



THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**<sup>®</sup>  
A LINK TO THE PAST™



THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**<sup>®</sup>  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

**Story and illustration  
Shotaro Ishinomori**

**Copywriter  
Dan Owsen**



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

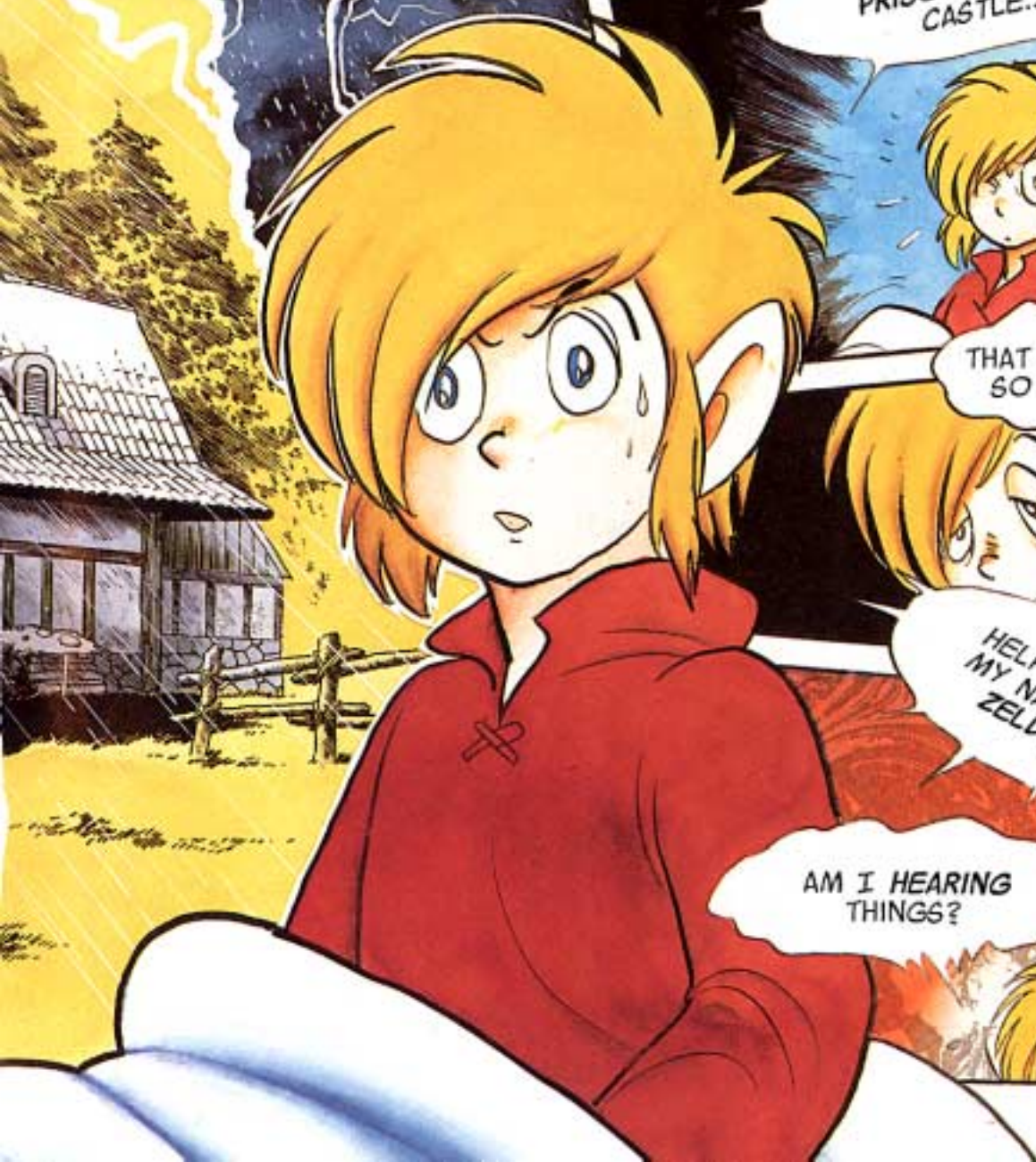
THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

**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



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!

SPLISH

SPLASH

IN  
HERE!

**KRACKOOM**

I DON'T  
SEE ANY...

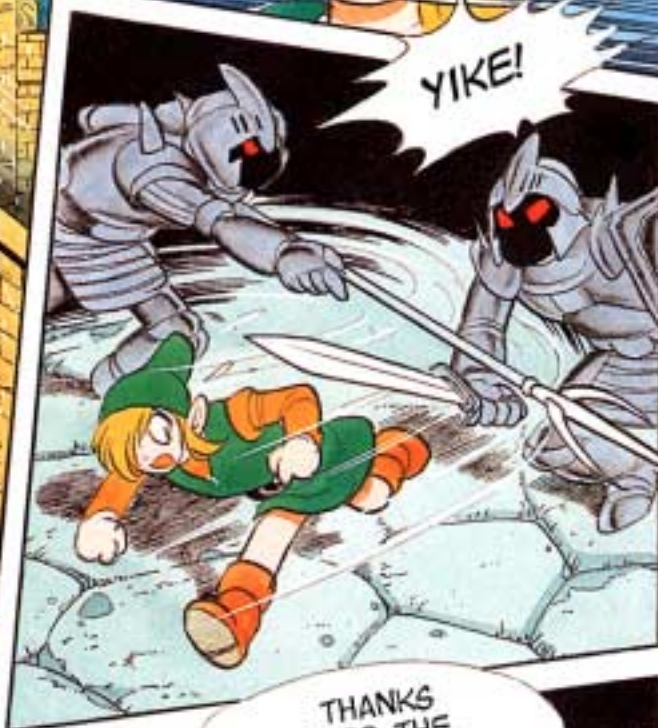
BE WARY OF  
THE CASTLE SOLDIERS!  
AGAHNIM CONTROLS THEM  
WITH HIS MAGIC!

**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!

HUH?

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

UNCLE

WHAT?!

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THEY'RE DEAD!

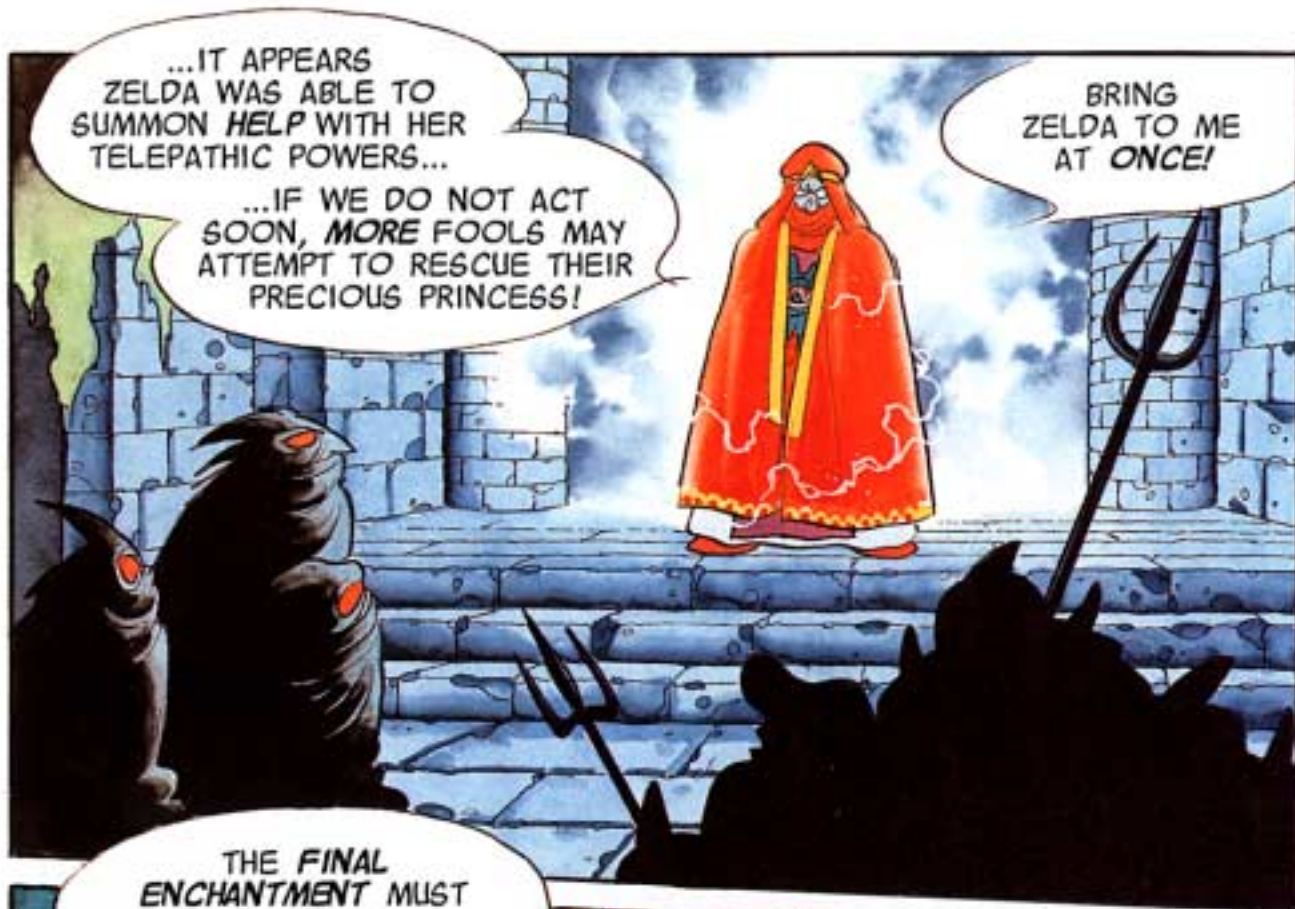
UNCLE! ≧SOB≦ WHY? WHAT IS HAPPENING?

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

UNNNGH...







...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?

THAT'S  
TERRIBLE!

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

I...I CAME TO  
SAVE PRINCESS  
ZELDA!

WHO GOES  
THERE?

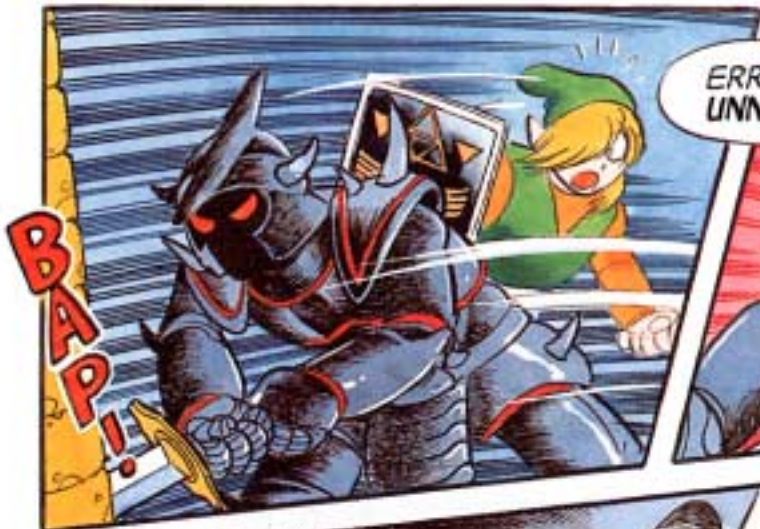
WHELP! NOW  
IT IS YOU WHO  
NEEDS SAVING!

**SH-K**  
**KLANG!**

YOU AND THE  
PRINCESS WILL BE  
TOGETHER SOON  
ENOUGH!

**BOINGG**  
**SPROING**

**SWISH**

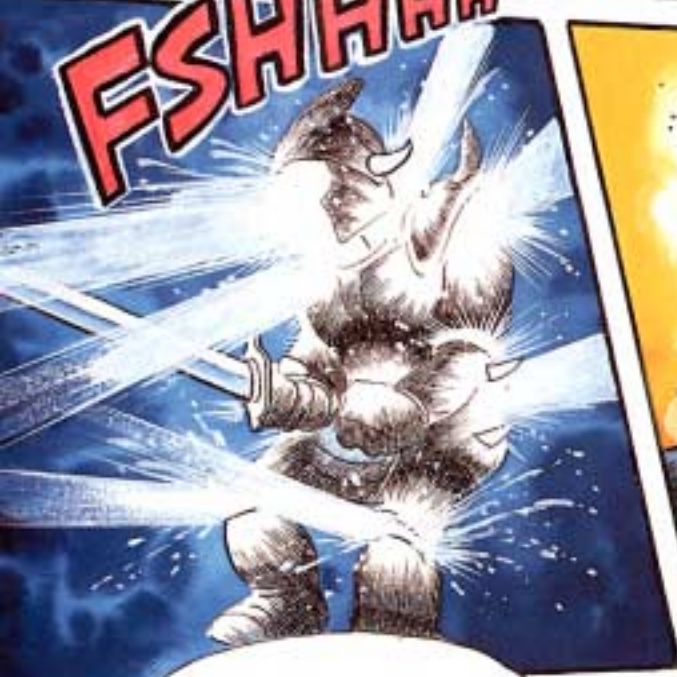


ERR...  
UNNH!



NOW...

...LEAD ME TO  
THE DUNGEON!  
WHAT?



...LINK!  
CONCENTRATE!  
I WILL GUIDE  
YOU!  
TRUST YOUR FEELINGS  
AND YOU WILL FIND ME!



AHH! IT'S  
WORKING!

I'M ON MY WAY!  
HOLD ON, ZELDA!

**AIEEEE!**

LINK, HURRY!  
THEY ARE TAKING  
ME AWAY!

**CLINK** **CLANK**

PRINCESS  
ZELDA!

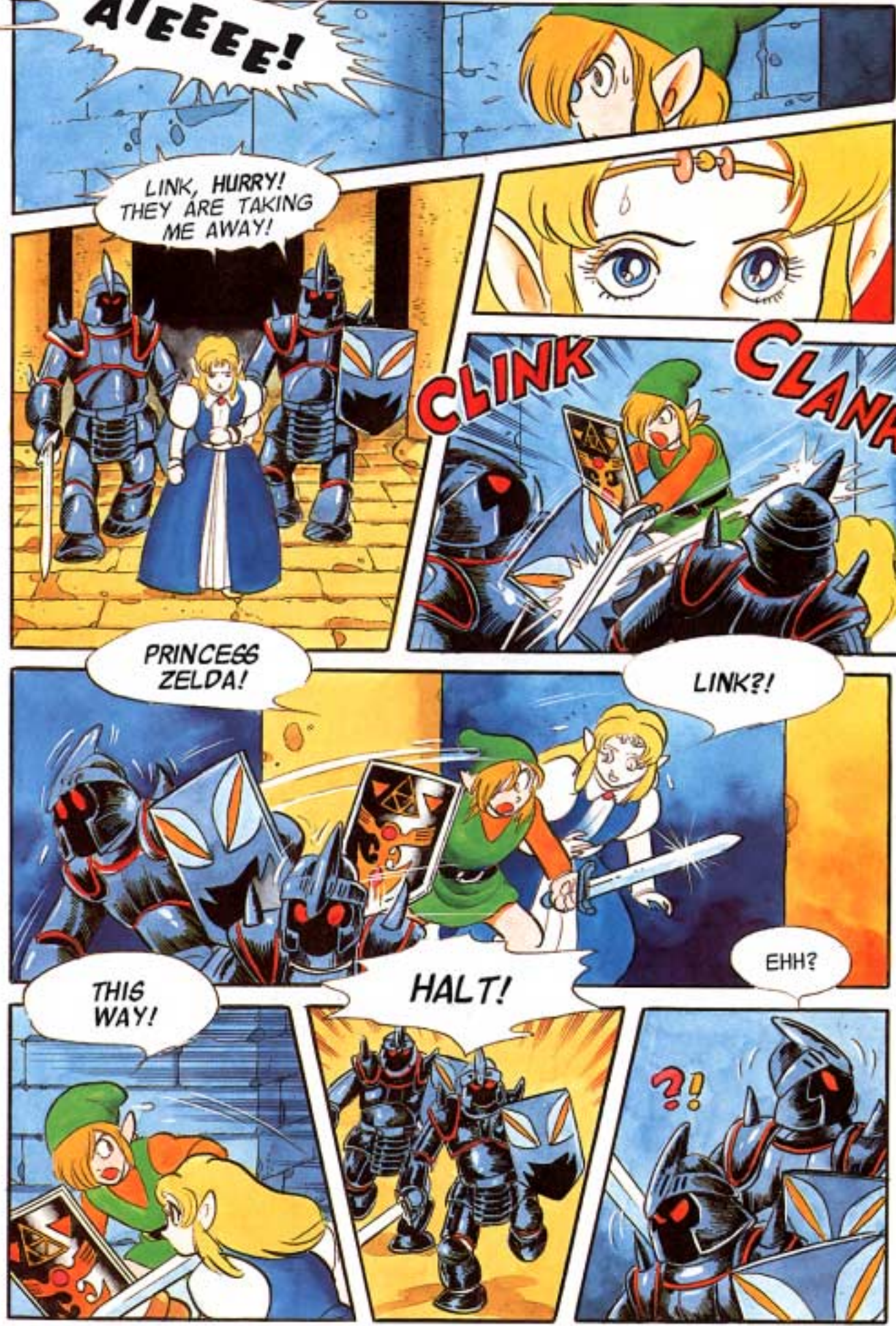
LINK?!

