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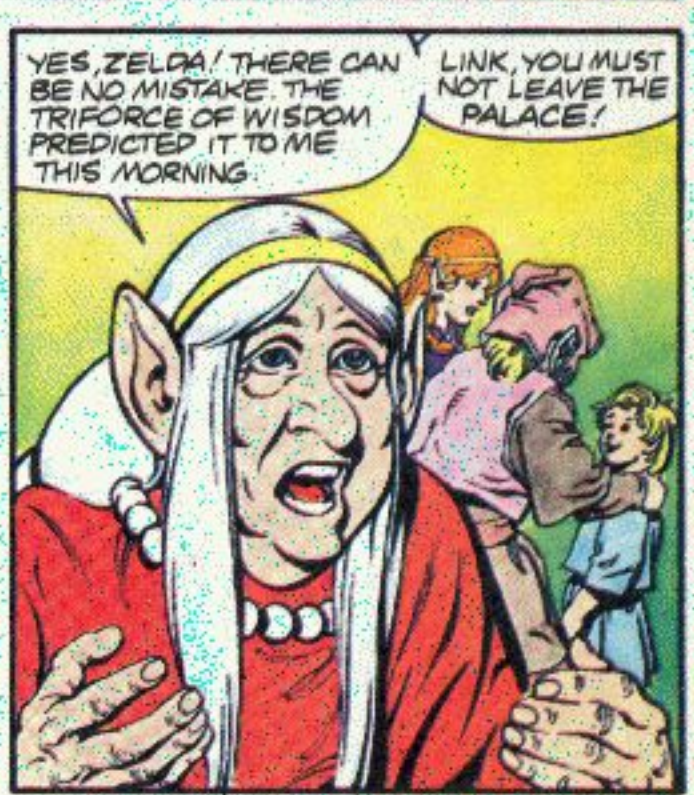
HE ALSO SERVES...

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



BUT ZELDA IS GOING ON A ROYAL TOUR OF THE NORTHERN TOWNS TODAY! I HAVE TO GO WITH HER--TO PROTECT HER FROM GANON!

NO! YOU MUST REMAIN IN THE NORTH PALACE!
PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL, LINK!

OKAY! OKAY! I'LL STAY IN THE PALACE. I PROMISE.

YOU'LL KEEP YOUR PROMISE? YOU WON'T LEAVE, NO MATTER WHAT?
HEY... HAVE I EVER LET YOU DOWN?

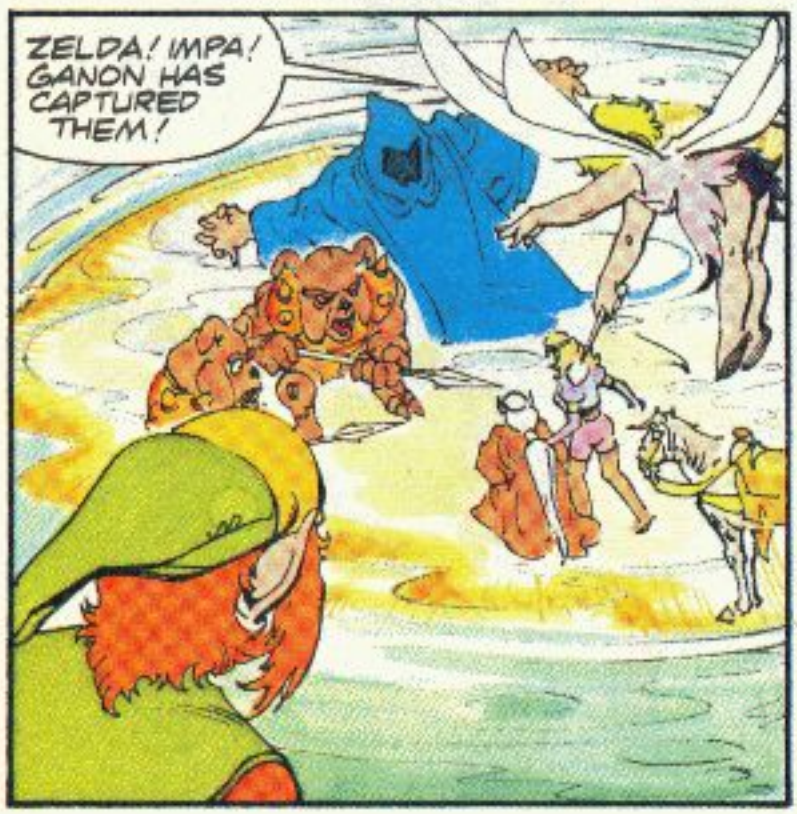
SOON...
YOU TWO BE CAREFUL!
I'M A BIG GIRL, LINK! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

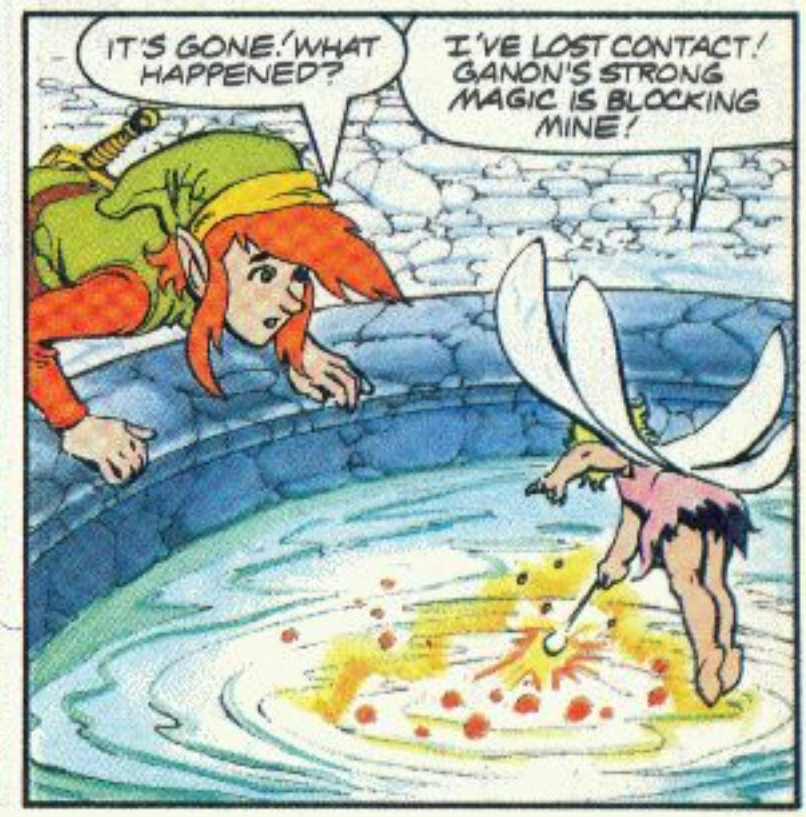
LATER...
HELLO, LINK! PRACTICING HARD I HOPE.
HI, MIFF! HOW'S THE FAIRY BUSINESS? GIVEN ANY LIFE-HEARTS LATELY?

WHERE IS ZELDA?
SHE'S GONE ON A ROYAL TOUR.

WHAT?!? YOU LET HER GO ALONE?! WITH GANON'S MINIONS PROWLING THE OVERWORLD?
BUT, I--

SHE MAY BE IN DANGER! PERHAPS I CAN SEE HER RIGHT NOW WITH MY MAGIC! LOOK INTO THE FOUNTAIN...


ZELDA! IMPA! GANON HAS CAPTURED THEM!


IT'S GONE! WHAT HAPPENED?
I'VE LOST CONTACT! GANON'S STRONG MAGIC IS BLOCKING MINE!

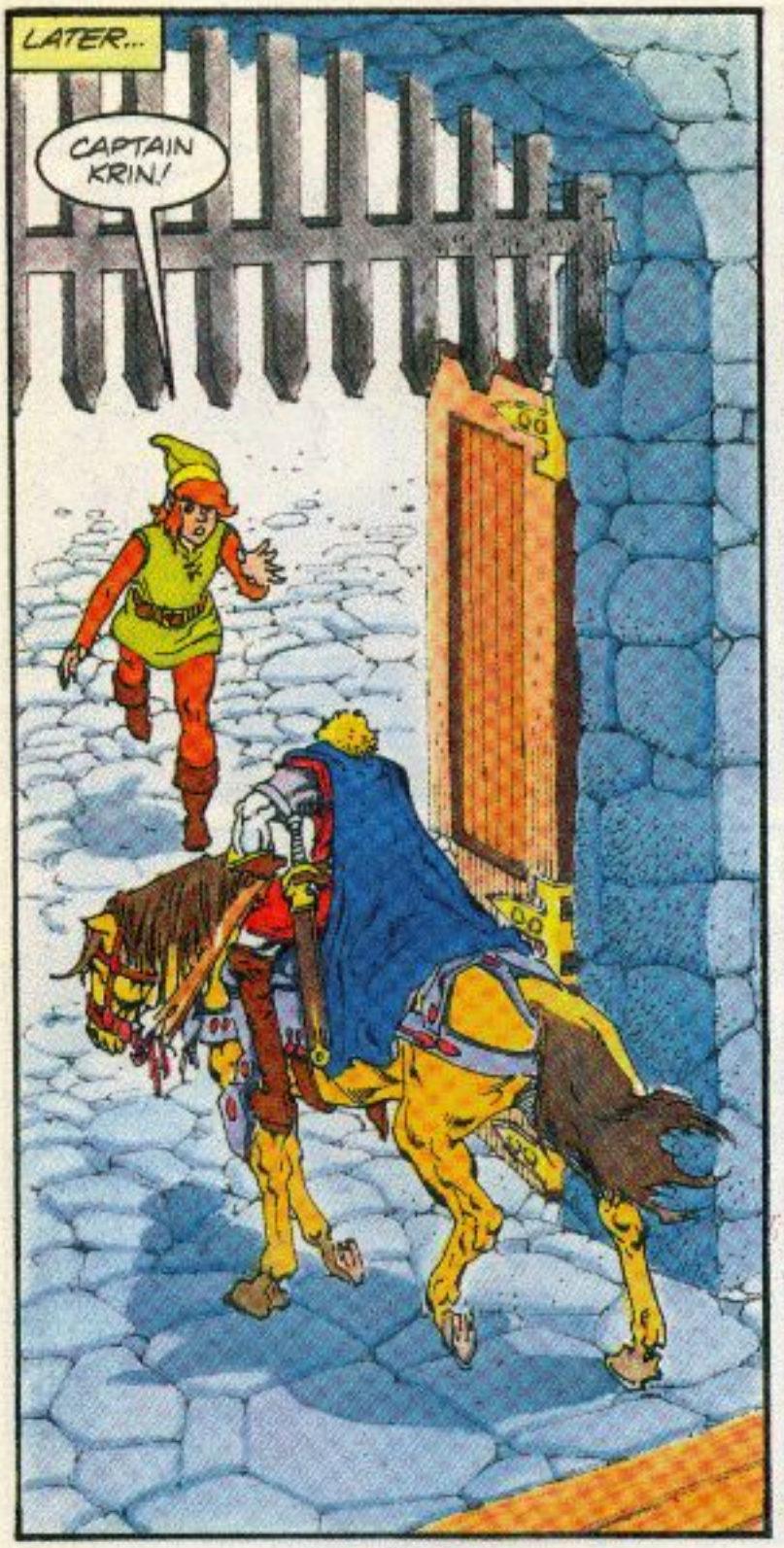
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE YET! THEY'RE JUST UP THE ROAD! I CAN STILL RESCUE THEM!
SO GO! WHERE'S YOUR HORSE?

WAIT! I CAN'T LEAVE. IMPA SAID THAT IF I LEAVE THE PALACE TODAY, GANON WOULD CONQUER HYRULE!

IMPA! THAT OLD FOOL! WHAT DOES SHE KNOW?
I TRUST IMPA! YEARS AGO, IMPA WAS THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE ME THE ORDER TO DESTROY GANON!
WHEN ZELDA WAS UNDER GANON'S SPELL OF ETERNAL SLEEP, IMPA TOLD ME HOW TO SAVE HER!

CAPTAIN KRIN! WE'VE GOT BIG TROUBLE!
WHAT'S WRONG?

SOON...
DON'T WORRY, LINK! WE'LL RESCUE PRINCESS ZELDA AND BE BACK BEFORE NIGHTFALL!
I'LL SHOW THEM THE WAY!


LATER...
CAPTAIN KRIN!

WHAT HAPPENED?
MY GUARDS WERE AMBUSHED... ONLY I ESCAPED! TEKTITES! OKTOROKS! LEEVERS! TOO MANY OF THEM! WE NEVER HAD A CHANCE!

THE WORST HAS HAPPENED! THE WORST! GANON IS ON A RAMPAGE! RAURU IN FLAMES! THE RUTO PEOPLE ENSLAVED... ZELDA...
WHAT ABOUT ZELDA?!?

SHE'S IN TERRIBLE DANGER! ONLY YOU CAN RESCUE HER! ONLY YOU CAN SAVE HYRULE! NOW! HURRY, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

NO... I CAN'T LEAVE THE NORTH PALACE, NO MATTER WHAT! I PROMISED!

YOU COWARD! GET OUT THERE AND SAVE THE KINGDOM! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A HERO!
SLAP

LOOK! A MAGIC SIGNAL!
LINK! I HOPE THIS MESSAGE REACHES YOU!
ZELDA?

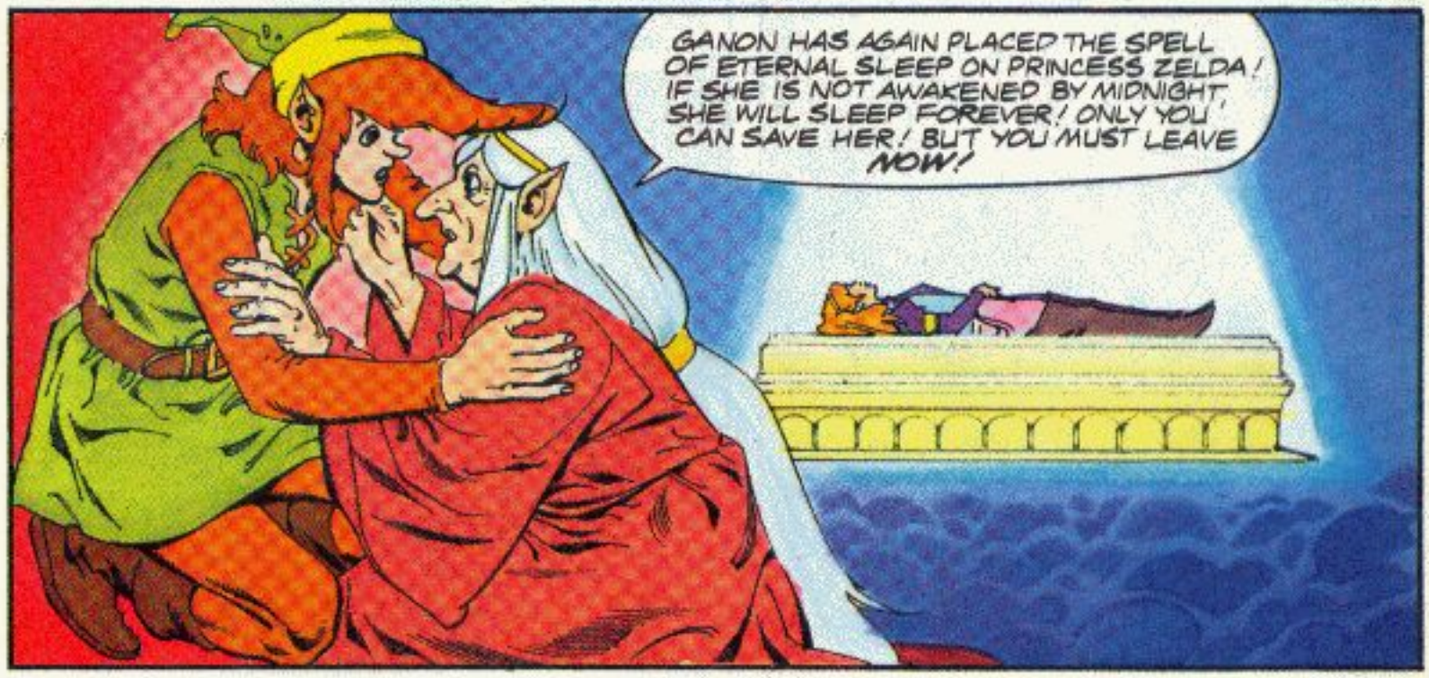
GANON HAS IMPRISONED ME WITHIN DEATH MOUNTAIN!

YOU ARE MY ONLY HOPE! COME QUICKLY, BEFORE--
THE MESSAGE IS BREAKING UP!
WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED? GET OUT THERE!

I MUST STAY HERE. I PROMISED ZELDA. I CAN'T LET HER DOWN.
YOU ARE LETTING HER DOWN!

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!

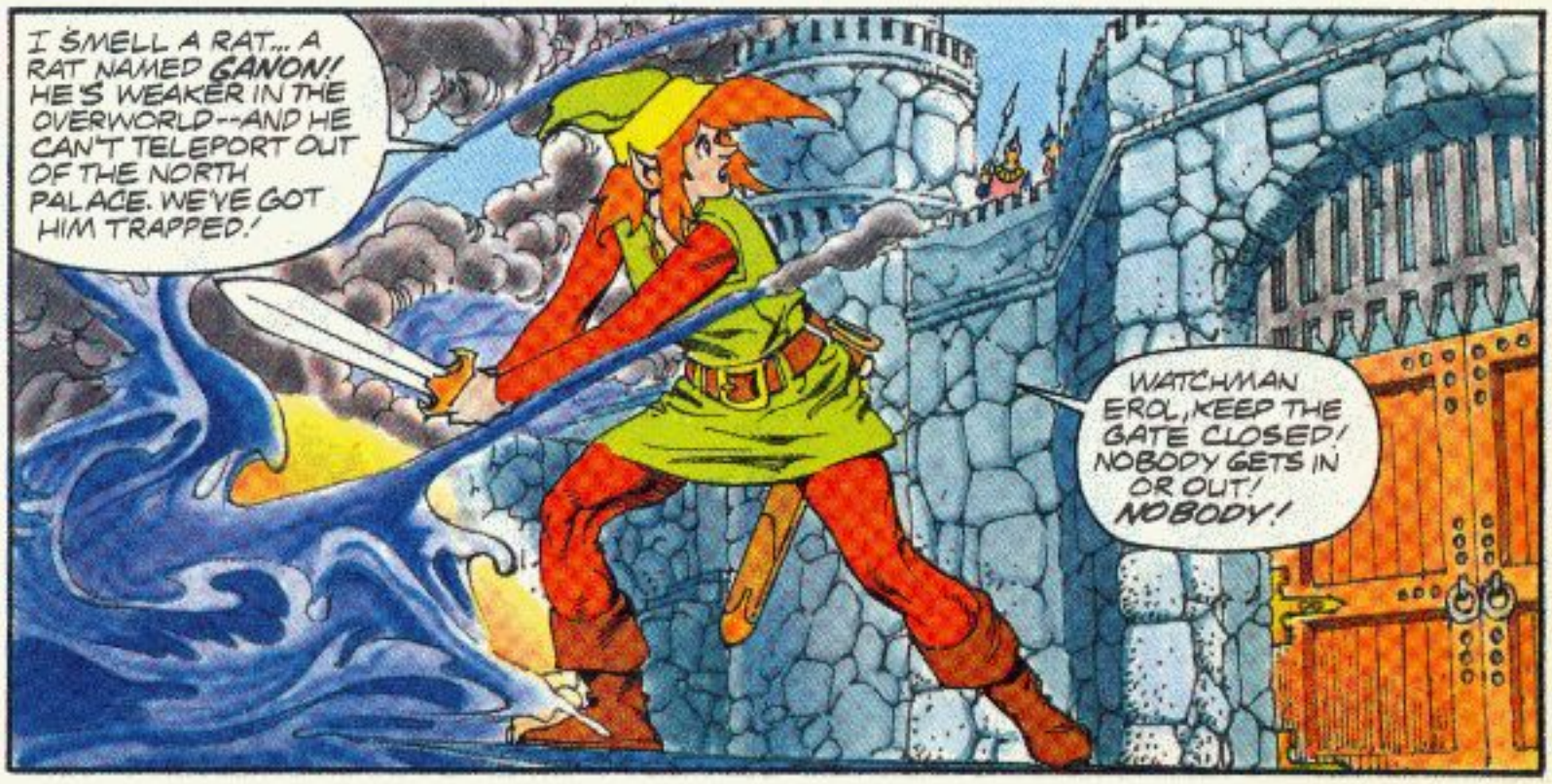
HURRY! YOU MUST GO NOW!

NO. I WON'T GO. I PROMISED ZELDA I WOULDN'T LEAVE, NO MATTER WHAT!
PREDICTION OR NOT, I HAVE TO KEEP MY WORD!

LINK--DON'T BE STUBBORN! EVEN I MAKE MISTAKES WITH MY PREDICTIONS SOMETIMES.
YOUR PREDICTIONS? BUT YOU SAID...

IMPA SAID THAT THE TRIFORCE PREDICTED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AND THE TRIFORCE IS NEVER WRONG!

YOU'RE NOT IMPA!
WHAT--? HE VANISHED!
SHOOM


I SMELL A RAT... A RAT NAMED GANON! HE'S WEAKER IN THE OVERWORLD--AND HE CAN'T TELEPORT OUT OF THE NORTH PALACE. WE'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED!
WATCHMAN EROL, KEEP THE GATE CLOSED! NOBODY GETS IN OR OUT! NOBODY!

BAH! THIS IMPA DISGUISE...

...WORKED NO BETTER THAN MY OTHER DISGUISES!
I MUST ESCAPE! I'LL BATTLE LINK ANOTHER DAY... ON MY OWN TERMS!

AT THAT MOMENT, NEAR THE PALACE...
WHEN DO WE SPRING THE TRAP, WIZZROBE?
SOON, DARKNUT! ONCE LINK STEPS OUT OF THE NORTH PALACE AND ITS PROTECTIVE MAGIC, THIS WAND WILL STRIKE HIM WITH ALL THE EVIL MAGIC IN HYRULE IN A SINGLE BLAST!

LINK WILL BE TOTALLY DESTROYED! WHO BUT OUR EVIL MASTER GANON COULD DEVISE SUCH A BRILLIANT PLAN?
WHO BUT GANON WOULD KNOW THAT THIS IS THE ONE DAY IN A LIFETIME ON WHICH ALL THE EVIL MYSTIC FORCES COULD BE HARNESSED THUS!

WATCHMAN! OPEN THE GATE IMMEDIATELY!
BUT, LINK, YOU JUST SAID--
OPEN IT!

EROL, HAS ANYONE PASSED?
LINK! BUT IF YOU'RE HERE-- WHO JUST WENT THROUGH THE GATE!?

GANON!
HA HA HA

SHABOOM

LATER THAT NIGHT...
...GANON WAS DISGUISED AS MIFF AND THEN KRIN AND EVEN YOU IMPA! I ONLY HOPE THAT MAGIC BLAST DESTROYED HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!
THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM WAS RIGHT. IF LINK HAD BEEN TRICKED INTO LEAVING THE PALACE, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THAT WAS GANON'S PLAN!

WITH LINK GONE, HYRULE WOULD SURELY FALL INTO GANON'S HANDS FOREVER! YOU DID PRETTY GOOD TODAY, HERO!
YEAH! I GUESS IT'S TRUE-- HE ALSO SERVES WHO ONLY STANDS AND WAITS! HOW ABOUT A KISS TO CELEBRATE, PRINCESS?

REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT STANDING AND WAITING? KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

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GET OUT OF MY WAY!

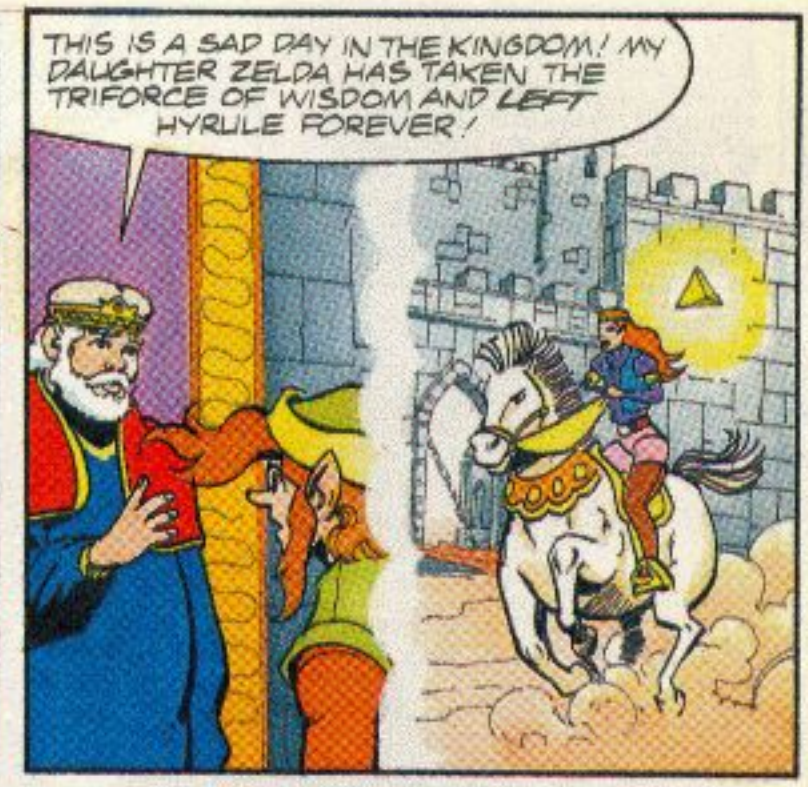
SEIZE HIM! LINK MUST NOT REACH THE KING!

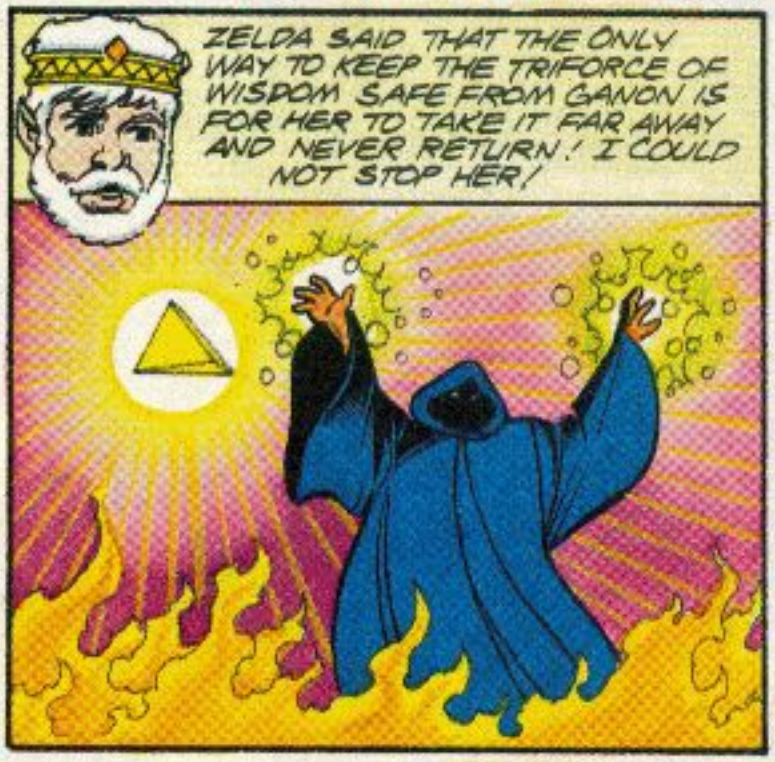
MISSING IN ACTION

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

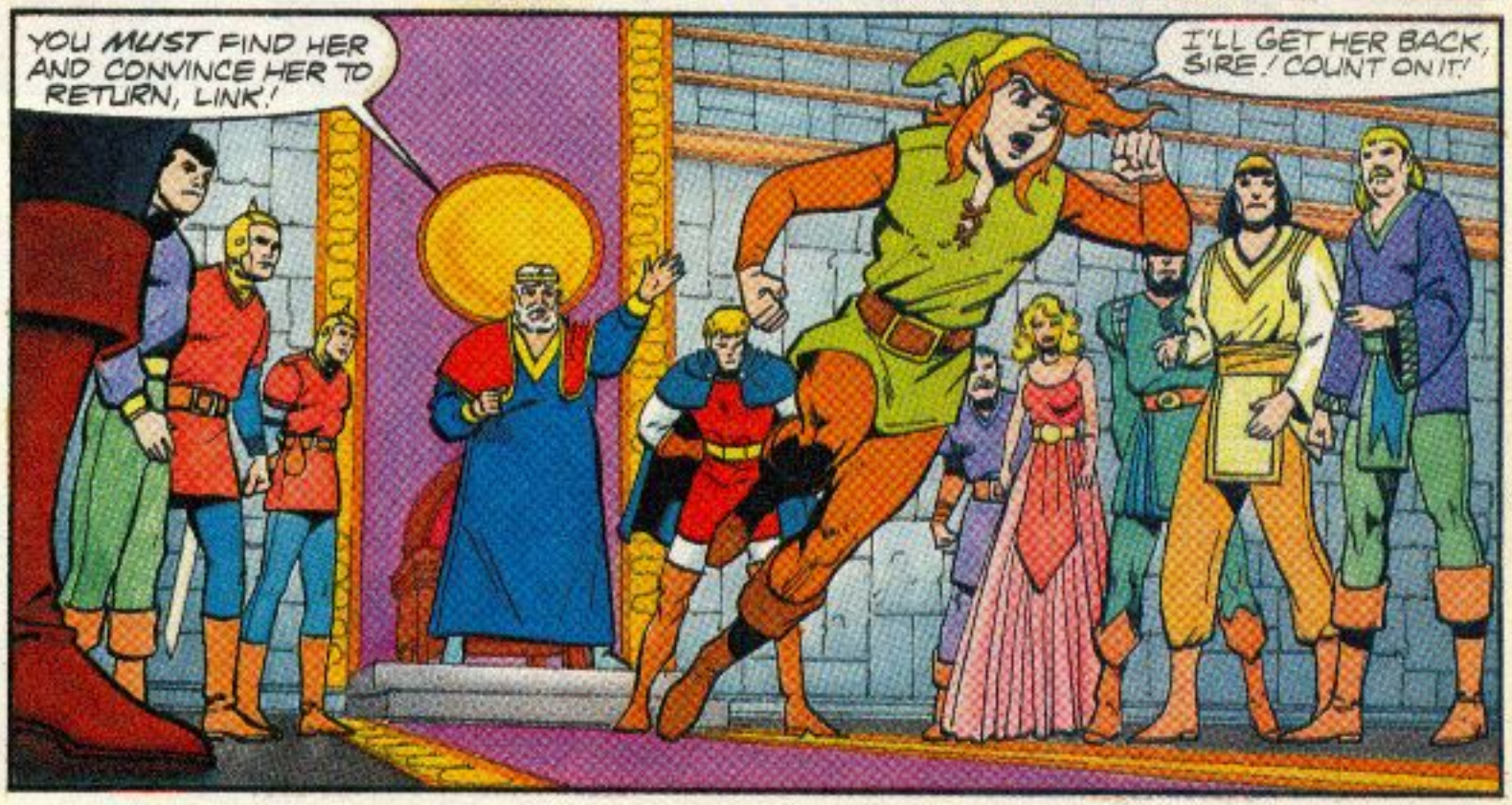
FORGIVE ME, MAJESTY, BUT LINK WAS ACTING LIKE A MADMAN! WE FEARED HE MIGHT ATTACK YOU!

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!

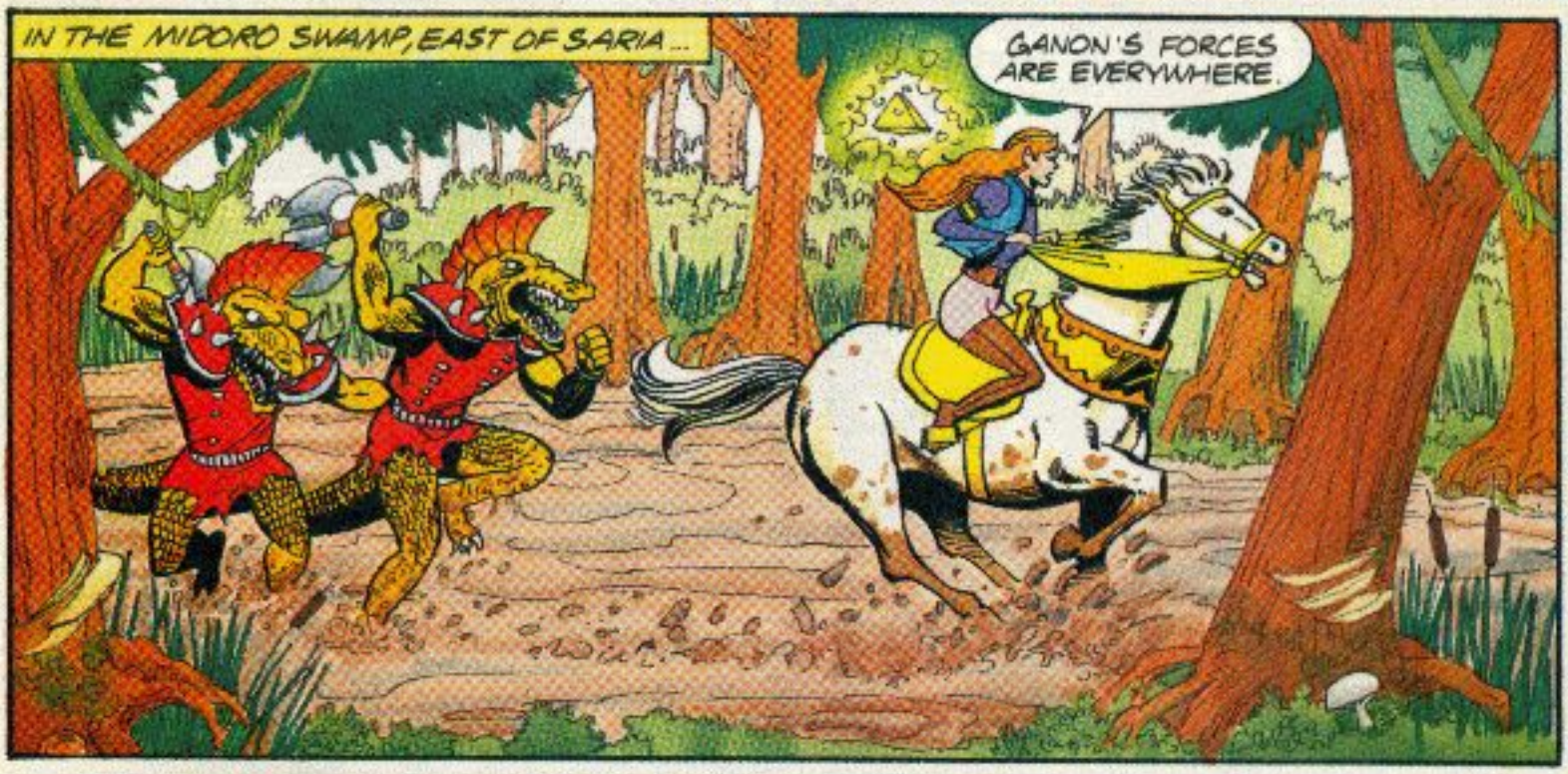

ZELDA SAID THAT THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM SAFE FROM GANON IS FOR HER TO TAKE IT FAR AWAY AND NEVER RETURN! I COULD NOT STOP HER!

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!

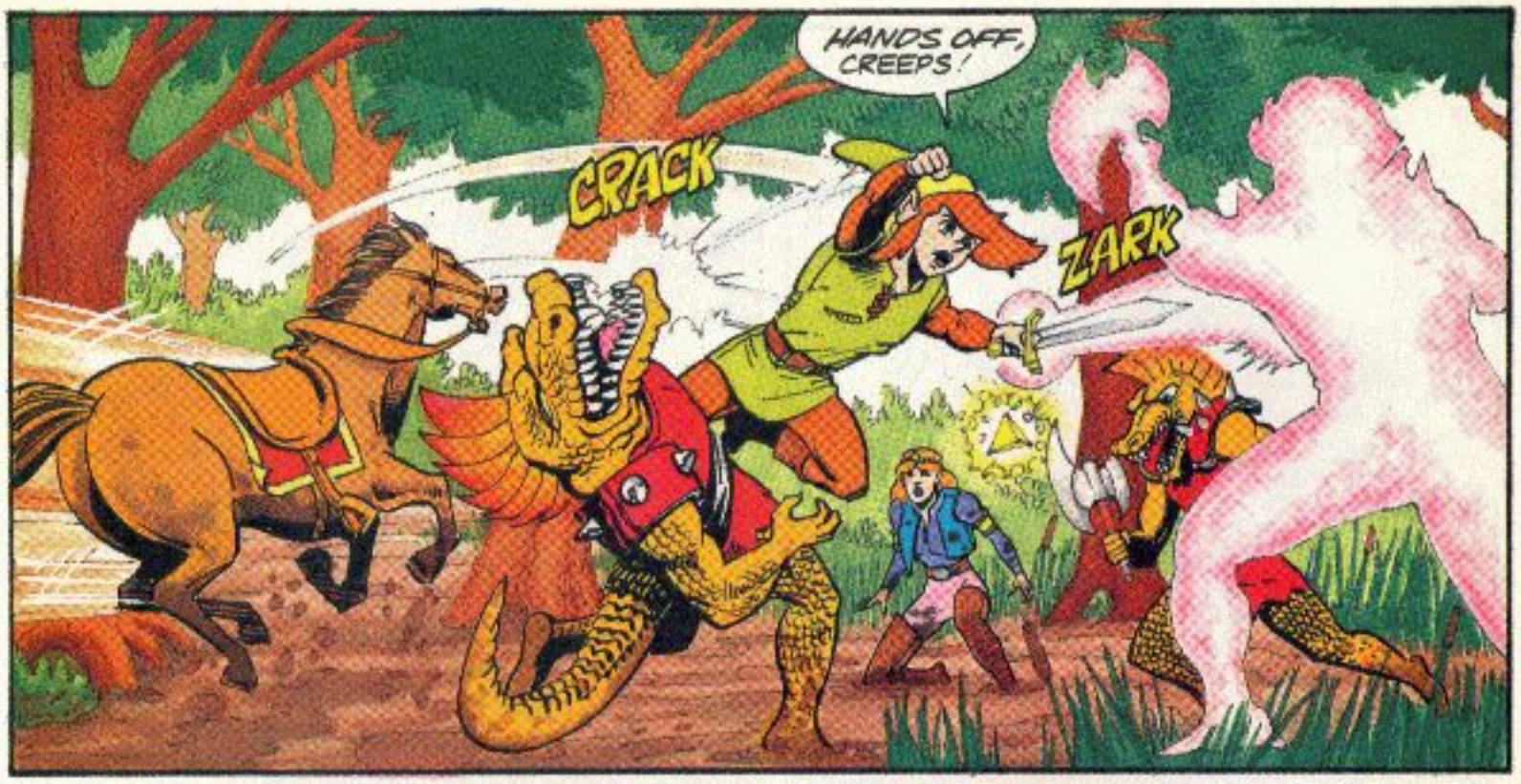
LET'S MOVE, CATHERINE! ZELDA'S GOT A DAY'S HEAD START!

BUT THIS MAGIC COMPASS WILL LEAD ME RIGHT TO THE TRIFORCE, AND ZELDA! I JUST HOPE WE GET THERE BEFORE GANON DOES!


IN THE MIDORO SWAMP, EAST OF SARIA...
GANON'S FORCES ARE EVERYWHERE.

A DEELER! WHOA, STORM!
NEEHHH

CAPTURE GIRL!
TRIFORCE BE OURS!
GIVE TO GANON!
YOU JUST TRY IT, DARIA!

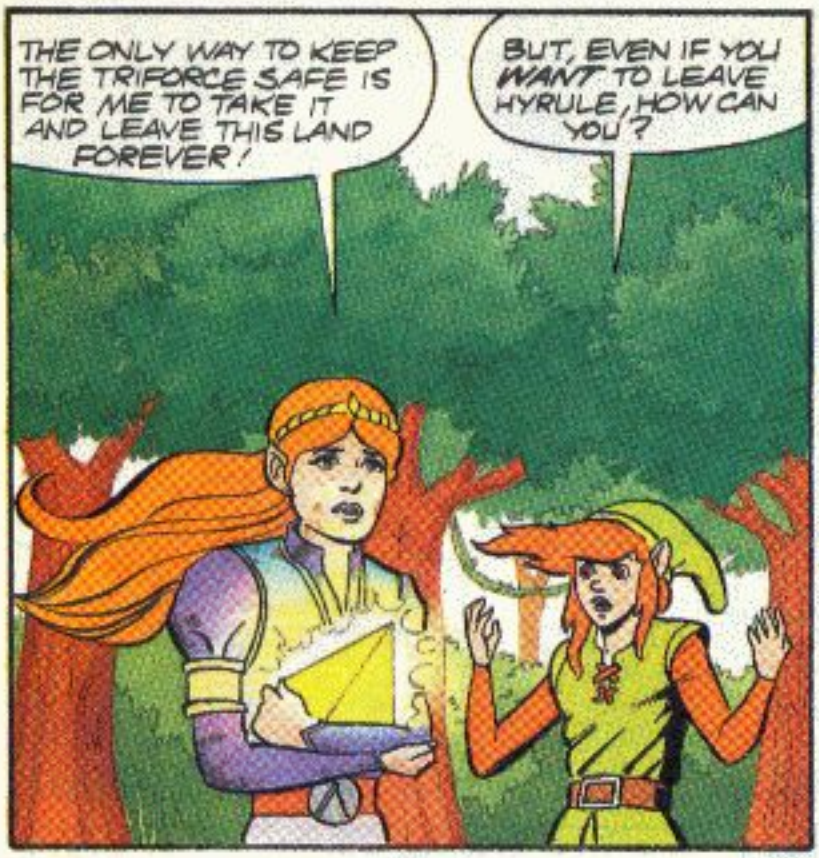

HANDS OFF, CREEPS!
CRACK
ZARK

LINK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SAVING YOU, OF COURSE!
ZAP

ZELDA, WAIT!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
LET ME GO! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM FROM GANON!

I'LL PROTECT YOU! WHAT DID I DO WRONG? HAVE I EVER LET YOU DOWN?
OH, NO! MY DEAR FRIEND... NO. DON'T YOU SEE, LINK? YOU DEFEAT GANON TIME AND TIME AGAIN, BUT NOTHING CHANGES! GANON ONLY HAS TO WIN ONCE AND HE RULES HYRULE FOREVER!

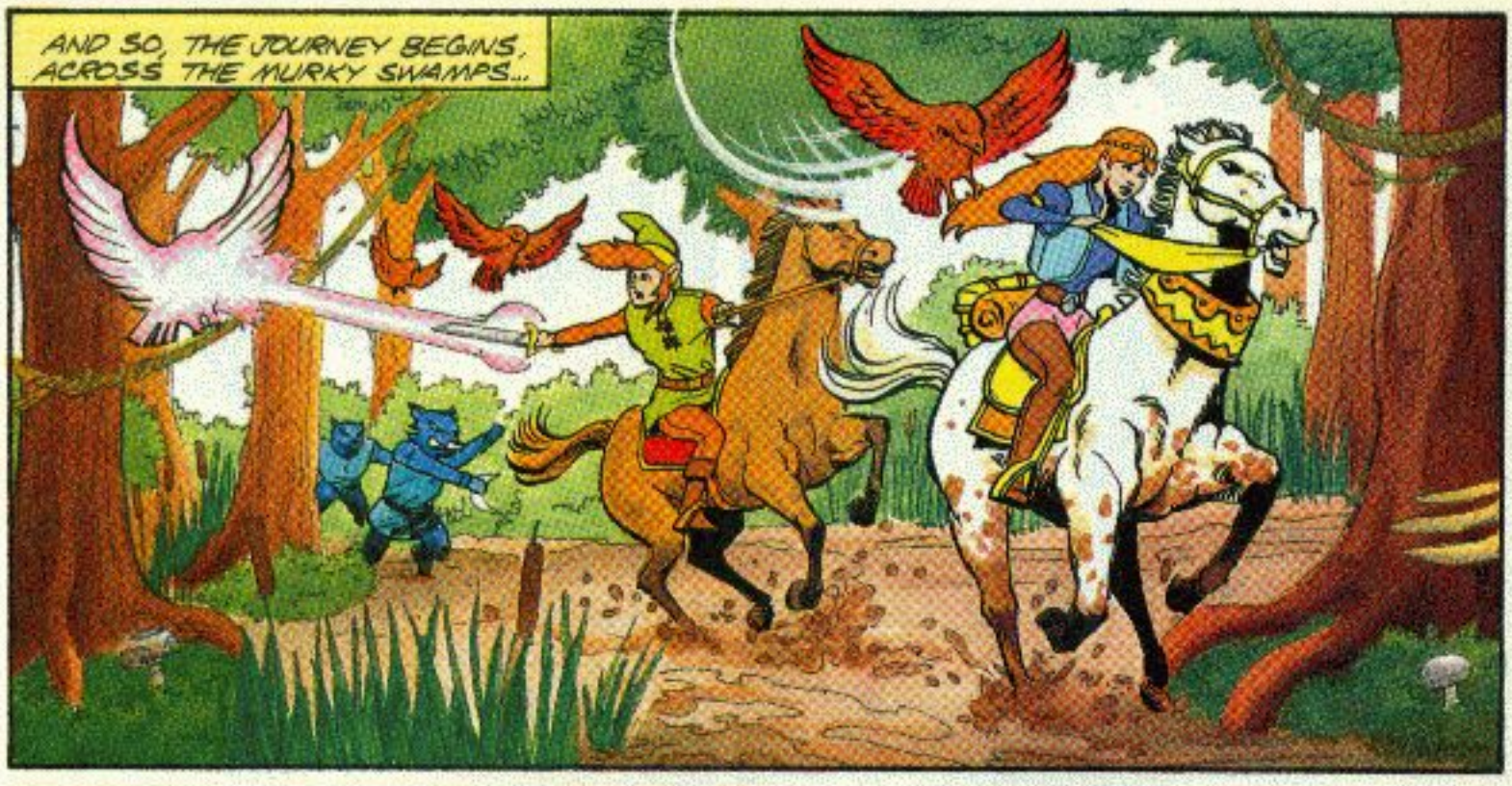

THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE TRIFORCE SAFE IS FOR ME TO TAKE IT AND LEAVE THIS LAND FOREVER!
BUT, EVEN IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE HYRULE, HOW CAN YOU?

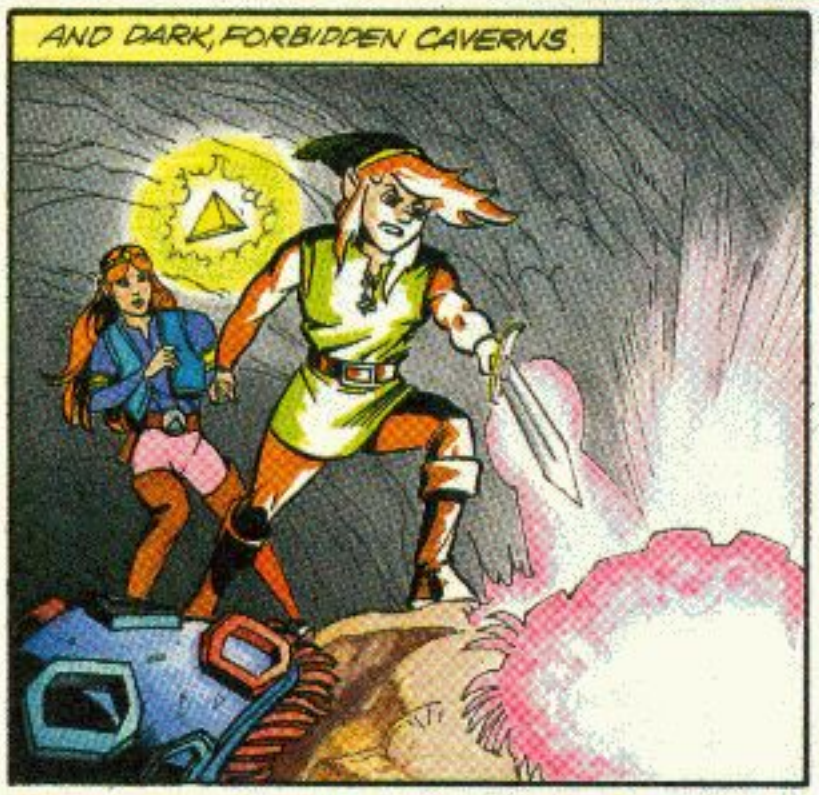
IN THE FIFTH PALACE OF HYRULE IS A MAGIC FLUTE THAT WILL TRANSPORT ME TO A DISTANT PLACE. GANON WILL NEVER FIND ME.
AND I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!

