A vertical sword, heavily covered in green moss and small plants, stands on a rounded, grassy mound. The background is a deep blue sky with vertical light streaks and several bright, star-like sparkles. The sword's hilt is at the top, and its blade points downwards.

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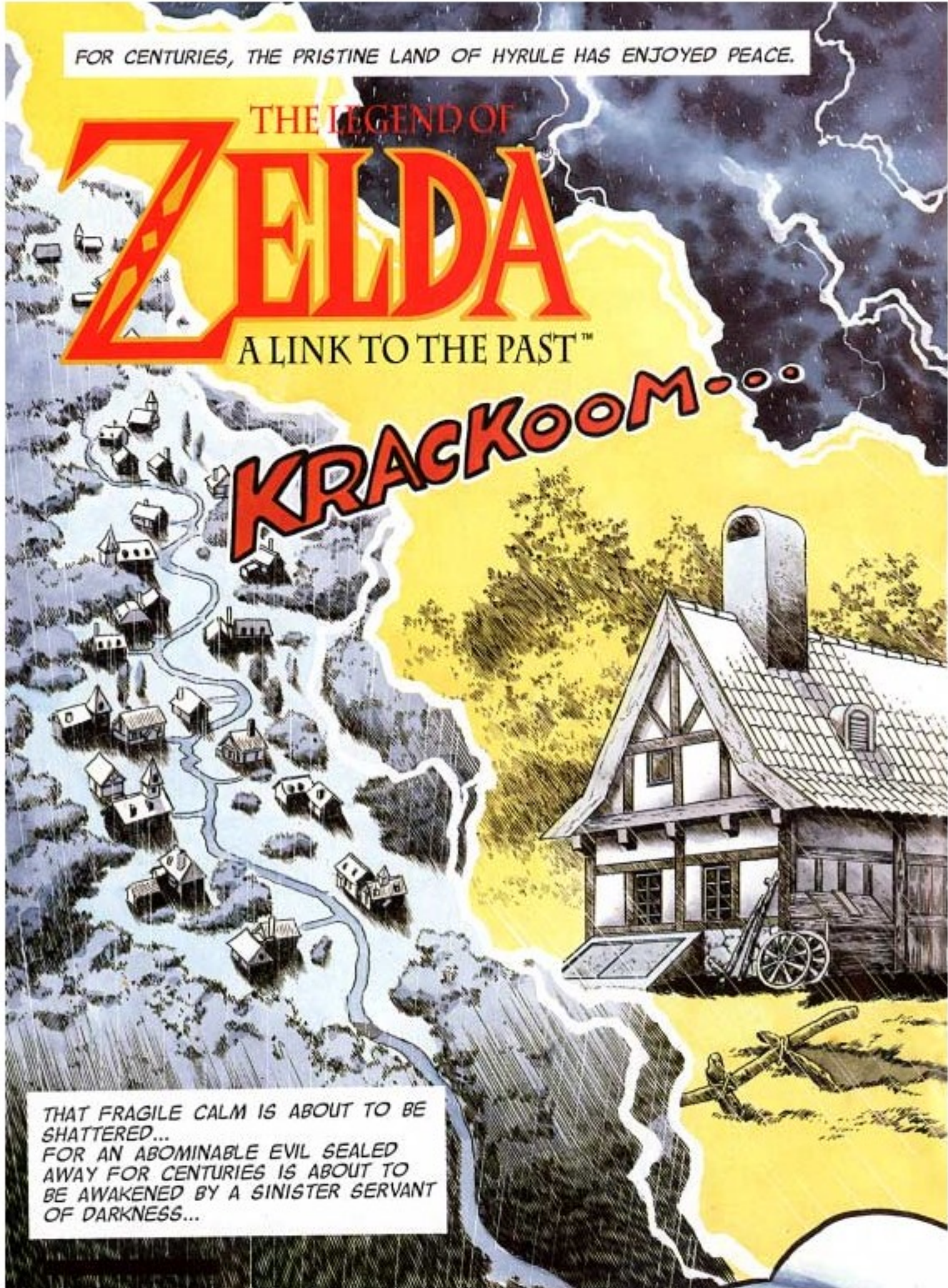


FOR CENTURIES, THE PRISTINE LAND OF HYRULE HAS ENJOYED PEACE.

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KRACKOOM...

THAT FRAGILE CALM IS ABOUT TO BE SHATTERED...
FOR AN ABOMINABLE EVIL SEALED AWAY FOR CENTURIES IS ABOUT TO BE AWAKENED BY A SINISTER SERVANT OF DARKNESS...



CHAPTER ONE
**HERO'S
AWAKENING**

BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



LINK...
HELP ME...



I'M BEING HELD
PRISONER IN THE
CASTLE...



THAT DREAM...
SO REAL...



HELP ME...
MY NAME IS
ZELDA...

AM I HEARING
THINGS?



AM I UNDER
A SPELL? AM I
GOING CRAZY?

NO, I AM THE KING'S
DAUGHTER, ZELDA.
I AM COMMUNICATING
THROUGH TELEPATHY.

WHERE
ARE YOU?

UNCLE!?

WHERE
DID HE GO?

PLEASE, LINK, LISTEN!
I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN SAVE THE
PEOPLE OF HYRULE!

THAT'S
STRANGE...SHE
EVEN KNOWS
MY NAME!

ANY FURTHER
DELAY MAY PROVE
DISASTROUS...
HURRY!

BUT HOW
WILL I EVER
FIND YOU?

THIS WAY...

WHAT A
NIGHT!

...LINK!

SPLASH

SLASH



IN
HERE!

KRACKOOM

I DON'T
SEE ANY...

BE WARY OF
THE CASTLE SOLDIERS!
AGAHNIM CONTROLS THEM
WITH HIS MAGIC!

SWISH!

YIKE!

THANKS
FOR THE
WARNING!

WHICH
WAY TO GO?





...HMNPH! THUS SHALL ALL WHO CHALLENGE ME, AGAHNIM, MEET THEIR DOOM!

UH-UNCLE!! ARE YOU...?

GROAN...

IT WAS ZELDA... SHE SUMMONED ME THROUGH TELEPATHY!

LINK... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

ZELDA, EH... SO YOU HEARD HER, TOO... VERY WELL...

...TAKE MY SWORD AND SHIELD. THE PRINCESS... YOU MUST SAVE HER!

UNCLE

HUH?

AFTER YOU RESCUE ZELDA... AND THE PEOPLE IN THE DARK WORLD... YOU MAY MEET YOUR PARENTS...

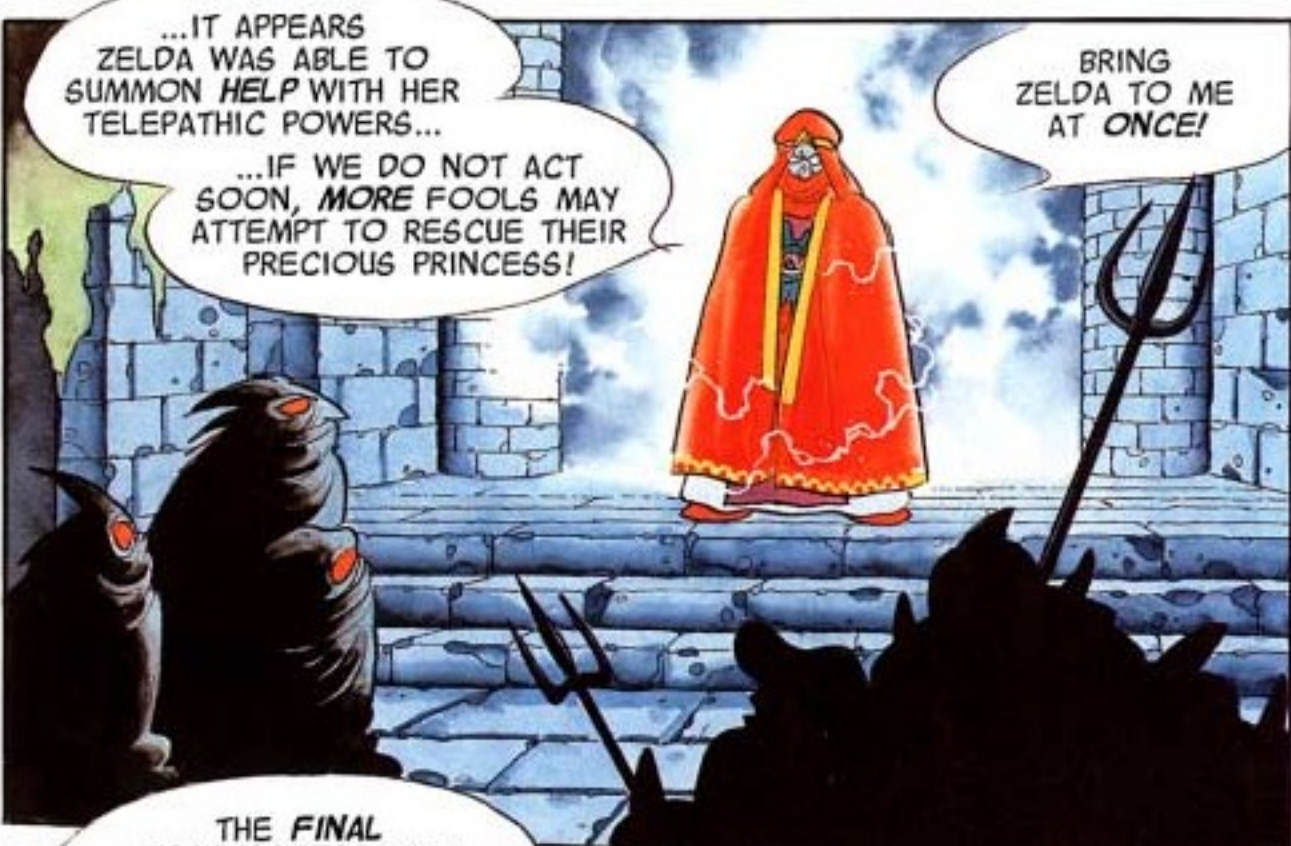
WHAT?!

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THEY'RE DEAD!

UNCLE! SOB WHY? WHAT IS HAPPENING?

THERE IS NO TIME TO GRIEVE NOW. YOU MUST HURRY ONWARD!

UNNCH...




...IT APPEARS
ZELDA WAS ABLE TO
SUMMON *HELP* WITH HER
TELEPATHIC POWERS...


...IF WE DO NOT ACT
SOON, *MORE* FOOLS MAY
ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THEIR
PRECIOUS PRINCESS!

BRING
ZELDA TO ME
AT *ONCE!*


THE *FINAL*
ENCHANTMENT MUST
BE CAST
IMMEDIATELY!




AGAHNIM IS
PLANNING TO USE THE
LIFE FORCE OF SEVEN
MAIDENS TO OPEN THE
SEAL OF THE SEVEN
WISE MEN...



SEVEN WISE
MEN? *SEAL?* I'VE
NEVER *HEARD* OF
THESE THINGS...



LONG AGO, MANY
PEOPLE ENTERED THE *GOLDEN*
LAND IN SEARCH OF THE
MIGHTY *GOLDEN* POWER SAID
TO BE HIDDEN THERE. BUT NO
ONE EVER RETURNED...



ONE DAY, AN
EVIL POWER BEGAN
FLOWING FROM
THE ENTRANCE!



AND THE KING ORDERED SEVEN WISE MEN...

...TO SEAL THE GATE TO THE GOLDEN LAND FOREVER!



OUR LIFE FORCE? SO YOU ARE ONE OF THE SEVEN MAIDENS?

BUT NOW, AGAHNIM IS GOING TO OPEN THE GOLDEN SEAL USING OUR LIFE ENERGY!

THAT'S TERRIBLE!

I...I CAME TO SAVE PRINCESS ZELDA!



SH-K

WHO GOES THERE?



WHELP! NOW IT IS YOU WHO NEEDS SAVING!

KLANG!

YOU AND THE PRINCESS WILL BE TOGETHER SOON ENOUGH!



BOINGG
SPROING

SWISH



AIEEEE!

LINK, HURRY!
THEY ARE TAKING
ME AWAY!

CLINK **CLANK**

PRINCESS
ZELDA!

LINK?!

THIS
WAY!

HALT!

EHH?

?!
?!
?!

WE MUST ESCAPE
AND MAKE OUR WAY TO THE
SANCTUARY! THE OLD MAN
THERE WILL HELP US!

SHHH...

THERE'S NO
WAY OUT! IT'S
A DEAD-END!

IF WE ESCAPE,
THAT IS! IF WE
ESCAPE...

FWOOSH

?!

MAYBE A
LITTLE OPTIMISM
ISN'T SUCH A
BAD IDEA...

CREAK...

I DIDN'T
KNOW!

IF YOU KNEW
ABOUT THIS SECRET
PASSAGE, WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL ME
SOONER?

THIS CASTLE WAS
BUILT LONG AGO! NO
ONE REMEMBERS ALL
OF ITS SECRETS!

I SEE...

YOUR *TELEPATHY* IS
OF *NO USE* AGAINST
AGAHNIM...



I OVERHEARD HIM
TALKING ABOUT USING
MY LIFE FORCE TO
FINALLY OPEN THE SEAL
OF THE SEVEN WISE
MEN!

RUMBLE---

RUMBLE---

YES...AND WERE HE
SUCCESSFUL, THE MASTER
OF EVIL WOULD MARSHAL
HIS FORCES AGAINST
THIS WORLD AGAIN!

ALL I KNOW IS
THAT MONSTER AGAHNIM
KILLED MY *UNCLE!*

I'VE GOT TO BRING
HIM TO *JUSTICE*,
SOMEHOW!

LINK, I FEEL
THAT *YOU ARE...*
YOU *MUST BE...*

...THE *LEGENDARY*
HERO WHO APPEARS
IN HYRULE *ONCE*
EVERY *HUNDRED*
YEARS...

... YOU ARE THE
LONE PROTECTOR
OF THIS LAND!





I FEEL SURE THAT YOU CAN FOIL AGAHNIM'S PLOT!

BLUSH

LINK? IF YOU ARE GOING TO BATTLE THE WIZARD AGAHNIM, DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE HIM! I SENSE A POWERFUL EVIL FORCE IS GUIDING HIS ACTIONS...



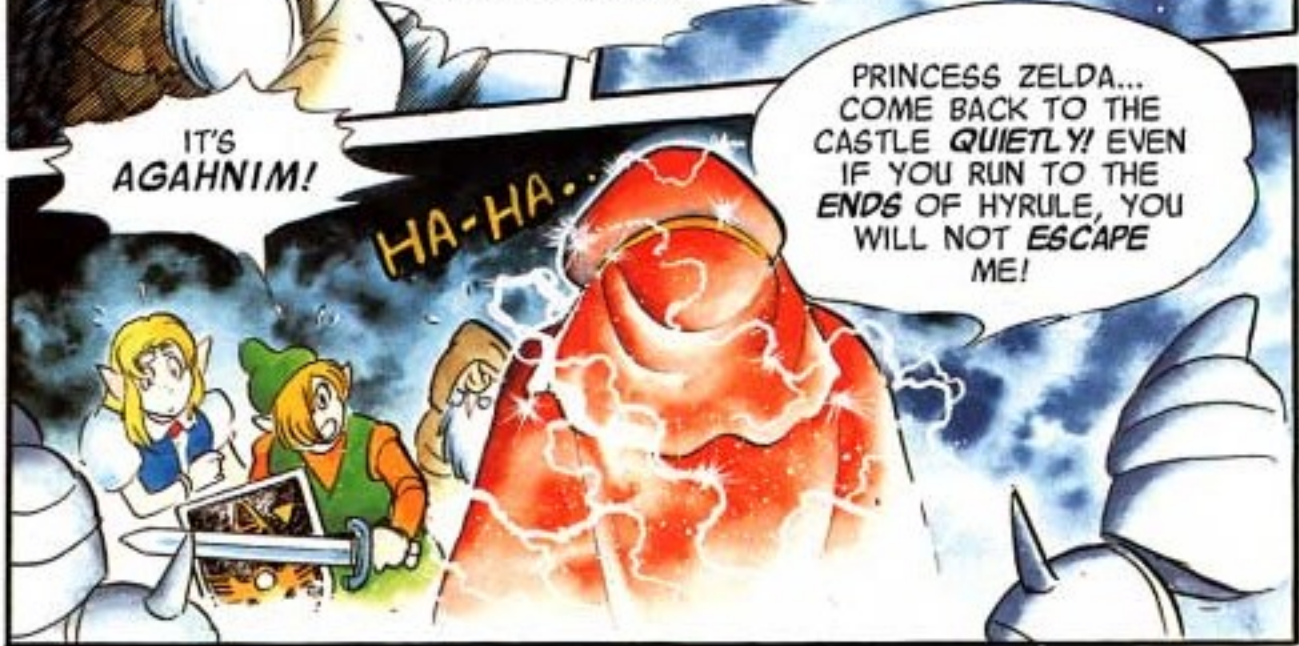
RRRRUMBLE

BAD OOM!



ZZZZZZAM

WHAT?! HE IS COMING! I SENSE HIS EVIL PRESENCE!



IT'S AGAHNIM!

HA-HA...

PRINCESS ZELDA... COME BACK TO THE CASTLE QUIETLY! EVEN IF YOU RUN TO THE ENDS OF HYRULE, YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE ME!

I'LL NEVER LET YOU TAKE HER!

HA HA HA

NOT SO LONG AGO, ANOTHER FOOLISH WARRIOR LOST HIS LIFE SPOUTING *SIMILAR* NONSENSE!

WHY, YOU--! THAT WAS MY UNCLE!

ZZZAT!

AAAAH!

YOU ARE AS WEAK AS YOU ARE IMPETUOUS!

ZZZZM!

AAAAA

I WILL MAKE YOU TASTE FEAR LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER KNOWN!

HMMMM...

BADOOOM!



BAP!



CLACK



GROAN...



MAYBE THIS WILL KNOCK SOME HEROIC SENSE INTO ME!

HHA HA HA HA



PRINCESS!

ZELDA!

IT'S NO USE FIGHTING AGAHNIM WITH AN ORDINARY SWORD!



YOU NEED THE MASTER SWORD OF LEGENDS PAST!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
FIND THE MASTER SWORD!
LINK--IT'S UP TO YOU
ALONE!

ZELDA!!

FSHHHH...



THERE'S JUST
ONE THING! THE
MASTER SWORD--
WHERE IS IT?

RUMBLE...
RUMBLE...

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CHAPTER TWO

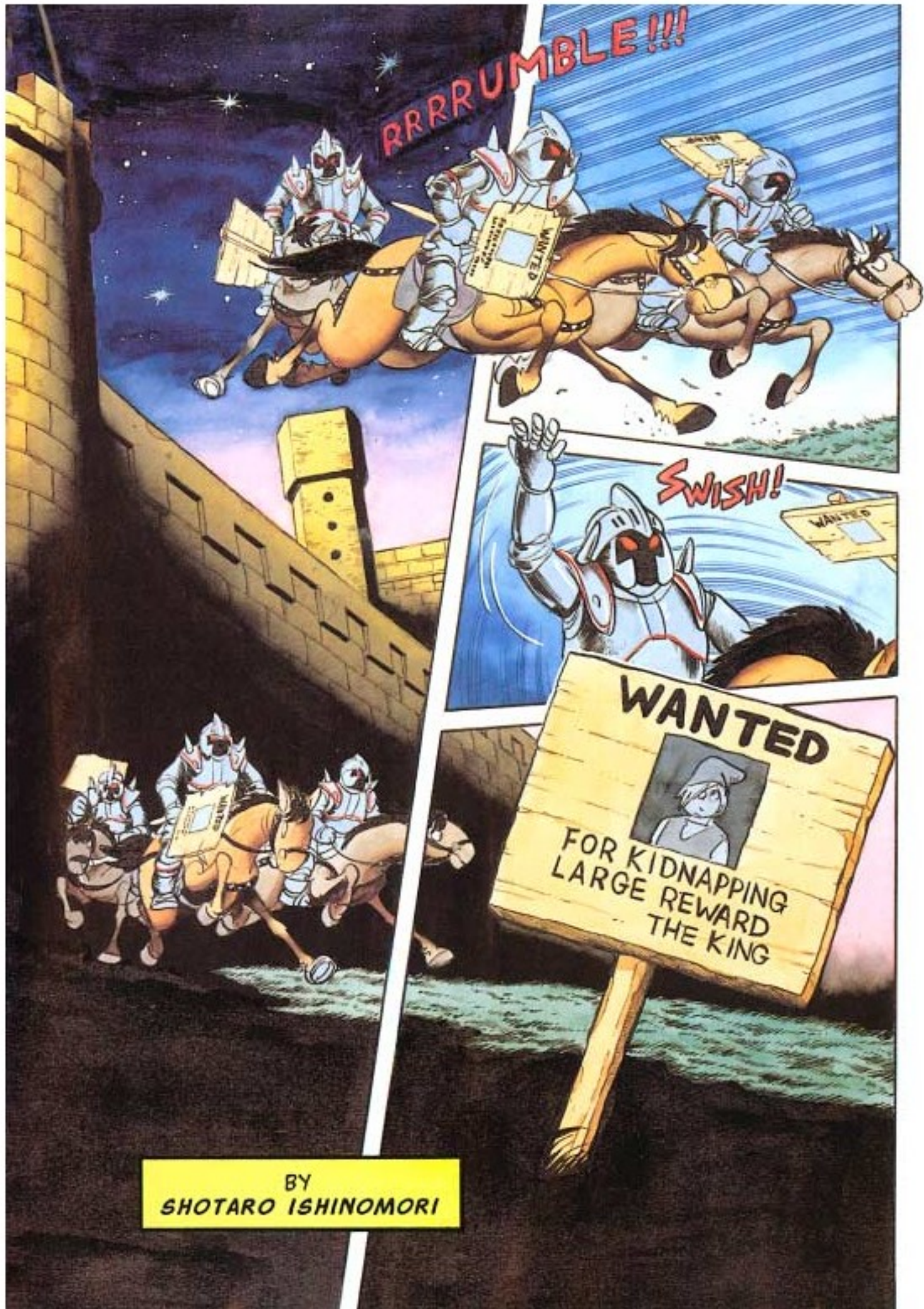
WISE MAN'S WARNING

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA

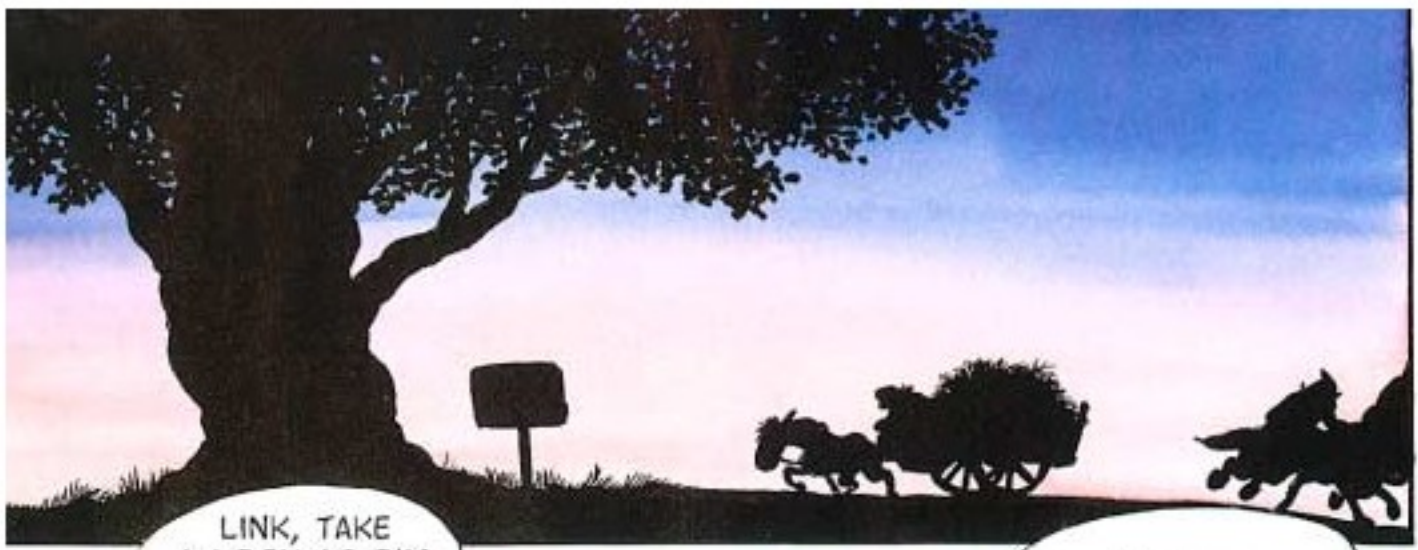
A LINK TO THE PAST™



HEEDING THE TELEPATHIC SUMMONS OF PRINCESS ZELDA, THE YOUNG WARRIOR, LINK, BRAVELY STORMED HYRULE CASTLE AND RESCUED HER FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE EVIL WIZARD AGAHNIM. LINK'S HEROIC EFFORTS TO DEFEND HER WERE FUTILE, HOWEVER AS THE WIZARD SOON FOUND AND RECAPTURED HER. NOW, LINK SEARCHES FOR THE ONLY WEAPON POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HIS FOE. AGAHNIM, POSING AS THE KING, HAS PLACED A PRICE ON LINK'S HEAD...



BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



LINK, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SIGN...



HMMM... "WANTED FOR KIDNAPPING?"

"LARGE REWARD?..."



THIS IS MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT!



WELL, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

DON'T MENTION IT. WITH THE KING HAVING GONE OVER TO THE DARK SIDE, I HAVE NO REASON TO TURN YOU IN...



...THIS MARKS THE LOCATION OF SAHASRAHLA THE ELDER'S HOUSE...

I AM CERTAIN HE CAN TELL YOU MORE OF THE MASTER SWORD.

HE IS A DESCENDANT OF ONE OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN WHO SEALED THE GOLDEN LAND SO LONG AGO.

AND WITH THE MASTER SWORD I CAN DEFEAT AGAHNIM, RIGHT?

THAT'S A QUESTION FOR SAHASRAHLA. MY ADVICE IS THAT YOU FIND HIM BEFORE THE WIZARD'S MEN FIND YOU!

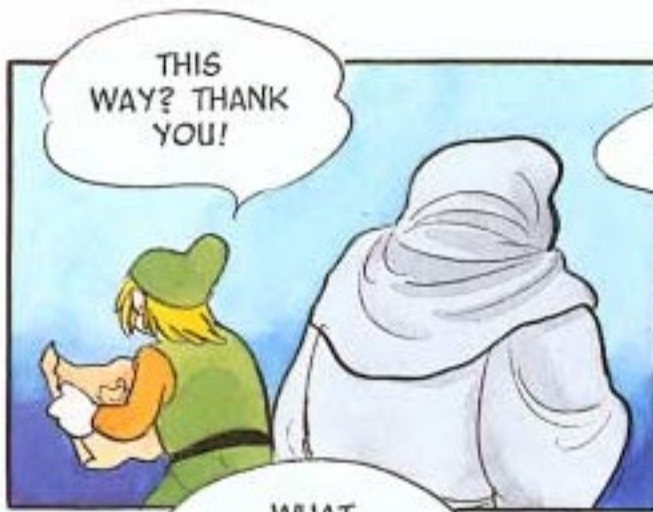


HMMMM...

EXCUSE ME, BUT DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAHASRAHLA'S HOUSE?

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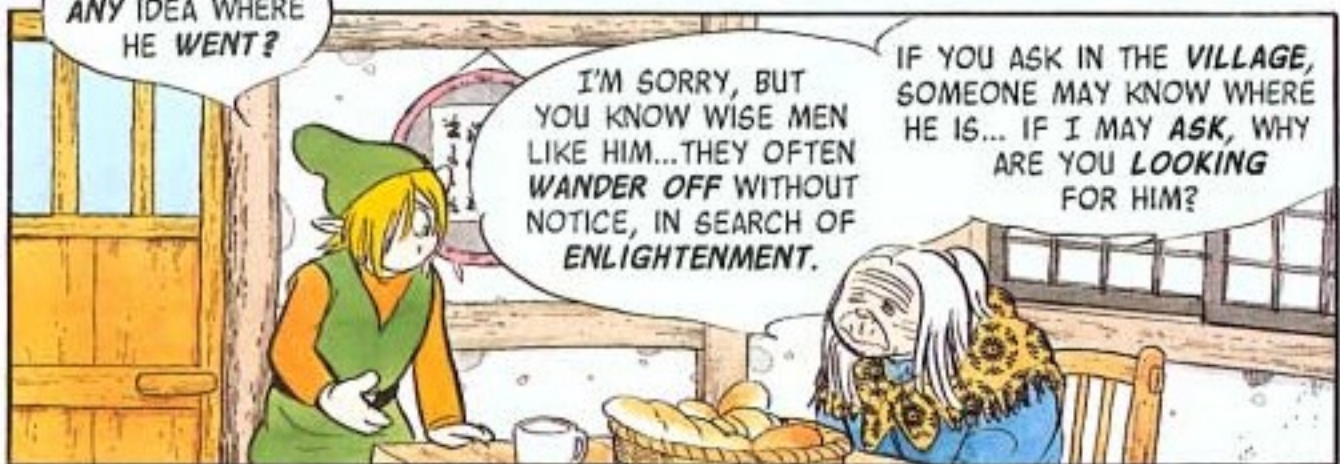
THIS WAY? THANK YOU!

.....



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE'S NOT HERE?

