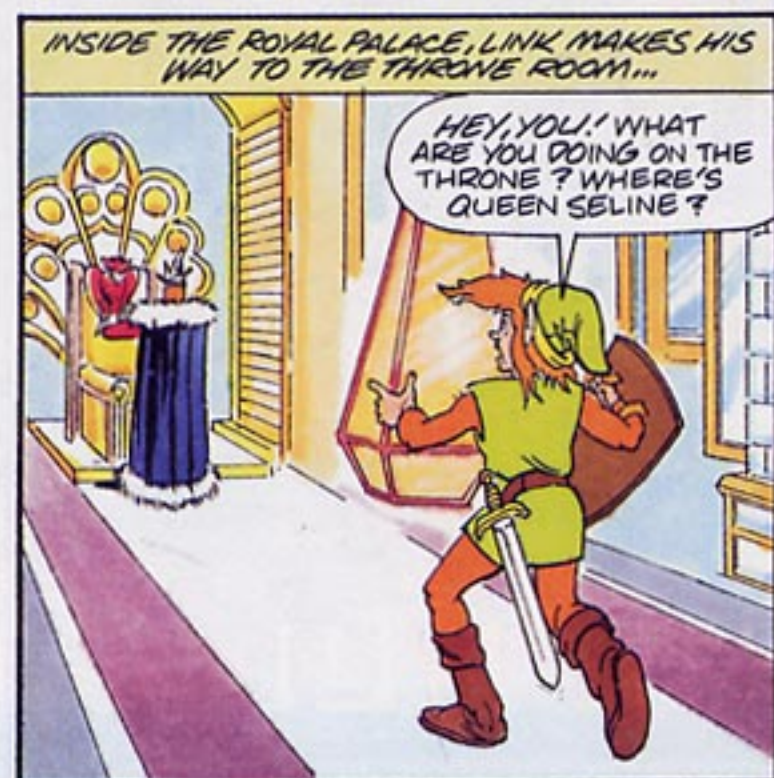
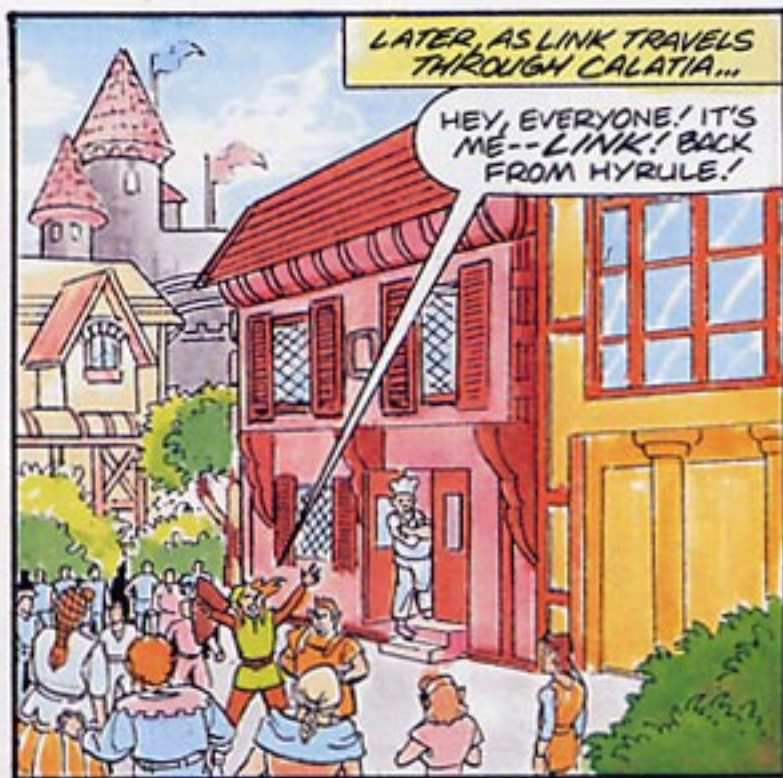
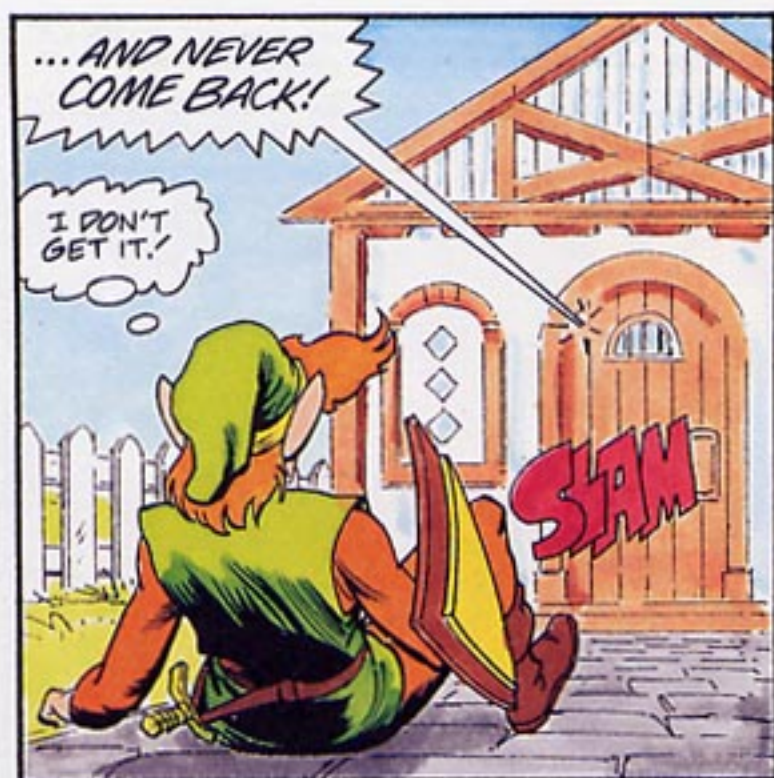
YOU'RE  
NO SON OF  