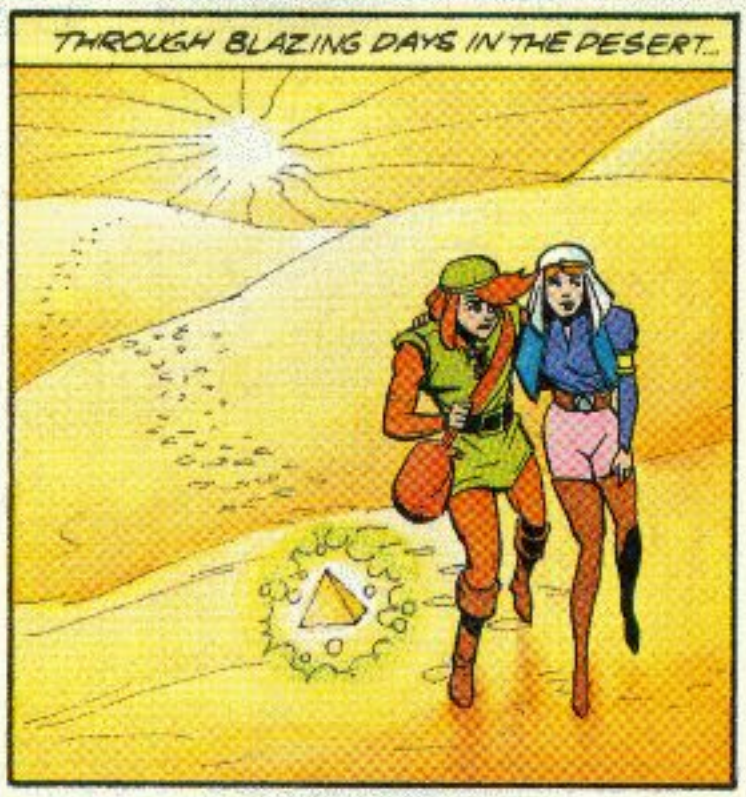
THE FIFTH PALACE IS ON THE ISLAND OF HYRON! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT WITH GANON'S CREATURES SEARCHING FOR YOU!
YOU'RE RIGHT, I WON'T MAKE IT... UNLESS YOU HELP ME!

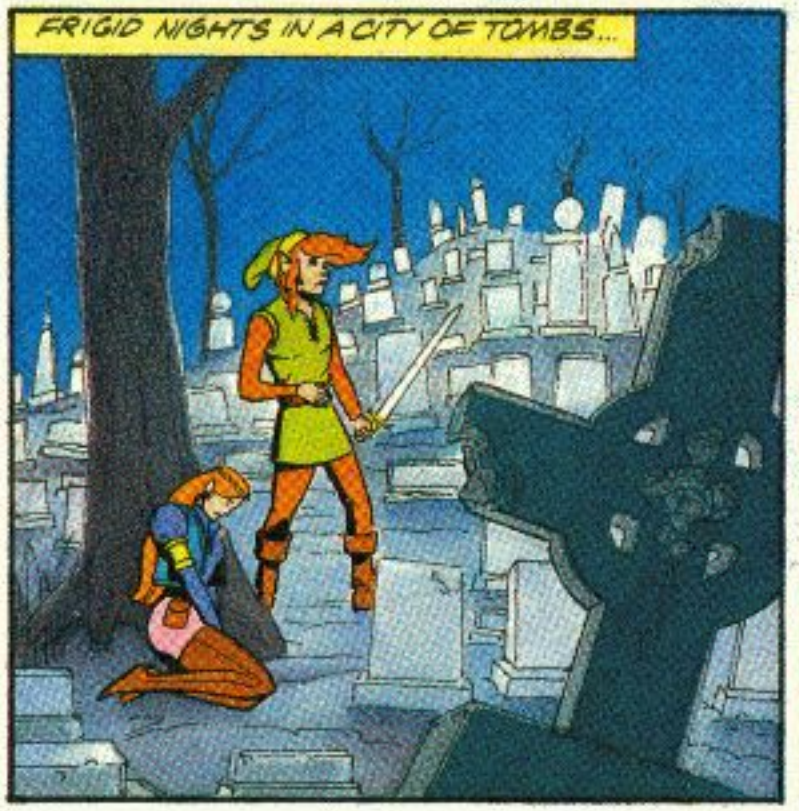
ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU LEAVE ME--I MEAN LEAVE HYRULE--FOREVER!?!
PLEASE, LINK IT'S THE ONLY WAY.

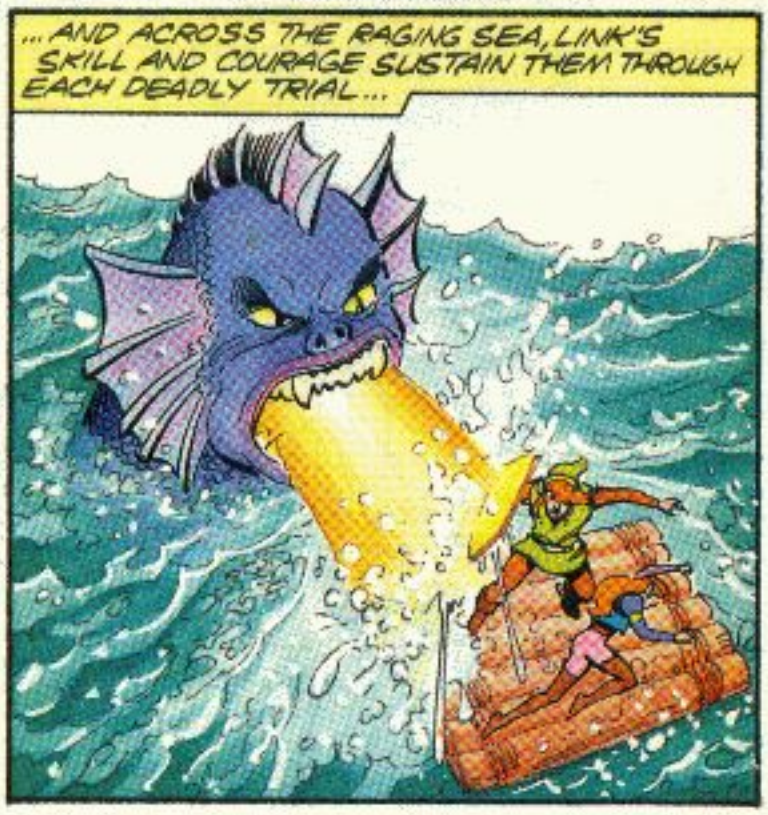
IT'S THREE DAY'S RIDE TO MIDO. WE'LL PICK UP SUPPLIES BEFORE WE CROSS THE DESERT...
THANK YOU.
... AND THEN HEAD SOUTHWEST TO THE OLD KING'S TOMB...


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


AND DARK, FORBIDDEN CAVERNS.

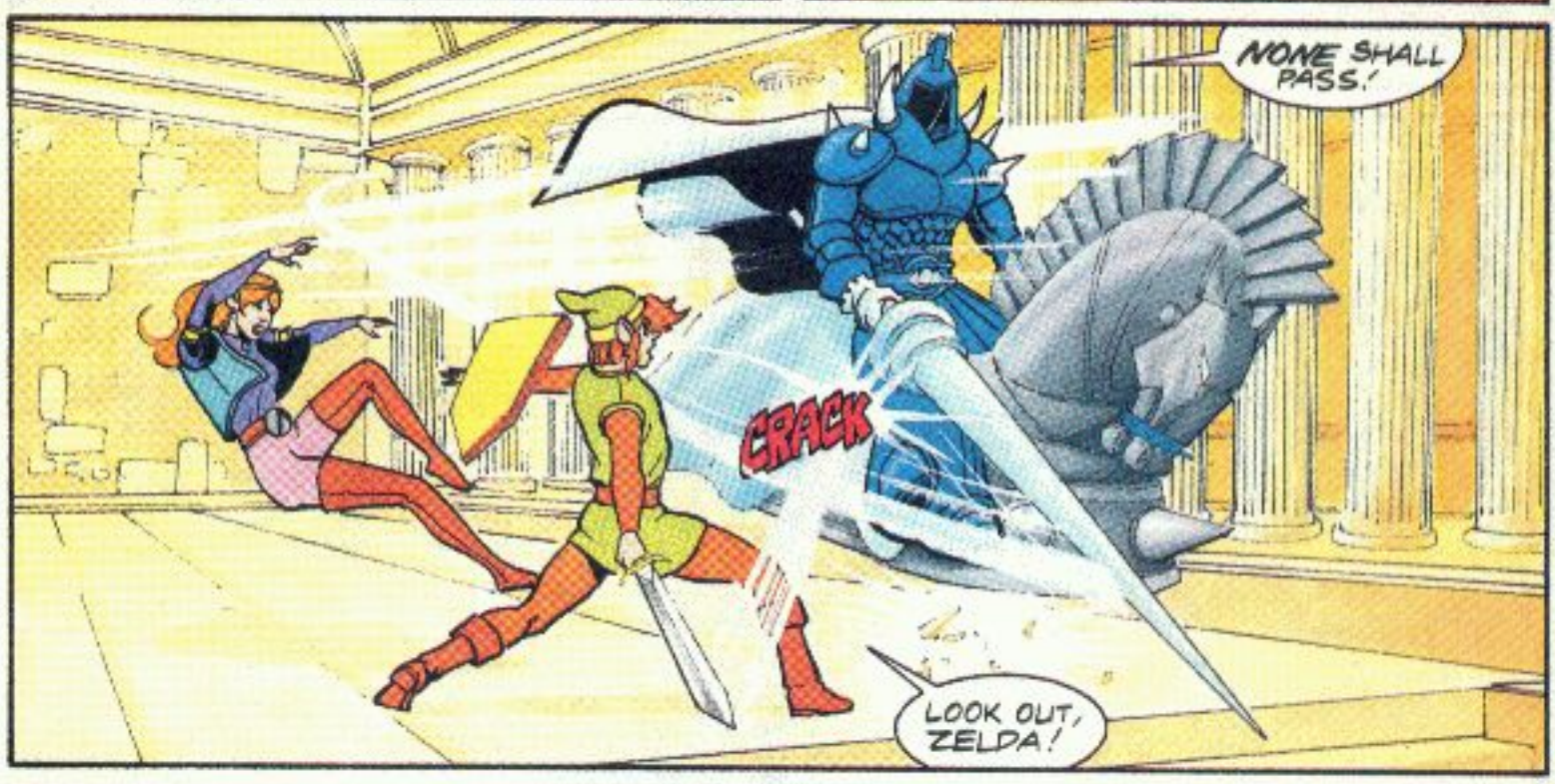

THROUGH BLAZING DAYS IN THE DESERT...


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!
NONE SHALL PASS!


NONE SHALL PASS!
CRACK
LOOK OUT, ZELDA!

YOU FIGHT BRAVELY, WARRIOR, BUT YOU SHALL FALL!
MY SHOTS DON'T AFFECT HIM!

AND YOUR COMPANION MUST BE DESTROYED AS WELL! NONE SHALL PASS!
SHAK
SHAK

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.

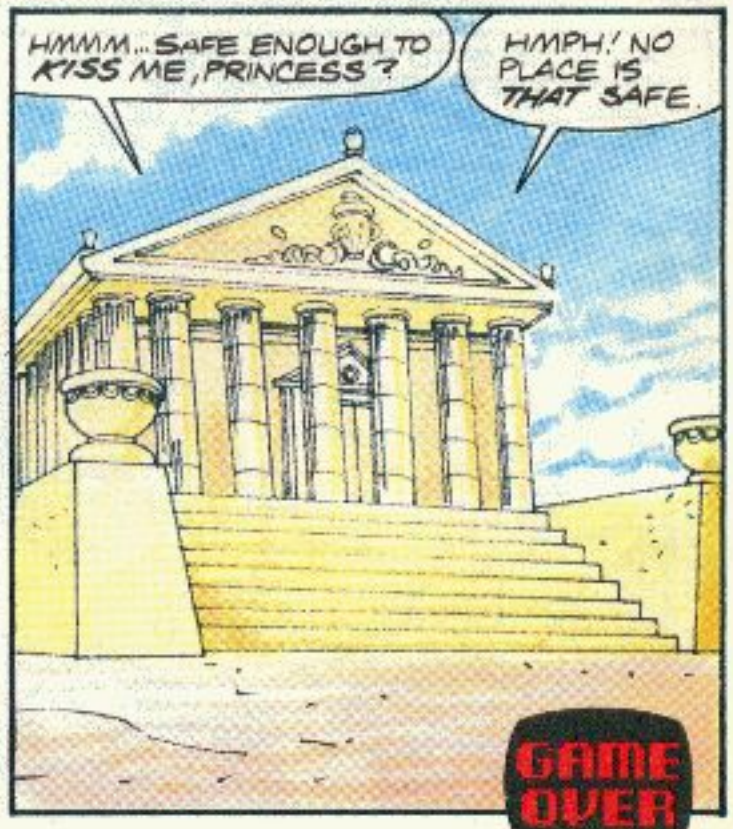
YOU MADE IT! THANK GOODNESS!
YEAH. MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY.

HERE YOU GO. ONE MAGIC FLUTE. DELIVERED AS PROMISED.

SO LONG, PRINCESS. HAVE A NICE TRIP.

YOU'D BETTER PUT THIS BACK, HERO... WE'RE GOING HOME.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE TRIFORCE? HOW WILL YOU KEEP IT SAFE FROM GANON?
MISTER... WHEREVER YOU ARE IS THE SAFEST PLACE WE'LL EVER BE.


HMMM... SAFE ENOUGH TO KISS ME, PRINCESS?
HMPH! NO PLACE IS THAT SAFE.

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HYRULE

Parapa Palace
Tantari Desert
Ruto
Parapa Desert
North Palace
Rauru
Midoro Palace
Midoro Swamp
Moruge Swamp
Mido
Bagu's Home
Saria
Graveyard (Old King's Tomb)
Island Palace
Death Mountain
To Calatia
Spectacle Rock
Cemetary
Miff's Fairy Spring
1st Dungeon
The Overworld
Lost Woods
Link's First Quest Began Here
Magical Short Cut
Secret Home of The Moblin Brothers
Spryte's Fairy Spring
Lost Hills
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ONE DAY, IN THE TOWN OF SARIA IN WESTERN HYRULE...

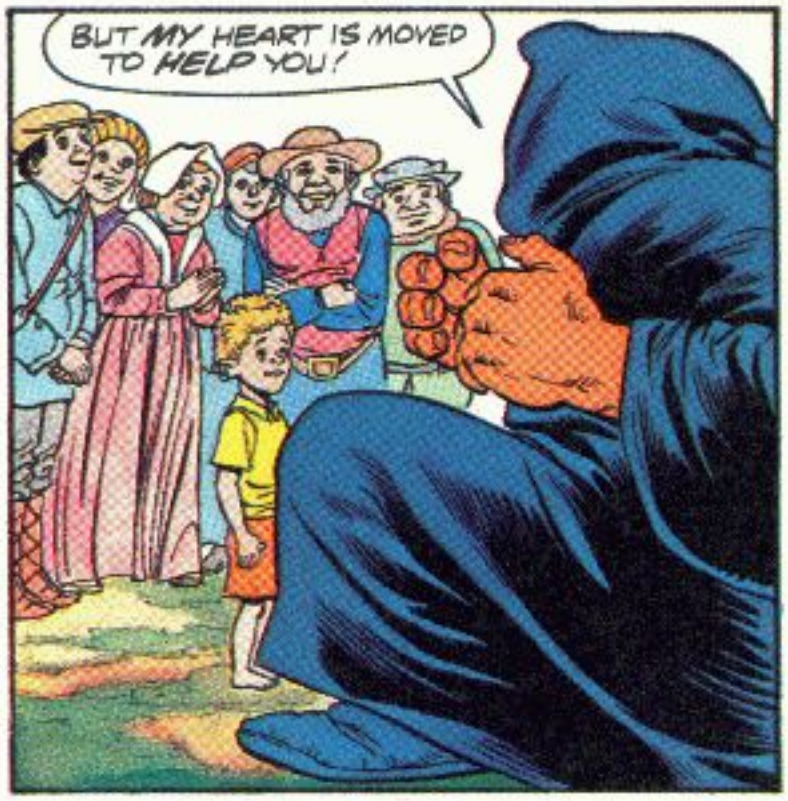
IT'S GANON!!

THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

I KNOW WHY YOU FEAR ME...! BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THE VENOMOUS LIES SPREAD BY ONE WHO IS TRULY EVIL! A MAN-MONSTER CALLED... LINK!

YES, LINK, THE MALEVOLENT! HE ASSAULTS MY MOUNTAIN HOME, ATTACKS MY SERVANTS, AND TRIES TO DESTROY ME! ME...! A MAN OF PEACE!

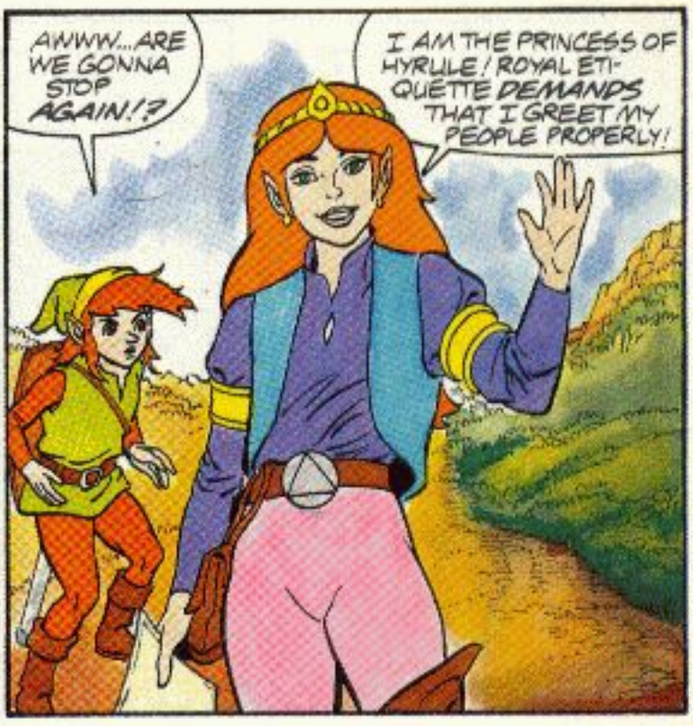
I SEE THAT YOUR FIELDS ARE BARREN. WHAT HAVE LINK AND HIS CO-CONSPIRATOR, THE WICKED PRINCESS ZELDA DONE FOR YOU?
NOTHING!


BUT MY HEART IS MOVED TO HELP YOU!

THIS IS BUT A FRACTION OF MY POWER! I WISH I COULD DO MORE...
BUT, I MUST SAVE ALL MY ENERGY TO DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST LINK'S TREACHERY! WHY, EVEN NOW, LINK AND ZELDA ARE PURSUING ME! THEY ARE ONLY A DAY'S MARCH BEHIND!

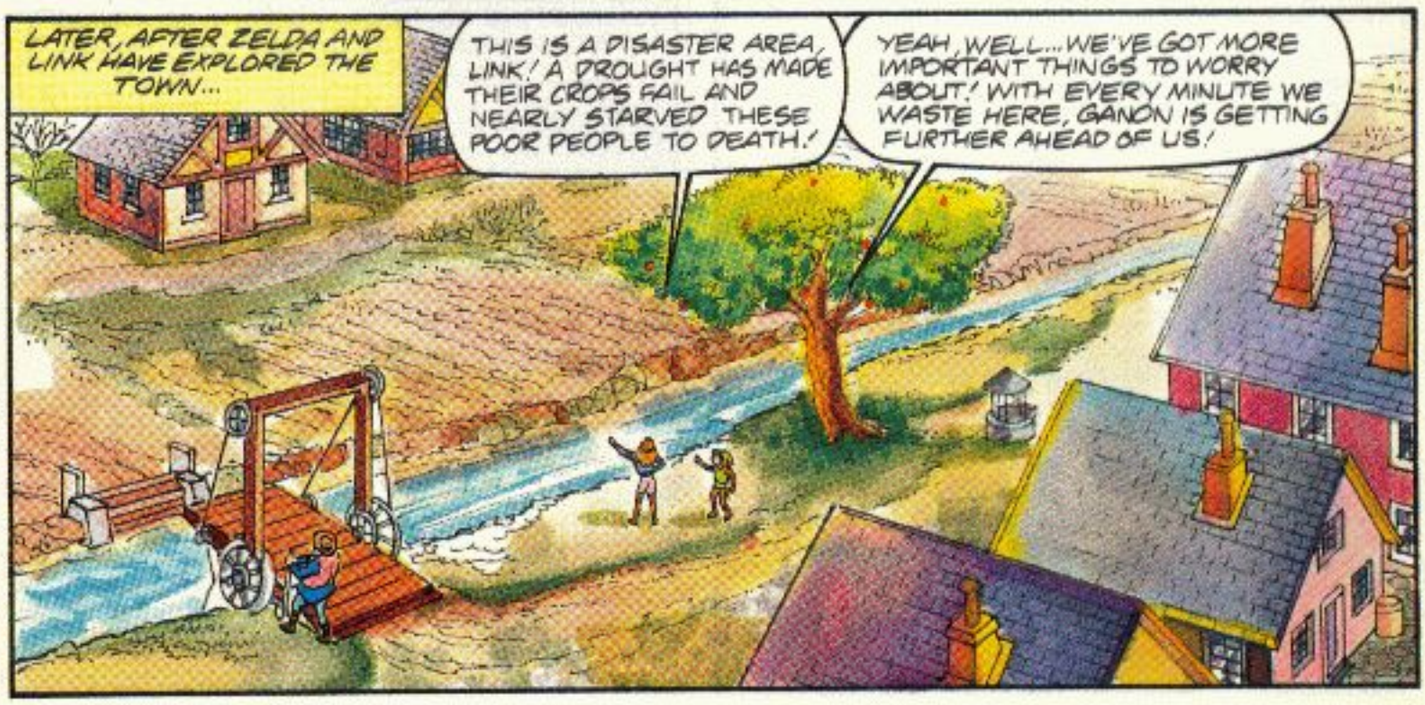
:SIGH!: IF ONLY LINK WERE GONE...

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
THIS IS SARIA, LINK!
BIG DEAL. ANOTHER DO-NOTHING, BACKWATER TOWN! ALL I CARE ABOUT IS CATCHING UP WITH THAT PIG, GANON!

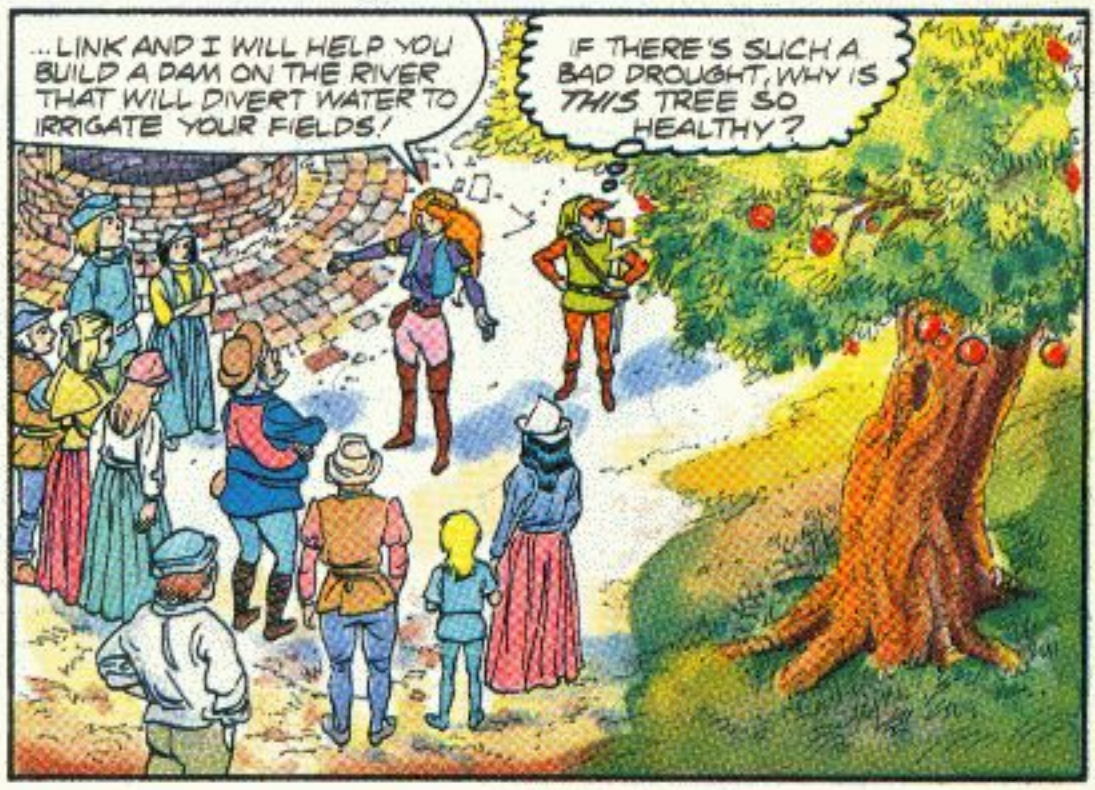

AWWW... ARE WE GONNA STOP AGAIN!?
I AM THE PRINCESS OF HYRULE! ROYAL ETIQUETTE DEMANDS THAT I GREET MY PEOPLE PROPERLY!

HAIL AND WELL MET-- RIVER MAN. I AM PRINCESS ZELDA. HOW FARES YOUR VILLAGE THIS DAY?
AHEM! WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE EVIL WIZARD GANON WHO MIGHT HAVE PASSED THROUGH HERE!
I SUSPECTED AS MUCH!

TROUBLEMAKERS! WE DON'T WANT YOUR KIND AROUND HERE!
TALK ABOUT A COLD SHOULDER! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THERE MUST BE A REASON HE WAS SO UNFRIENDLY.


LATER, AFTER ZELDA AND LINK HAVE EXPLORED THE TOWN...
THIS IS A DISASTER AREA, LINK! A DROUGHT HAS MADE THEIR CROPS FAIL AND NEARLY STARVED THESE POOR PEOPLE TO DEATH!
YEAH, WELL... WE'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT! WITH EVERY MINUTE WE WASTE HERE, GANON IS GETTING FURTHER AHEAD OF US!

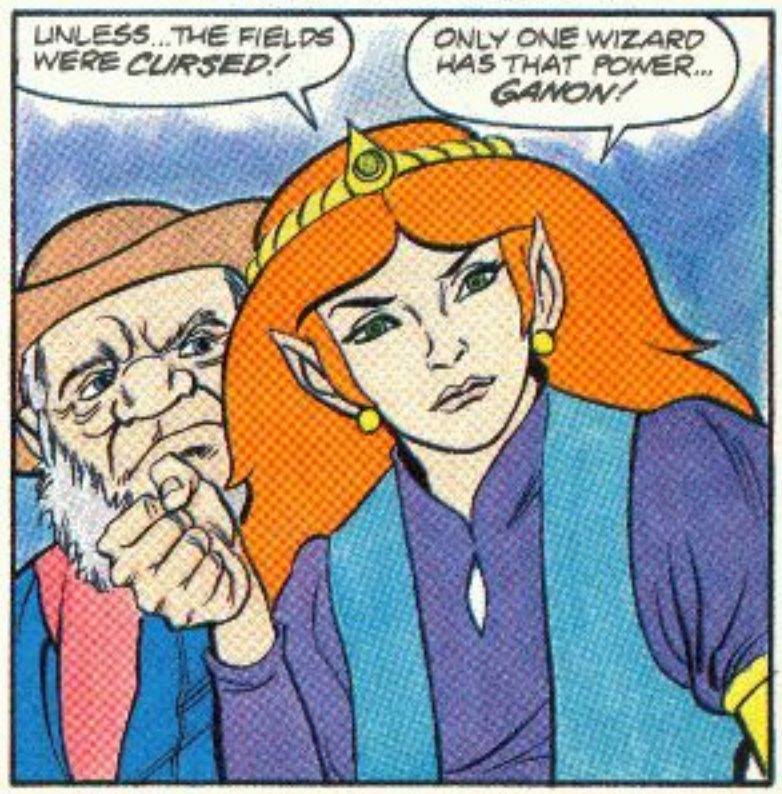
THESE ARE MY PEOPLE! I MUST HELP THEM!
BUT THEY DON'T EVEN LIKE US! HEY! YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!
GRRR! FIGHTING WITH THAT GIRL IS LIKE ARGUING WITH A STONE WALL!


...LINK AND I WILL HELP YOU BUILD A DAM ON THE RIVER THAT WILL DIVERT WATER TO IRRIGATE YOUR FIELDS!
IF THERE'S SUCH A BAD DROUGHT, WHY IS THIS TREE SO HEALTHY?

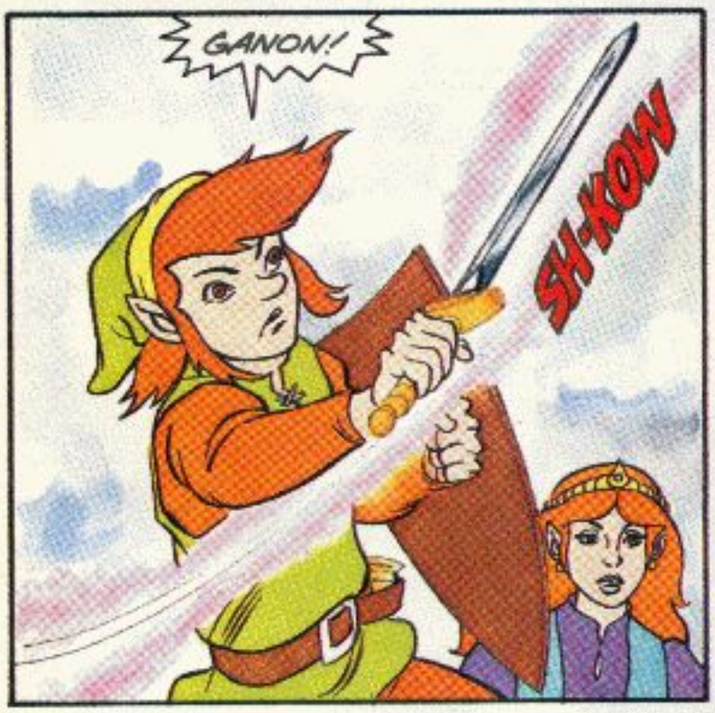
WHY SHOULD WE LISTEN TO YOU?
YOU MUST! IT MAY BE SARIA'S ONLY CHANCE!

ZELDA'S PERSUASIVE WORDS WIN OVER THE TOWNSPEOPLE AND WORK SOON BEGINS!

HOWEVER, SOMETIME LATER...
I TOLD YOU IT WOULDN'T WORK! YOU WASTED OUR TIME WITH YOUR SCHEME!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WE BUILT THE DAM. THE FIELDS ARE WATERED. CROPS SHOULD GROW...


UNLESS...THE FIELDS WERE CURSED!
ONLY ONE WIZARD HAS THAT POWER... GANON!

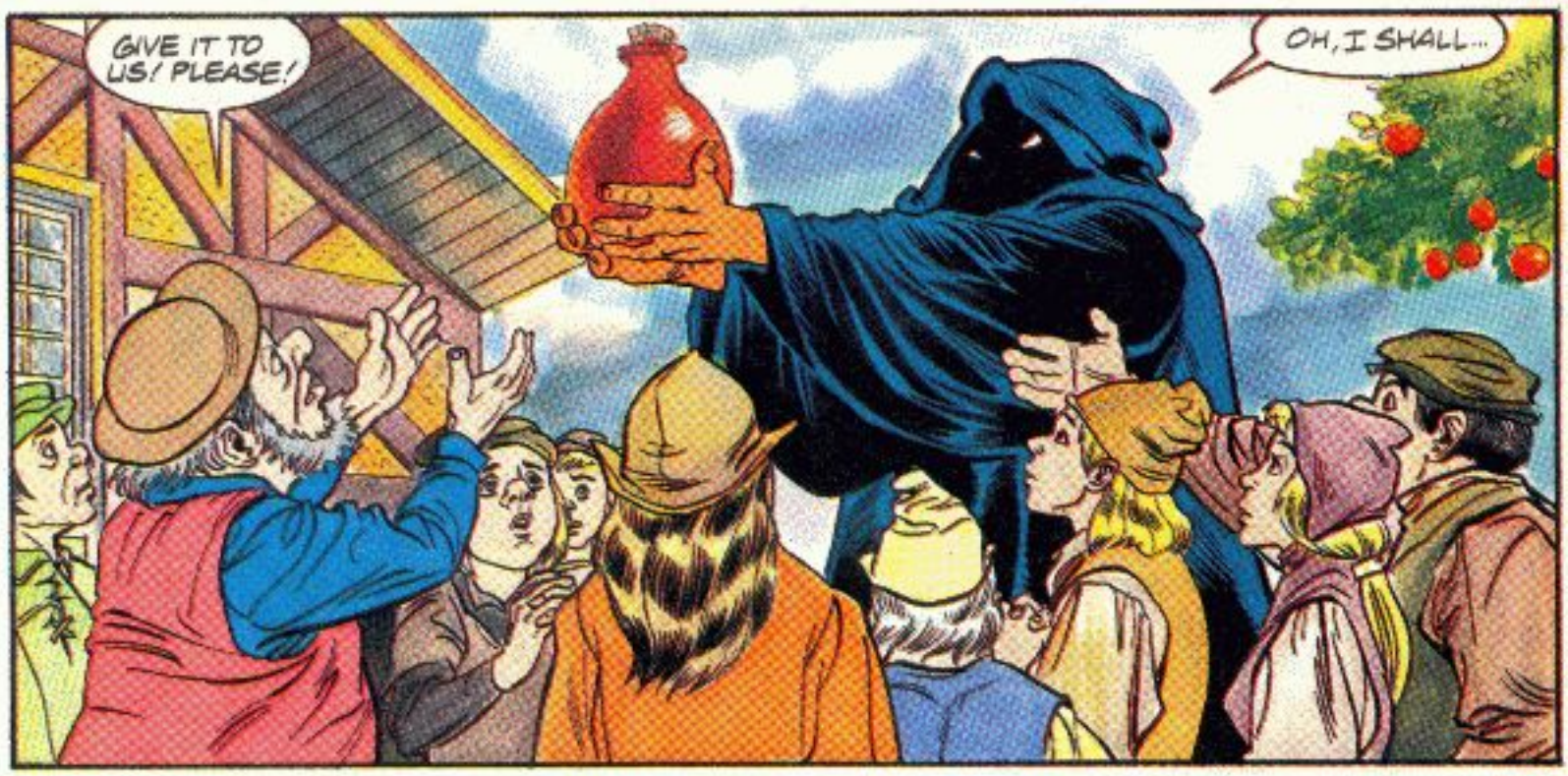
AGAIN, THE EVIL LINK AND ZELDA SPREAD THEIR SLANDEROUS LIES!


GANON!
SH-KOW

DO YOU SEE, PEOPLE OF SARIA? I AM ATTACKED WITHOUT PROVOCATION BY THIS ASSASSIN!
I CANNOT EVEN PEACEFULLY VISIT MY FRIENDS!
FUMP

THE PURPOSE OF THE DAM, DEAR FRIENDS, IS TO BACK UP THE RIVER UNTIL IT FLOODS MY UNDERWORLD CAVES! IT IS NOT MEANT TO HELP YOU GROW FOOD, BUT TO DESTROY ME!

DESPITE THE PERSONAL DANGER. I CAME HERE TO GIVE YOU THIS.
THE MAGICAL WATER OF LIFE THAT WILL RESTORE YOUR FIELDS, GIVING YOU ALL THE FOOD YOU NEED!


GIVE IT TO US! PLEASE!
OH, I SHALL...

...AFTER YOU CAPTURE THE EVIL LINK!

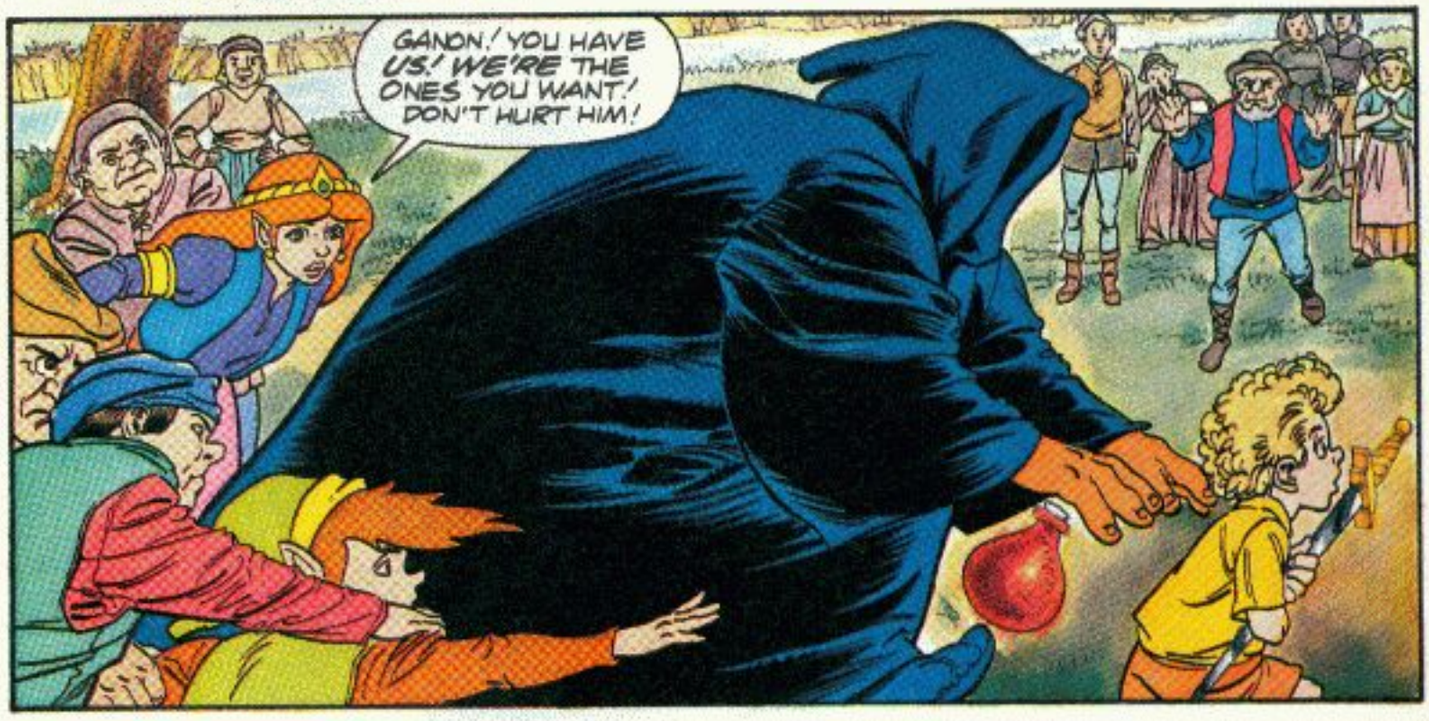
LINK, DON'T HURT THEM!
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEM!?

THEY'RE JUST INNOCENT PAWNS. PLEASE DON'T HURT THEM!
BUT, PRINCESS! I...

I KNEW IT! I KNEW THE SENTIMENTAL FOOLS WOULD NOT DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE!

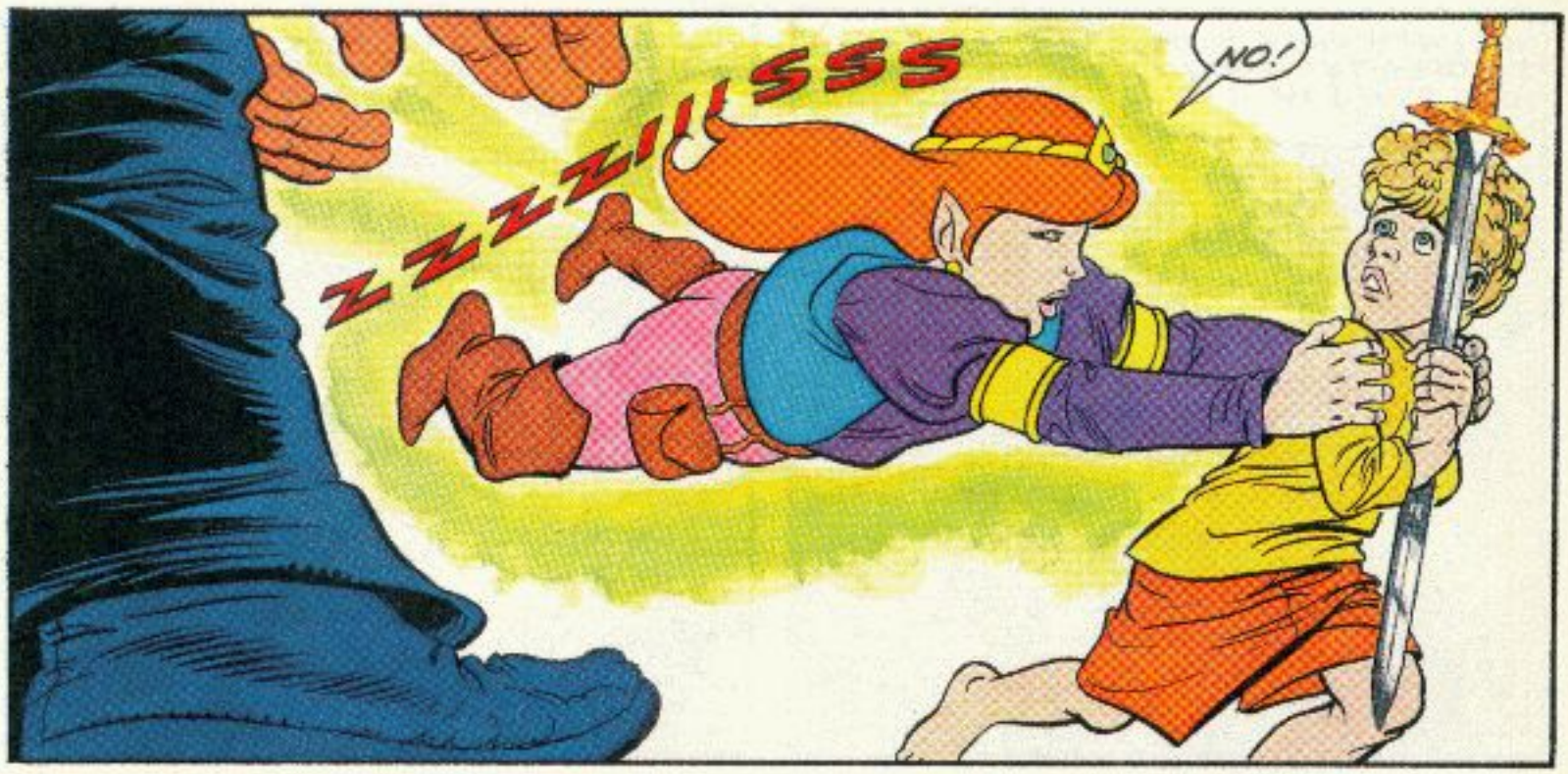
AH! LINK'S MAGIC SWORD! HIS GREATEST WEAPON! YOU, BOY! GIVE IT TO ME!
YOU'LL NEVER WIN, GANON! SOMEHOW, SOMEDAY YOU WILL BE STOPPED!
PERHAPS! BUT YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO SEE THAT DAY!

W-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO THEM?
DO NOT QUESTION ME! GIVE ME THE SWORD! NOW!


GANON! YOU HAVE US! WE'RE THE ONES YOU WANT! DON'T HURT HIM!

HE'S ONLY A BOY!
THERE IS ONLY ONE PUNISHMENT FOR DISOBEDIENCE!

LET ME GO!


ZZZZZIIIISSS
NO!

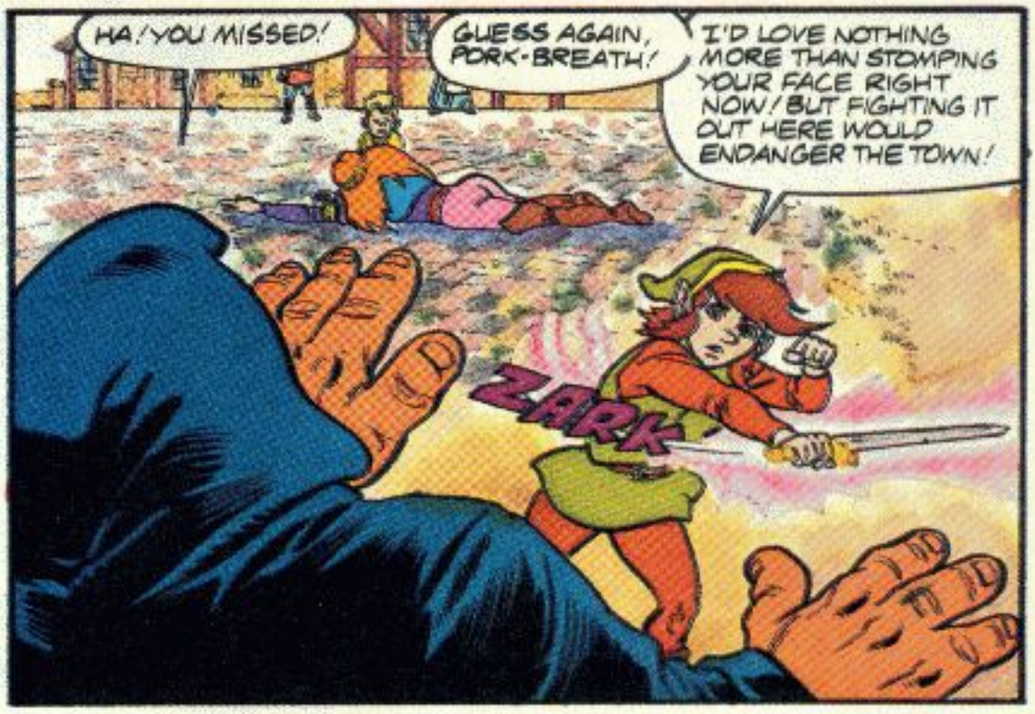
BOOM
UHN!

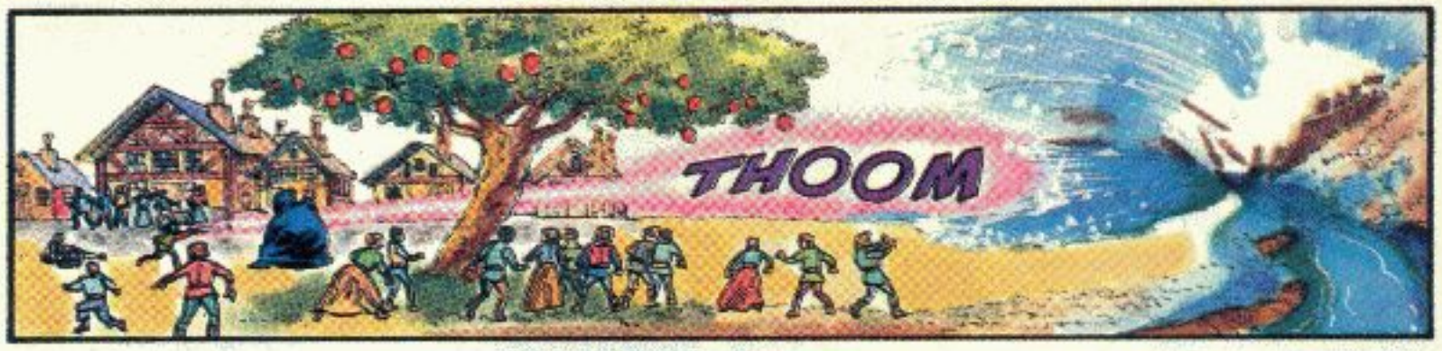
YOU PROTECTED HIM, PRINCESS! HOW NOBLE!
NOW... I'LL DESTROY YOU BOTH!

ZELDA!

NOT SO FAST, YOU SLIMY SWINE!
BAH! WE WILL DO THIS THE HARD WAY, THEN! I'LL DESTROY YOU AND I WILL LEVEL THIS MISERABLE TOWN!

COME, LINK! NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! ATTACK ME!


HA! YOU MISSED!
GUESS AGAIN, PORK-BREATH!
I'D LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN STOMPING YOUR FACE RIGHT NOW! BUT FIGHTING IT OUT HERE WOULD ENDANGER THE TOWN!
ZARK


THOOM

CLEAR THE STREETS, EVERYONE! RUN FOR THE HILLS!
THAT WON'T SAVE THEM! NOTHING WILL SAVE THEM! I'LL DESTROY YOU ALL! I'LL--

ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU'LL BE LEAVING!

OR SHOULD I SAY... LEAF-ING?
ARRGH! NOT NOW!
WUMP
SPLASH

I HAD HIM! I ALMOST HAD HIM!
HMM... DOESN'T LOOK LIKE OLD PIG FACE IS A VERY STRONG SWIMMER.

LATER, AFTER THE WATERS HAVE SUBSIDED...
WITH GANON AND HIS MAGIC CURSE GONE, YOUR CROPS WILL GROW AGAIN! YOU DON'T NEED MAGIC WATER, JUST HARD WORK AND A FAIR CHANCE.
ONCE WE REPAIR THE DAM, WE WILL RAISE MORE FOOD THAN EVER.

HOW CAN WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR US? AND HOW CAN YOU FORGIVE US FOR WHAT WE ALMOST DID TO YOU?
SEEING SARIA THRIVING AGAIN WILL BE THANKS ENOUGH!
AND WHAT'S TO FORGIVE? OUR BOY RUS, HERE, CAME THROUGH IN THE END!

