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*The Legend of*

# ZELDA<sup>®</sup>



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# The Legend of ZELDA

## CHOICES



YIELD, PRINCESS ZELDA! YOU ARE SO WEARY FROM RUNNING YOU CAN BARELY LIFT THAT BOW! YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR DARKNUT!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

HE'S RIGHT. THE MAGIC SPELL I CAST TO ESCAPE GANON... ALMOST DESTROYED ME... MY LIFE FORCE IS NEARLY GONE! I'M IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT ONE OF GANON'S KNIGHTS!

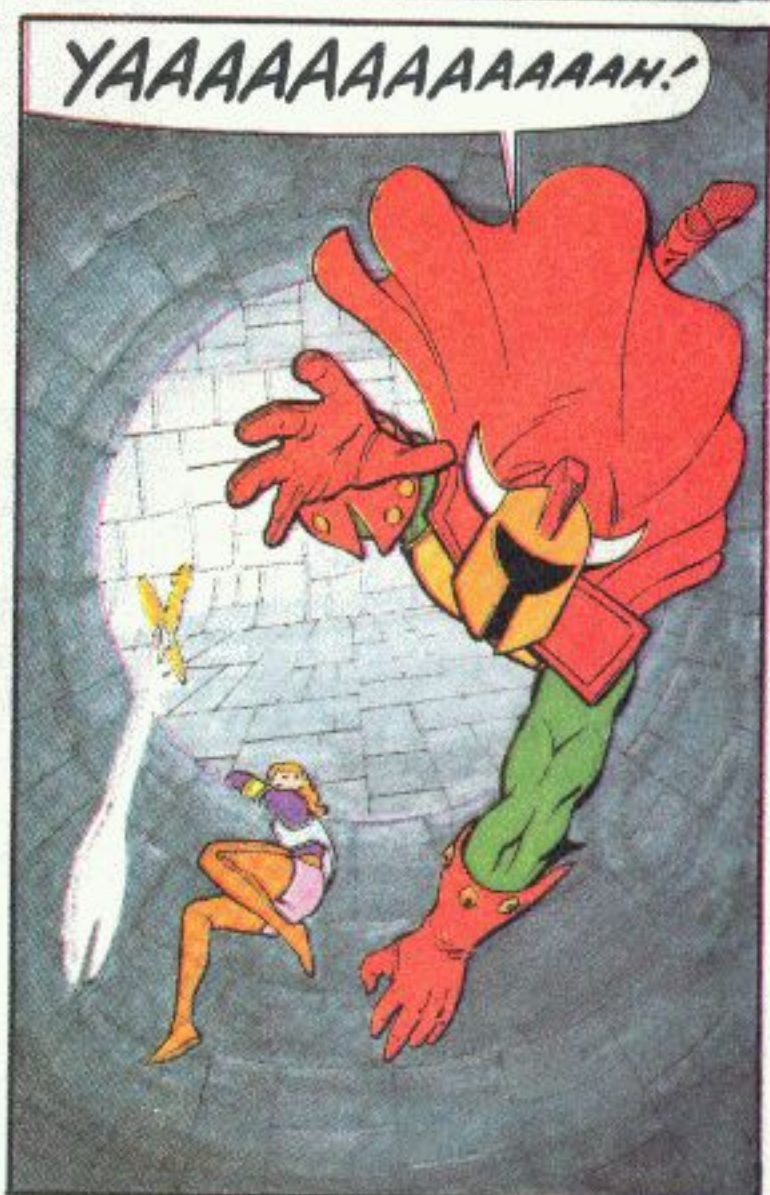
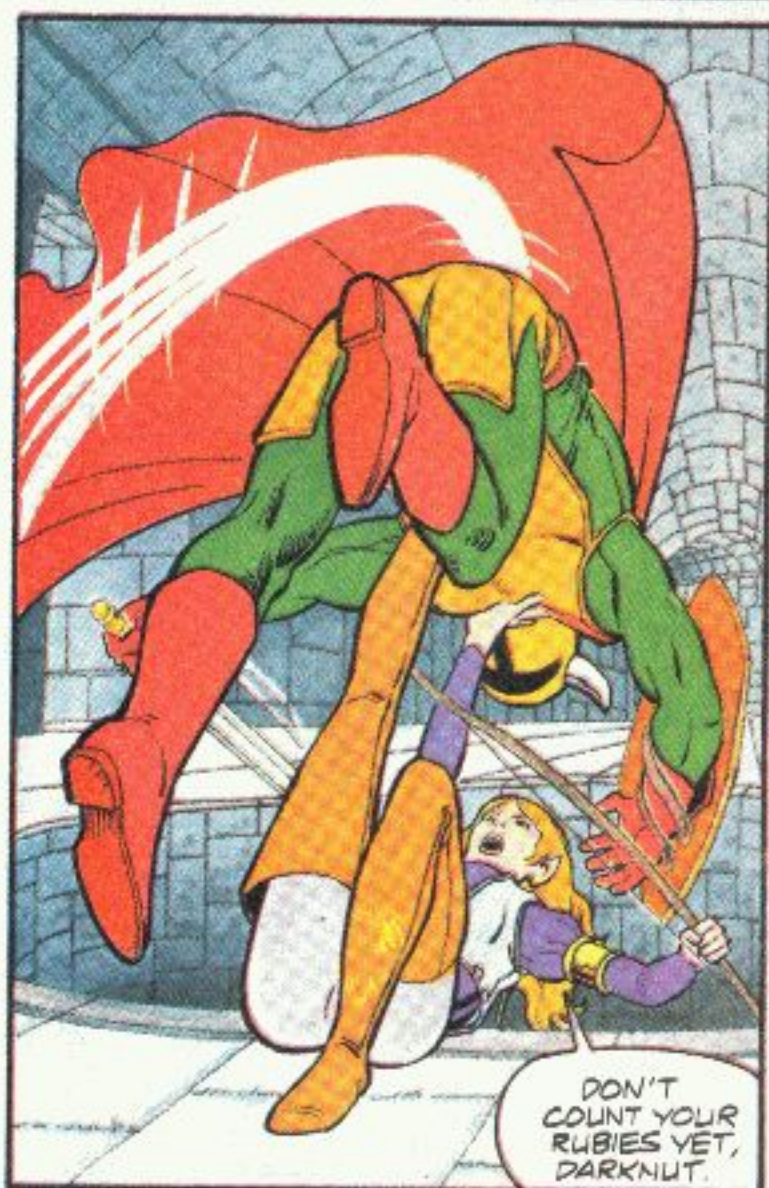
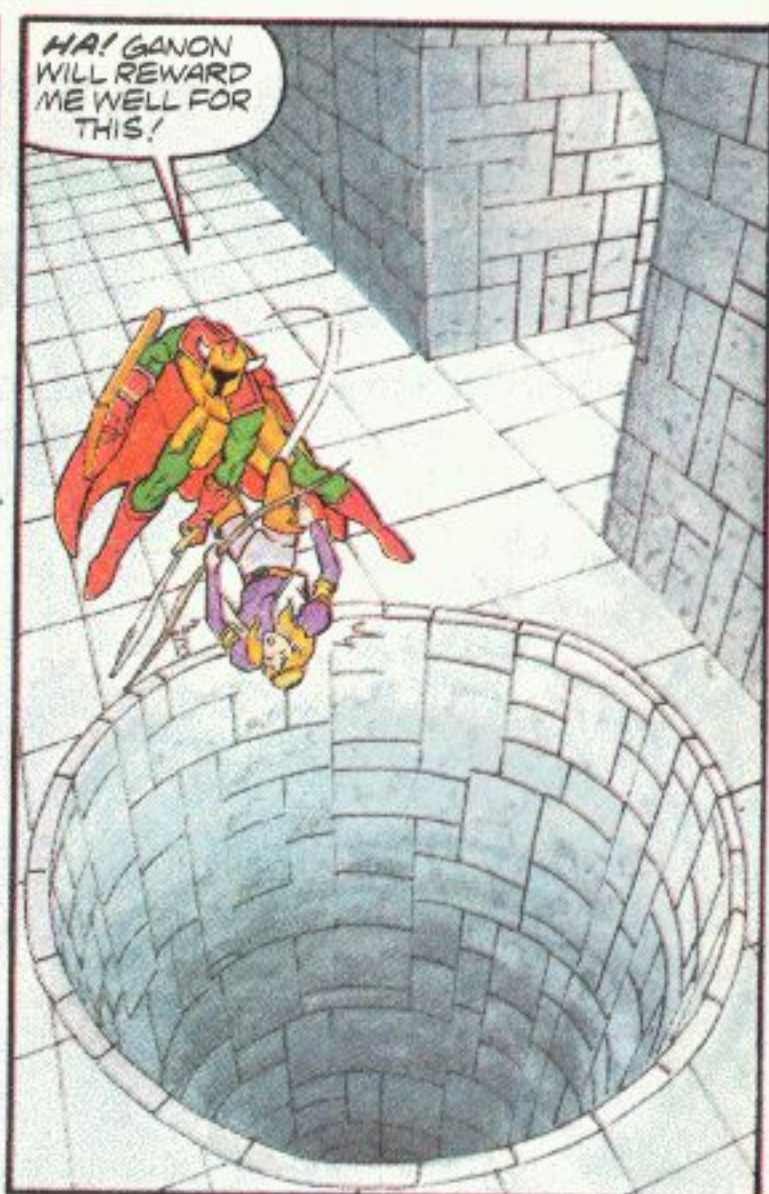