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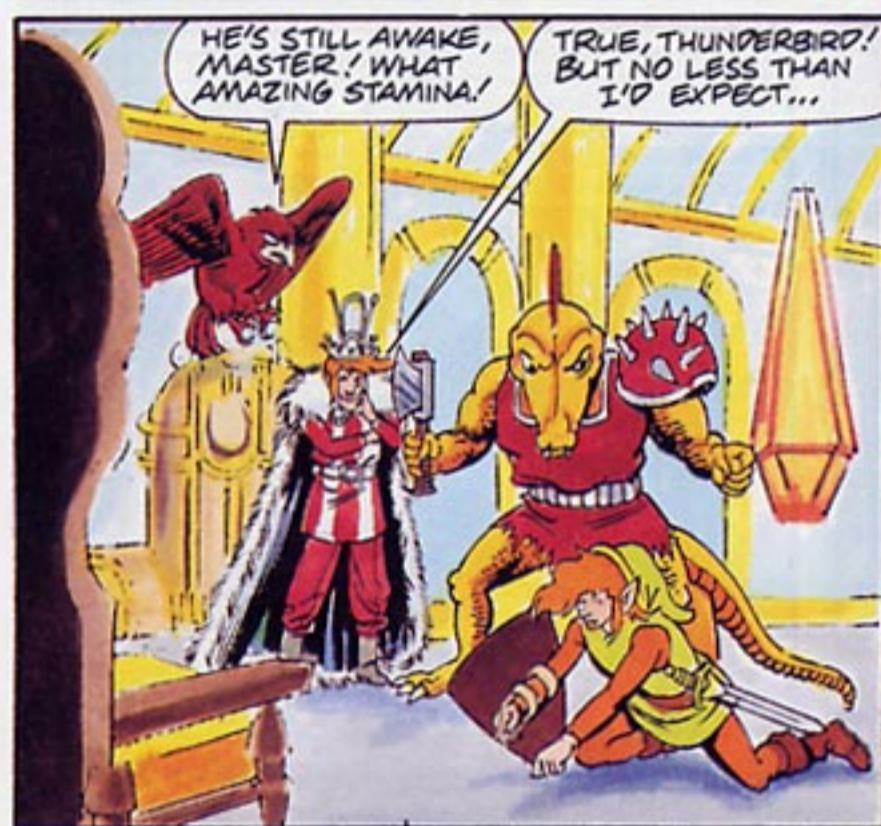
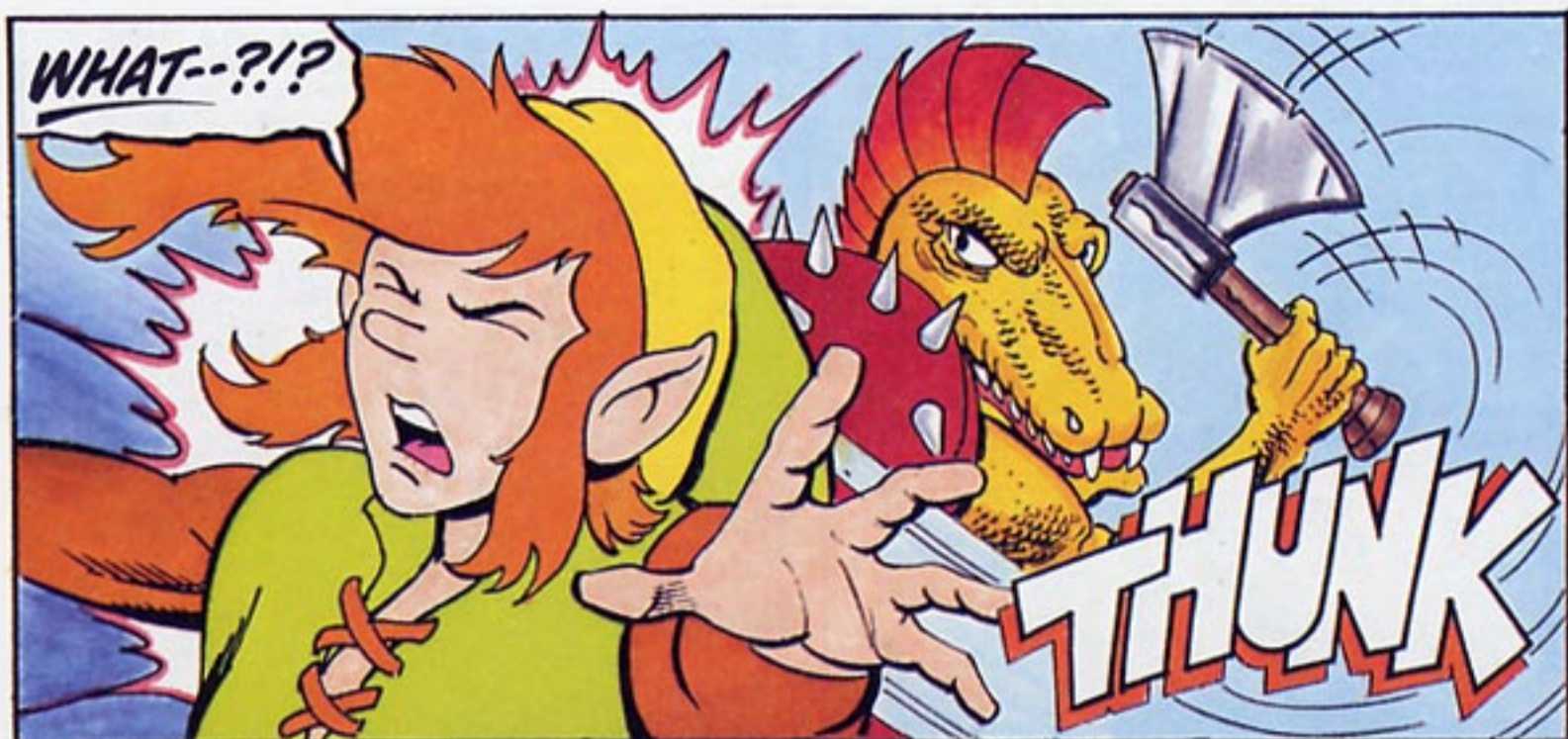
GET OUT!  
GET OUT OF  
HERE!