JUST REMEMBER TO BE CAREFUL OF WHO YOU TRUST! THE EASY SOLUTION ISN'T ALWAYS THE RIGHT ONE.
ESPECIALLY WHEN GANON'S INVOLVED.
GAME OVER

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SECONDS LATER, AS ZELDA VANISHES BELOW GROUND...
GRAB HIM! WITHOUT HIS WEAPONS, HE'S HELPLESS!
YOU THOUGHT EAGLE LABYRINTH WAS A SAFE PLACE FOR ZELDA TO HONE HER BATTLE SKILLS! FOOL! I FILLED IT WITH THE MOST LETHAL ENEMIES IN GANON'S ARMY! SHE WON'T STAND A CHANCE!
HEY! WHAT...?

LET MY TELEPORTATION SPELL CARRY US TO THE FINAL ROOM OF THE LABYRINTH!
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!

YOU WERE SAYING?
WHY GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO GET ZELDA, WIZZROBE? I'M THE ONE GANON WANTS!

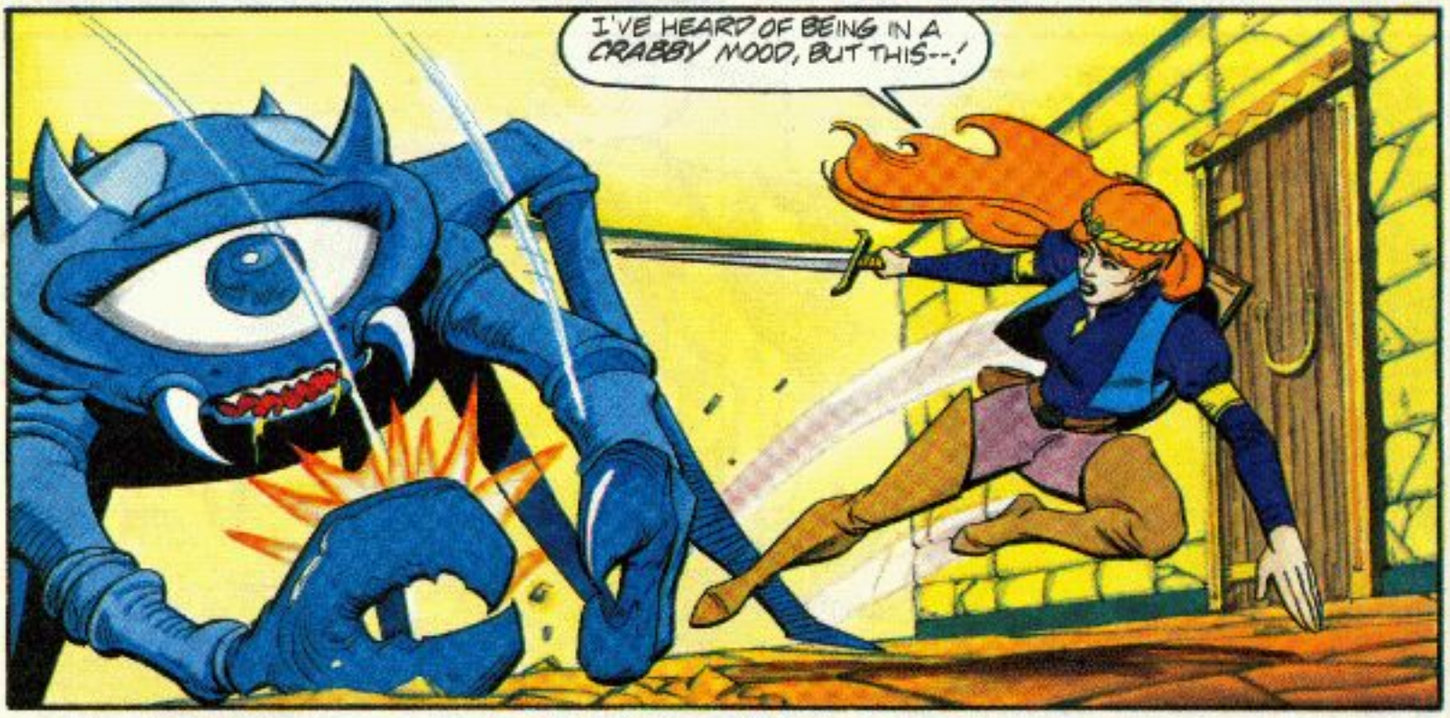
GANON'S DESIRES DON'T INTEREST ME! I'M FINISHED FOLLOWING THAT LOSER! I'VE GATHERED MANY OF GANON'S MINIONS WHO FEEL THE SAME!
BUT YOU'RE ALL STILL AFRAID OF HIM!

GANON HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO STOP YOU OR ZELDA! BUT, IF I CAN DESTROY YOU BOTH, GANON'S MINIONS WILL JOIN MY RENEGADE ARMY...
...AND GANON HIMSELF WILL FALL!

I SURE HOPE ZELDA REMEMBERS EVERYTHING I TAUGHT HER. SHE'S GOING TO NEED IT!

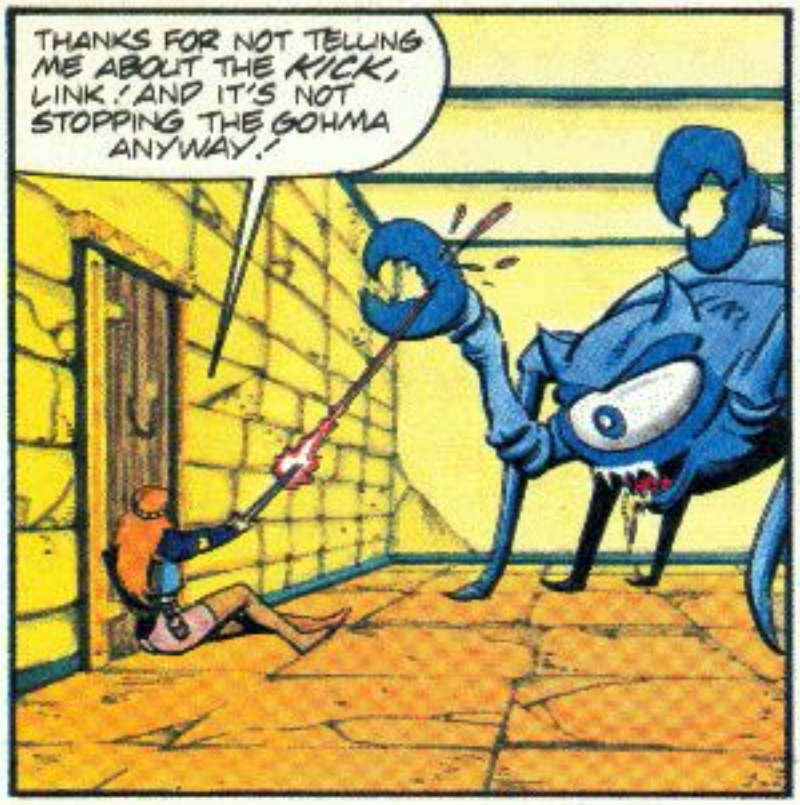
MEANWHILE, AT THE START OF THE UNDER-WORLD LABYRINTH.
IF LINK THINKS I'M GOING TO GIVE UP AND CALL HIM TO RESCUE ME AT THE FIRST SIGN OF DANGER, HE'S IN FOR A SURPRISE.'

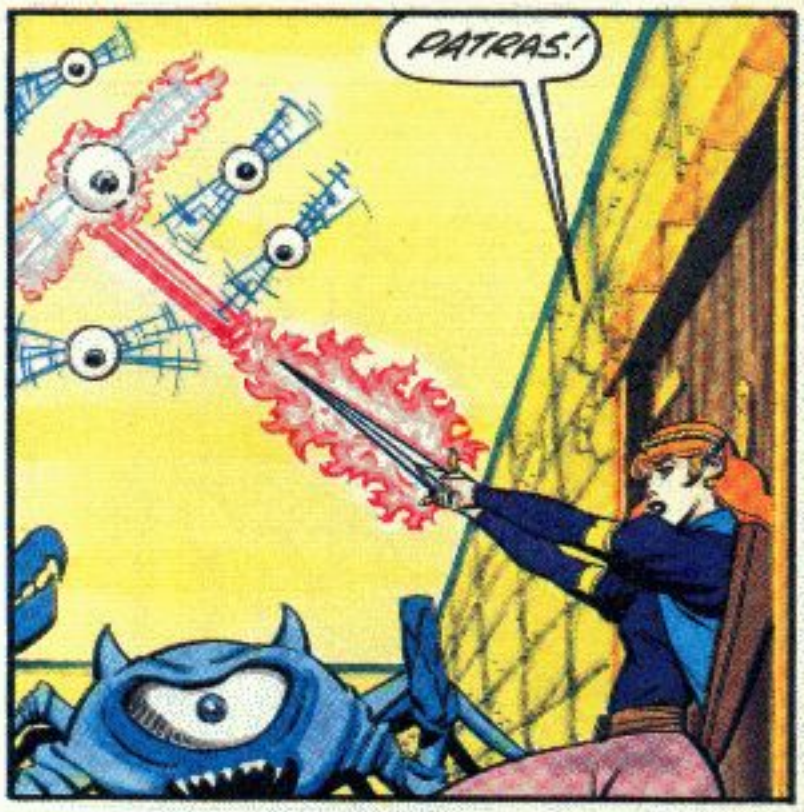
RAAAACK
A GOHMA.' THAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN LEVEL ONE.' I GUESS LINK WANTED TO SURPRISE ME.' WELL, I'M NOT QUITTING.'

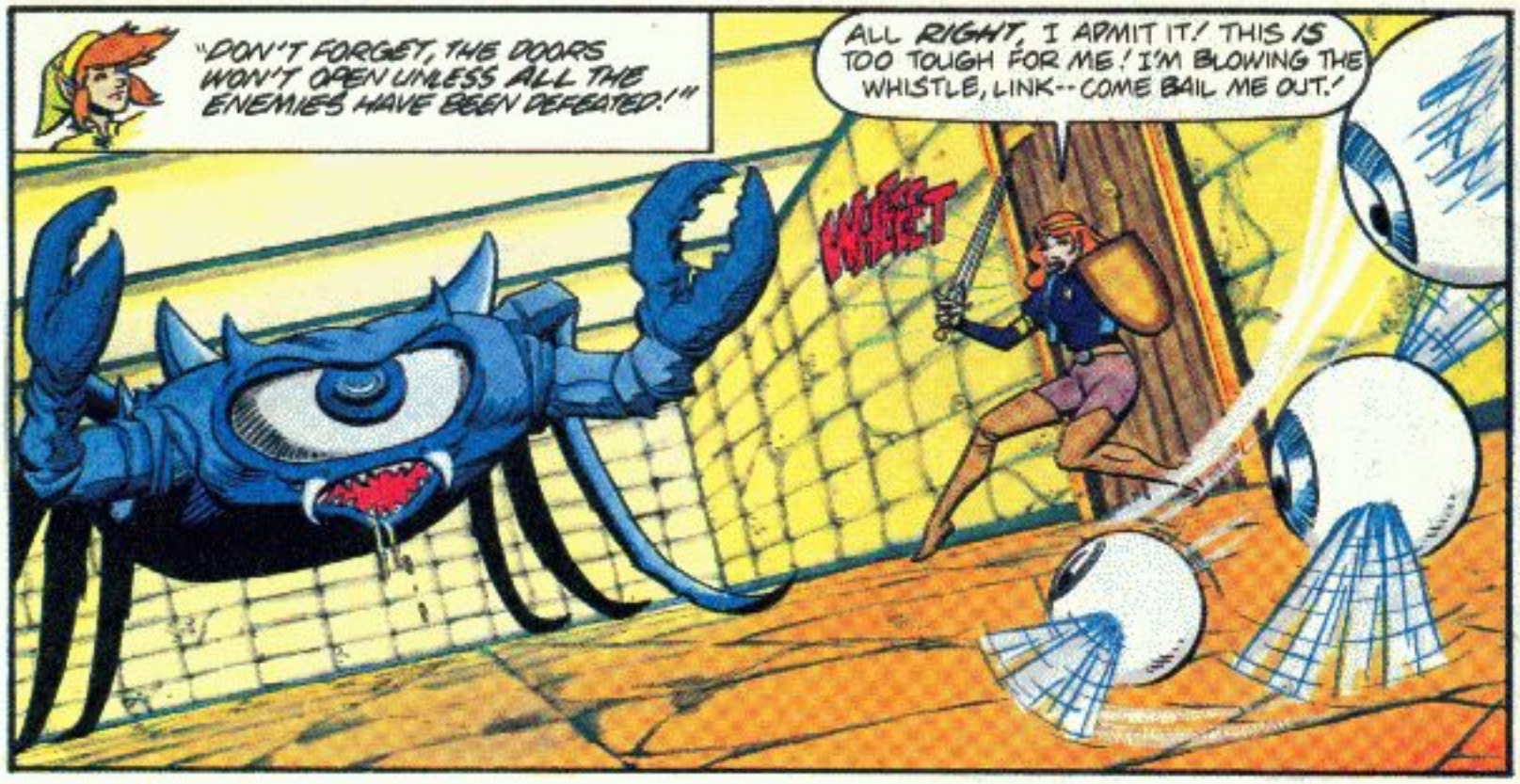

I'VE HEARD OF BEING IN A CRABBY MOOD, BUT THIS--.'

ONE QUICK SWORD BLAST AND YOU'LL BE SEAFOOD SALAD, ONE-EYE.'
OKAY, HOW DID LINK SAY TO FIRE THIS THING?

"IT'S EASY.' JUST POINT THE SWORD, CONCENTRATE, AND FIRE.'"
ZARK
WHOA!


THANKS FOR NOT TELLING ME ABOUT THE KICK, LINK! AND IT'S NOT STOPPING THE GOHMA ANYWAY!

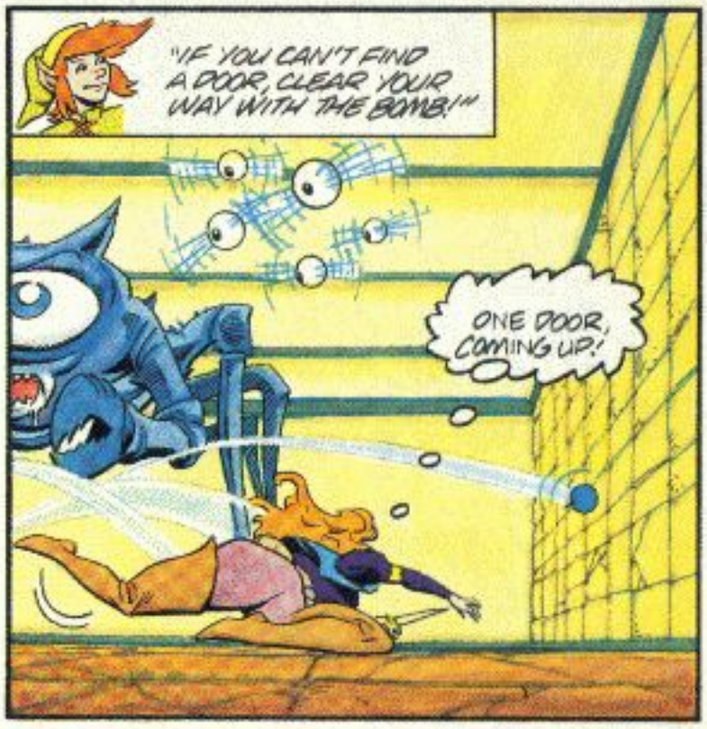

PATRAS!


"DON'T FORGET, THE DOORS WON'T OPEN UNLESS ALL THE ENEMIES HAVE BEEN DEFEATED!"
ALL RIGHT, I ADMIT IT! THIS IS TOO TOUGH FOR ME! I'M BLOWING THE WHISTLE, LINK--COME BAIL ME OUT!
WHEET

LINK? WHERE ARE YOU? THIS ISN'T FUNNY ANYMORE!

HE'S NOT COMING. SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG. OKAY, DON'T PANIC.
I'M ON MY OWN. BUT IF I REMEMBER EVERYTHING LINK TAUGHT ME I CAN STILL GET OUT OF THIS.

ZELDA REACHES INTO HER MAGIC POUCH...
AH... HERE'S WHAT I NEED!


"IF YOU CAN'T FIND A DOOR, CLEAR YOUR WAY WITH THE BOMB!"
ONE DOOR, COMING UP!

BA-WHOOM

WIZZROBE SAY EAT GIRL!
NO! STUPID! WIZZROBE SAID, DESTROY THE GIRL!
SAME THING!
OH, NO! MORE OF THEM!

NO NEED TO CROWD, BOYS! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

CRASH!
I'LL BET THAT HURT! IN FACT, I HOPE IT HURT!

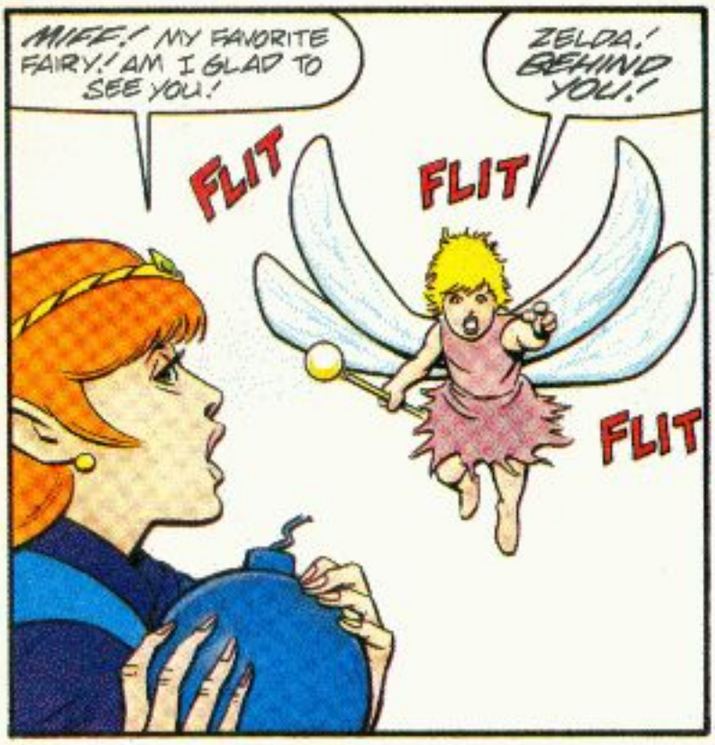
HEY! QUIT PUSHING!
GOT HER!
YOU GOT MY NOSE!
WHERE SHE GO?
LUCKY THESE GUYS ARE SO STUPID!

CREEEEEEK
UH-OH...

IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND, IT'S SHODDY DUNGEON CONSTRUCTION!
CRUNCH

WHAT'S THAT--?!
FLIT
FLIT
FLIT

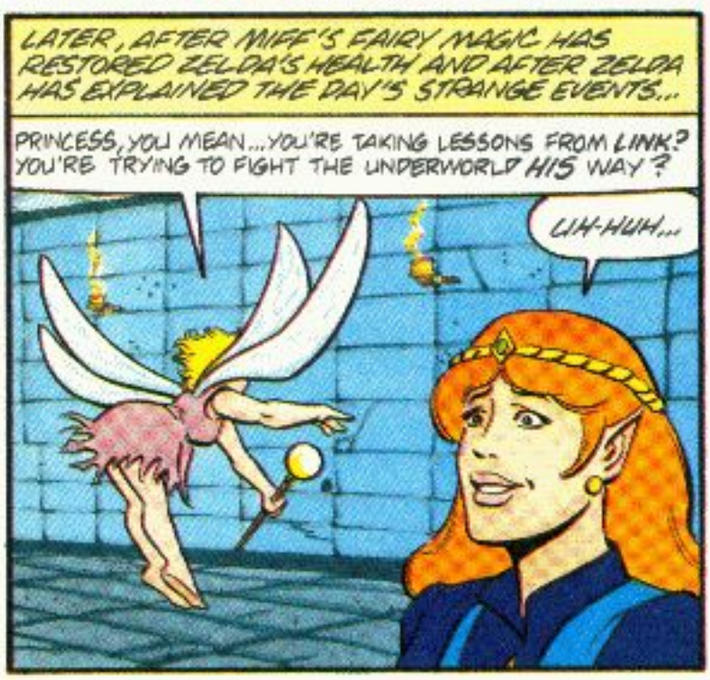
"MOST IMPORTANTLY, ZELDA... WHEN IN DOUBT, ATTACK!"
SOMETHING'S COMING! ONE BOMB LEFT!

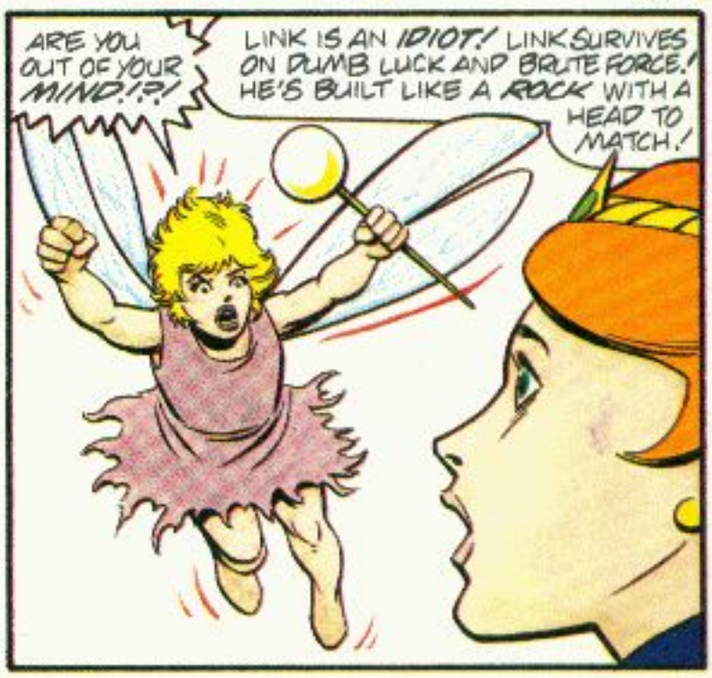

MIFF! MY FAVORITE FAIRY! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
ZELDA! BEHIND YOU!
FLIT
FLIT
FLIT

A DONDOGO!
URRRGH!

BOOM

WHEW! AND THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE EASY LABYRINTH! HOW DOES LINK DO IT?
OH PRINCESS! YOU'RE HURT!


LATER, AFTER MIFF'S FAIRY MAGIC HAS RESTORED ZELDA'S HEALTH AND AFTER ZELDA HAS EXPLAINED THE DAY'S STRANGE EVENTS...
PRINCESS, YOU MEAN...YOU'RE TAKING LESSONS FROM LINK? YOU'RE TRYING TO FIGHT THE UNDERWORLD HIS WAY?
UH-HUH...


ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!?!
LINK IS AN IDIOT! LINK SURVIVES ON DUMB LUCK AND BRUTE FORCE! HE'S BUILT LIKE A ROCK WITH A HEAD TO MATCH!

LINK IS NOT AN IDIOT.!
BUT... I'M NOT LINK.
EXACTLY.

SO, HOW WOULD ZELDA FIGHT HER WAY OUT OF HERE?
IT WOULD SURE HELP IF I HAD A BOW.! I CAN'T FIRE A SWORD BLAST WORTH A DARN.!

FURTHER INTO THE UNDERWORLD...
BEHOLD THE TREASURE OF THE EAGLE LABYRINTH.!
A MAGIC BOW.!

SOON, ALONG THE ENEMY-PACKED CORRIDOR...
NO SENSE IN FIGHTING THESE GOONS IF I CAN AVOID THEM.

OH, GOHMA.! LOOK UP HERE.! HERE I AM.!
RRRAG?

I DID IT.!
NICE SHOT, ZELDA.! NOW... THAT'S THE DOOR TO THE FINAL CHAMBER.!

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT PAST MY RENEGADE ARMY, PRINCESS! BUT I'M DELIGHTED THAT I GET TO DESTROY YOU MYSELF!
ZAP HIM WITH THE SWORD, PRINCESS! HURRY!

LINK HAS TAUGHT YOU WELL!

CHING
HA, HA! GOOD TRY!

BUT, WHERE THE ADVENTURER LINK HIMSELF MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CHALLENGE, YOU ARE NOT LINK!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M ZELDA...
ZZAK

AND YOU PICKED ON THE WRONG PRINCESS, WIZZROBE!
YAHHH!
ZIP
CRUNCH

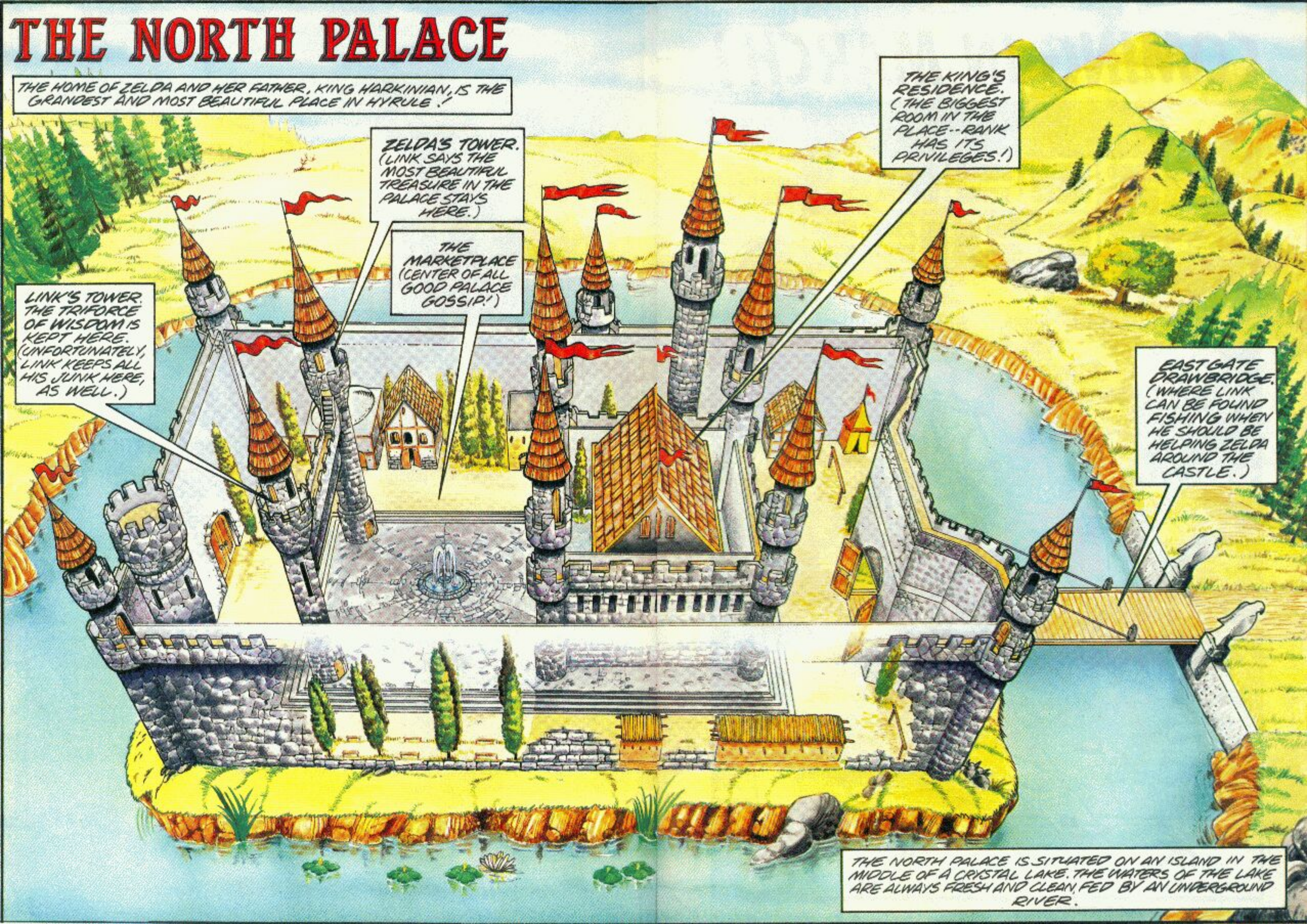
NOOO! THIS WILL SEND ME BACK TO GANON!

YOU DID IT, ZELDA! I GUESS MY LESSONS PAID OFF! KISS ME!
NO. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

SOMETIME LATER, IN DEATH MOUNTAIN LAIR OF THE EVIL GANON...
SO...YOU PLOTTED BEHIND MY BACK! YOU, WIZZROBE, ARE DECEITFUL AND TREACHEROUS!
YES, LORD GANON...

GOOD! I CAN USE A MAN LIKE YOU.
GAME OVER

THE NORTH PALACE



Dear Zelda and company,

I really like your comics. But, I have a better idea: Zelda toys! Ganon could come with a wand, and the triforce of power (red). Link would come with a sword, shield and the triforce of courage (yellow). Zelda would come with a bow and arrows, and the triforce of wisdom (green). The molblin would come with armor and a spear.

Oh, and the triforces would need something to hold them — something as big as this picture. In my picture, the throne holds the triforces.

J. de Moss
Kingston, Ont.
Canada

P.S. If you can't do this, please send me the address of someone who can.

P.P.S. If you can, please send me Link and a Molblin.

P.P.P.S. Expect more letters and pictures!

Nice pics! Sorry to say, we're not the folks to turn your pictures into toys, though. Why not write to a toy company?

We would be pleased, however, to expect more letters and pictures from you... or anyone else who wants to let us know what's on his or her mind!

Dear Nintendo people,

I have thought of a new Nintendo game. It's called, "The Legend of Zelda 3." It will be for two players on the screen. Zelda and Link will fight side by side! Link's weapon is a sword, and Zelda's weapon is the magic of the triforces. Together they will fight molblins and all of Ganon's minions!

Well, that's all for now.

Metro J. Jones
Philadelphia, PA

Link and Zelda, fighting side by side, together at last? Sounds great!

(Dare we inquire about the next step beyond your new game? Could it possibly be... "The Legend of Zelda 4"????)

Dear Sir or Madam,

I like the SUPER MARIO BROS. and THE LEGEND OF ZELDA. I think Link is incredible and funny.

I'm glad those books came out!

Bret Holmquist
Largo, FL

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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 LONG-DESERTED PALACE OF PARAPA...

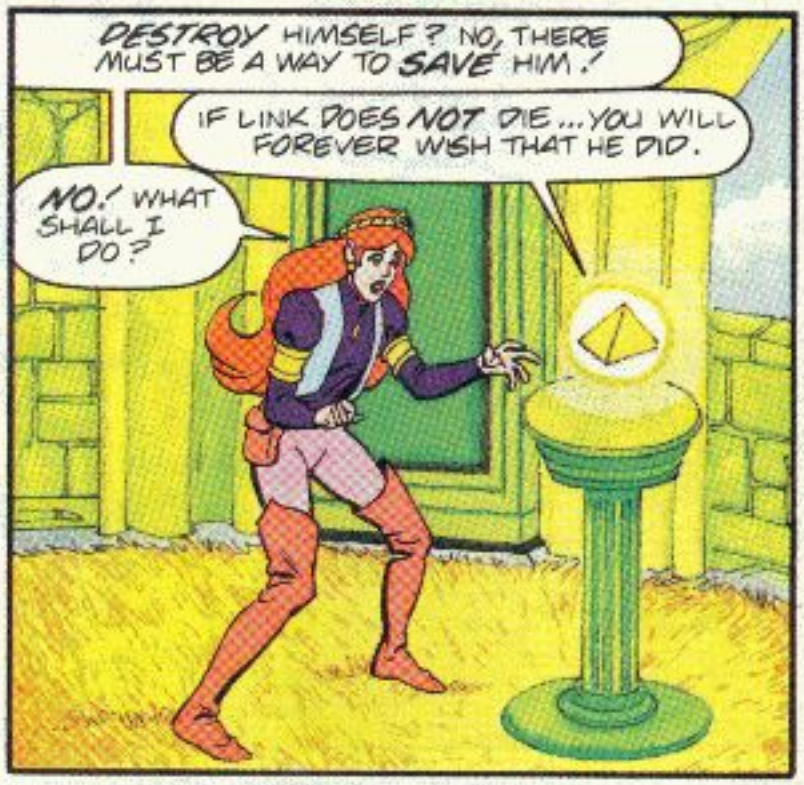
GANON CAN TELEPORT TO ANY UNDERWORLD LOCATION IN HYRULE. BUT HIS YEARNING FOR THE TRIFORCE OF POWER BETRAYS HIM! HIS LUST FOR THE TRIFORCE --MY TRIFORCE-- IS SO STRONG I CAN *FEEL* IT--!

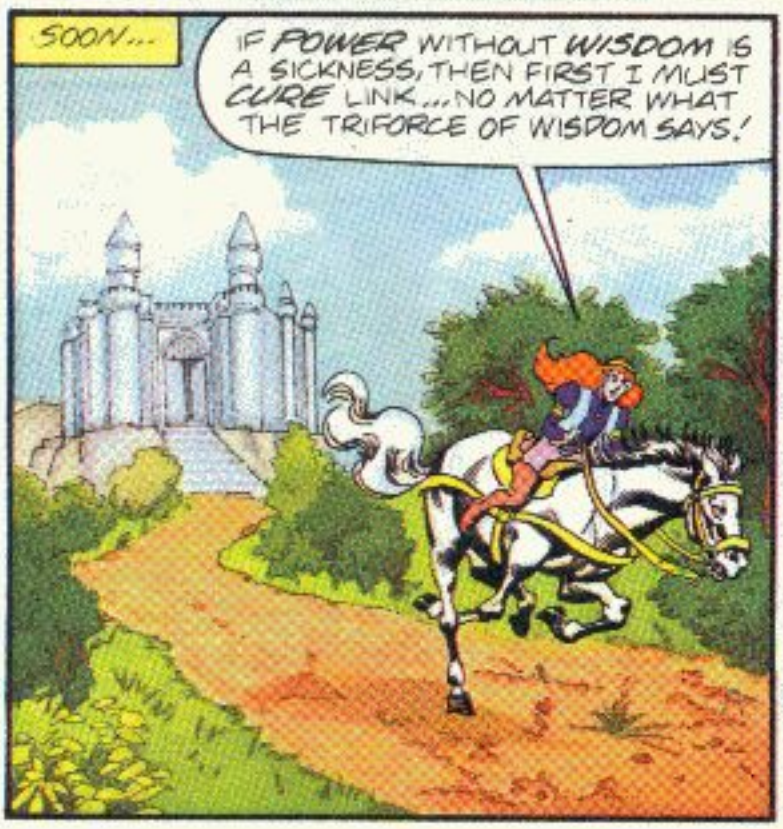
HE'S *HERE*...

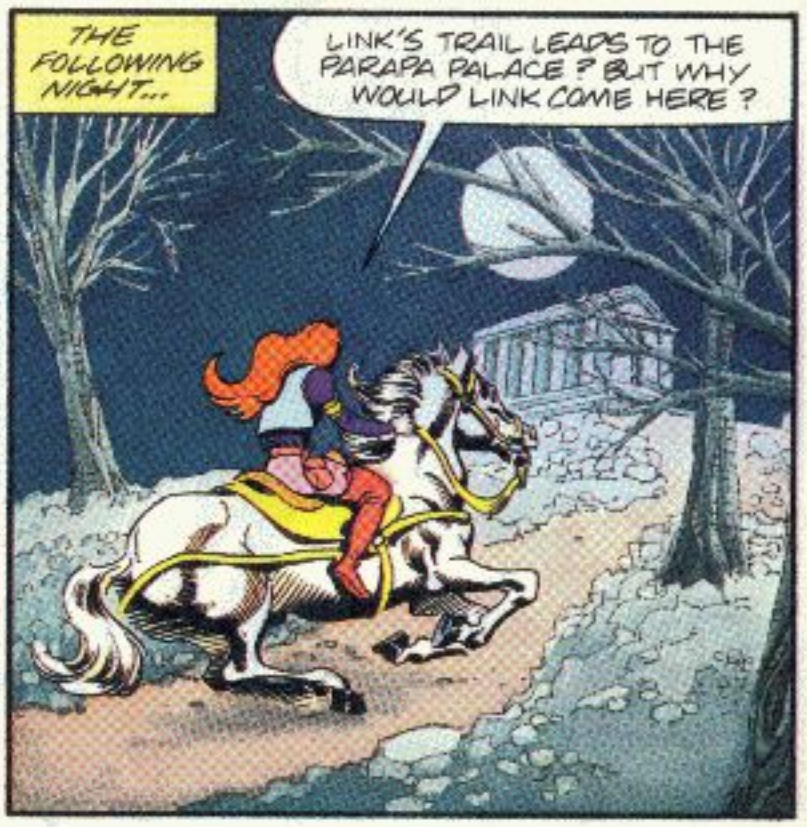
GANON IS CLOSE BY! I CAN FEEL IT!
WE ARE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK... "HERO"!

MEANWHILE, AT THE NORTH PALACE, ZELDA SEEKS THE GUIDANCE OF THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT LINK! HE... WANTED TO TAKE YOU! I COULDN'T HELP THINKING-- THAT'S WHAT GANON ALWAYS WANTED, TOO!
LINK HAS A SICKNESS. HE HAS POWER WITHOUT WISDOM.

SHOULD I HAVE GIVEN YOU TO HIM?
THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM IS NOT YOURS TO GIVE. YOU ARE ITS KEEPER AND PROTECTOR. NOTHING MORE.
IF LINK IS SICK-- HOW CAN I HELP HIM?
NO ONE CAN HELP LINK NOW... EXCEPT BY HELPING HIM TO DESTROY HIMSELF!


DESTROY HIMSELF? NO, THERE MUST BE A WAY TO SAVE HIM!
IF LINK DOES NOT DIE... YOU WILL FOREVER WISH THAT HE DID.
NO! WHAT SHALL I DO?

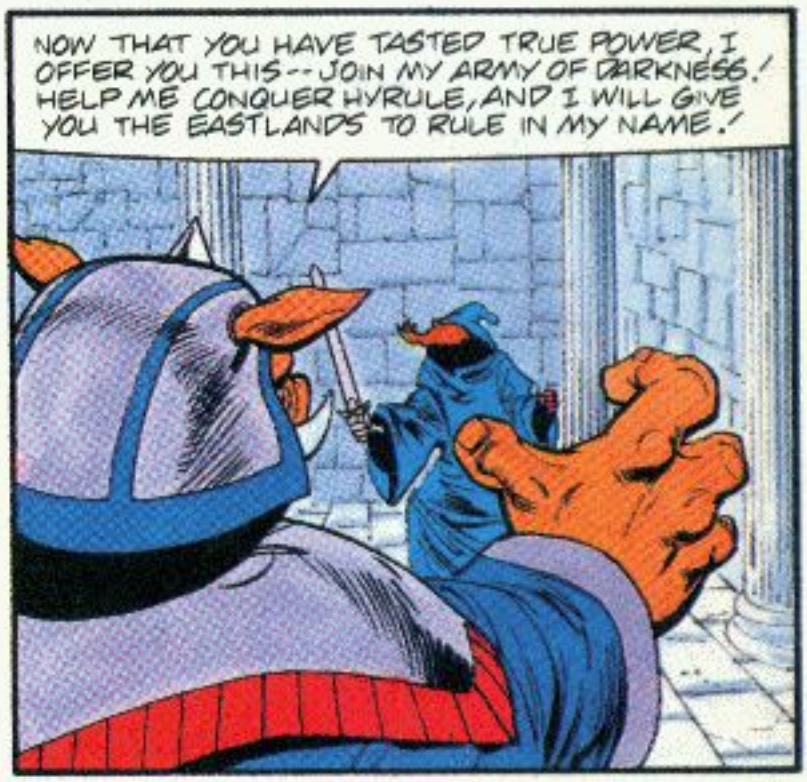

SOON...
IF POWER WITHOUT WISDOM IS A SICKNESS, THEN FIRST I MUST CURE LINK... NO MATTER WHAT THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM SAYS!


THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
LINK'S TRAIL LEADS TO THE PARAPA PALACE? BUT WHY WOULD LINK COME HERE?

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.!
SPANG

DON'T YOU SEE? I LET YOU CAPTURE THE TRIFORCE! AND I CAN TAKE IT BACK!
TRIFORCE OF POWER! RETURN TO YOUR TRUE MASTER!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, PIG!

THE TRIFORCE CHOSE YOU! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
I'M READY FOR YOU! I KNEW YOU'D TRY TO TAKE THE TRIFORCE BACK! BUT MY POWER IS ALREADY GREATER THAN YOURS!

YOU MAY HAVE POWER, BUT YOUR HEART MAKES YOU WEAK! I TOO WAS PREPARED! BEHOLD!
LINK?
ZELDA!

SURRENDER THE TRIFORCE OR MY DARKNUT PRIME WILL DESTROY YOUR PRECIOUS PRINCESS!

SHE MEANS NOTHING TO ME.
YOU'RE BLUFFING! DARKNUT.! DESTROY HER!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, FOOL?

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE POWER HERE! WHAT DO YOU WISH ME TO DO...
...MASTER LINK?

TRAITOR! I'LL DESTROY YOU BOTH!

YOU ARE DISMISSED, LOYAL DARKNUT! AS FOR YOU GANON...
I'M GROWING STRONGER EVERY MINUTE! MY MAGIC IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CAGE YOU NOW! I SHOULD JUST DROP YOU INTO THIS ENDLESS PIT!

LINK! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO ME!

I WANT THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM, PRINCESS! I KNOW YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR SATCHEL! I CAN SENSE IT!

NO!
GIVE IT TO ME! OR I WILL...

LINK... YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
WHY NOT?

BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME...
...AND I LOVE YOU.

I DON'T WANT LOVE! I WANT MORE POWER!

SKIZZT

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!

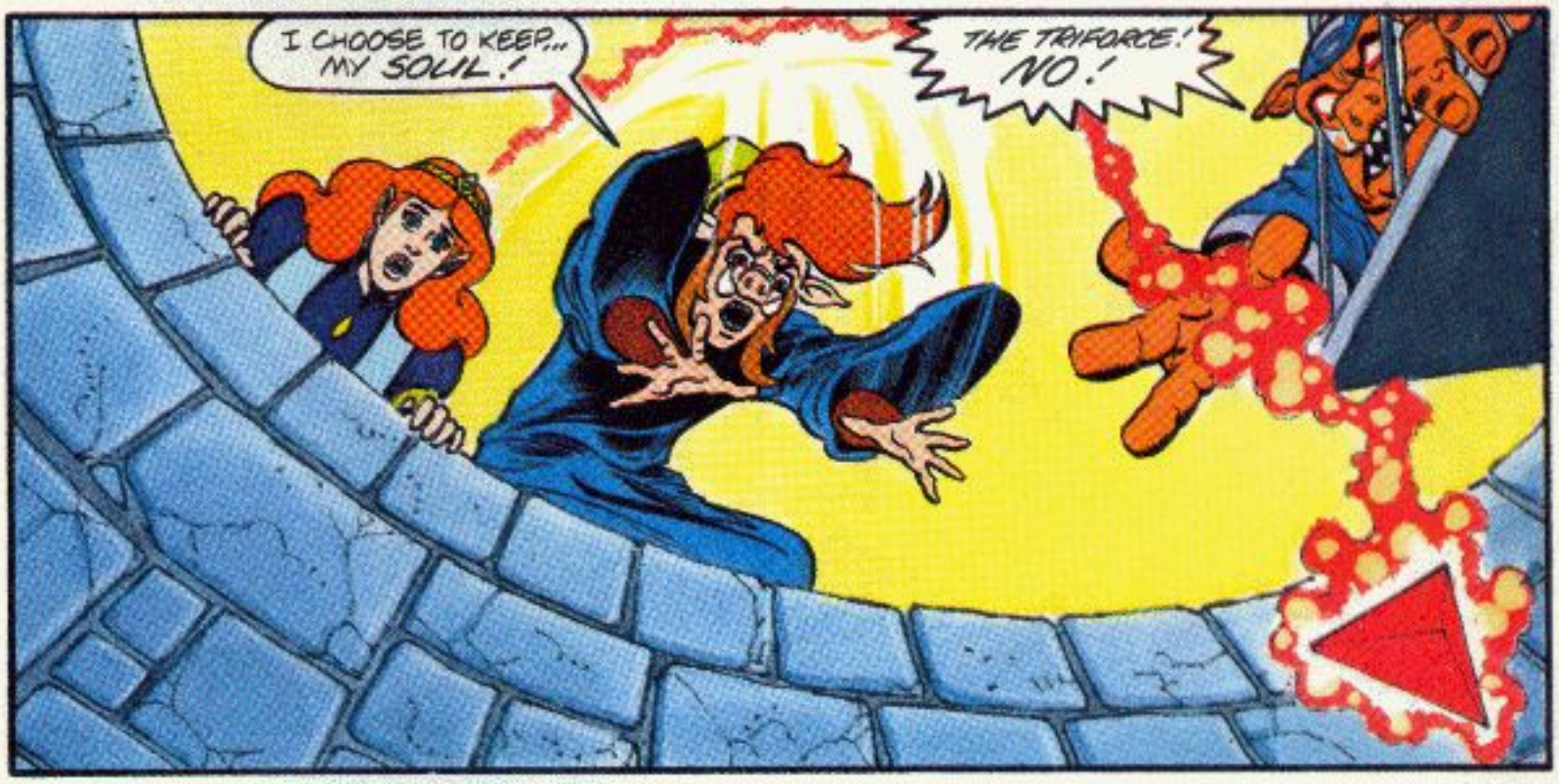
PLEASE! I MUST HAVE THE TRIFORCE BACK! I'M FADING AWAY!
SHUT UP, GANON! THE POWER IS MINE, FOREVER!
DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING?! YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN GANON!

YOU'VE BECOME GANON!

NOOOOOOO!!!

HA HA HA
THIS IS THE PRICE OF POWER! IT CORRUPTED AND TWISTED YOU AS IT DID ME!
IT IS HORRIBLE, IS IT NOT? RID YOURSELF OF IT, NOBLE LINK! GIVE IT BACK TO ME!
YOU'RE DYING BECAUSE YOU LOST THE POWER! IF I GIVE UP THE TRIFORCE NOW -- THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO ME!

IT'S TRUE... IF YOU GIVE UP THE TRI-FORCE, YOU'LL BE DESTROYING YOURSELF!
THERE IS A PRICE EITHER WAY. MY LIFE, IF I GIVE UP THE POWER! MY SOUL, IF I KEEP IT!


I CHOOSE TO KEEP... MY SOUL!
THE TRIFORCE! NO!

THE POWER MUST BE MINE!

OH, LINK... LINK!
DON'T CRY, ZELDA. I'M A HERO, OR AT LEAST I WAS. I'M NOT AFRAID... TO PAY THE PRICE.

UH... WHA...

WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I!?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'S OKAY! YOU'RE BACK IN THE NORTH PALACE! GANON IS DEFEATED!

HEY! I'M NOT A PIG-FACE ANYMORE. AND I'M ALIVE!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE TRIFORCE, YOU WOULDN'T BE!

BUT I GAVE UP THE TRIFORCE OF POWER--!
AND IN DOING SO, YOU PROVED WORTHY OF THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE! IT RETURNED TO YOU, AND RESTORED YOUR STRENGTH! IT SAVED YOUR LIFE.

HEY! WHAT ABOUT YOU SAYING YOU LOVE ME!?!
OH! UH... UM... YOU MUST HAVE DREAMED THAT, LINK!

YOU SAID IT, ZELDA! I HEARD YOU!
HOW COULD YOU HEAR ANYTHING WITH THOSE PIG EARS YOU HAD!?
YOU SAID IT!
NO I DIDN'T!
YES YOU DID!
GAME OVER

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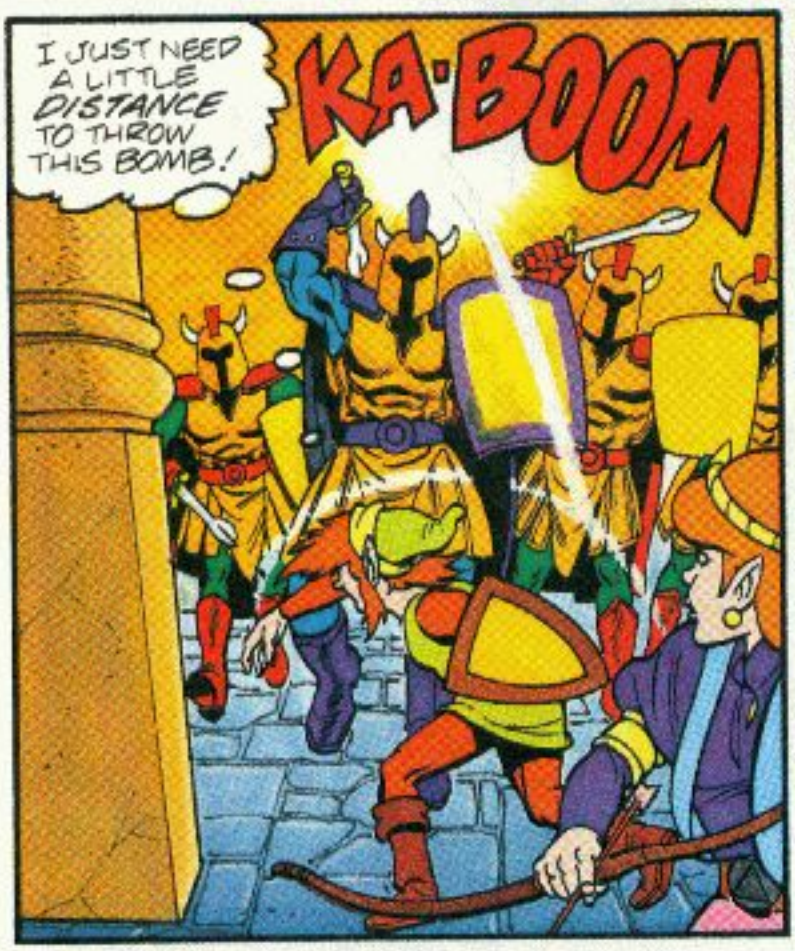
HA! YOU FLEE IN FEAR FROM THE MIGHT OF THE DARKNUT PRIME!
I'VE GOT THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE, PAL! I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING!