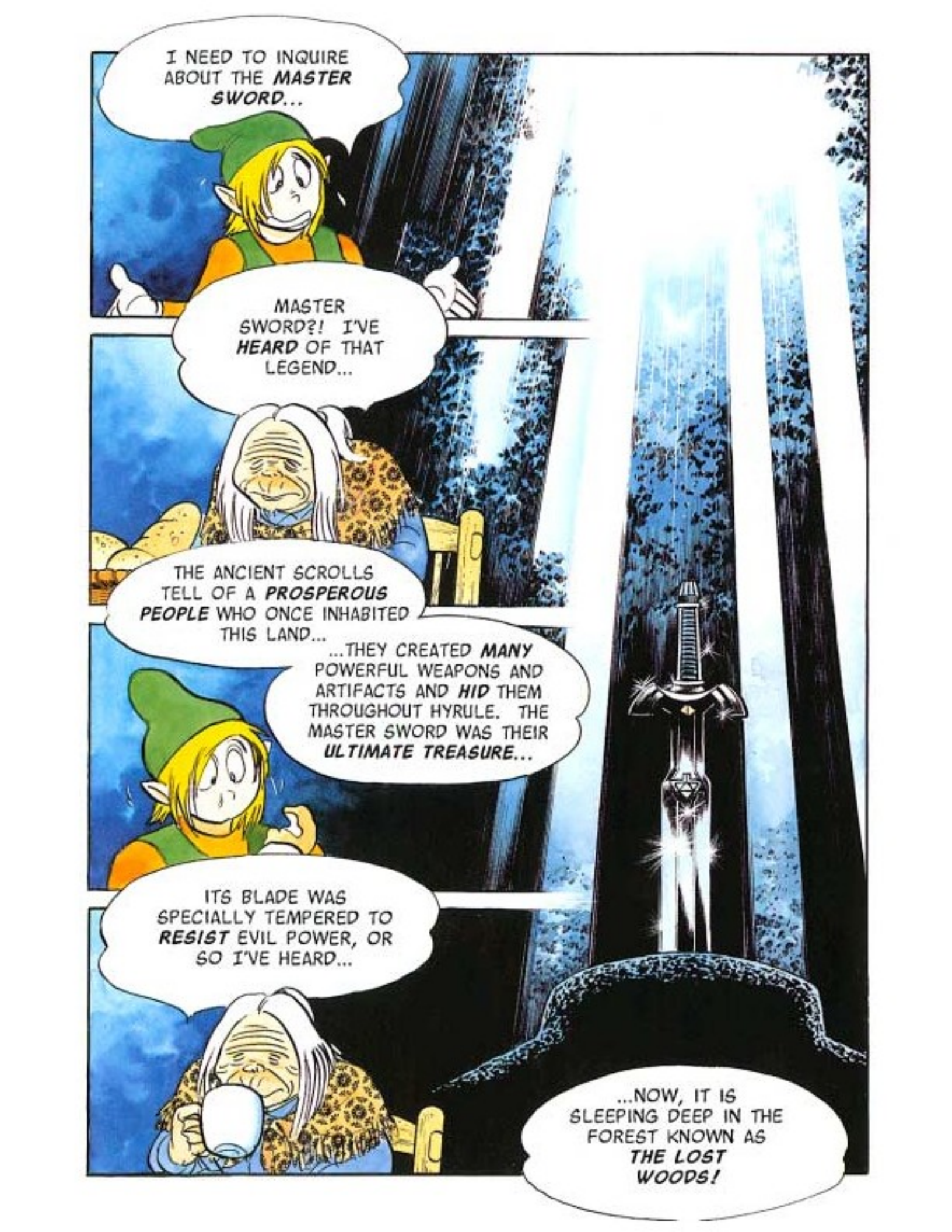
WELL, YOUNG MAN, WHEN THE MAIDENS BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR, THE RUMORS BEGAN TO FLY. WHEN SAHASRAHLA HEARD THAT THE WIZARD MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, HE SAID, "SO IT HAS BEGUN..." AND DISAPPEARED HIMSELF!



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE HE WENT?

I'M SORRY, BUT YOU KNOW WISE MEN LIKE HIM...THEY OFTEN WANDER OFF WITHOUT NOTICE, IN SEARCH OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

IF YOU ASK IN THE VILLAGE, SOMEONE MAY KNOW WHERE HE IS... IF I MAY ASK, WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIM?



I NEED TO INQUIRE
ABOUT THE **MASTER
SWORD...**

MASTER
SWORD?! I'VE
HEARD OF THAT
LEGEND...

THE ANCIENT SCROLLS
TELL OF A **PROSPEROUS**
PEOPLE WHO ONCE INHABITED
THIS LAND...

...THEY CREATED **MANY**
POWERFUL WEAPONS AND
ARTIFACTS AND **HID** THEM
THROUGHOUT HYRULE. THE
MASTER SWORD WAS THEIR
ULTIMATE TREASURE...

ITS BLADE WAS
SPECIALLY TEMPERED TO
RESIST EVIL POWER, OR
SO I'VE HEARD...

...NOW, IT IS
SLEEPING DEEP IN THE
FOREST KNOWN AS
**THE LOST
WOODS!**







**BLAST! FAN OUT!
HE CAN'T HAVE
GOTTEN TOO FAR!**



**I GUESS I
GAVE THEM THE
SLIP!**



**RUSTLE
RUSTLE**

**WHO ARE
YOU, KID?**



**THE OLD MAN
ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE
OF HIS WIFE WHILE
HE WENT AWAY...**

**DO YOU MEAN
SAHASRAHLA? DO
YOU KNOW WHERE
HE IS?!**

**THE OLD
MAN?!**



**MY OLDER
BROTHER WAS FIGHTING
THE SOLDIERS AND...
OOPS! THAT'S A
SECRET TO BAD
GUYS!**

**SURE
DO!**



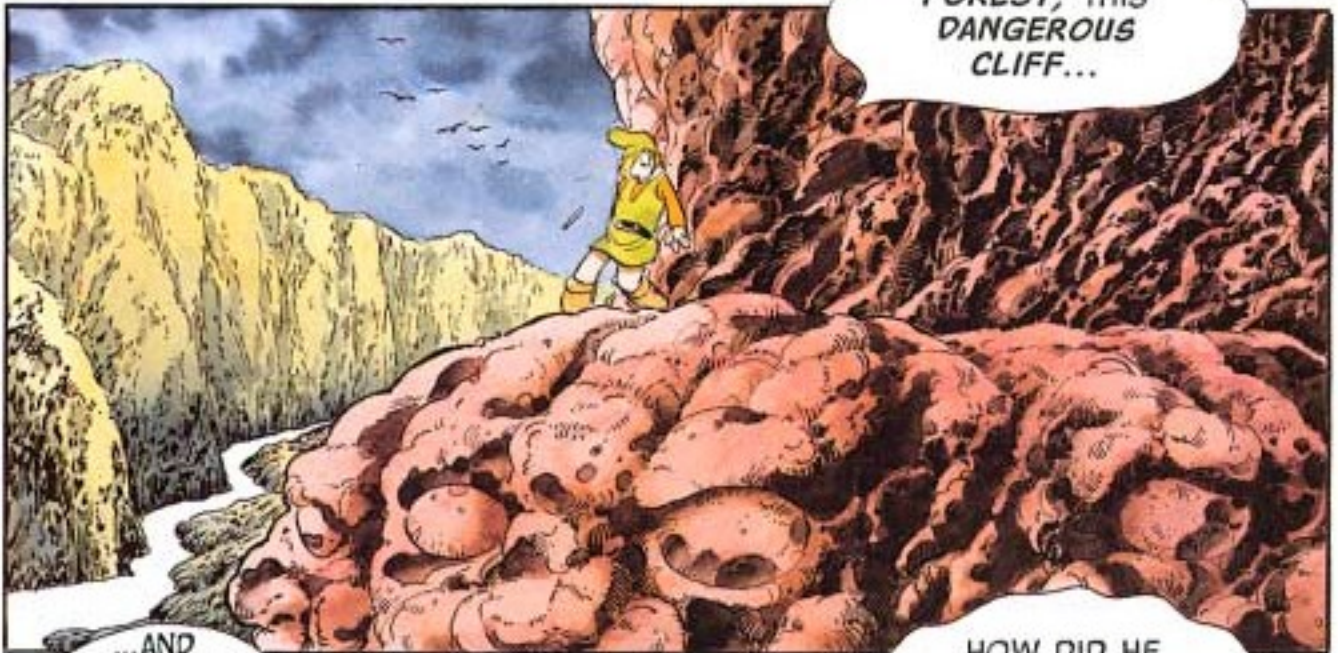
**DO I
LOOK LIKE A
BAD GUY?**

**LOOK
AT ME!**

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SAHASRAHLA TRAVELLED THROUGH *THIS*...



...DARK FOREST, THIS DANGEROUS CLIFF...



...AND THIS SLIMY SWAMP!

HOW DID HE DO IT? HE'S JUST A FEEBLE OLD MAN!



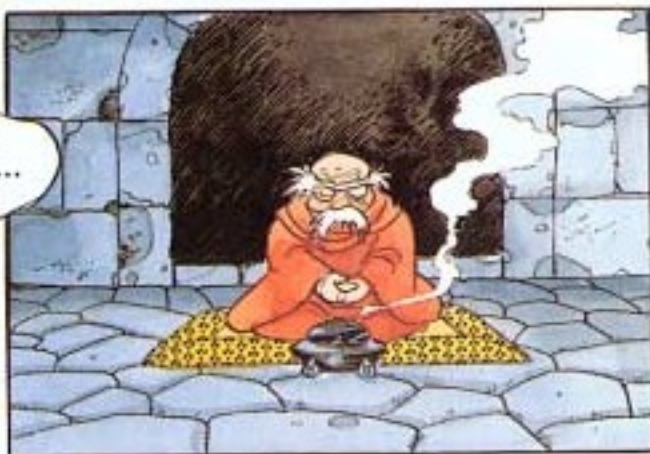
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MUST BE
IT...

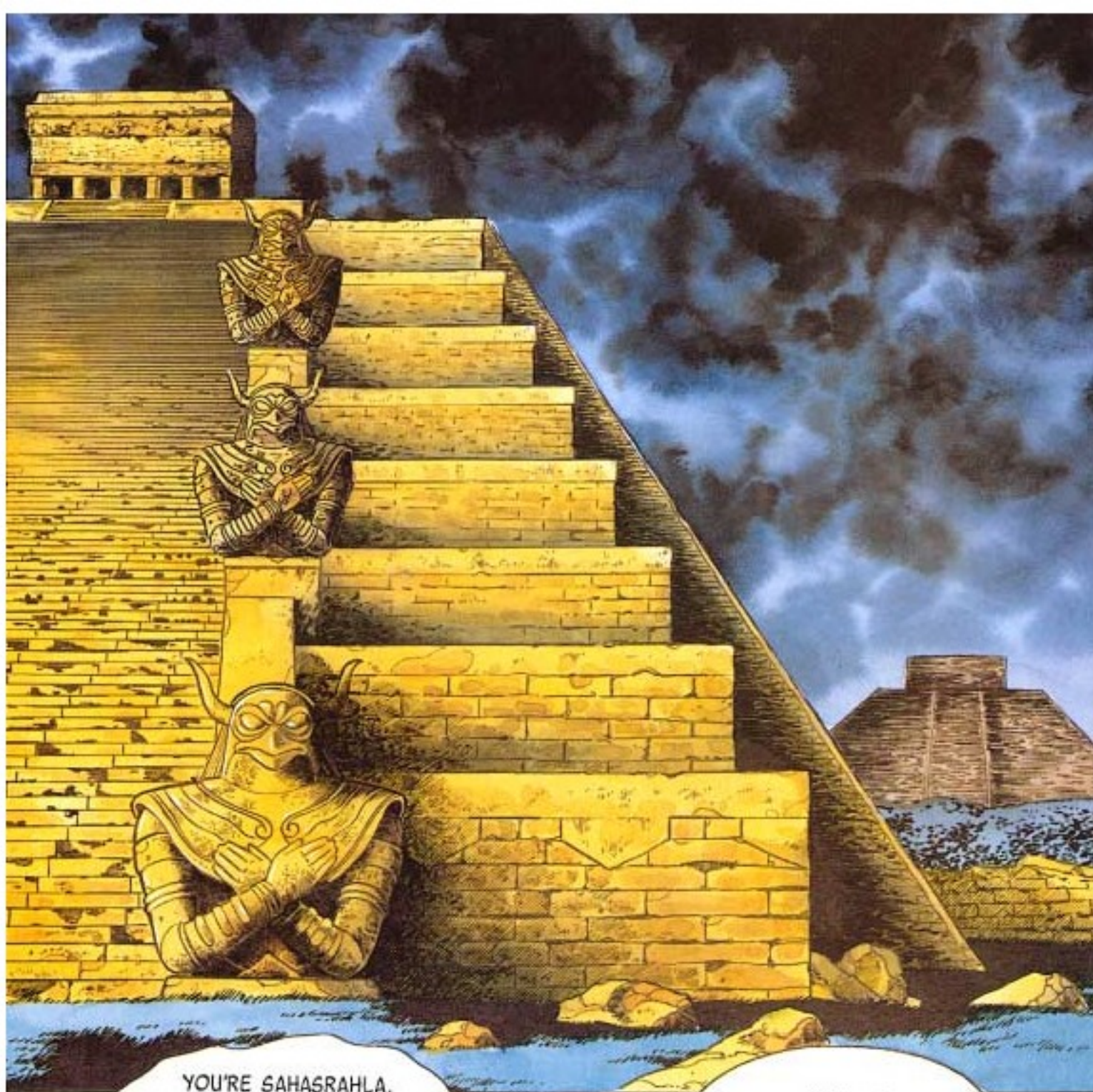
...THE **EASTERN
PALACE** WHERE HE'S
HIDING OUT...

NOT MORE
CLIMBING...!

≧HUFF...
PUFF... ≦

...THAT...
BETTER...BE...
HIM...






YOU'RE SAHASRAHLA, AREN'T YOU...? MY NAME IS LINK... I'M LOOKING FOR THE MASTER SWORD SO I CAN DEFEAT AGAHNIM AND RESCUE PRINCESS ZELDA... I HEARD YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS!

YES... I AM INDEED SAHASRAHLA!






BUT YOU...YOU ARE JUST A **BOY**...I CANNOT BELIEVE A **YOUNGSTER** LIKE YOU IS LOOKING FOR THE MASTER SWORD!


NOT JUST ANYONE CAN USE THAT MIGHTY BLADE!



UHH...DON'T JUDGE ME BY MY **SIZE!** I MUST FIND IT!




THE ANCIENT **LEGEND** SAYS: "THE HERO WILL COME ON CATAclysm's EVE, BEARING THREE SYMBOLS OF VIRTUE. THE MASTER SWORD HE WILL THEN RETRIEVE, KEEPING THE KNIGHT'S LINE TRUE."



"...THREE SYMBOLS OF VIRTUE!?"

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT ARE THEY?

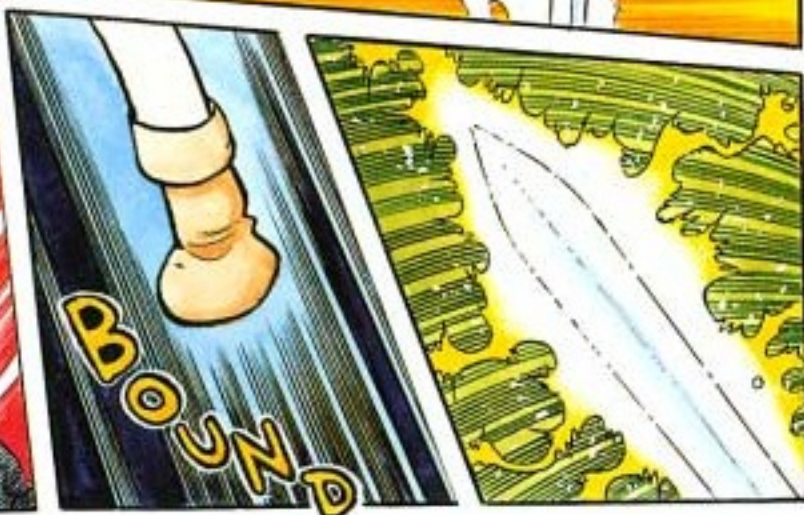
THE SYMBOLS ARE THE LEGENDARY **PENDANTS OF VIRTUE**. I CAN HELP YOU WITH THE **PENDANT OF COURAGE**...



BUT FINDING THE **REMAINING TWO** PENDANTS IS NOT A QUEST TO BE TAKEN **LIGHTLY**...

...DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU CAN **ACCOMPLISH** THIS TASK, YOUNG MAN?

OF COURSE! BESIDES, I **PROMISED ZELDA!**





WAAHHHH!

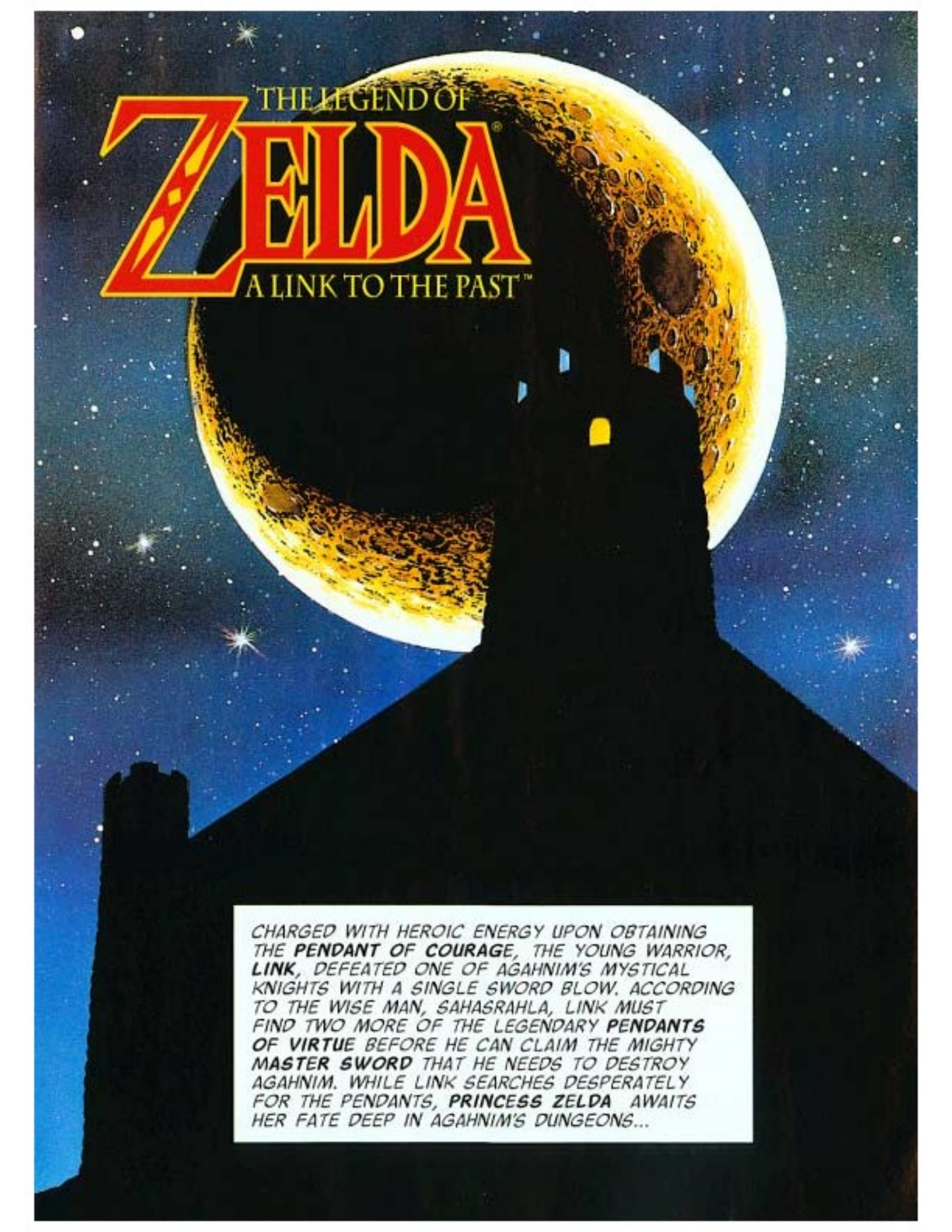
SO, THIS IS
THE POWER OF
THE PENDANT...

EXCELLENT!

I WILL RISE TO
THE CHALLENGE OF
THE PENDANTS, AND WITH
THEIR POWER I WILL
DESTROY YOU,
AGAHNIM!!



TO BE CONTINUED...



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CHARGED WITH HEROIC ENERGY UPON OBTAINING THE **PENDANT OF COURAGE**, THE YOUNG WARRIOR, **LINK**, DEFEATED ONE OF AGAHNIM'S MYSTICAL KNIGHTS WITH A SINGLE SWORD BLOW. ACCORDING TO THE WISE MAN, SAHASRAHLA, LINK MUST FIND TWO MORE OF THE LEGENDARY **PENDANTS OF VIRTUE** BEFORE HE CAN CLAIM THE MIGHTY **MASTER SWORD** THAT HE NEEDS TO DESTROY AGAHNIM. WHILE LINK SEARCHES DESPERATELY FOR THE PENDANTS, **PRINCESS ZELDA** AWAITS HER FATE DEEP IN AGAHNIM'S DUNGEONS...

CHAPTER THREE
**THE BOOK OF
MUDORA**

BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI




DO YOU MEAN TO
TELL ME THAT THE **BOY**
HAS THE **PENDANT**
OF **COURAGE**?!

AND YOU **WEAKLINGS**
CAME BACK HERE
WITHOUT **STOPPING**
HIM?

...I HAVE TRIED TO
BE **MERCIFUL** TO THE
PEOPLE OF THIS KINGDOM,
BUT THOSE IN THE
KNIGHT'S LINE...

...**THEY**
MUST BE
TERMINATED!






I THOUGHT THE OLD FOOL I DESTROYED IN THE CASTLE WAS THE **LAST ONE!**




FIND HIM! AND LEAVE **NO STONE** UNTURNED IN YOUR SEARCH!

COULD IT BE THE **WHELP** IS **ALSO** OF THEIR BLOODLINE?




DO **NOT** RETURN TO THIS CASTLE UNTIL YOU WITNESS HIS **LAST BREATH!**

IS THAT **UNDERSTOOD?**

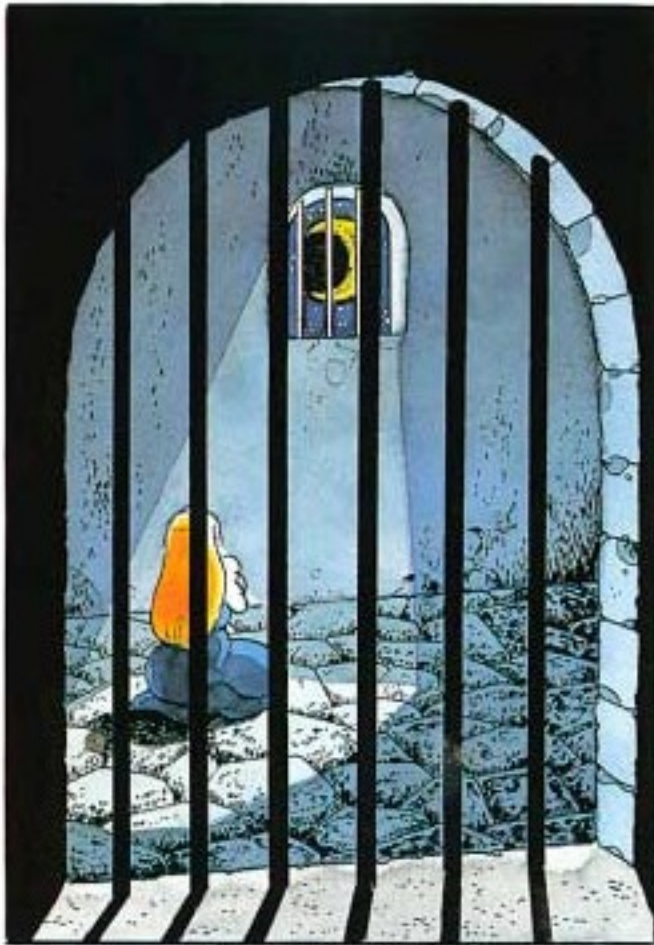


YES, **MASTER!**

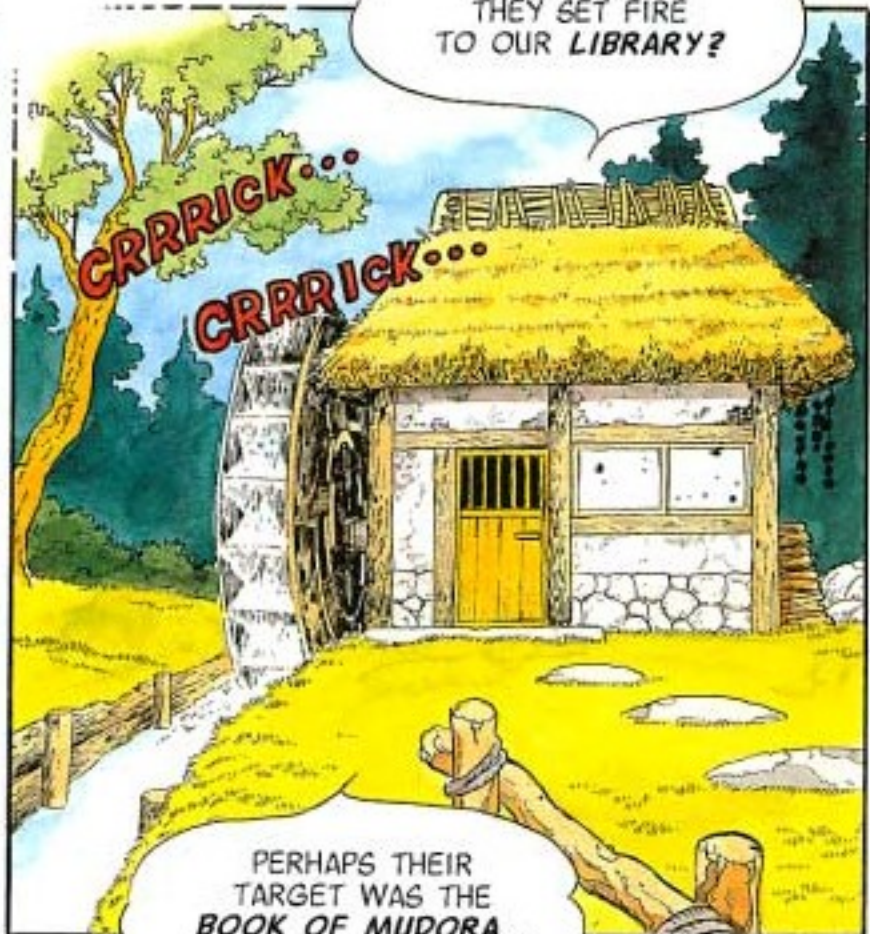
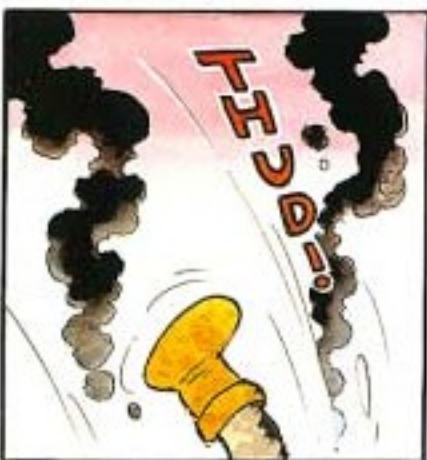
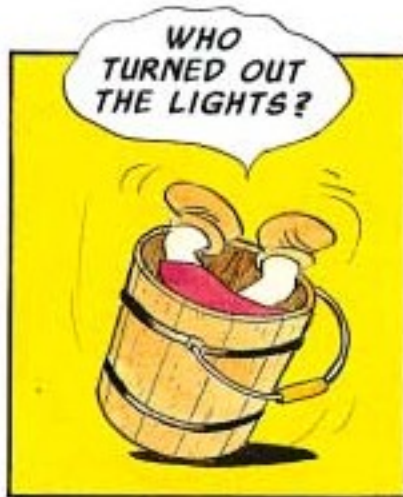
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE...THE **WORLD** WILL BE OURS WHEN THE MOON IS **FULL** AND I CAST THE **FINAL INCANTATION** ON PRINCESS **ZELDA...**



THE PROPHECY OF THE LEGENDARY **HERO** IS BUT A **FOLKTALE...**









WHAT IS THE BOOK OF MUDORA?

WE MANAGED TO SAVE IT FROM THE FLAMES...

THIS BOOK IS THE KEY TO THE ANCIENT HYLIAN LANGUAGE. ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS, THE HERO WILL STAND IN THE DESERT WITH THIS BOOK...



LET ME SEE THAT!

AFTER SAHASRAHLA GAVE ME THE PENDANT OF COURAGE, HE TOLD ME THE PENDANT OF POWER WAS IN A DESERT RUIN!

SAHASRAHLA MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE TO SEND A BOY LIKE YOU ON SUCH A MISSION...



THEN YOU... YOU MUST BE THE LEGENDARY HERO OF HYRULE!

AND ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A KIDNAPPER!

H A H A



THAT MUST BE WHY THE SOLDIERS BURNED THE LIBRARY! THEY ARE AFRAID THAT YOU WILL FULFILL THE PROPHECY OF THE LEGENDARY HERO!



THIS IS A VERY FORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS! I WILL LEAVE THE BOOK IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS.

I SHOULD WARN YOU THAT TRAVELLING IN THE DESERT IS NO SIMPLE MATTER! THE FIERCE WINDS AND SHIFTING SANDS HAVE BURIED MORE ABLE ADVENTURERS THAN YOU!



HEY, BUDDY! I JUST REMEMBERED!

I HAVE SOMETHING THAT MAY HELP! SAHASRAHLA SHOWED IT TO ME! IT'S A BIRD THAT YOU CAN RIDE ON!



THEY SAY THESE MIRACLE WINGS BELONGED TO A POWERFUL BIRD THAT CARRIED THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE INTO BATTLE!

TAP TAP



A BIRD THAT COULD CARRY PEOPLE?

IT WAS NO ORDINARY BIRD! ITS STRENGTH WAS LEGENDARY! THE KNIGHTS USED TO TAKE IT ON THEIR CAMPAIGNS TO PROTECT THE KINGDOM!



THE HYLIAN SAGES WOVE ITS FEATHERS INTO THIS MIRACLE WING!

IF YOU CAN RIDE THE WIND, YOUR JOURNEY SHOULD BE EASIER...

FLYING
IS SURE THE
WAY TO GO!



BUT
WHERE
TO?

ALL I CAN
SEE IS SAND
STRETCHING OUT
FOR MILES!

THIS
DOESN'T LOOK
GOOD!