BUT NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP ME.

SO, METAL MOUTH, ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT OR JUST TALK ME TO DEATH?

IN GANON'S NAME... DARKNUT DESTROYS!





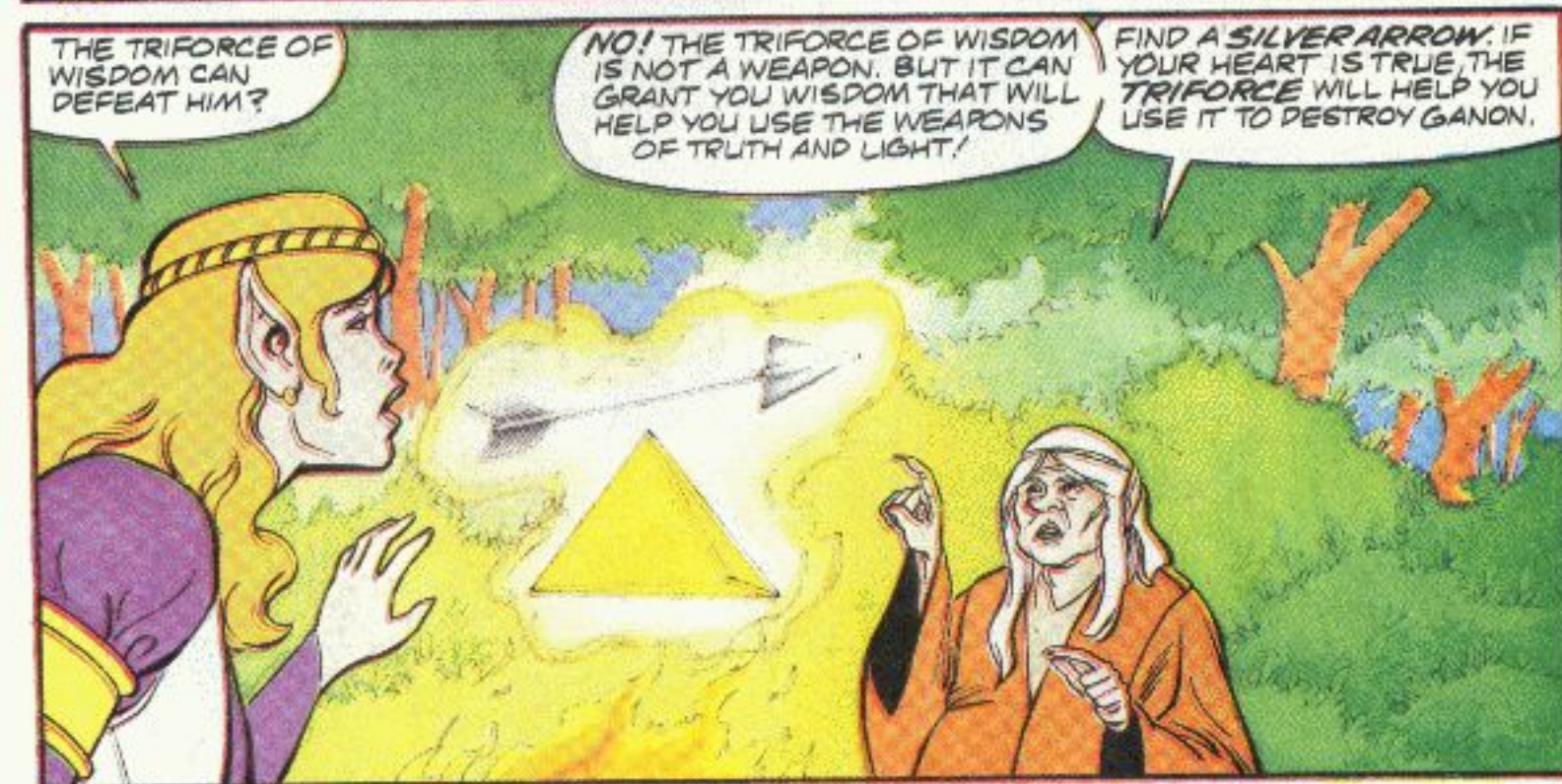




A SILVER ARROW... OF COURSE! I REMEMBER!

... BUT IMPA, SURELY GANON IS NOT INVINCIBLE?

NO, INDEED, MY CHILD. JUST AS EVIL HAS MANY FACES, GANON HAS MORE THAN ONE WEAKNESS.



THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM CAN DEFEAT HIM?

NO! THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM IS NOT A WEAPON. BUT IT CAN GRANT YOU WISDOM THAT WILL HELP YOU USE THE WEAPONS OF TRUTH AND LIGHT!