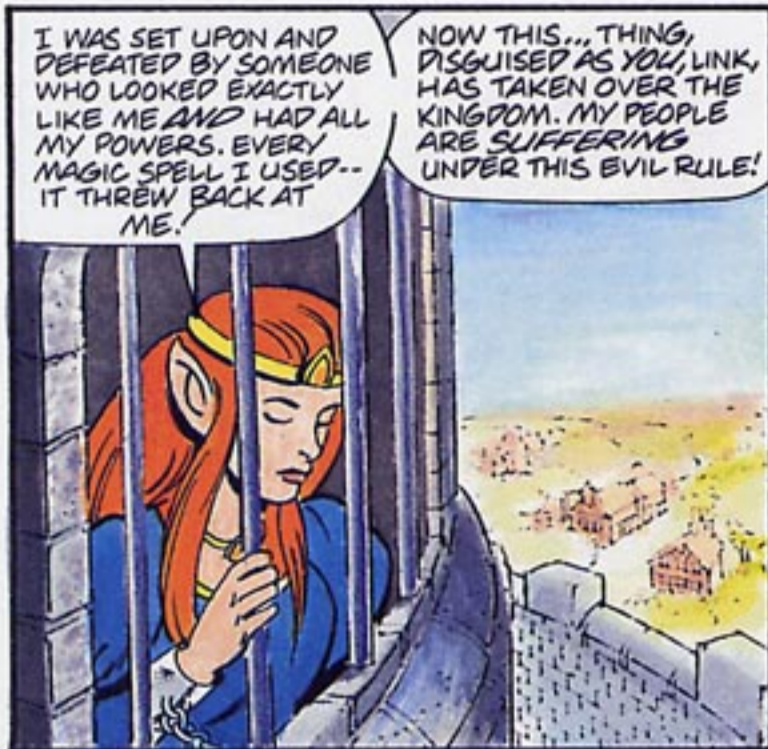


UHN!

## COMING HOME







I WAS SET UPON AND DEFEATED BY SOMEONE WHO LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE ME AND HAD ALL MY POWERS. EVERY MAGIC SPELL I USED-- IT THREW BACK AT ME!

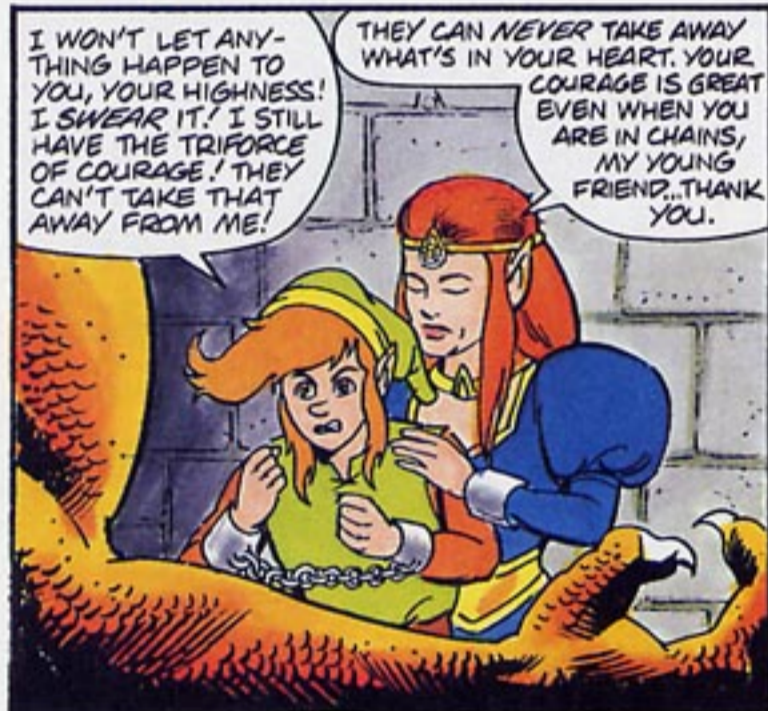
NOW THIS... THING, DISGUISED AS YOU, LINK, HAS TAKEN OVER THE KINGDOM. MY PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING UNDER THIS EVIL RULE!



I KNOW. AND EVERYONE THINKS I'M A BAD GUY! MY OWN PARENTS HATE ME! WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE, YOUR MAJESTY!

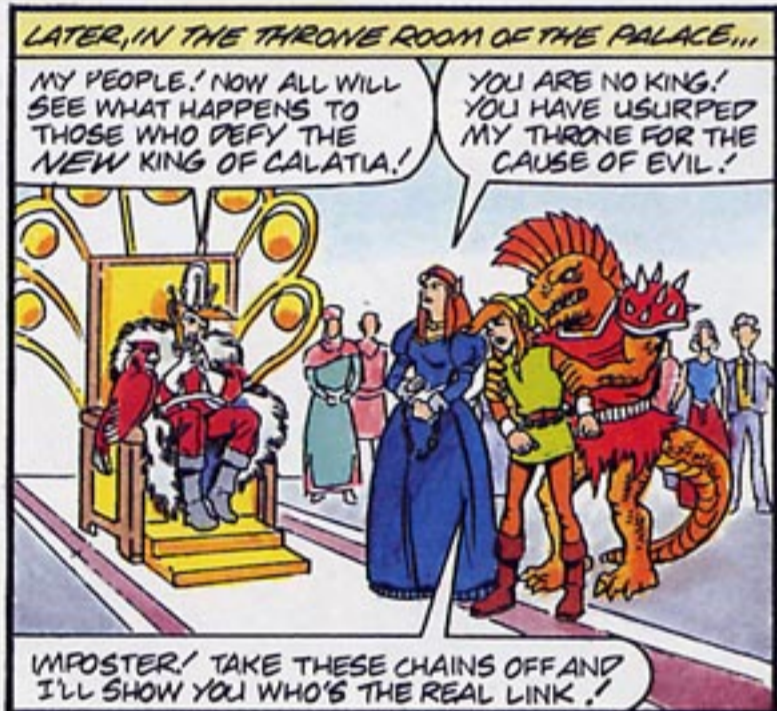
IMPOSSIBLE. THESE CHAINS TAKE AWAY MY MAGIC POWERS, JUST AS THEY TAKE AWAY YOUR STRENGTH!

PRISONERS! FOLLOW ME! NOW!



I WON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS! I SWEAR IT! I STILL HAVE THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE! THEY CAN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME!

THEY CAN NEVER TAKE AWAY WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART. YOUR COURAGE IS GREAT EVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN CHAINS, MY YOUNG FRIEND... THANK YOU.



LATER, IN THE THRONE ROOM OF THE PALACE...

MY PEOPLE! NOW ALL WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DEFEY THE NEW KING OF CALATIA!