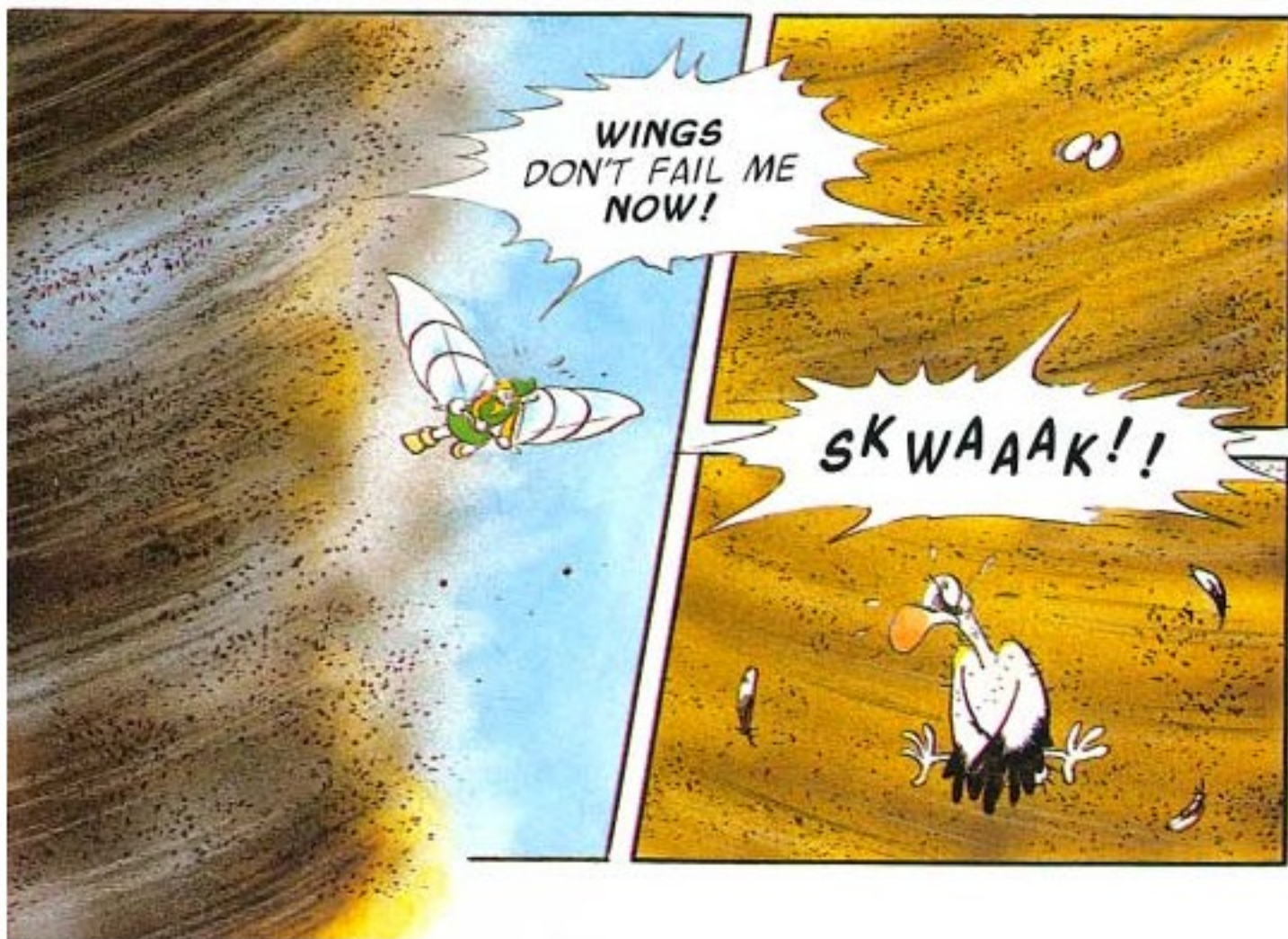
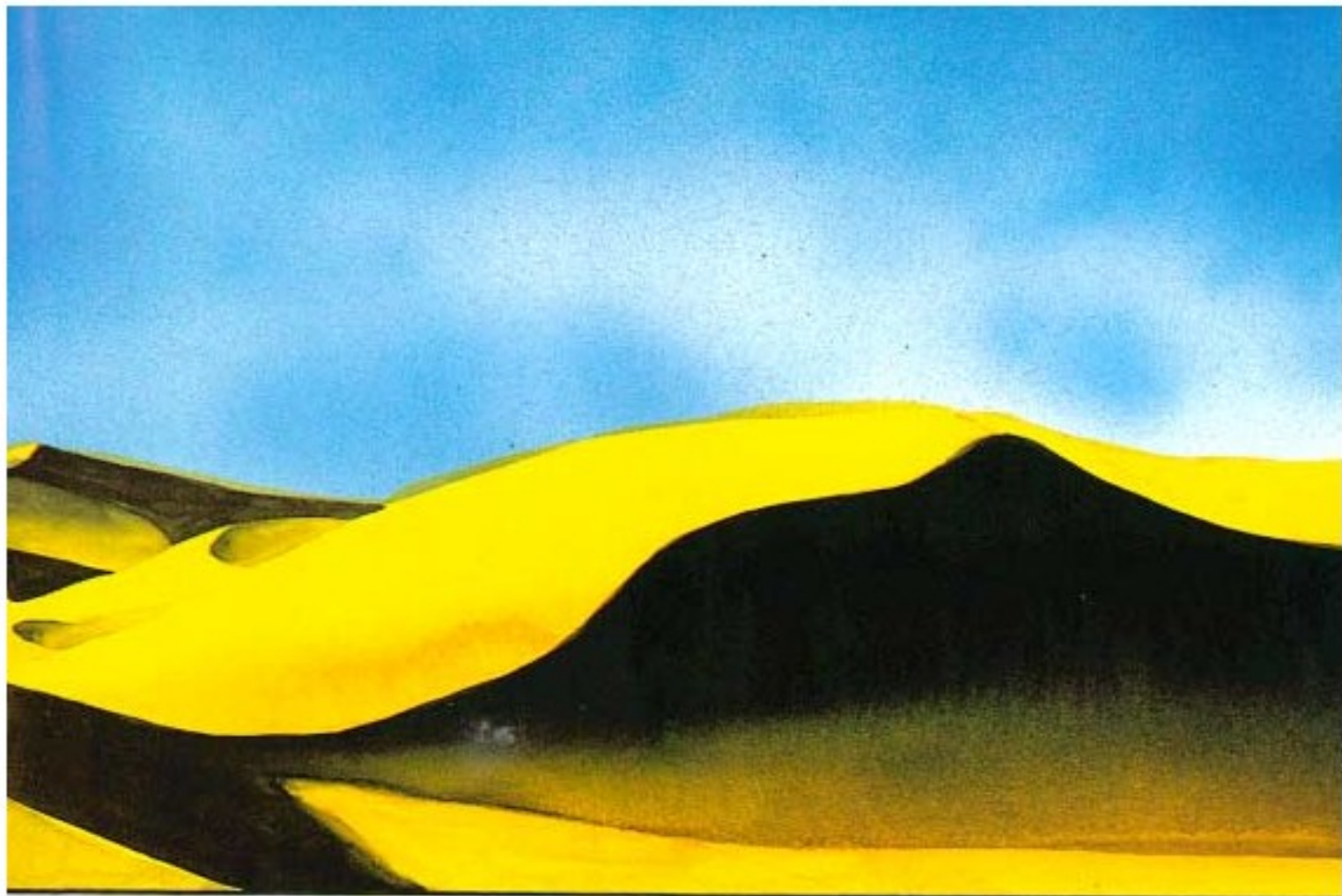
UH-OH!
IT'S A--



--TWISTER!

H WOOOOOSH!!

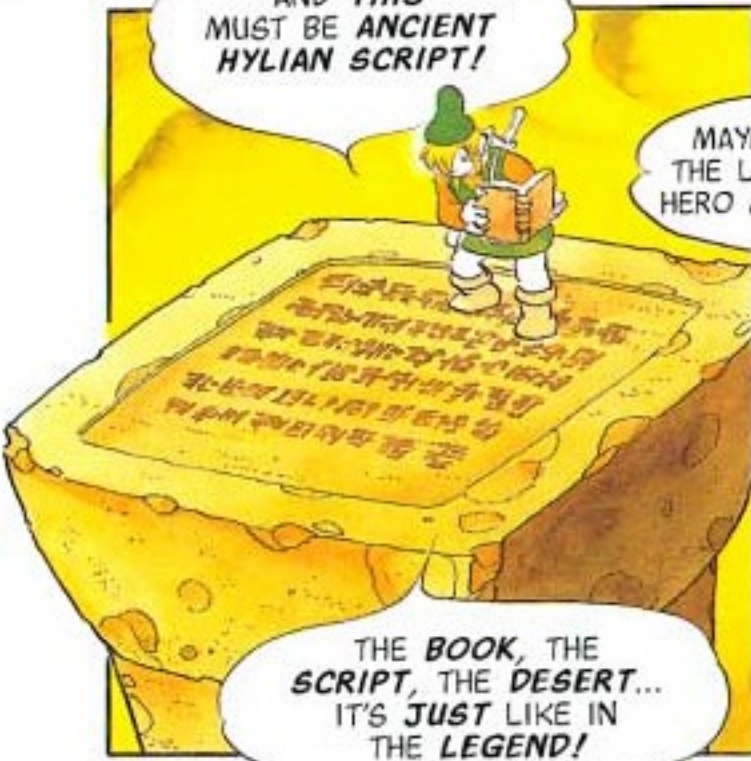




THE
DESERT
RUINS!



AND THIS
MUST BE ANCIENT
HYLIAN SCRIPT!



MAYBE I AM
THE LEGENDARY
HERO AFTER ALL!

THE BOOK, THE
SCRIPT, THE DESERT...
IT'S JUST LIKE IN
THE LEGEND!

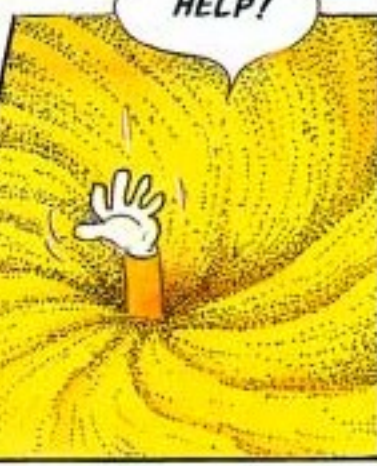
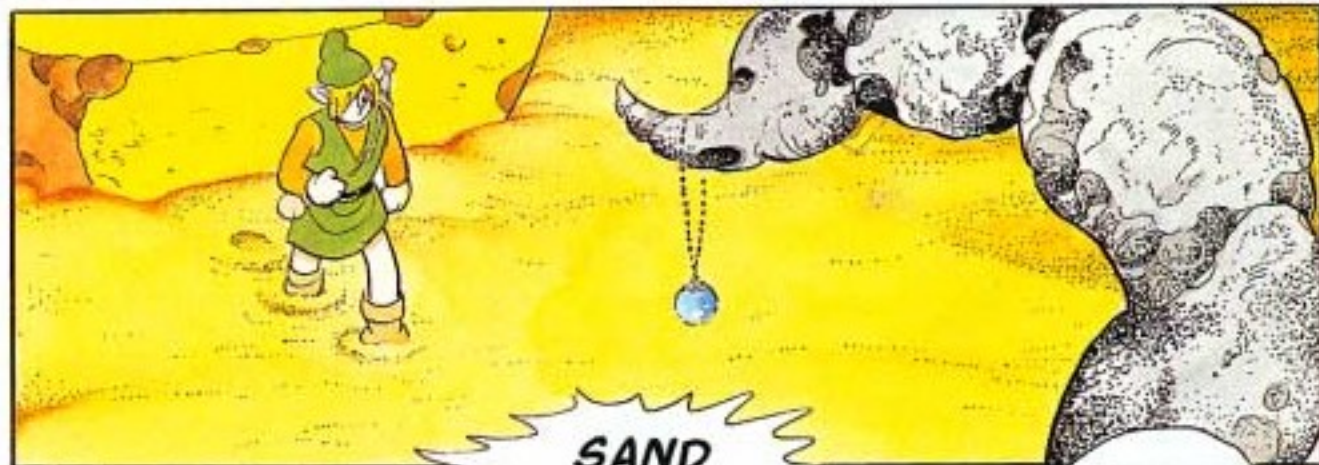
I SUPPOSE
IF I LOOK IT UP
IN THE BOOK, THE
WRITING SHOULD
MAKE SENSE...

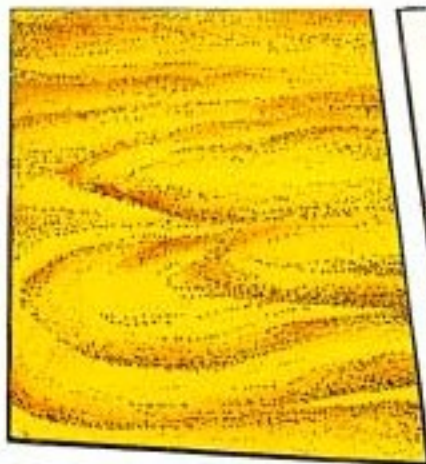
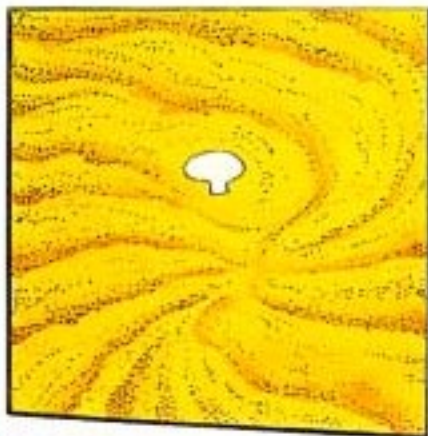


HEY!









Zoop! GASP!



A
LANMOLA!!

GRRROAR!!





THIS IS HOPELESS! ITS SKIN IS LIKE ARMOR!!





NICE MOVE, UGLY!
BUT NOW YOU'RE PLAY-
ING WITH THE **PENDANT**
OF POWER!



TO BE CONTINUED...

CHAPTER FOUR
**THE
MASTER
SWORD**

BY
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I CAN'T
CRACK ITS
ARMORED
SHELL!

IT'S NO USE!



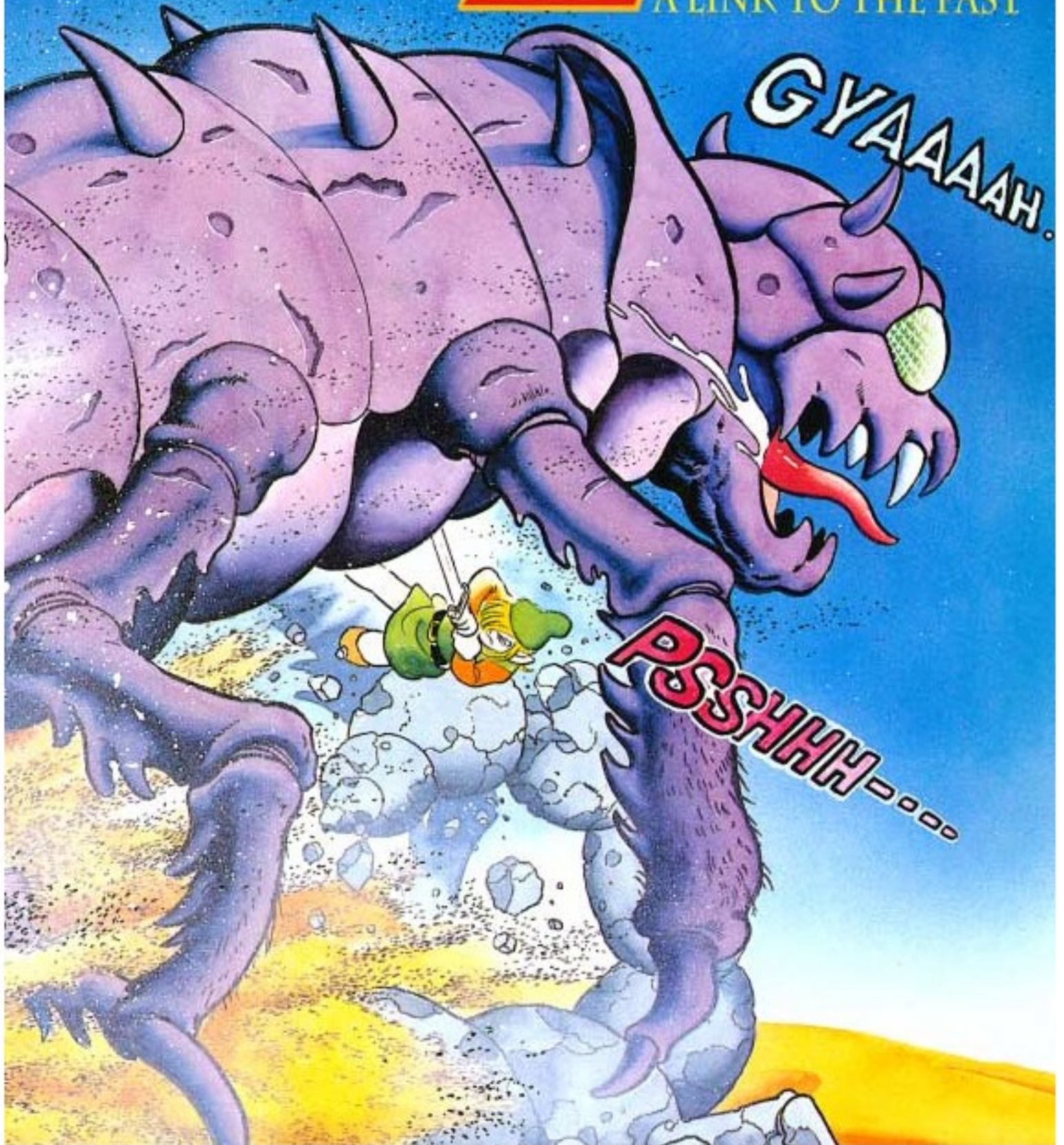
GRRROAARR!



A-HA!



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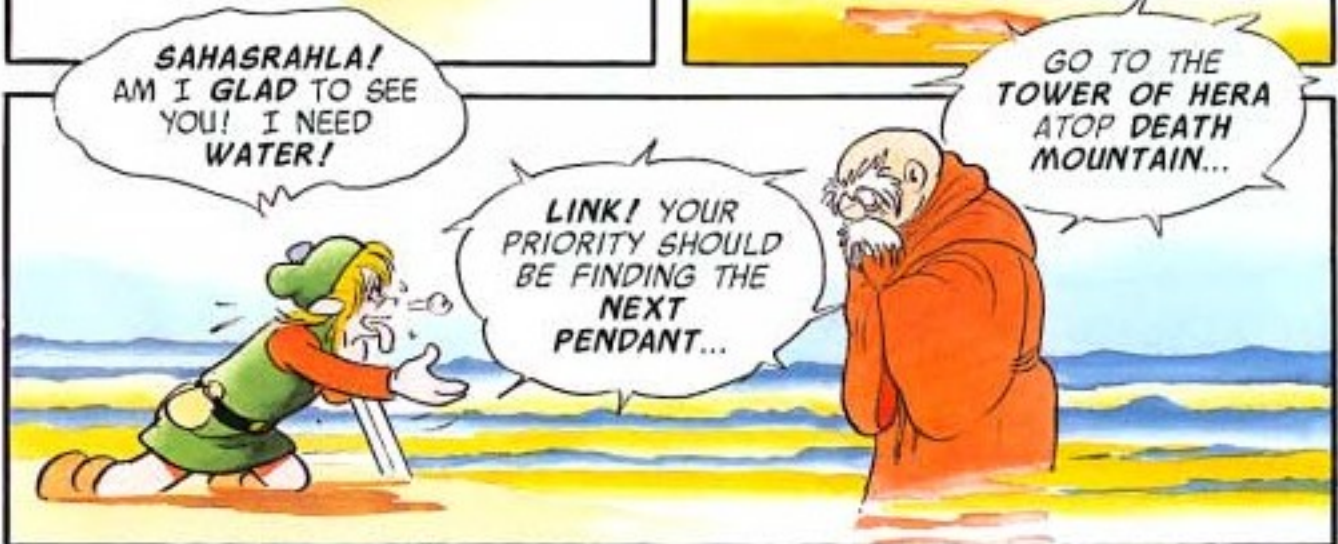
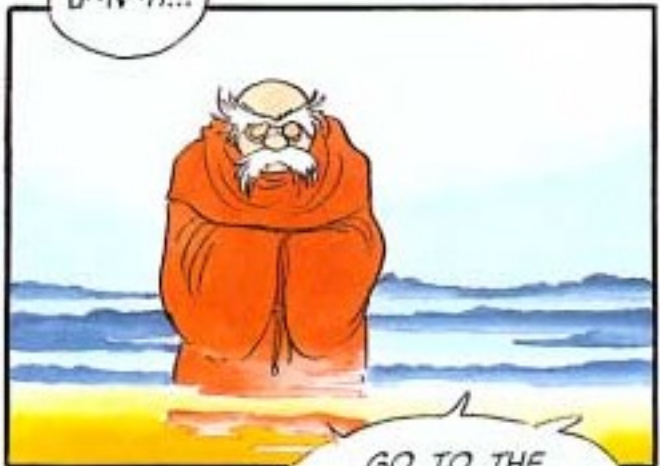
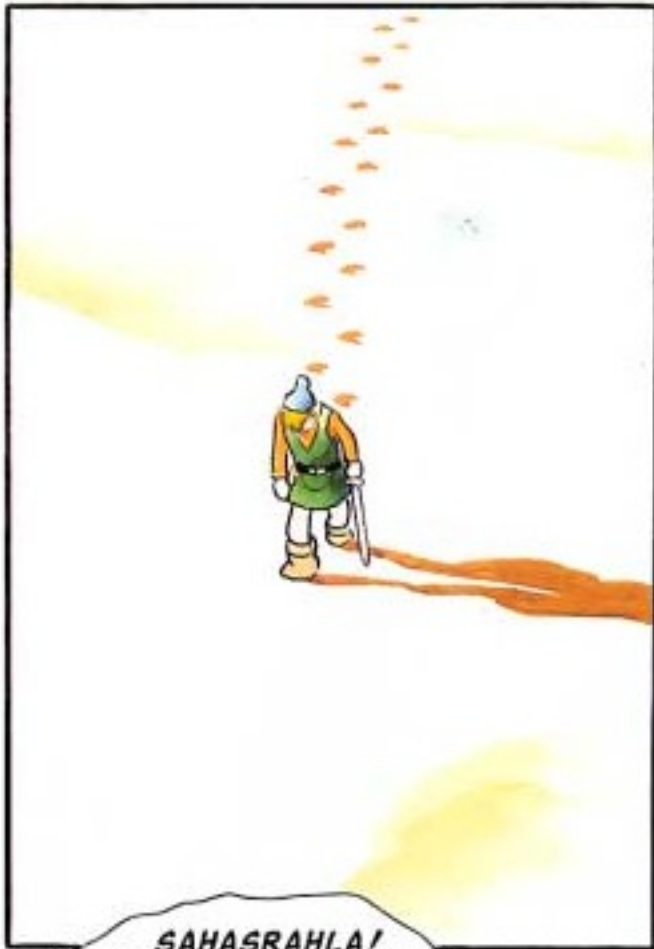
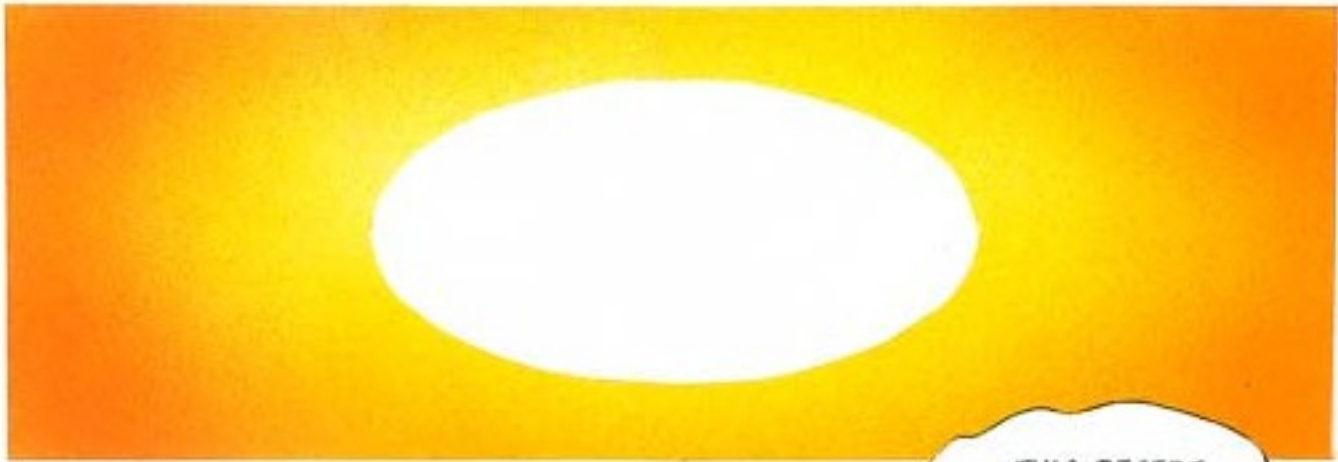


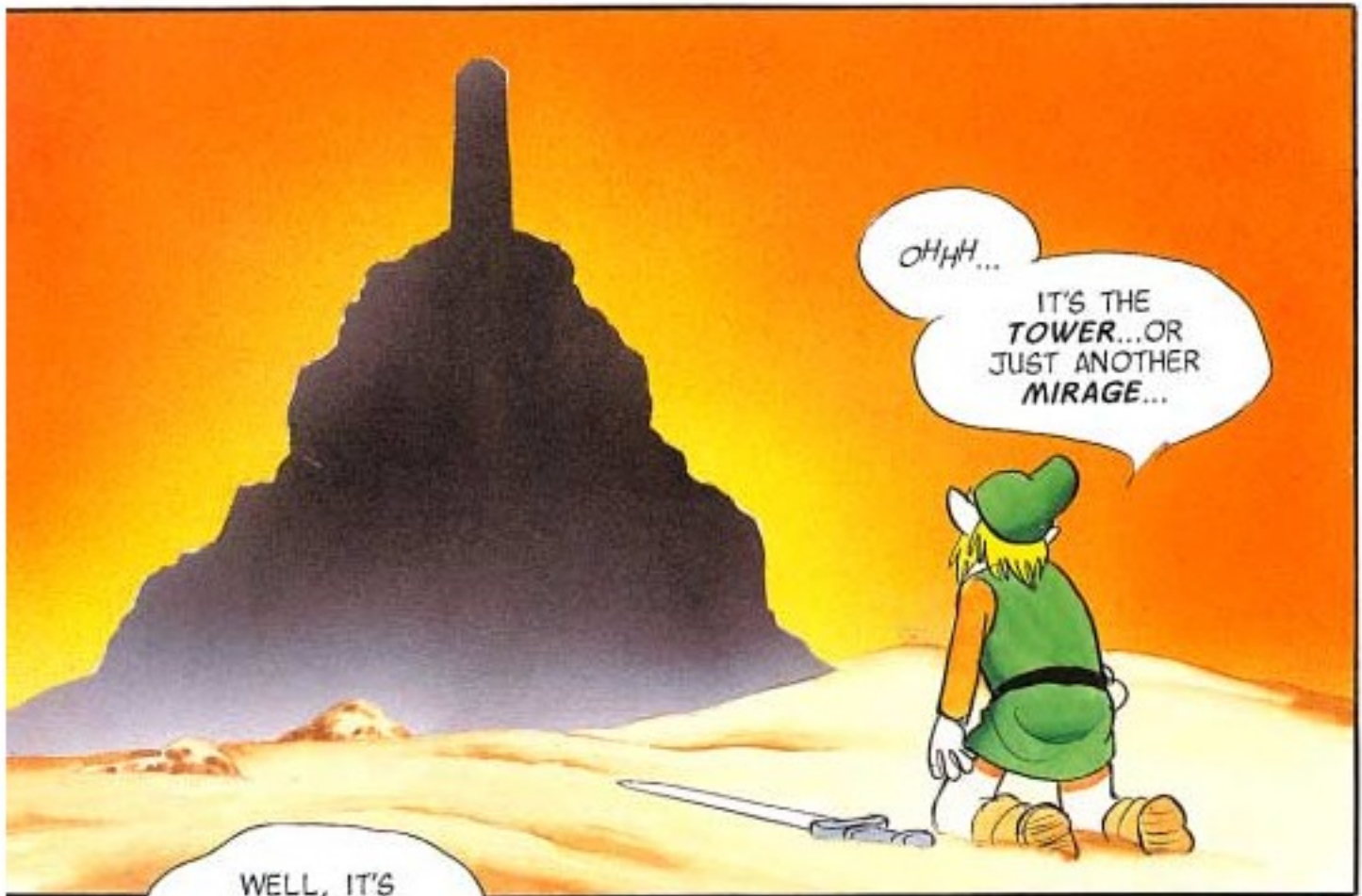
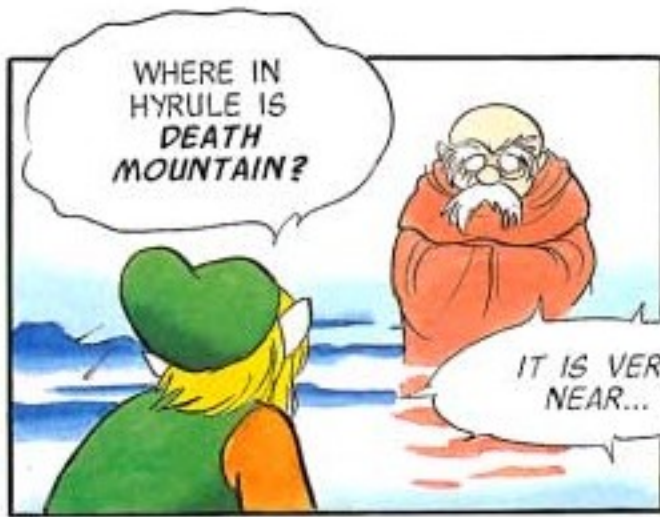
IT'S GOING TO BE HIM!

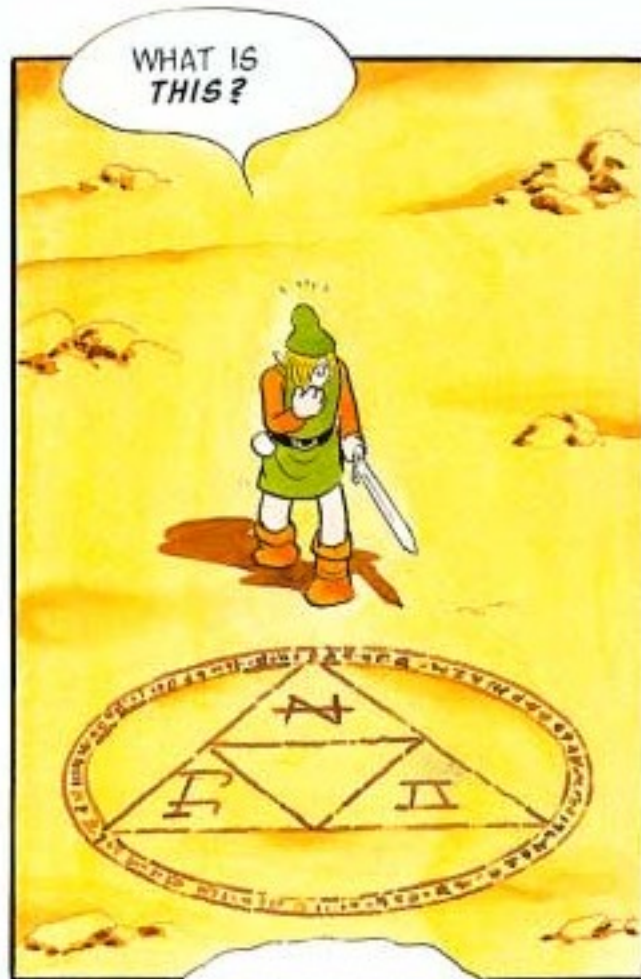


SHHHHHH...

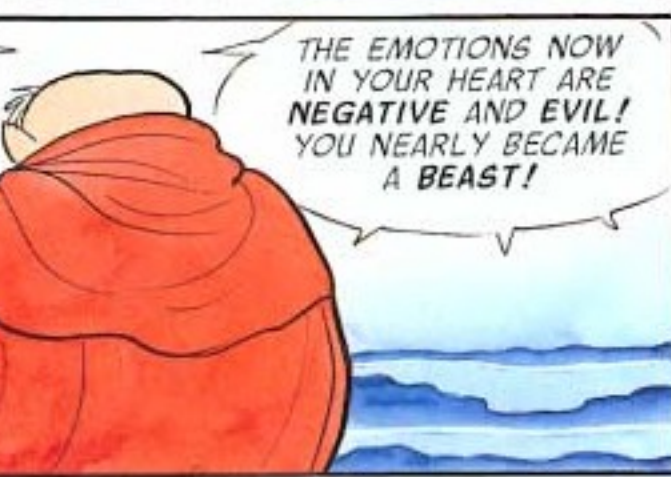








...IN THE WORLD OF DARKNESS...