FIND A SILVER ARROW. IF YOUR HEART IS TRUE, THE TRIFORCE WILL HELP YOU USE IT TO DESTROY GANON.

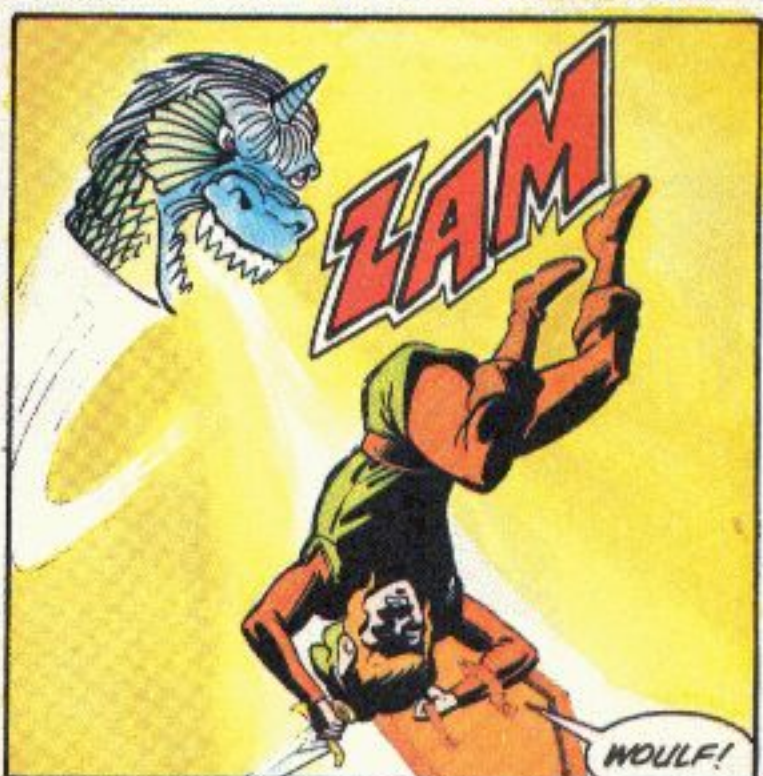


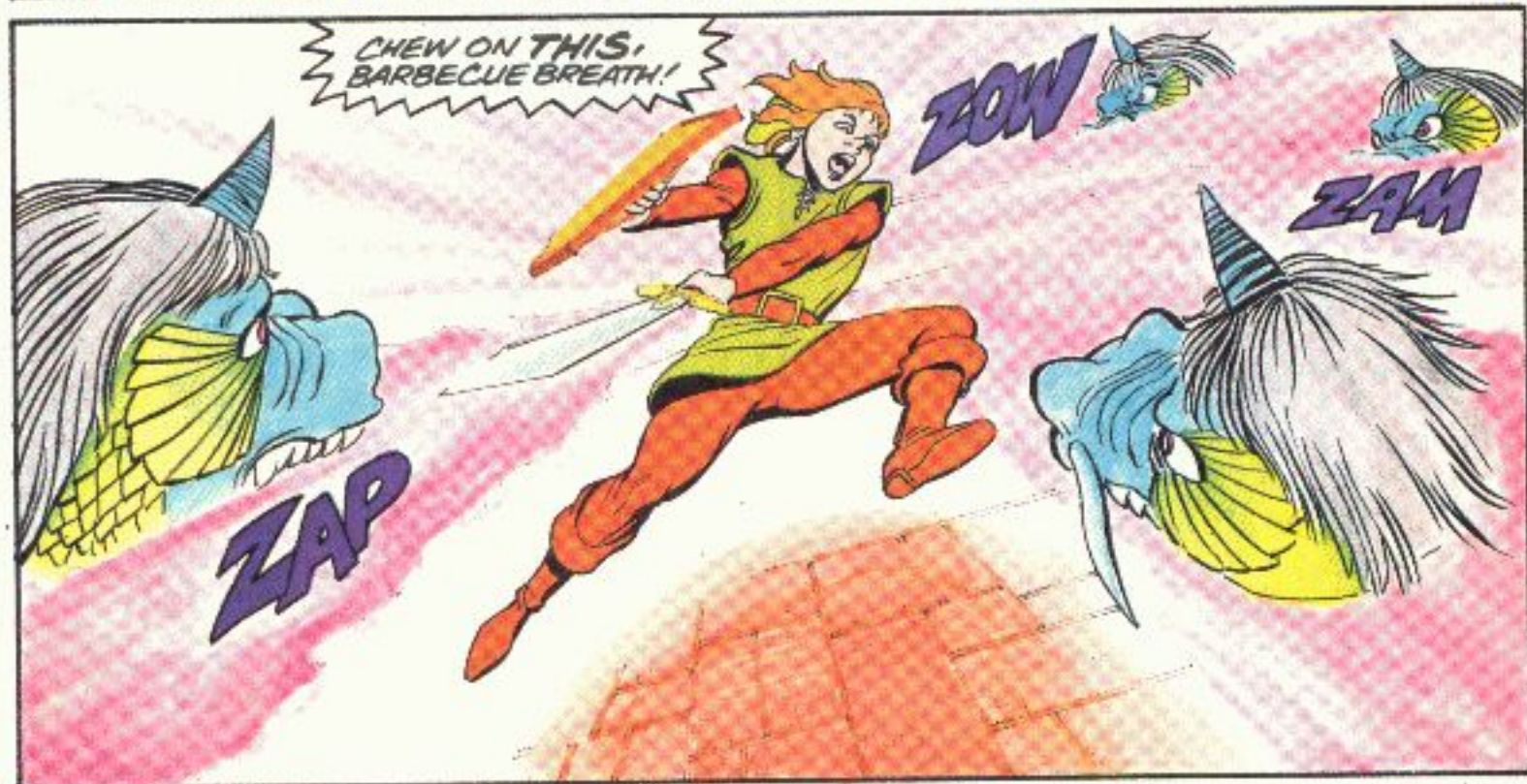
IMPA ENTRUSTED ME WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE... AS I ENTRUSTED IT TO LINK, BEFORE HE...

TO REACH THE TRIFORCE, I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT MY WAY PAST GANON'S FIERCEST CREATURES... I CAN BARELY STAND, MUCH LESS FIGHT.

BUT, I WILL NOT GIVE UP. EVEN IF IT MEANS MY LIFE.

FOR YOU, LINK! GANON MUST BE STOPPED, NO MATTER WHAT.







NOT BAD, HUH? SOMETIMES I AMAZE EVEN MYSELF!

DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.



JUST ONCE, MIFF, WOULD YOU RELAX?

I'LL RELAX WHEN WE FIND PRINCESS ZELDA!



ALL THE ADVENTURERS IN HYRULE, AND I GET STUCK WITH-YEOWLPP!



WHAT HIT THIS PLACE?



THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM.



IT'S HERE...



OH!