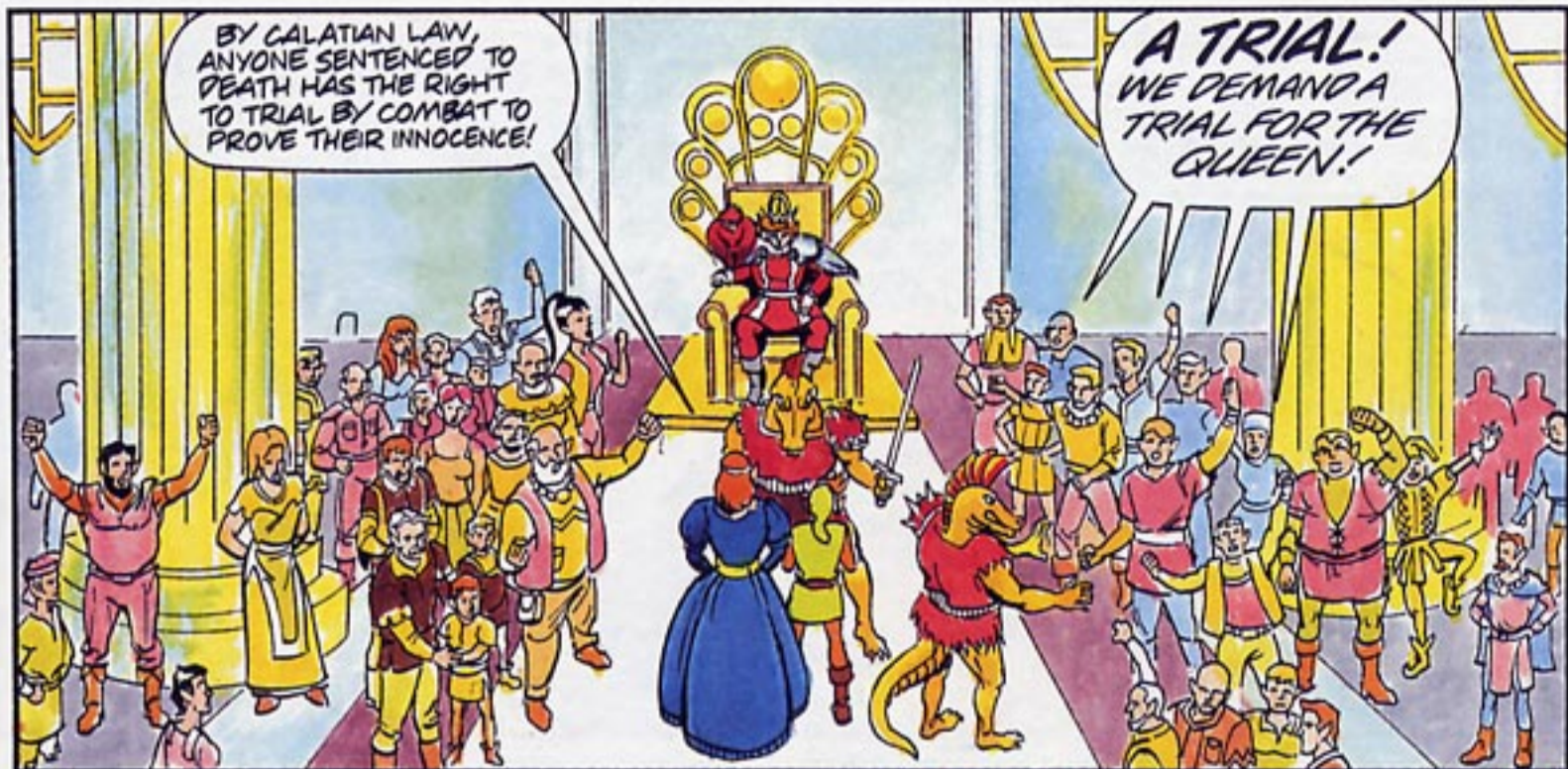
YOU ARE NO KING! YOU HAVE USURPED MY THRONE FOR THE CAUSE OF EVIL!

IMPOSTER! TAKE THESE CHAINS OFF AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S THE REAL LINK!



SILENCE! I AM THE KING! YOU HAVE COMMITTED TREASON AGAINST ME! THERE CAN BE BUT ONE PENALTY! EXECUTIONER! STAND FORTH!

HOLD FAST! I, QUEEN SELINE, DEMAND MY RIGHT OF LIFE TRIAL!



BY CALATIAN LAW, ANYONE SENTENCED TO DEATH HAS THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY COMBAT TO PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE!

A TRIAL! WE DEMAND A TRIAL FOR THE QUEEN!



MASTER... THE PEOPLE ARE RESTLESS. IS IT WISE TO LET THEM SEE THIS?

I BEAT HER ONCE ALREADY, AND SHE'S ALREADY BEEN SEVERELY WEAKENED BY THE CHAINS! WHAT BETTER WAY TO CRUSH THE PEOPLE'S SPIRITS THAN TO DEFEAT THEIR QUEEN AGAIN... BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES! WHEN I AM FINISHED, NONE WILL DEFEY ME!

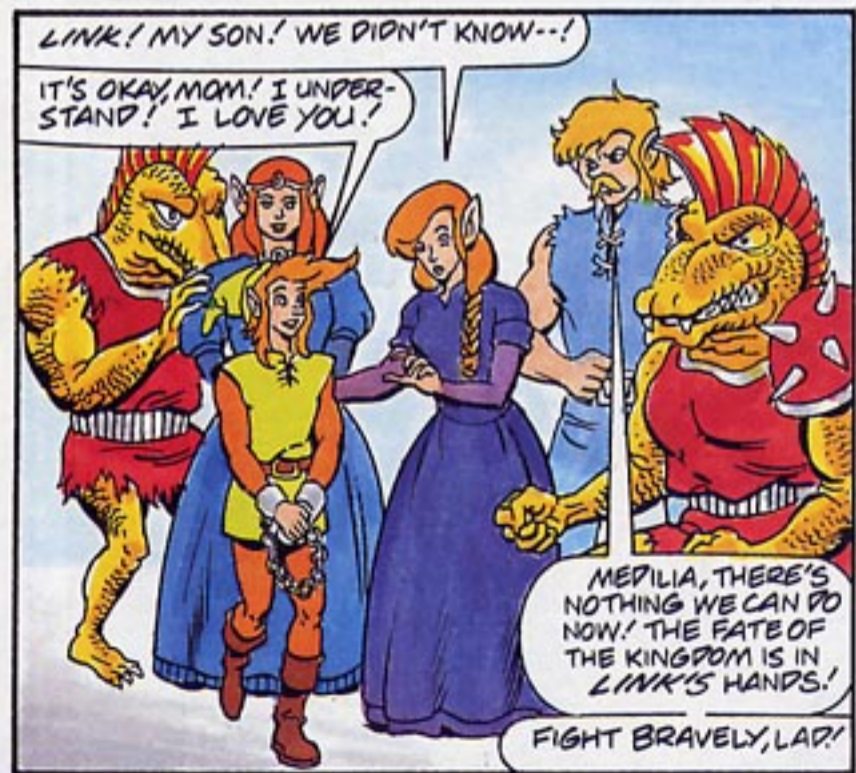


VERY WELL, I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE! WE FIGHT AT DAWN.

AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANCIENT LAWS... I CHOOSE THIS MAN TO FIGHT IN MY PLACE, AS MY CHAMPION!



WHAT? I... UH... I MEAN... SO BE IT.



LINK! MY SON! WE DIDN'T KNOW--!

IT'S OKAY, MOM! I UNDERSTAND! I LOVE YOU!

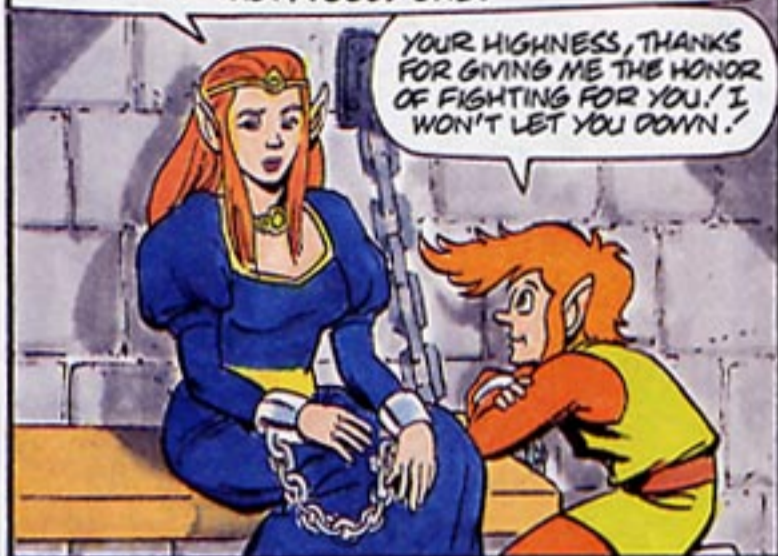
MEDILIA, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW! THE FATE OF THE KINGDOM IS IN LINK'S HANDS!

FIGHT BRAVELY, LAD!

BACK IN THE TOWER...

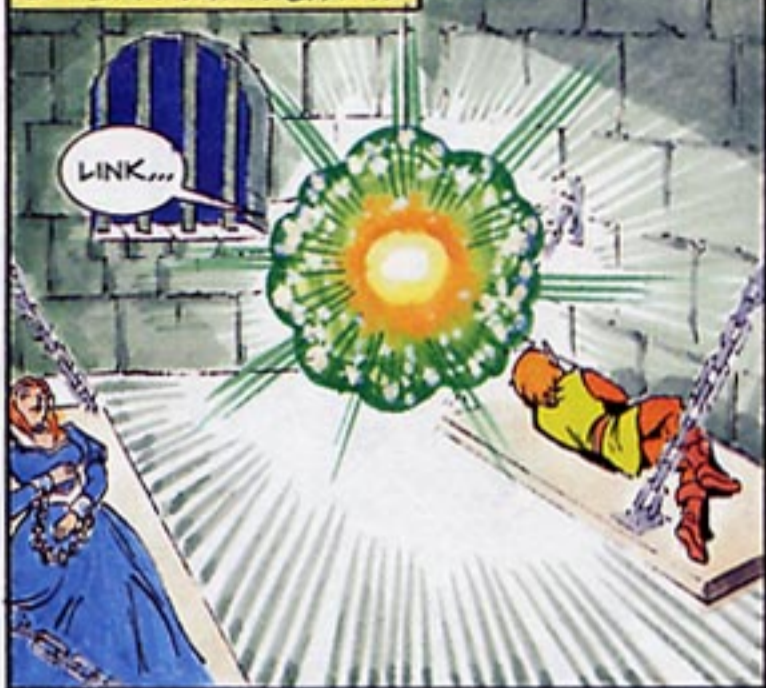
THESE CHAINS HAVE NOT HAD TIME YET TO WEAKEN YOU AS MUCH AS THEY HAVE WEAKENED ME! YOU AT LEAST, STILL HAVE SOME CHANCE... THOUGH I FEAR NOT A GOOD ONE.

YOUR HIGHNESS, THANKS FOR GIVING ME THE HONOR OF FIGHTING FOR YOU! I WON'T LET YOU DOWN!



LATER THAT NIGHT...

LINK...



ZELDA! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!?

I'M NOT HERE. THIS IS A MAGICAL PROJECTION OF MY SPIRIT! ONLY YOU CAN SEE OR HEAR ME!



YOU MUST RETURN TO HYRULE TONIGHT! WALK THROUGH THIS MAGICAL PATHWAY AND YOU'LL BE BACK IN THE NORTH PALACE! I NEED YOU, LINK!

I... I CAN'T LEAVE! QUEEN SELINE'S LIFE IS AT STAKE!



LINK, THE NORTH PALACE IS UNDER ATTACK BY GANON'S ARMIES! THEY HAVE BREACHED THE WALLS! I HEAR FIGHTING IN THE CORRIDOR, COMING CLOSER--! THEY'LL BE HERE IN SECONDS! THIS IS THE END FOR ME, UNLESS YOU RETURN--NOW!

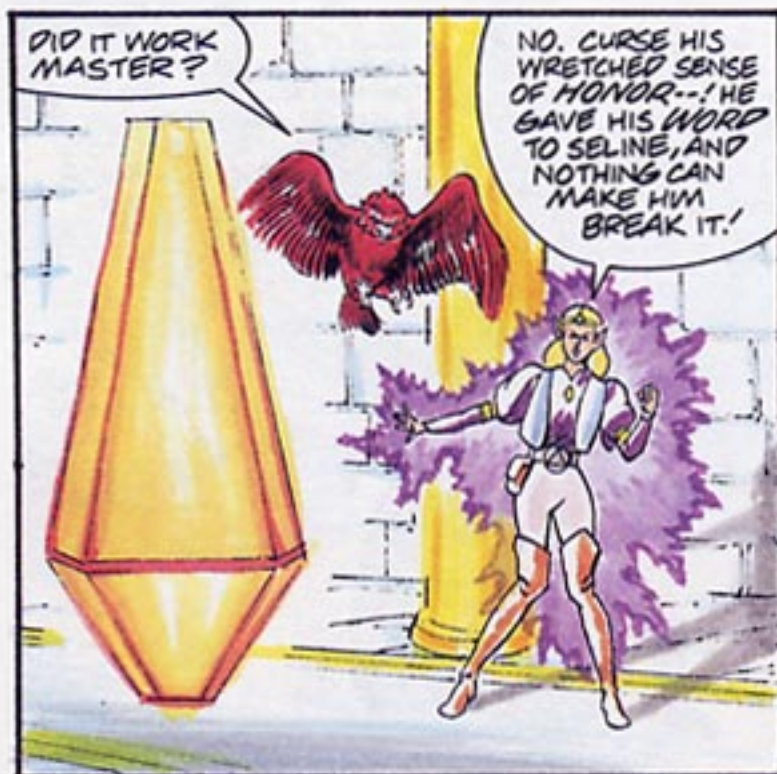
BUT HOW CAN I? MY PARENTS... MY HOMETOWN ARE ALL DEPENDING ON ME! I CAN'T LEAVE THEM!