BUT SAHASRAHLA,
AGAHNIM KILLED MY
UNCLE! AND NOW
HE'S HOLDING
ZELDA!



YES, LINK, BUT
YOU CAN NEVER WIN
WITH **HATRED** ALONE...
EVEN IF YOU WERE
VICTORIOUS, DARKNESS
WOULD **CONSUME**
YOU!



ONLY **ONE**
FORCE IS STRONG
ENOUGH TO OPPOSE
EVIL AND
HATRED!



HMMM...



LINK!



NOW ZELDA!
MORE
ILLUSIONS?!

WHAT HAPPENED
TO SAHASRAHLA?!

WHY ARE
YOU HERE?!



WE ARE IN OUR
DREAM...IF TWO
PEOPLE DREAM THE
SAME THING, THEY
WILL MEET...



DREAMS...
MIRAGES...IT'S
ALL SO
CONFUSING!

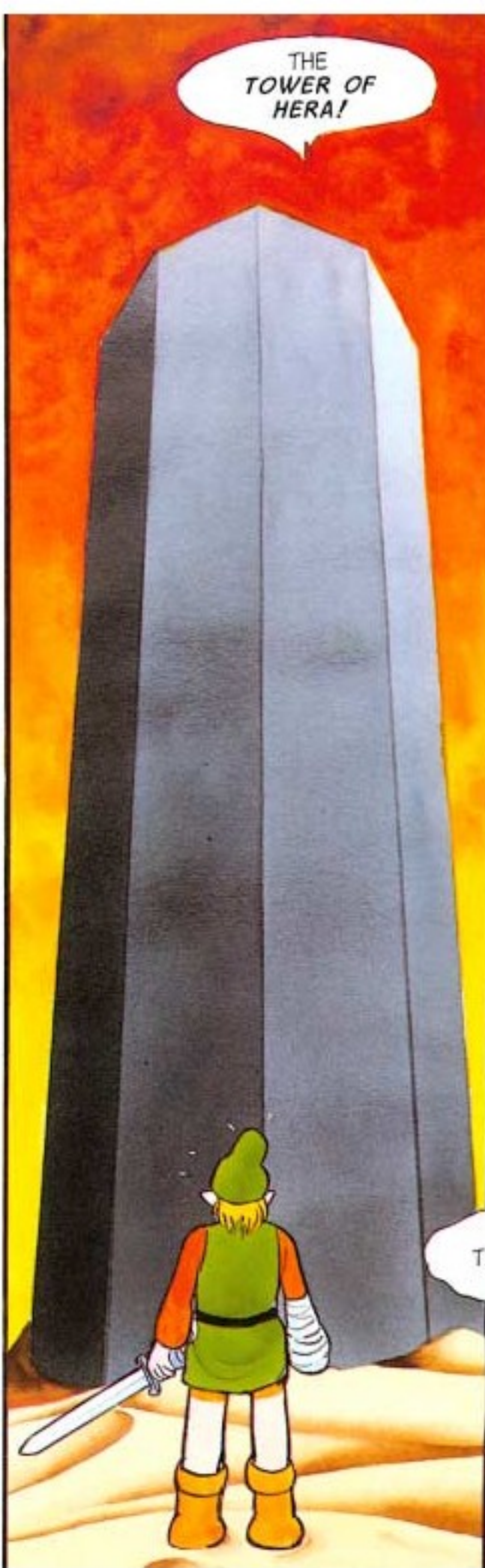
THIS IS
A DREAM?

IT'S MAKING
ME EVEN **MORE**
EXHAUSTED
THINKING
ABOUT IT!





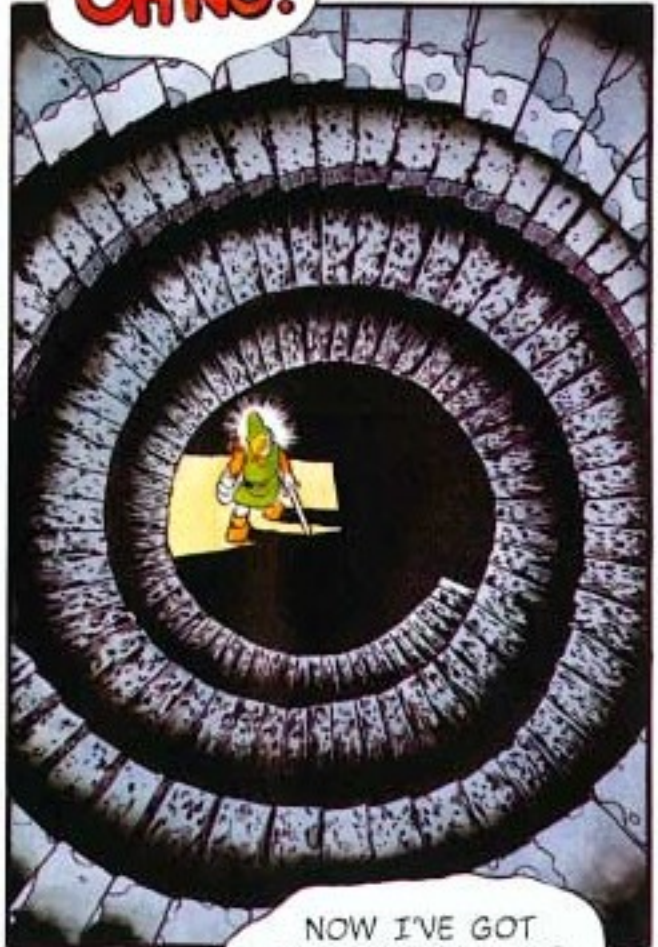
THE
TOWER OF
HERA!



IT LOOKS
LIKE MY TROUBLES
ARE BEGINNING
AGAIN!



OH NO!



NOW I'VE GOT
TO CLIMB ALL OF
THESE STAIRS?!

I'M
THIRSTY...

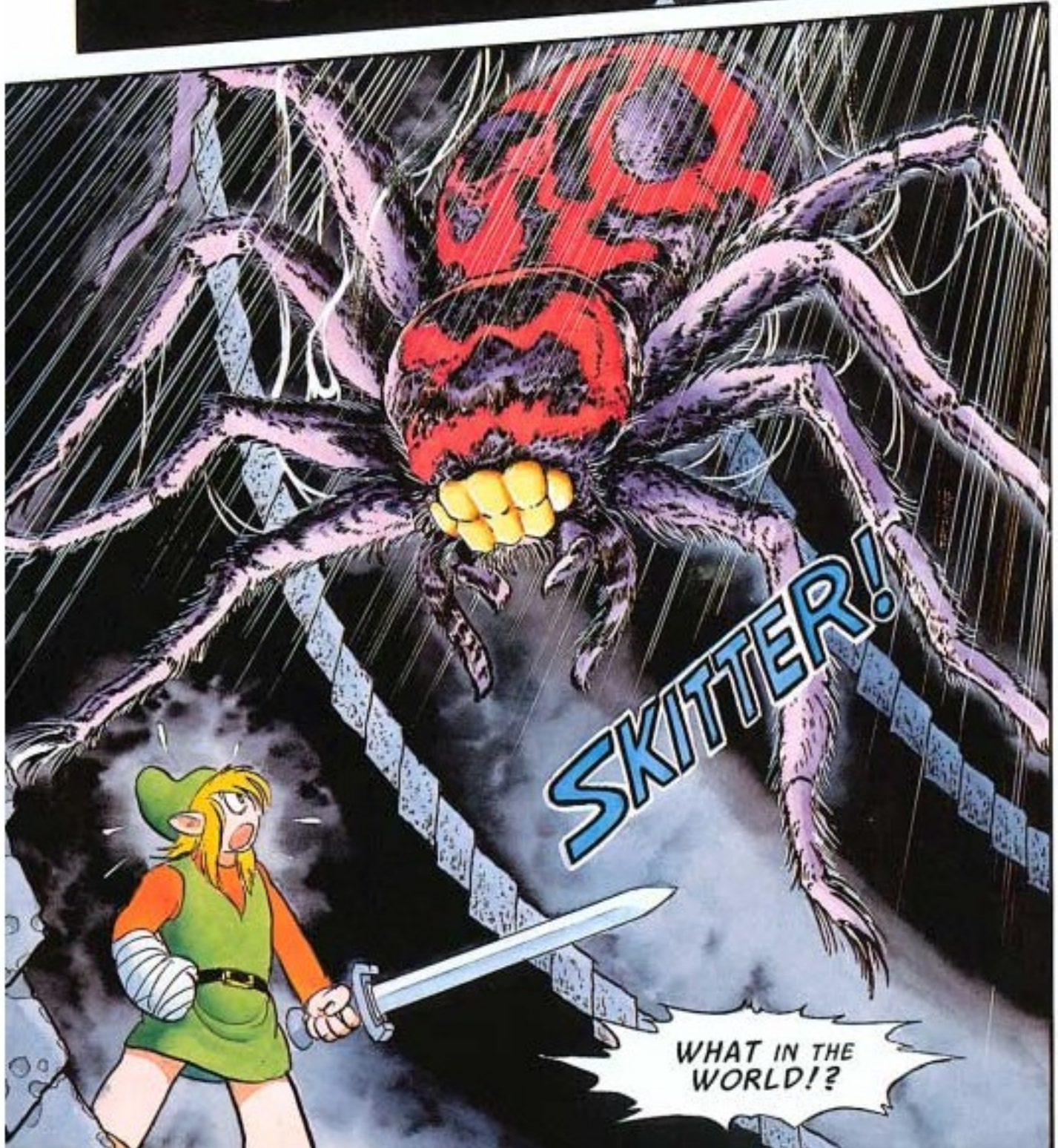
MY ARM
ACHES...

IT'S HOT...
I HOPE
IT'S
WORTH IT!



FOOSH!

WHO TURNED
ON THE
LIGHTS?



SKITTER!

WHAT IN THE
WORLD!?



LINK...THE PENDANT IS THE THIRD EYE...



HEY!

I OUGHT TO BE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS BY NOW!

THUNK!

ARE YOU KIDDING?!



IT'S IMBEDDED IN THE MONSTER'S FOREHEAD!

MONSTER EYES!

I'M GLAD THIS IS THE LAST PENDANT!



YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO JUST LIFT IT OUT...



SIIIGORR..



MY ARM!
IT'S BACK TO
NORMAL!!

WHOA!
AFTER THOSE
STAIRS, I GET A FREE
RIDE DOWN!



KASPLAT!

LINK! YOU HAVE DONE
WELL! YOU RECOVERED
THE PENDANTS! NOW
GO FORTH TO THE
LOST WOODS!

CAN'T I
REST FOR
A WHILE?



LOST
WOODS

LOST
WOODS

NO...
IF YOU REALLY
ARE THE LEGENDARY
HERO OF
HYRULE...

...THE SWORD OF
EVIL'S BANE WILL SELECT
YOU AS ITS BEARER!

THE SWORD WILL
SELECT ME?

WHAT IF IT
DOESN'T?

YOU WILL NEVER
BE ABLE TO ENTER
THE DARK WORLD
AND FIND YOUR
PARENTS!

ARE MY
MOTHER AND
FATHER REALLY
STILL ALIVE?

THEY DWELL
NOW IN THE
DARK WORLD...

YOUR PARENTS
WERE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE...
BUT THEY STUMBLED INTO
THE DARK WORLD...

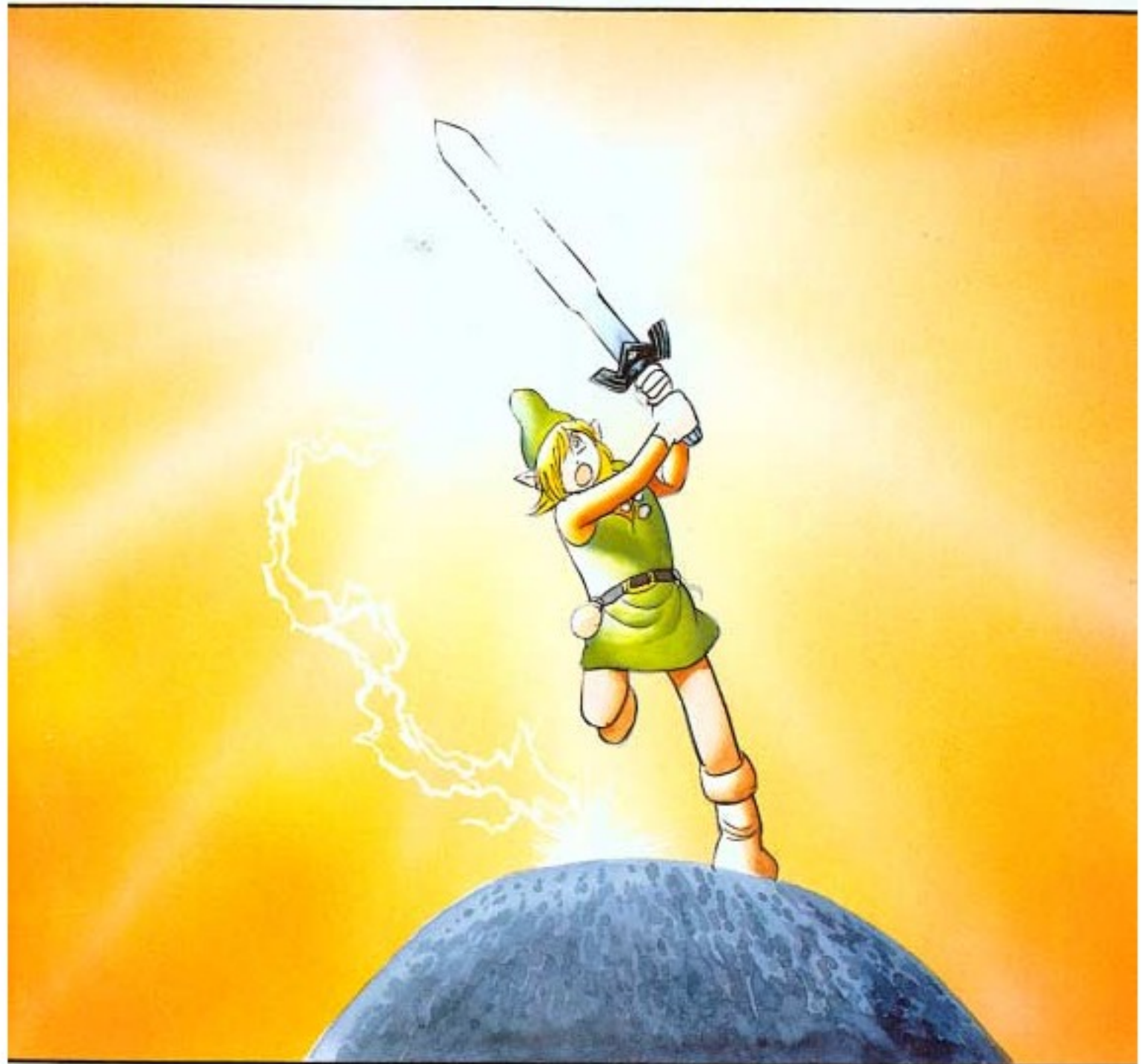
AFTER THEY
DISAPPEARED, YOUR UNCLE
ADOPTED YOU AND
SHIELDED YOU FROM THE
INTRIGUES OF THE
ROYAL FAMILY...

A-HA!

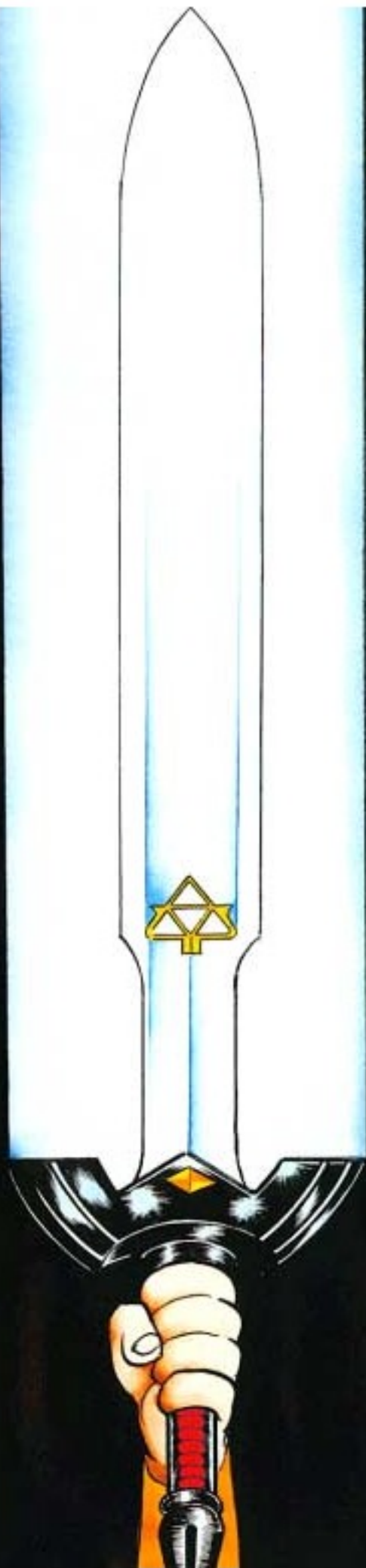
IF YOU TRULY
ARE THE HERO...

...

THE
MASTER SWORD!



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THE YOUNG HERO, LINK, IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO REALIZE THE EXTENT OF HIS DESTINY AFTER WINNING THE THREE PENDANTS OF VIRTUE. WITH THE MASTER SWORD FIRMLY IN HAND, ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR HIM TO RESCUE ZELDA! CAN LINK MEET HIS ULTIMATE CHALLENGE?

CHAPTER FIVE
**AN
OLD
ENEMY**

POWER...

SO MUCH
POWER! IT'S LIKE
HOLDING A
LIGHTNING BOLT!



BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



WISSSSSH!



I...I DID IT!

...WAKE
UP, LINK...



EXHAUSTING...I
FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN
CHOPPING WOOD
ALL DAY!

Whooooo!



ZELDA?!

I MUST
REST! I
CAN'T...





LINK! ONLY
A SINGLE NIGHT
REMAINS!

AGAHNIM WILL
CAST HIS INCANTATION
ON ME UNDER
A FULL MOON!

LINK! YOU
MUST HURRY!

IF HE SUCCEEDS, THE SEAL
OF THE WISE MEN WILL BE
BROKEN! THE ENTRANCE TO THE
DARK WORLD WILL BE THROWN
OPEN AND EVIL WILL
OVERWHELM US!

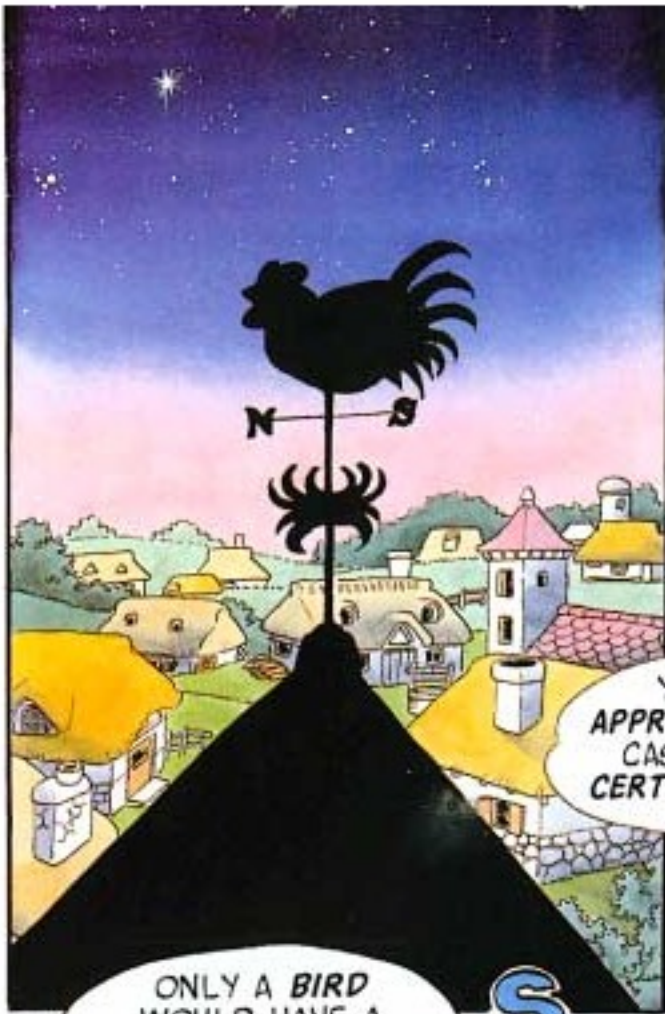
DO NOT FORGET
THE SACRIFICE YOUR
UNCLE MADE TRYING
TO FOIL AGAHNIM'S
PLOT!

AND YOUR PARENTS...
DO YOU THINK IT WAS
AN ACCIDENT THAT THEY
FELL INTO THE DARK
WORLD?!

PLEASE, YOU MUST
DESTROY AGAHNIM BEFORE
HIS EVIL MAGIC LEADS TO
HYRULE'S DESTRUCTION!

ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT. I'M
ON MY WAY!

I HAVE SWORN
TO DEFEAT AGAHNIM!
AND NOW I HAVE THE
MASTER SWORD TO
FULFILL MY VOW!!



SO ALL THE APPROACHES TO THE CASTLE ARE **BLOCKED** BY AGAHNIM'S SENTRIES?



TOMORROW THE **FULL MOON** RISES:

YEP! EVEN APPROACHING THE CASTLE MEANS **CERTAIN DEATH!**

ONLY A **BIRD** WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO GET INTO THE CASTLE NOW...



TOO BAD OUR **WINGS** WERE **LOST** IN THE DESERT...



YOU DON'T NEED **WINGS** TO **FLY**... LOOK AT THESE **SOAP BUBBLES!**

THAT GIVES ME AN **IDEA!**

HMMMMMM...

I BELIEVE THAT A LARGE BUBBLE...

...FILLED WITH HOT AIR...

...WILL FLOAT!

BUT TO MAKE SUCH A THING...

...IN ONE DAY... WILL BE...

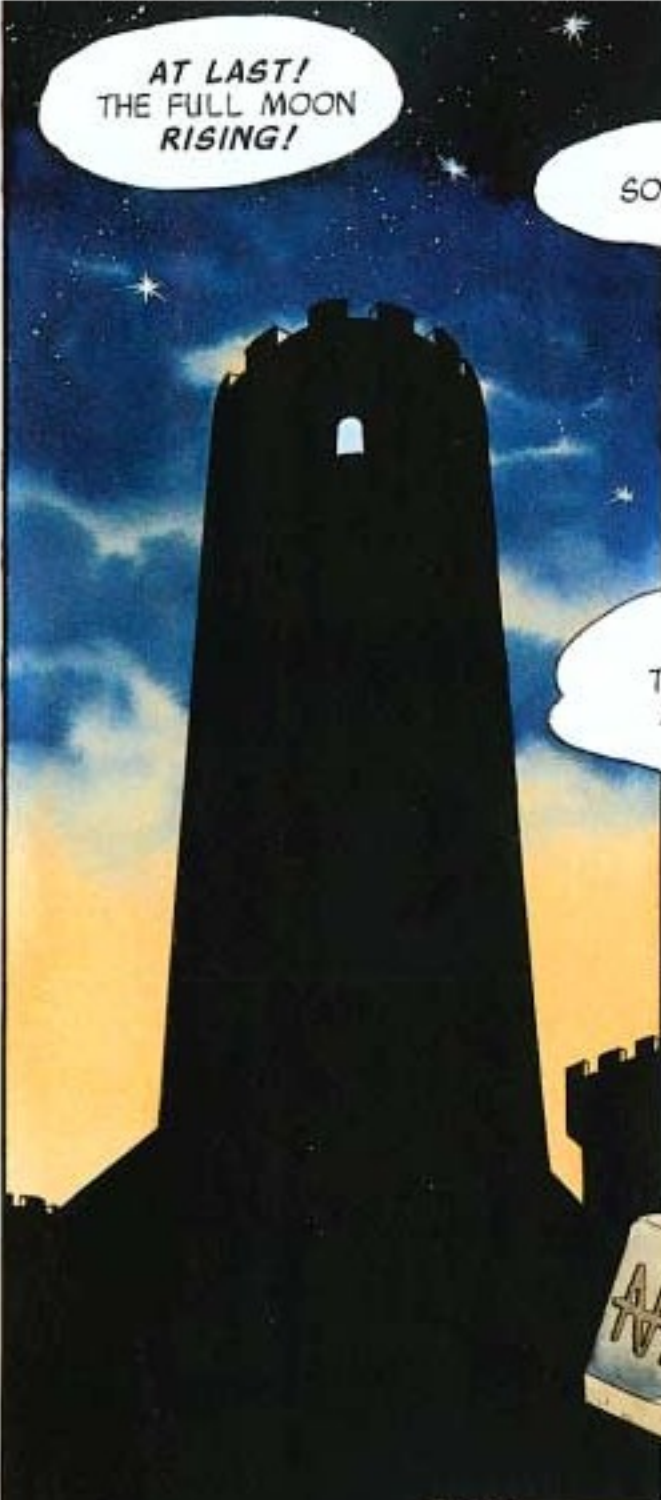
THAT'S CORRECT!

...HARD WORK!

THIS BUBBLE HAS TO BE AIR-TIGHT, RIGHT?


I'VE GOT TO REST FOR TONIGHT! THIS WON'T BE EASY!

LINK, GIVE US A HAND, WILL YOU?



AT LAST!
THE FULL MOON
RISING!

SOON...




WHEN IT REACHES
PRIME ASCENSION...
THE PINNACLE OF
THE SKY...



KING AGAHNIM,
THE PREPARATIONS
ARE **COMPLETE!**

HMMM...



THEN LET
US **BEGIN!**



EH?

NOW IS THE HOUR OF THE INCANTATION... YOU MUST NOT FAIL ME!



...AGAHNIM...

MASTER GANON!

YES, MY LORD...



HMMMM...

I SENSE A BEING APPROACHING THE BARRIER SURROUNDING THE CASTLE... A BEING WITH INTENSE EMOTIONAL ENERGY...

WHAT?! CAN IT BE HIM?!

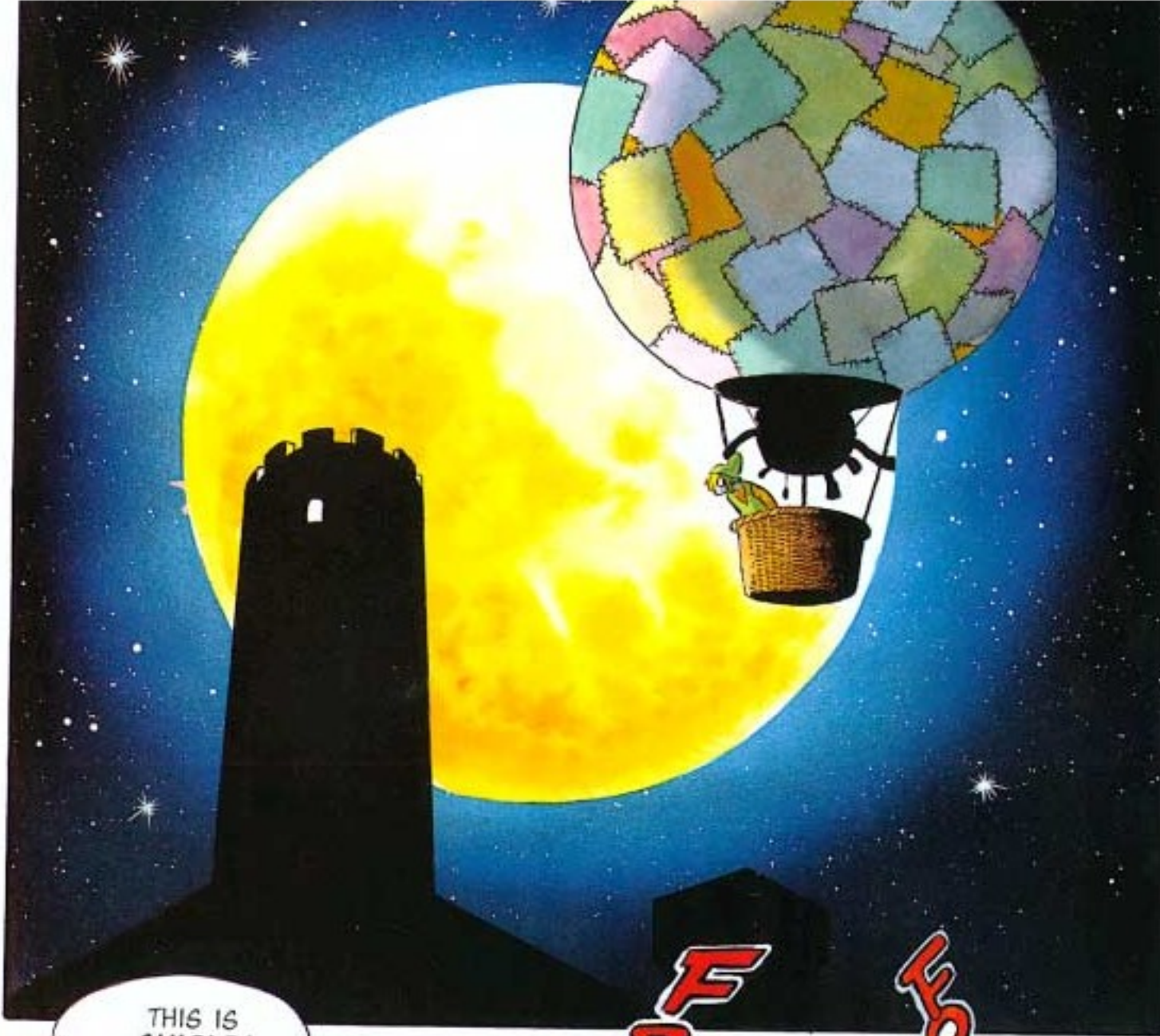


VERY WELL... I WILL SEND PRINCESS ZELDA INTO THE DARK WORLD BEFORE HIS VERY EYES!!



BUT, IF HE CAN MAKE IT HERE...

HEH HEH HEH...



THIS IS SIMPLE!

I'M OVER THE WALL ALREADY!