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...**

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

I DIDN'T  
KNOW!

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!

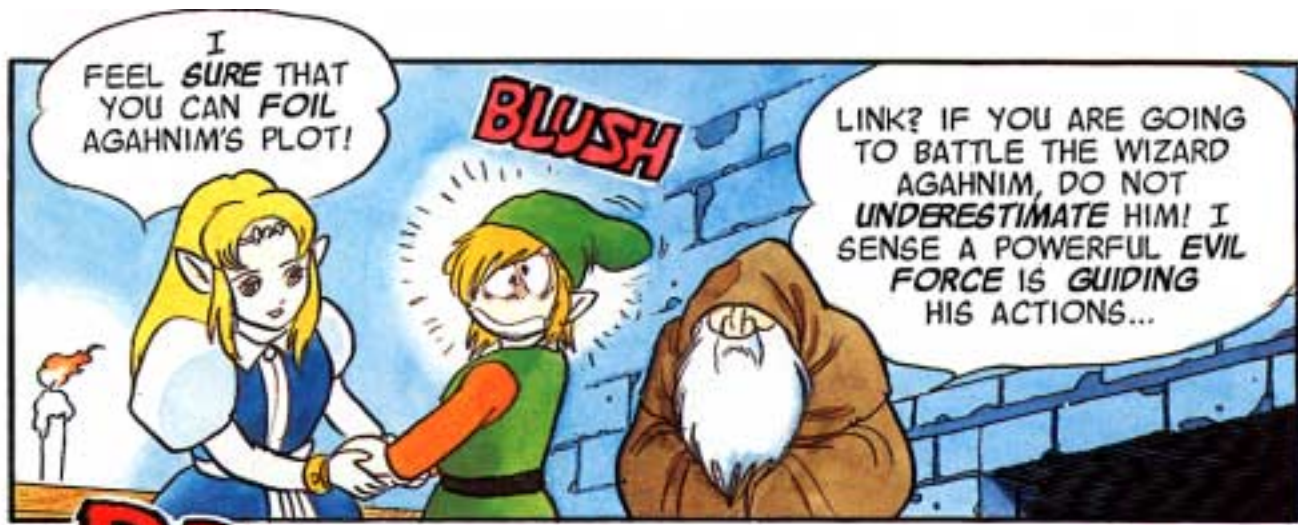


LINK, I FEEL THAT YOU ARE... YOU MUST BE...

...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...

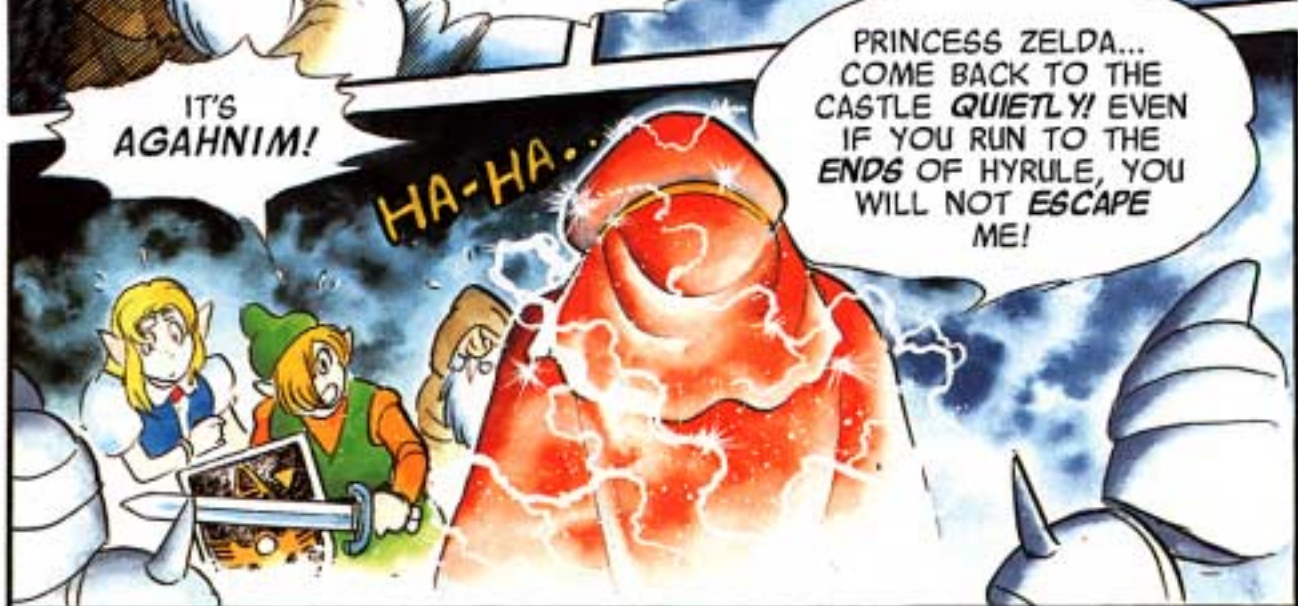


**RRRRUMBLE BAD OOM!**



**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!

IIIIIEE

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

HMMMMM...



**BAD OOM!**



**BAP!**



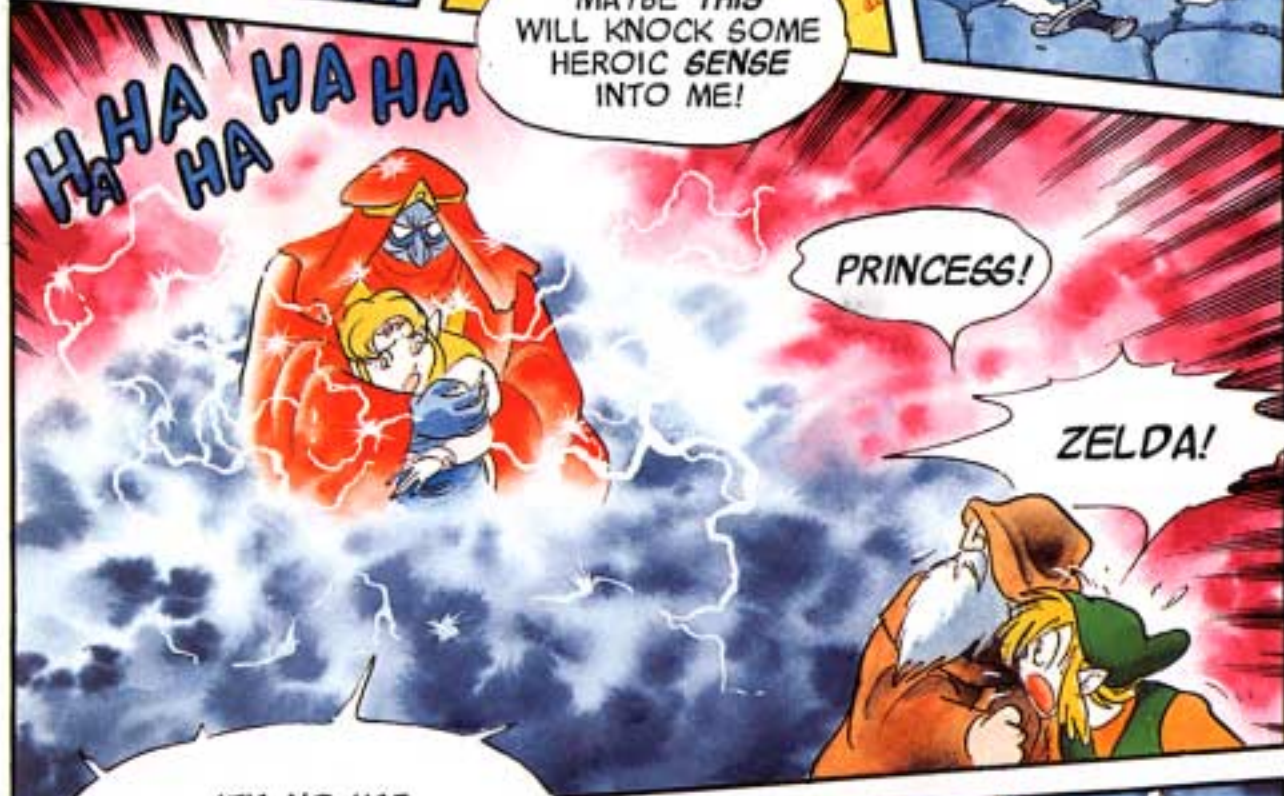
**CLACK**

MAYBE THIS WILL KNOCK SOME HEROIC SENSE INTO ME!



GROAN...

**HHA HA HA HA**



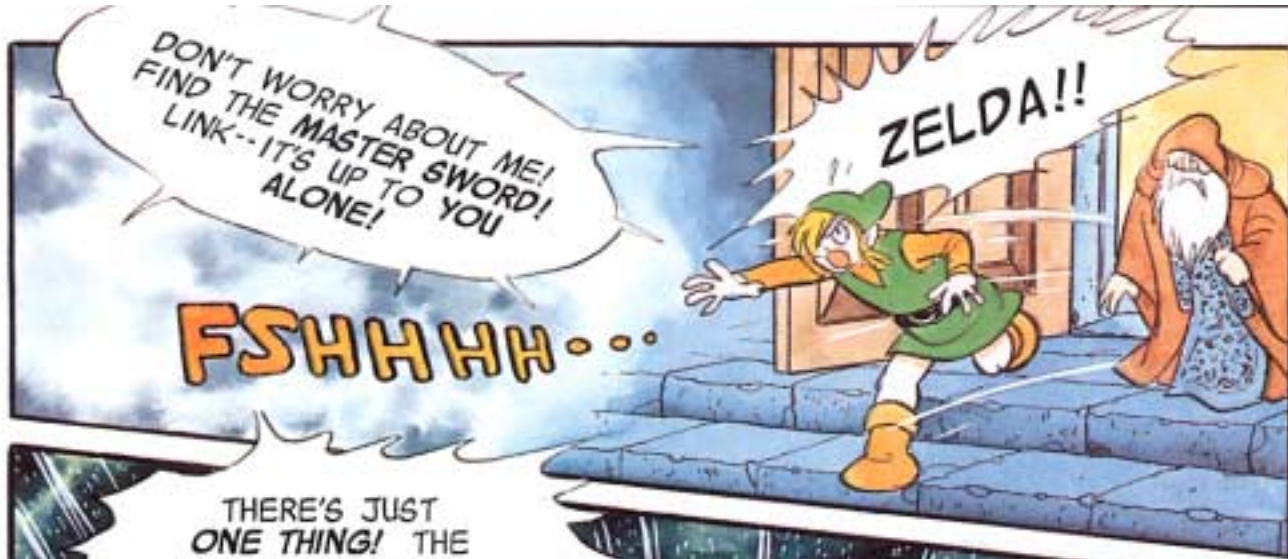
PRINCESS!

ZELDA!

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



YOU NEED THE MASTER SWORD OF LEGENDS PAST!



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

RUMBLE...  
RUMBLE...



TO BE CONTINUED...

CHAPTER TWO

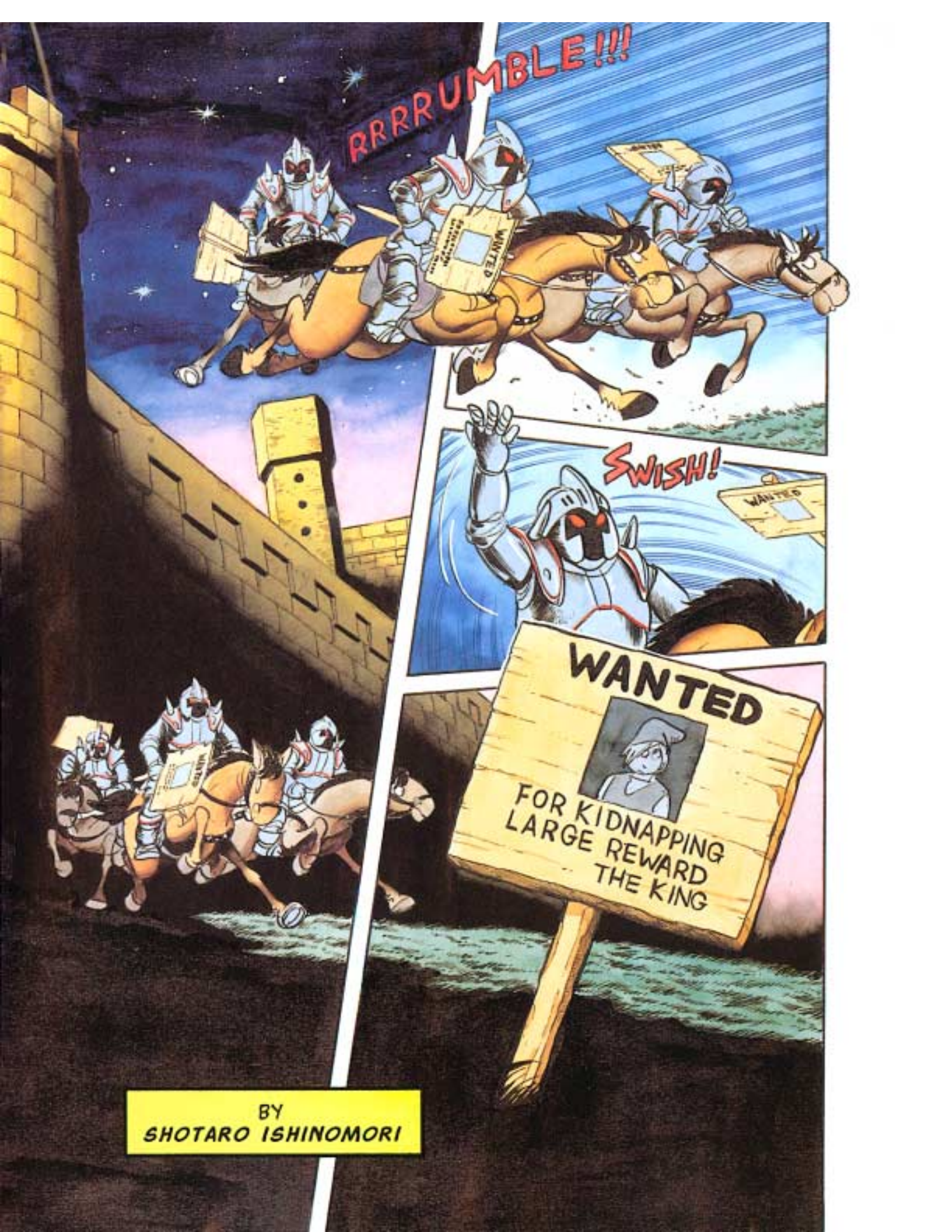
## WISE MAN'S WARNING

# 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...



RRRRUMBLE!!!