I JUST NEED A LITTLE DISTANCE TO THROW THIS BOMB!
KA-BOOM

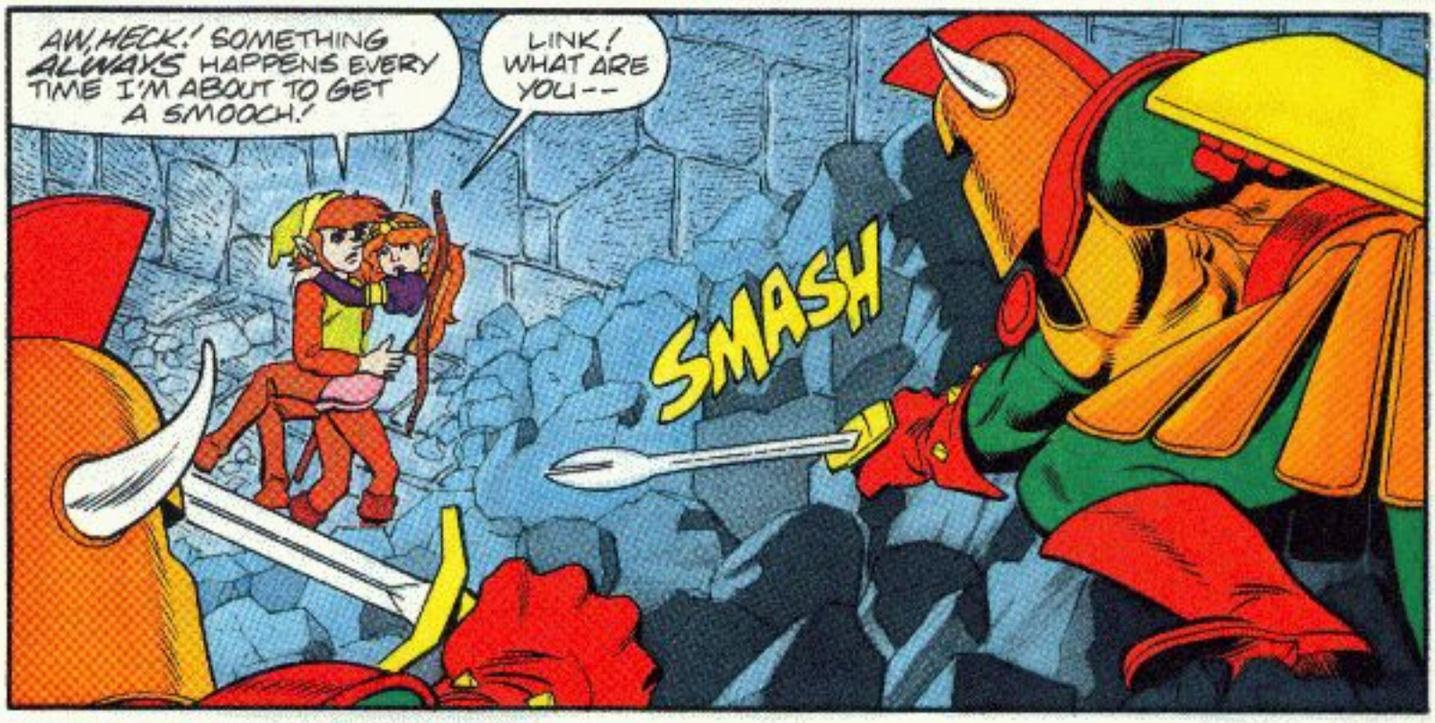
CAVE IN!

THE MAGIC TROPHY GANON STOLE IS HIDDEN IN THE LOWER CHAMBERS! THE TOWN OF RUTO WILL PERISH UNLESS IT IS RETURNED! WE MUST FIND IT!
NOT WE. JUST ME. YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE OVERWORLD!

I AM NOT GOING BACK! WHY SHOULD I?
BECAUSE IT'S GOTTEN TOO DANGEROUS DOWN HERE. BECAUSE I'M A HERO, THIS IS MY JOB! BECAUSE I'M GOING TO PROTECT YOU WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

AND BECAUSE...
...BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

OH... LINK...
RUMBLE
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?


AW, HECK! SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENS EVERY TIME I'M ABOUT TO GET A SMOOCH!
LINK! WHAT ARE YOU--
SMASH

--DOING!
SEIZE HIM!
THAT WALL MASTER WILL PUT YOU OUTSIDE WHERE ITS SAFE! I'LL TAKE A RAINCHECK ON THE KISS!

YOU-- YOU--!
OHHHH! I HATE YOU!

BACK INSIDE THE DEPTHS OF DEATH MOUNTAIN...
THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON ME! ZELDA IS COUNTING ON ME! I CAN'T LET THEM DOWN!

HE WENT THIS WAY... I THINK!
WONDER WHAT'S BEHIND THAT DOOR! MAYBE I CAN HIDE IN THERE TILL THESE GUYS GIVE UP THE CHASE!

WOW! GANON'S CHAMBERS!
GANON'S CHAMBERS!

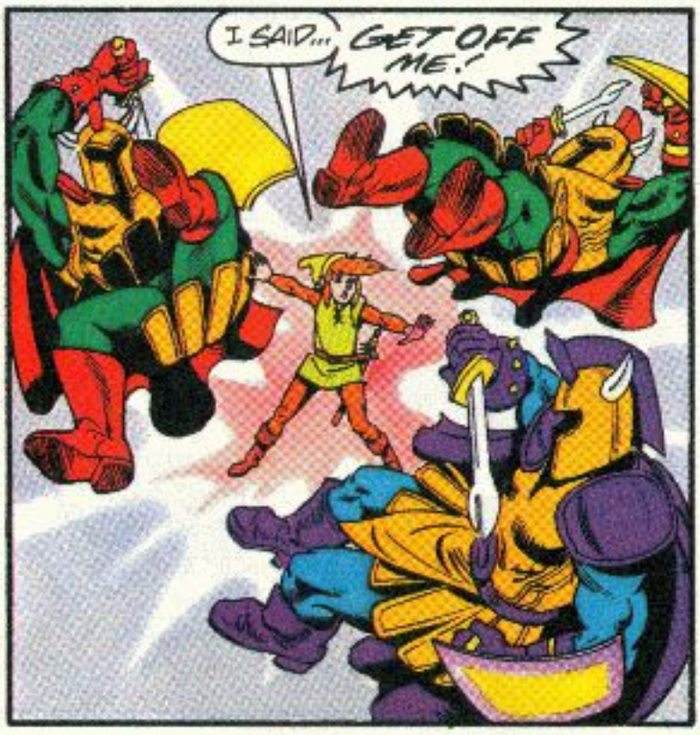
THE MAGIC TROPHY! TSK! TSK!! GANON LEFT IT UNGUARDED! I WONDER WHAT ELSE IS IN HERE...

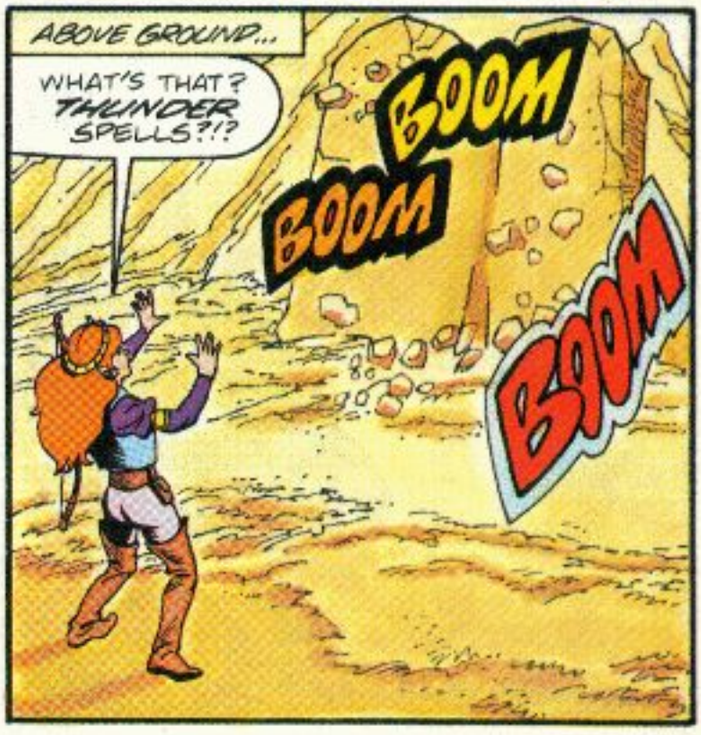
THE TRIFORCE OF POWER! THIS IS WHAT GIVES GANON HIS MAGIC FORCE!
FOR YEARS, HE'S BEEN TRYING TO STEAL ZELDA'S TRI-FORCE OF WISDOM. WHOEVER HAS BOTH TRIFORCES WILL CONTROL HYRULE FOREVER!

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENS IF I...
YOW!
ZHAKOW

THERE HE IS!

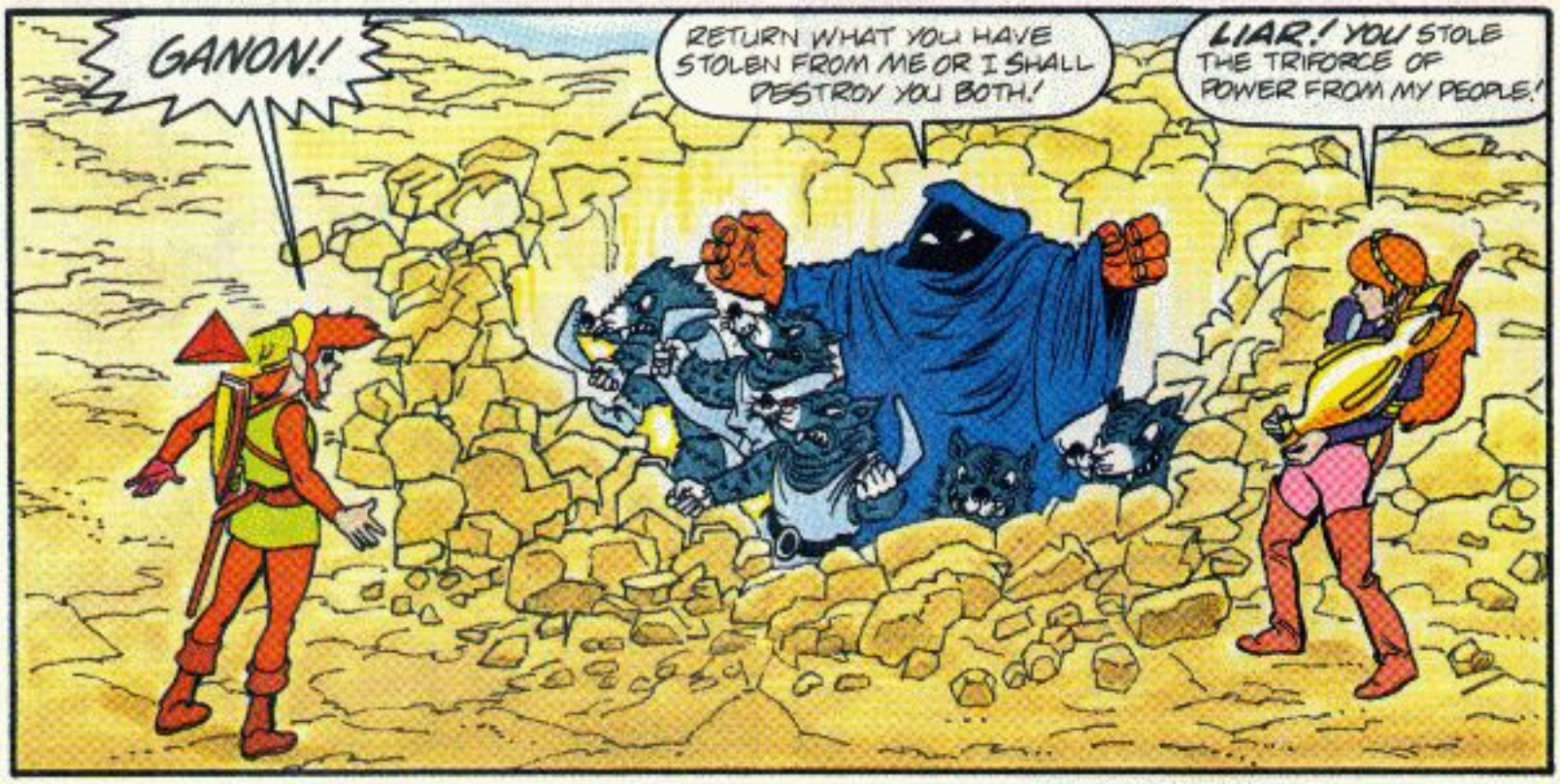
GET OFF ME!


I SAID... GET OFF ME!


ABOVE GROUND...
WHAT'S THAT? THUNDER SPELLS?!?
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

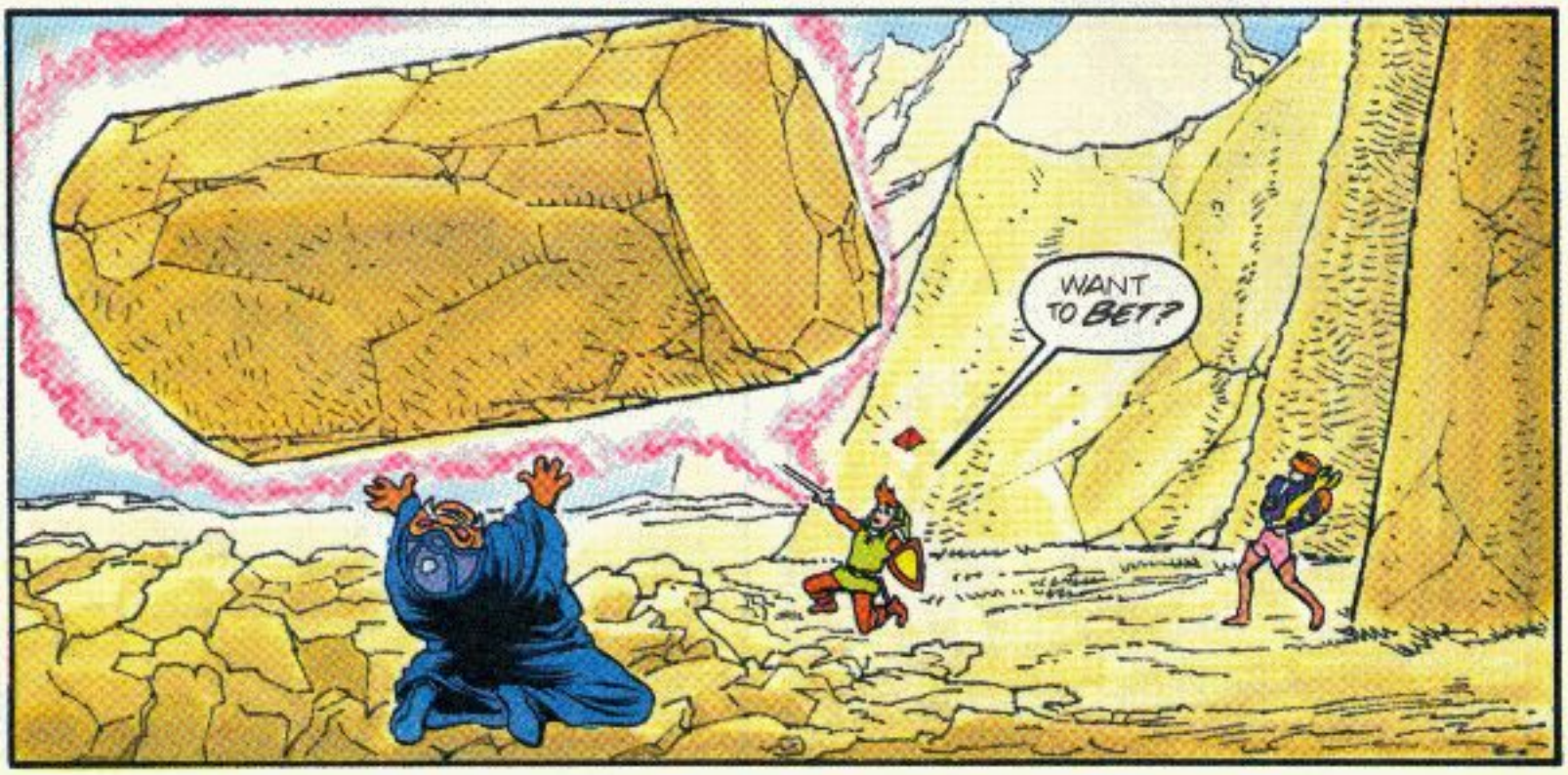
LINK! YOU GOT THE MAGIC TROPHY!
THAT'S NOTHING! I GOT GANON'S TRIFORCE!

THAT--THAT'S WONDERFUL, LINK! ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
I FEEL GREAT! I'VE GOT UNLIMITED POWER!
...BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TROUBLE!


GANON!
RETURN WHAT YOU HAVE STOLEN FROM ME OR I SHALL DESTROY YOU BOTH!
LIAR! YOU STOLE THE TRIFORCE OF POWER FROM MY PEOPLE!

YOU WANT THE TRIFORCE OF POWER? I'LL RAM IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!

HA! YOU MISSED!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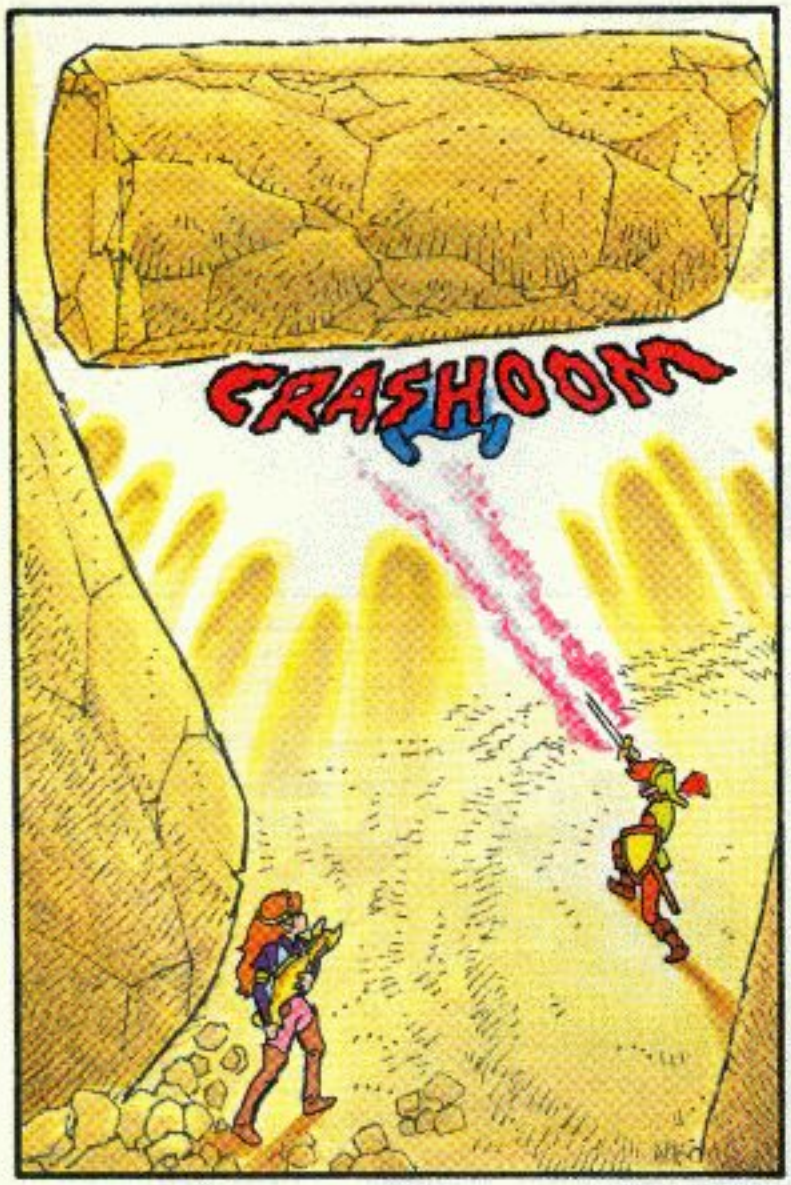

CRASHOOM

LINK? ARE YOU...

NO HURT GORIYA, LINK!
LINK HAS POWERFUL MAGIC!
GORIYA SERVE LINK!
LINK BE MASTER, NOT GANON!
SERVE ME? HMMM...

NO! WHAT AM I SAYING? GET AWAY FROM ME!
GET OUT OF HERE!

WHAT'S THAT? GANON!
HE'S BREAKING OUT OF THE ROCK!

I MUST ESCAPE! I HAVE NO POWER LEFT!
OH, NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE MINE!

IT'S OVER, GANON! I HAVE THE POWER NOW! YOU'VE HOUNDED ME! ATTACKED ME! MADE MY LIFE MISERABLE!

MERCY! I SURRENDER! PLEASE! SPARE ME!
I'LL GIVE YOU MERCY! THE SAME MERCY YOU'VE ALWAYS GIVEN ME!
THAT'S ENOUGH, LINK! HE'S BEATEN! DON'T SINK TO HIS LEVEL!

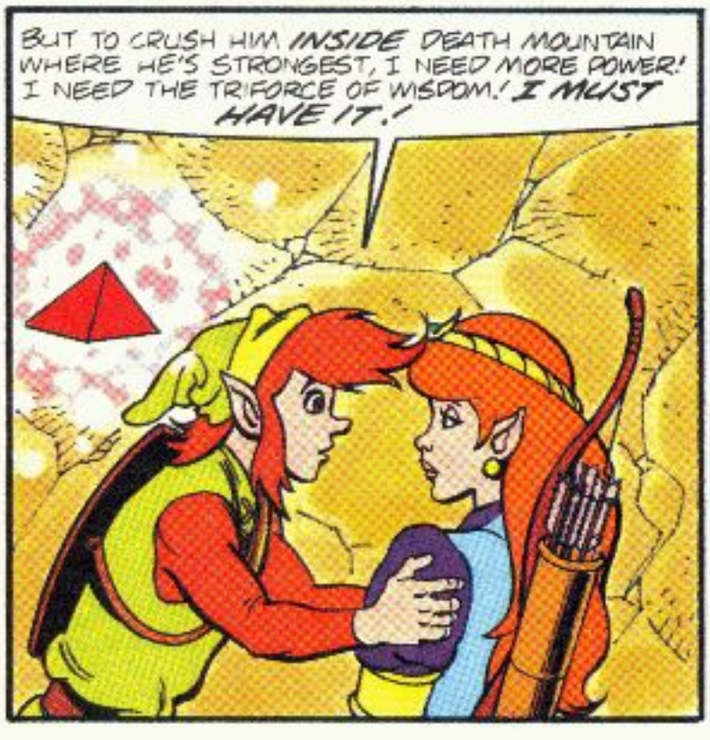
RARRG!
OWWW!
CHOMP

HE BIT ME!
I MUST REACH THE ENTRANCE!

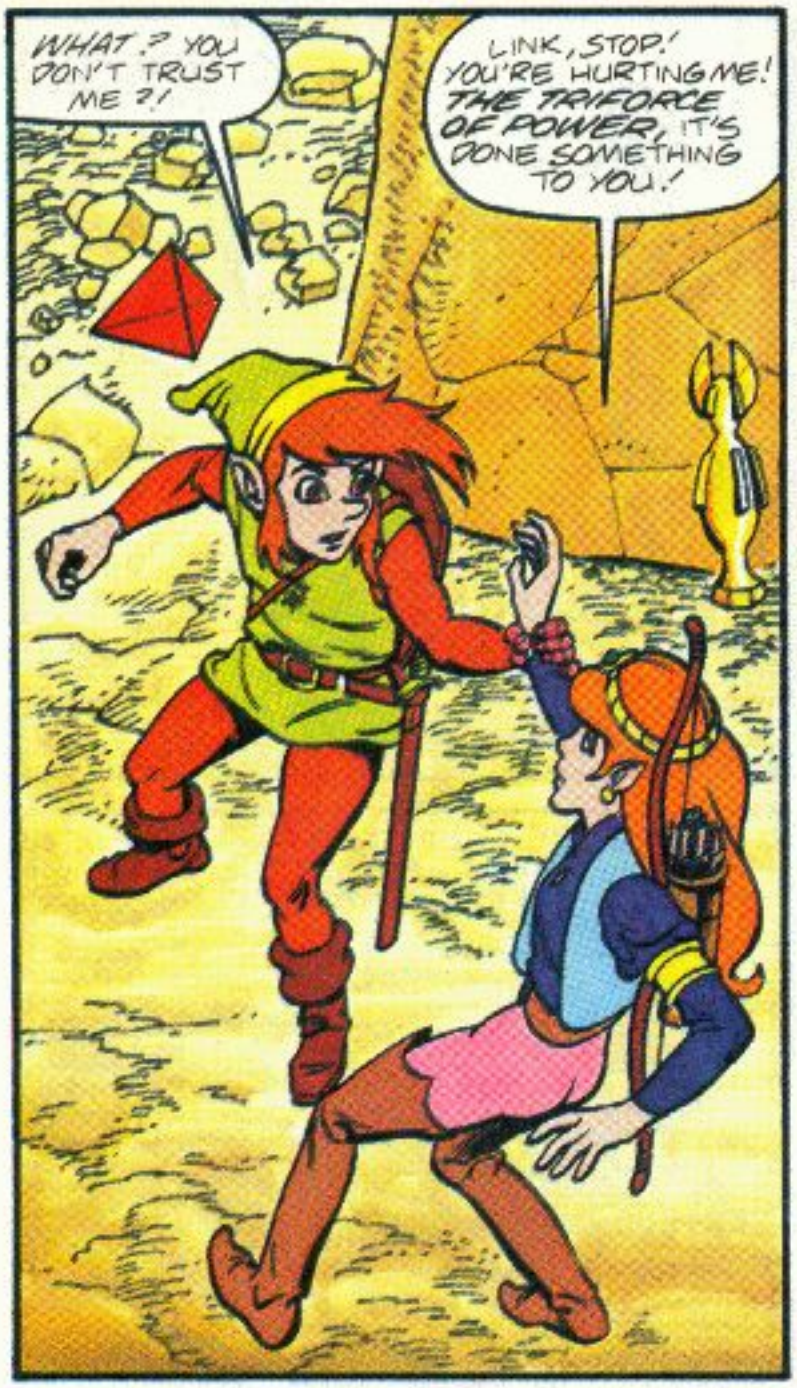
RARRG!

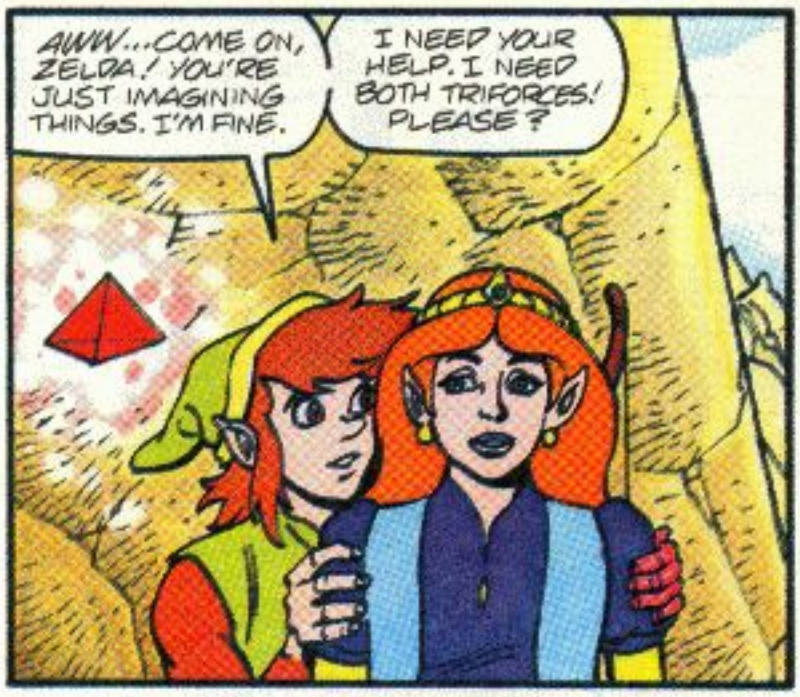
HE TELEPORTED! HE GOT INSIDE DEATH MOUNTAIN AND HE TELEPORTED!
TAKE IT EASY, LINK! WE'VE WON! WE'VE BEATEN GANON AND NOW WE CAN RETURN THE TROPHY TO RUTO!

RUTO!?! I CAN'T GO TO RUTO! I'M GOING AFTER GANON! I HAVE TO DESTROY HIM!

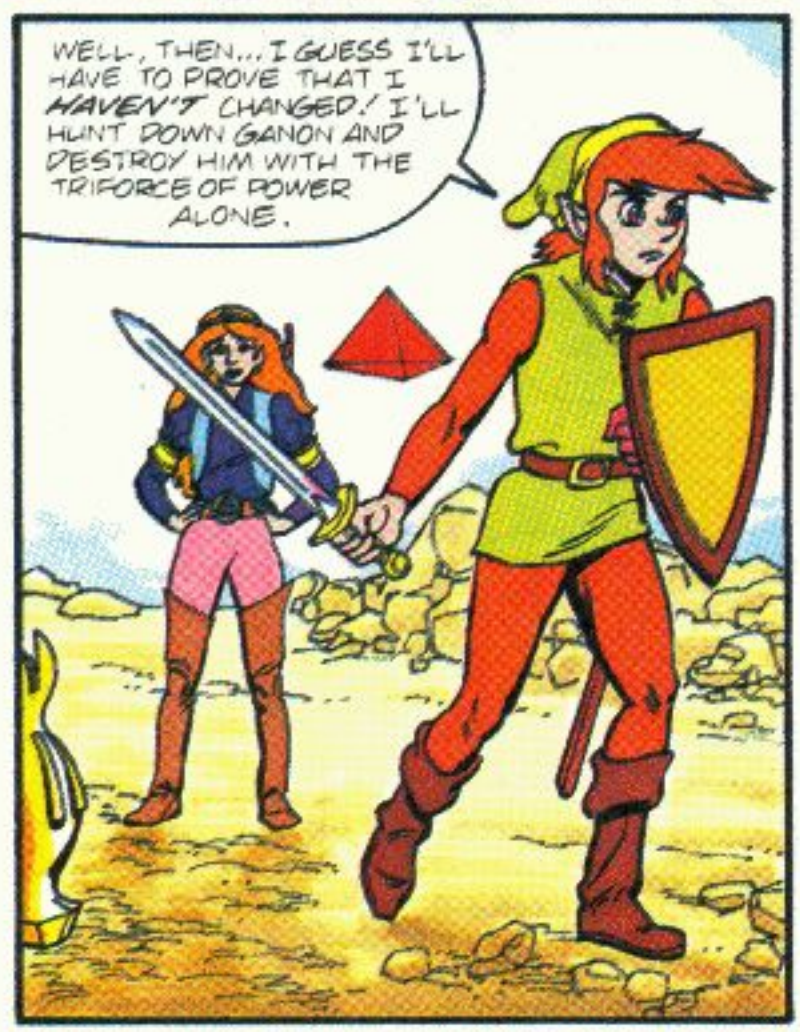

BUT TO CRUSH HIM INSIDE DEATH MOUNTAIN WHERE HE'S STRONGEST, I NEED MORE POWER! I NEED THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM! I MUST HAVE IT!

IF I POSSESS BOTH TRIFORCES, I CAN DEFEAT GANON ONCE AND FOR ALL!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU KNOW THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM CANNOT BE POSSESSED! IT MUST BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF HYRULE!


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!
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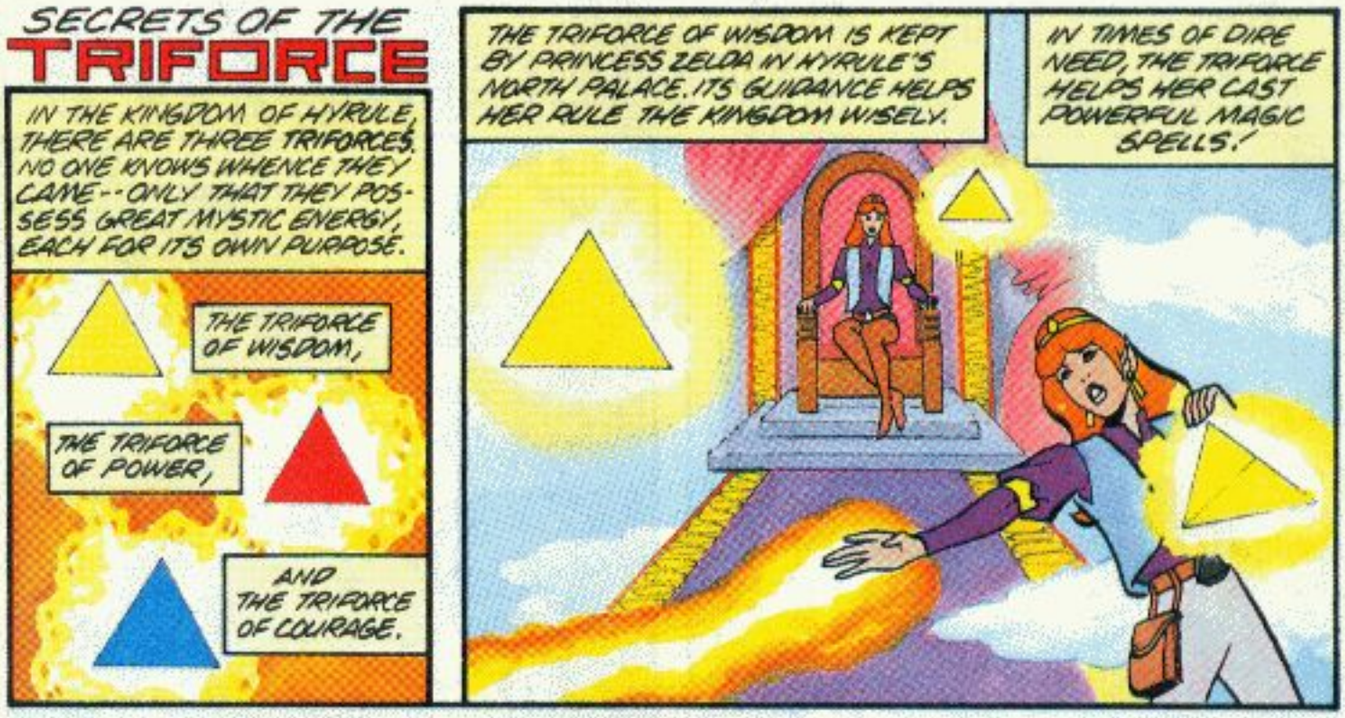

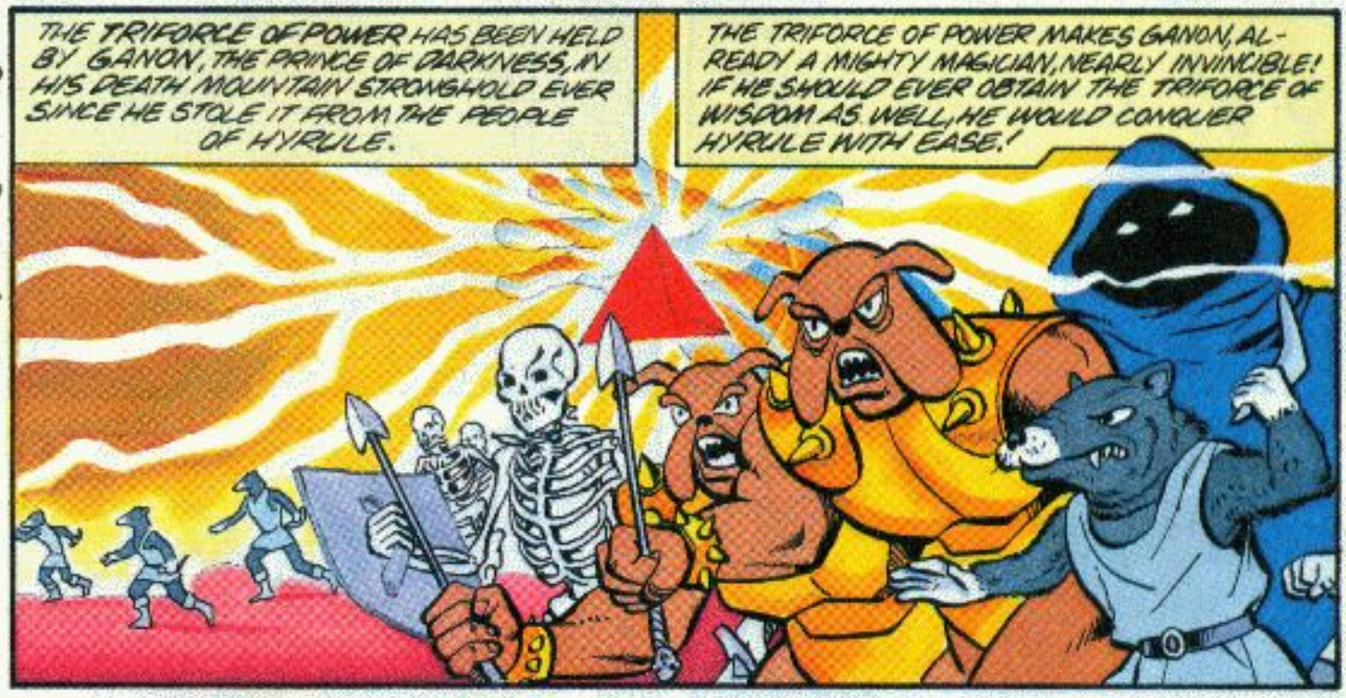

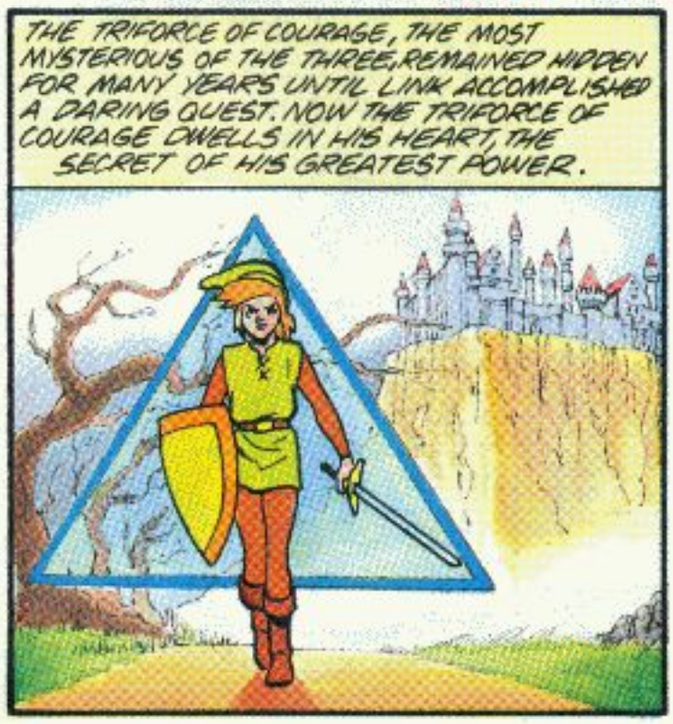

BUT PRICE IS NOT THE ONLY THING TO CONSIDER.

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...
THE HYRULE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
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ZELDA'S CONSUMER TIPS

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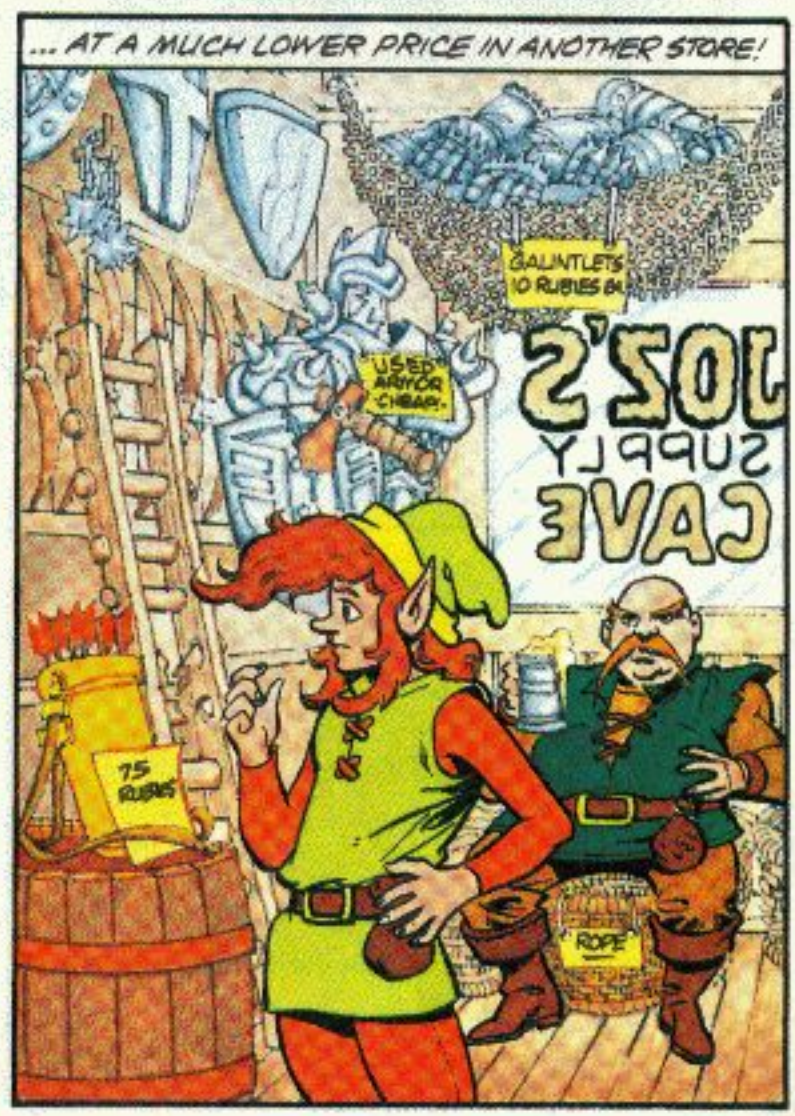

Dear Editor,

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 system. 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 always 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!!

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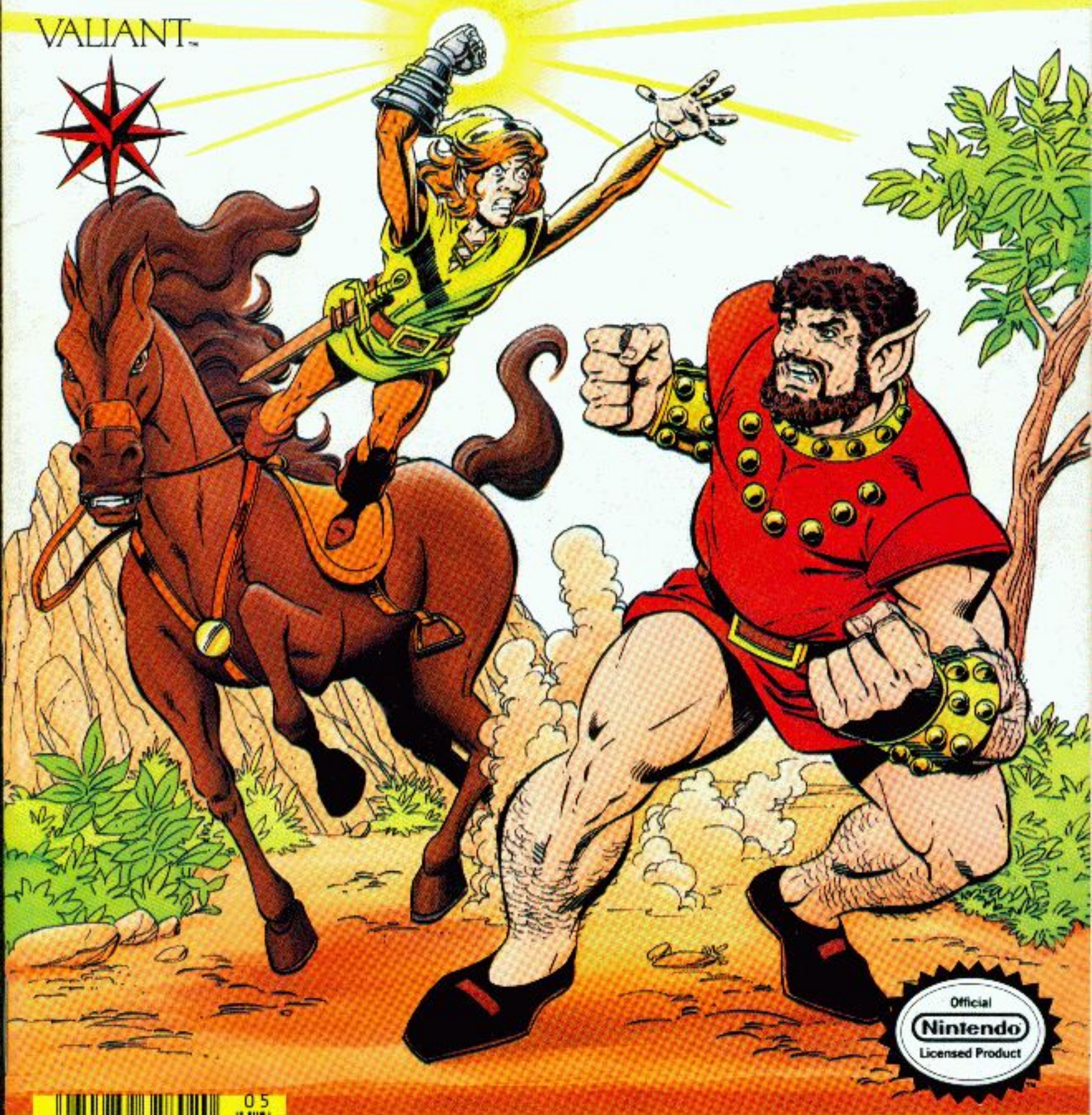

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ONE MORNING AT THE EAST GATE OF ZELDA'S NORTH PALACE...

THIEF IN THE NIGHT

LINK!

SLAM

HA.' SAME MOVE GETS YOU EVERY TIME, KID.' YOU'RE TOO PREDICTABLE--YOU ALWAYS CHARGE IN LIKE A BULL.'

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

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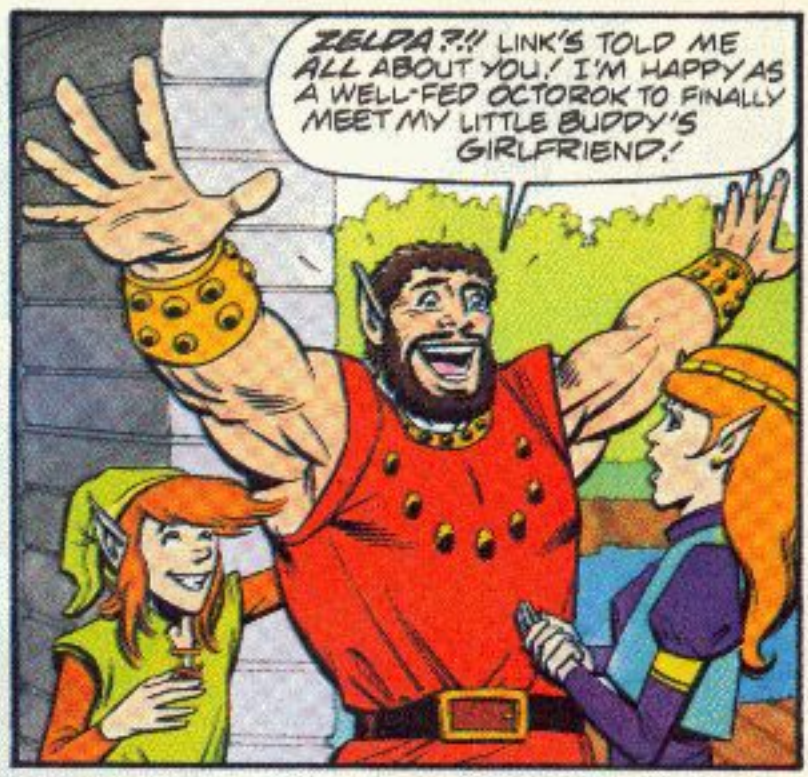
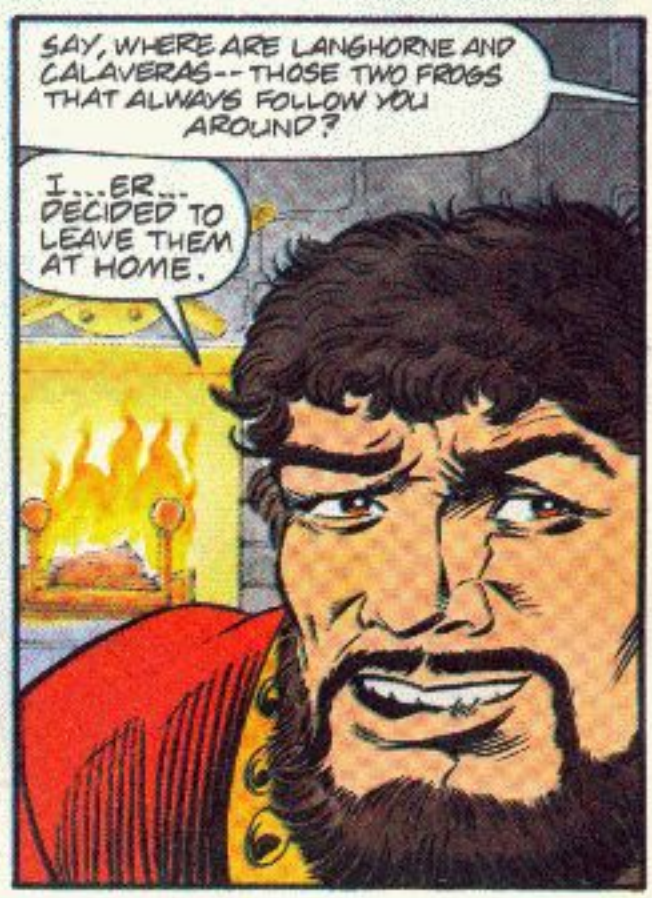
ZELDA, MEET MY BUDDY BAGU, THE STRONGEST MAN IN HYRULE! HE'S COME ALL THE WAY FROM THE MORUGE FOREST TO VISIT US! ON MY SECOND ADVENTURE AGAINST GANON, BAGU HELPED ME CROSS THE SARIA RIVER!
C-CHARMED, I'M S-SURE...