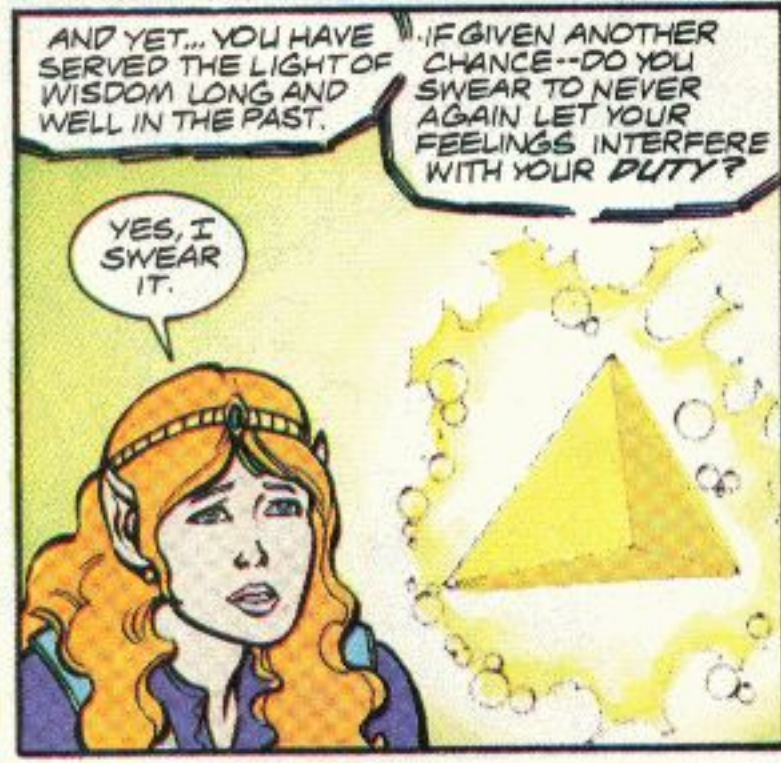
NO, ZELDA! THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM WILL NOT HELP YOU.

YOU KNOW THAT IF GANON EVER POSSESSES BOTH THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM AND THE TRIFORCE OF POWER -- ALL HYRULE WILL FALL INTO DARKNESS.



YET... TO SAVE LINK'S LIFE, YOU OFFERED TO SURRENDER THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM TO THE EVIL ONE.

I... I'M SORRY.



AND YET... YOU HAVE SERVED THE LIGHT OF WISDOM LONG AND WELL IN THE PAST.

IF GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE -- DO YOU SWEAR TO NEVER AGAIN LET YOUR FEELINGS INTERFERE WITH YOUR DUTY?

YES, I SWEAR IT.



SO BE IT. YOUR LIFE FORCE IS RESTORED AND THE WISDOM YOU SEEK IS YOURS.



SUDDENLY, I SEE --! THE SILVER ARROW CAN DESTROY GANON... AND NOW I KNOW JUST HOW TO USE IT.

SERVE THE LIGHT OF WISDOM IN ALL THINGS. YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGE IS YET TO COME.





BAH! I WILL CHOOSE MY OWN TIME TO DEAL WITH YOU! THE GAME IS NOT YET OVER!



GANON'S GONE! THE PLACE SMELLS BETTER ALREADY.

LINK! YOU'RE ALIVE!

WELL OF COURSE I AM!



MISS ME?

MISS YOU? MISS YOU?! YOU WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL...



GO ON, GO ON! WONDERFUL... WHAT?

NOTHING... NEVER MIND.



NOTHING? WONDERFUL? NOTHING? BUT, PRINCESS...!