SWISH!

**WANTED**  
  
**FOR KIDNAPPING  
LARGE REWARD  
THE KING**

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.

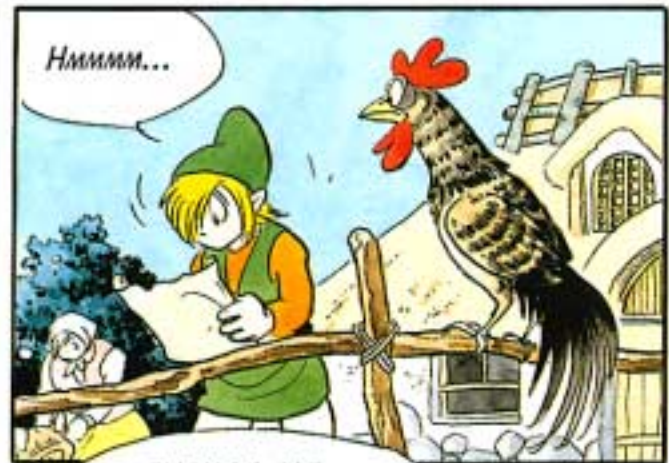
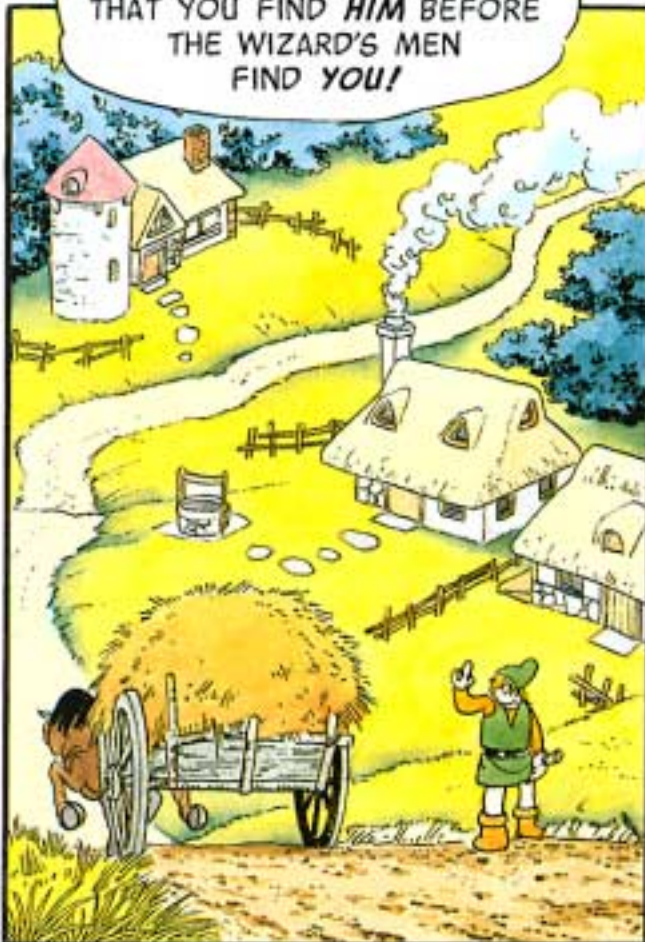
AND WITH THE MASTER SWORD I CAN DEFEAT AGAHNIM, RIGHT?

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?

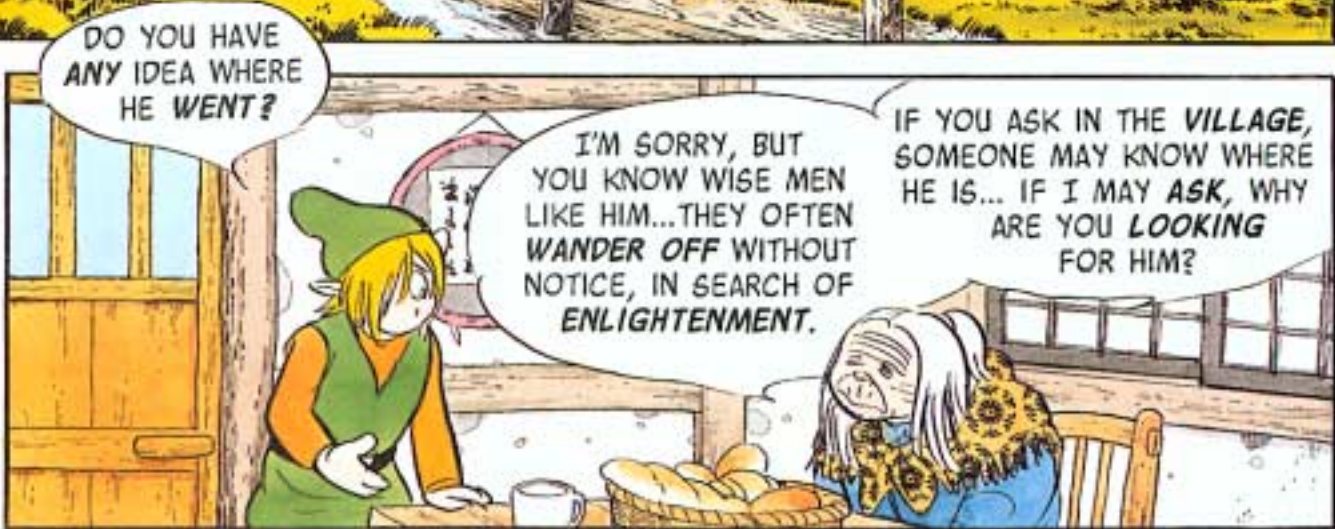
.....





WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE'S NOT HERE?

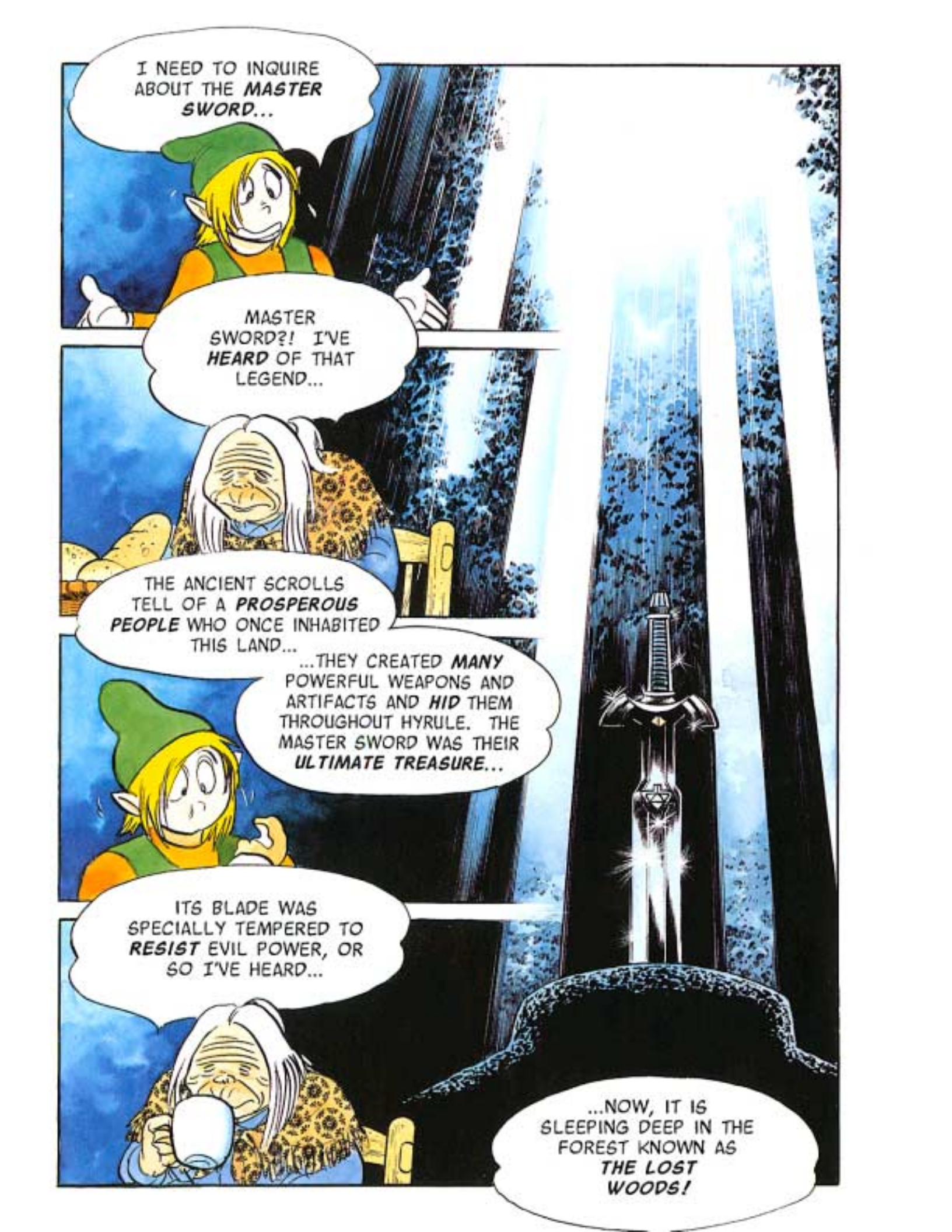
WELL, YOUNG MAN, WHEN THE MAIDENS BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR, THE RUMORS BEGAN TO FLY. WHEN SAHASRAHLA HEARD THAT THE WIZARD MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, HE SAID, "SO IT HAS BEGUN..." AND DISAPPEARED HIMSELF!



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!**





HEY!  
IT'S HIM!

YOU ARE  
UNDER **ARREST** BY  
ORDER OF THE  
**KING!**



GET  
MOVING!

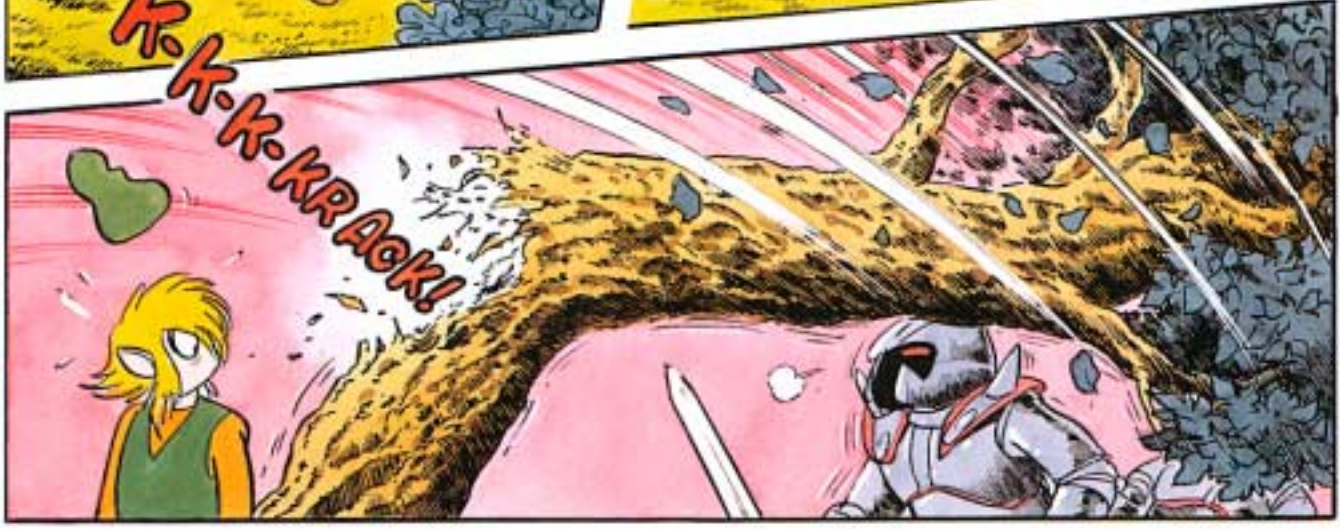


IF YOU THINK  
I'M GOING TO  
GO **PEACEFULLY**,  
YOU'RE **MAD!**

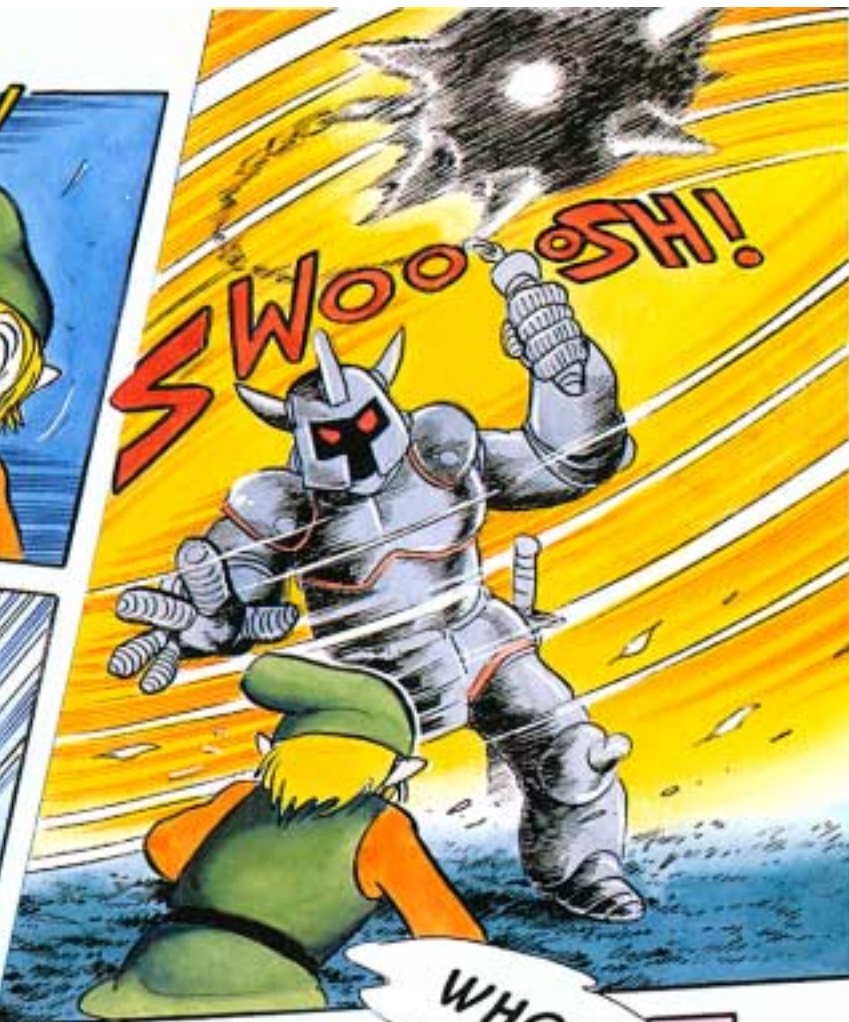


**WHOOOM!!**

**YEOW!!**



**K-K-K-KRACK!**



WHOA!



WHERE'D HE GET TO?



LIGHT A TORCH! IT'S GETTING TOO DARK TO SEE ANYTHING!