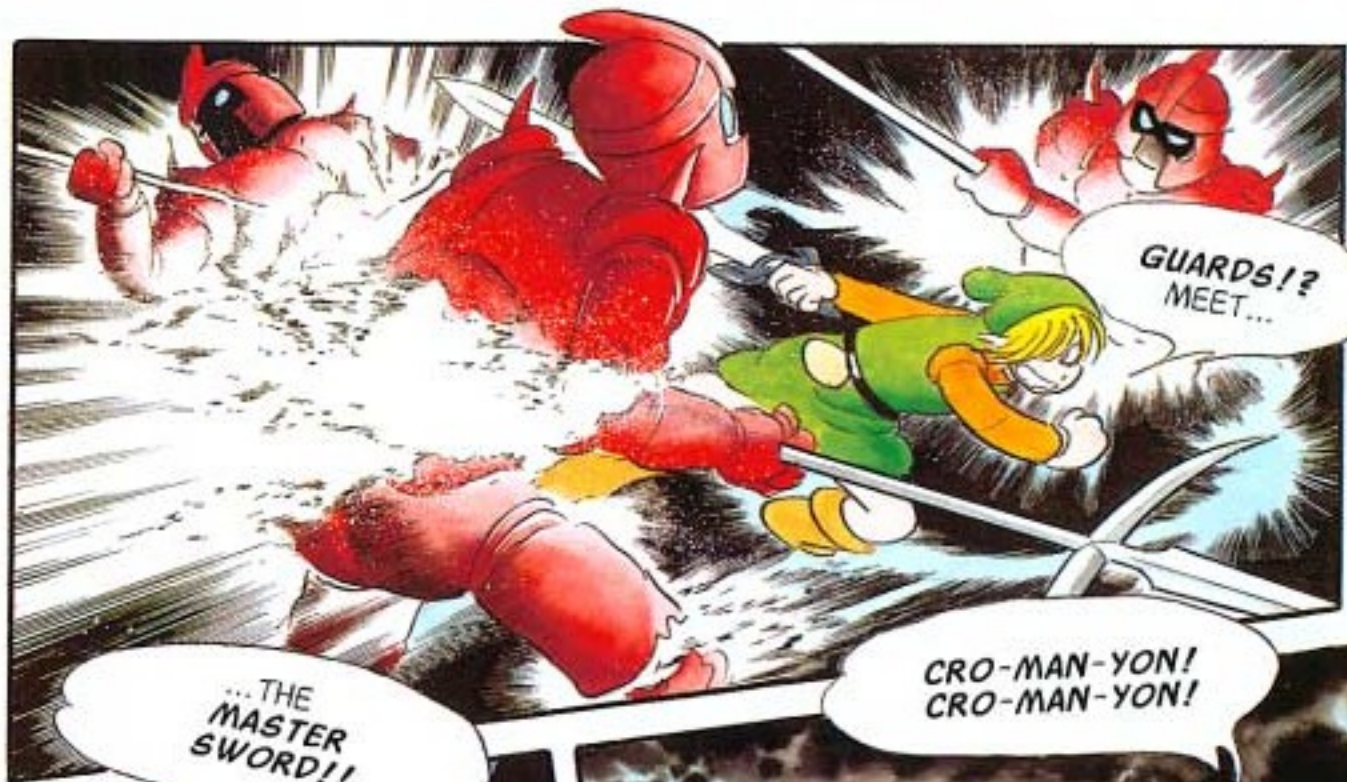
HSSS F
FOOSSS M



I GUESS I SPOKE TOO SOON!

OUCH!





GUARDS!?
MEET...

CRO-MAN-YON!
CRO-MAN-YON!

...THE
MASTER
SWORD!!



NE-AAN-DERU-TAA!



GASP!
IT'S ZELDA!



AGAHNIM!!

LINK, DO NOT PUT
ALL YOUR TRUST IN
THE MASTER SWORD!

EVEN ITS MIGHTY
MAGIC CANNOT HARM
AGAHNIM'S BODY!!

IT'S MY
ONLY CHANCE!

GROAT

WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING?!

MOZZA!!

HUH?! THEN
IT'S TRUE?!

MSA



U L P I !

I...I
CAN'T MOVE!!

HEH HEH...

THE LAST
MOMENT OF
PRINCESS ZELDA!

BEHOLD!



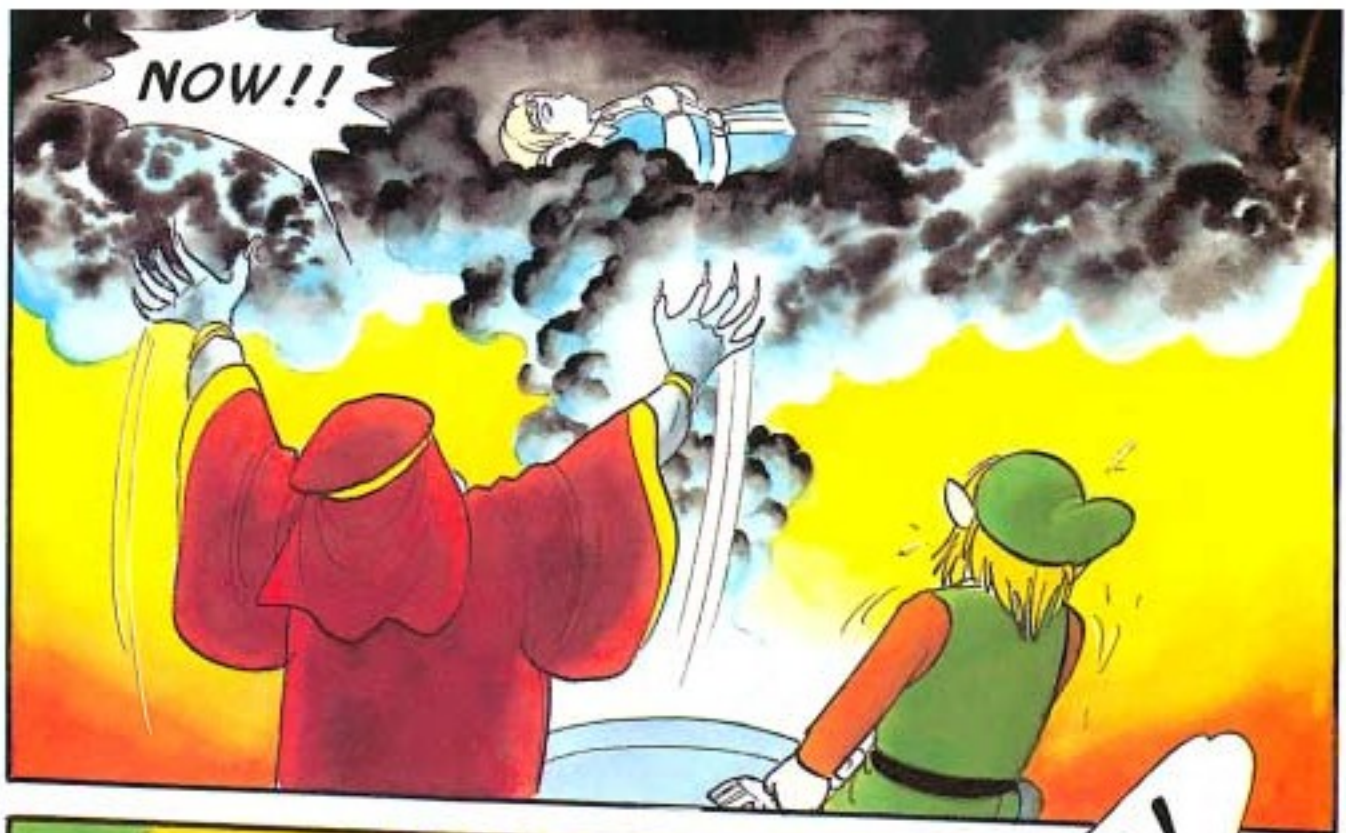
I HAVE BEEN
AWAITING YOUR
ARRIVAL, FOOLISH
HERO!

WATCH NOW AS
YOUR PRECIOUS
PRINCESS **VANISHES**--
BEFORE YOUR VERY
EYES!!



**Z
A
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!**

HAH!!



NOW!!



ZELDA!!



KRACKA-BOOOOSH!

HO HO HO... NOW,
IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE THE FORCES
OF EVIL *CONQUER*
THIS WORLD!

EVEN THE SO-CALLED
"LEGENDARY HERO" IS
HELPLESS AGAINST US, THE
TRIBE OF EVIL, NOW
THAT WE HAVE THE *POWER*
OF GOLD--
THE TRIFORCE!!

TO BE CONTINUED...



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WHAT IS THIS?!!



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CHAPTER SIX
A
FOOL
IN THE
SHAPE
OF A
TREE



HUMMPH...
THE PUNY FOOL'S RAGE IS
SOMEHOW BEING CHANNLED
BY THE
MASTER SWORD!



HE AND
THE SWORD
ARE AS ONE!



HUH?!



I'M
FREE!

HOLD IT,
AGAHNIM!





YAAAAAAH!!

S-S-SW-SHI!



HEH HEH HEH!



UNNNH!



SAHASRAHLA WAS RIGHT!

I CAN'T SEEM TO HARM AGAHNIM'S BODY WITH THE MASTER SWORD!

LINK, LISTEN!
AGAHNIM'S MAGIC IS LIKE
A DOUBLE-EDGED
SWORD...

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

POOF!

THE MASTER
SWORD WAS ALSO
FORGED TO REPEL
EVIL MAGIC!

IT CAN
DEFEND AS WELL
AS ATTACK?

I HAVE
YOU NOW,
AGAHNIM!

YOUR
OWN EVIL
ENERGY

WILL BE
THE END

NOOOOO!!

KRACKA-ZAP!

OF YOU!



ZAH-BOOM!

URRRGH...



WELL MET, HERO...



IT APPEARS YOU ARE NOT SUCH A FOOL AFTER ALL... BUT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE...



MY DEFEAT WILL NOT RESTORE THE WISE MEN'S SEAL, ON THE CONTRARY...



HEH HEH HEH...



RUMBLE RUMBLE

AND WITH MY FINAL BREATH...



... YOU WILL JOIN ZELDA IN...

OH



ZELDA!



I'VE LET
YOU DOWN
AGAIN!

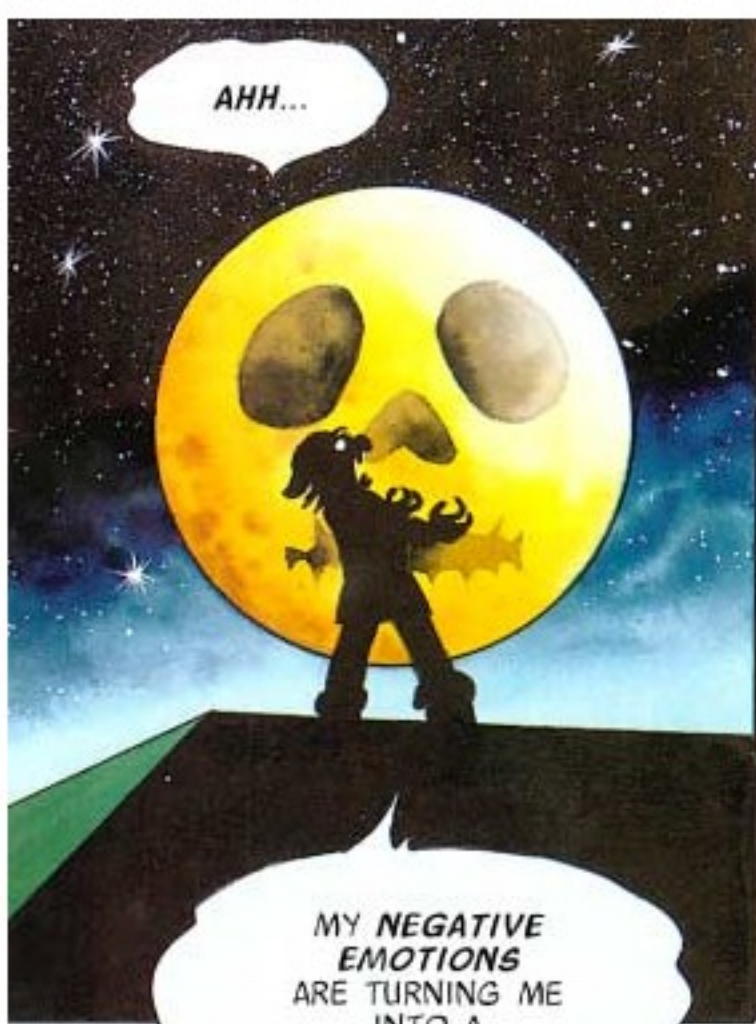


NOW
WHO WILL
SAVE YOU?



OH
NO!





AHH...

MY **NEGATIVE EMOTIONS** ARE TURNING ME INTO A **BEAST!**



I MUST NOT **SURRENDER** TO THESE EMOTIONS!



I'LL LIVE A **BEAST'S LIFE-- FOREVER!**



I **WON'T!**

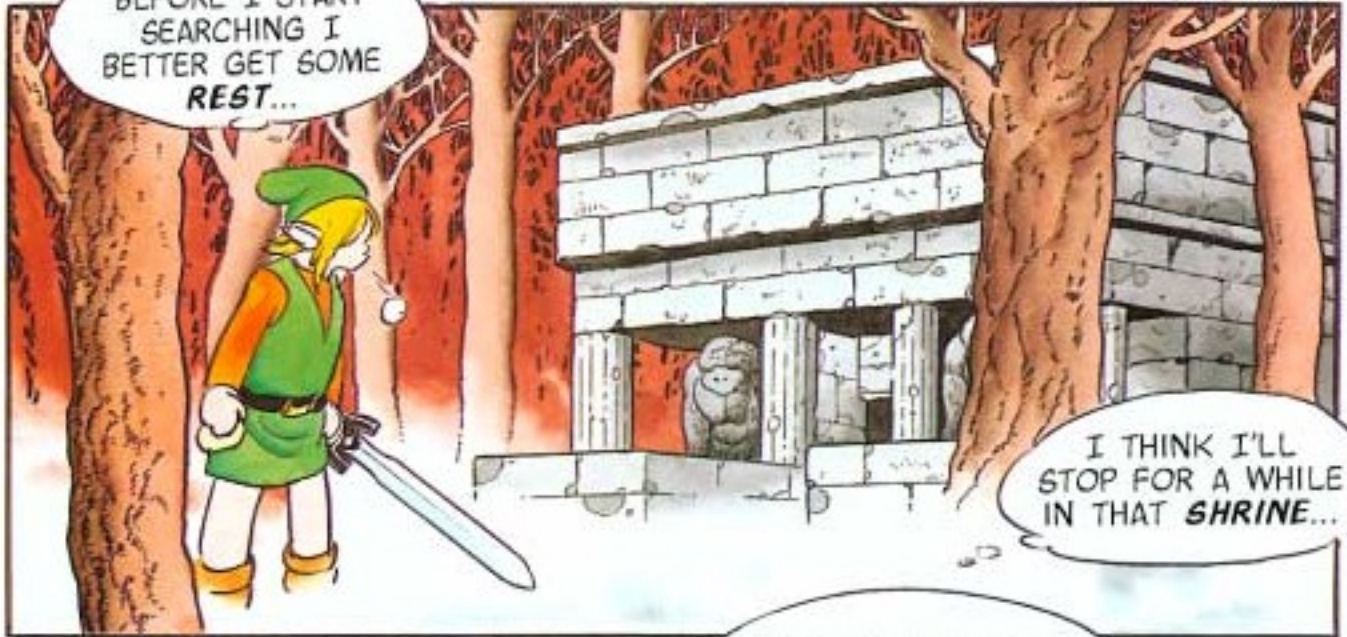
I WILL **NEVER** GIVE UP! I WILL **FIND** ZELDA EVEN IN THE **DARK WORLD!**



KOOO
KOOO!

KAKAKA
KAKAKA

BEFORE I START
SEARCHING I
BETTER GET SOME
REST...



I THINK I'LL
STOP FOR A WHILE
IN THAT **SHRINE...**

THAT SHRUBBERY
LOOKS LIKE THE
KING OF THIS
DEAD WOODS...



YOU THERE...
DID YOU JOURNEY TO
THIS WORLD IN SEARCH
OF THE POWER OF
GOLD-- THE
TRIFORCE?




NOT
REALLY,
BUT...



ONLY THE
FIRST TO TOUCH
THIS GOLDEN POWER
WILL BE ENDOWED
WITH ITS
STRENGTH...






THIS LAND WAS
ONCE THE **GOLDEN LAND**
WHERE THE **TRIFORCE**
WAS HIDDEN BY THOSE
WHO CREATED
THE WORLD.

**GANONDORF THE
THIEF**, SKILLED IN THE
MAGICAL ARTS, ACCIDENT-
ALLY STUMBLED UPON THE
ENTRANCE TO THIS
MAGICAL PLACE

WHEN HE TOUCHED THE
TRIFORCE, HIS EVIL WISHES
WERE **GRANTED**. HE ACHIEVED
ULTIMATE POWER OVER THIS
WORLD AND TRANSFORMED
IT INTO A LAND OF EVIL, A
DARK WORLD.

MANY EVIL
MEN FROM YOUR WORLD
WERE DRAWN HERE. THEY WERE
TRANSFORMED INTO MONSTERS
BECAUSE OF THEIR EVIL
THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS.

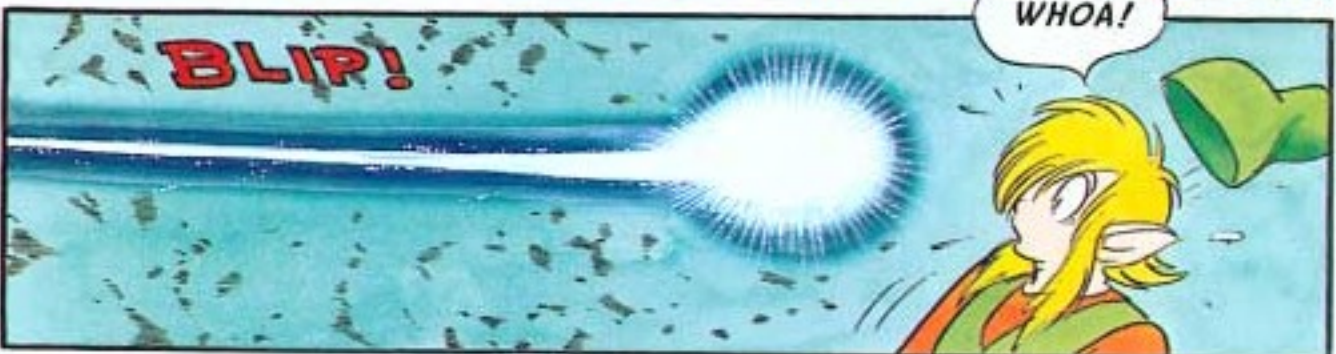
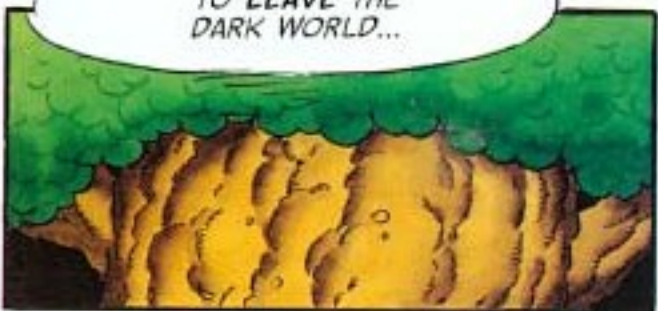
IN ORDER TO RESTORE
THIS WORLD TO THE
SHINING GOLDEN LAND IT
ONCE WAS, YOU MUST DEFEAT
THE THIEF AND RECLAIM
THE TRIFORCE!!



I WAS
ONE OF THEM...



HMMMM...





WHAT!?

RUSTLE RUSTLE

WHO'S THERE?



RUSTLE

YER LYIN'!! DON'T HIDE HER!



ALL RIGHT, KID! DID YOU SEE A FAERIE FLY THROUGH HERE? WHICH WAY DID SHE GO?

SPEAK UP WHEN DA BOSS ASKS YOU A QUESTION!

FAERIE? I DIDN'T SEE...

WE WANT HER MAGIC POWERS AND WE WANT THEM NOW!

GRAB HIM! IF YOU WON'T TELL US WHERE SHE WENT, WE'LL BEAT IT OUT OF YOU!

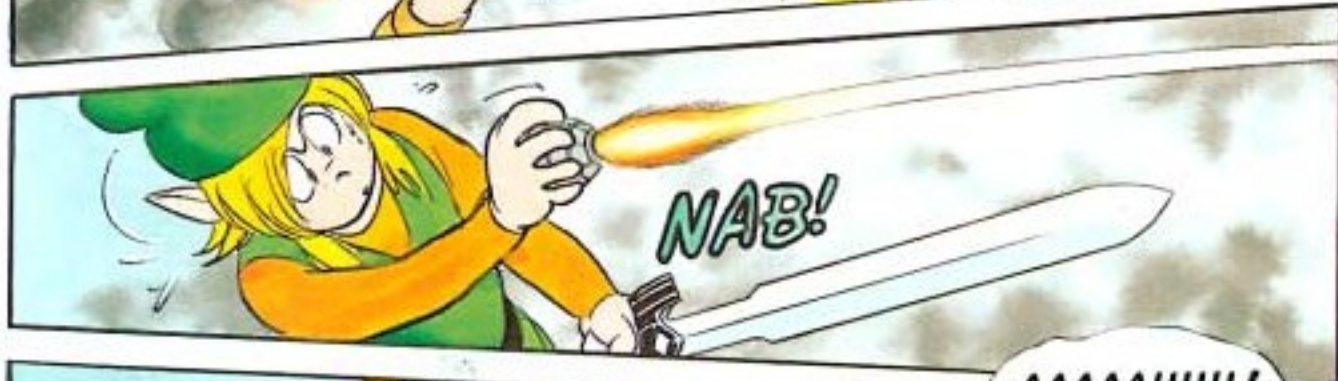
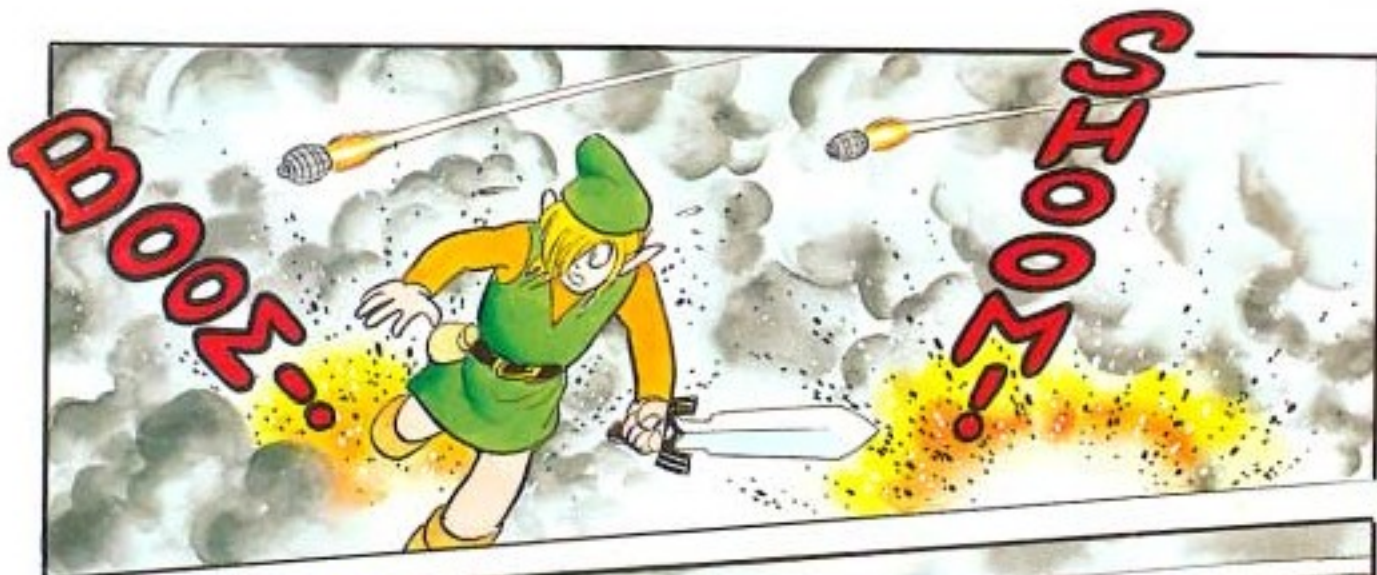
BACK OFF! I'M WARNING YOU!



I TOLD YOU I DON'T HAVE HER!









HUH?



ALTHOUGH LINK COULD NOT PREVENT AGAHNIM FROM SENDING ZELDA TO THE DARK WORLD BEFORE HIS VERY EYES, HE WAS TRIUMPHANT IN DEFEATING THE EVIL WIZARD THEREAFTER IN A TERRIFIC BATTLE. EVEN IN DEFEAT, AGAHNIM WAS ABLE TO TRAP LINK IN THE DARK WORLD ALSO. IN THIS DISTANT WORLD FULL OF MONSTERS, BEYOND THE REACH OF SAHASRAHLA'S TELEPATHIC ADVICE, LINK WAS LEFT TO FIGHT ALONE.



YOU... YOU MUST BE... THE FAERIE THE MONSTERS WERE AFTER!



Wooo!

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA

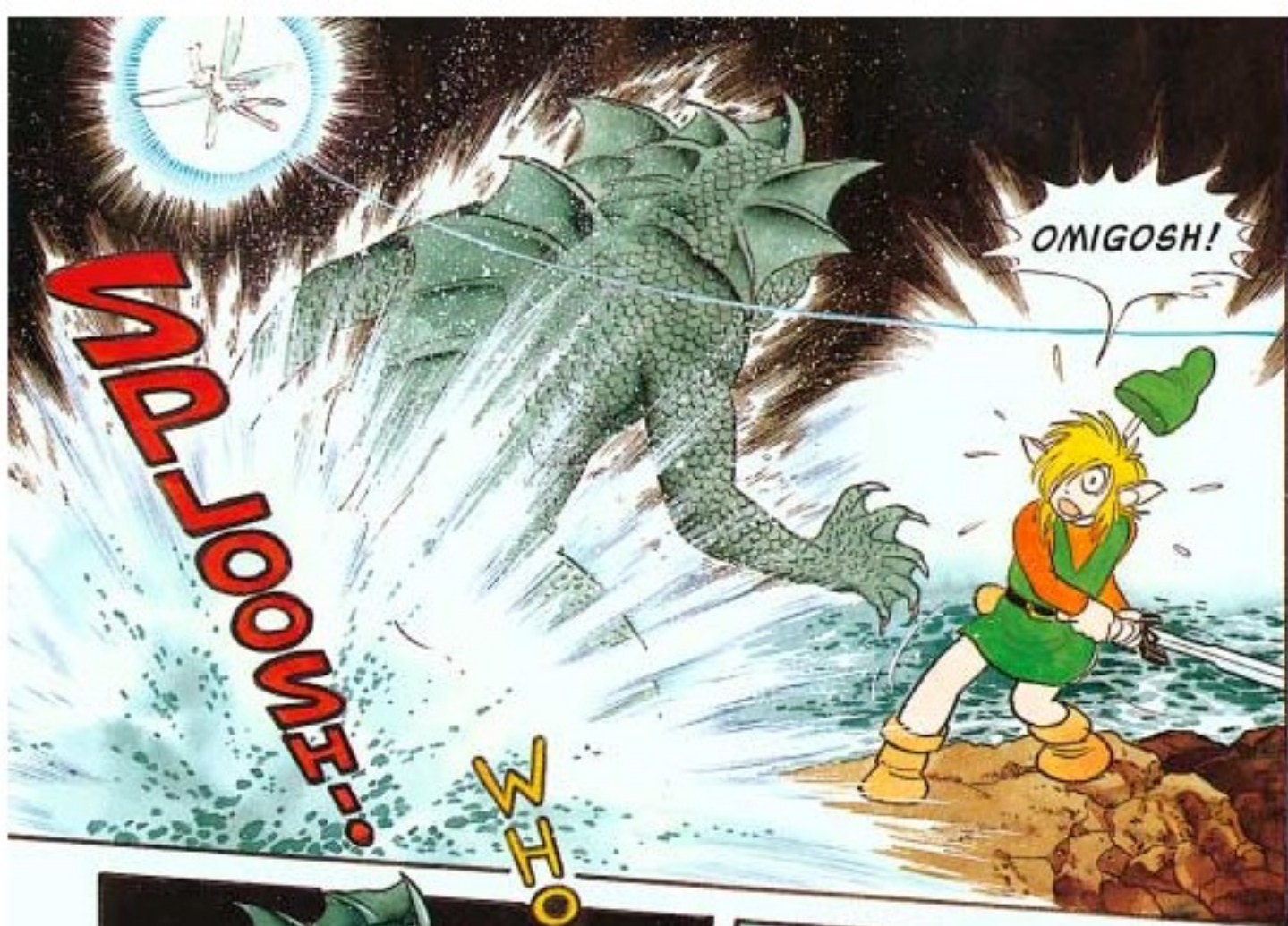
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CHAPTER SEVEN ZORA'S MASK

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OMIGOSH!

WAAAAOOOMPH!!

WAAAAOOOMPH!!



UNNH...



AWWWW



HIINA...

THE SWORD...
SO HEAVYYYY...

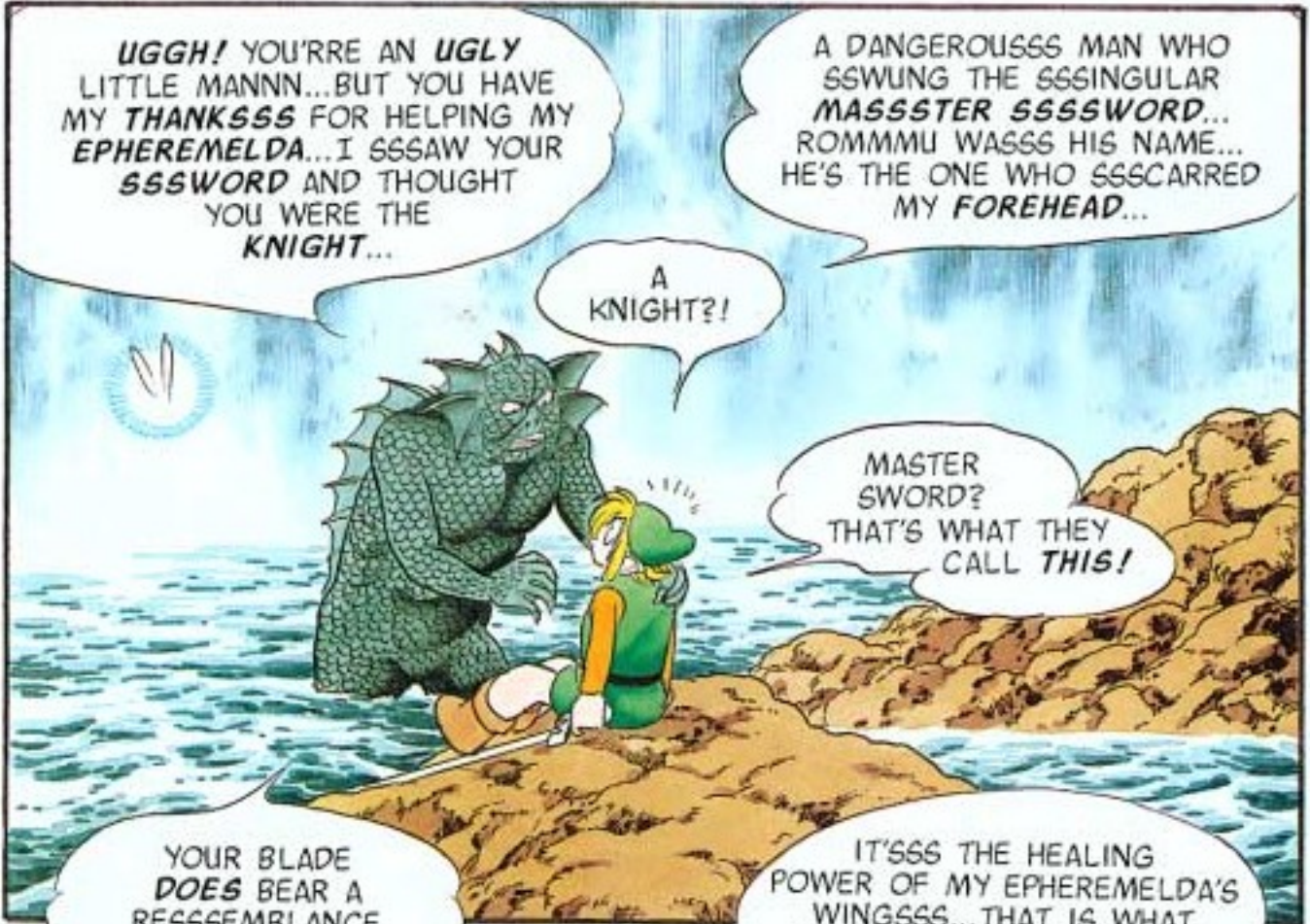


WOO...