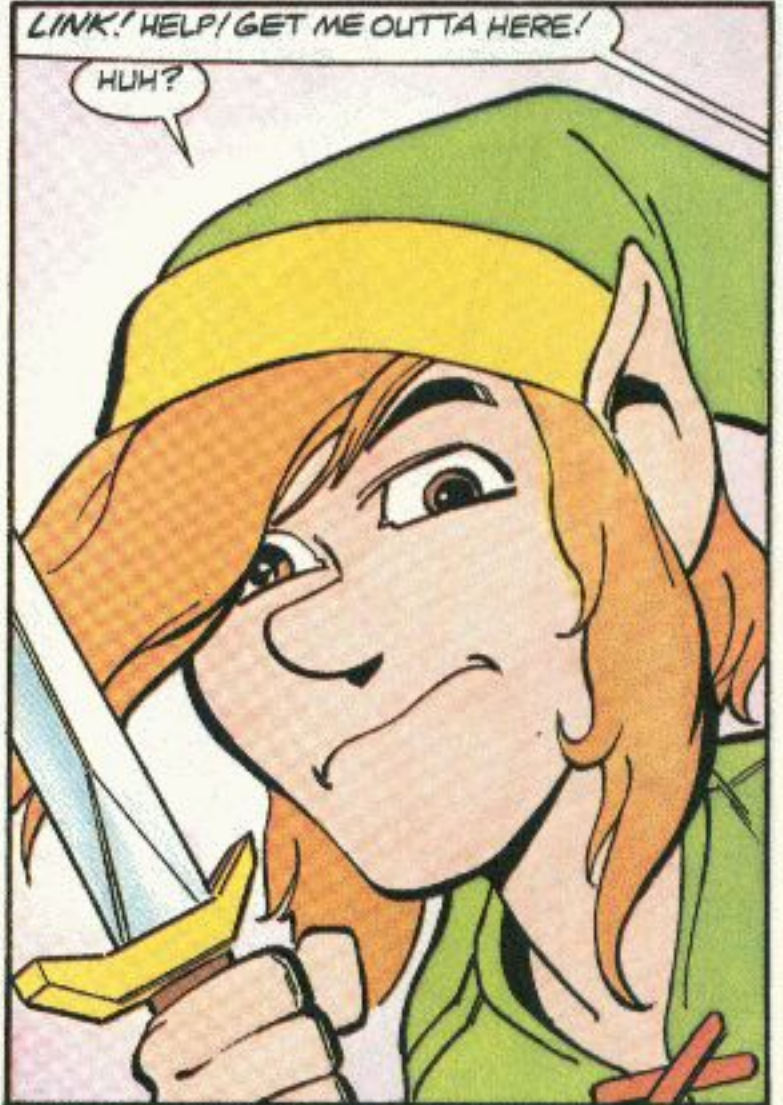
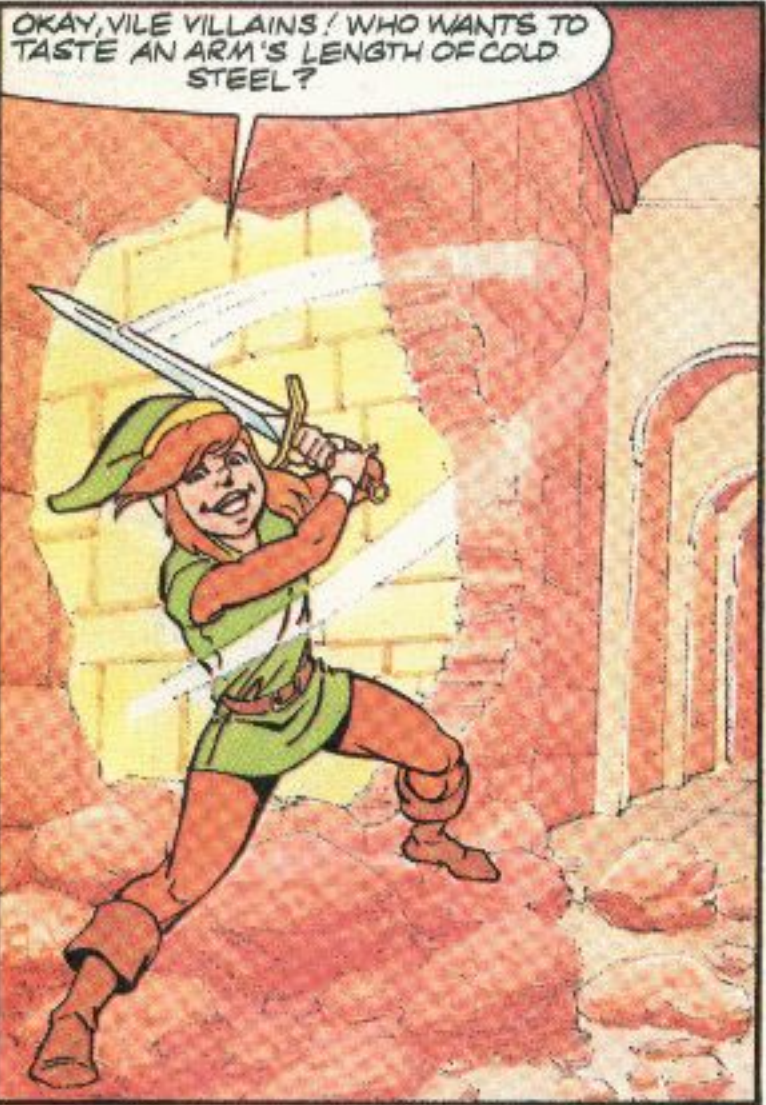
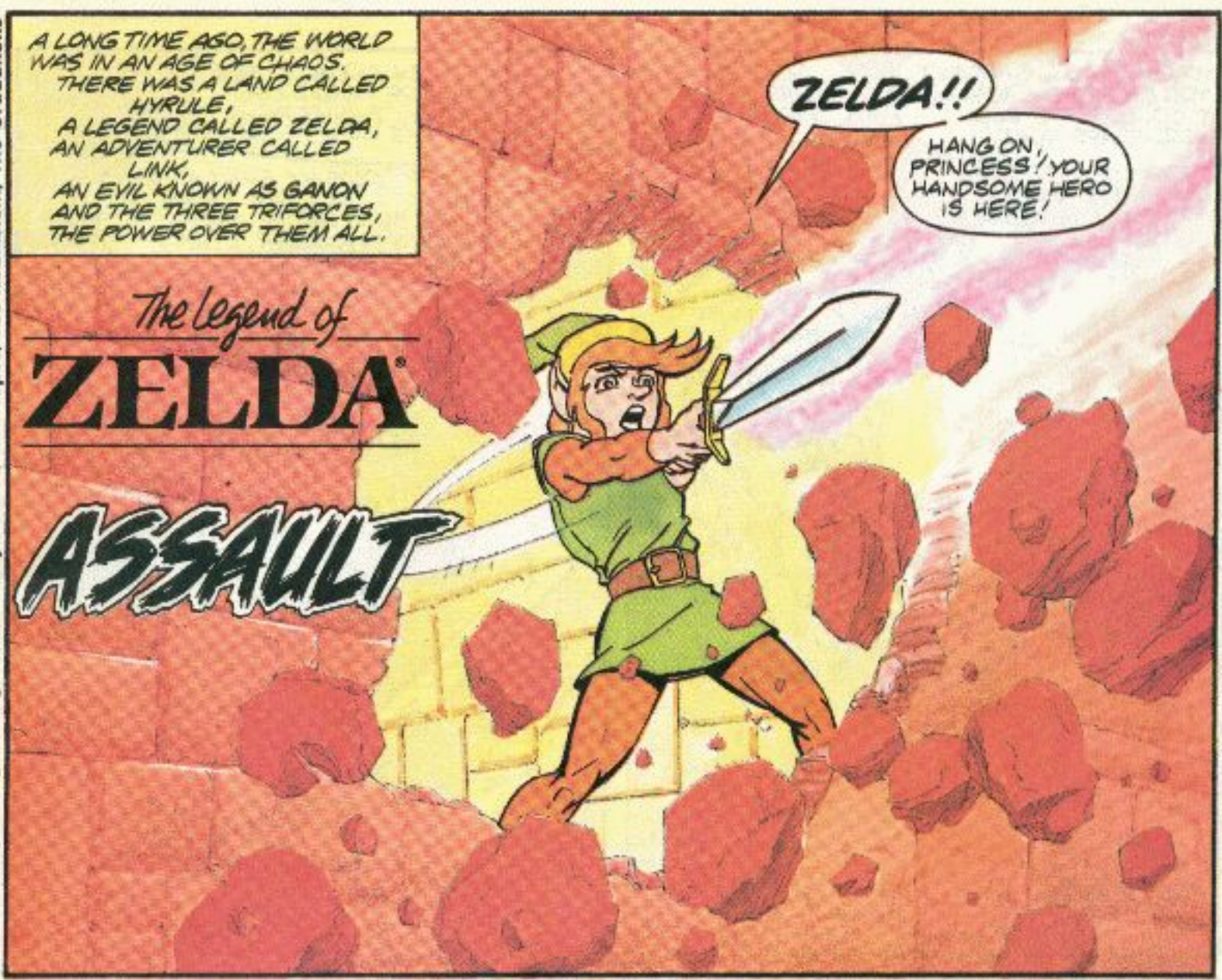
I SAID NEVER MIND. LET'S GO. DUTY CALLS. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

GAME OVER

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

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## ASSAULT



YOU MANIAC! WHY CAN'T YOU EVER BE CAREFUL? I COULD HAVE BEEN SQUASHED FLAT!

GEE! SORRY, MIFF!