**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?!**



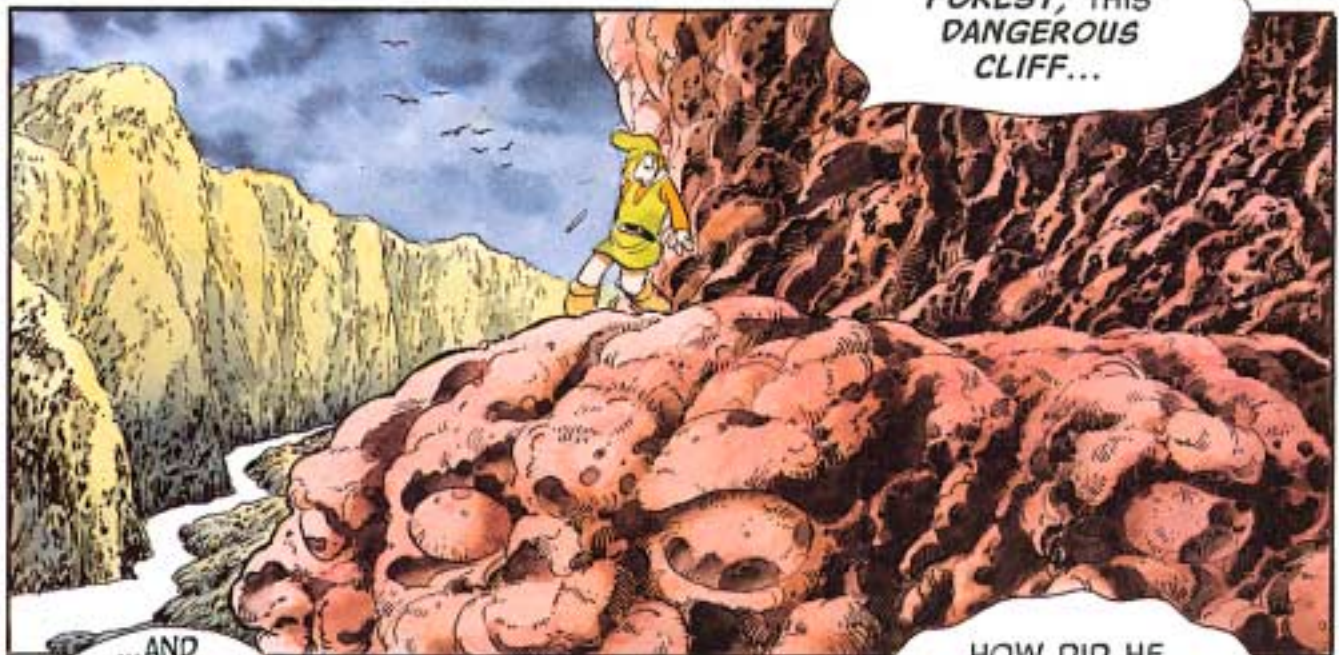
**MY OLDER  
BROTHER WAS FIGHTING  
THE SOLDIERS AND...  
OOPS! THAT'S A  
SECRET TO BAD  
GUYS!**

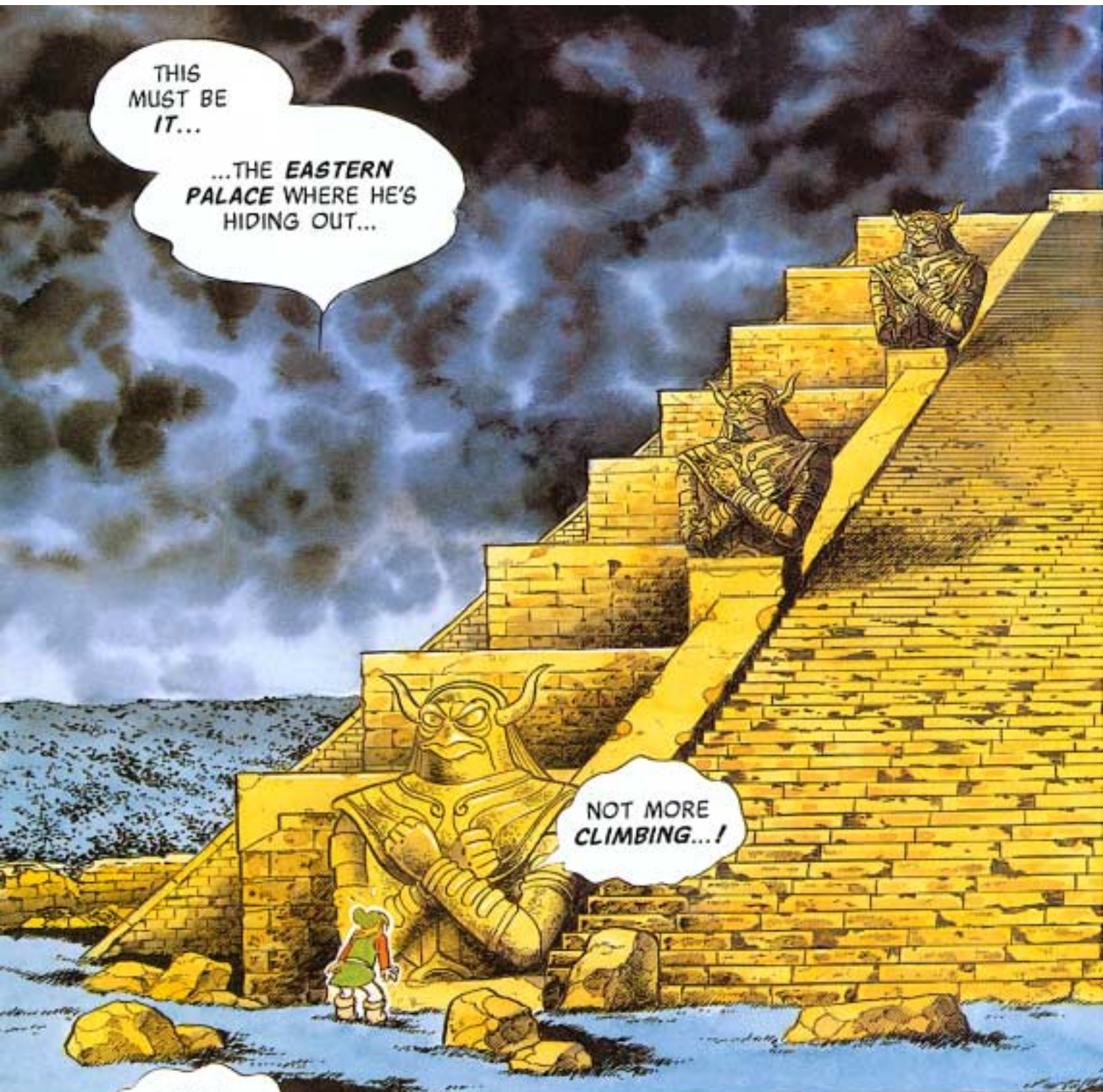
**SURE  
DO!**



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

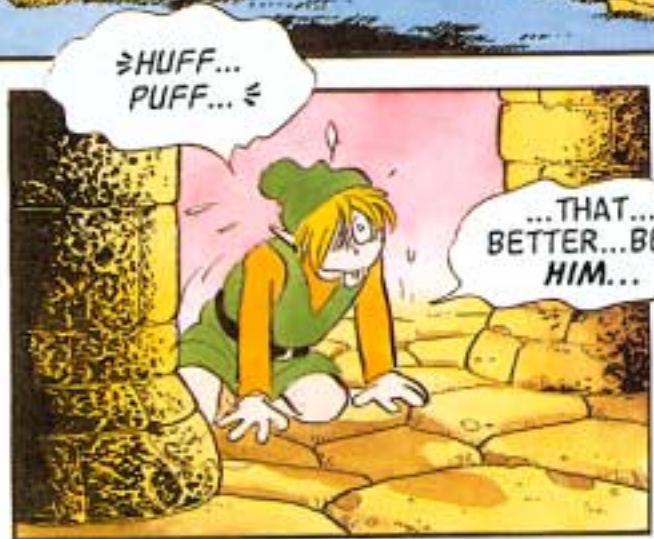
**LOOK  
AT ME!**





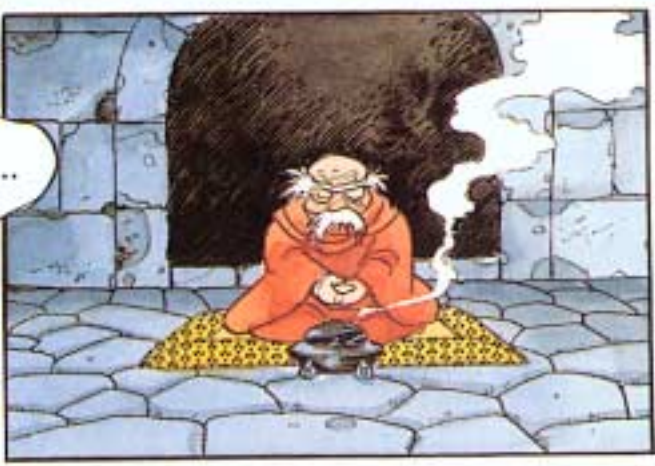
THIS  
MUST BE  
IT...  
  
...THE **EASTERN  
PALACE** WHERE HE'S  
HIDING OUT...

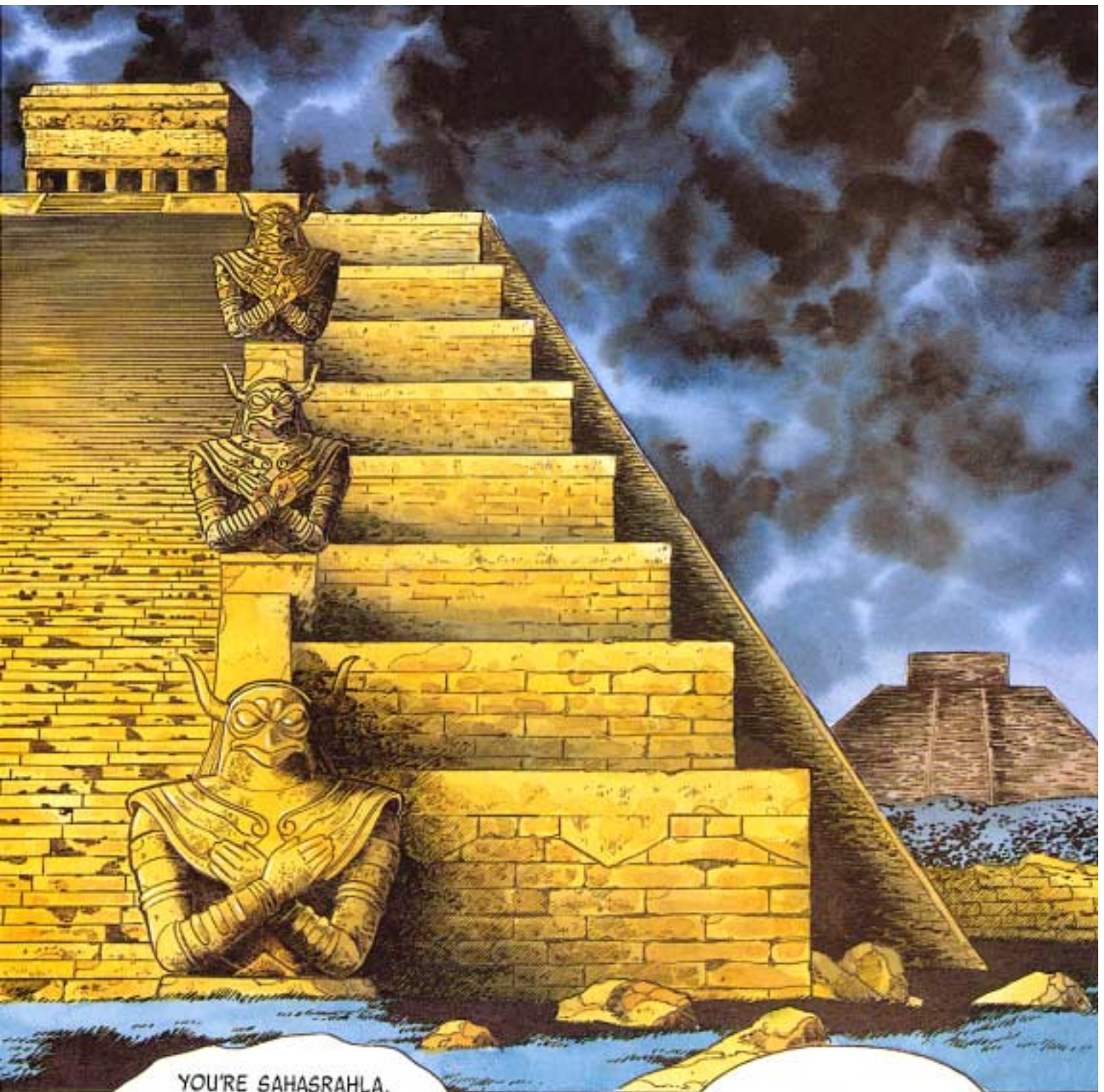
NOT MORE  
CLIMBING...!



⇒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!



I HAVE TO BRING AGAHNIM TO JUSTICE FOR WHAT HE DID TO MY UNCLE!!

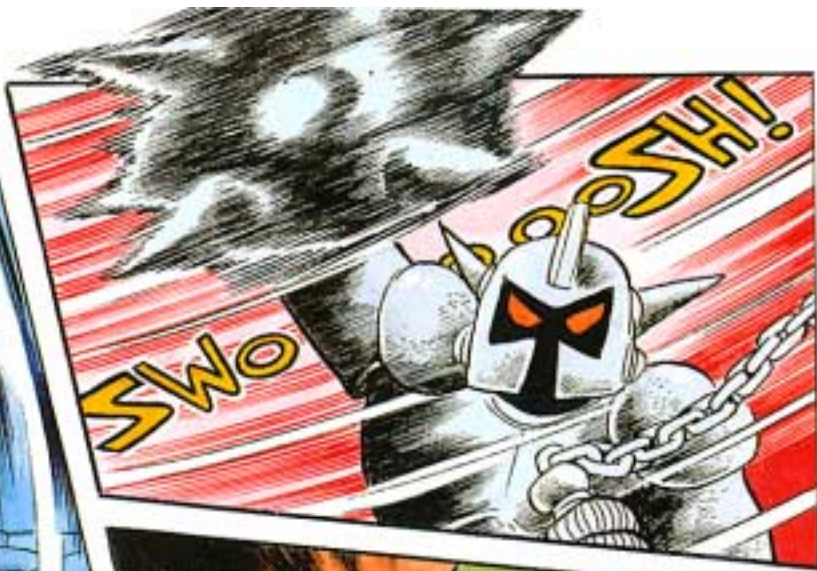
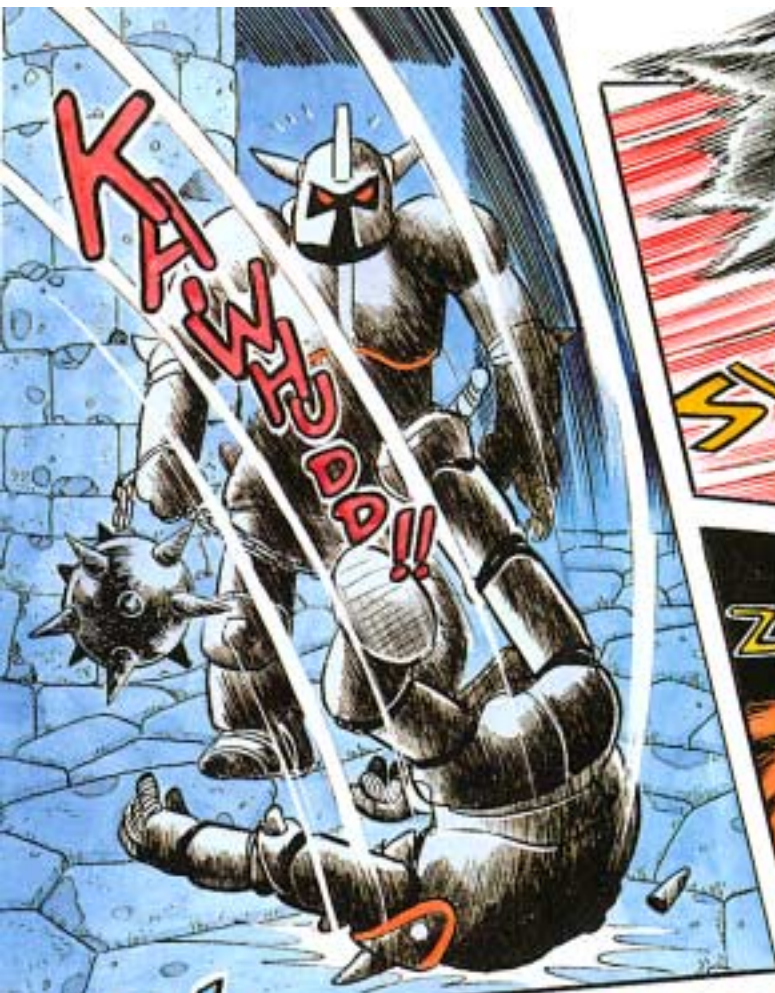


HAND OVER THE **BOY**, OLD MAN!