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.

LISTEN, PAL! IF YOU WANT TO WIN OVER ZELDA, YOU'VE GOT TO BE ROMANTIC! YOU KNOW, SWEEP HER OFF HER FEET!
REALLY? HOW COULD I DO THAT?

♫ OHHHH! LA, LA, LA... ♪ I¡¡¡¡¡... ♪
WHAT A HORRIBLE NOISE! THEY SHOULD PUT THAT ANIMAL OUT OF ITS MISERY!

LINK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?!
I-I'M SERENADING YOU! I'M PRAISING YOUR...UH ...BEAUTY AND GRACE TO THE ETERNAL STARS ABOVE! YEAH, THAT'S IT!

HEY! IT WASN'T THAT BAD! I CAN STOP...
CRASH
THAT NOISE-- FROM YOUR ROOM! THE TRIFORCE!

SOMEONE FORCED THIS DOOR OPEN! ANOTHER FEW SECONDS AND THEY MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH THE TRIFORCE!
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK THAT DOOR! WHERE IS YOUR BUDDY, BAGU?

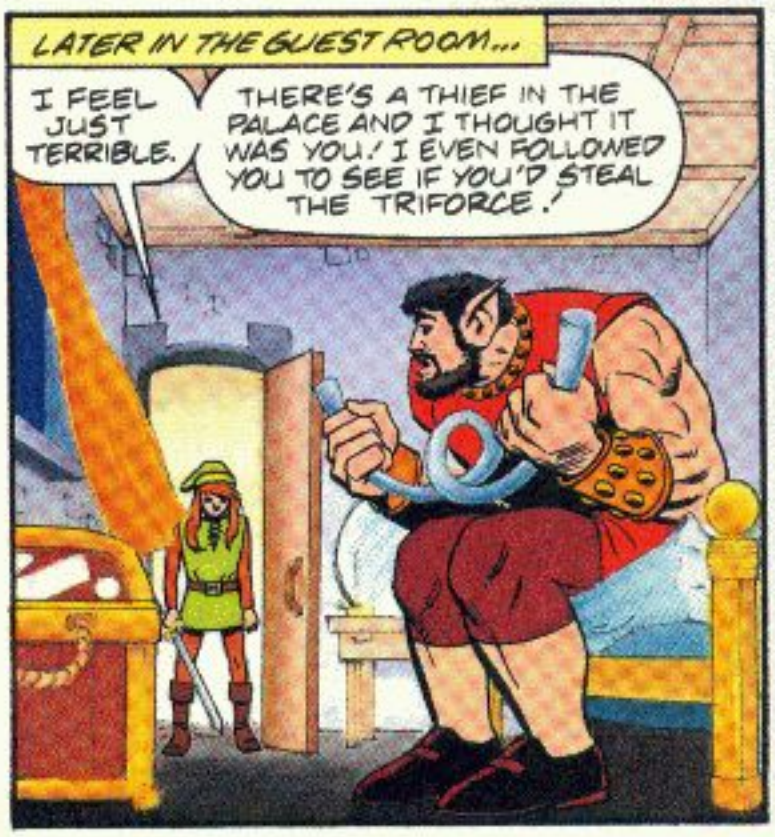
HEY! I DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!
I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES! THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM IS THE MOST PRECIOUS THING IN THE PALACE. I'M DIVIDING IT INTO THREE SEGMENTS UNTIL THE THIEF IS FOUND!

THAT NIGHT...
ZELDA'S GOT SOME NERVE ACCUSING MY FRIEND! I JUST KNOW BAGU ISN'T A THIEF! I'VE GOT TO CLEAR HIS NAME! MAYBE IF I FOLLOW HIM...

HE'S HEADING FOR THE TRIFORCE ROOM!

THAT RAT-FINK! ZELDA WAS RIGHT! HE'S AFTER THE TRIFORCE!

HE'S NOT GOING IN! HE WASN'T AFTER THE TRIFORCE.

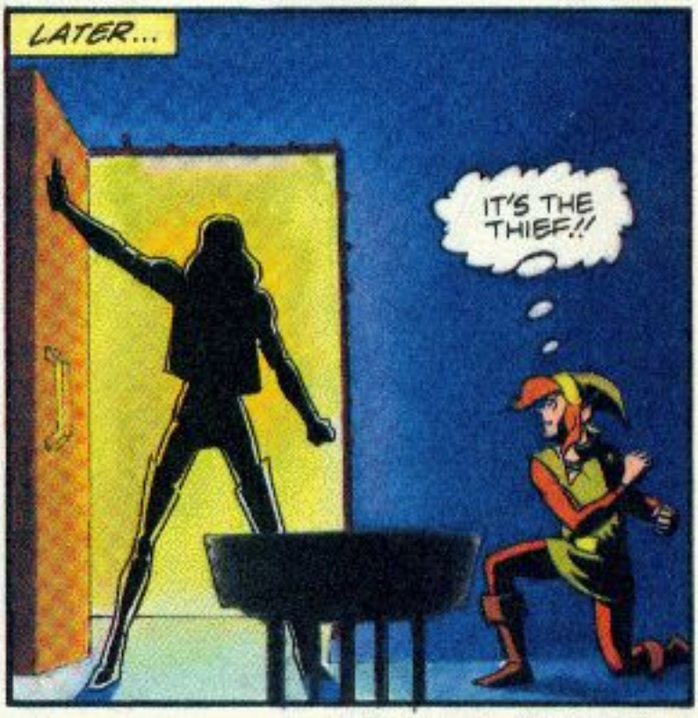

LATER IN THE GUEST ROOM...
I FEEL JUST TERRIBLE.
THERE'S A THIEF IN THE PALACE AND I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU! I EVEN FOLLOWED YOU TO SEE IF YOU'D STEAL THE TRIFORCE!

I'M SORRY.
IT'S OKAY, PAL! NO HARM DONE! BUT IF THERE'S A THIEF IN THE PALACE, IT'S UP TO US TO CATCH HIM!
LISTEN... I'VE GOT A PLAN!

NOW, WE JUST TAKE THE TRIFORCE... HMM ... IT'S SMALLER THAN I REMEMBER!
ZELDA SPLIT IT INTO THREE PARTS! SHE DOESN'T TRUST ANYONE!

I'LL JUST TAKE THE TRIFORCE AND PUT IT IN MY ROOM! NOBODY WOULD LOOK FOR IT THERE! YOU STAY HERE AND WHEN THE THIEF COMES YOU CLOBBER HIM!

GEE, I DON'T KNOW. THIS MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA.
HEY, YOU TRUST ME, RIGHT? DON'T WORRY!


LATER...
IT'S THE THIEF!!

GOTCHA!

NOT AGAIN!
SLAM

ZELDA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M CHECKING ON THE TRIFORCE! WHERE IS IT?

BAGU AND I CAME UP WITH A FOOLPROOF PLAN TO CAPTURE THE REAL THIEF.
FOOL-PROOF. BUT NOT LINK-PROOF!

HE'S GONE!
YOU IDIOT! BAGU WAS THE THIEF! A THIRD OF THE TRIFORCE IS GONE! IF GANON ATTACKS NOW, WE'LL BE DEFENSELESS!

KEEP YOUR CROWN ON, PRINCESS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?! LINK! STOP!

I'LL BE BACK!
WITH THE TRIFORCE!

HE TRICKED ME! HE MADE A FOOL OUT OF ME! MY SO-CALLED FRIEND! OKAY, THE KID GLOVES ARE OFF!
AND THE HANDY GLOVE IS ON!

HE'S COMING BACK!

FORGET TO STEAL THE ORPHAN'S MILK MONEY, "PAL"?
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE, LINK! I'M GONNA HAVE TO BEAT YOU GOOD!

YOU ALWAYS USE THE SAME MOVES, KID! YOU ALWAYS CHARGE RIGHT THROUGH!

NOT THIS TIME!
THIS TIME I HAVE A MAGIC GLOVE, SO I'LL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO BEAT YOU!

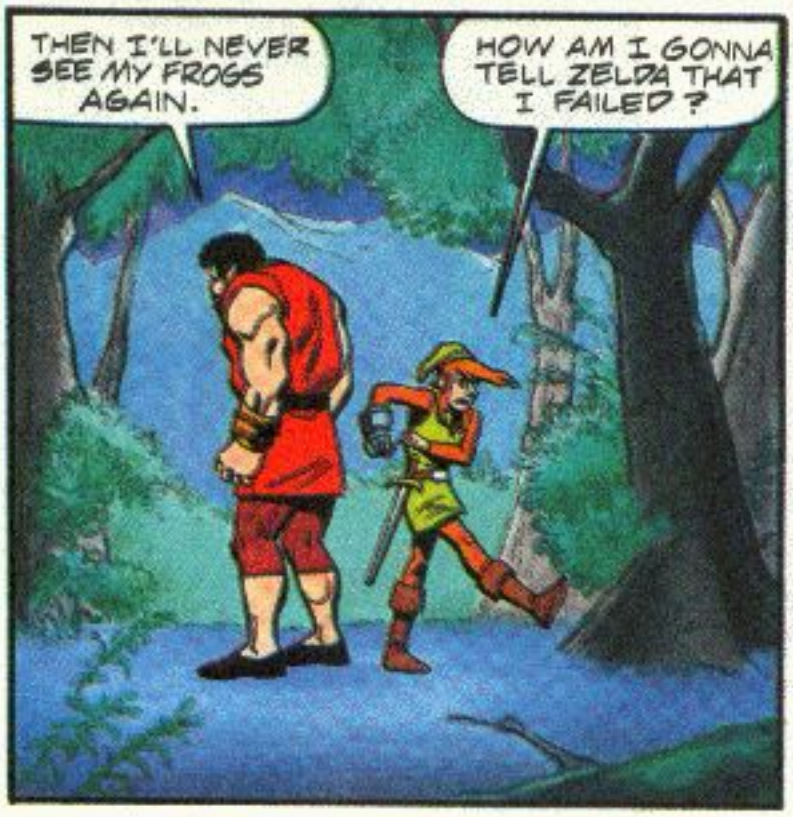
THE TRIFORCE SEGMENT! HAND IT OVER!
I DON'T HAVE IT!

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 ITS 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!


THEN I'LL NEVER SEE MY FROGS AGAIN.
HOW AM I GONNA TELL ZELDA THAT I FAILED?

UNLESS... IF I HAD THAT HANDY GLOVE, I COULD BREAK INTO GANON'S LAIR AND DEFEAT HIM.!

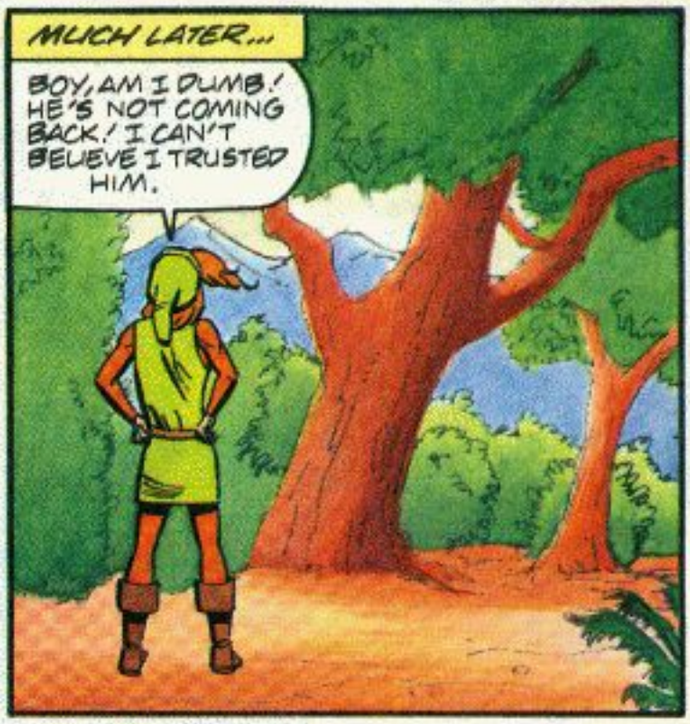
I'LL GO! FIGHTING GANON IS MY JOB! JUST TELL ME WHERE THE UNDERWORLD ENTRANCE IS!
NO.! GANON WOULD HEAR YOU COMING A MILE AWAY.! BUT HE'LL LET ME IN.! I CAN RECOVER THE TRIFORCE SEGMENT, FREE MY FROGS AND GET OUT BEFORE HE KNOWS WHAT HIT HIM.

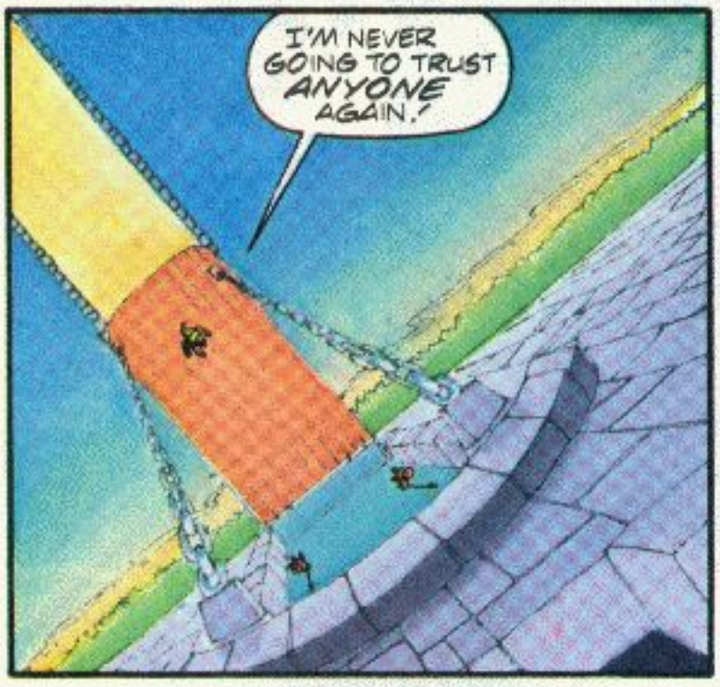
FORGET IT.! NO WAY.! I CAN'T TRUST YOU AGAIN.!

THEN YOU'D BETTER TAKE ME BACK! I'LL PLEAD GUILTY! I'LL PROBABLY GET LIFE... OR WORSE.! BUT I MUST PAY MY DEBT TO SOCIETY.
GEE, BAGU. I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN.

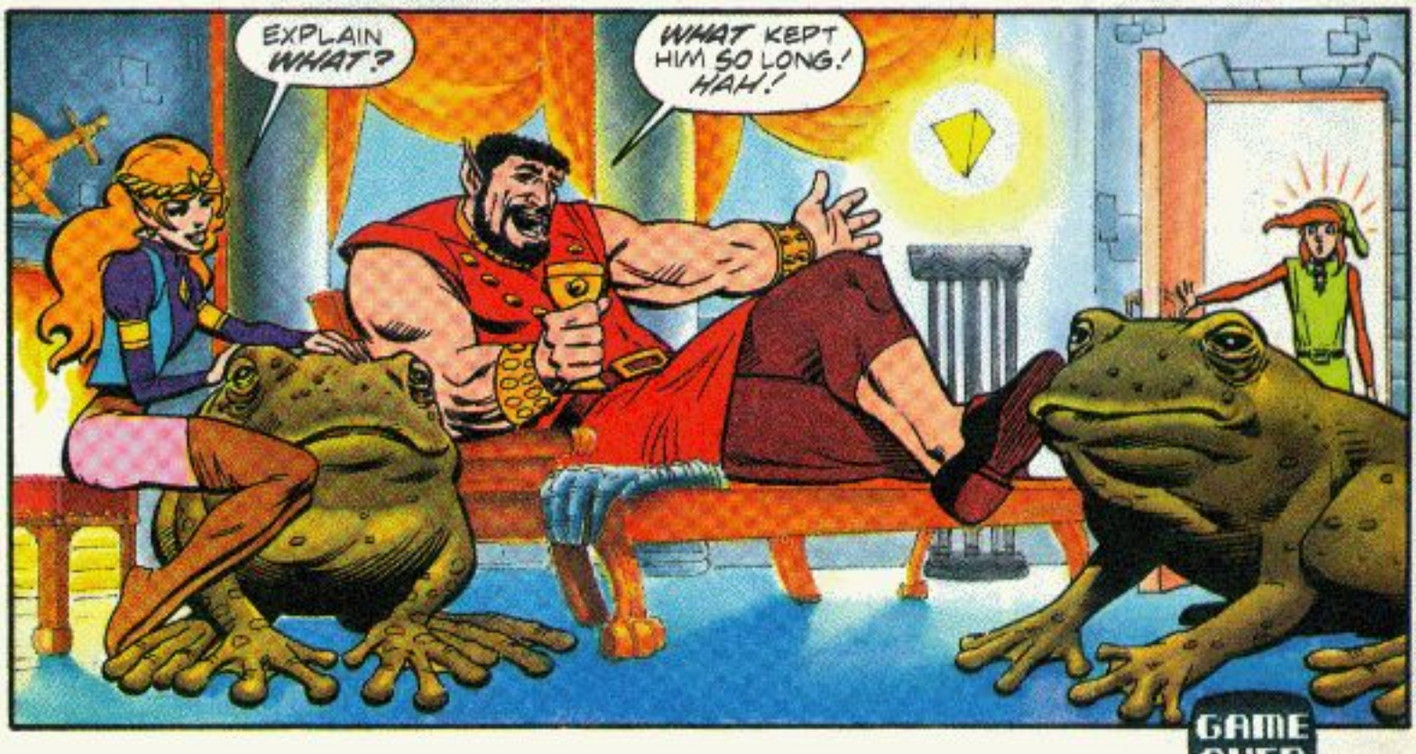
THEN YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO TRUST ME.!
WELL... I GUESS SO...

LISTEN, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS. MAYBE...
HEY! YOU TRUST ME! RIGHT? DON'T WORRY!
THANKS FOR THE HORSE, TOO!


MUCH LATER...
BOY, AM I DUMB! HE'S NOT COMING BACK! I CAN'T BELIEVE I TRUSTED HIM.


I'M NEVER GOING TO TRUST ANYONE AGAIN!

HOW AM I GONNA EXPLAIN THIS TO ZELDA?


EXPLAIN WHAT?
WHAT KEPT HIM SO LONG! HAH!
GAME OVER

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QUEEN OF HEARTS

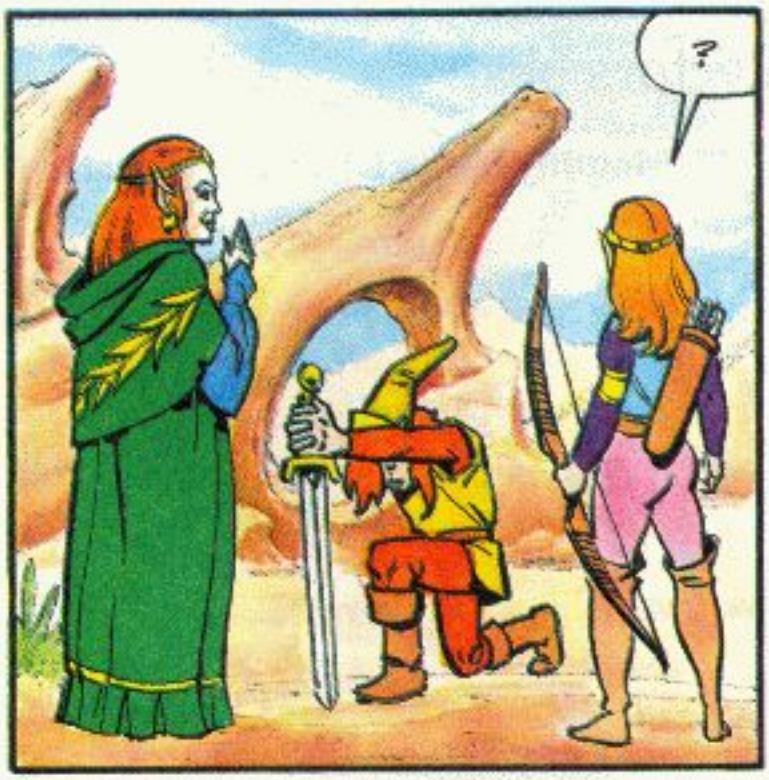
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THE WORLD WAS IN AN AGE OF CHAOS. THERE WAS A LAND CALLED HYRULE, A LEGEND CALLED ZELDA, AN ADVENTURER NAMED LINK, AN EVIL KNOWN AS GANON, AND THE THREE TRIFORCES, WITH POWER OVER THEM ALL.

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

GANON WILL REWARD US WELL FOR CAPTURING THIS WOMAN!

MOMENTS LATER...
NOT EVEN A LIGHT WORK-OUT! BOY, I'M GOOD!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MILADY?

I AM QUITE UNHARMED, THANKS TO THE TWO OF YOU.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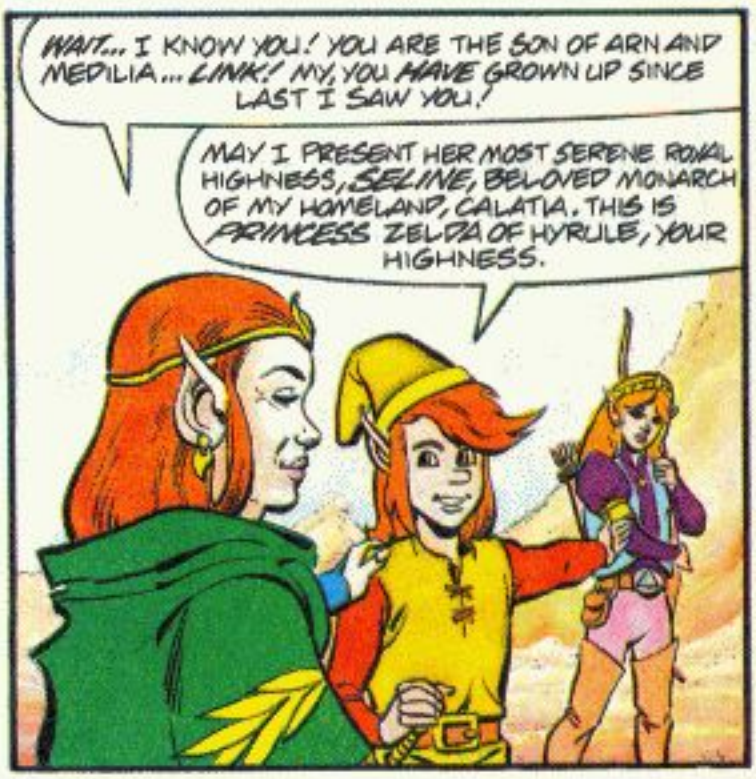

WAIT... I KNOW YOU! YOU ARE THE SON OF ARN AND MEDILIA... LINK! MY, YOU HAVE GROWN UP SINCE LAST I SAW YOU!
MAY I PRESENT HER MOST SERENE ROYAL HIGHNESS, SELINE, BELOVED MONARCH OF MY HOMELAND, CALATIA. THIS IS PRINCESS ZELDA OF HYRULE, YOUR HIGHNESS.

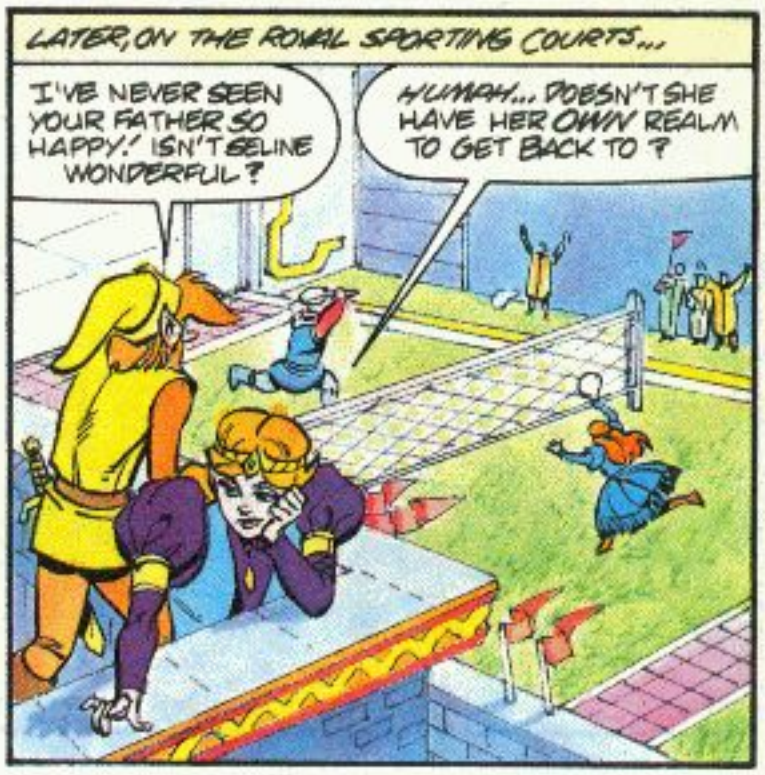
ZELDA?
YES... DO I KNOW YOU?

YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER...

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.

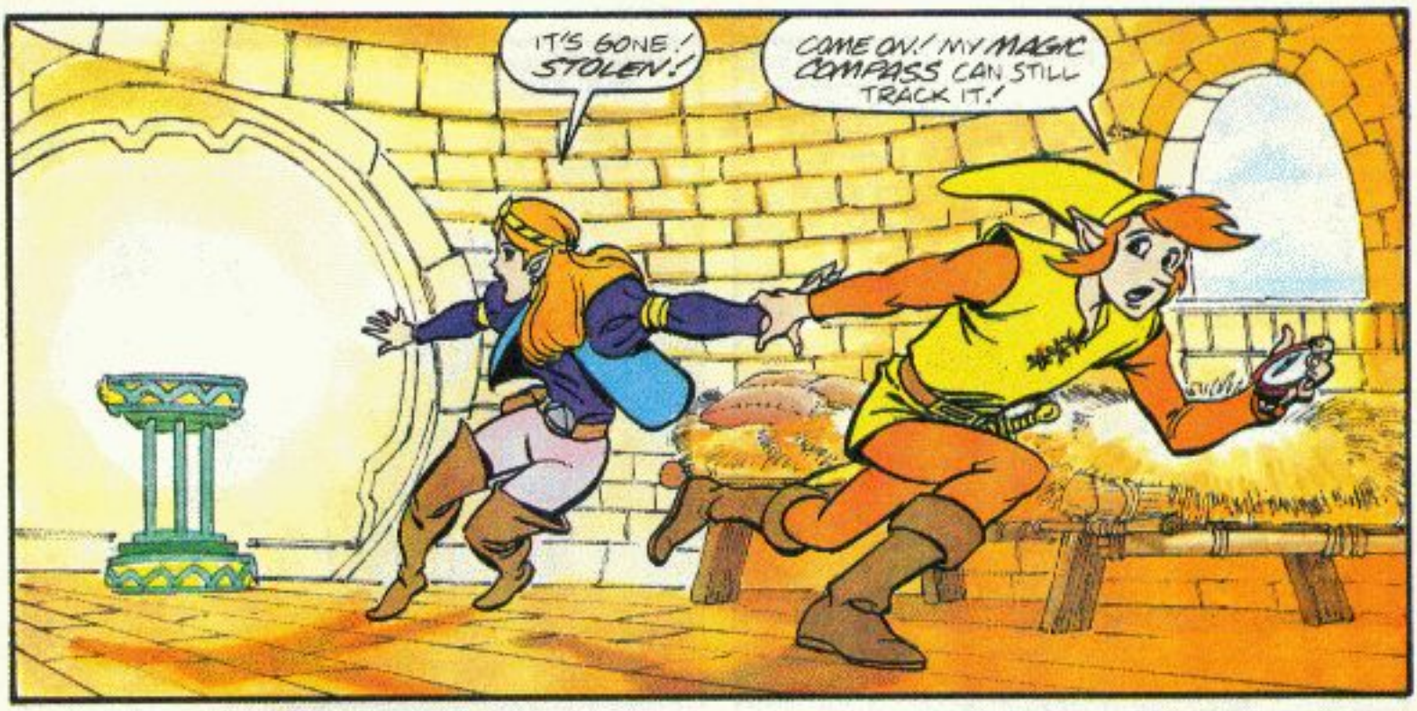
ZELDA, PLEASE COME WITH US!
NO. YOU TWO ENJOY YOURSELVES. PLEASE EXCUSE ME.


LATER, ON THE ROYAL SPORTING COURTS...
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR FATHER SO HAPPY! ISN'T SELINE WONDERFUL?
HUMPH... DOESN'T SHE HAVE HER OWN REALM TO GET BACK TO?

SIRE! RIDERS APPROACHING THE PALACE!
OH? FRIENDLY VISITORS I TRUST, EH SELINE?
NO!... OH, NO! I'VE BEEN A FOOL TO TARRY HERE! THEY MOVED MORE SWIFTLY THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE!

SELINE? NOW WHERE DID SHE GO?
GANON'S ARMY! THEY MUST BE AFTER THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM! COME ON, LINK! WE'D BETTER MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE.

SOON... IN THE TOWER WHERE THE TRIFORCE IS KEPT...
WE MUST PROTECT THE TRIFORCE AT ANY COST! GANON WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO STEAL IT!


IT'S GONE! STOLEN!
COME ON! MY MAGIC COMPASS CAN STILL TRACK IT!

MOMENTS LATER IN THE COURTYARD...
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!

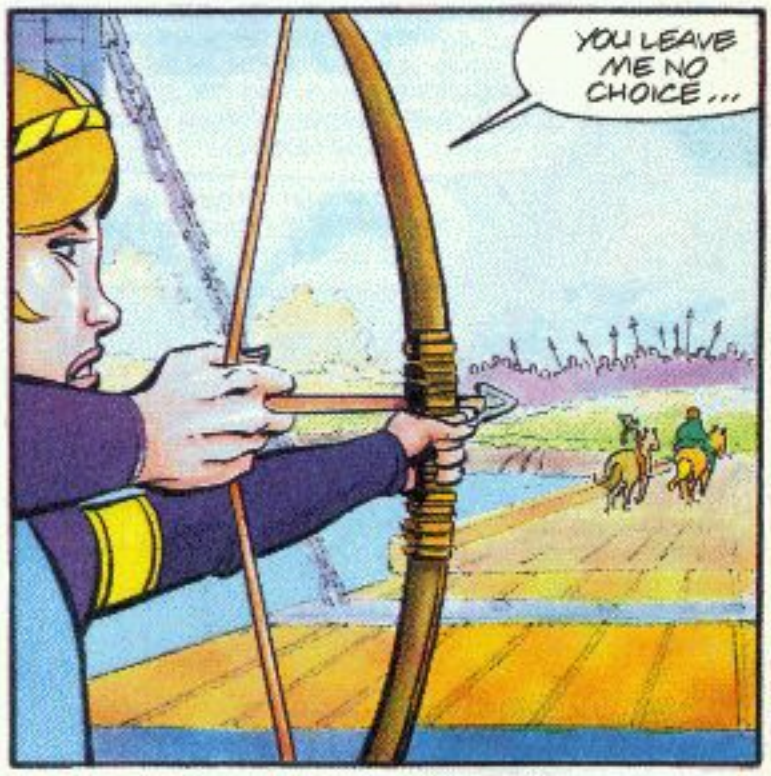
I'M NOT YOUR CHILD! YOU MUST THINK I'M SOME KIND OF IDIOT! YOU EXPECT ME TO TRUST YOU, AFTER YOU STOLE THE TRIFORCE?
GANON'S ARMY IS PURSUING ME! HE'LL USE ME TO TAKE OVER CALATIA. ONCE HE CONTROLS CALATIA AND ITS VITAL MOUNTAIN PASSES, HE'LL USE CALATIA TO TAKE OVER HYRULE!

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!

I'LL GO WITH YOU, SELINE.
NO, BRAVE LINK! THE TRIFORCE SAID THAT IF YOU GO, YOU WILL FALL IN BATTLE! WITHOUT ZELDA, I AM DOOMED.
EVEN IF WE ARE DOOMED TO FAIL, WE MUST TRY.

MINUTES LATER, NEAR THE EAST GATE...
STOP, LINK! SHE'S AN ENEMY! IF YOU GO OUT THAT GATE WITH HER, YOU'RE A TRAITOR!

IF YOU GO OUT THAT GATE, I'LL SHOOT YOU BOTH!
ZELDA... I'M A HERO, I MUST HELP MY QUEEN. DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.


YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...

YOW! SHE MEANT IT!
BUT... ZELDA NEVER MISSES...
ZIPPPP

STAY BEHIND ME, MY QUEEN!
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SWEEP THE DIRT OFF THIS BRIDGE!

YOU WANT TO CROSS THIS BRIDGE--YOU PAY THE TOLL!

THEY'RE NOT FAST! ON A TRAIL I CAN ALWAYS OUTRUN THEM!

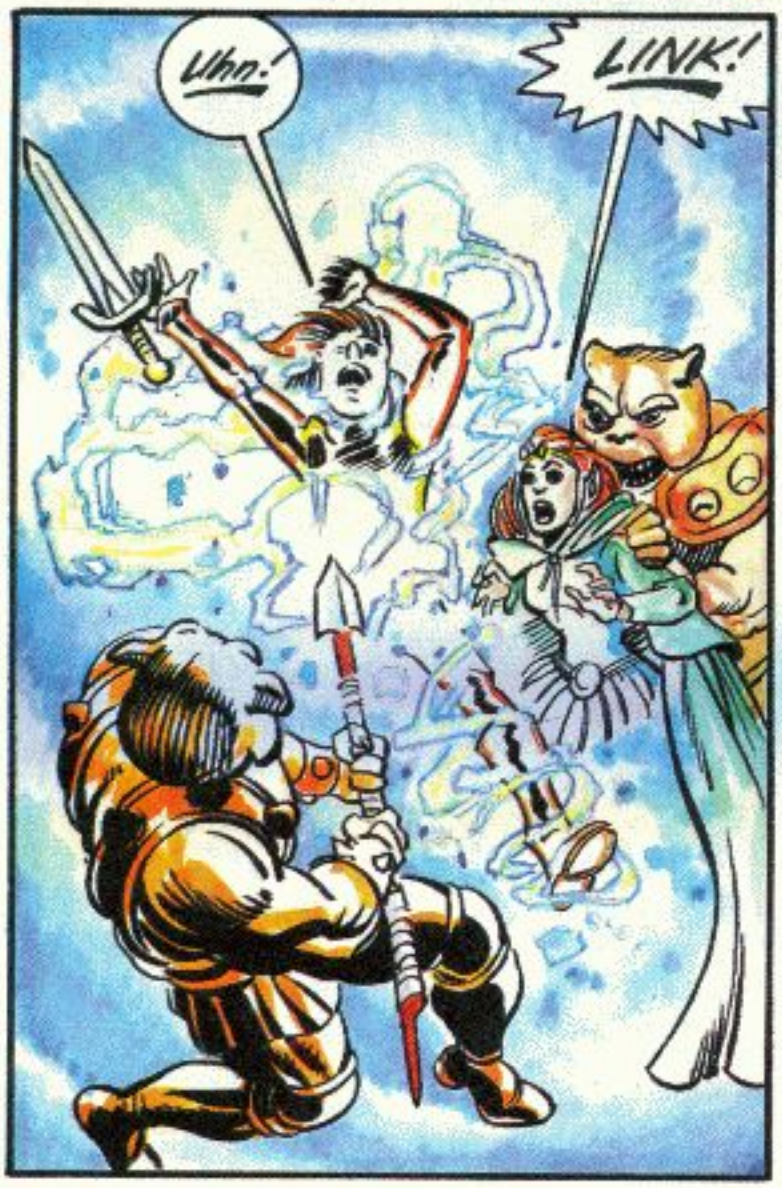
CAPTAIN KRIN! STATION ALL GUARDS ON THE WALLS, RAISE BRIDGES, PREPARE THE CATAPULTS! QUICKLY, MEN--THE PALACE IS UNDER ATTACK!
ZELDA! WHERE'S SELINE?

SHE'S GONE, AND SHE TOOK THAT TRAITOR LINK WITH HER!
LISTEN TO ME! THAT BOY LOVES YOU MORE THAN ALL THE WORLD! AND SELINE DOES, TOO!

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.

ZOXEAW!

HUH? WHERE DID ALL THESE FROGS COME FROM?
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE! YOU'RE... WONDERFUL!
SO ARE YOU ZELDA... SO ARE YOU.
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
CROAK!
BURP!
RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!

LATER, BACK AT THE PALACE...
SELINE... MUST YOU LEAVE SO SOON?
HARKINIAN... YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW THAT DUTY CALLS.

ZELDA, WHAT MADE YOU COME TO THE CAVE? WHAT MADE YOU TRUST ME?
I THOUGHT OF THE WAY YOU ACTED. AND THE WAY I ACTED. EVERYTHING YOU DID WAS OUT OF LOVE AND EVERYTHING I DID WAS BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY.

CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
I CARE FOR YOU MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW. GROW UP STRONG AND WISE. YOU WILL BE QUEEN OF THIS LAND SOMEDAY.

FAREWELL, YOUNG LINK. I WILL TAKE YOUR LOVE TO YOUR PARENTS.
YOU AND ZELDA TAKE GOOD CARE OF EACH OTHER, HMMM?

DO YOU THINK I COULD BE A GREAT QUEEN LIKE HER SOMEDAY?
HMMM... I'D SAY THAT'S QUITE POSSIBLE, MY DEAR.
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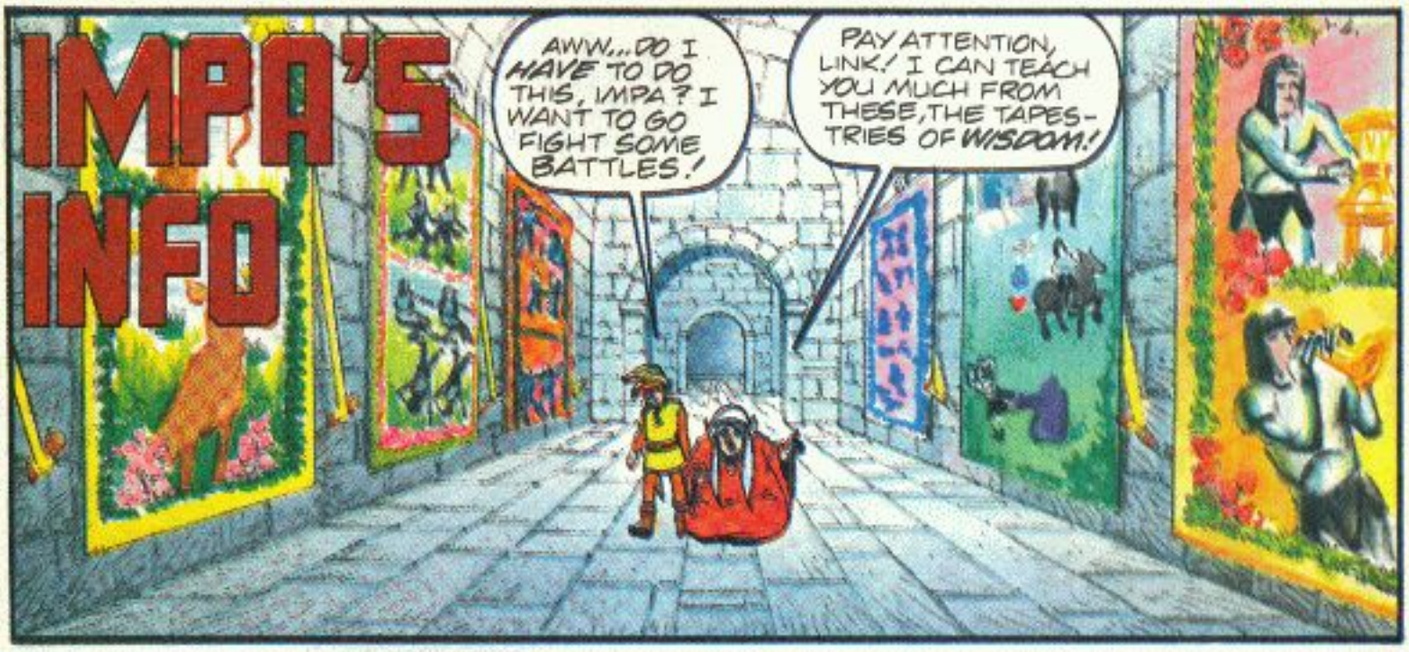

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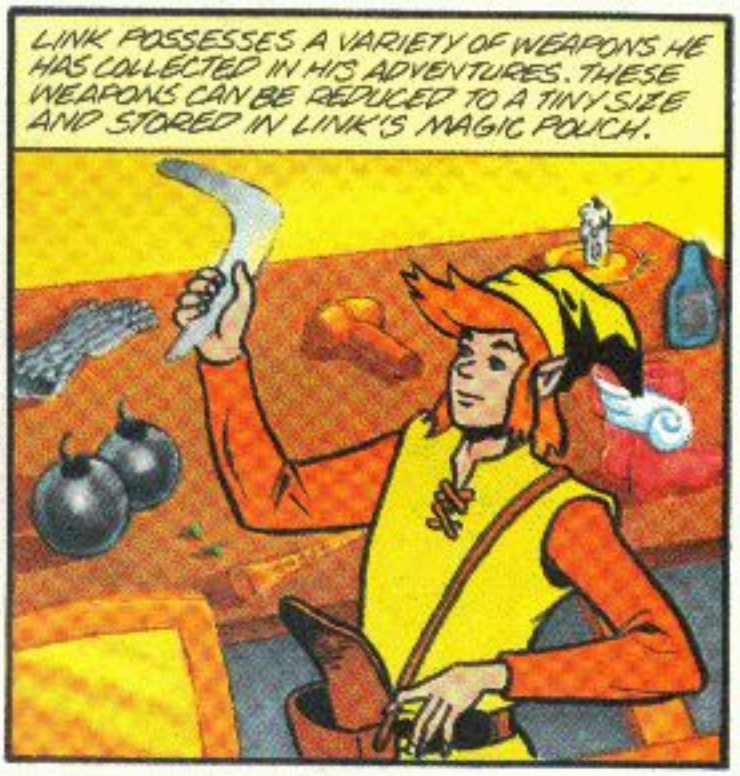

By George Caragonne, Ken Penders, P. Zorito, Jade, Christiaan

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 Triforces 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 DUDETTES!

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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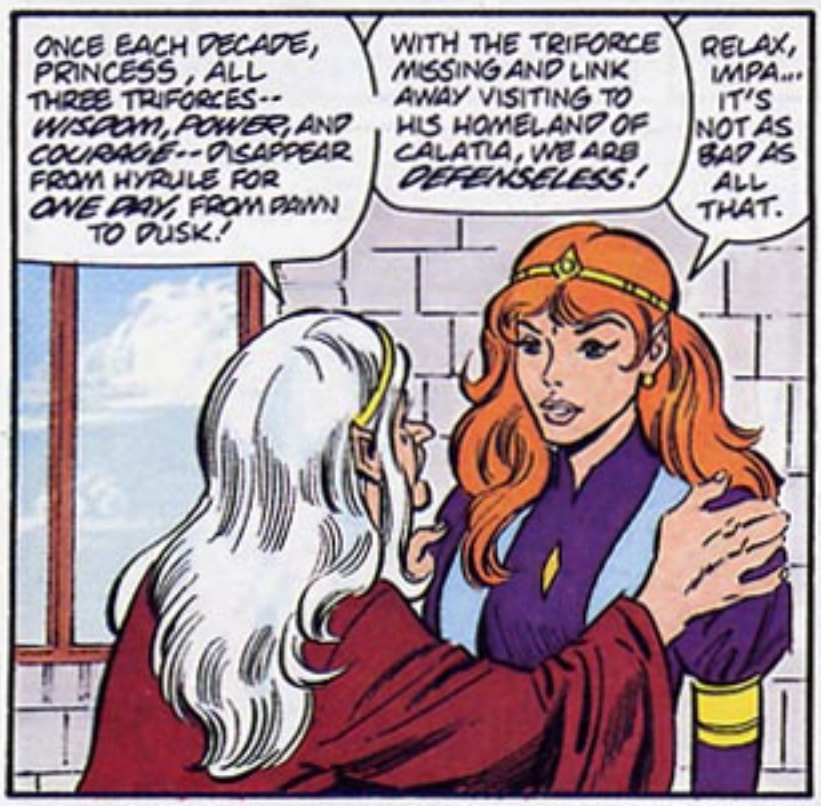
The Legend of ZELDA

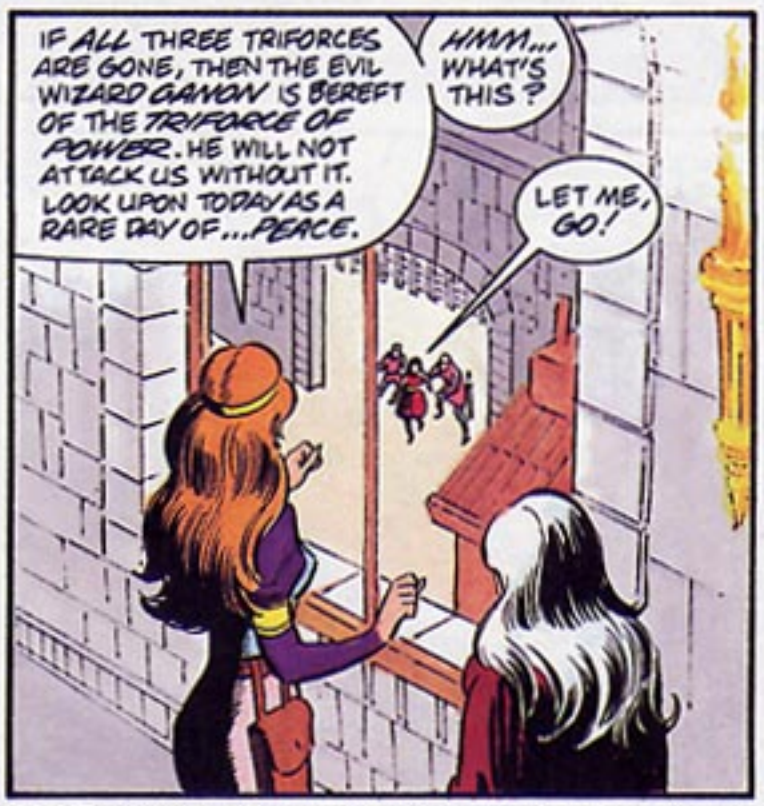
THERE IS A SPECIAL ROOM IN THE HIGHEST TOWER OF ZELDA'S NORTH PALACE. NORMALLY, THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM IS KEPT HERE. AND NORMALLY, THE ADVENTURER LINK LIVES HERE TO GUARD IT. THIS DAY, HOWEVER, BOTH OF THEM ARE ABSENT.

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

YES, ZELDA! THE DAY HAS COME...