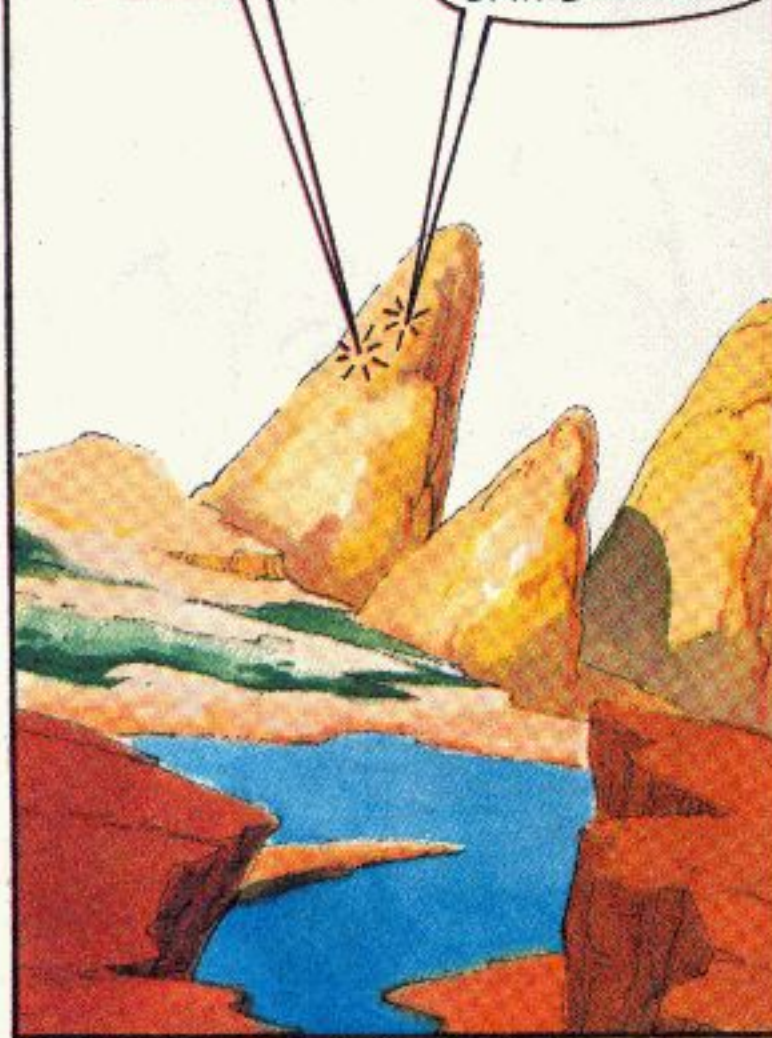
YOU DIDN'T EVEN LOOK TO SEE IF I WAS OUT OF RANGE OF FLYING DEBRIS--! BASH! RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL!

OUCH! OUCH! EASY, MIFF! EASY! I THOUGHT ZELDA MIGHT BE IN HERE! WHEN ZELDA'S IN DANGER, I GET... WELL... CARRIED AWAY...



STOP CHARGING AROUND WITHOUT THINKING, LINK! WHAT IF IT HAD BEEN A TRAP?

HEY, LIGHTEN UP, MIFF! I GOT US PAST THOSE MOLBLINS AND GHINIS OUTSIDE!



YOU GOT LUCKY! THERE ARE THINGS DOWN HERE THAT MAKE THEM LOOK LIKE A PICNIC IN THE PALACE!

YEAH! YEAH! JUST SHOW IT TO ME AND I'LL SLICE IT UP!







EXCELLENT, VIRE! TAKE HIM TO THE FIRST HOLDING ZONE... CAREFULLY!



NOW THEN! WHAT METHOD OF DESTRUCTION SHALL I EMPLOY FOR LINK. THE GLEEKFIRE? NO... TOO QUICK!

ROPE WORMS? AH, HE WOULD FAINT FROM THE PAIN ALMOST INSTANTLY, I FEAR!

PERHAPS EATEN ALIVE BY MANHANDLA...

PLEASE DON'T KILL HIM.



I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING!

BAH! YOU HAVE NOTHING I WANT...



...EXCEPT--THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM!

WILL YOU TRADE THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM FOR LINK'S LIFE?



YES.





YOU WOULD ACTUALLY DO IT, WOULDN'T YOU?

AND THUS BOTH TRIFORCES WOULD BE MINE... AT LAST!



BUT... NO!!

LET'S DO THIS THE MORE ENJOYABLE WAY, I'LL FIND YOUR TRIFORCE AND SIMPLY TAKE IT... AFTER I DESTROY YOU BOTH!

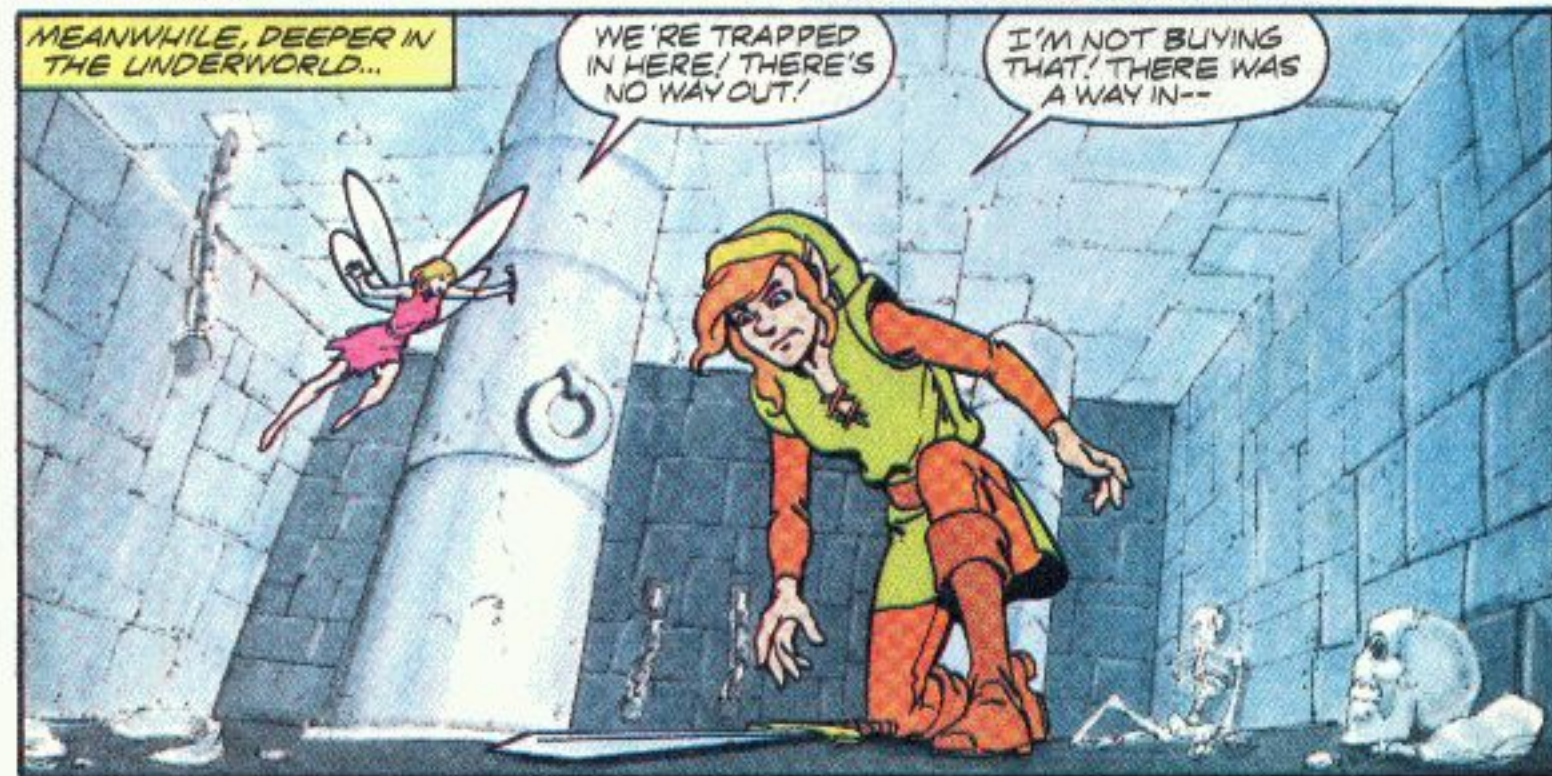


I'LL FIND A WAY TO STOP YOU! YOU MISERABLE CREATURE! I SWEAR BY EVERYTHING I HOLD DEAR!