THEN... I AM DOOMED...

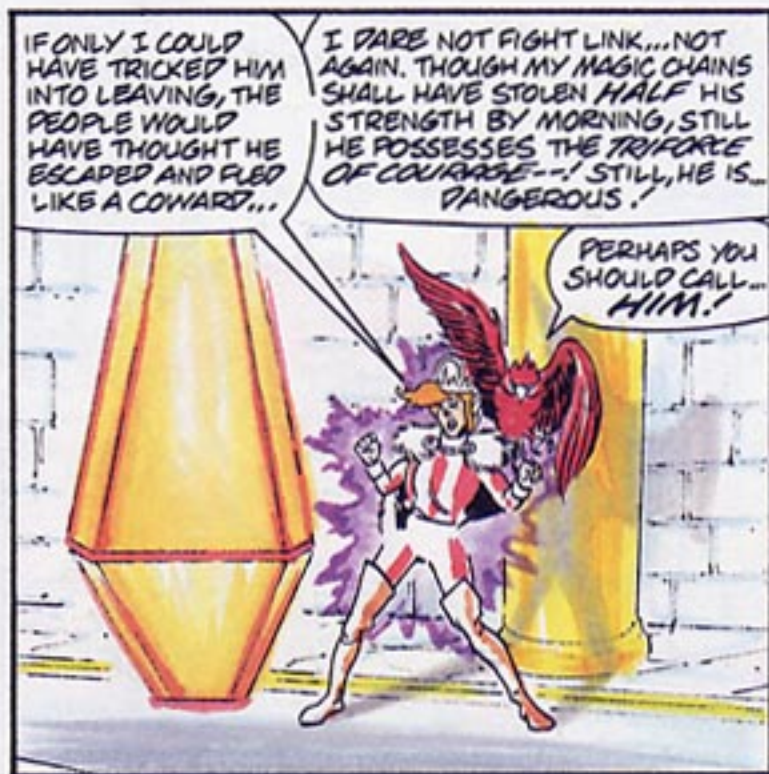
ZELDA!





DID IT WORK MASTER?

NO. CURSE HIS WRETCHED SENSE OF HONOR--! HE GAVE HIS WORD TO SELINE, AND NOTHING CAN MAKE HIM BREAK IT!



IF ONLY I COULD HAVE TRICKED HIM INTO LEAVING, THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HE ESCAPED AND FLED LIKE A COWARD...

I DARE NOT FIGHT LINK...NOT AGAIN. THOUGH MY MAGIC CHAINS SHALL HAVE STOLEN HALF HIS STRENGTH BY MORNING, STILL HE POSSESSES THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE--! STILL, HE IS DANGEROUS!

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CALL... HIM!



I HAVE NO CHOICE. LET THE CALL BE SENT OUT... TO THE MOUNTAIN OF DEATH! HEAR ME...



...LORD GANON!

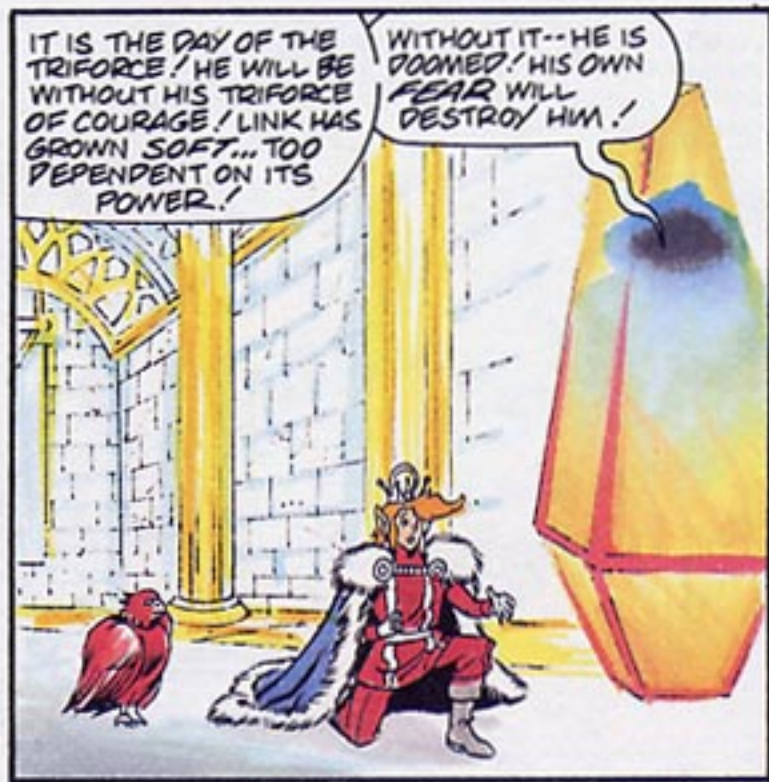
WHO DARES SUMMON THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS?

IT IS I, YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT IN CALATIA, MASTER! I HAVE SEIZED THE THRONE AND WILL SOON DISPOSE OF THE RIGHTFUL QUEEN. BUT TO DO SO, I MUST DEFEAT LINK IN SINGLE COMBAT TOMORROW!