I GUESS THIS IS THE END!!

OH NO!!



UGGH! YOU'RE AN UGLY LITTLE MANN...BUT YOU HAVE MY THANKSSS FOR HELPING MY EPHEREMELDA...I SSSAW YOUR SSSWORD AND THOUGHT YOU WERE THE KNIGHT...

A DANGEROUSSS MAN WHO SSWUNG THE SSSINGULAR MASSSTER SSSSWORD... ROMMMU WASSS HIS NAME... HE'S THE ONE WHO SSSCARRED MY FOREHEAD...

A KNIGHT?!

MASTER SWORD? THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL THIS!

YOUR BLADE DOES BEAR A RESSEMBLANCE TO HISSS...

IT'SSS THE HEALING POWER OF MY EPHEREMELDA'S WINGSSS... THAT IS WHAT MAKESSS HER DESSSIRABLE TO THE THIEVES OF THISSS WORLD...



OH?!

SUDDENLY I FEEL HEALED AND REFRESHED!



MY NAME ISSS
ZZZORA...MMMY PEOPLE
HAD LIVED IN **PEACE**
SSSINCE WATER
FIRSSST FELL
UPON THE EARTH...

...UNTIL **GANON** USSSURPED
THE **POWER OF GOLD**
AND CREATED THE
DARK WORLD!

THAT'S RIGHT!
**SOME PEOPLE ARE
OPPOSED TO HIS
RULE, YA KNOW!**

SAYYY...I HAVEN'T
SEEN **YOU** AROUND
HERE BEFORE!

SO YOU ARE **NOT**
ONE OF **GANON'S**
FOLLOWERS?

WELL, I
TRIED TO SAVE
ZELDA...

...BUT AGAHNIM
CAST ME INTO
THIS WORLD!

OH, REALLY?
AGAHNIM AND GANON
ARE **GOOD BUDDIES!**

EVEN THOUGH
GANON HAS THE **TRI-
FORCE**, HE CAN'T GO TO
HYRULE! SO, HE SENT
AGAHNIM THERE TO DO
HIS DIRTY WORK!

AGAHNIM
SENT THE MAIDENS
HERE SO GANON COULD
STEAL THEIR POWER!

THEN THE
MISSING
GIRLS...

...AND **ZELDA**...
ARE ALIVE AND
IN **THIS** WORLD?

YESSS, AND ONE IS
IMPRISONED IN **CRYSTAL**
IN THE PALACE NEARBY...

BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T
GO THERE!

IN LEGENDSSSS THAT PLACE IS KNOWN AS THE **PALACE OF DARKNESS**...GANON'S SERVANTSS HAVE SSSSTOCKPILED THE DANGEROUSSS, EXPLOSSIVE **FIRECORN** THERE...

I'VE ALREADY **SEEN** WHAT THE **FIRECORN** CAN DO, BUT NO MATTER WHAT...

I **MUST** RESCUE THE GIRL WHO IS **HELD** THERE!

COOL!

HMMMMM...

IF YOU **MUSSST** GO, TAKE MY EPHEREMELDA FOR YOUR GGGUIDE...

...ALSO, YOUR GGGROTÉSSSQUE FACE ISSS TOO **CONSSSPICUOUSSS**...

Plck!

AHHH... **SPLENDID!** TAKE GOOD **CARE** OF HIM, EPHEREMELDA!

...YOU MUSST WEAR **ZZZORA'S MASSSK!!**

SPLORK!

...



IT'S THE
PALACE OF
DARKNESS!

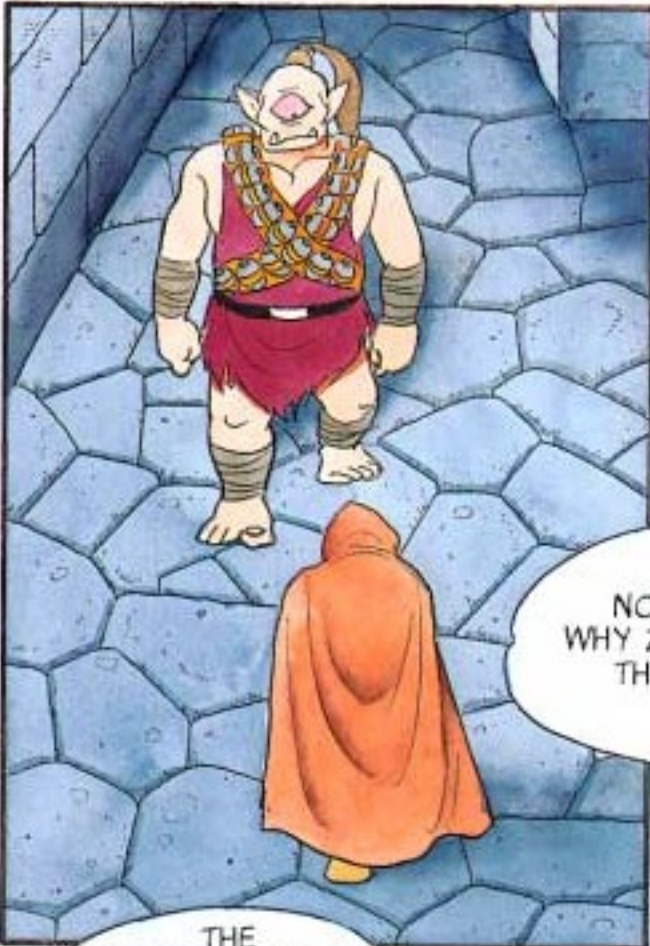
AND INSIDE, A
MAIDEN IN A CRYSTAL
COCCOON...

MAYBE IT'S
ZELDA!

IGNORE THE GUARDS!
TRY TA LOOK LIKE
YA BELONG HERE!



WHAT?!





YIKES!

⇒WHEW!⇐ JUST
A **STATUE!** DON'T
SCARE ME LIKE
THAT!

I CAN SEE ANOTHER
FACE BEHIND THE MASK! THE
FACE OF AN **INTRUDER!**
**DEATH TO THE
INTERLOPER!**



IT'S
ROCKLOPS
#1!



ZZZZIT!

OH,
NO!





IT'S THE
CRYSTAL
COCCOON

WHIRRRR
WHIRRR

ZELDA?!

WHIRRRR



NO,
IT'S NOT
HER!

DRAT!



GLEEOCK!!

GRRRRROARRR!!

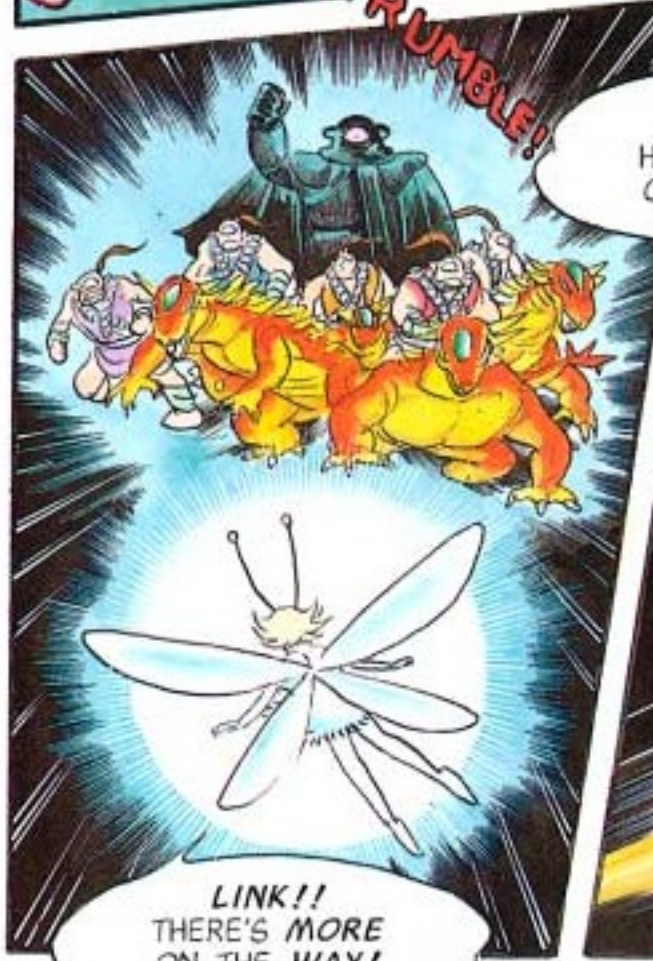


KA-TINK!



GRRRRUGGH!!
RRR RUMBLE!

WOULD YOU MIND
TAKING THEM A
PRESENT!?



WE
HAVE **ONE**
CHANCE...



WOULD I
MIND?



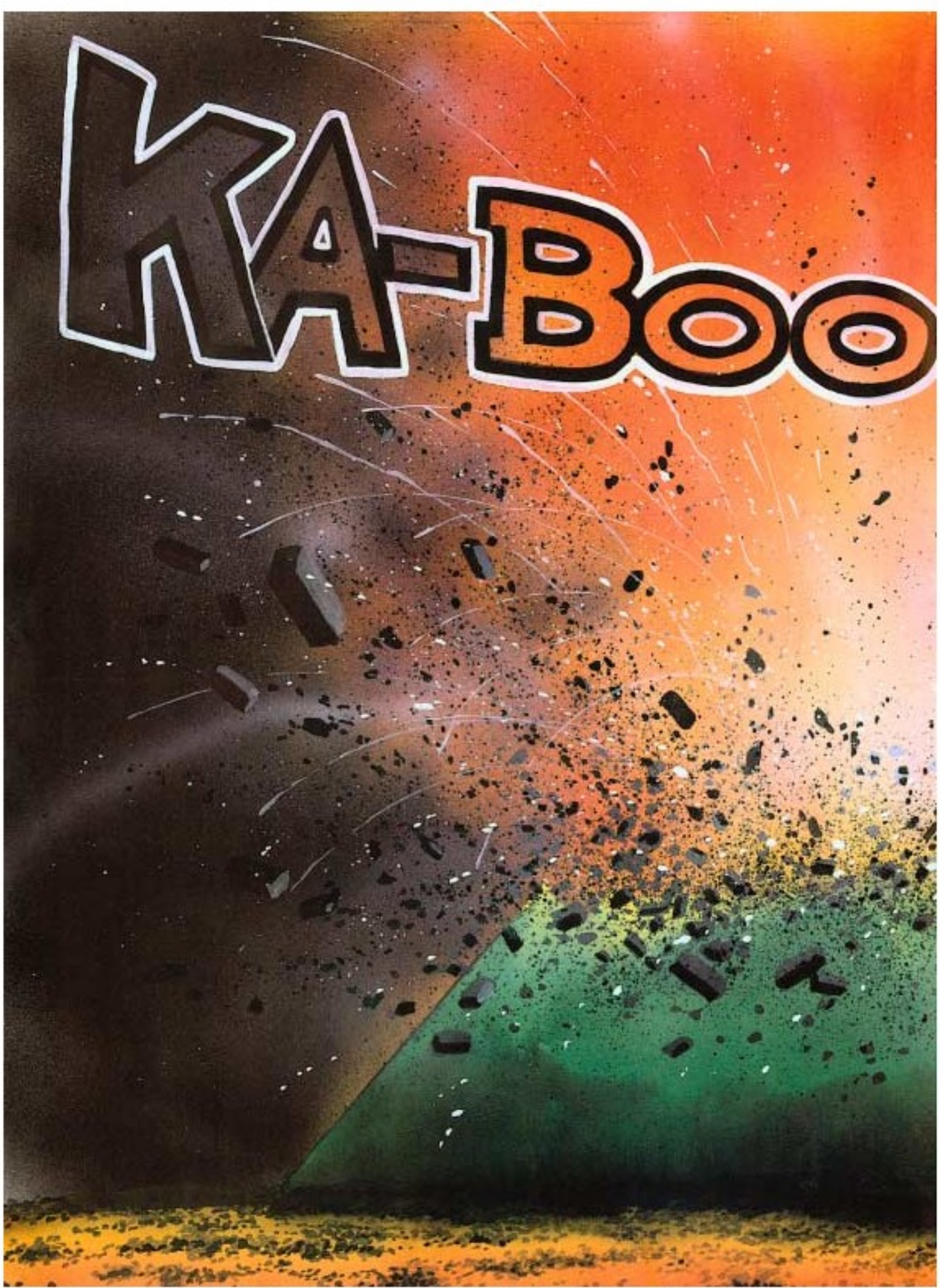
WHIZZZ!

WHIZZZ!

LINK!!
THERE'S **MORE**
ON THE WAY!

I'D LOVE
TO!

KA-BOOO



OOOM!





GRRROAN...



SPARKLE!



CRASH!!!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, EPHEREMELDA?!



GOSH! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED!

I'M ALL RIGHT, BUT MY HEART IS BEATING SO FAST!!



K-K-K-K



K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K

THANK YOU, LINK!
BECAUSE OF YOU
I CAN *ESCAPE* THIS
CRYSTAL PRISON!

NOW, HERE IS
SOMETHING THAT WILL
HELP YOU--THE
COMM-FORK!

WAIT! DO
YOU KNOW WHERE
ZELDA IS...

CHINNING...

COMM-FORK?!

NOW YOU WILL
HAND *ME* THE
MASTER SWORD!!

WHU ARE
YOU?!

TO BE CONTINUED.

WHO ARE YOU?

I CHALLENGE YOU...

...FOR THE RIGHT TO WIELD THE MASTER SWORD!!

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MY NAME IS ROAM!

KA-TANNG!!



SHIT!

DEFEND YOURSELF!



STUR
LE!



WHAT ARE YOU?

SKREEEK!

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CHAPTER EIGHT
**ROAM,
THE MYSTERY KNIGHT**



IF YOU ARE *TRULY* THE HERO...

...AND YOUR SWORD IS REALLY THE *MASTER SWORD*...



IT IS WRITTEN IN
THE **BOOK OF MUDORA**:
"HE WHO CORRUPTS THE LAND
OF GOLD SHALL FALL TO THE
SHAFT OF THE ENCHANTED
ARROW OF SILVER..."

MY FAMILY HAS
ALWAYS **EXCELLED** IN
ARCHERY, AND IT IS MY
DESTINY TO DESTROY
GANON!



I HAVE NOT
YET OBTAINED THE
ENCHANTED ARROW,
BUT...



ENCHANTED
ARROW?



ROAM IS THE DESCENDANT OF ONE OF
THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE WHO WAS A
MASTER ARCHER. WHEN HE DISCOVERED
THAT AGAHNIM WAS SENDING MEMBERS
OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN'S LINE TO THE
DARK WORLD, HE WENT **AFTER THEM**
THROUGH THE PORTAL NEAR
DEATH MOUNTAIN.

SO YOUR ANCESTORS
WERE KNIGHTS OF
HYRULE? **MINE
TOO!**

YES, THOUGH I
DOUBT THEY WERE OF THE
SAME BLOOD AS YOURS... DO
NOT BE **DECEIVED** BY MY FORM...
WHEN I DO BATTLE, I AM
TRANSFORMED INTO A
MONSTROUS **EAGLE** BY THE
DARK FORCES OF THIS
WORLD!

PERHAPS WE CAN
JOIN FORCES TO FIND
PRINCESS ZELDA!



WHAT?!
PRINCESS ZELDA
IS HERE, IN THE
DARK WORLD?!!

WHERE WERE
THE KNIGHTS?
WHY DIDN'T THEY
PROTECT HER?!

THEY MUST BE MAD,
GIVING A WEAKLING LIKE
YOU THE MASTER SWORD
AND SENDING YOU TO
RESCUE HER!

WEAKLING?

I'LL
SHOW YOU
WHO'S
WEAK!!

I'VE BEEN THROUGH
A LOT TO GET THIS
FAR! I HAVE THE PENDANTS
OF POWER, WISDOM AND
COURAGE TO PROVE IT!

I FIND THAT
DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE,
WITH YOUR LACK
OF DISCIPLINE,
AND OBVIOUS
IMMATURITY...

WELL, I'M OFF TO
FIND THE ENCHANTED
SILVER ARROW...

...WITHOUT IT, NO
ONE CAN DEFEAT
GANON.

I HAVE A FEELING
THAT THE TIME WILL
COME WHEN WE MUST
JOIN FORCES AGAINST
HIM...

...UNTIL THEN,
DO TRY TO
STAY ALIVE.

STRANGE...

OF ALL THE CRAZY,
MIXED-UP CREATURES
IN THIS WORLD,
THAT GUY BEATS
'EM ALL!



WHAT'S THAT NOISE?



...AND THE EASTERN PALACE WAS SHAKEN BY A QUAKE THAT ALMOST LEVELLED IT...



HUMMMMM!

SAHASRAH!!



SHHH...DID YOU HEAR THAT? I THOUGHT I HEARD LINK'S VOICE...

I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING...

YOU MUST BE HEARING THINGS... AFTER ALL, YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HIM A LOT LATELY...



YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. ANYWAY, WHERE WAS I? YES, THE STRANGE PENDANT...



...WHEN THE COMFORK RINGS! THE GIRL IN THE CRYSTAL WASN'T KIDDING WHEN SHE SAID IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL!

I CAN SEE THEM...

NOW I
HEAR HIM!



BUT IF HE IS IN
THE DARK WORLD... AHHH,
IT MUST BE THE MAGICAL
COMFORK, OF LEGEND!
THE VIBRATIONS OF THIS
CRYSTAL TUNING FORK
CAN DISTORT TIME
AND SPACE...

WHILE THE COMFORK
VIBRATES, YOU CAN
COMMUNICATE WITH BEINGS
ON DIFFERENT PLANES
OF EXISTENCE...

SO
DO
I...



LINK?
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE **SAFE!**

THROUGH THE COMFORK'S MAGIC, LINK
TOLD HIS FRIENDS ABOUT HIS JOURNEY
THROUGH THE DARK WORLD AND ABOUT
HIS BATTLES AT THE PYRAMID AND THE
PALACE OF DARKNESS. AS HE SPOKE,
SAHASRAHLA NOTED SIMILARITIES BETWEEN
THE DARK WORLD AND HYRULE ON HIS
MAP OF THE LAND.



LINK, LISTEN!
ACCORDING TO MY
CALCULATIONS, THE LOCATION
OF THE **PYRAMID IN THE DARK**
WORLD CORRESPONDS TO
THAT OF **HYRULE CASTLE**
IN THE LIGHT WORLD!

THE **PALACE OF**
DARKNESS, WHICH
YOU DESTROYED, MUST
SOMEHOW BE **CONNECTED**
TO **HYRULE'S**
EASTERN PALACE!

THAT EXPLAINS
THE SUDDEN
EARTHQUAKE...

THIS EVENT LEADS ME
TO BELIEVE THAT THE DARK
WORLD IS LIKE A WARPED
REFLECTION OF OUR LIGHT
WORLD, AND THAT THE TWO
WORLDS ARE SOMEHOW
CONNECTED!

ALSO, IT APPEARS
THAT THE **INNER CONTENTS**
OF YOUR **MIND** WILL ALSO
INFLUENCE THE **EXTERNAL**
SHAPE OF YOUR **BODY** IN
THE DARK WORLD!

I'M GLAD YOU
FOUND A WAY TO
COMMUNICATE
WITH US, LINK!

BECAUSE THE MIND
OF THE MAIDEN WAS SO
PURE, SHE WAS IMPRISONED
IN THE CRYSTAL COCOON...

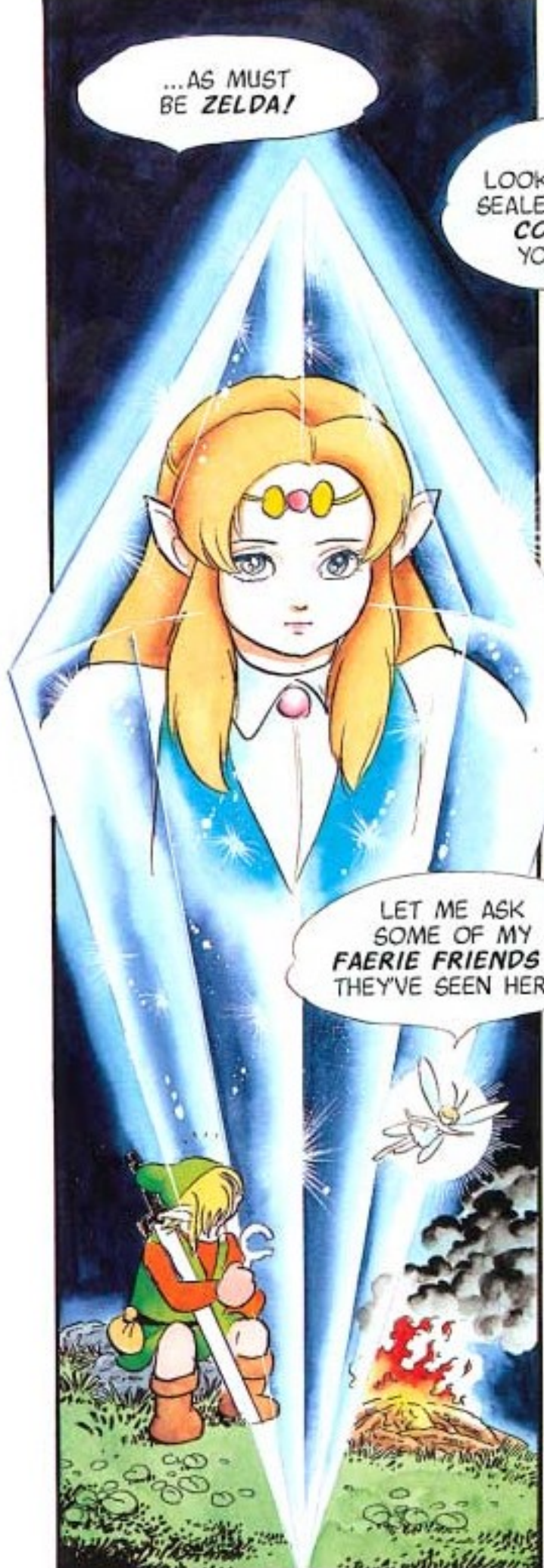
...AS MUST
BE **ZELDA!**

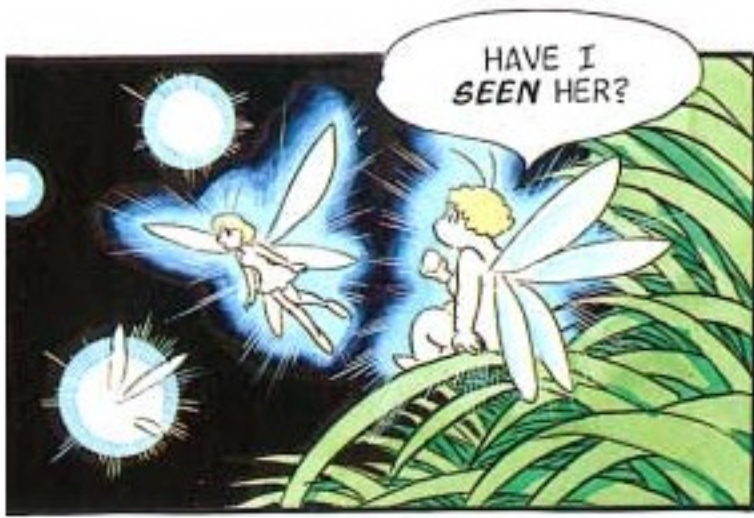
SAY, I'M
LOOKING FOR A GIRL
SEALED IN A **CRYSTAL
COCOON**. HAVE
YOU **SEEN** HER?

"YA KNOW, I OVERHEARD SOME
MONSTERS TALKING ABOUT
SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEAR
THE SWAMP PALACE..."

LET ME ASK
SOME OF MY
FAERIE FRIENDS IF
THEY'VE SEEN HER...

THE
SWAMP PALACE,
EH?







YEAH? WELL I CAN'T JUST FLY UP THERE LIKE YOU CAN! I DON'T HAVE WINGS!

WELL...



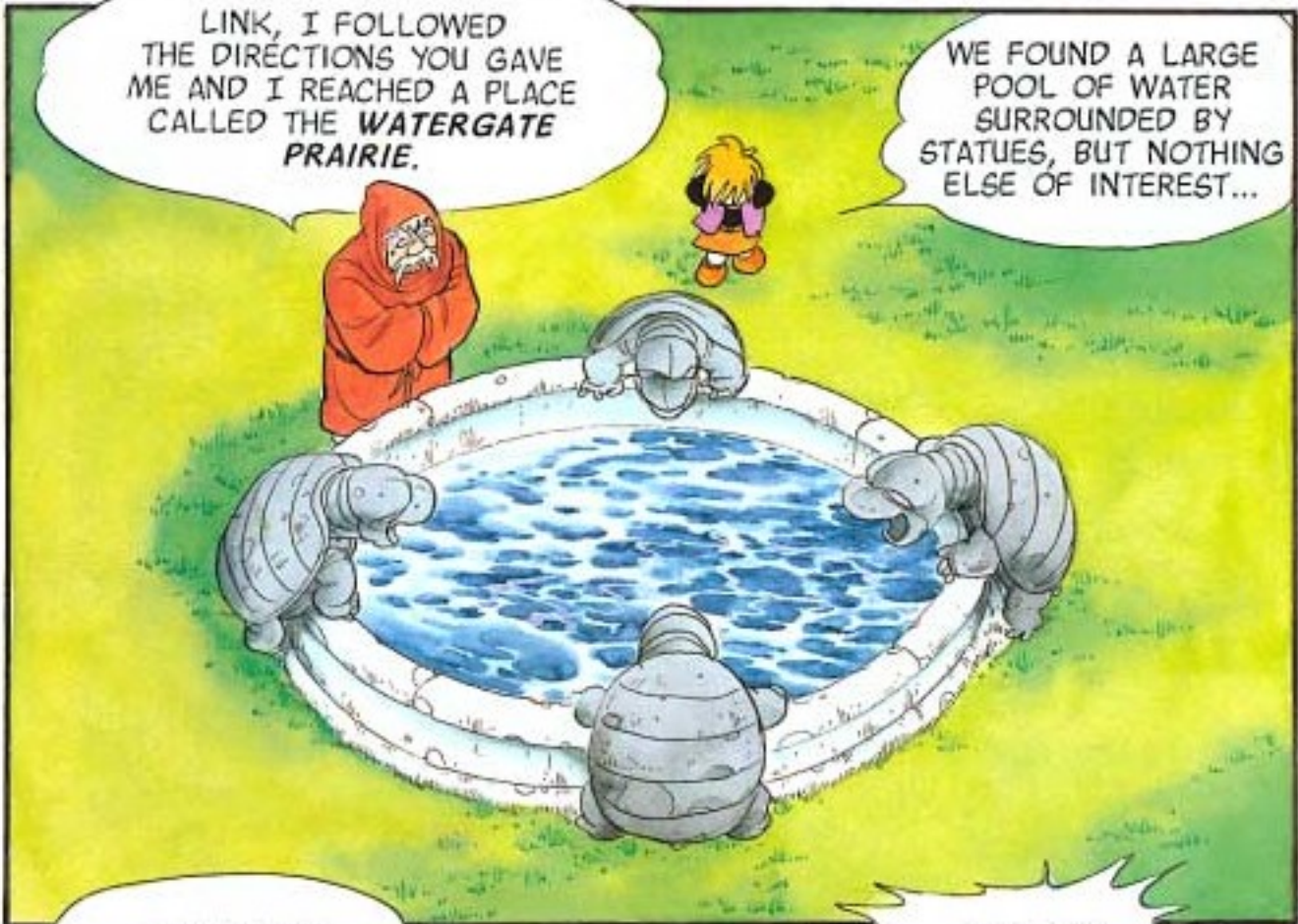
MAYBE SAHASRAHLA HAS AN IDEA! I'LL CALL HIM WITH THE COMFORK!

LINK, IS THAT YOU?



LINK, I FOLLOWED THE DIRECTIONS YOU GAVE ME AND I REACHED A PLACE CALLED THE **WATERGATE PRAIRIE**.

WE FOUND A LARGE POOL OF WATER SURROUNDED BY STATUES, BUT NOTHING ELSE OF INTEREST...



SO THERE'S WATER ON YOUR SIDE?



LOOK IN THE **POOL!** I SEE LINK!



LINK!!
BEHIND
YOU!!





HEH HEH HEH... I SHUT THE DOOR! NOW YOU'RE **TRAPPED** IN HERE!

WHEN WE TAKE YOU TO **GANON**, HE'LL REWARD US **WELL!**



DON'T COUNT YOUR RUPEES **YET**... YOU STILL HAVE TO **DEAL** WITH ME BEFORE YOU **COLLECT** THAT REWARD!