AH... BUT, MOMENTS AGO, YOU OFFERED TO BETRAY EVERYTHING YOU HOLD DEAR!

SO... WHAT DO YOUR PETTY THREATS MEAN?



MEANWHILE, DEEPER IN THE UNDERWORLD...

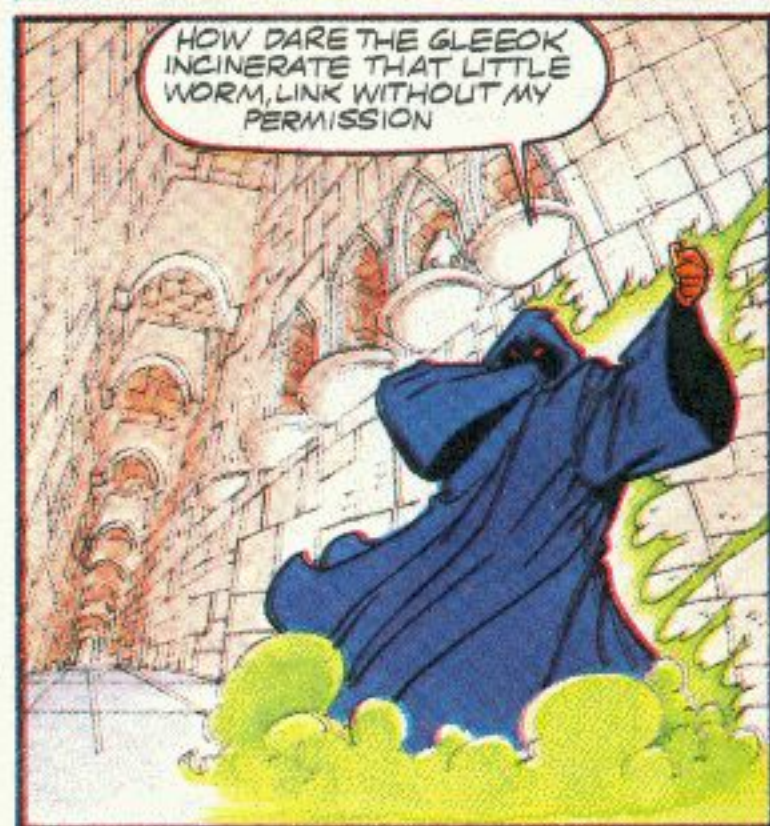
WE'RE TRAPPED IN HERE! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

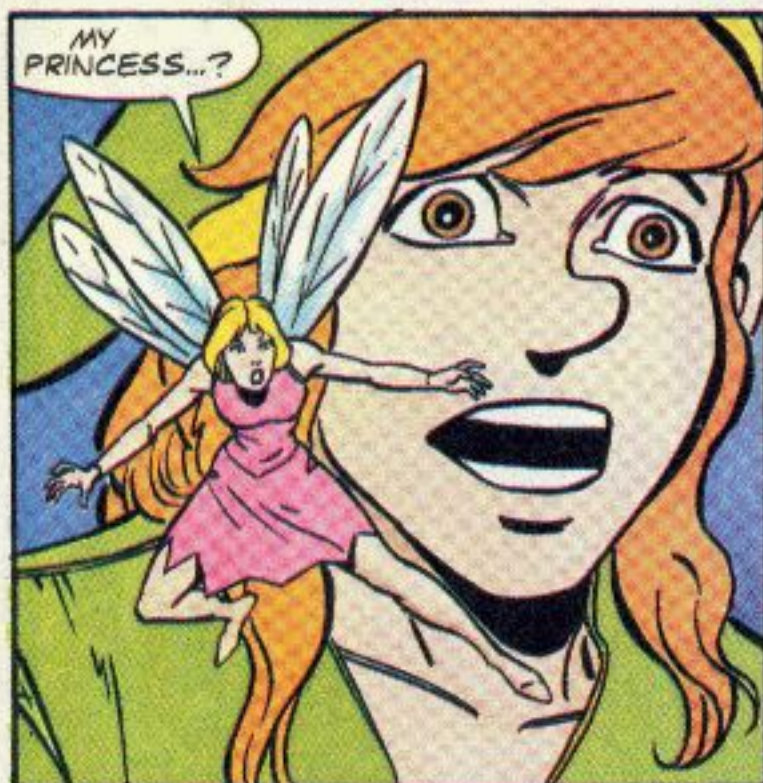
I'M NOT BUYING THAT! THERE WAS A WAY IN--