SILENCE, IMPUDENT FOOL! WE ARE ON THE KING'S BUSINESS!









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...



THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

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!**



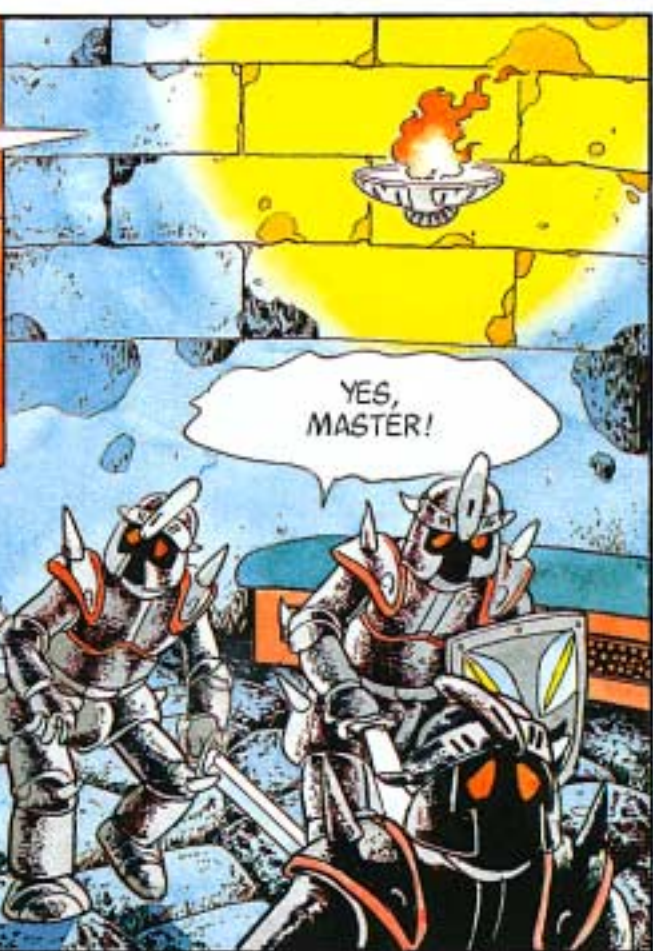
**FIND HIM! AND  
LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED  
IN YOUR SEARCH!**

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




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

IS THAT  
**UNDER-  
STOOD?**

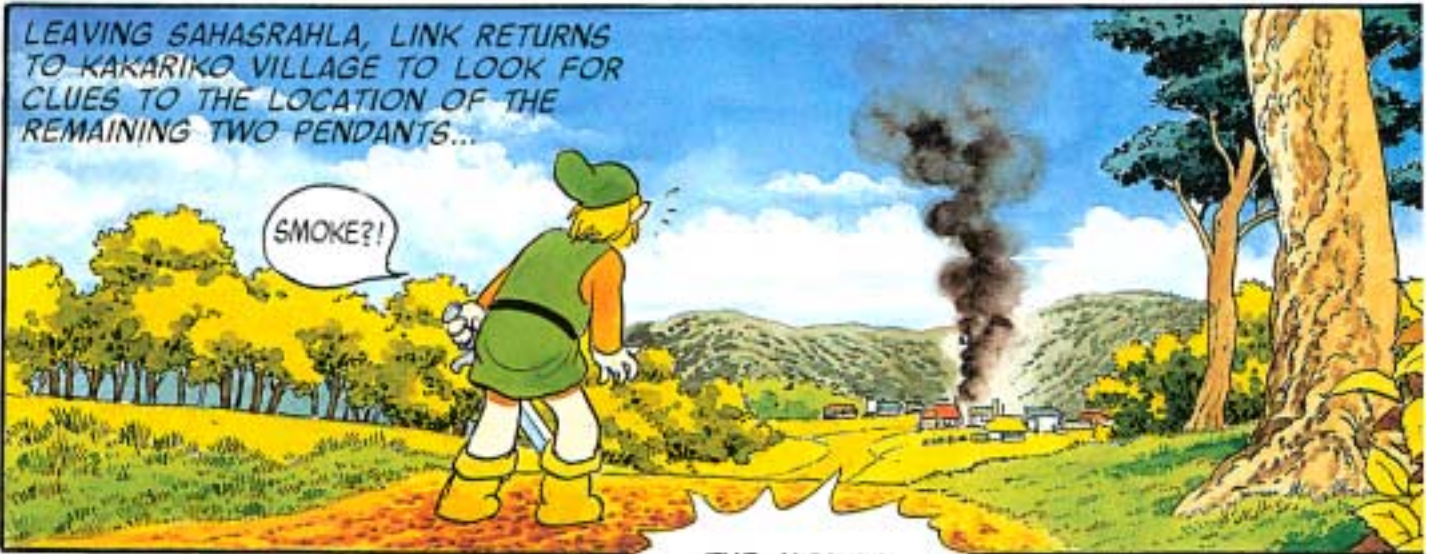
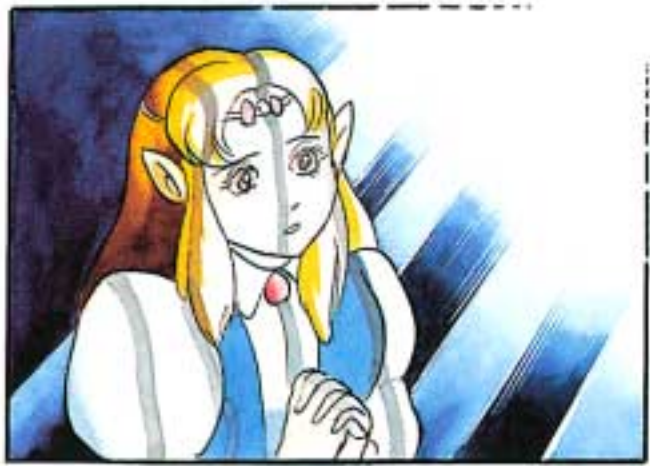
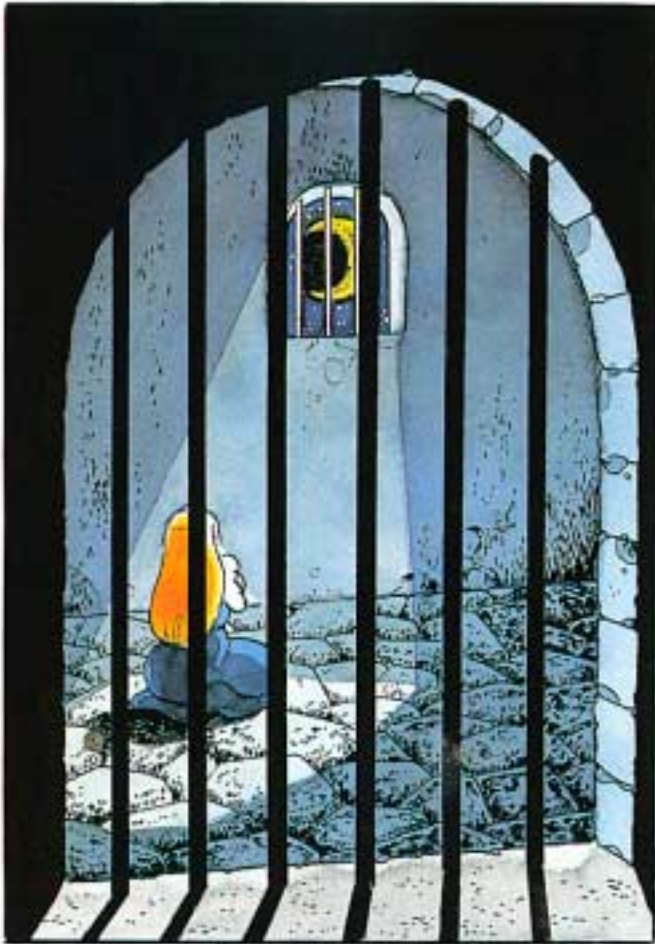


YES,  
MASTER!

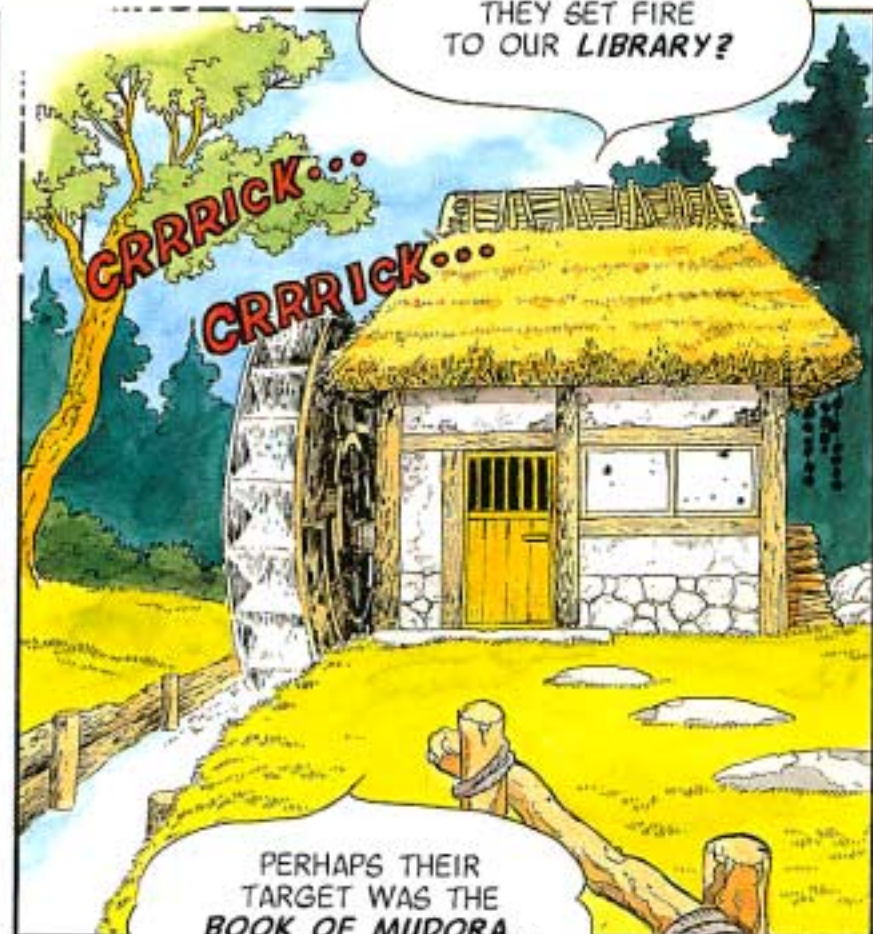
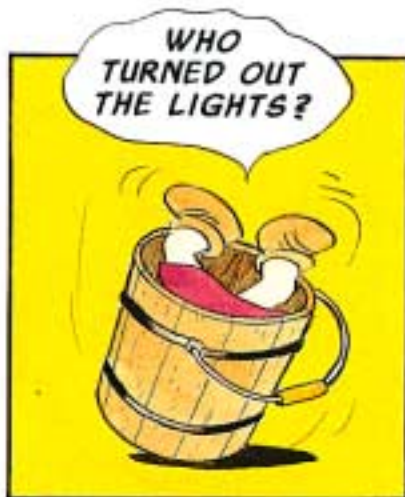
IT MAKES NO  
DIFFERENCE... THE **WORLD** WILL  
BE OURS WHEN THE MOON IS  
**FULL** AND I CAST THE **FINAL  
INCANTATION** ON PRINCESS  
ZELDA...



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!



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!