THE DAY OF THE TRIFORCE





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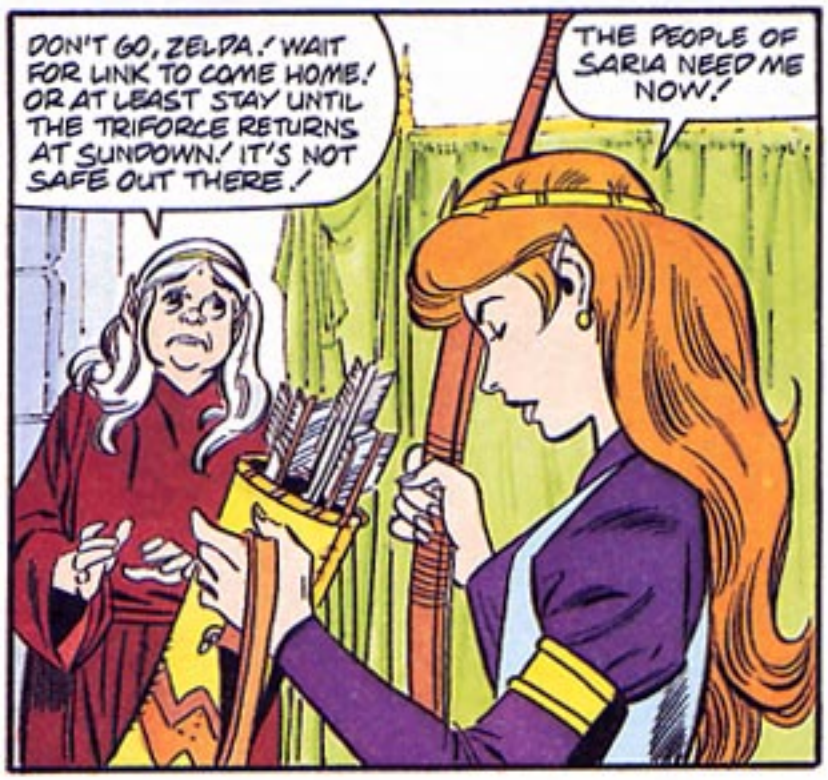
MOMENTS LATER, AT THE EAST GATE...
STATE YOUR BUSINESS, WOMAN.!
LET ME GO! I WILL SPEAK ONLY TO LINK.!
GUARD! RELEASE HER! ALL MY SUBJECTS ARE WELCOME HERE!

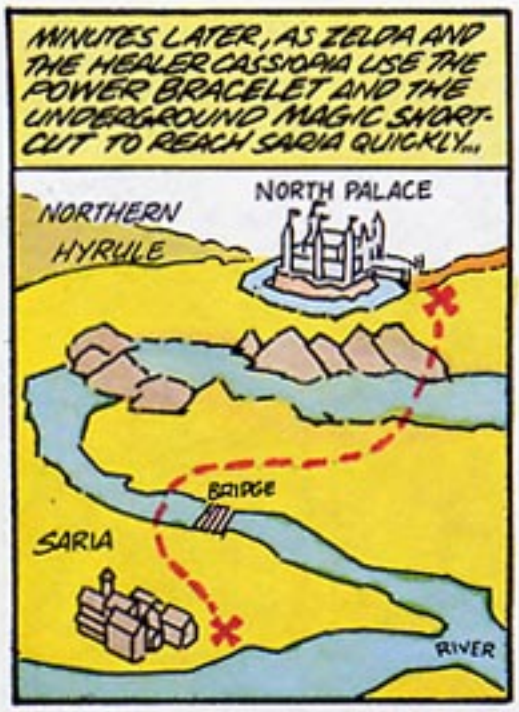
FORGIVE ME, HIGHNESS! SHE WAS RAVING LIKE A MADWOMAN--!
PRINCESS ZELDA! PLEASE, I MUST FIND LINK! WE NEED HIS HELP!
AREN'T YOU CASSIOPIA, THE HEALER FROM SARIA? LINK IS GONE, BUT I WILL HELP YOU, IF I CAN!

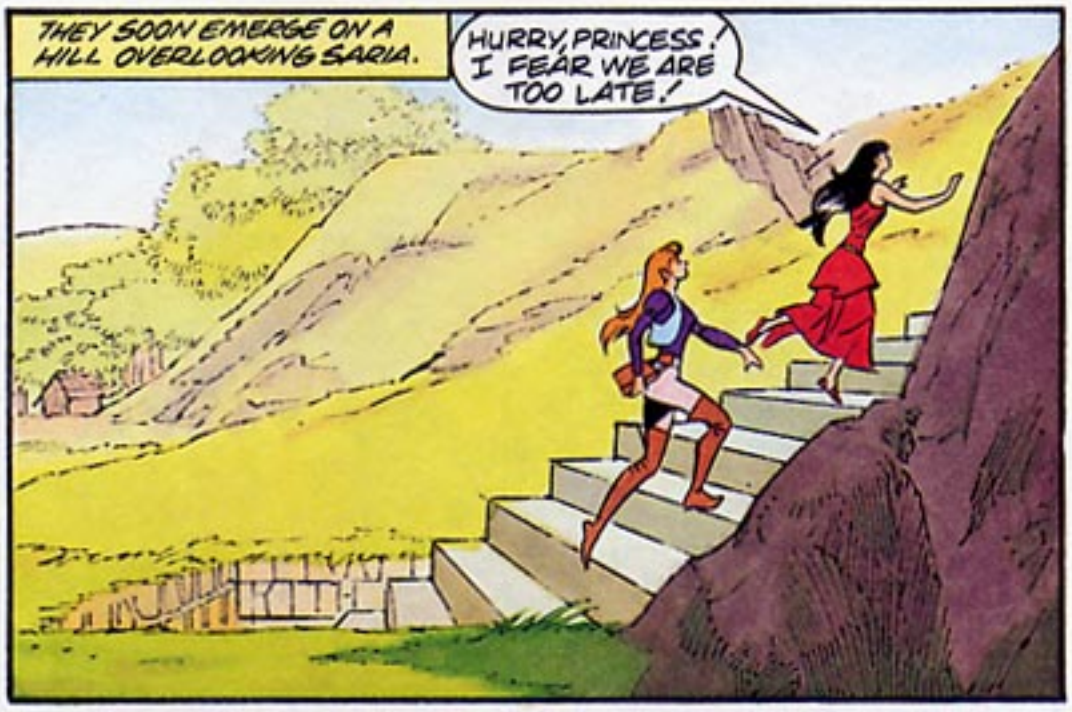
LYNELS, GANON'S DEATH MOUNTAIN CENTAURS, SET FIRE TO MY VILLAGE! MANY OF MY PEOPLE WERE CAPTURED, OR INJURED!

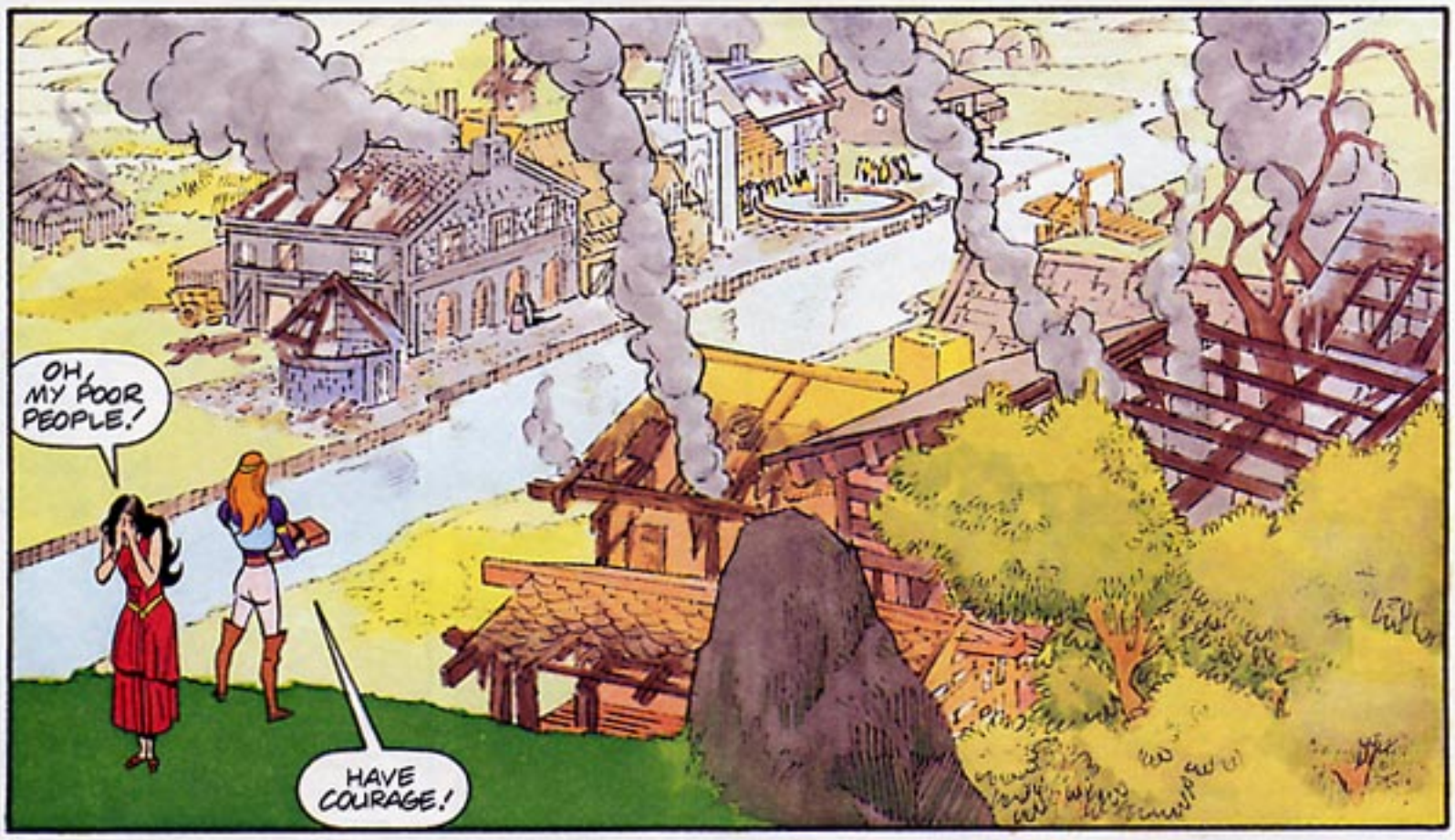
SO MUCH FOR GANON'S DAY OF PEACE! I WILL RETURN WITH YOU AT ONCE, HEALER.
THANK YOU, PRINCESS! THANK YOU!


DON'T GO, ZELDA! WAIT FOR LINK TO COME HOME! OR AT LEAST STAY UNTIL THE TRIFORCE RETURNS AT SUNDOWN! IT'S NOT SAFE OUT THERE!
THE PEOPLE OF SARIA NEED ME NOW!

BESIDES, IF WE ARE WEAKER WITHOUT OUR TRIFORCE, SO IS GANON WITHOUT HIS! IF GANON DARES FACE ME, I'LL HAVE THIS!
THE SILVER ARROW! THE WEAPON THAT CAN DESTROY GANON FOREVER!


MINUTES LATER, AS ZELDA AND THE HEALER CASSIOPIA USE THE POWER BRACELET AND THE UNDERGROUND MAGIC SHORT-CUT TO REACH SARIA QUICKLY...
NORTHERN HYRULE
NORTH PALACE
BRIDGE
SARIA
RIVER


THEY SOON EMERGE ON A HILL OVERLOOKING SARIA.
HURRY, PRINCESS! I FEAR WE ARE TOO LATE!


OH, MY POOR PEOPLE!
HAVE COURAGE!

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

...OR AVENGE THEM!

FASTER, CAPTIVES!

Z
ZIP
TWANG

WHAT? WHO DARES!
ZAM

CASSIOPIA! THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU!
WAIT TILL I HAVE FREED YOU WITH THE MAGIC BOOMERANG!

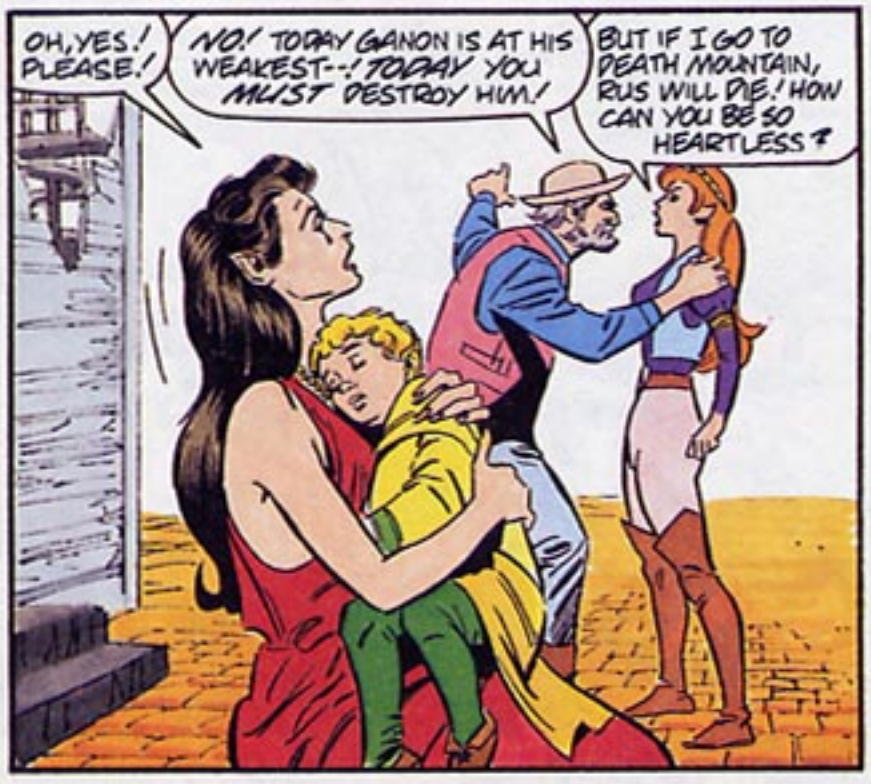
FZAM

SEE, HOW I ALONE CAN HANDLE YOUR FOES? STAND UP AND FIGHT, SARIA!
TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT ALL THE FIENDS!

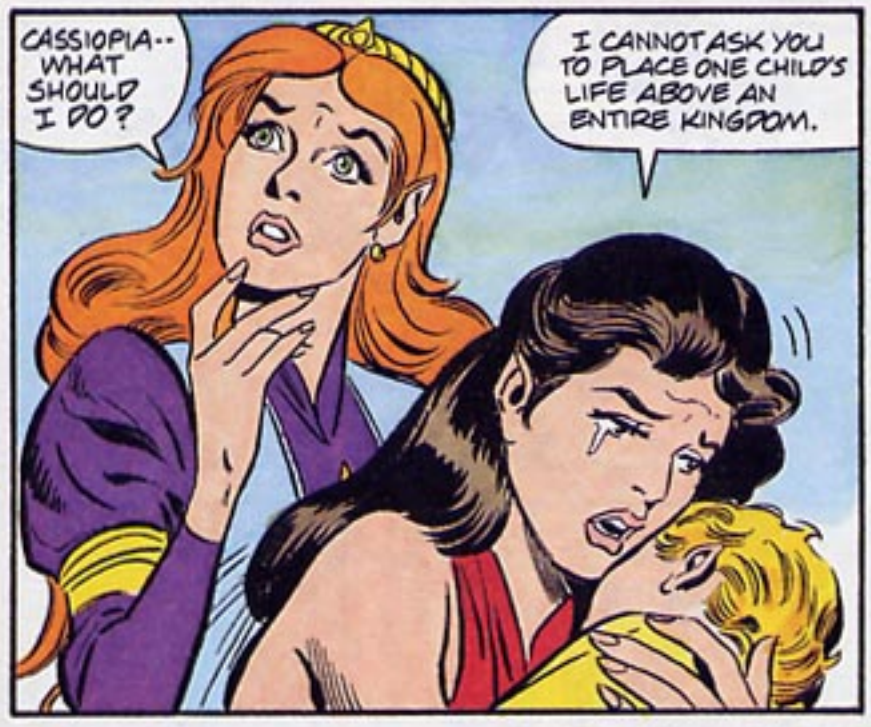
AIDED BY THE DEADLY ACCURATE SNIPER FIRE FROM ZELDA'S COMMANDING POSITION, THE TOWNSPEOPLE USE EVERY AVAILABLE WEAPON TO QUICKLY TURN THE TABLES ON THEIR FORMER MASTERS!

PZZING

HE IS BEYOND MY HEALING POWERS! HE WILL NOT LAST BEYOND SUNDOWN!
I CAN GO TO THE MAGIC SPRING AND BRING ONE OF THE FAIRIES BACK WITH ME TO CURE HIM! THEIR POWER TO HEAL IS EVEN GREATER THAN YOURS, CASSIOPIA!

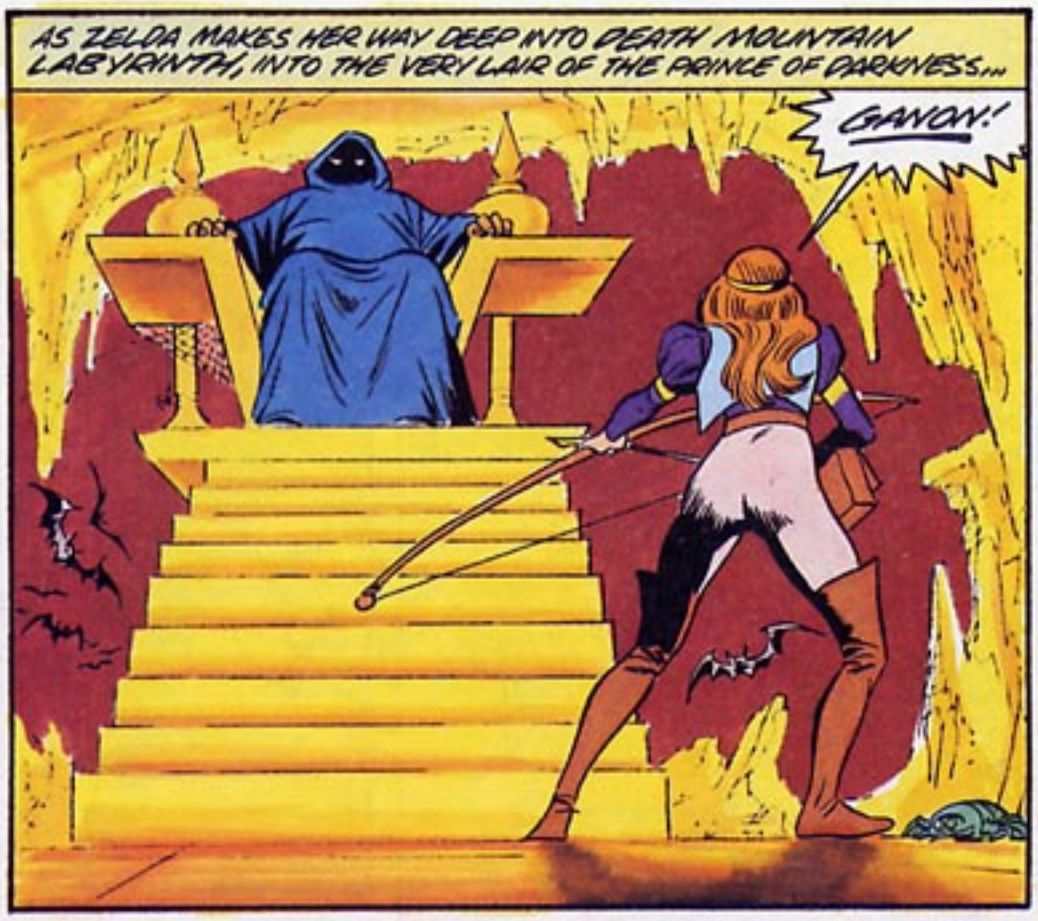

OH, YES! PLEASE!
NO! TODAY GANON IS AT HIS WEAKEST--! TODAY YOU MUST DESTROY HIM!
BUT IF I GO TO DEATH MOUNTAIN, RUS WILL DIE! HOW CAN YOU BE SO HEARTLESS?

RUS IS MY SON AS WELL, PRINCESS.
BUT... HOW MANY OTHER CHILDREN WILL PERISH IF GANON IS NOT STOPPED ONCE AND FOR ALL?

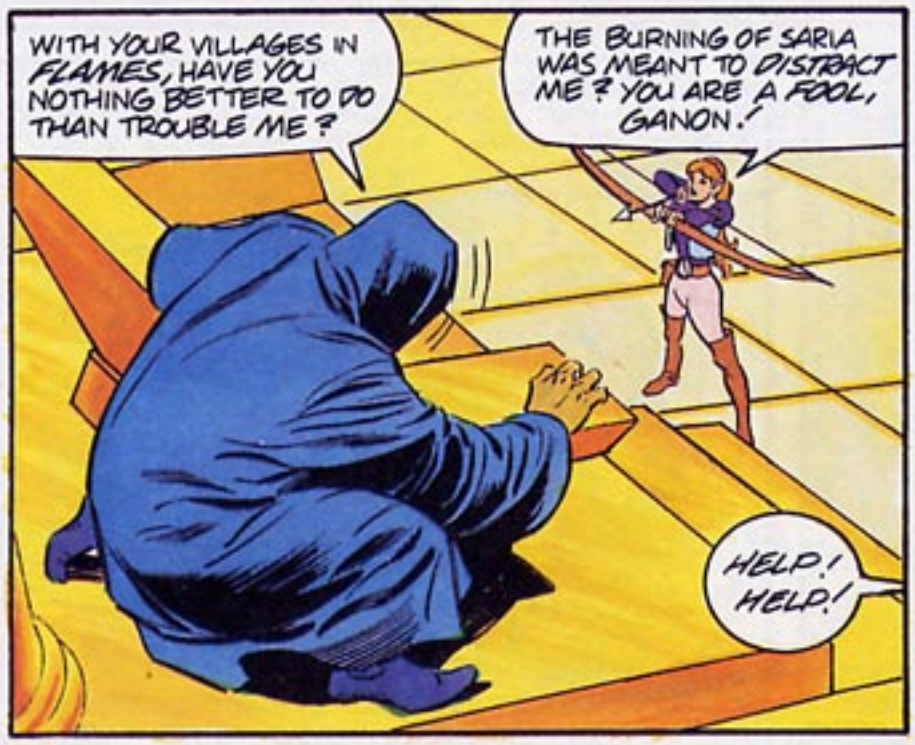

CASSIOPIA.. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I CANNOT ASK YOU TO PLACE ONE CHILD'S LIFE ABOVE AN ENTIRE KINGDOM.

WITH A HEAVY HEART, ZELDA SETS OUT FOR DEATH MOUNTAIN!
PRINCESS ZELDA! YOU DARE COME HERE WITHOUT YOUR CATS-PAW LINK?
I'VE NO QUARREL WITH YOU, DARKNUT PRIME! I'M HERE TO DESTROY GANON!

HO! THEN BY ALL MEANS ENTER, BOLD ONE, WHERE NONE OF US WOULD DARE-- THOUGH WE HATE OUR PIG-NOSED MASTER EVEN MORE THAN YOU DO!
BUT KNOW THIS... IF YOU FAIL TO DESTROY GANON... WE WILL VENT OUR DISAPPOINTMENT BY DESTROYING YOU!


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 DAY 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!

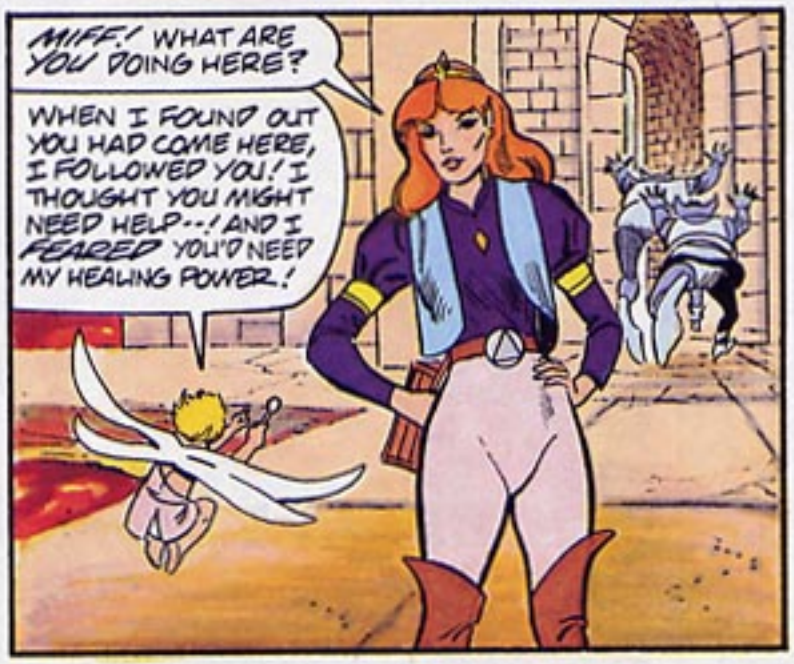
WHAT'S THAT? A CRY FOR HELP! SURELY YOU CANNOT IGNORE SOME INNOCENT IN DANGER!
CURSE YOU, GANON!

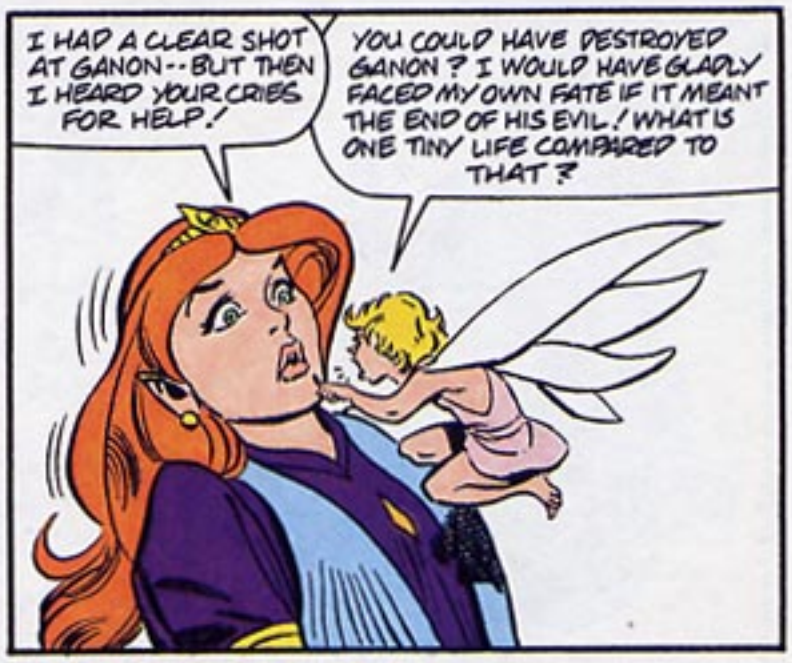
THIS ISN'T OVER YET!
HA HA HA HA!

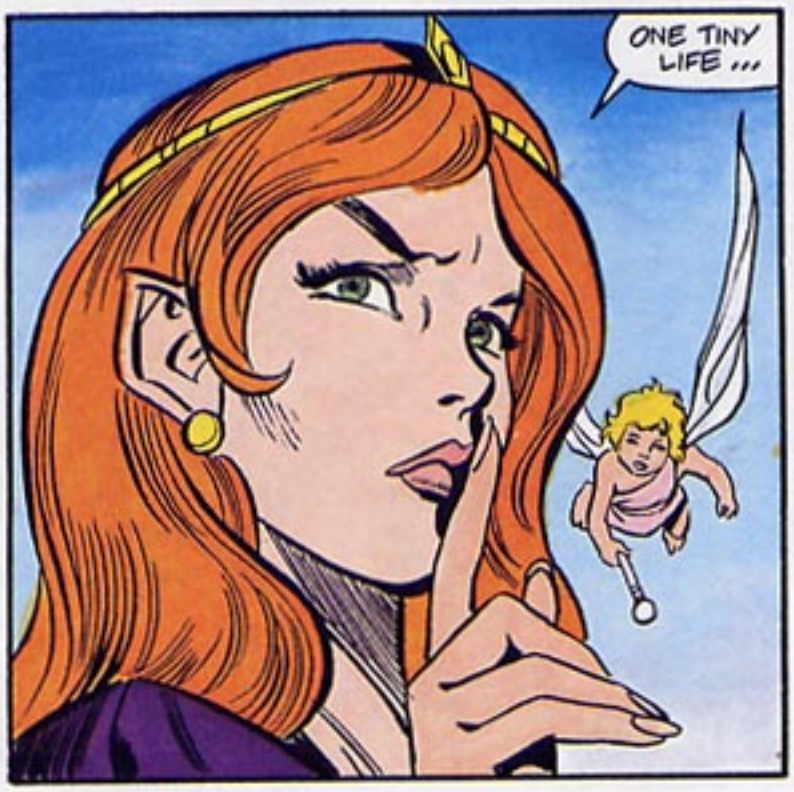
HA HA HA HA!
GANON CLOSED THE SHUTTER BEHIND ME! I CAN WORK MY WAY BACK IN THROUGH ALL THOSE OTHER ROOMS, BUT IT'LL TAKE HOURS!

HELP!
LET HER GO!
FAIRY MAKE GOOD SNACK!
NOT ENOUGH FOR TWO! GET LOST!

CRASH


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!

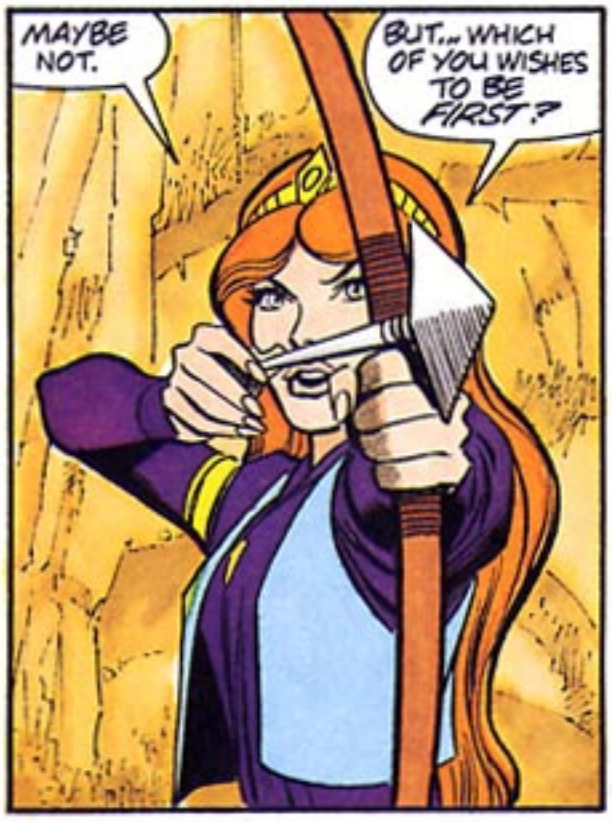

I HAD A CLEAR SHOT AT GANON--BUT THEN I HEARD YOUR CRIES FOR HELP!
YOU COULD HAVE DESTROYED GANON? I WOULD HAVE GLADLY FACED MY OWN FATE IF IT MEANT THE END OF HIS EVIL! WHAT IS ONE TINY LIFE COMPARED TO THAT?


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!

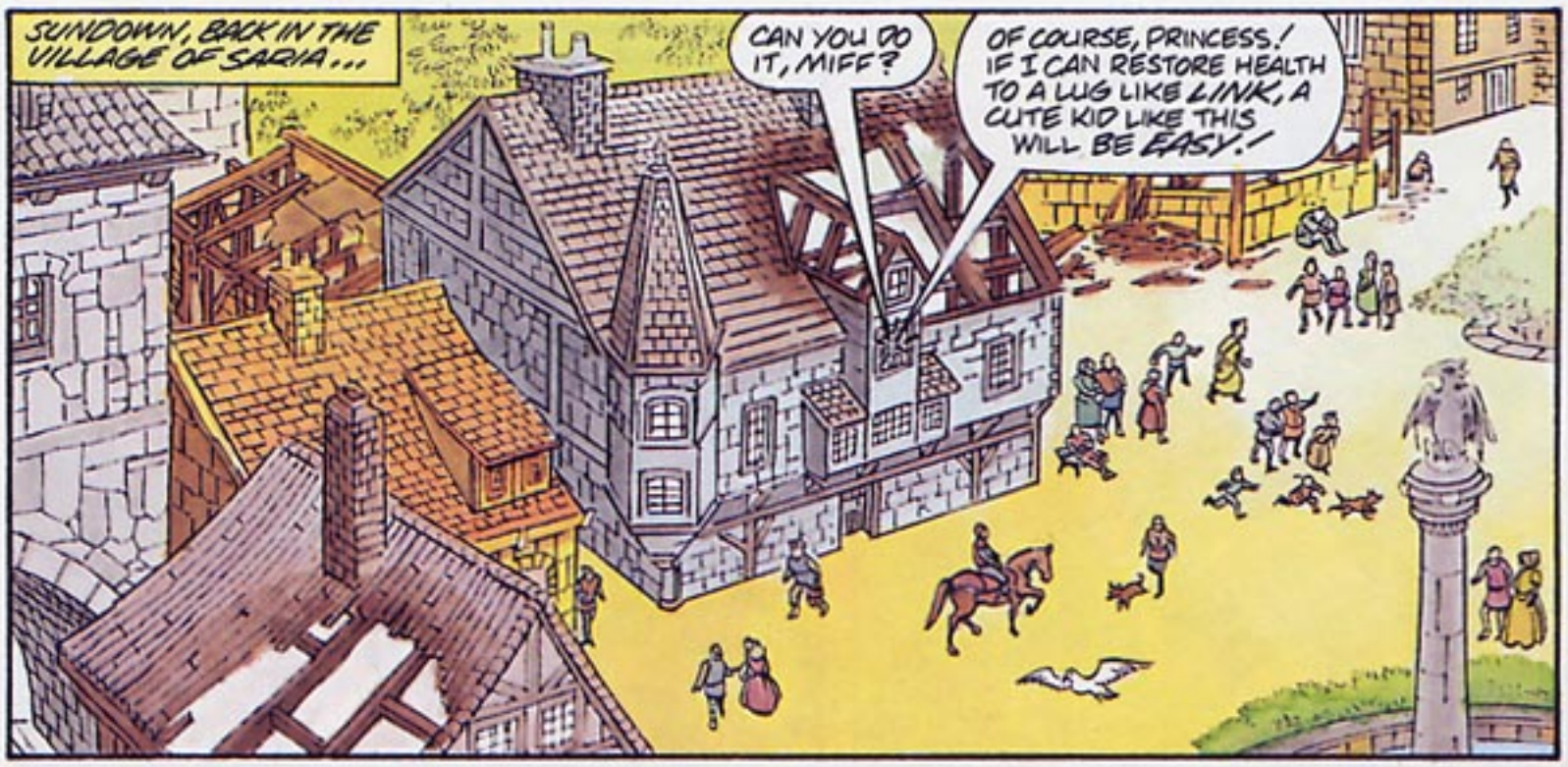
SOMEONE COMES!

DID YOU SLAY HIM?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? DESTROY HER ANYWAY! SHE CANNOT FIGHT US ALL!

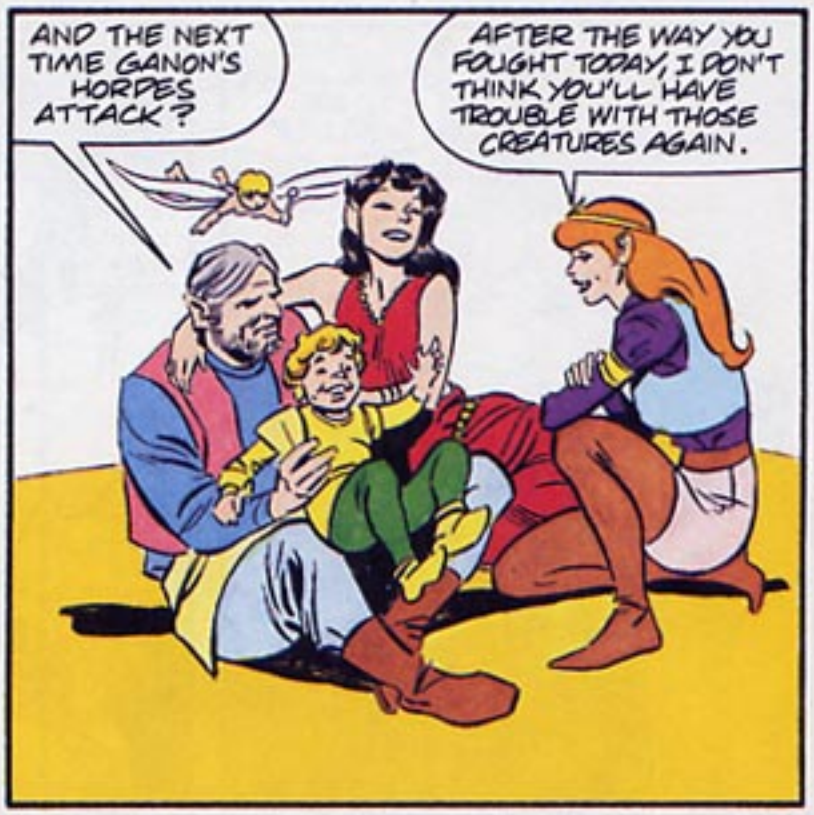

MAYBE NOT.
BUT... WHICH OF YOU WISHES TO BE FIRST?

SSSAK
WACK

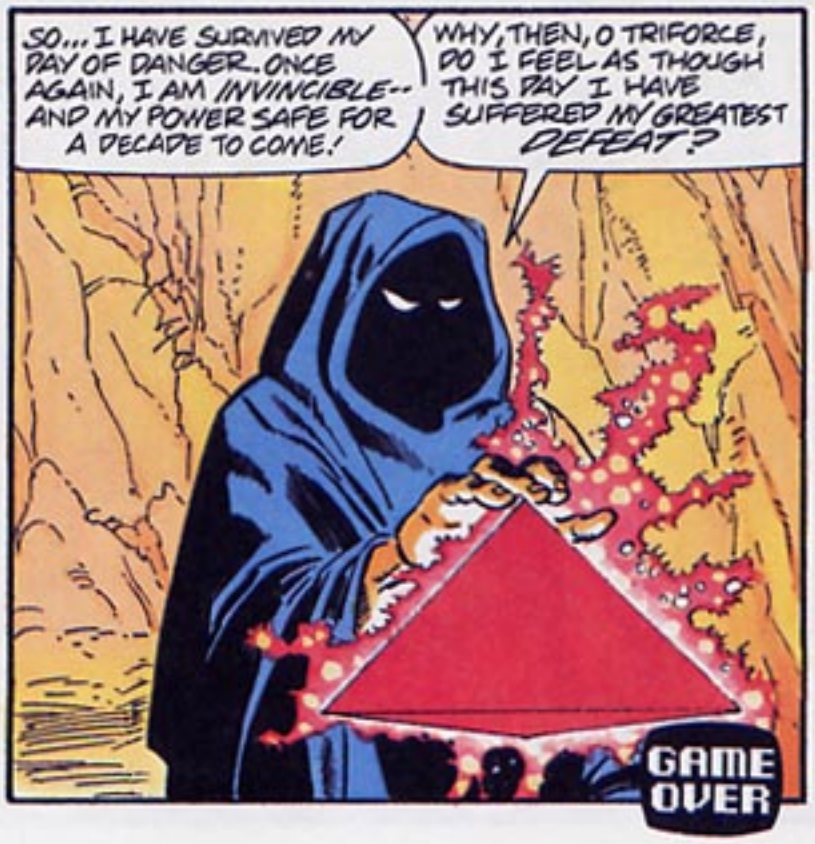
ATTACK, SARIA PEOPLE! ZELDA DOES NOT FIGHT ALONE THIS DAY!


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 DAY 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 DAY 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 DAY I HAVE SUFFERED MY GREATEST DEFEAT?
GAME OVER

By George Caragonne, Martin King, Don Hudson, Jade, The V-8's

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 legend of

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

MOM! DAD! I'M HOME!

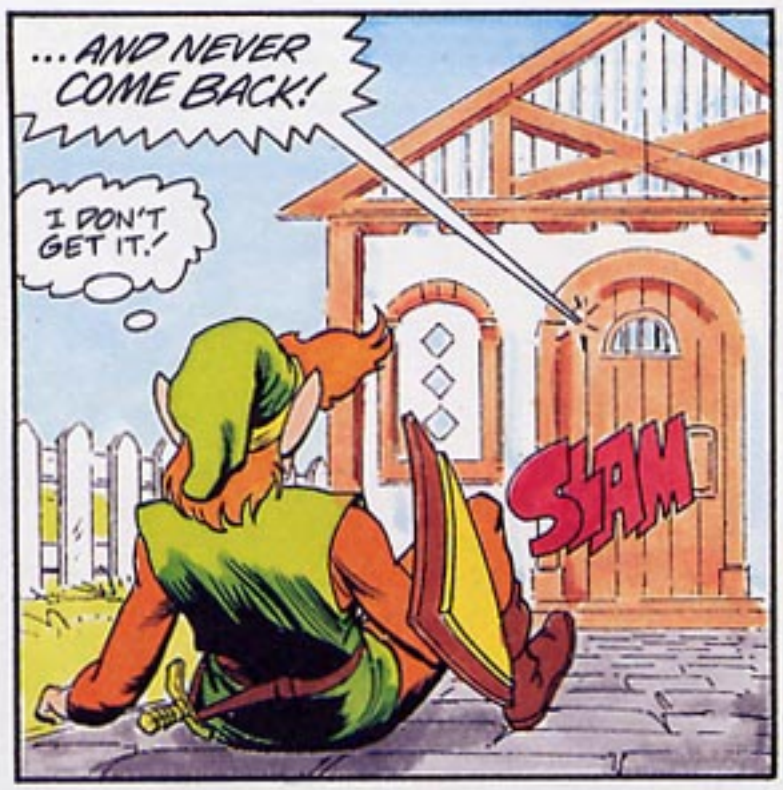
WHAMMO

YOU'RE NO SON OF MINE!

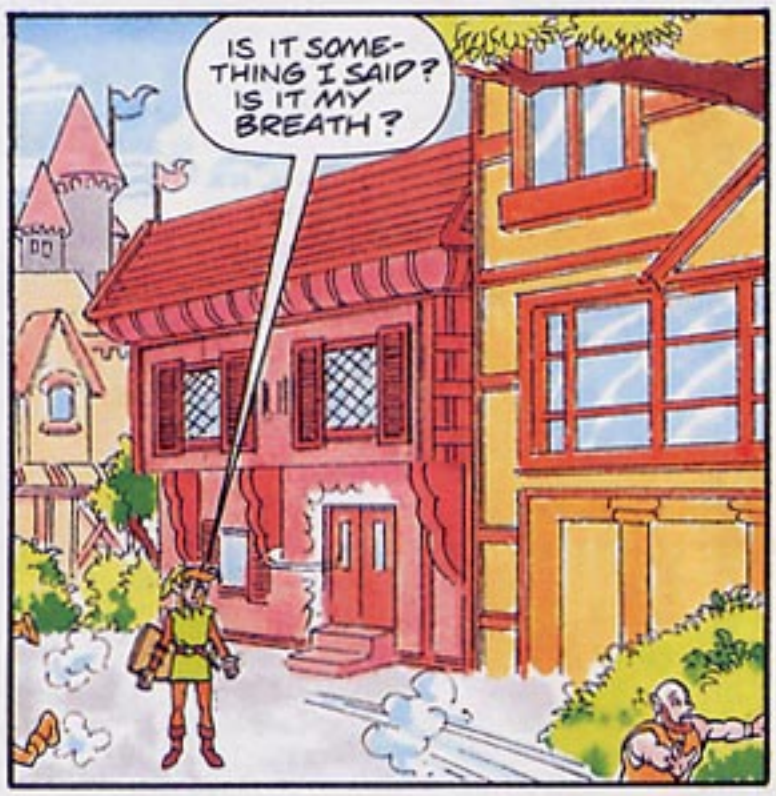
GET OUT! GET OUT OF HERE!

UHN!

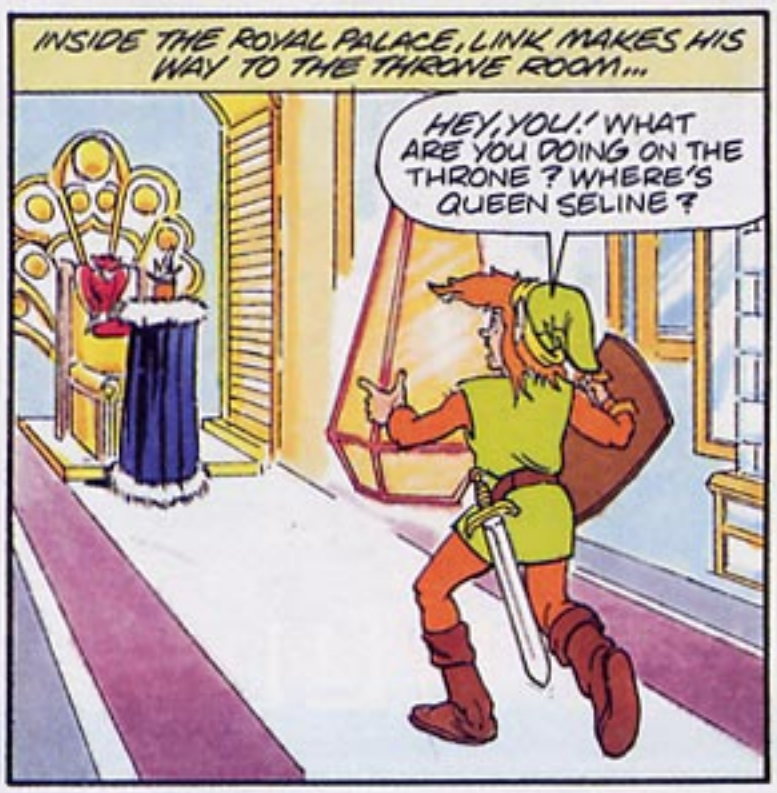
COMING HOME

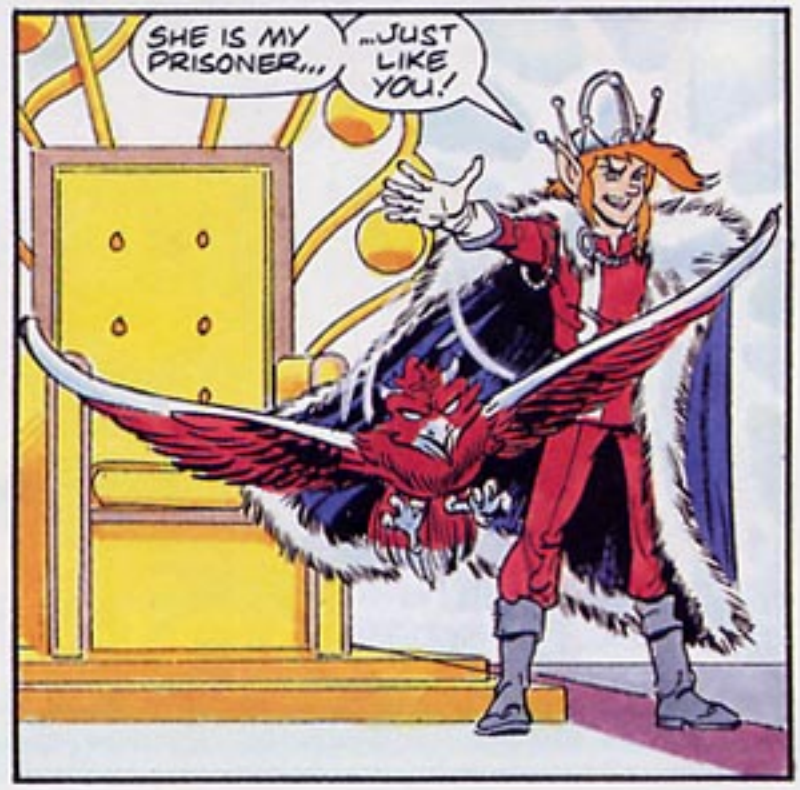

...AND NEVER COME BACK!
I DON'T GET IT.!
SLAM

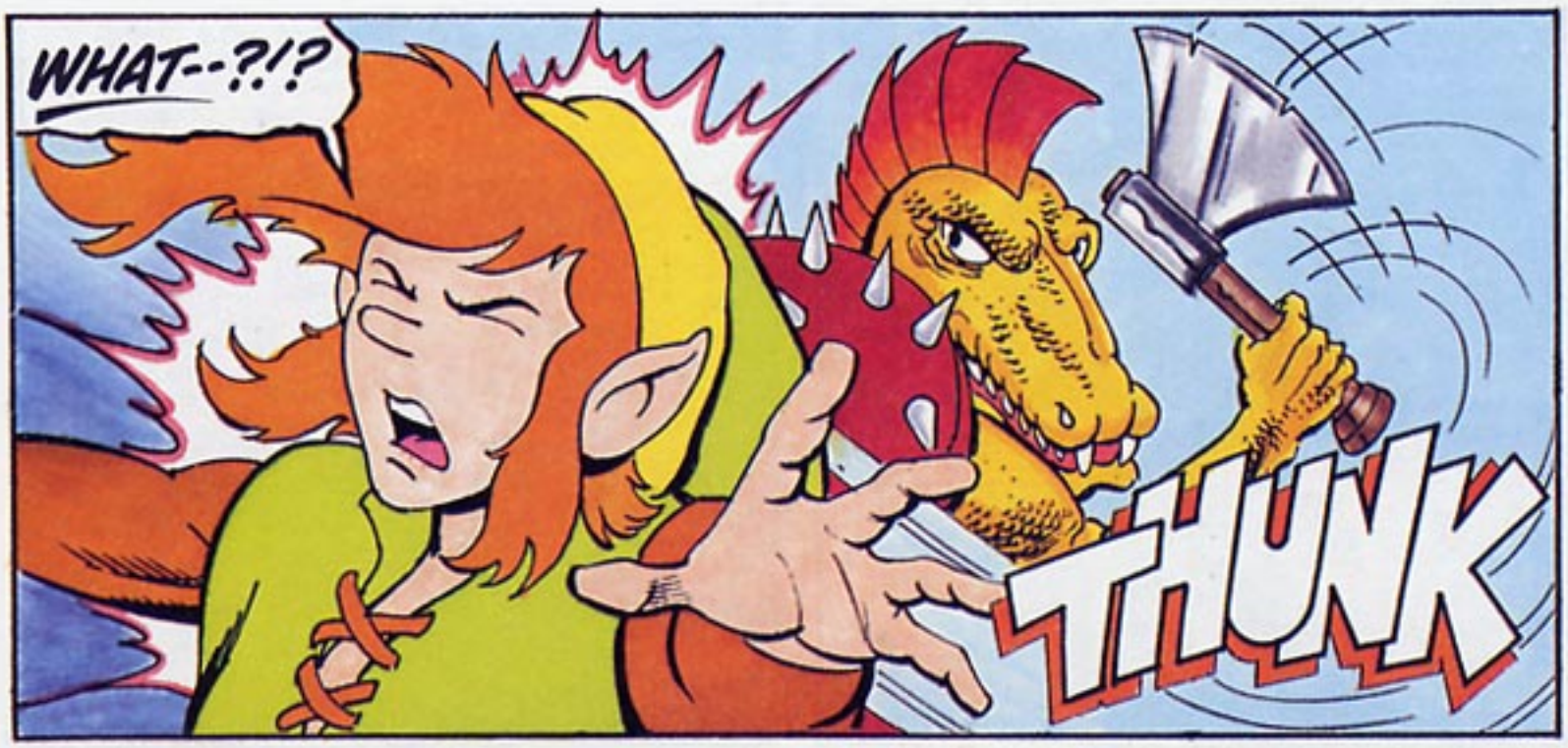
LATER, AS LINK TRAVELS THROUGH CALATIA...
HEY, EVERYONE.! IT'S ME--LINK.! BACK FROM HYRULE.!