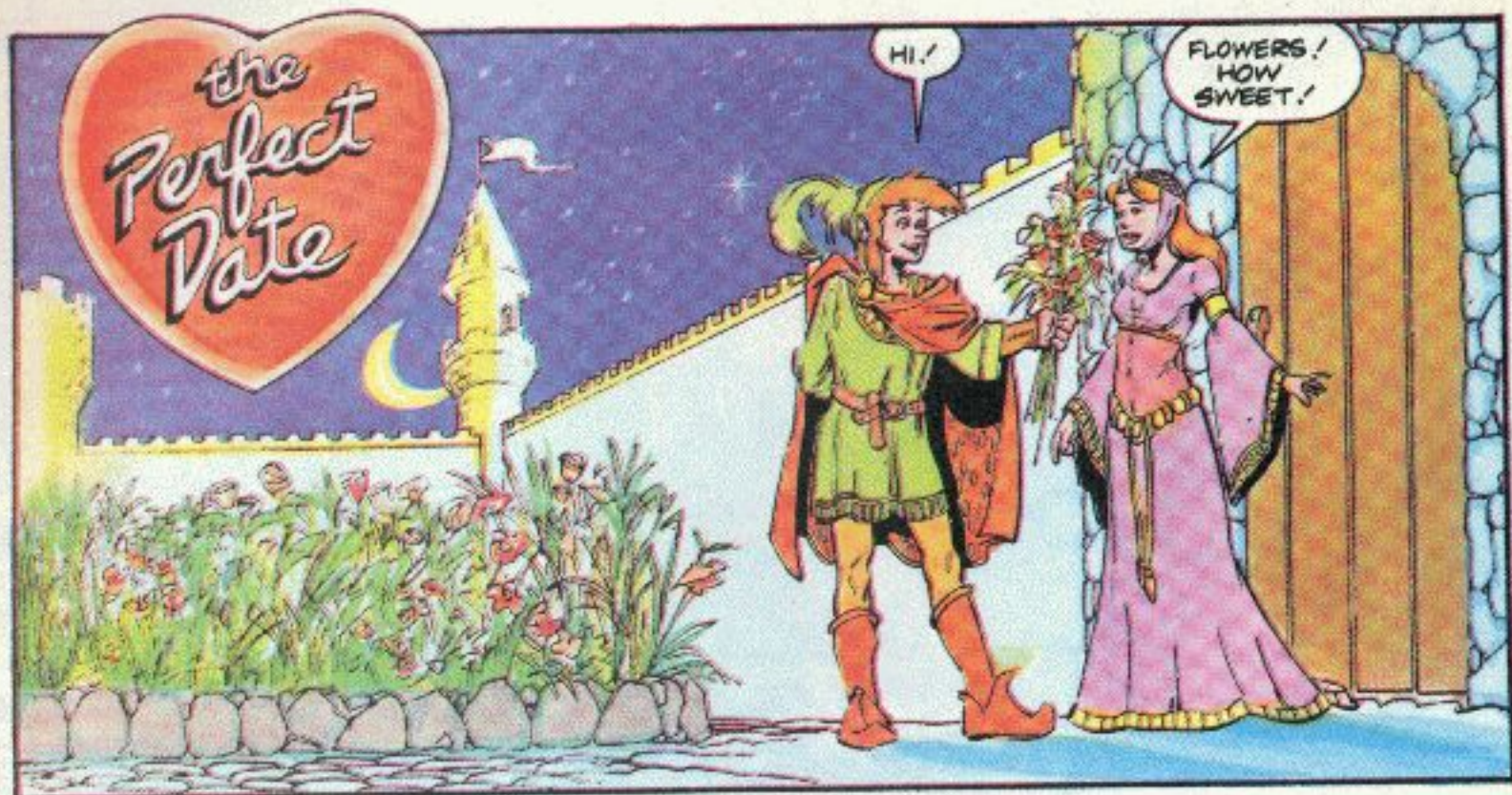


ALL RIGHT!  
THINKING  
REALLY WORKS!











THE SECOND DATE...

I'LL TRADE YOU THAT ERIK THE LONGKNIFE FOR MY BLACK BARON ... IN MINT CONDITION!

GOT ANY MORE OF THOSE CRYSTAL CLEAR SCROLL PROTECTORS?



LATER...

TRUST ME! THE FOOD HERE IS GREAT!

BUT... BUT...

CRASH



HEY! YOU SPILLED MY AMBROSIA LITE!



SOME FUN, HUH?

SPLASH



STILL LATER...

YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS!

OH, YEAH? WELL, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW A GOOD TIME IF IT LANDED ON YOUR HEAD!

CHILDREN! CHILDREN! STOP THIS BICKERING!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU TWO EVEN BOTHER GOING OUT!

BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MUCH IN COMMON!

GAME OVER

Dear Nintendo Dudes,

I am just writing to say how much I love your comics. I have been collecting them since issue #1. But I have some comments to make.

Number 1: *Zelda*. This is a very interesting comic book. But you need to add more of the enemies in the palaces.

Number 2: *Super Mario Bros.* I love this one very much. But I'd like to see more of the Koopa Kids. Please. And show more of Stanley.

Number 3: *Game Boy*. Interesting, but needs more action. Who does Tatanga think he is? That small, pesky flea. I must go with Fritz on this one. Koopa does need to flatten him into a small, greasy spot.

Number 4: *Captain N, the Game Master*. My favorite of all.

Number 5: *Punch-Out!!* One of the most boring. Personally, I don't like it.

And for a closing statement, one more thing: these are the coolest comics ever made!

Matthew Levi  
Fayetteville, NC

*Glad to get those comments, Matthew. Sorry we can't be perfect every time, but sometimes, you know, boring is in the eye of the beholder! Read on...*

Dear Voyager Communications Inc.,

I really like your *Punch-Out!!* stories. And your *Game Boy* comics are cool, with Mario and Tatanga coming out of the *Game Boy*. The *Super Mario Bros.* and *King Koopa* have adventures that are cool, too! By the way, are you going to make any new *Punch-Out!!* stories? And, I would love to try *The Legend of Zelda* soon.

Brian Shin  
Ann Arbor, MI

*Surprise, Brian! We've printed a special two-part *Zelda* story in this very issue — and we did it especially for you! (Sort of.)*

*In any case, though you and Matthew disagree on your favorite stories, we hope you both can appreciate why we print the Nintendo Comics System: to show readers a wide variety of stories. If that means we get a wide variety of comments and opinions, too, that's just fine. We like to get 'em.*

Dear VALIANT

I like your comic books a lot. Link makes it look so easy. How does he do it? The Nintendo game is very hard.

Michael Colvin  
Bossier City, LA

*Yes, Link does make it look easy. That's because he's a hero, and heroes have a way of making winning look easy. It does take a lot of practice, however. We'll bet if you practice, playing your Nintendo game will get easier, too.*

Dear VALIANT,

It's me again! Yup, I'm back, with the best idea yet. Notice how people are sending letters about how they're heroes? Well, how about if you send those people hero application forms? Then, when they've filled them out, they send them back and you send them hero licenses!

Well, that's it for now, so... so long!

James DeMoss  
Kingston, Ont.  
Canada

*Always great to hear from you, James. You're right, there are a lot of heroes out there, and we're glad to hear from all of them. What worries us is all that paper-*

## LETTERS

*work... yikes! Maybe we should just issue licenses to letter writers, instead, hm??*

Dear Mario,

I really like you guys! And I play Nintendo everyday! But I also like Tetris. My favorite bad guy is Ludwig Von Koopa. But my favorite good guy is you!

Tammy Baxter  
Granville, PA

*Good choice, Tammy! At least, when it comes to good guys.*

Dear Princess Toadstool,

Every time I play Super Mario 2, I use you. I like the way you glide through the air.

Why did you eat Mario's bowling ball in *Super Mario Bros. #4*?

Brandon Hunter  
Winthrop, WA

*Maybe, because it tasted good? By the way, as a fan of the Princess, you may want to check out this month's issue of **Adventures of the Super Mario Bros.** (#7, that is). You'll discover that Princess Toadstool finally has her own feature — an advice column!*

Dear Mario, Luigi, Princess, Toad, and King Koopa (even if you are the enemy),

I love your comics! They are toadly far out! I hope you can make a comic in which King Koopa dies, and Larry or some other Koopa takes over.

You could even show some parts of Super Mario 4 before the game comes out! It would be INTERESTING.

Laureen Tang  
Vancouver, BC  
Canada

P.S. I hope you don't turn into Dirk

Drain-Head again. You might get into big trouble with King Koopa.

*Sure, but isn't TROUBLE what makes Mario's adventures so INTERESTING to begin with?*

Dear VALIANT,

I think *Super Mario Bros.* comics are great! I liked your story, "Fins and Roses" in issue #5. I agree with Wendy Koopa that Stanley the Talking Fish is an idiot.

What does the "O" in Wendy O. Koopa's name stand for? Wendy is my fave Koopa Kid. I hope you like my picture of Wendy enclosed with this letter.

Jenny Davidson  
Verona, MS

P.S. My sister sent a picture of Wendy, too.

*Yes, we do like your pics! And about Wendy's middle name... who knows? It could be Oddball, Ontario, Oppenheimer, Omar, Ozarks, Oprah, Outside, Okie-dokie, or even just plain Owful. Since Wendy has never told us, your guess is as good as Ours!*

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