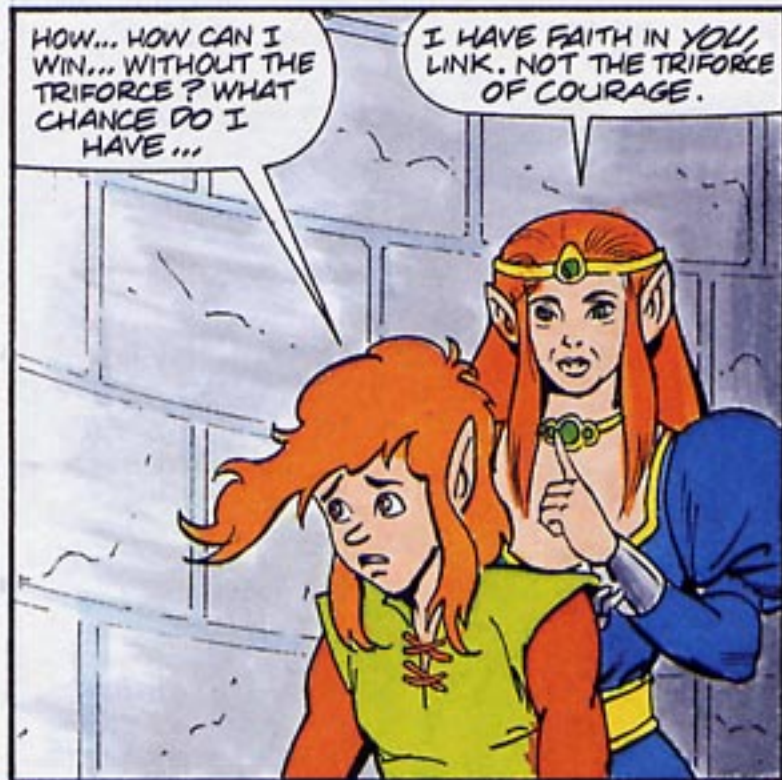
AND YOU FEAR LINK, EH? HE HAS BEATEN YOU BEFORE!

BUT, TOMORROW IS THE ONE DAY YOU'LL BEAT HIM WITH EASE!

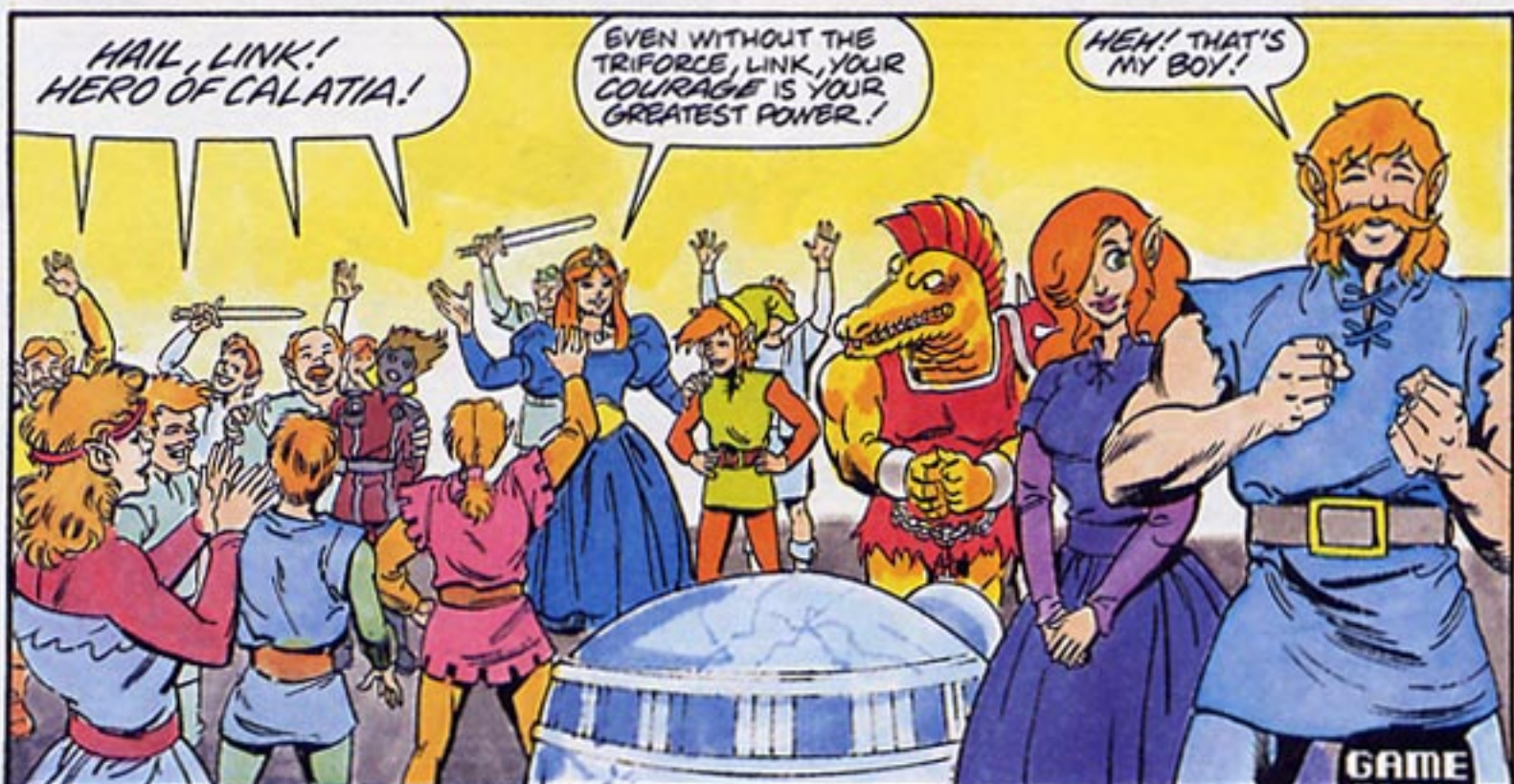


IT IS THE DAY OF THE TRIFORCE! HE WILL BE WITHOUT HIS TRIFORCE OF COURAGE! LINK HAS GROWN SOFT... TOO DEPENDENT ON ITS POWER!

WITHOUT IT--HE IS DOOMED! HIS OWN FEAR WILL DESTROY HIM!







GAME OVER

By George Caragone, Mickey Ritter, Rod Ollershaw, Jade, Giselle Sarli

# The Battle Goes On!

...and everyone's a winner!