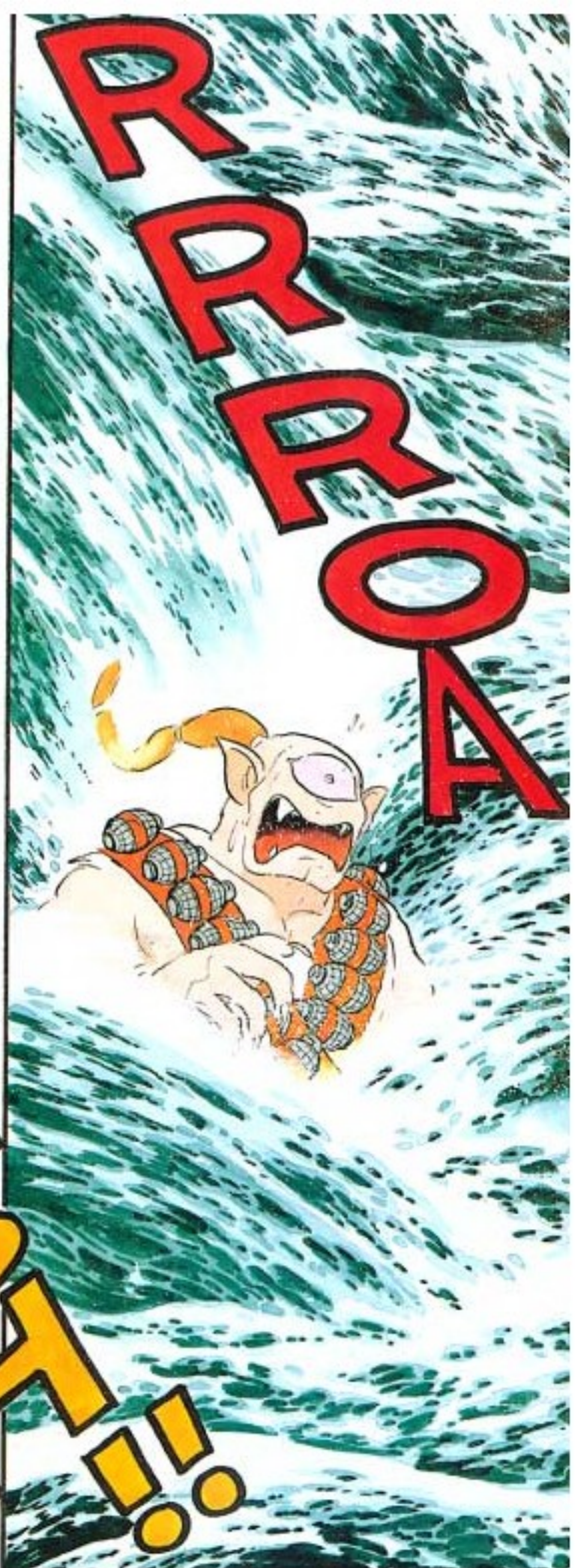
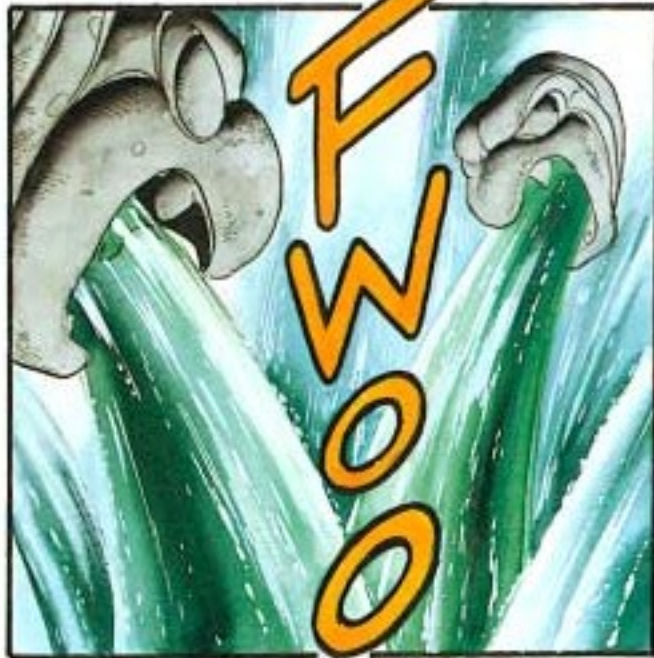


GET 'EM,
LINK!!



UH-OH...





YAAAAAAAAAH!!



AAA



RRR!!!

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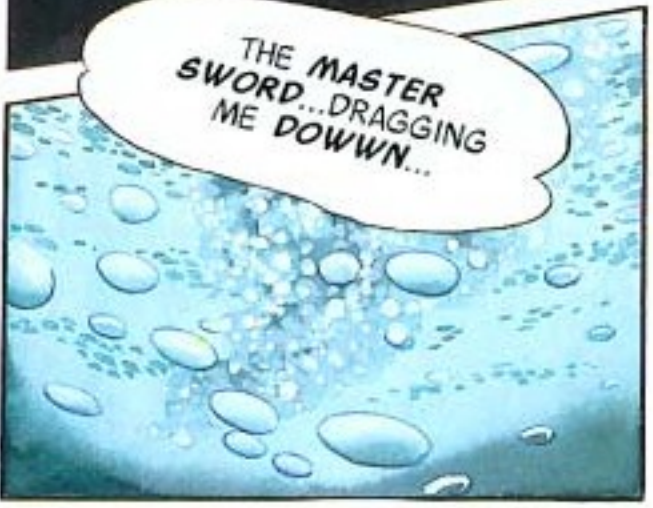
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CHAPTER NINE

**WIZZROBE'S
TRAP**

BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI







IT'S THE
CRYSTAL!



LINK! BE
CAREFUL!

IT MIGHT
BE A TRAP!



NO PROBLEM, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT NOW...



WHAT... IS... THIS?!











ALL RIGHT, WHERE IS THAT?!

ERR...HOLD YOUR HORSES... GIVE ME A MINUTE...



LINK!!

ZZZZ



ZELDA?!

IS THAT YOU?!

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?!

I... AM...NEARBY... HURRY!

NOW YOU'RE HEARING THINGS!



CAN'T YOU HEAR HER? ZELDA IS CALLING FROM BEYOND THE WASTELAND!

ANYWAY, THE WASTELAND IS WAY TOO HARSH! ONCE YOU GET IN THERE, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!



I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND THE MAP FIRST!

IF THIS WASTELAND IS AS DANGEROUS AS YOU SAY IT IS, I'VE GOT TO GET ZELDA OUT OF THERE RIGHT AWAY!



I'VE HAD IT!! ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT IS ZELDA THIS AND ZELDA THAT! YOU NEVER WORRY ABOUT ME!



FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!



LINK...

IT'S SOME
KIND OF *OASIS!*



LINK!



THIS MUST BE
WHERE ZELDA IS BEING
HELD! ZELDA! I'M
ON MY WAY!



I FINALLY
FOUND YOU!



CAN
IT BE?



ZELDA!!



BUT WAIT...

THE GIRL IN THE CRYSTAL SAID ZELDA WAS IN A ROCK SHAPED LIKE A TURTLE...



LINK... COME... CLOSER...



I HAVE YOU NOW, MY PRETTY!!



YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO MY TRAP, TASTY MORSEL!

HEE HEE HEE

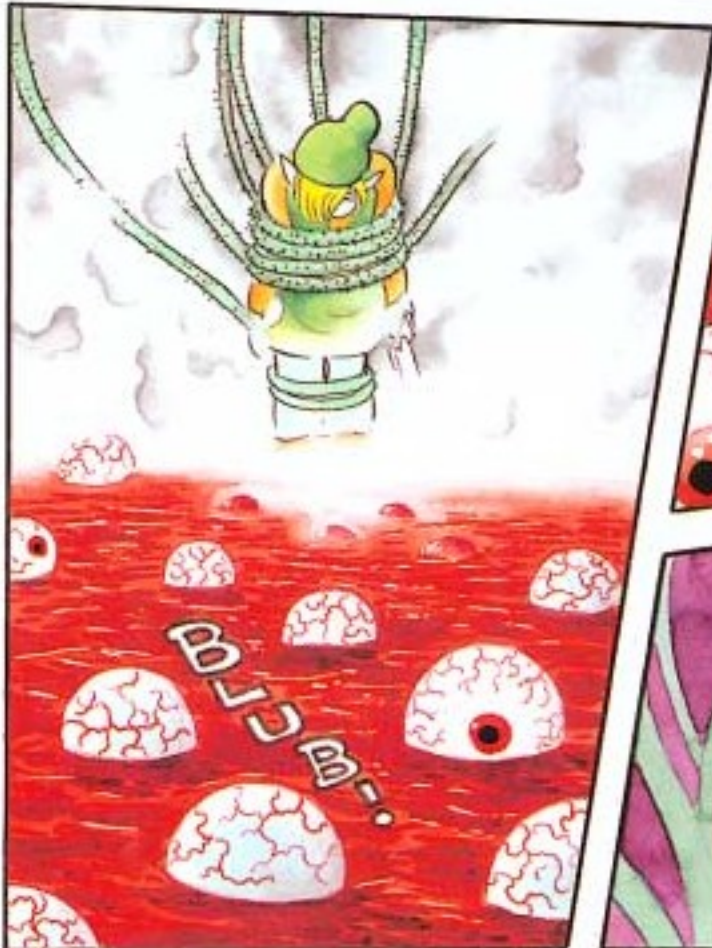
THIS IS MISERY MIRE, WORLD FAMOUS FOR ITS FINE AROMA OF SWAMP GAS. YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR DINNER WITH SIR VITREOUS, THE MASTER OF THIS PLACE...

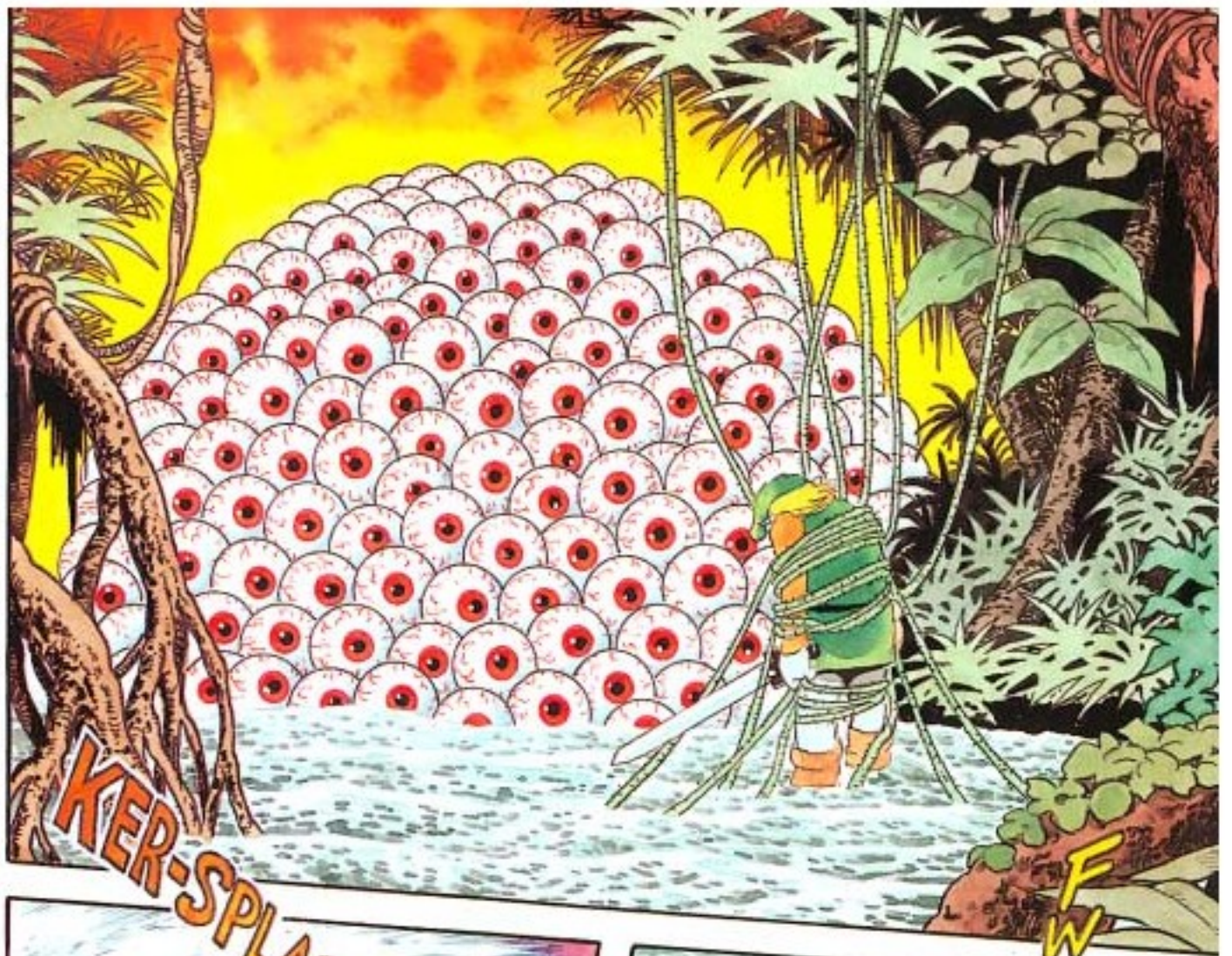
AN ILLUSION! YOU... TRICKED ME!

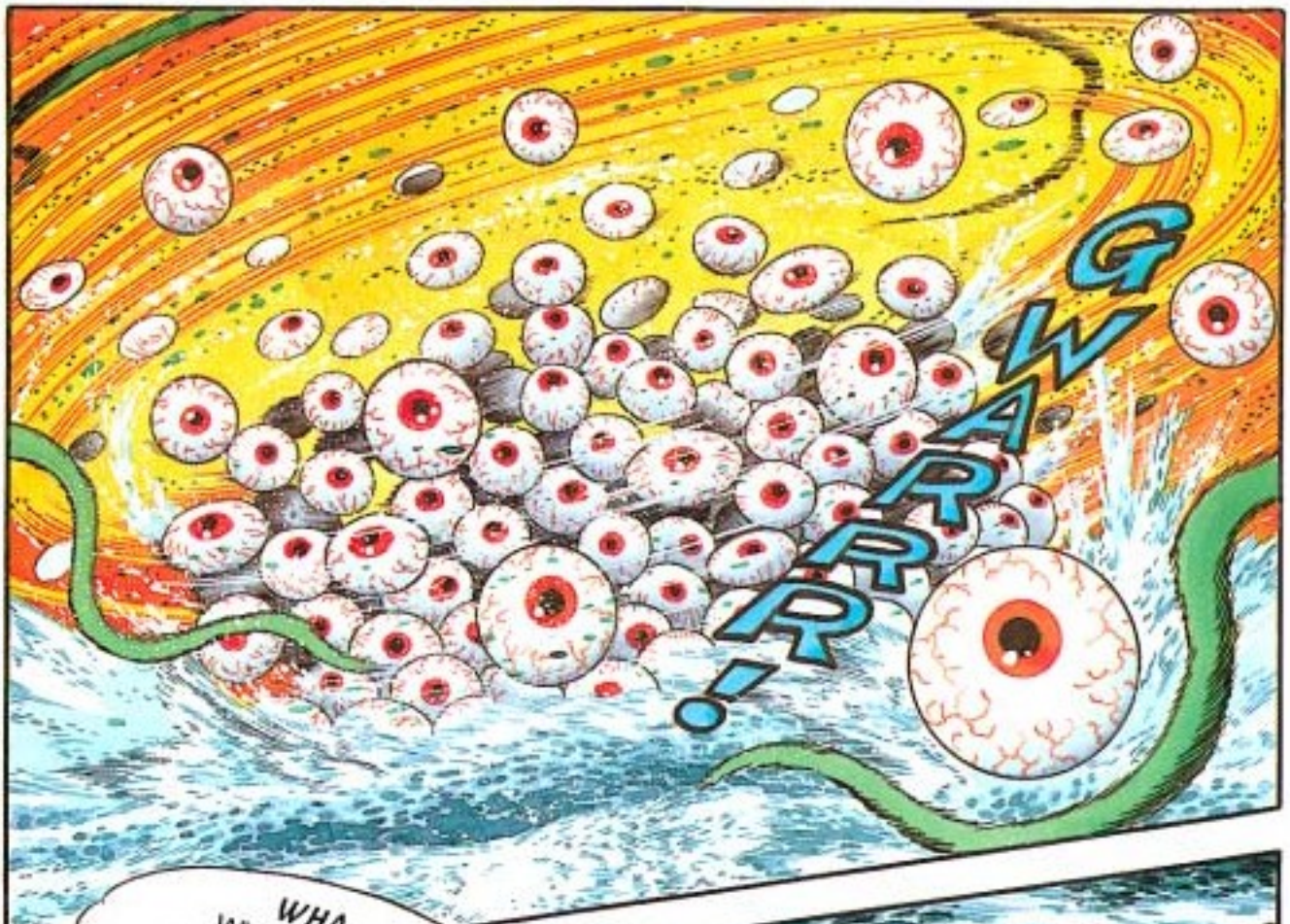
SHWHIPP!

THWHIPP!

DINNER, WITH YOU AS THE MAIN COURSE!








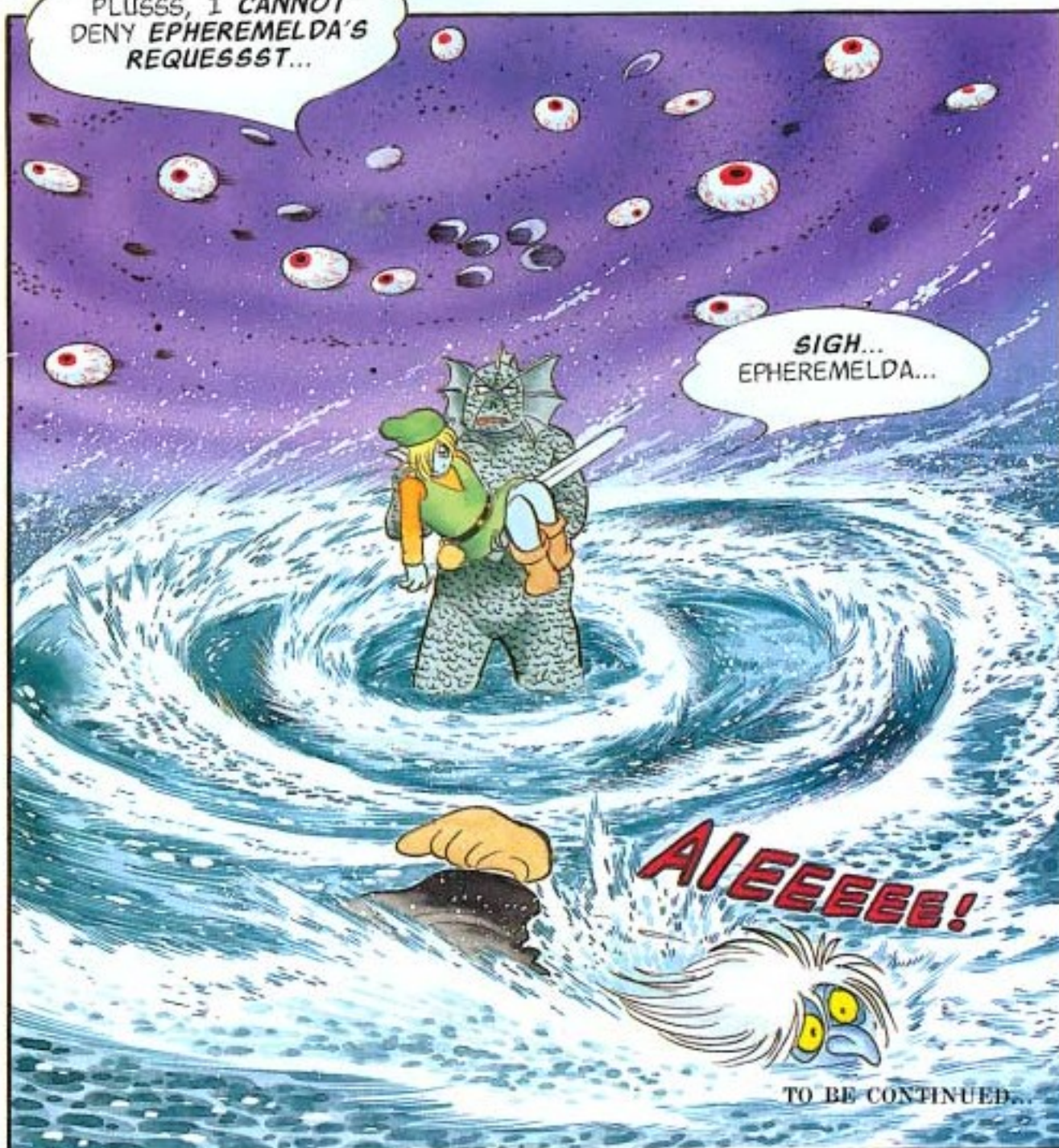
WHA--
WHERE'D THIS
WHIRLPOOL COME
FROM?!



A Zora with a scaly green body and a crown-like headpiece stands next to Link, who is wearing his signature green tunic and hat. The Zora is holding a sword. The background is a bright yellow and orange sunburst pattern.

ZORA...HOW'D
YOU GET HERE?
HOW'D YOU
KNOW?

AHHH...IT ISSS SSSIMPLE
FOR ME TO APPEAR
ANYWHERE THERE ISSS
WATER...

The scene shifts to a dark purple, swirling whirlpool. The Zora and Link are in the center, looking up. The water is turbulent and white with foam. In the foreground, a hand is seen holding a small, white, fish-like creature with large yellow eyes.

PLUSSS, I CANNOT
DENY EPHEREMELDA'S
REQUSSST...

SIGH...
EPHEREMELDA...

ALIEEE!

TO BE CONTINUED...


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CHAPTER TEN
TO
**TURTLE ROCK...
AND ZELDA!**

BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI

BEFORE WE
FIND A *MAP* ON
THIS *ICE*...

**SKISSH
SWISSH
SKISSH!**



...WE'RE LIKELY TO GET
BURIED IN THE **SNOW!**

Woooooosh!

AFTER **ZORA** SAVED LINK FROM DEFEAT IN **MISERY MIRE**, OUR HERO SETS OFF FOR THE **TOWER OF ICE** WITH **EPHEREMELDA**. IT IS RUMORED THAT A **MAP OF THE LOCATION OF TURTLE ROCK** LIES IN THE TOWER. IN **TURTLE ROCK**, LINK HOPES TO FIND **ZELDA**...



LINK! IT'S THE TOWER OF ICE!





FADDAY



CRASH!



Bloop!

WHERE...
WHERE ARE
WE?



WOW!



THIS WAY!



ULP!



HEH HEH HEH...
ADMIRING MY WALL
DECORATIONS, EH?!
WHO ARE YOU?!

POP!



I DON'T WANT
ANY *TROUBLE!* I
JUST WANT TO SEE
THE *MAP* OF THE
DARK WORLD!

MAP,
YOU SAY?

THIS MAP YOU SPEAK
OF IS Kholdstone's **GREAT-
EST TREASURE!** I WILL NEVER
LET YOU GAZE UPON IT!

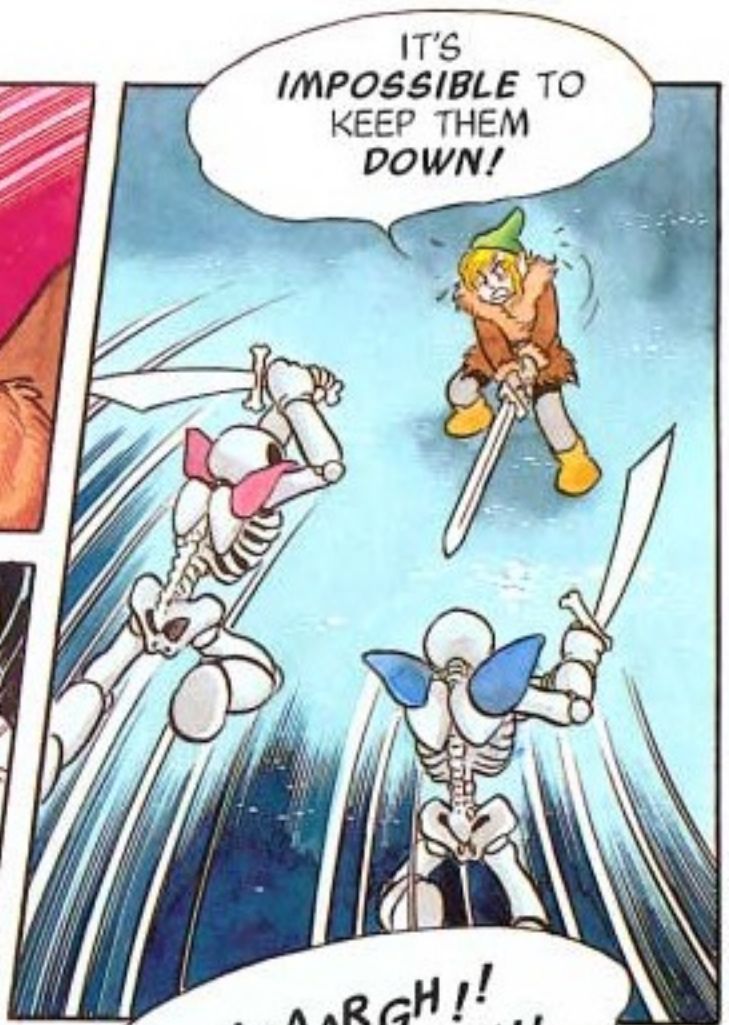


**ARISE,
STALFOS! DESTROY
HIM!**



**BONE-
HEADS!!**







TURTLE
ROCK!

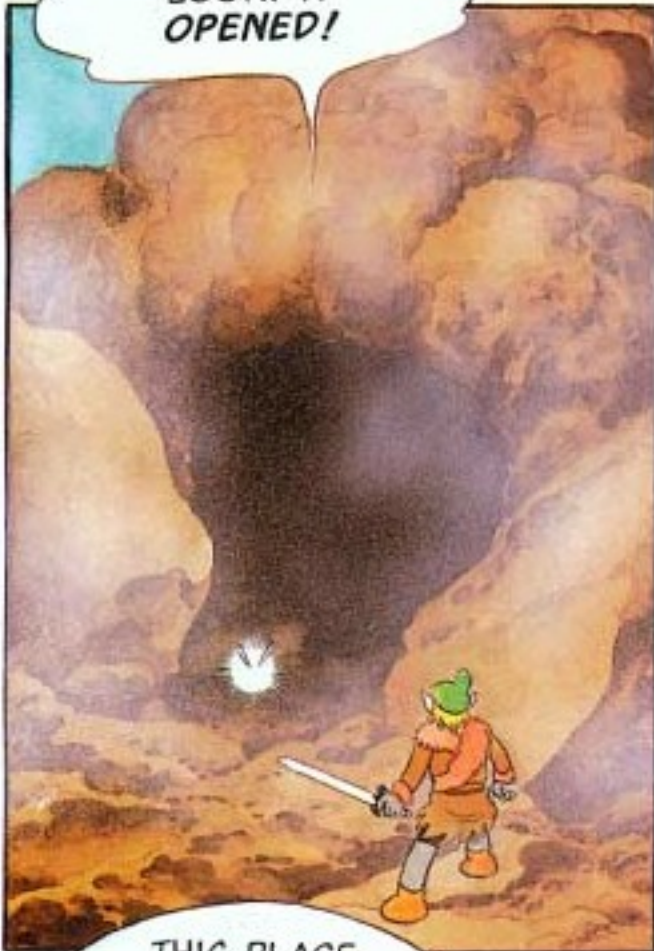
FOLLOWING THE MAP, HE GLIMPSED
IN THE ICE TOWER, LINK FINALLY
ARRIVED AT TURTLE ROCK WITH
EPHEREMELDA, BUT...



ZELDA HAS
GOT TO BE
HERE!

WELL, WHERE'S
THE **DOOR**?

LOOK! IT
OPENED!



...



A LAVA
LAKE!



THIS PLACE
IS *HOT* AS AN
INFERNO!!



ZELDA!!



IS IT REALLY YOU THIS TIME ZELDA?!

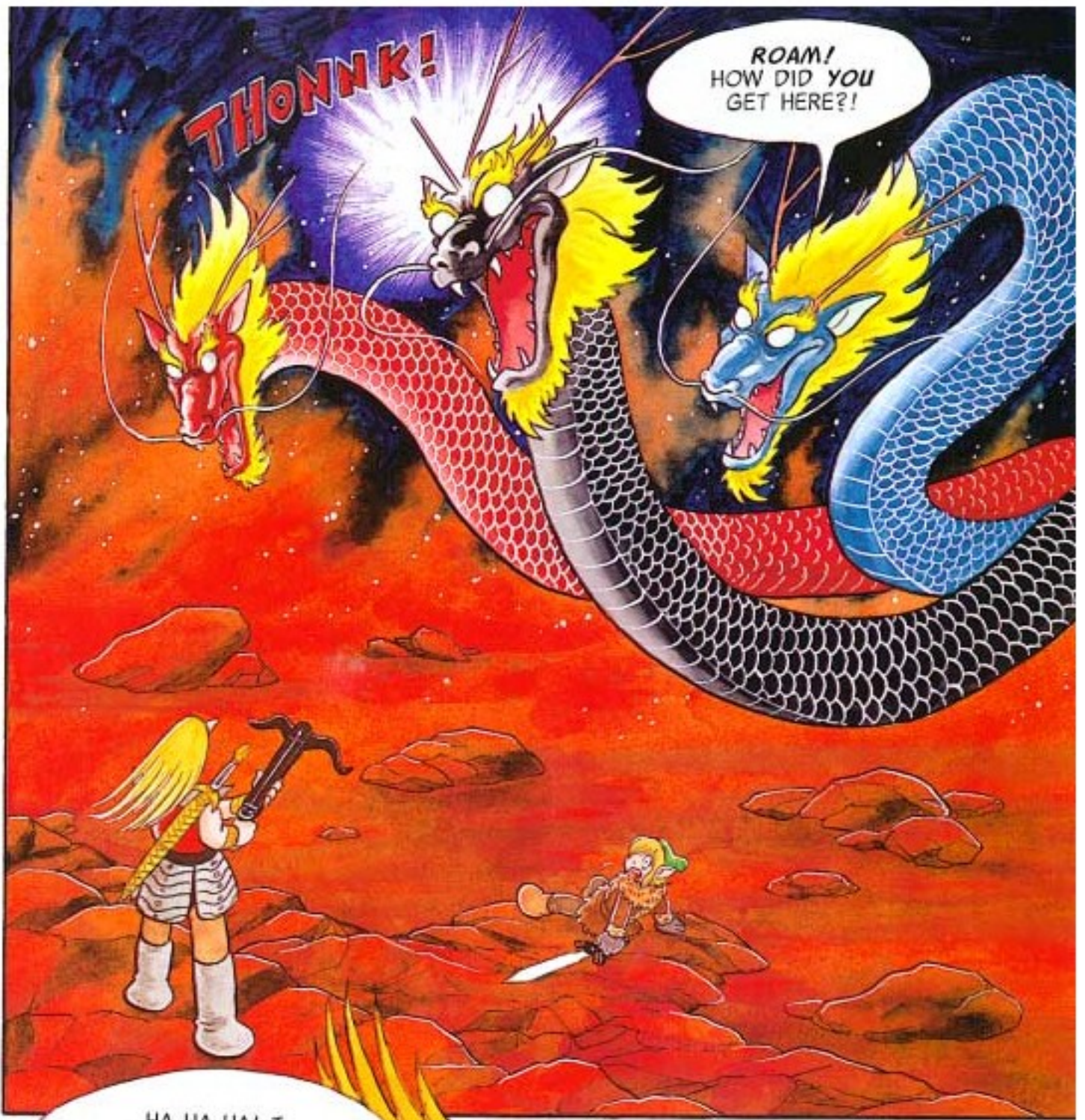
LINK!
WATCH YOUR
BACK!



RRROARRR!!







THONNK!

**ROAM!
HOW DID YOU
GET HERE?!**

**HA HA HA! I
FOLLOWED YOU
ALL THIS WAY...**

**NOW WE SHALL
TRULY SEE IF ONE
OF US IS THE
"LEGENDARY
HERO"...**

TO BE CONTINUED...



MOVE IT, HERO!

WITHOUT THAT HEAD, THE MONSTER'S FIRE AND ICE WILL MIX VIOLENTLY! YOU CAN GUESS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!



AN EXPLOSION?!

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

**GANON'S
TOWER**

BY
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POWSSP
HOOSH
MOOOOOM!