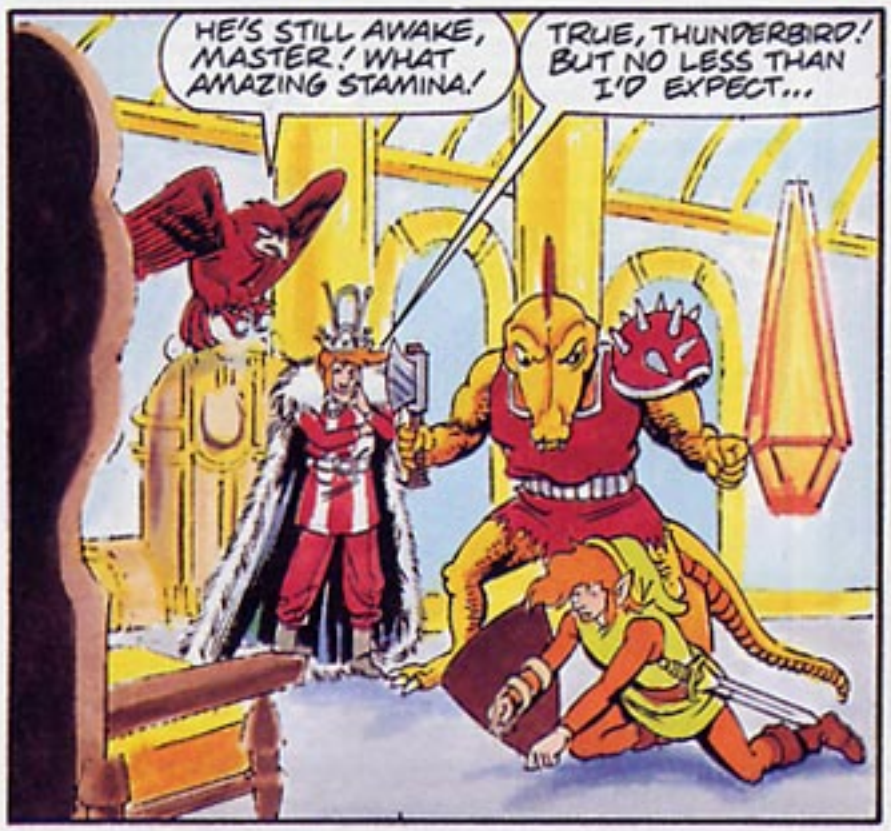

IS IT SOMETHING I SAID? IS IT MY BREATH?

I'VE GOT TO SEE QUEEN SELINE. MAYBE SHE CAN TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.


INSIDE THE ROYAL PALACE, LINK MAKES HIS WAY TO THE THRONE ROOM...
HEY, YOU.! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE THRONE? WHERE'S QUEEN SELINE?


SHE IS MY PRISONER...
...JUST LIKE YOU.!

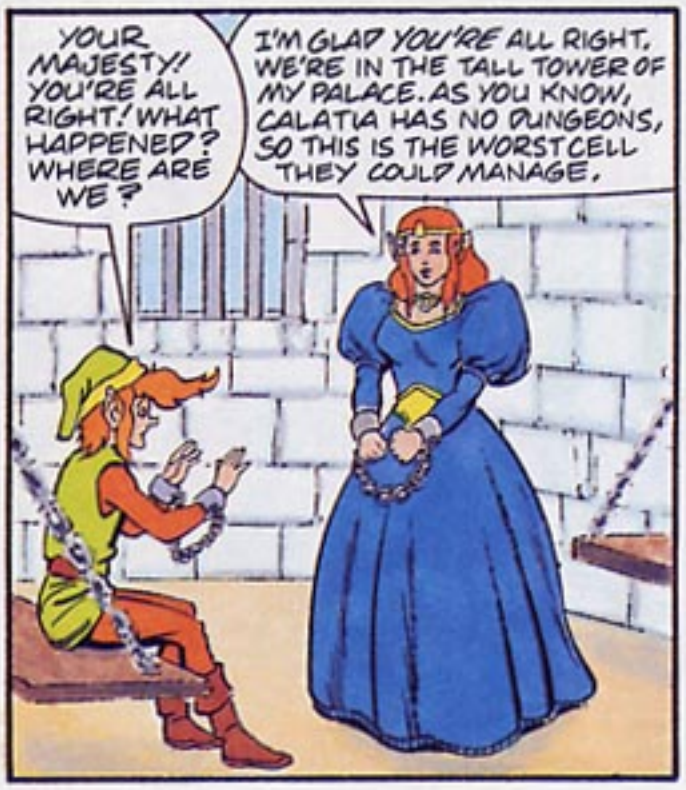

WHAT--?!?
THUNK

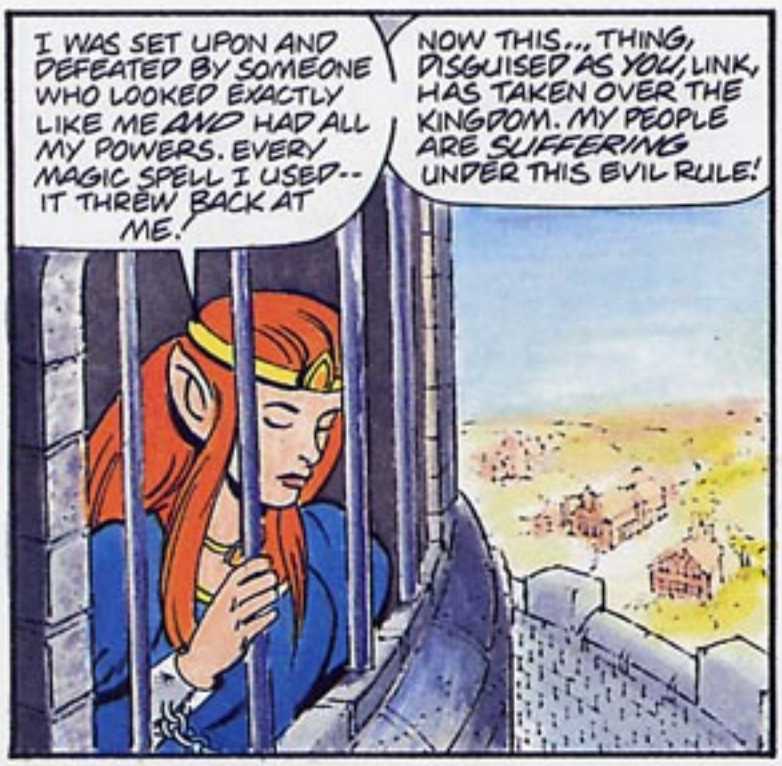

HE'S STILL AWAKE, MASTER! WHAT AMAZING STAMINA!
TRUE, THUNDERBIRD! BUT NO LESS THAN I'D EXPECT...

...FROM MYSELF.
UNH--!

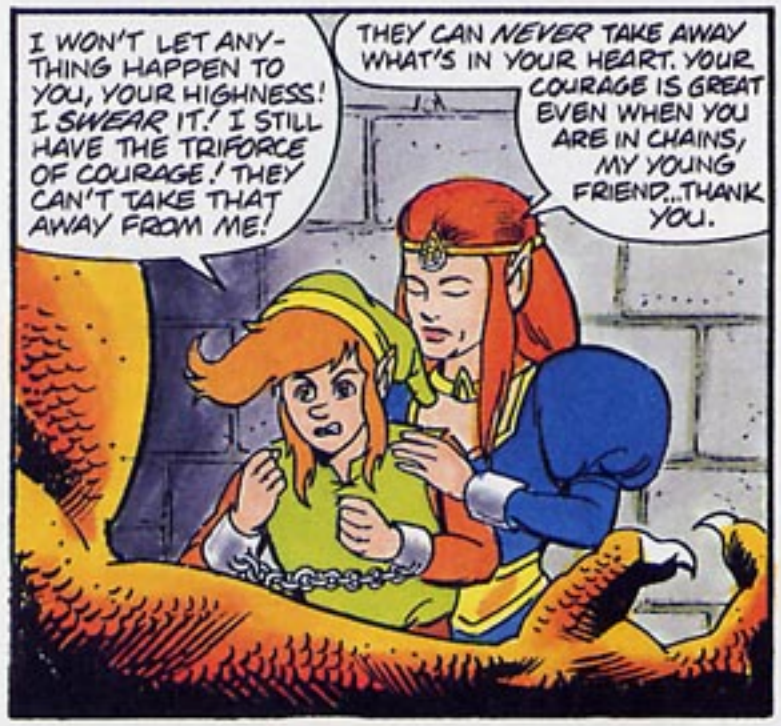
LINK? CAN YOU HEAR ME? LINK?

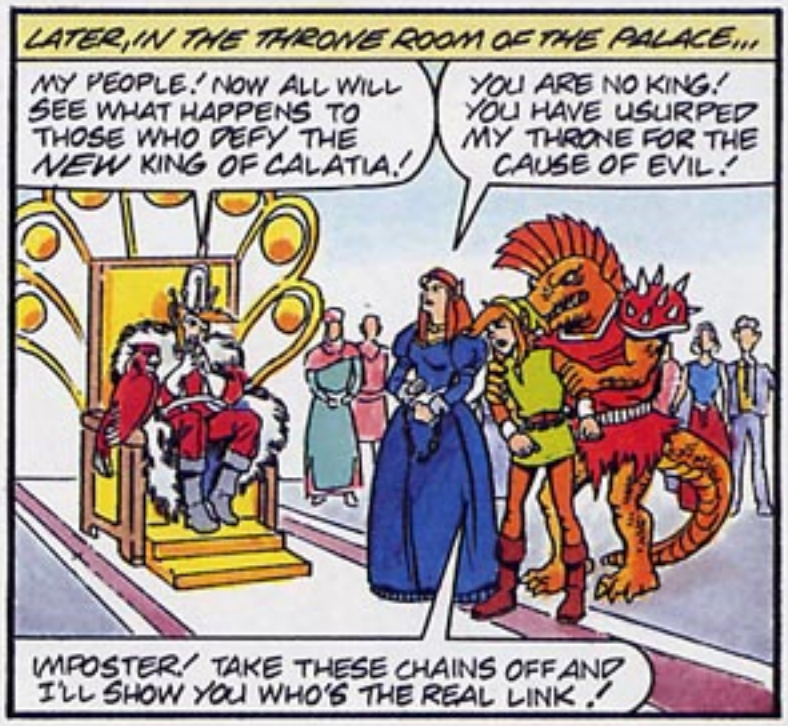
THAT'S QUITE A LUMP YOU HAVE ON YOUR HEAD, MY YOUNG LINK!
HUH? SELINE!


YOUR MAJESTY! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE ARE WE?
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT. WE'RE IN THE TALL TOWER OF MY PALACE. AS YOU KNOW, CALATIA HAS NO DUNGEONS, SO THIS IS THE WORST CELL THEY COULD MANAGE.

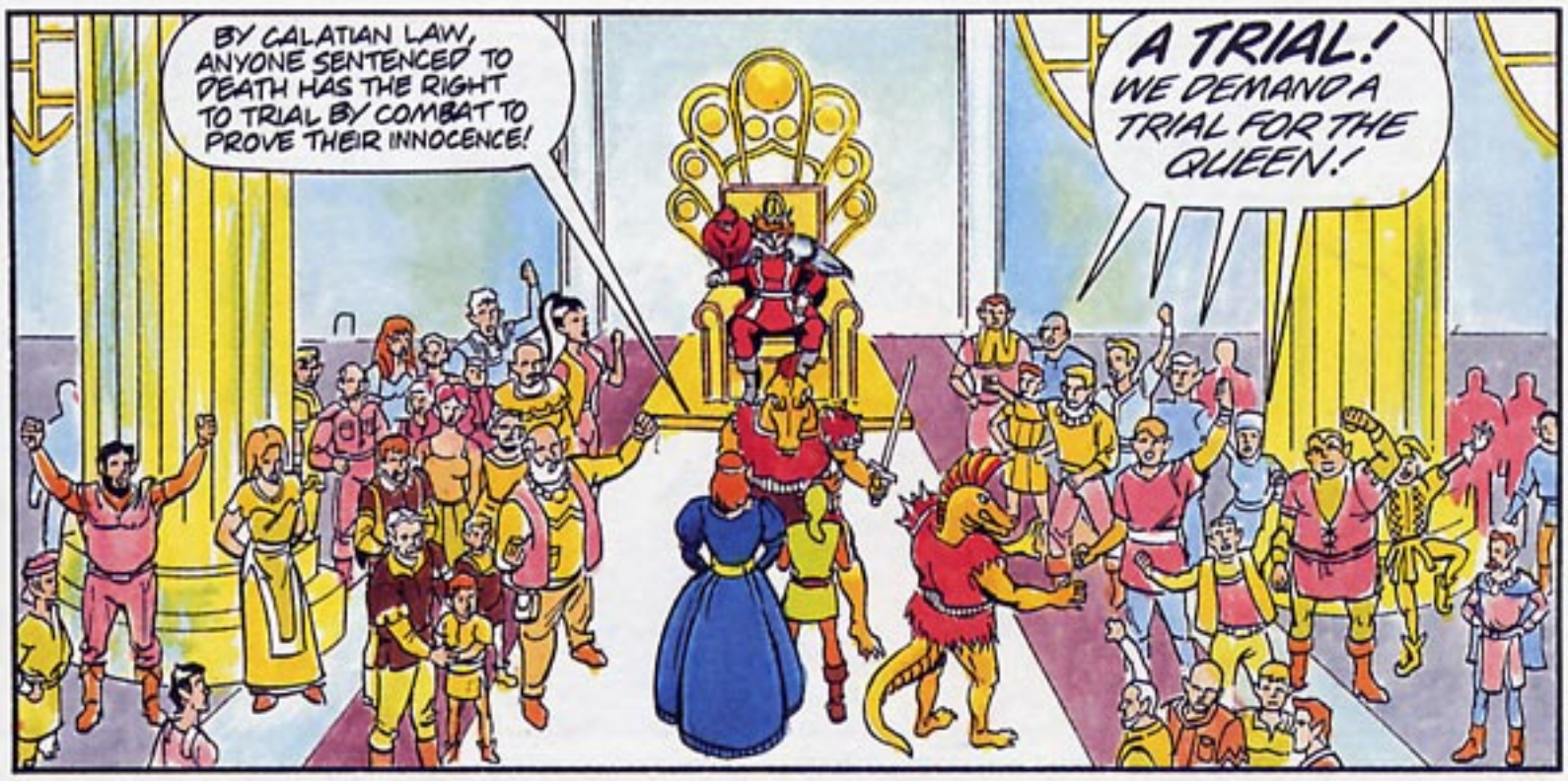

I WAS SET UPON AND DEFEATED BY SOMEONE WHO LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE ME AND HAD ALL MY POWERS. EVERY MAGIC SPELL I USED-- IT THREW BACK AT ME!
NOW THIS... THING, DISGUISED AS YOU, LINK, HAS TAKEN OVER THE KINGDOM. MY PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING UNDER THIS EVIL RULE!

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 DEFY 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!

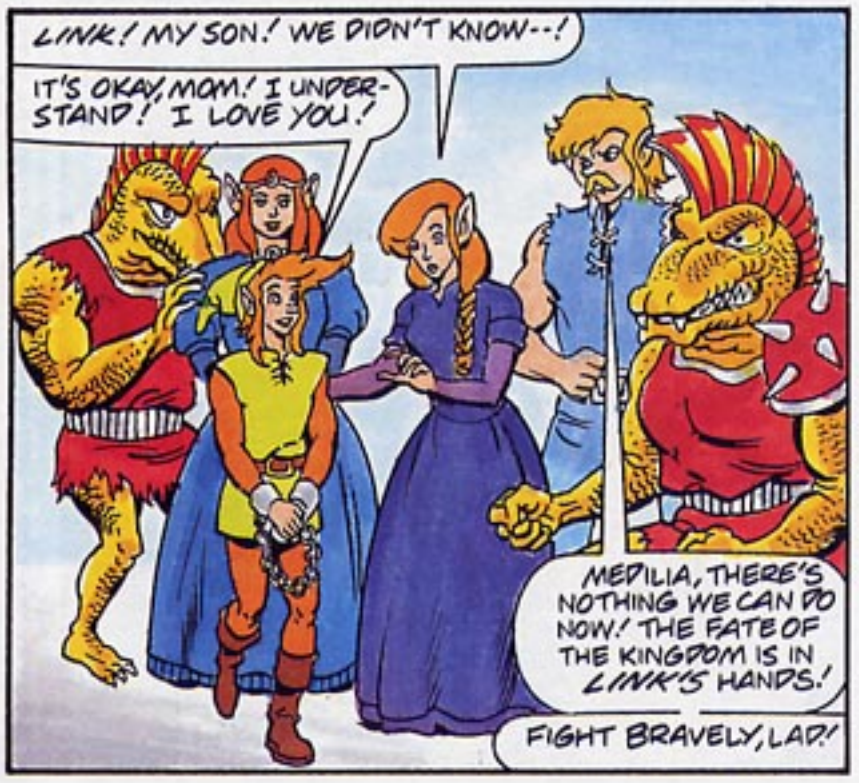
SILENCE! I AM THE KING! YOU HAVE COMMITTED TREASON AGAINST ME! THERE CAN BE BUT ONE PENALTY! EXECUTIONER! STAND FORTH!
HOLD FAST! I, QUEEN SELINE, DEMAND MY RIGHT OF LIFE TRIAL!

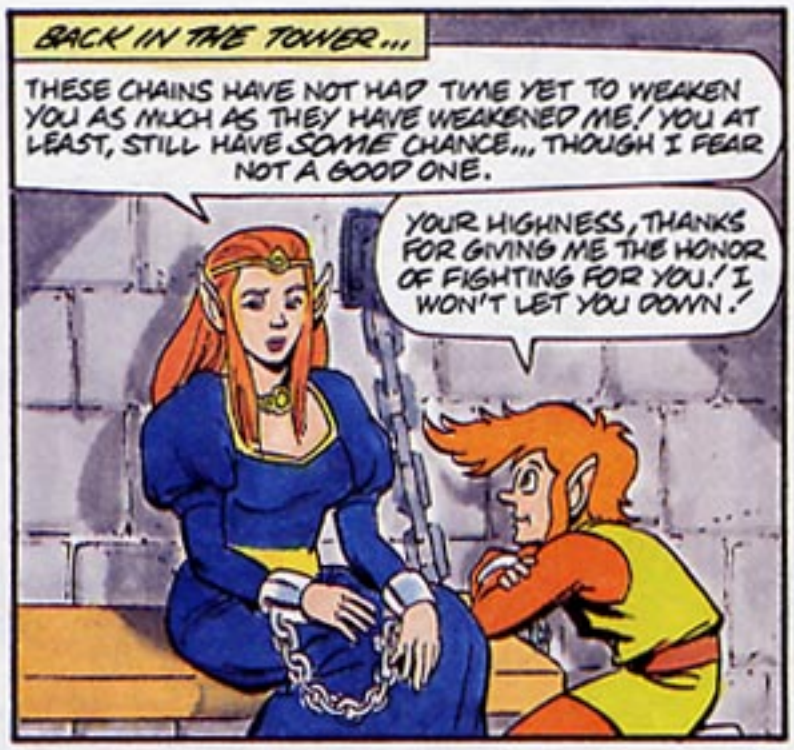

BY CALATIAN LAW, ANYONE SENTENCED TO DEATH HAS THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY COMBAT TO PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE!
A TRIAL! WE DEMAND A TRIAL FOR THE QUEEN!

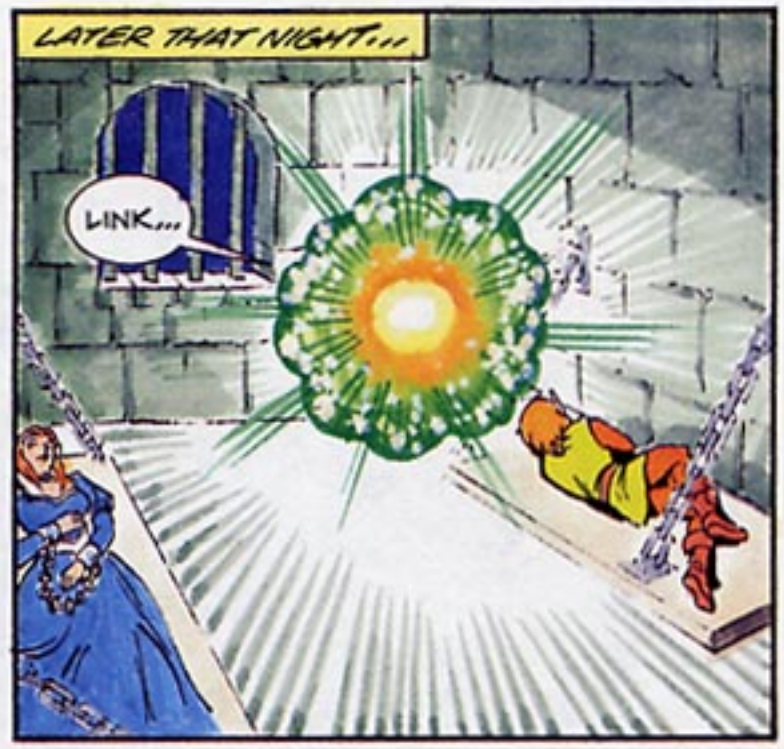
MASTER... THE PEOPLE ARE RESTLESS! IS IT WISE TO LET THEM SEE THIS?
I BEAT HER ONCE ALREADY, AND SHE'S ALREADY BEEN SEVERELY WEAKENED BY THE CHAINS! WHAT BETTER WAY TO CRUSH THE PEOPLE'S SPIRITS THAN TO DEFEAT THEIR QUEEN AGAIN... BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES! WHEN I AM FINISHED, NONE WILL DEFY ME!

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!

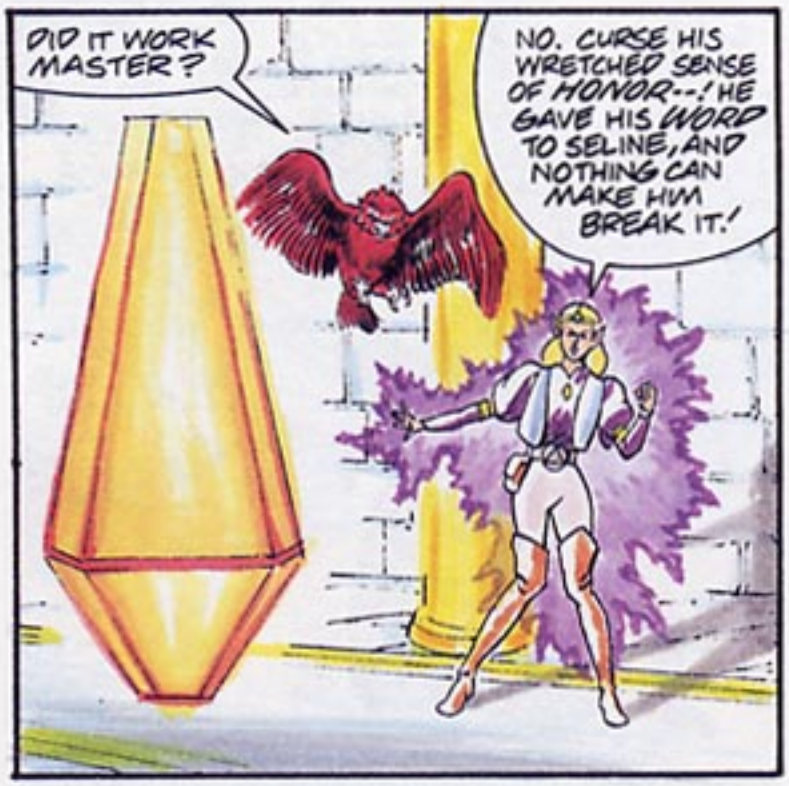

LATER THAT NIGHT...
LINK...

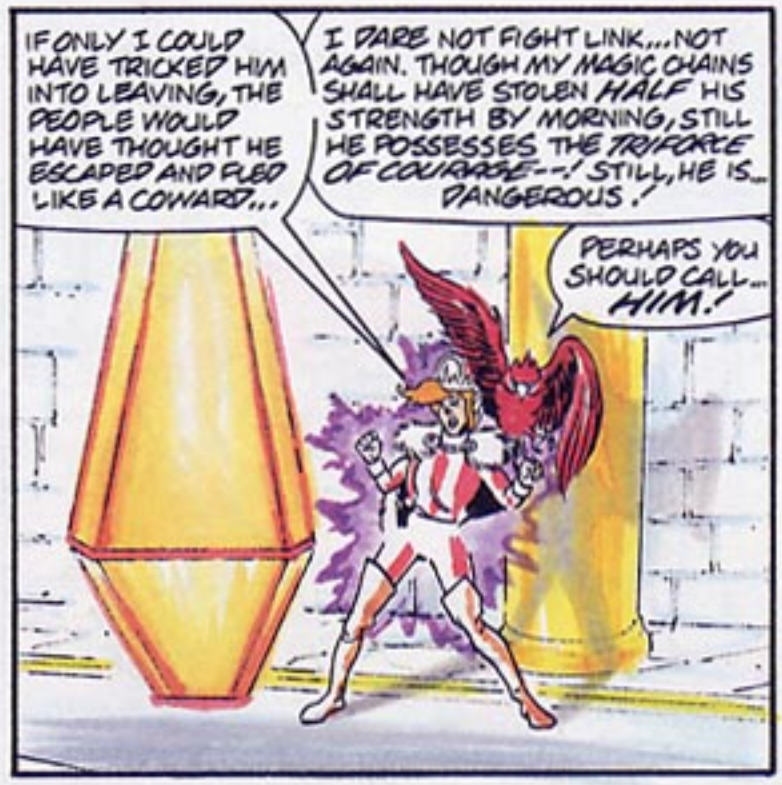
ZELDA! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!?
I'M NOT HERE. THIS IS A MAGICAL PROJECTION OF MY SPIRIT! ONLY YOU CAN SEE OR HEAR ME!

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 HOMELAND 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...

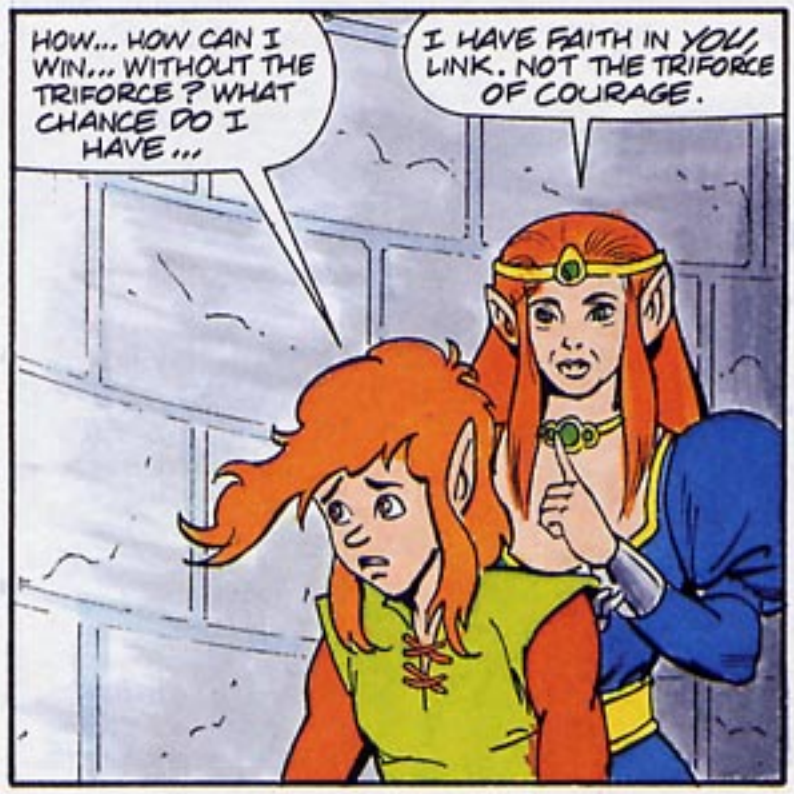
...LORD GANON.!
WHO DARES SUMMON THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS?
IT IS I, YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT IN CALATIA, MASTER.! I HAVE SEIZED THE THRONE AND WILL SOON DISPOSE OF THE RIGHTFUL QUEEN. BUT TO DO SO, I MUST DEFEAT LINK IN SINGLE COMBAT TOMORROW.!

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.!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
IT'S GONE!

THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE -- IT'S LEFT ME!
YES... IT IS THE DAY OF THE TRIFORCE. ONCE EACH DECADE, FOR ONE DAY, FROM DAWN TO DUSK, ALL THREE TRIFORCES... WISDOM, POWER, AND COURAGE DISAPPEAR. NO ONE KNOWS WITHER OR WHEREFORE... JUST THAT IT IS SO.
YOU HAVE TO KNOW THESE THINGS WHEN YOU'RE A QUEEN.


HOW... HOW CAN I WIN... WITHOUT THE TRIFORCE? WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE...
I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, LINK. NOT THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE.

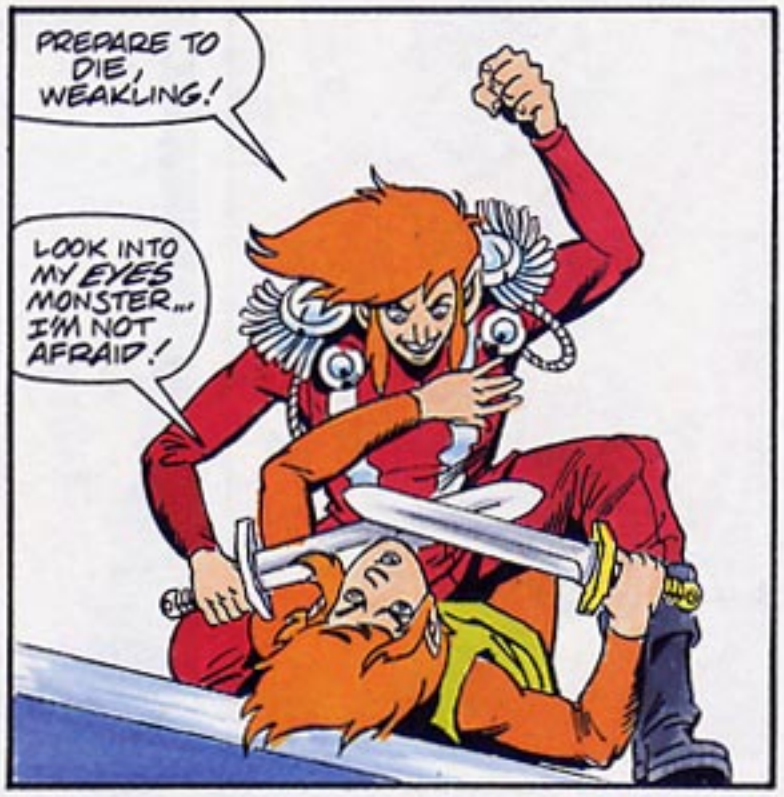
COME ALONG! IT IS TIME!

SOON, IN THE PALACE ARENA OF LIFE...
THE TRIAL CONTINUES UNTIL ONLY ONE SURVIVES!

KRAK
SOON, CALATIA WILL BE MINE... FOREVER!
UFF!

YOUR STRENGTH IS GONE... YOUR TRIFORCE HAS DESERTED YOU--! YOU ARE HELPLESS!

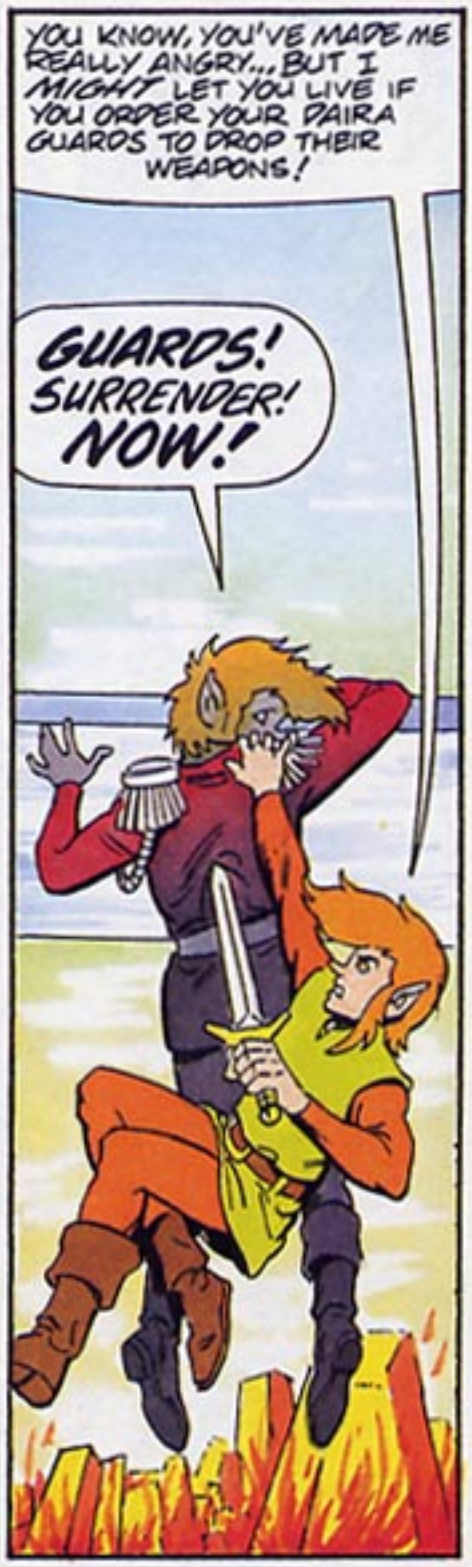
GIVE UP, FOOL AND I SHALL MAKE YOUR END SWIFT!

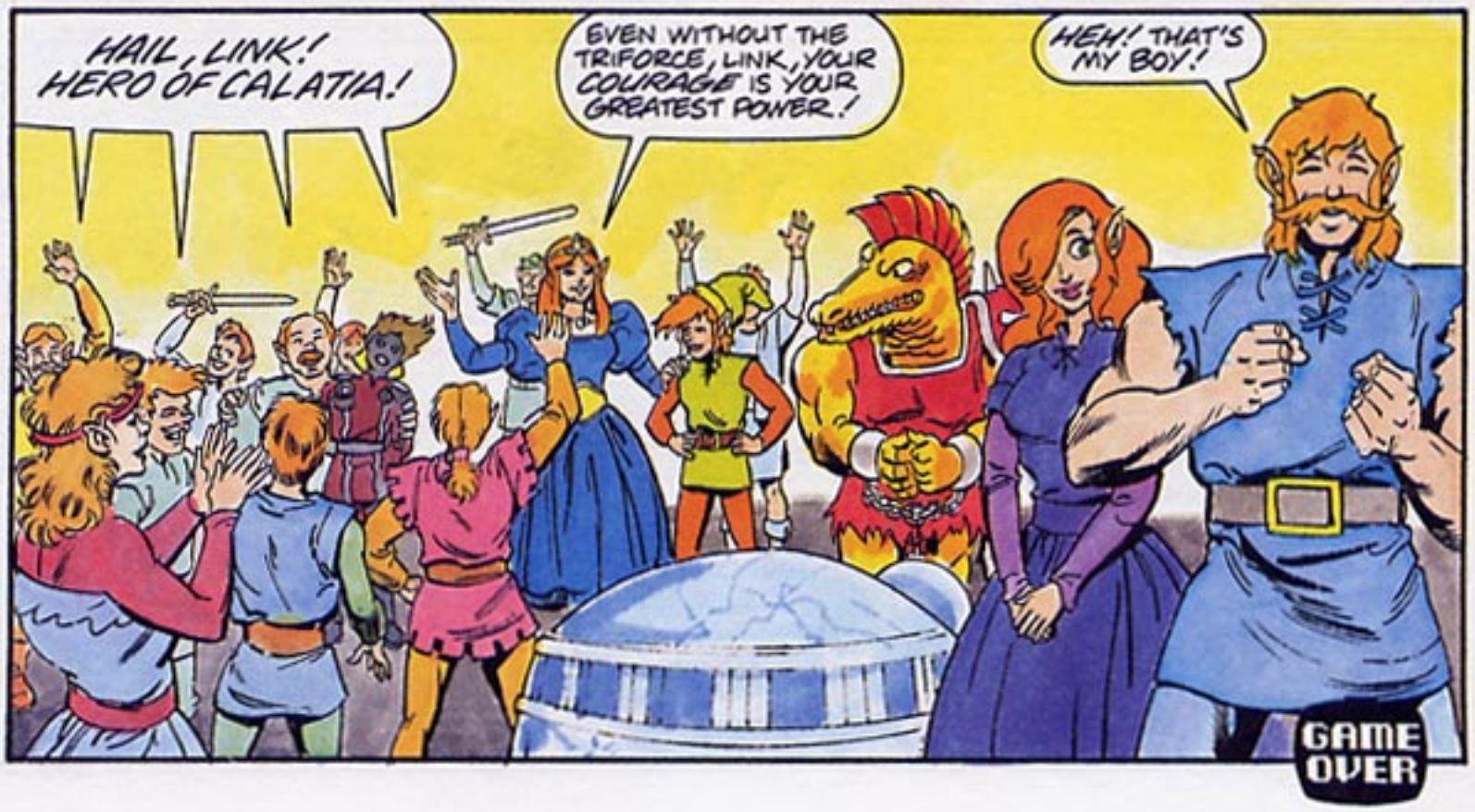

PREPARE TO DIE, WEAKLING!
LOOK INTO MY EYES MONSTER... I'M NOT AFRAID!

THE QUESTION IS, ARE YOU?!
FOOL! YOU'LL KILL US BOTH!

I LET THE WOMAN I LOVE FACE HER DOOM ALONE JUST SO I COULD BE HERE TO PUT AN END TO YOUR TYRANNY--AND I WILL, NO MATTER WHAT!
WAIT! LISTEN TO ME! ZELDA LIVES!

IT WAS A RUSE! I POSED AS ZELDA TO TRICK YOU!
SO... YOU'RE THE SHADOW! THE ONE I MET AT THE END OF THE GREAT PALACE IN MY SECOND ADVENTURE AGAINST GANON!


YOU KNOW, YOU'VE MADE ME REALLY ANGRY... BUT I MIGHT LET YOU LIVE IF YOU ORDER YOUR DAIRA GUARDS TO DROP THEIR WEAPONS!
GUARDS! SURRENDER! NOW!


HAIL, LINK! HERO OF CALATIA!
EVEN WITHOUT THE TRIFORCE, LINK, YOUR COURAGE IS YOUR GREATEST POWER!
HEH! THAT'S MY BOY!
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ME, TOO. BURP!

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SECRETS OF THE TRIFORCE

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

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 plotwork, 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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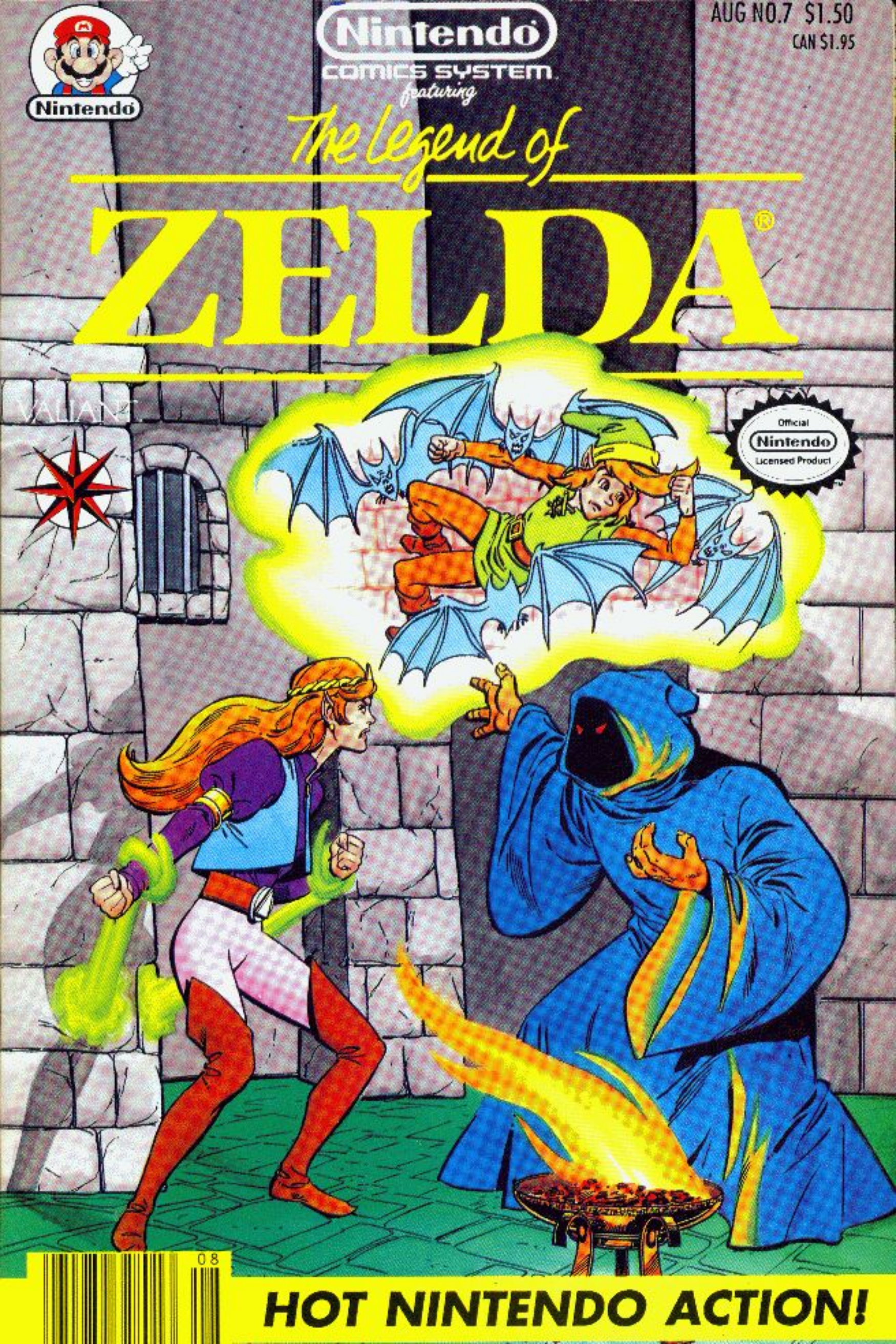
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CHOICES

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!

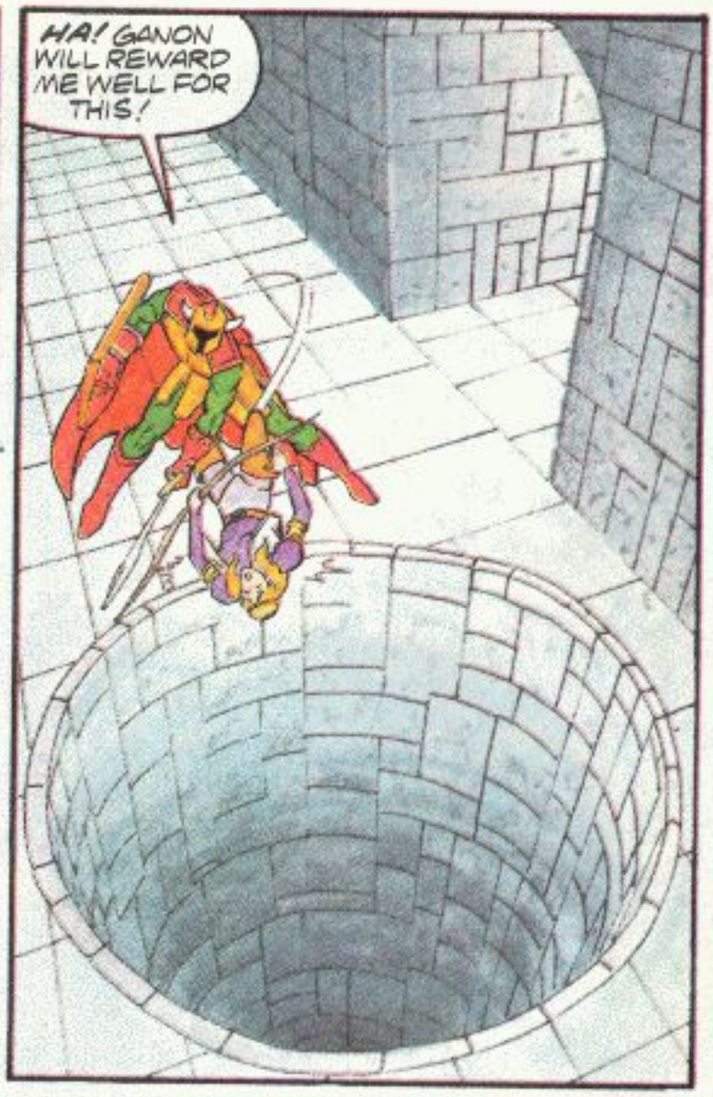
HE'S RIGHT. THE MAGIC SPELL I CAST TO ESCAPE GANON... ALMOST DESTROYED ME.. MY LIFE FORCE IS NEARLY GONE! I'M IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT ONE OF GANON'S KNIGHTS!

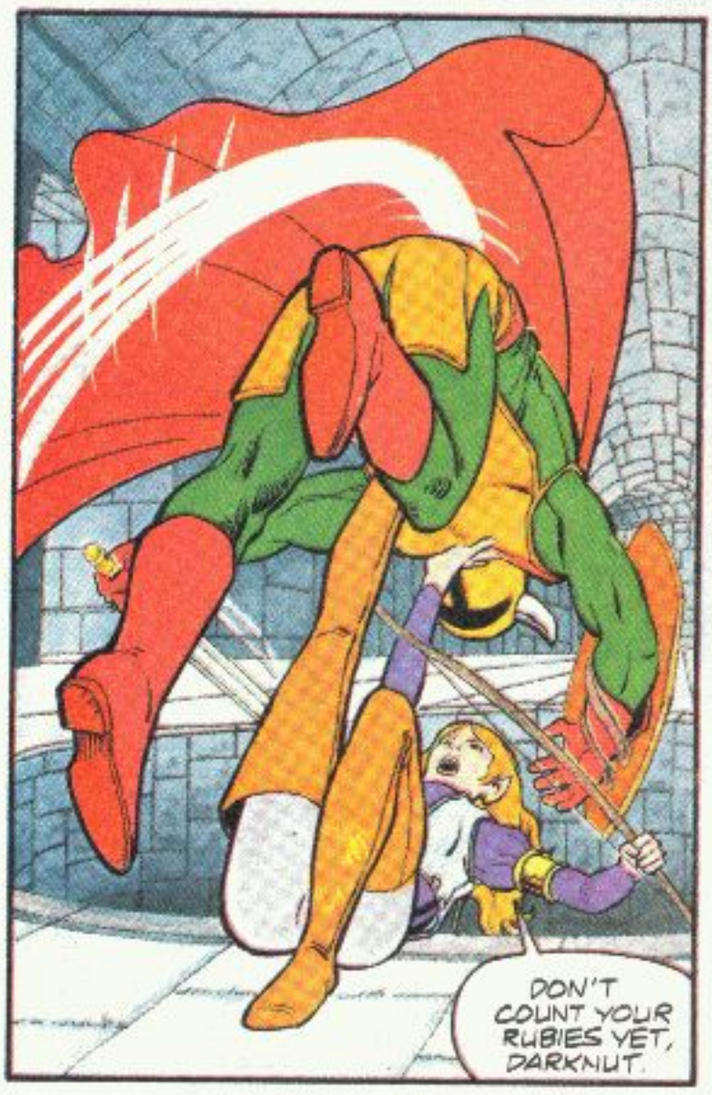
BUT NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP ME.