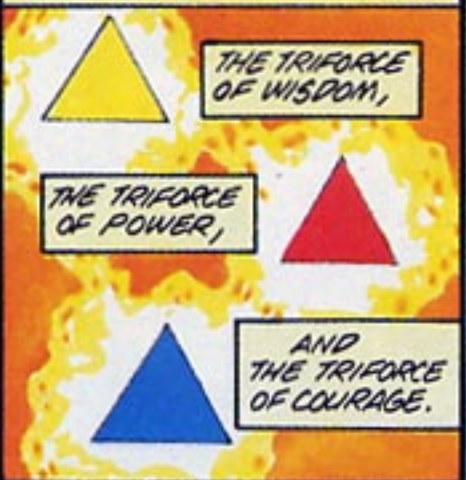
WHETHER YOU'RE A DASHING ADVENTURER OR A BIG UGLY MONSTER... THE GREAT TASTE OF AMBROSIA LITE™ SATISFIES EVERYONE!

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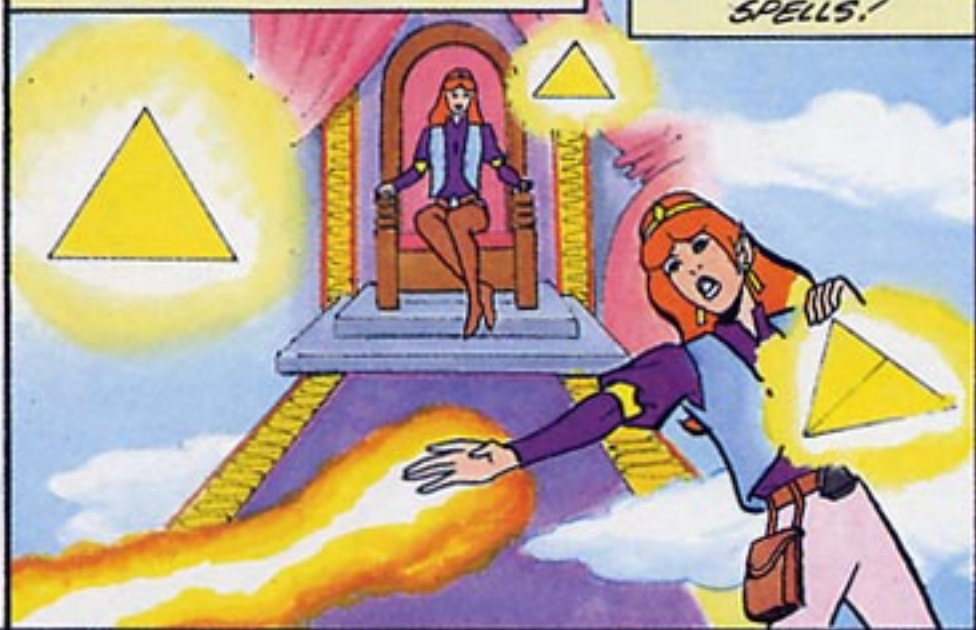
# SECRETS OF THE TRIFORCE

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.

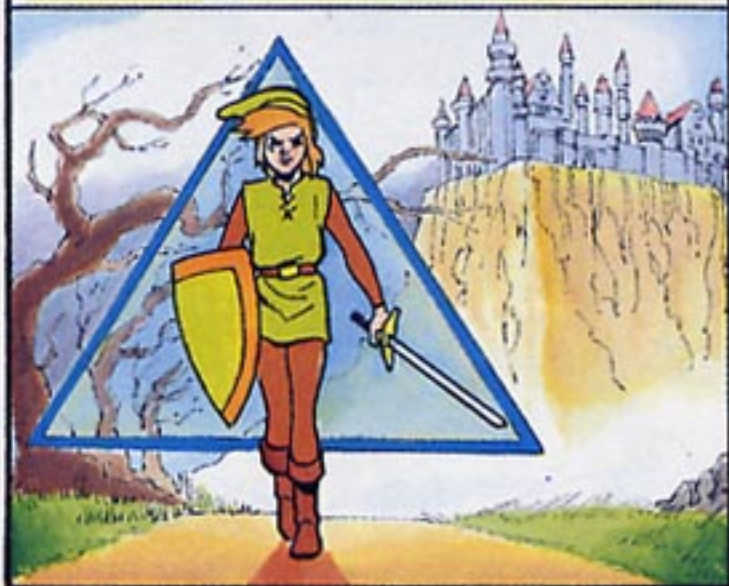
THE TRIFORCE OF POWER MAKES GANON, ALREADY A MIGHTY MAGICIAN, NEARLY INVINCIBLE! IF HE SHOULD EVER OBTAIN THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM AS WELL, HE WOULD CONQUER HYRULE WITH EASE!



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 FORETOLD, "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**

Dear North Palace,

I can't give you a good excuse for taking three months to write... so I won't! But, no more excuses, I'm now putting pen to paper. (I know this letter is in pencil, but I just wanted to say that!) Anyway, on to the serious stuff.

Here goes. For high drama, suspense, and elaborate plot-work, your comics are Grade-A!

But, here are some questions. What is Zelda's father's name, anyway? In The Legend of Zelda #3, it was Hyrakian, yet in Nintendo Comics System #2, it was Harkinian. Also, what did Ganon look like before the Triforce of Power corrupted him? Was Seline Zelda's mother? Why not call your letter page the Triforce of Wisdom? Am I long-winded, or what?

Till Ganon joins the Glee Club,

Alan Baugh  
Indianapolis, IN

*The king's name is Harkinian, Alan. We had some confusion over it because the pronunciation of his name is so strange, no one could agree how to spell it. Rest assured — it will not change again!*

*No one has yet come forward to describe Ganon's face before it was corrupted by the Triforce of Power. And, Ganon has possessed the Triforce for so long now, and has been so corrupted, it's doubtful anyone could ever recognize him for the man he once was. If, indeed, he was a man.*

*Seline is the beautiful Queen of Calatia, who appeared in "Queen of Hearts" (Nintendo Comics System #2). Even Calatians are not sure of her exact relationship to Zelda's family... yet.*

*We'll think about the letter column title. And, as for you being long-winded... maybe. (But we love it.)*

Dear Voyager people,

I've been buying The Legend of Zelda since the beginning, and I've really enjoyed it.

I particularly like Zelda. There aren't many strong women characters around, so Zelda really stands out! Could you think about giving her some solo adventures?

Keep up the good work.  
Goldie Babish  
East McKeesport, PA

*Yup. Thanks. We plan to!*

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading the Legend of Zelda. And I hope that Link will kiss Zelda one day! The end!!

Susie Martinez  
Los Angeles, CA

*For Link and Zelda, however, one kiss might be just the beginning...*

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