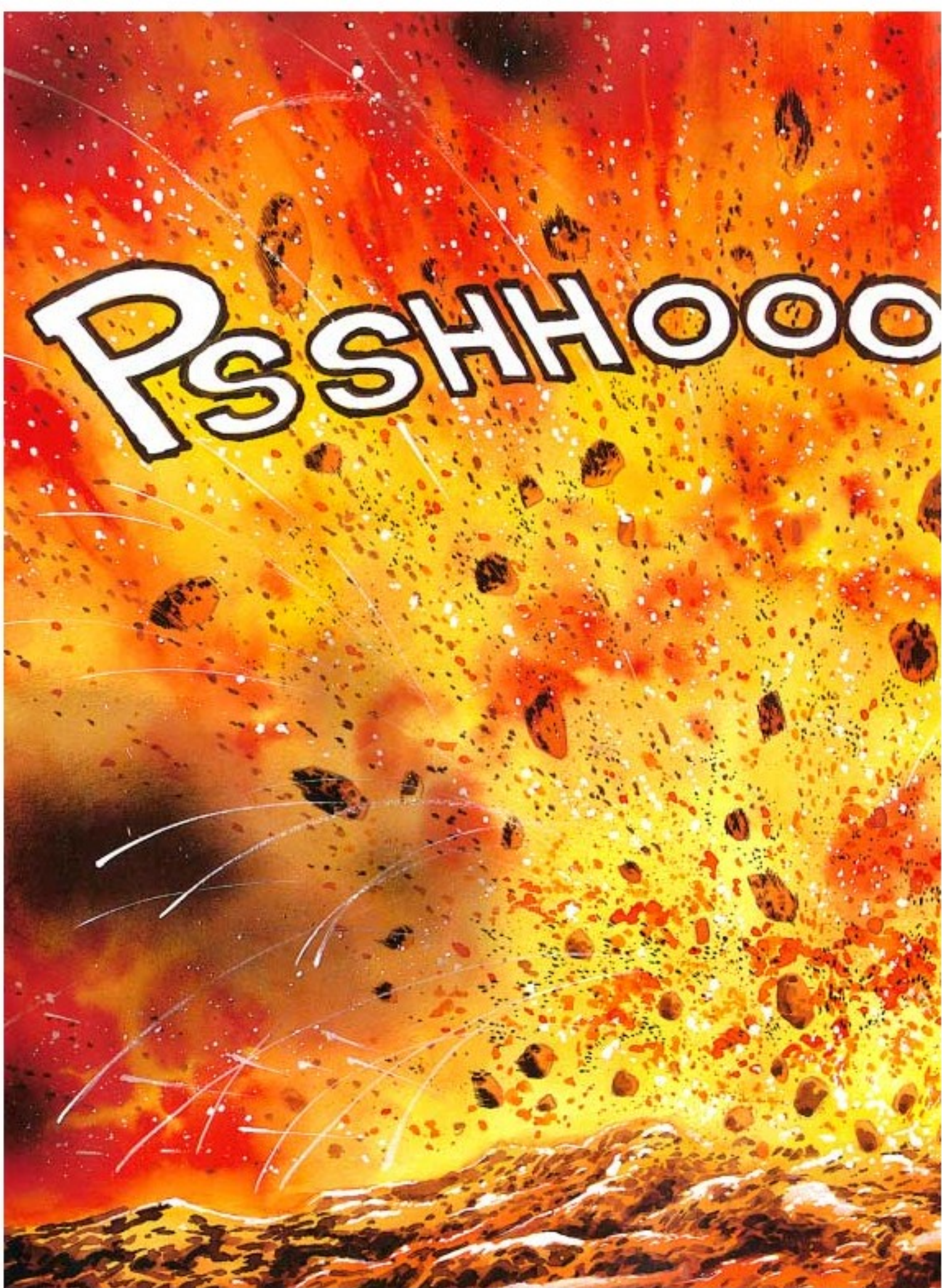
LINK!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR ROMANCE!
...!
RUN FOR IT!




RRRRUMBLE...




RSSHOOO





IF *I* HADN'T BEEN SUCH
A GREAT SHOT, *YOU* WOULD
BE HAVING YOUR REUNION
INSIDE THAT CREATURE'S
STOMACH!




ADMIT IT, LINK. IT
SEEMS TO SUPPORT THE
BOOK OF MUDORA'S
PROPHECY THAT ONLY
THE *ENCHANTED ARROW*
CAN DEFEAT THE ONE
WHO *CORRUPTED*
THIS WORLD.


WELL, I WAS
DOING FINE WITH
THE *MASTER SWORD*
BEFORE YOU SHOWED
UP...



YOU ARE *STUBBORN*
AND *FOOLISH*... I WILL
GET THE ARROW AND
I WILL DEFEAT
GANON!




THE WORDS OF THE
BOOK OF MUDORA HAVE
A **POWER** WHICH IS
BEYOND OUR
COMPREHENSION...




SO ROAM MAY
BE **RIGHT** ABOUT THE
ARROW... BUT SAHAS-
RAHLA **ALSO** SAID
THAT ONLY A MAN
WHO HAS **OVERCOME**
HIS OWN **NEGATIVE**
THOUGHTS AND **EMOTIONS**
CAN BECOME THE
TRUE HERO...

EVEN IF ROAM DOES
FIND THE ARROW, HIS
ATTITUDE MIGHT BE
HIS DOWNFALL...

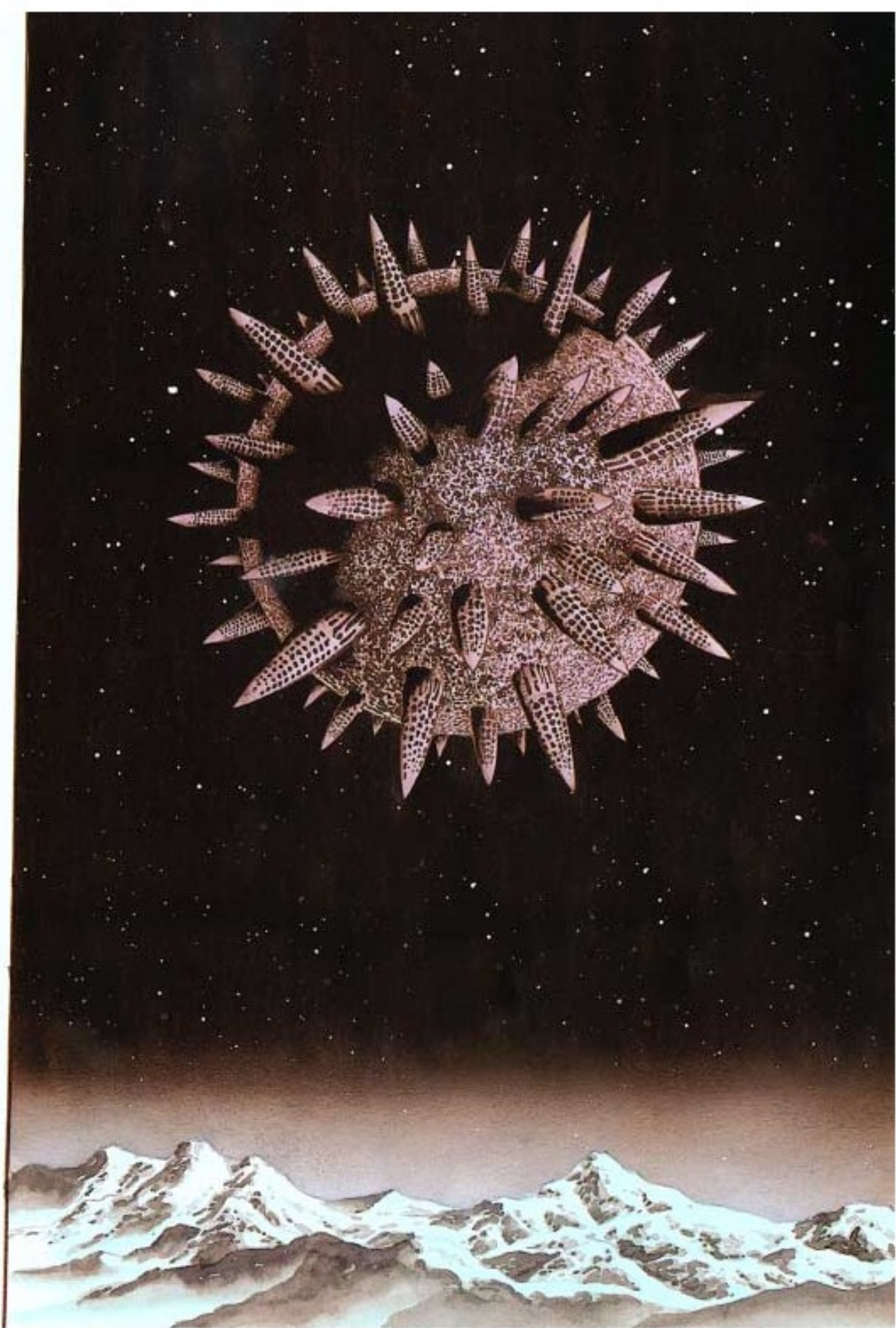


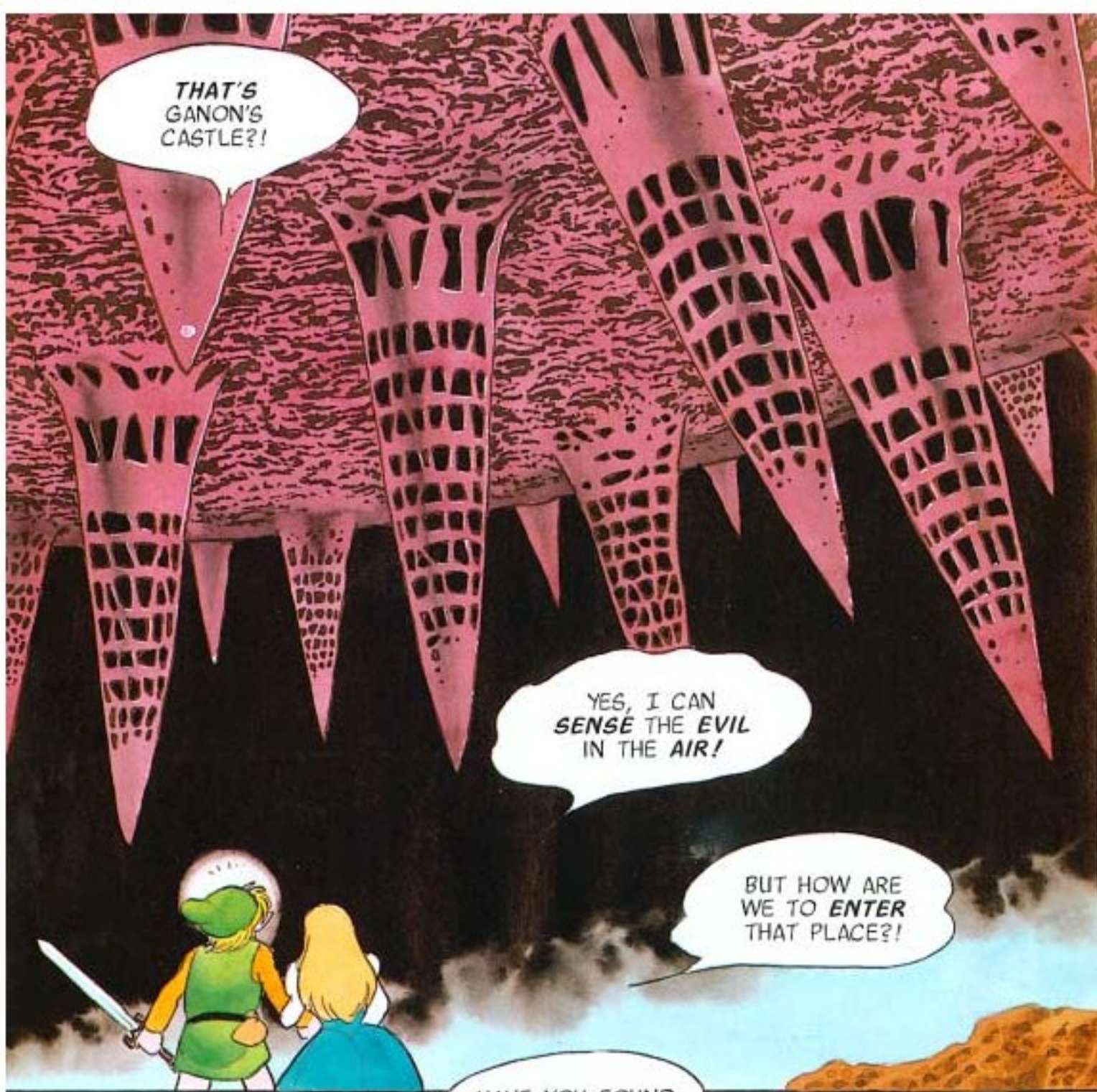
ANYWAY, WE SHOULDN'T
WORRY ABOUT **HIM**, ZELDA!
I WILL DEFEAT GANON
BY **MYSELF**, IF I
HAVE TO!



YOU HAVE SHOWN
YOURSELF TO BE A
DETERMINED AND SELF-
LESS HERO, LINK...

...IF **ANYONE** CAN DO
IT, I BELIEVE **YOU** CAN...
THE **LIFE FORCES** OF THE
HYLIAN MAIDENS YOU FREED
FROM THE CRYSTALS WILL
GUIDE US TO GANON'S
CASTLE...





THAT'S
GANON'S
CASTLE?!

YES, I CAN
SENSE THE EVIL
IN THE AIR!

BUT HOW ARE
WE TO *ENTER*
THAT PLACE?!

HAVE YOU FOUND
THE *ENCHANTED*
ARROW?



ROAM?!

NO, NOT
YET, BUT...

ROAM?!



THE **CURSE** OF THE DARK WORLD MAY BE A **BLESSING** IN THIS CASE...

OH, **MYSTICAL MAIDENS**...LEND US YOUR **POWER**...



I CAN **DEFEAT** GANON...



...**WITHOUT** THE ENCHANTED **ARROW!!**



ROAM!!

POOWF
POOWF
POOWF



HIS **EMOTIONS** ARE OUT OF CONTROL...HE'LL BECOME A **BEAST** FOREVER!!



WHA--?



LINK! IT'S THE MAIDEN'S POWER!



HMMMM...



IT'S PITCH DARK... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!



IT'S PITCH DARK... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!

THE LANMOLA? THE MOLDORM? THEY CAN'T BE REAL! I DEFEATED THEM ALL!

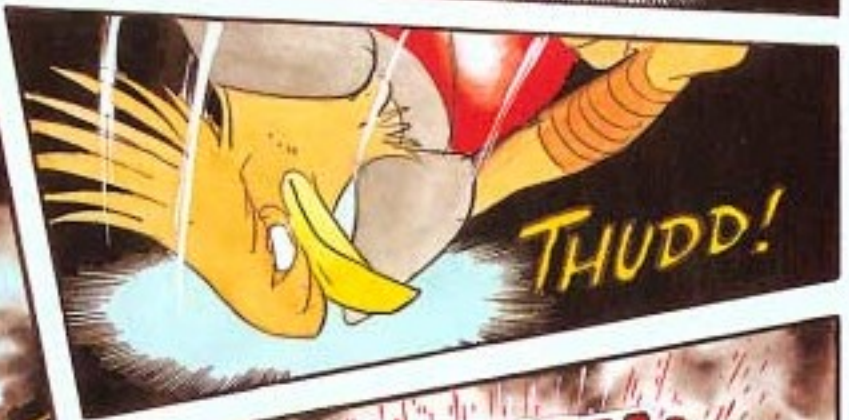
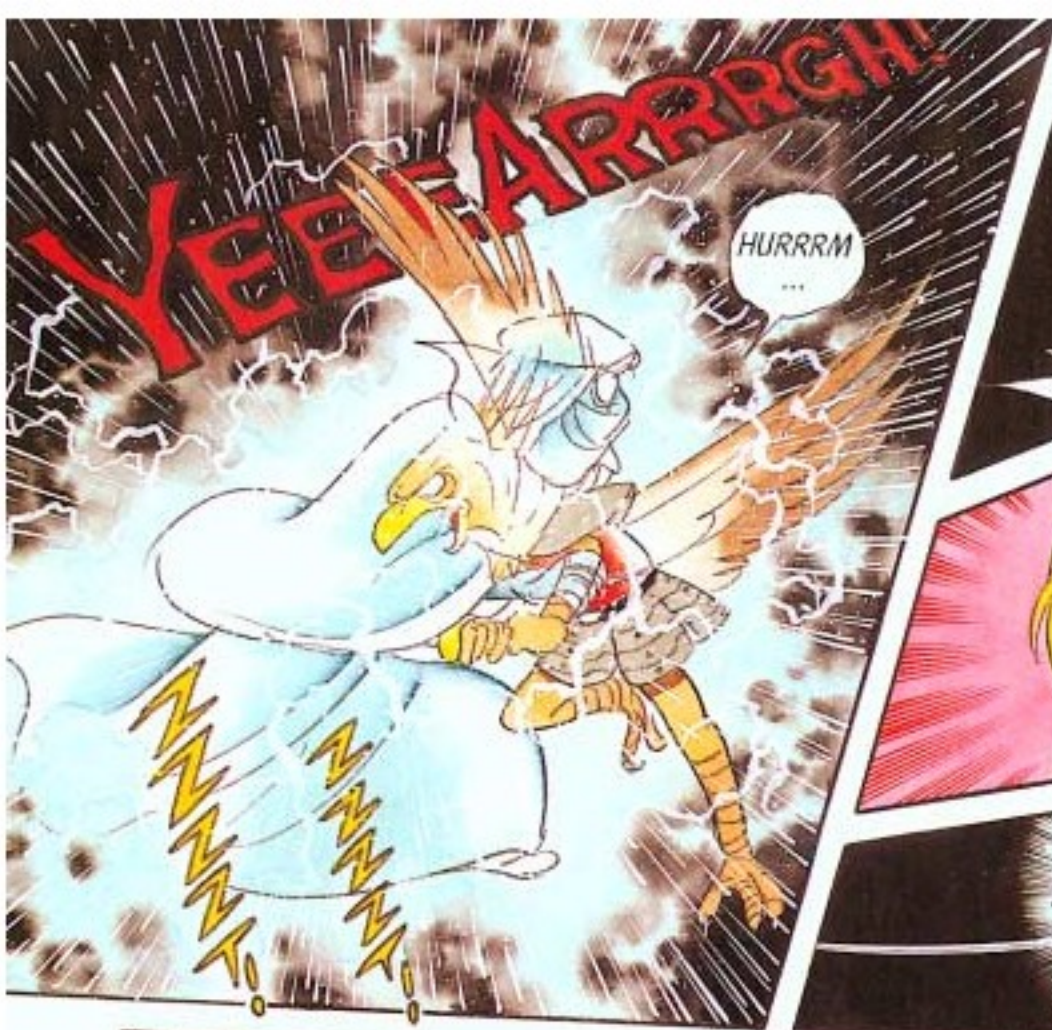


THEY LOOK REAL TO ME! I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES...

SHWIPP!









GANON?!

TO BE CONTINUED...

I NEVER
EXPECTED YOU TO
DESTROY AGAHNIM, OR
TO LOOK DOWN UPON
HIS **BATTERED BODY...**

BUT YOUR
FOOLISH RESISTANCE
ENDS NOW!

I WILL **DESTROY** YOU
AND MAKE MY DREAM
TO **RULE** BOTH **LIGHT**
AND **DARK WORLDS**
COME **TRUE!**

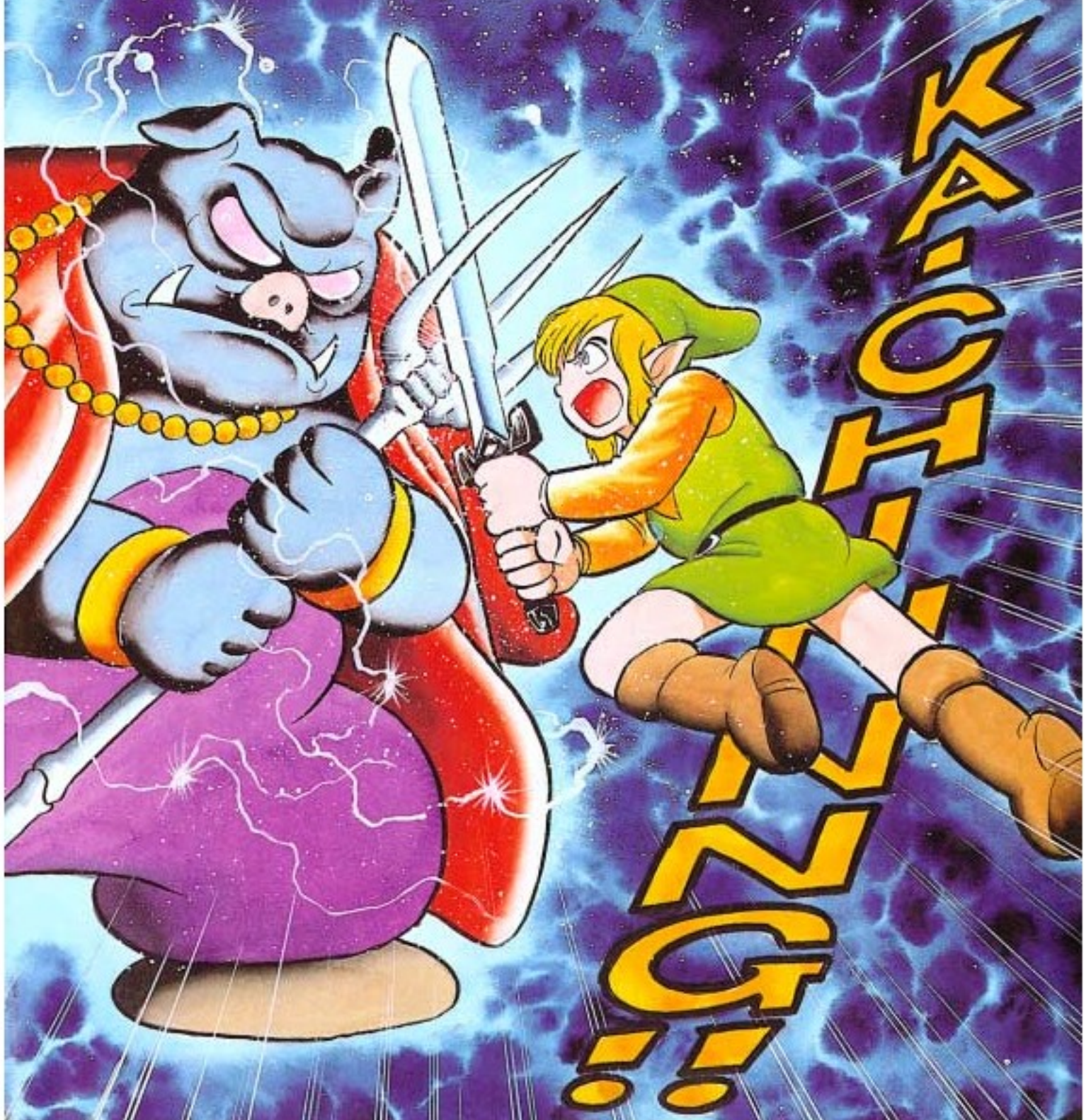
NEVER!

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CHAPTER TWELVE

THE FINAL BATTLE

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AAAAAH!!

OOPH!

GNNALLO



IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO, WEAKLING?

I SHALL FINISH YOU OFF WITH MY NEXT BLOW!





AARRRGH!

XZZZT



LINK!



HAA HAA HAA!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN TO DO WITH THAT **BOW**, PRINCESS?

YOU WILL GET **YOUR CHANCE** TO FIGHT ME **AFTER** I DEAL WITH THIS **WHELP...**







AAAHA...

IT WAS THE
ENCHANTED
ARROW...

WELCOME,
LINK...

I AM THE
ESSENCE OF THE
TRIFORCE.

THE TRIFORCE WILL
GRANT THE WISHES OF
THE PERSON WHO
TOUCHES IT.



GOOD WISHES
ARE BESTOWED
UPON THE GOOD...

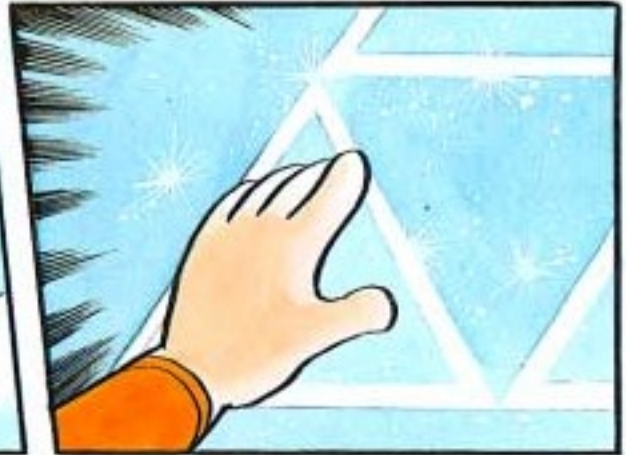
...AND EVIL
UPON THOSE OF
EVIL HEART.
ALL ARE
GRANTED IN
PERFECT
CLARITY.

YOU
HAVE TOTALLY
DESTROYED
GANON.

THE TRIFORCE
IS WAITING FOR
A NEW MASTER.

ITS GOLDEN
POWER IS IN
YOUR HANDS--

--TOUCH IT
WITH A WISH
IN YOUR HEART.







YOU,
HOWEVER,
ACCOMPLISHED
A MUCH MORE
LONELY AND
DIFFICULT
VICTORY...



IT WAS NOT
ONLY BY YOUR
OWN POWER, BUT
ALSO THAT OF THE
MANY GENERATIONS
OF KNIGHTS AND
WISE MEN WHO
PRECEDED YOU.

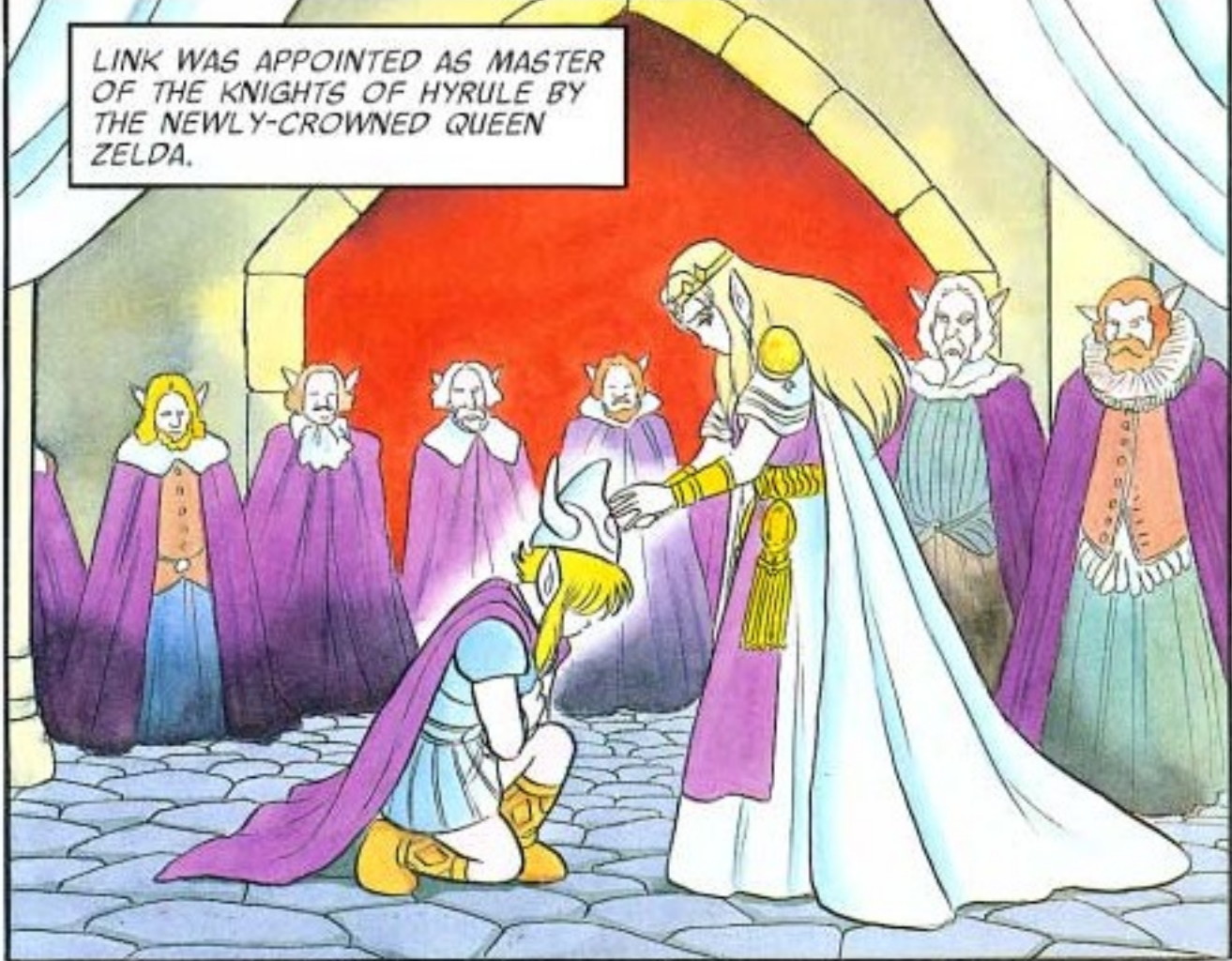
LET THE
MEMORIES
OF THEIR
EFFORTS
HUMBLE YOU.
NEVER
FORGET!



FOLLOWING GANON'S DEFEAT,
THE DARK WORLD **VANISHED**,
RELEASING MANY WHO HAD
BEEN **TRAPPED** THERE IN
MONSTROUS FORM. THE
LONGED-FOR **PEACE** ONCE
AGAIN RETURNED TO
HYRULE.



LINK WAS APPOINTED AS MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE BY THE NEWLY-CROWNED QUEEN ZELDA.



IT'S IRONIC ISN'T IT...

WHO? ZELDA!?



THE *PSYCHIC LINK*
BETWEEN US WAS
SO *STRONG*
WHEN I WAS IN
GANON'S
CLUTCHES...

...BUT NOW
THAT WE ARE
BOTH *FREE*,
AND AT
PEACE...



...YOU SEEM SO
DISTANT, GUARDING THE
TRIFORCE...

I AM
ALONE...



AS LONG AS I LIVE, I
SHALL NEVER *FORGET* THE TIME
WHEN WE WERE *TOGETHER*
IN OUR *DREAMS*...



AND AS THE CENTURIES PASS, THE LEGENDARY **MASTER SWORD** LIES WAITING IN THE DEPTHS OF THE LOST WOODS, WAITING FOR THE TIME WHEN DISASTER AGAIN BEFALLS HYRULE... WAITING TO CALL A **HERO** TO ARMS.



THE END

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The designer of the comics, Shotaro Ishinomori, is one of Japan's most famous comic book creators. He has received many awards for his work. Among his most popular works in Japan are "Cyborg 009" (a science fiction adventure); "Masked Rider" (science fiction) and "Hotel" (a dramatic series).





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