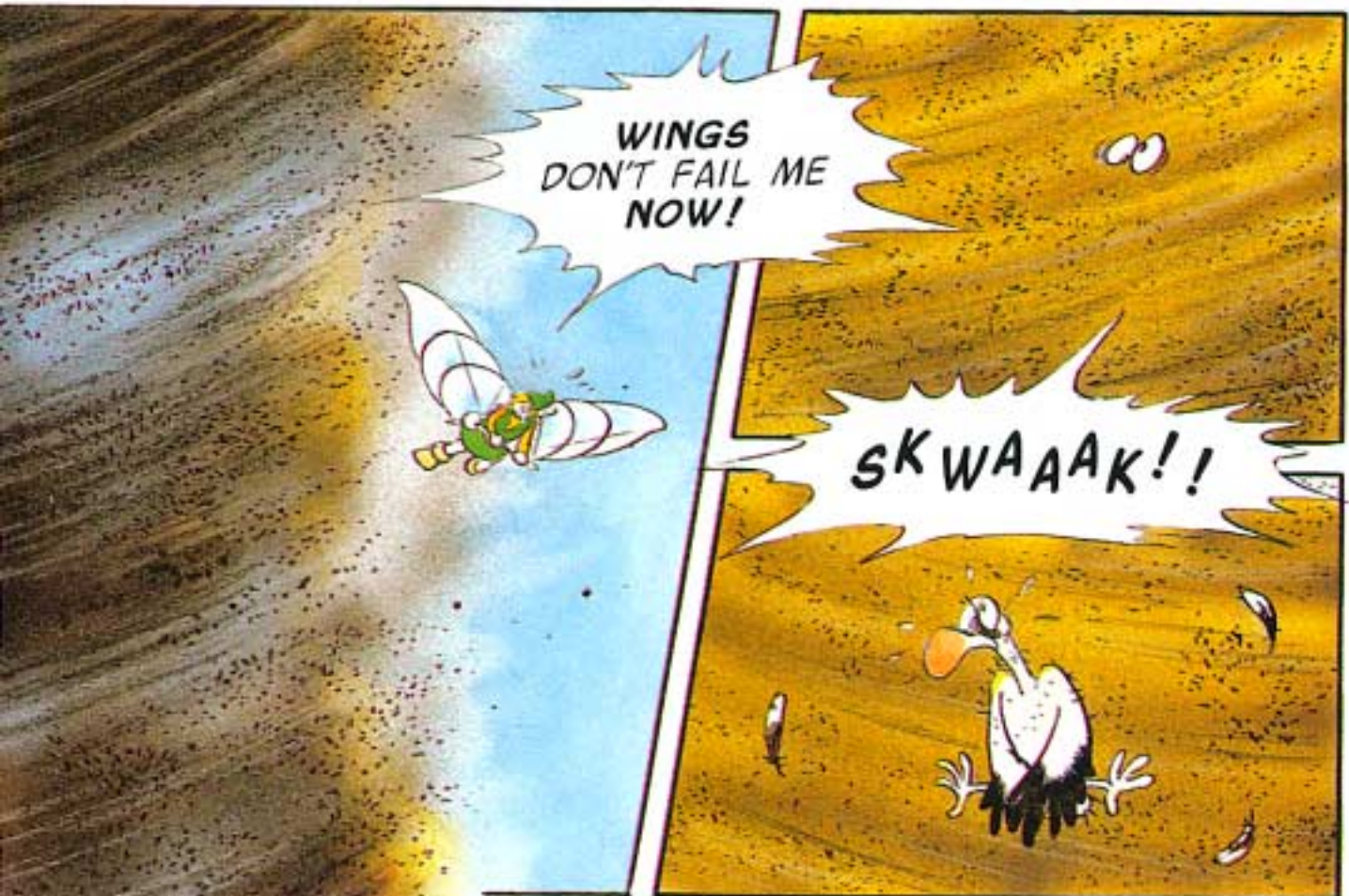
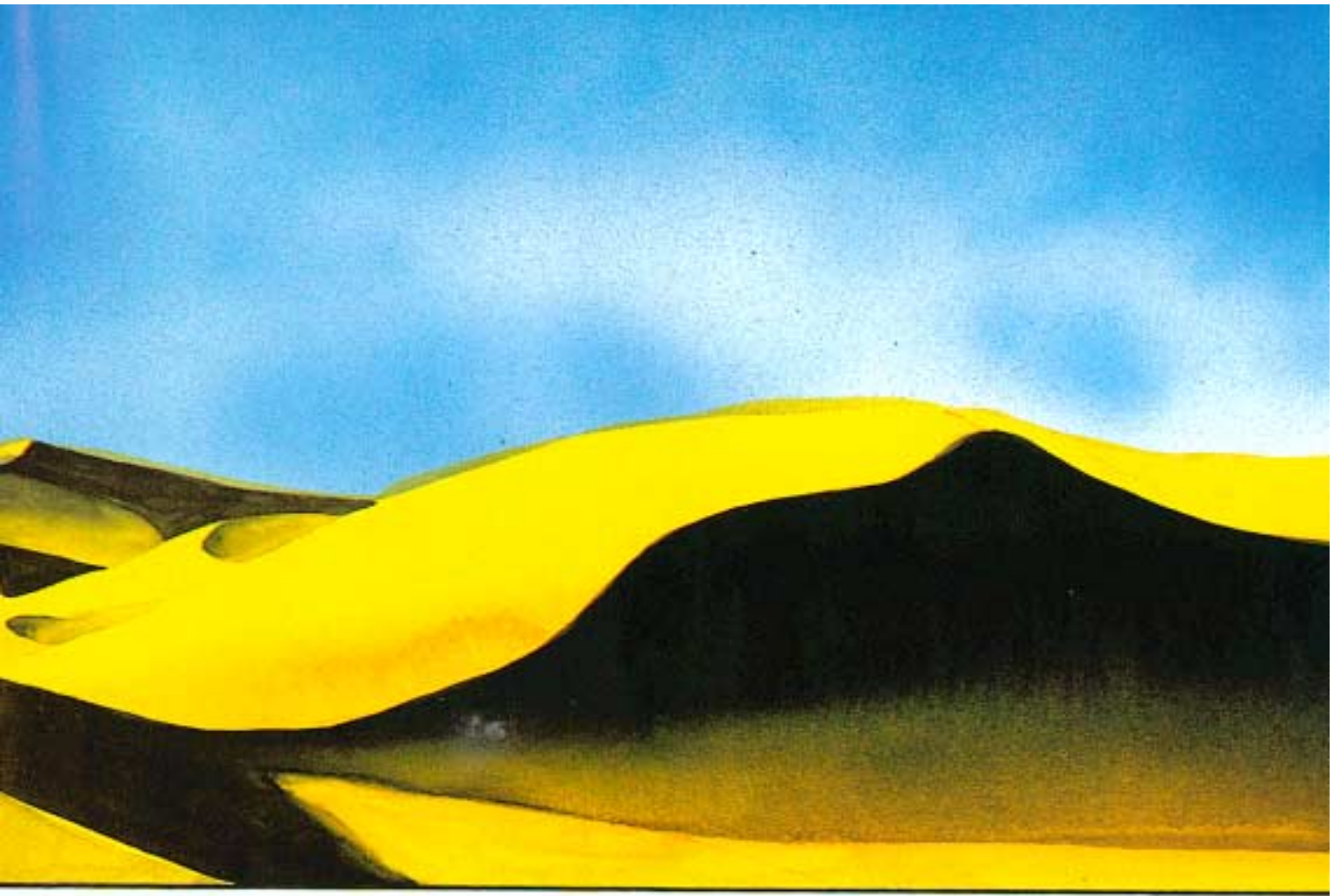
UH-OH!  
IT'S A--



--TWISTER!

H WOOOOOSH!!





THE  
DESERT  
RUINS!



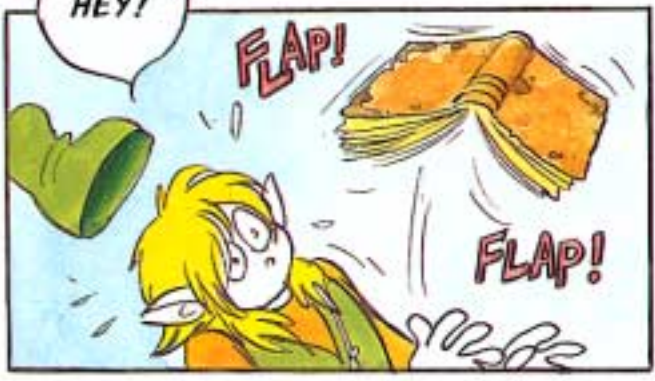
AND THIS  
MUST BE ANCIENT  
HYLIAN SCRIPT!

MAYBE I AM  
THE LEGENDARY  
HERO AFTER ALL!

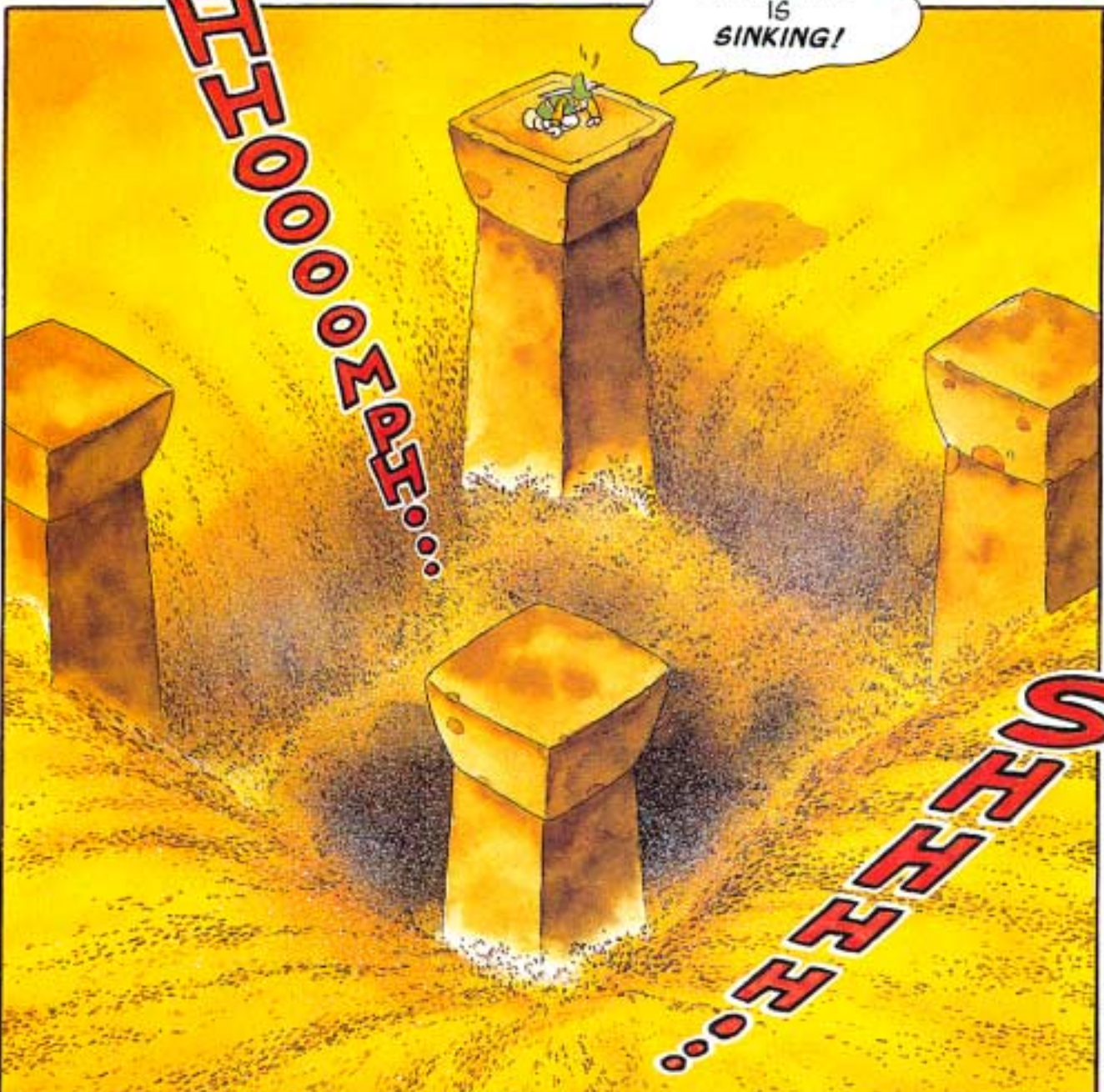
I SUPPOSE  
IF I LOOK IT UP  
IN THE BOOK, THE  
WRITING SHOULD  
MAKE SENSE...

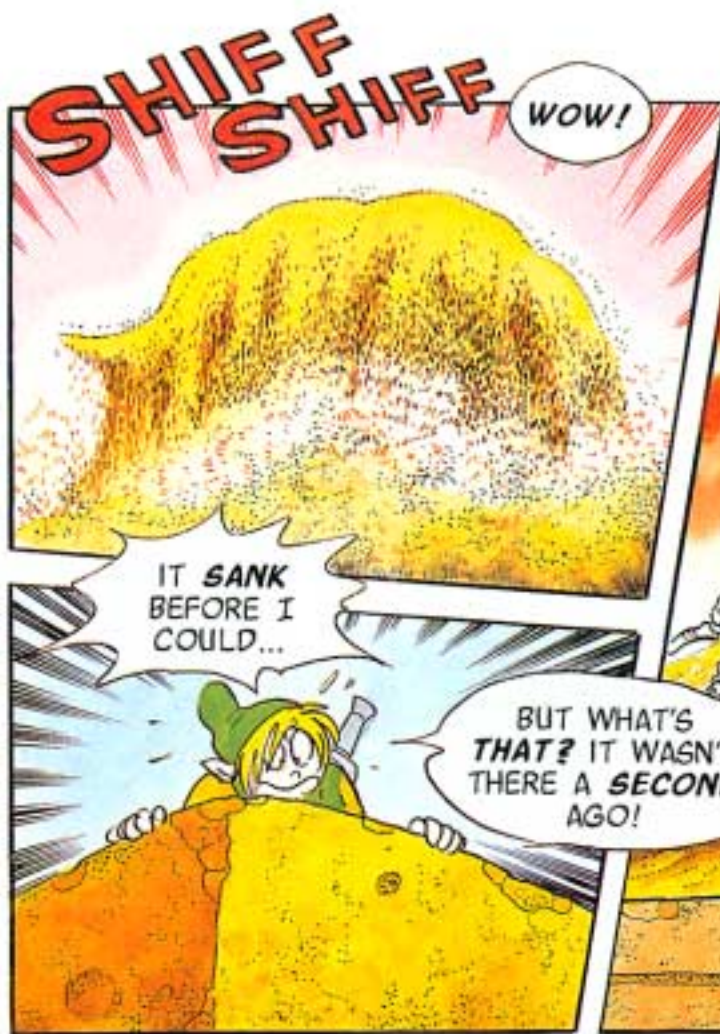


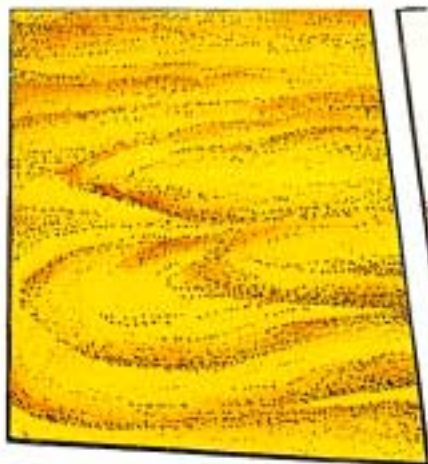
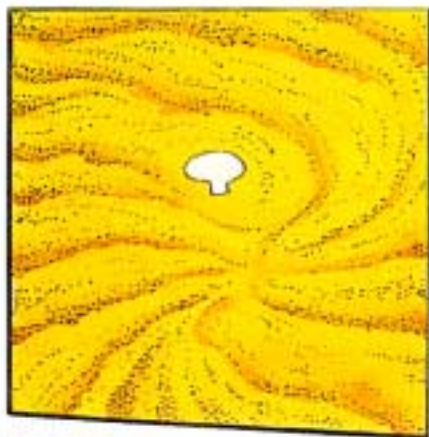
HEY!



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







**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  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



I CAN'T  
CRACK ITS  
ARMORED  
SHELL!

IT'S NO USE!



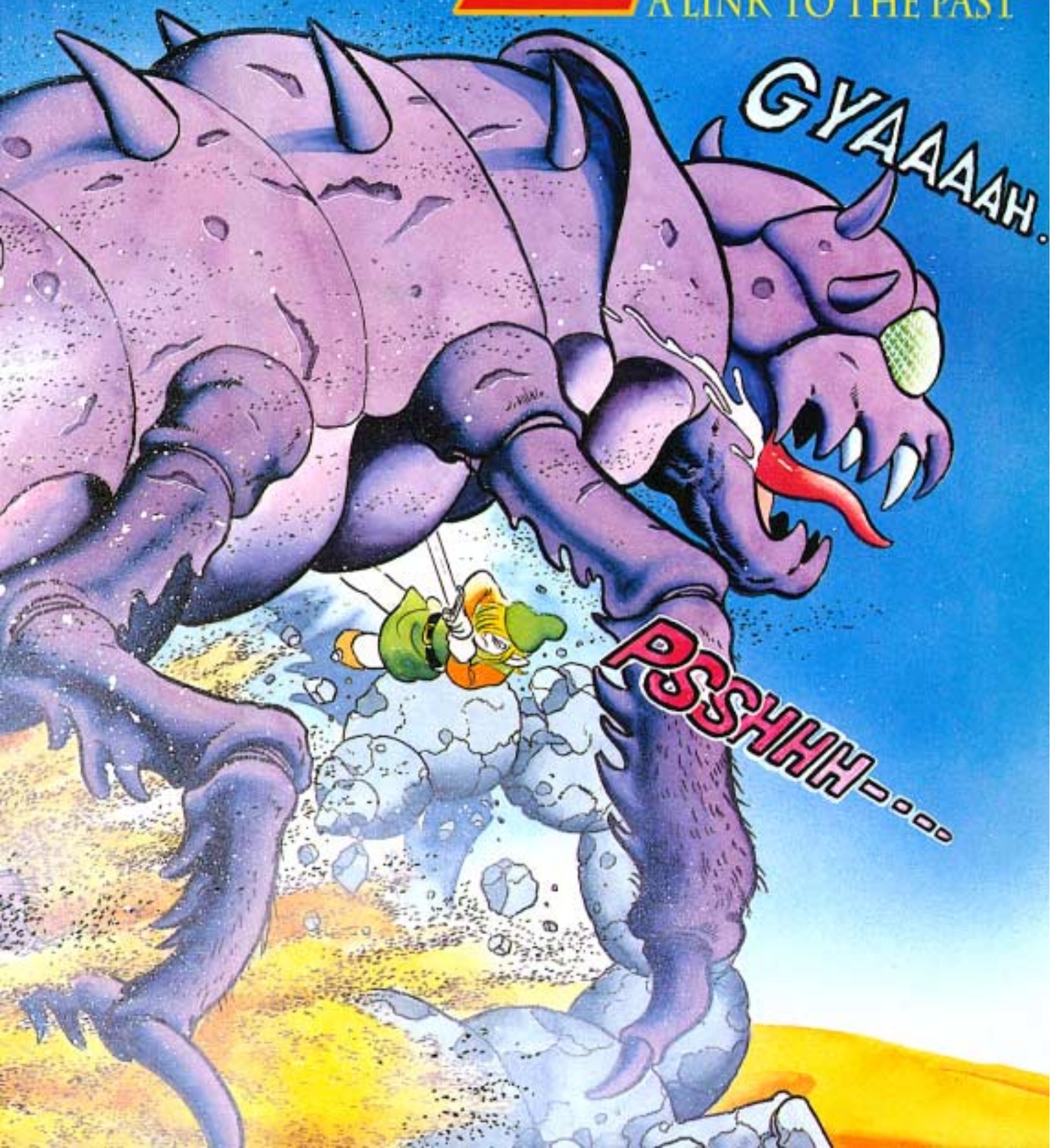
**GRRROAARR!**



A-HA!



THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™





**GRRROAAAZ!**



IF IT HAS TO BE ME OR HIM...

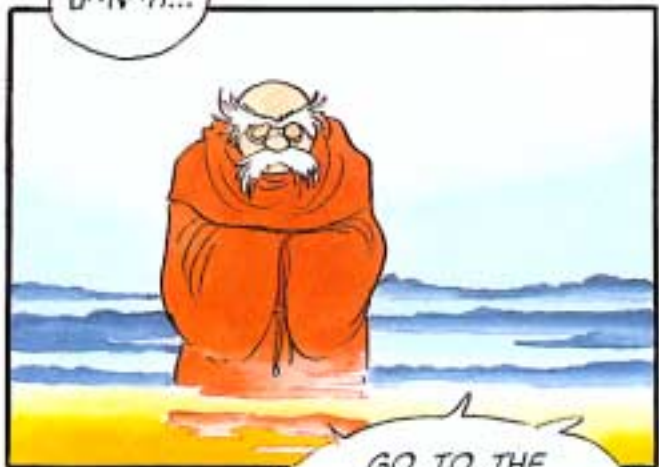
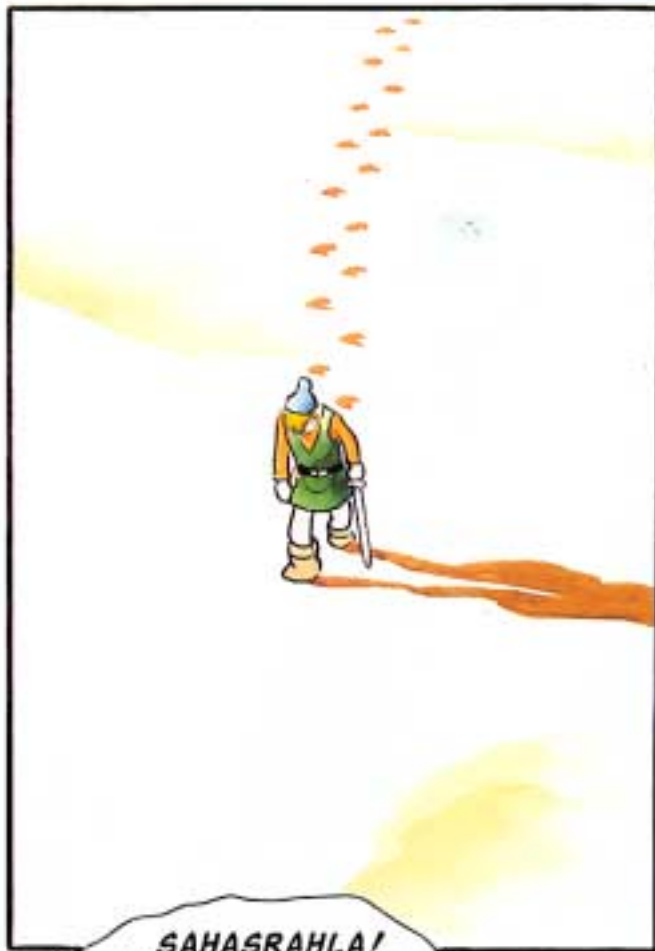
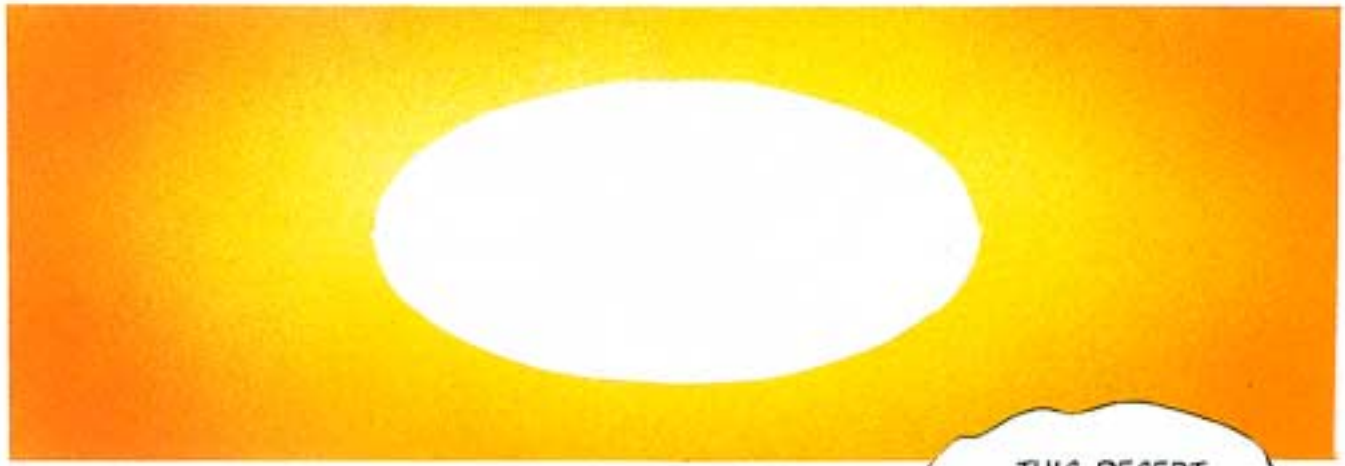


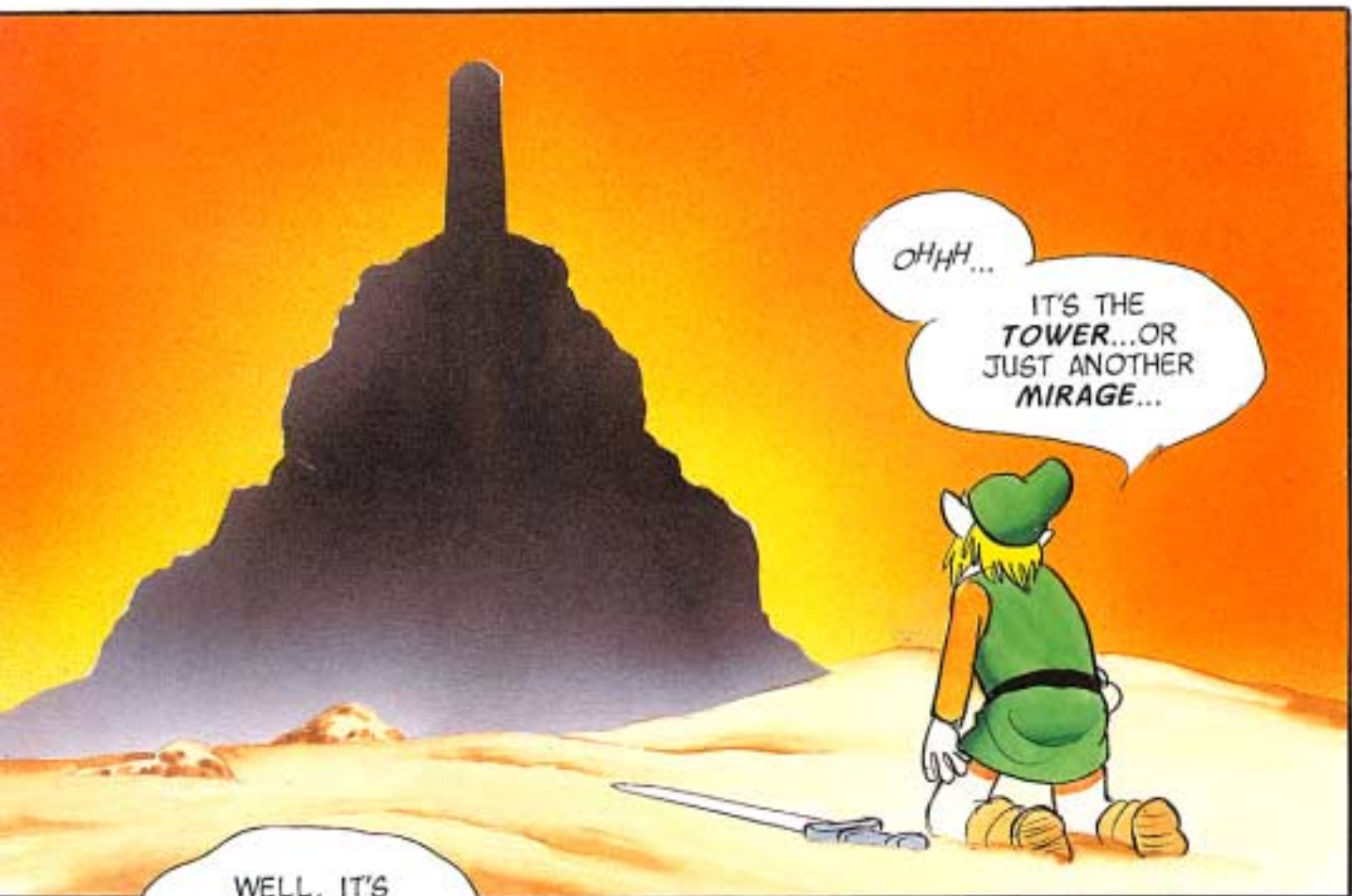
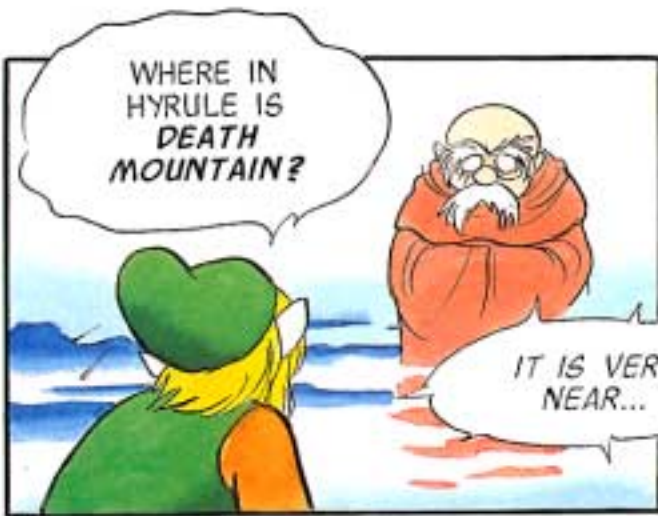
IT'S GOING TO BE HIM!

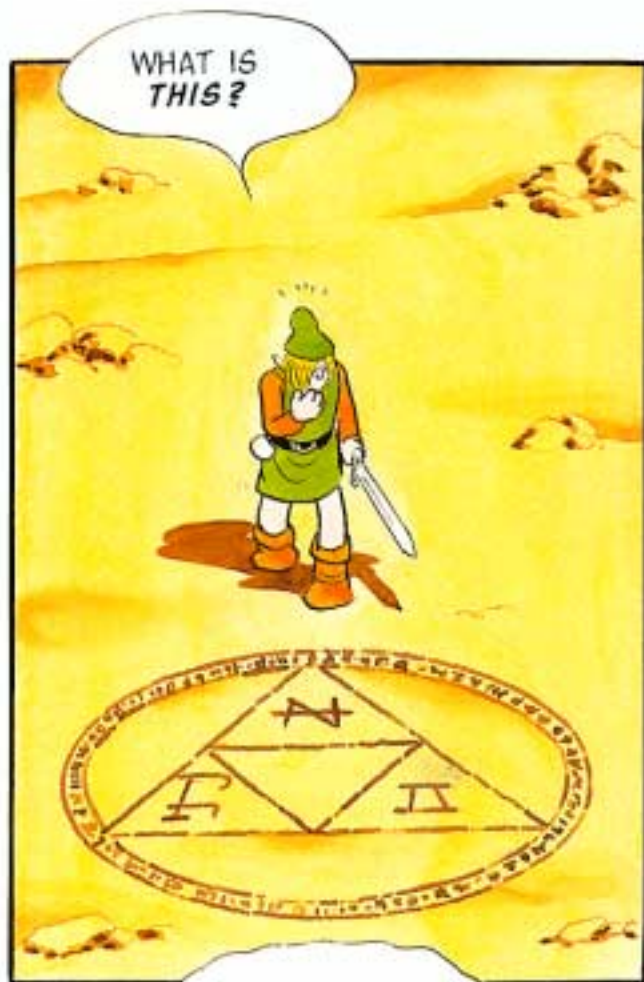


**SHHHHHH...**

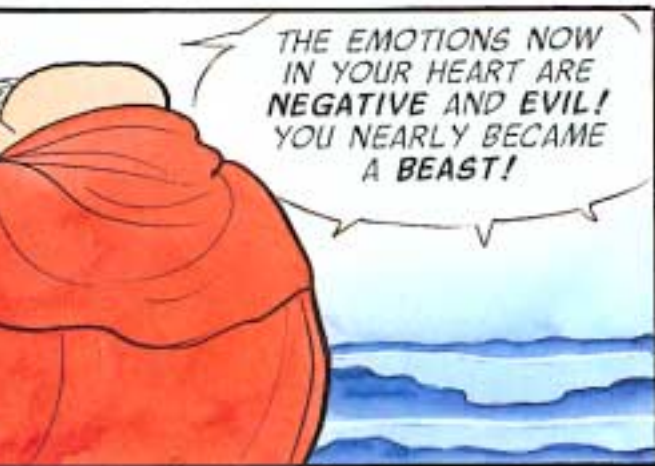
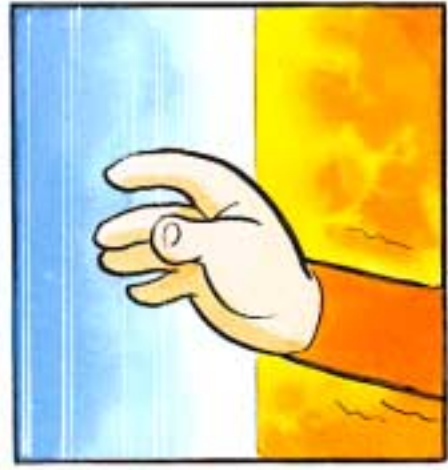
**GRRROAAAZ...**











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!

WHAT HAPPENED  
TO SAHASRAHLA?!

WHY ARE  
YOU HERE?!