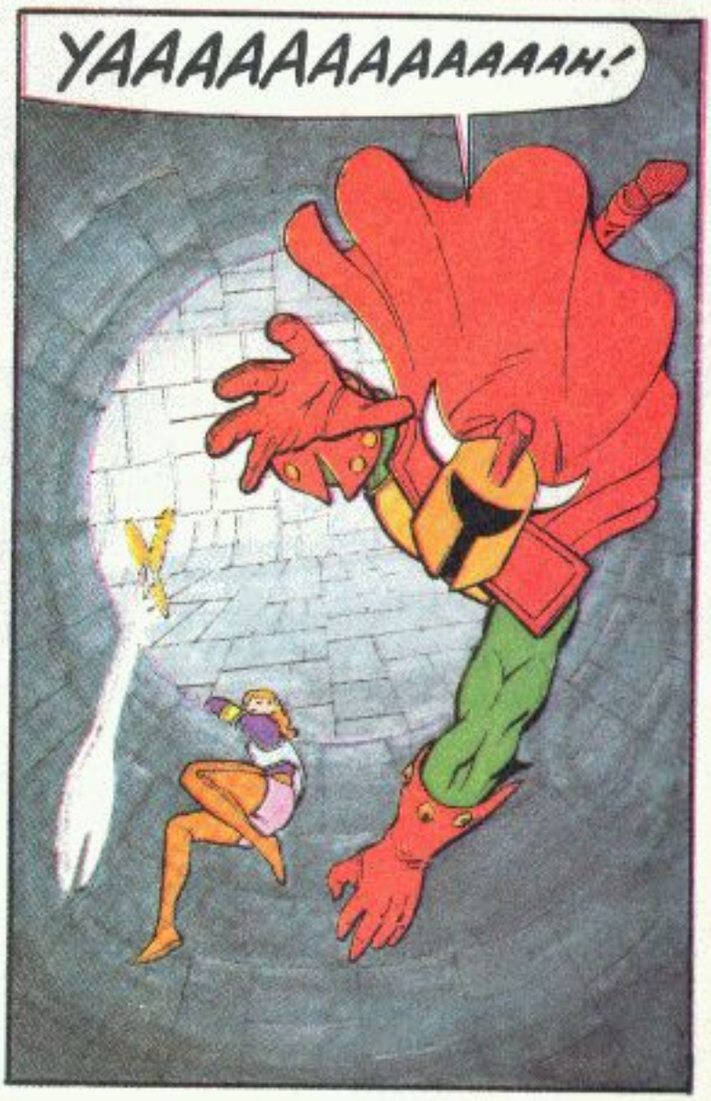
SO, METAL MOUTH, ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT OR JUST TALK ME TO DEATH?

IN GANON'S NAME... DARKNUT DESTROYS!

CLANG
OUCH.


HA! GANON WILL REWARD ME WELL FOR THIS!


DON'T COUNT YOUR RUBIES YET, DARKNUT.


YAAAAAAAAAAAAH!

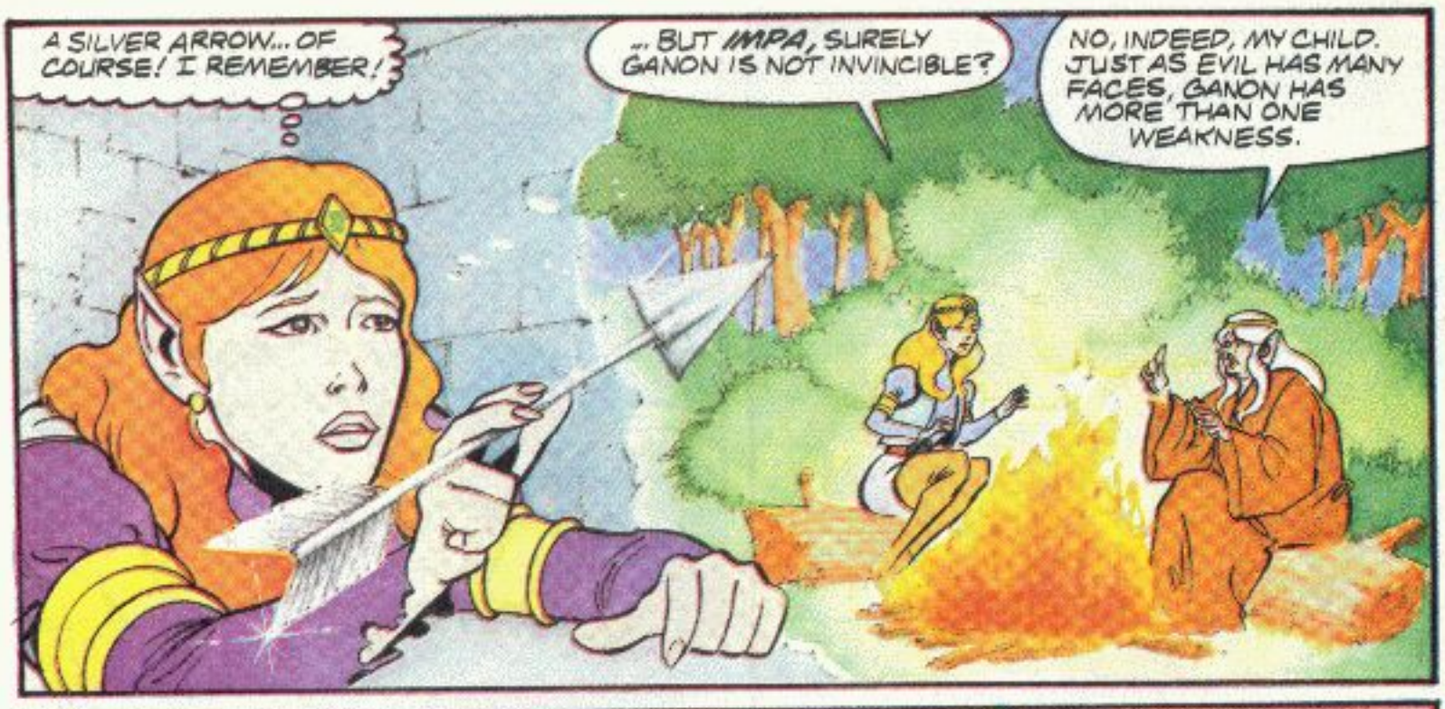
CAN'T PULL MYSELF UP. JUST TOO TIRED.

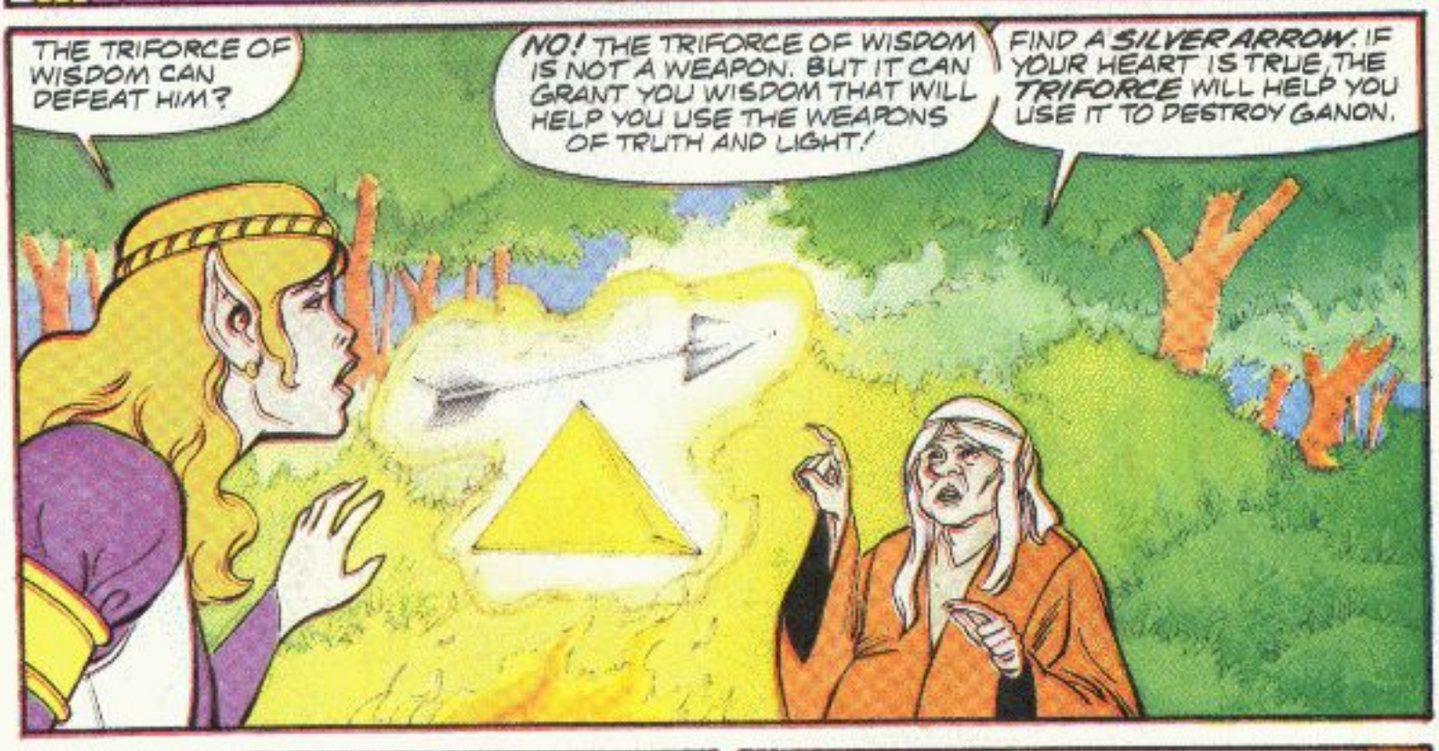
HMP. I'M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS TOLD LINK, "NEVER GIVE UP! YOU'RE NEVER BEATEN UNTIL YOU GIVE UP!"

I DID IT, LINK! GASP! I DID IT!

LINK WOULD BE PROUD OF ME. BUT... LINK IS GONE. HE CAME TO DEATH MOUNTAIN TO SAVE ME AND GANON'S CREATURES... DESTROYED HIM.
IF ONLY THERE WAS A WAY TO MAKE GANON PAY.

HUH... WHAT'S THAT?


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.

AT THAT MOMENT, NOT FAR AWAY.
LINK! I THOUGHT YOU SAID GETTING THE TRIFORCE WAS NO PROBLEM!
HEY, A GLEEOK IS NO PROBLEM! A FOUR-HEADED GLEEOK...
...THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE!

WHAT DO WE DO, MIFF?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE?

GO GET 'EM HERO!
EEEEYOW!
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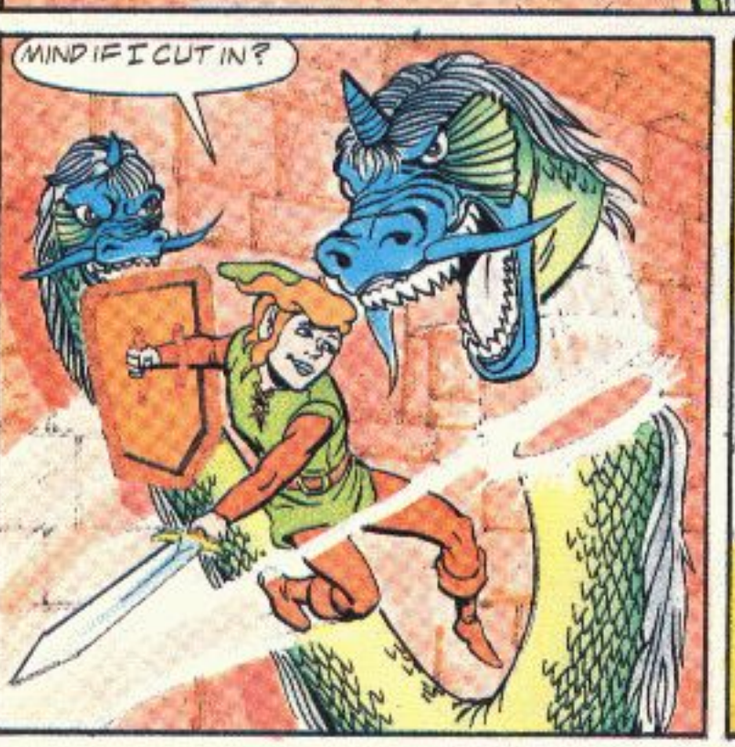
ZAPPO


MIND IF I CUT IN?

ZAM
WOULF!

SO TIRED... TRIFORCE SHOULD BE JUST-- AHEAD...

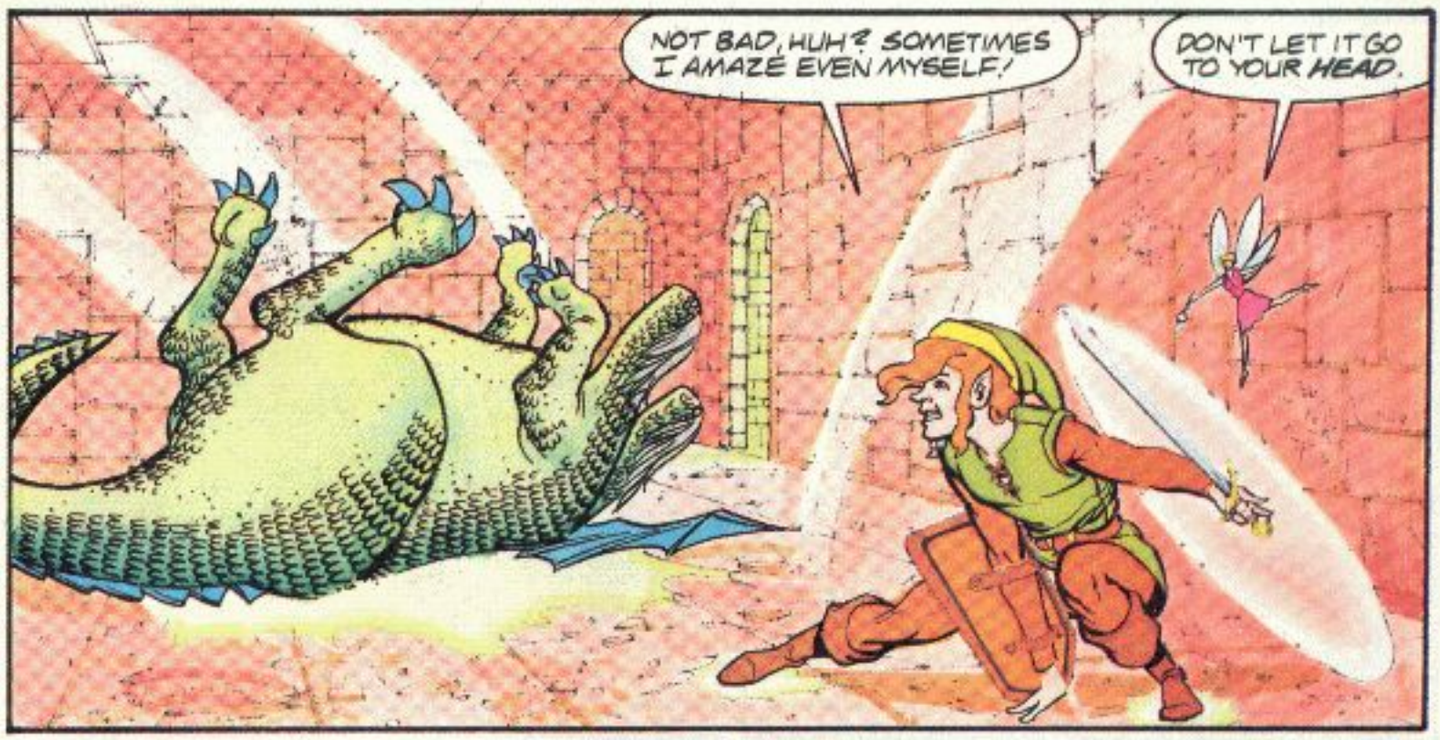
YOU GOT ANY MORE BRIGHT IDEAS?

URF!
THUNK

OUCH!
SHAKOW

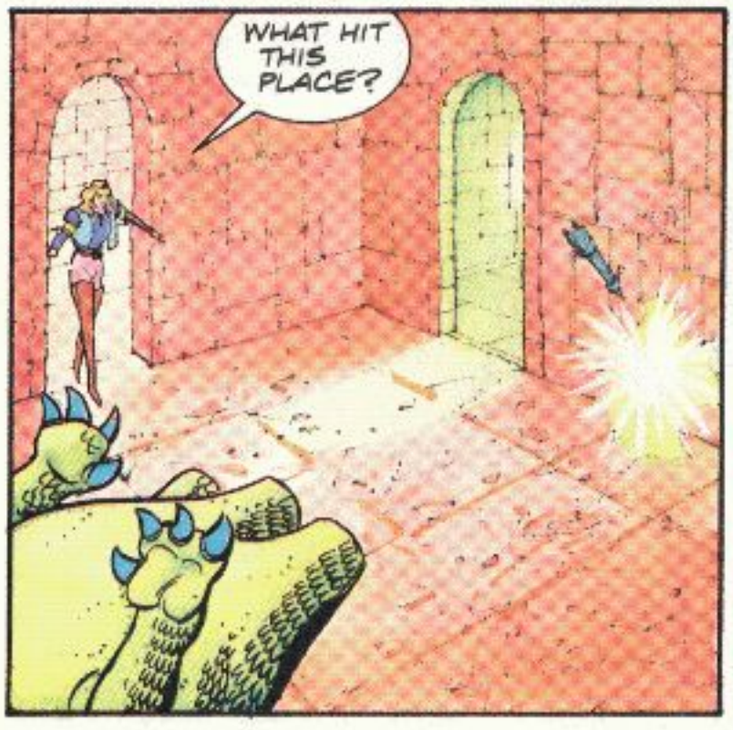
WOULF!
OKAY... THAT DOES IT!

CHEW ON THIS, BARBECUE BREATH!
ZOW
ZAM
ZAP

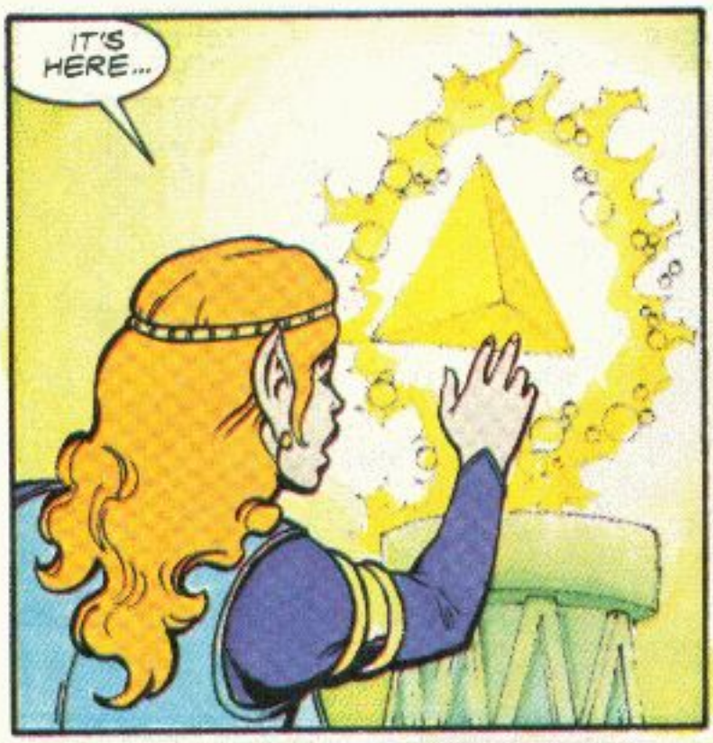

NOT BAD, HUH? SOMETIMES I AMAZE EVEN MYSELF!
DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.

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.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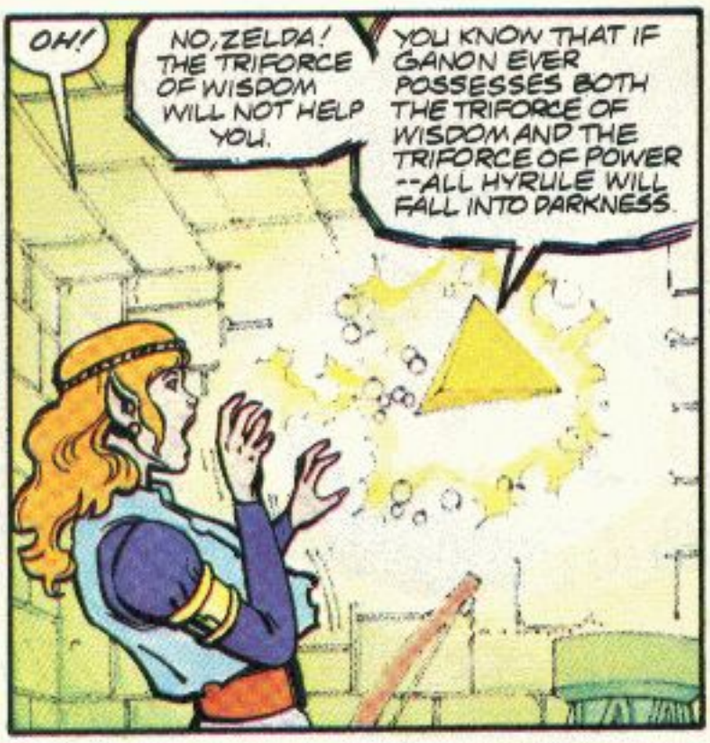
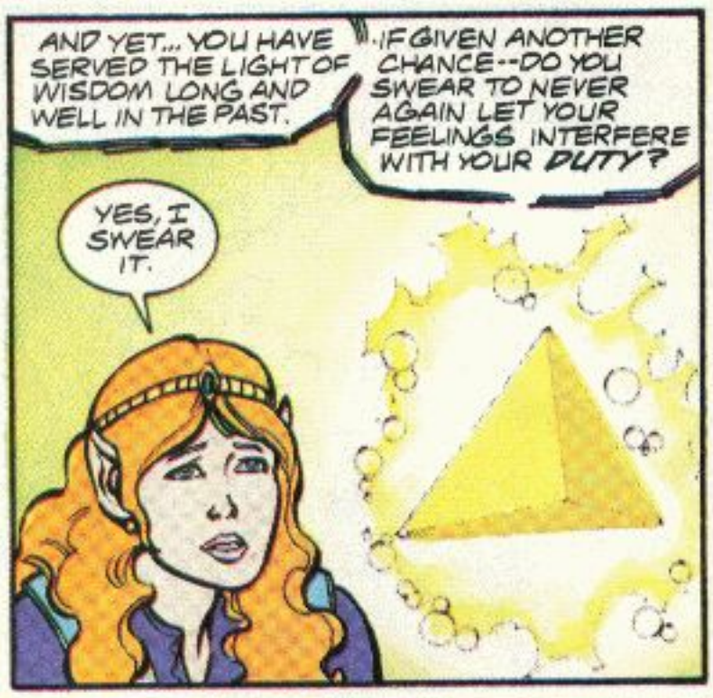

OH!
NO, ZELDA! THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM WILL NOT HELP YOU.
YOU KNOW THAT IF GANON EVER POSSESSES BOTH THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM AND THE TRIFORCE OF POWER --ALL HYRULE WILL FALL INTO DARKNESS.

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.

SOON...
GANON!
AH... MY FOOLISH PRINCESS! I KNEW THIS IS WHERE YOU'D RUN AFTER ESCAPING ME.
I MUST THANK YOU. YOU HAVE REMOVED THE MAGIC SEAL FROM AROUND THE TRIFORCE! NOW IT'S MINE FOR THE TAKING!

GANON, THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GOING TO GET IS JUSTICE!
THAT ARROW! HOW DID YOU--

IF YOU DESTROY ME, MY WARRIORS WILL ANNIHILATE YOU!
I DON'T CARE. YOU'RE FINISHED, GANON.

THE LITTLE FOOL MEANS IT! SHE WOULD SACRIFICE HERSELF! AND THAT WEAPON CAN DESTROY ME!
RUUMBLE

LINK!!
GANON!
ZELDA!
CURSES!

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

By George Caragonne, Rodney Ramos, Ken Lopez, Joe Rubinstein, The Gradations

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.

ZELDA!!

HANG ON, PRINCESS! YOUR HANDSOME HERO IS HERE!

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OKAY, VILE VILLAINS! WHO WANTS TO TASTE AN ARM'S LENGTH OF COLD STEEL?

LINK! HELP! GET ME OUTTA HERE!

HUH?

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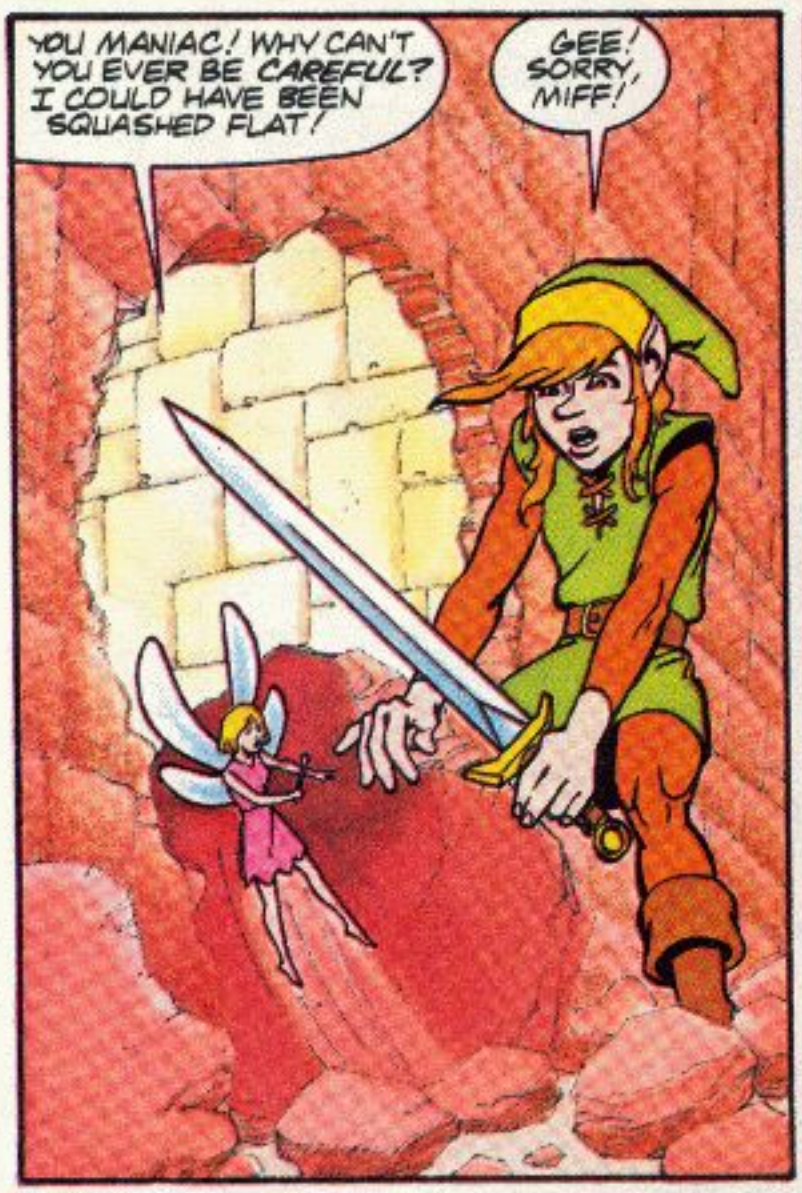
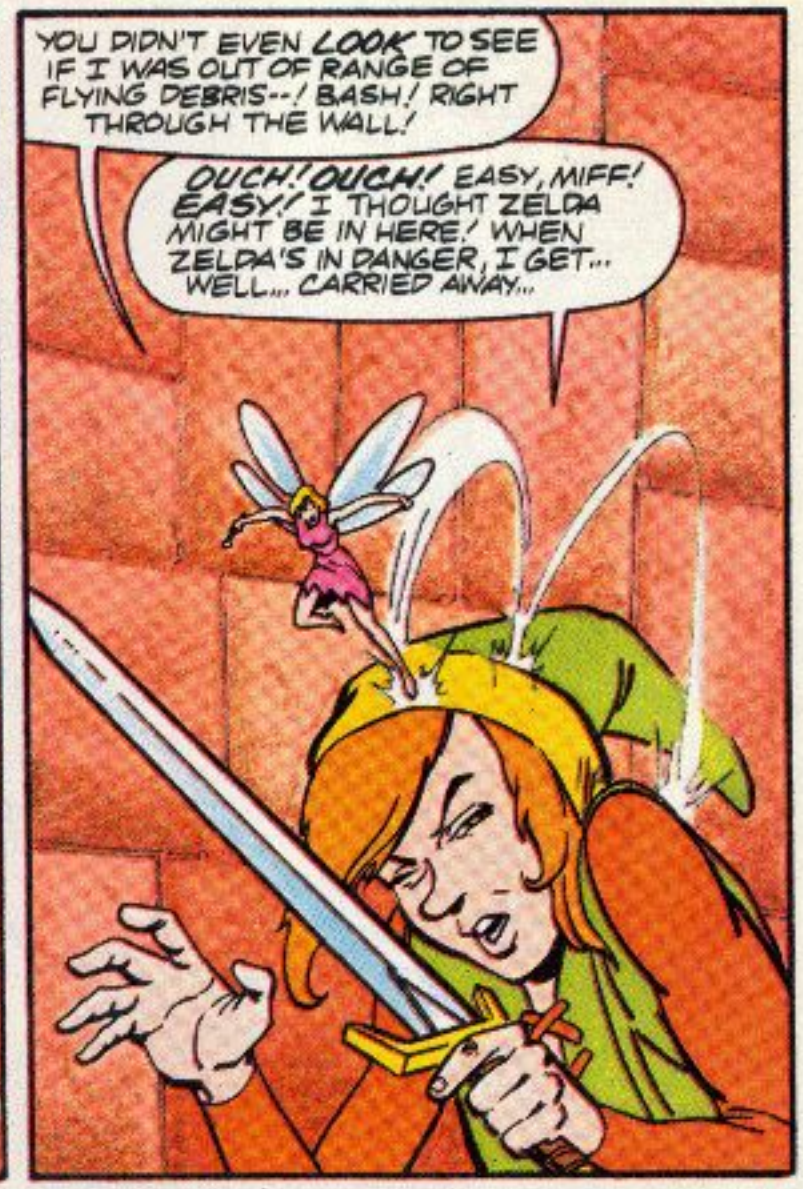
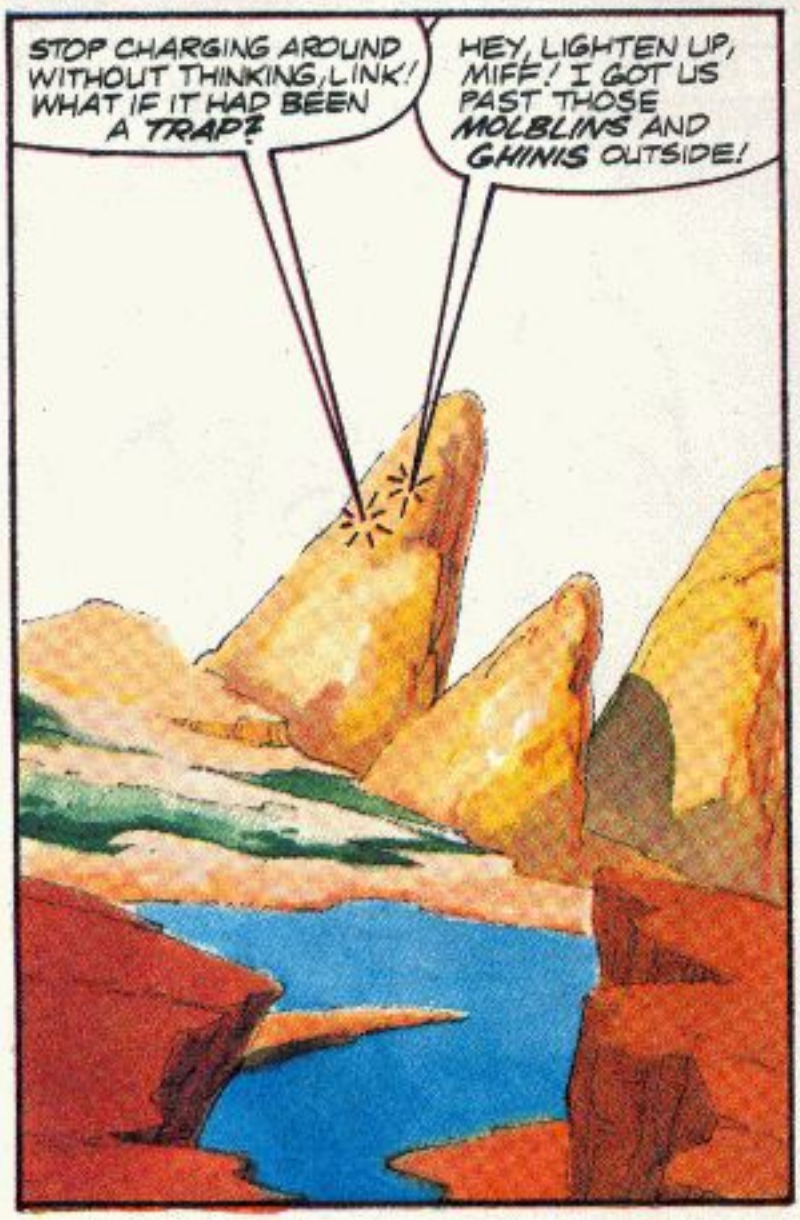

YOU MANIAC! WHY CAN'T YOU EVER BE CAREFUL? I COULD HAVE BEEN SQUASHED FLAT!
GEE! SORRY, MIFF!


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!

ELSEWHERE INSIDE DEATH MOUNTAIN...
SOON, PRINCESS ZELDA, I WILL ADD YOUR TRIFORCE OF WISDOM TO MY TRIFORCE OF POWER-- AND RULE HYRULE FOREVER!
NEVER, GANON! NOT SO LONG AS LINK LIVES!
ALL THINGS COME TO HE WHO WAITS...

I-I'M SORRY, MASTER! THE ADVENTURER, LINK, PASSED MY OUTPOST. I TRIED TO DESTROY HIM, BUT FAILED!
HE SMASHED MY ENTIRE PACK OF BROTHERS IN MOMENTS! AND I, I ALONE ESCAPED TO TELL YOU!

ARISE, FAITHFUL MOLBLIN! I FORGIVE YOU FOR NOT DESTROYING LINK.

NOT CAPTURING HIM, WELL... THAT'S ANOTHER THING ALTOGETHER.
MASTER... NOOOOOOOO!
NO ONE WILL DESTROY LINK!

NO ONE BUT ME!

THERE ARE MORE AND MORE OF THEM EVERY SECOND!
THEY'LL BE ONE LESS, SOON!

OH, GREAT! DOUBLE TROUBLE!

STOP HITTING THEM! THEY JUST GET STRONGER!
YOU GOT ANY BETTER IDEAS?

HEY! MY SWORD!

MURF!

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

NOW THEN! WHAT METHOD OF DESTRUCTION SHALL I EMPLOY FOR LINK. THE GLEEOKFIRE? 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?

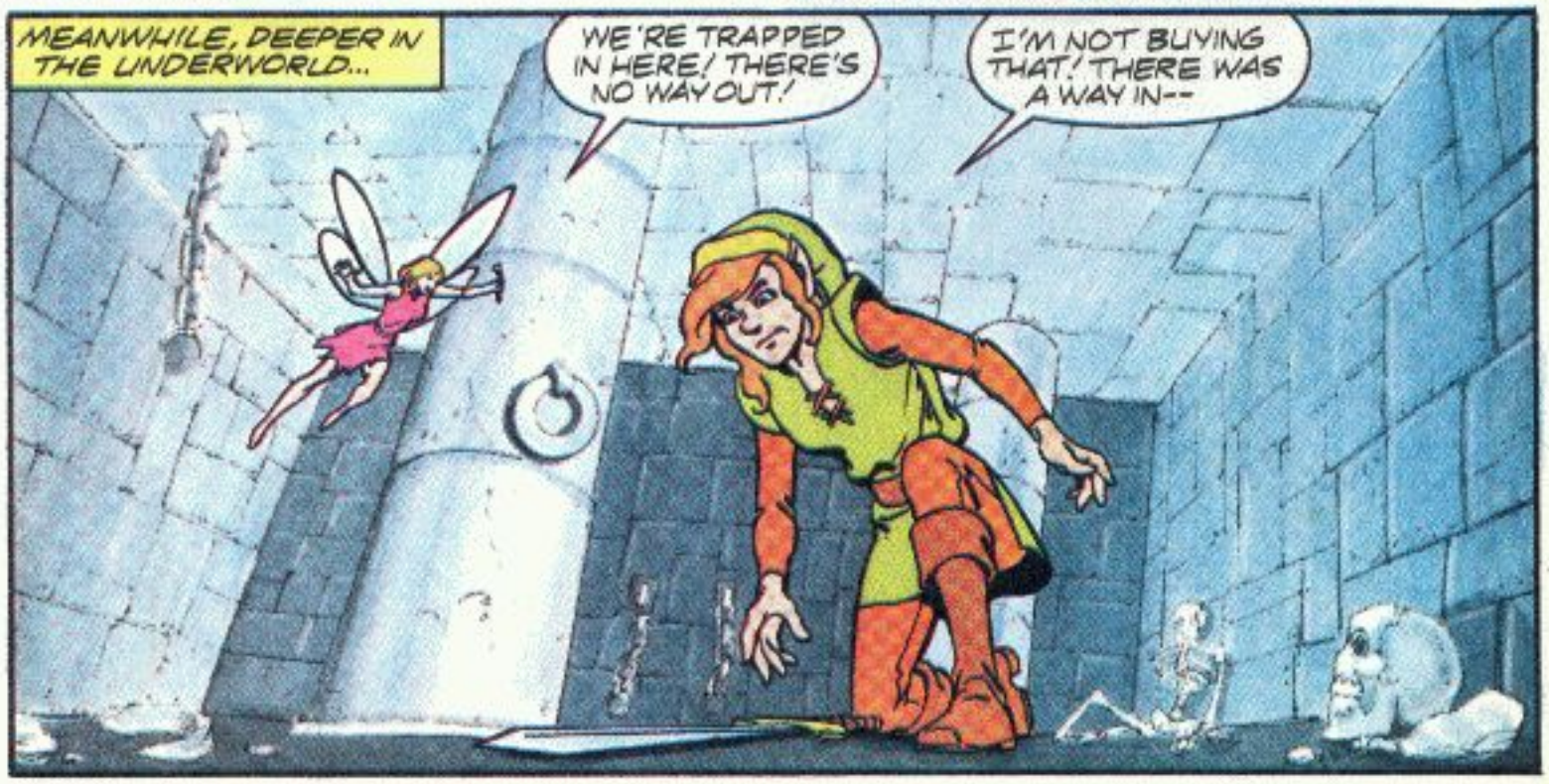
YES.

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--

--THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY OUT!

THERE'S GOT TO BE!

GOT TO BE!
STOP! YOU DUMB BARBARIAN! THINK. THINK!

JUST ONCE USE YOUR HEAD FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN KEEPING YOUR EARS APART!
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'LL TRY TO THINK OF A WAY OUT. BUT DON'T BLAME ME IF NOTHING HAPPENS.

HUH?
MOVING THE PILLAR MUST HAVE OPENED A SECRET DOOR!
ALL RIGHT! THINKING REALLY WORKS!

NO! HE'S FOUND THE HIDDEN EXIT!
AND HE'LL FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT YOU AS WELL!

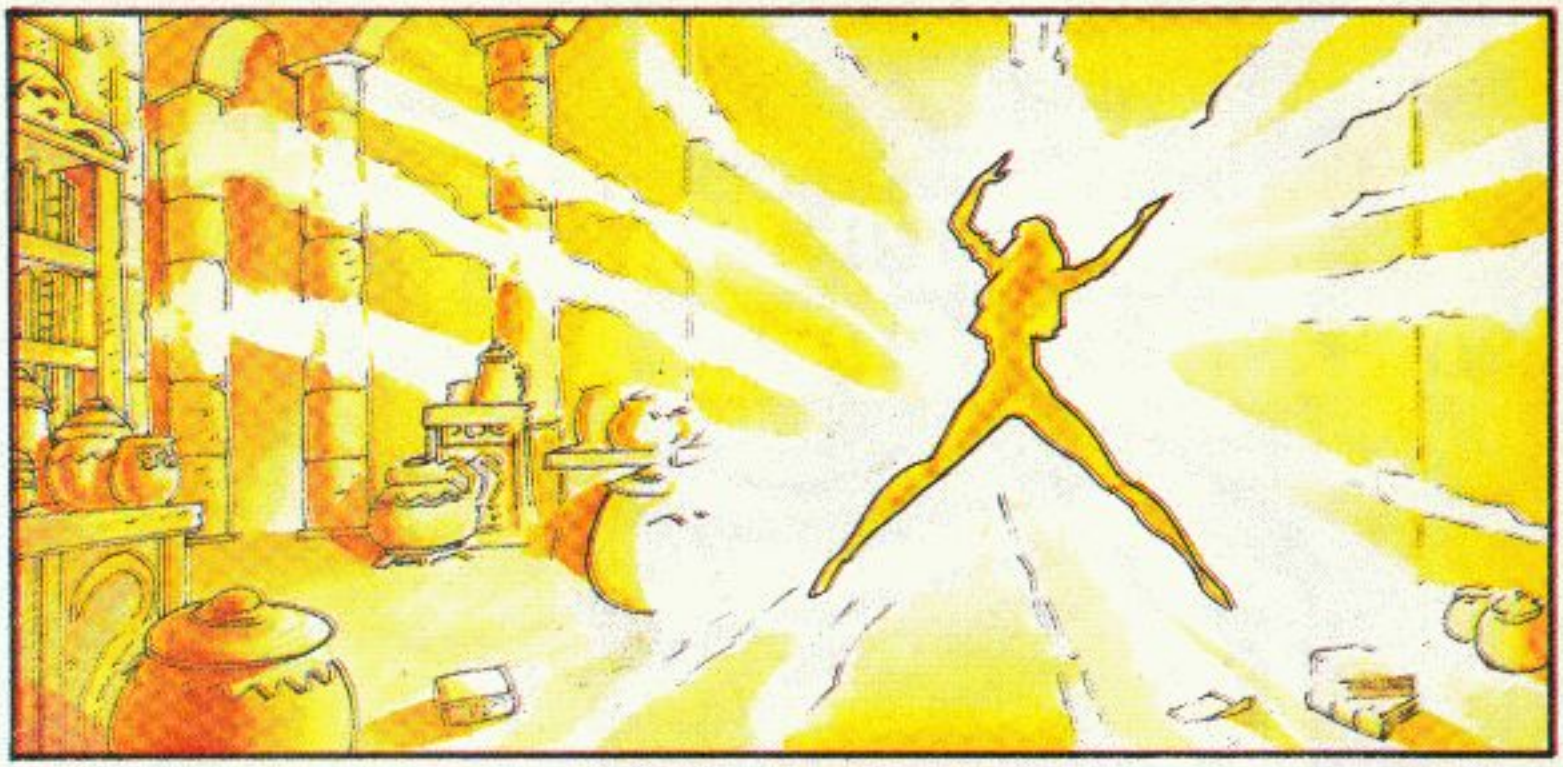
NOOOOOO!!!

W-WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
MY UNDERWORLD BEASTS HAVE DESTROYED HIM! CHEATED ME OF MY REVENGE!

NO! HE CAN'T BE--
DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS! WHEN I RETURN, YOU WILL BE JOINING HIM!

PERHAPS SO, GANON... BUT NOT BEFORE I MAKE YOU PAY!

NO TELLING HOW MUCH TIME I HAVE BEFORE HE RETURNS...
HAVE TO WORK FAST-- USE ALL THE MAGIC IMPA TAUGHT ME ON THESE CHAINS!

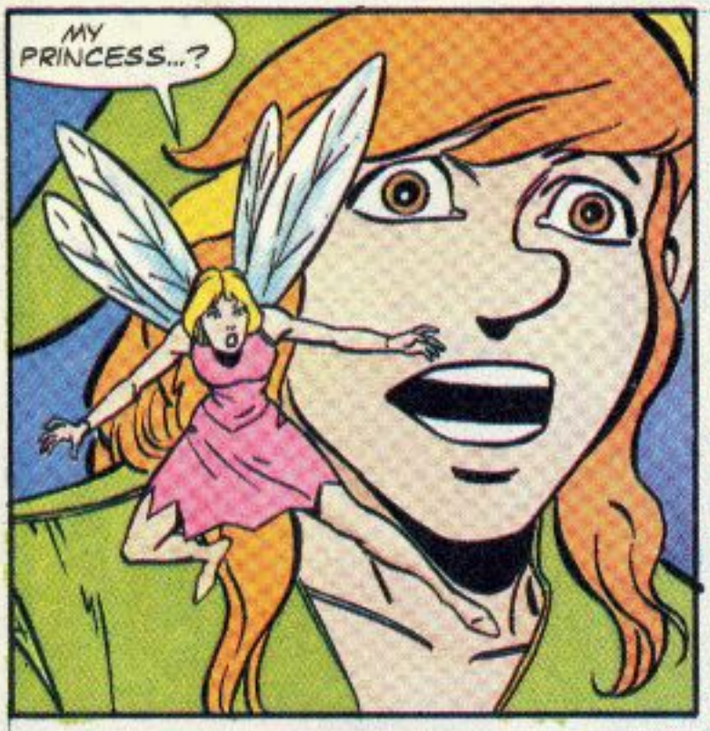


HOW DARE THE GLEEOK INCINERATE THAT LITTLE WORM, LINK WITHOUT MY PERMISSION

SURPRISE, GANON!
THE "LITTLE WORM" LIVES!
WHAMP

LINK! HOW DID YOU SURVIVE?
JUST FINE, THANKS!
HE'S GOT A MAGIC SHIELD AND HE KNOWS HOW TO USE IT!

WHERE'S ZELDA?
HA! HA! HA! PRINCESS ZELDA NO LONGER EXISTS! SHE IS GONE... FOREVER!


MY PRINCESS...?

MONSTER!
MIFF! NO! IT'S A TRAP!!

A WALL MASTER!
HE WAS LYING... TRYING TO MAKE ME MAD ENOUGH TO ATTACK HIM!

THAT MEANS ZELDA IS STILL ALIVE!
RIGHT! BUT... UH... YOU'D BETTER STOP CHARGING AROUND WITHOUT THINKING, MIFF!

THE HEADSTRONG FOOL HAD TO PICK THAT MOMENT TO LEARN FROM HIS MISTAKES!
BAH! SO LONG AS I HAVE THE GIRL, THE ADVANTAGE IS MINE.
HAVE YOU NO CURSE TO GREET ME, PRINCESS? COME, COME, NOW IS NO TIME TO...

...GIVE UP?
TO BE CONCLUDED!

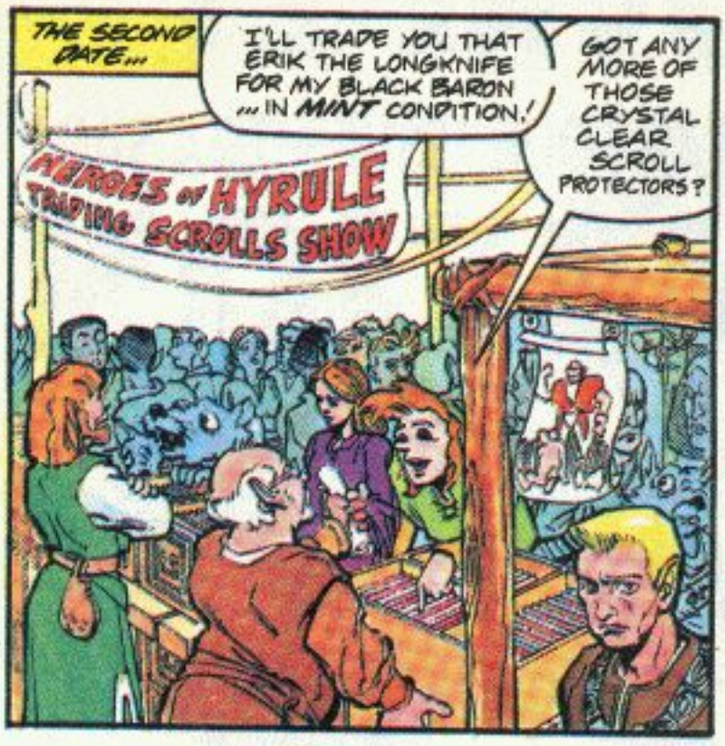
the Perfect Date
HI.!
FLOWERS! HOW SWEET.!

YOU SURE LOOK PRETTY, ZELDA.!
I HOPE SHE LIKES ME AS MUCH AS I LIKE HER.!
THANKS ...YOU LOOK NICE, TOO.
I HOPE HE LIKES ME AS MUCH AS I LIKE HIM.!

LATER...
MMM... ISN'T IT DELICIOUS?
ISN'T WHAT DELICIOUS? THIS ISN'T DINNER, IT'S A STAIN ON THE PLATE.

LATER STILL...
SHHH.!
AWW... COME ON.! THEY'RE SINGING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE!

EVEN LATER...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FELL ASLEEP AT THE OPERA.!
AWW... COME ON! DO I GET A GOOD NIGHT KISS OR WHAT?


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?
HEROES OF HYRULE TRADING SCROLLS SHOW

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

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-

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, Okiedokie, or even just plain Owful. Since Wendy has never told us, your guess is as good as Ours!

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