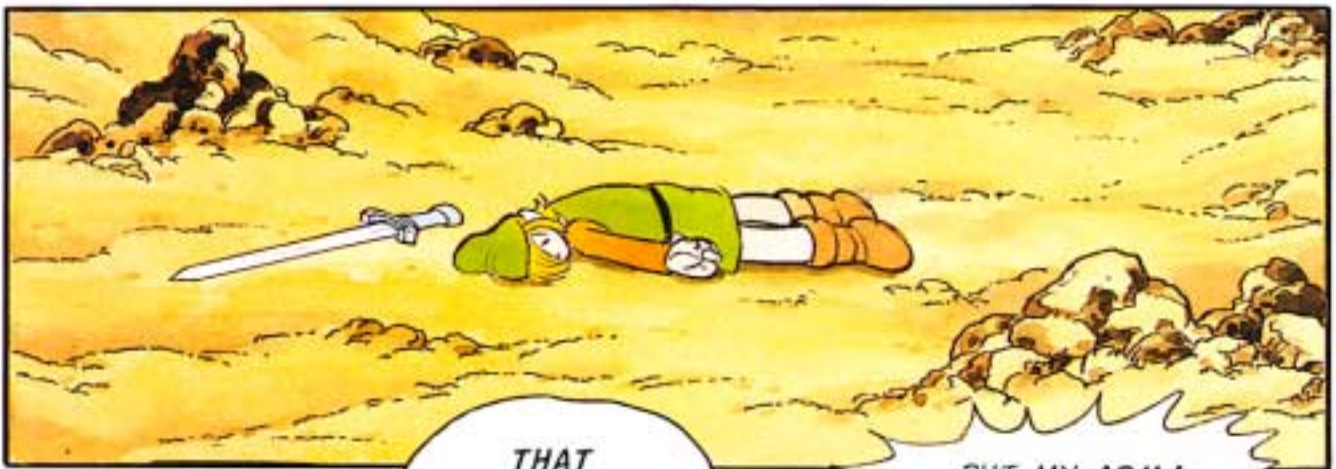
NOW ZELDA!  
**MORE**  
ILLUSIONS?!

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

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

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

THIS IS  
A DREAM?



THE  
TOWER OF  
HERA!

IT LOOKS  
LIKE MY TROUBLES  
ARE BEGINNING  
AGAIN!

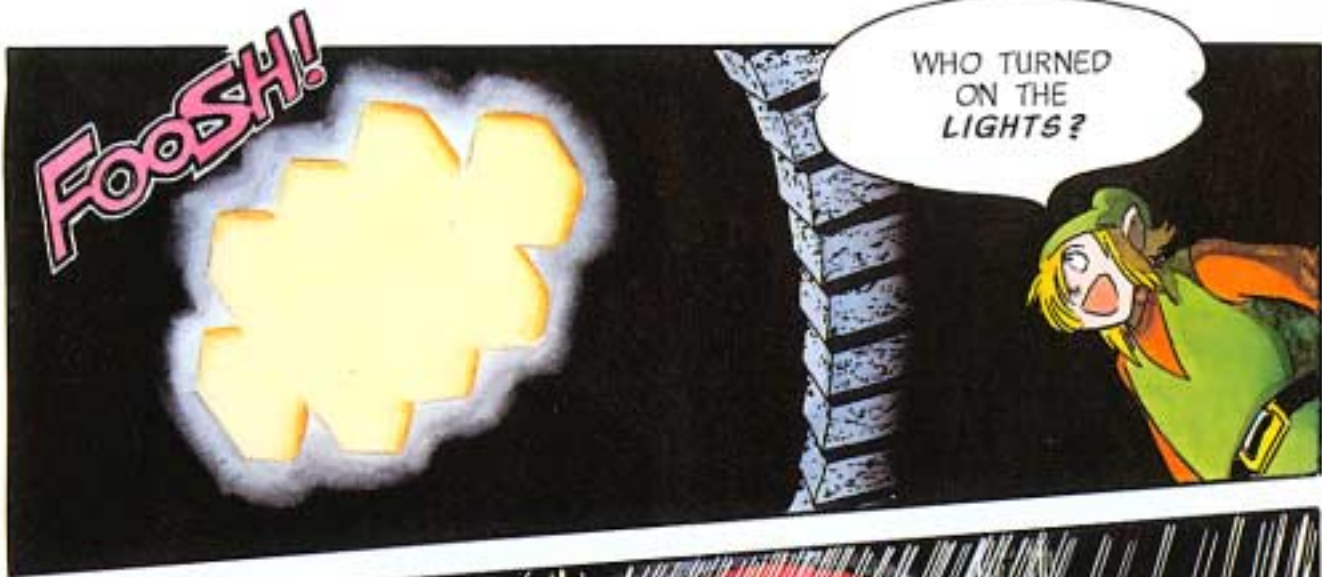
OH NO!

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!





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

ARE YOU KIDDING?!



IT'S IMBEDDED IN THE MONSTER'S FOREHEAD!

I'M GLAD THIS IS THE LAST PENDANT!



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





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  
IIII...

FISHII...

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?

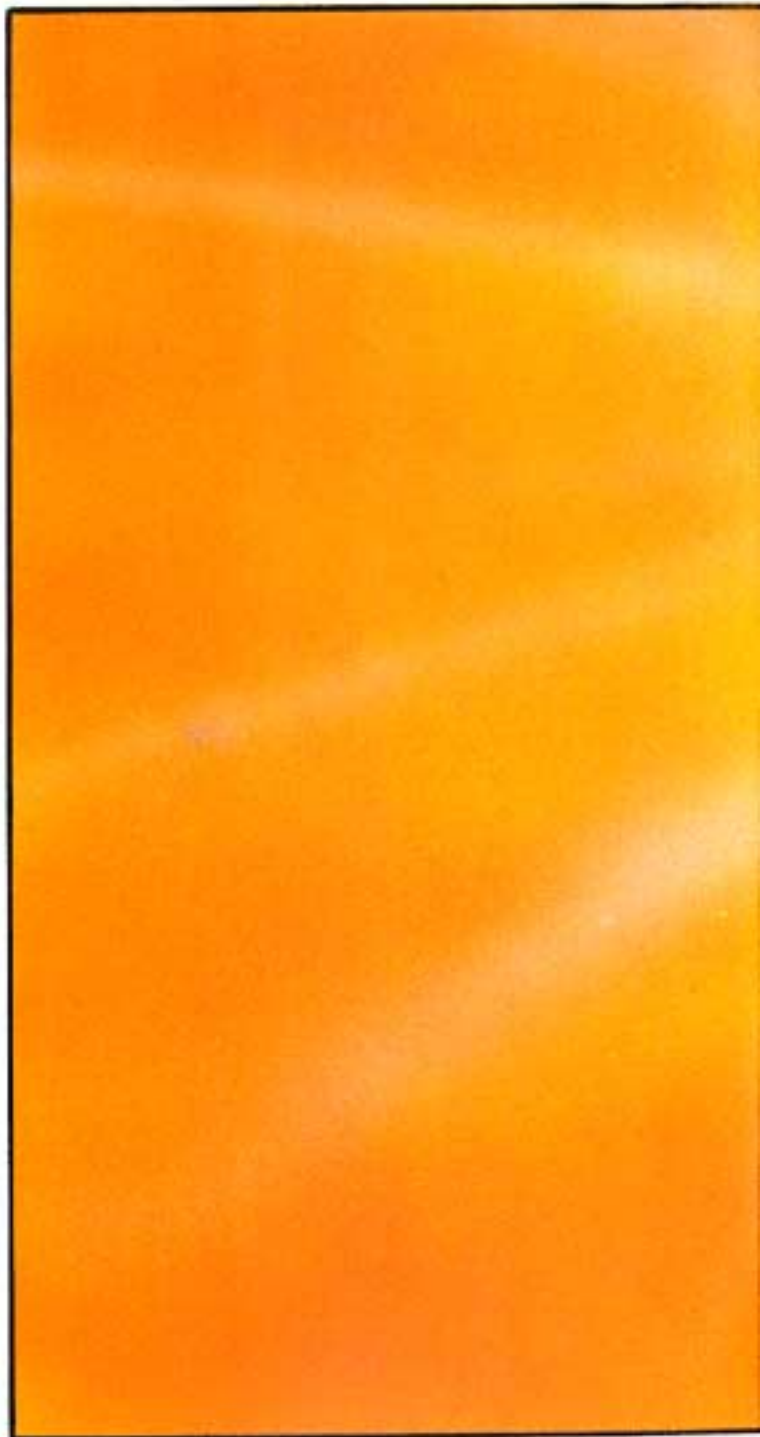
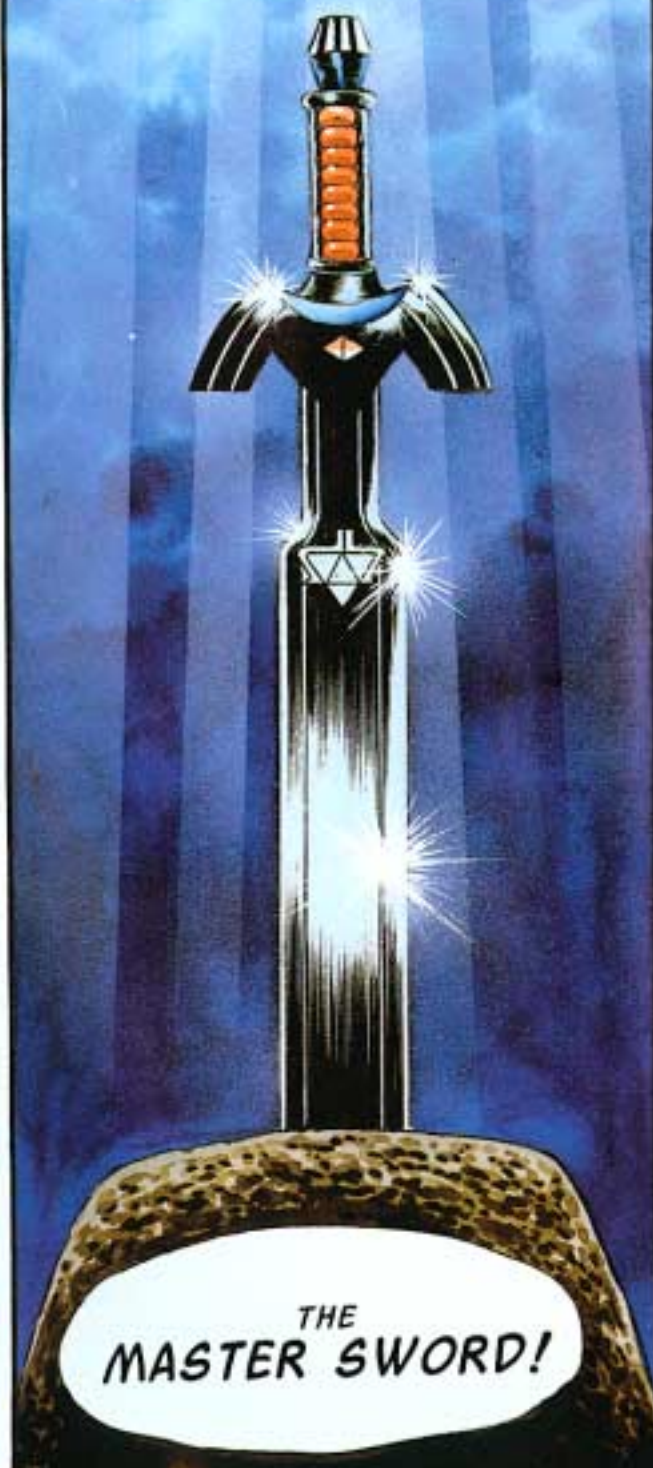
THEY DWELL  
NOW IN THE  
DARK WORLD...

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!



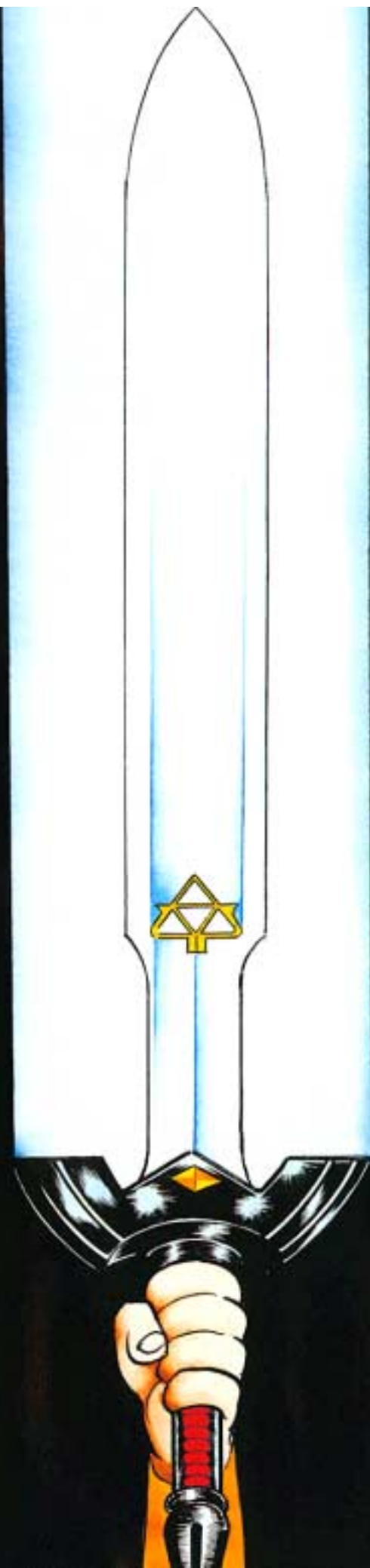


THE  
MASTER SWORD!



TO BE CONTINUED...

# THE LEGEND OF **ZELDA**<sup>®</sup> A LINK TO THE PAST™



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!



WOO!

**SKRRACK**



BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



WISSSSSH!



I...I DID IT!

...WAKE UP, LINK...



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

WHoooooT!



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?!



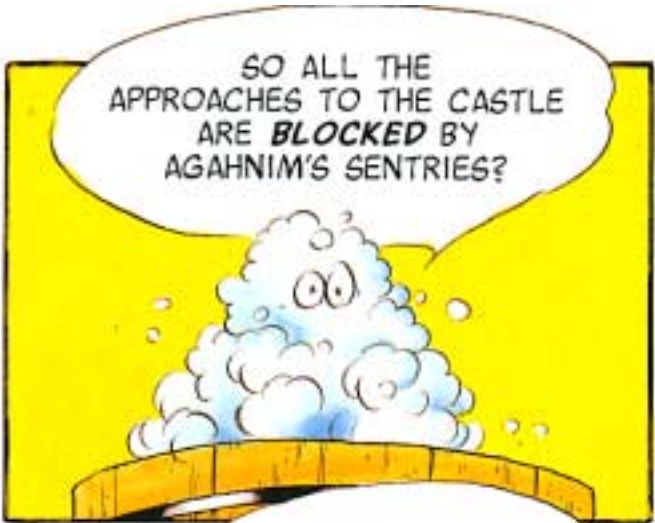
PLEASE, YOU MUST  
DESTROY AGAHNIM BEFORE  
HIS EVIL MAGIC LEADS TO  
HYRULE'S **DESTRUCTION!**

ALRIGHT,  
ALRIGHT. I'M  
ON MY WAY!

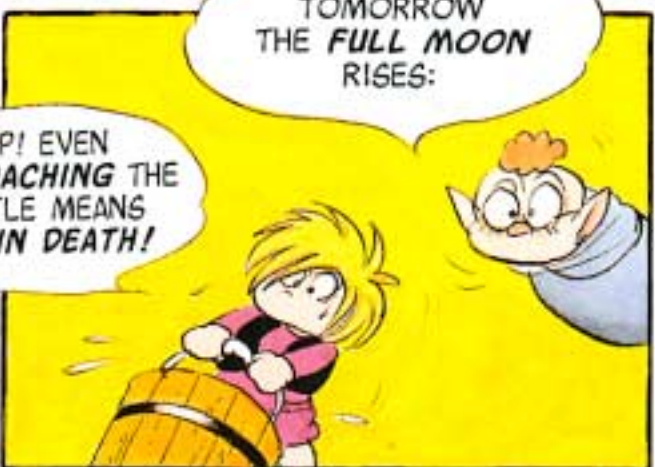
I HAVE SWORN  
TO **DEFEAT** AGAHNIM!  
AND NOW I HAVE THE  
**MASTER SWORD** TO  
FULFILL MY VOW!!



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



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!**



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



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

HMMMMMM...

THAT GIVES ME AN **IDEA!**



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!**



ᠮᠤᠨᠤᠯᠤᠰ ᠤᠯᠤᠰ ᠤᠯᠤᠰ ᠤᠯᠤᠰ ᠤᠯᠤᠰ



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?!

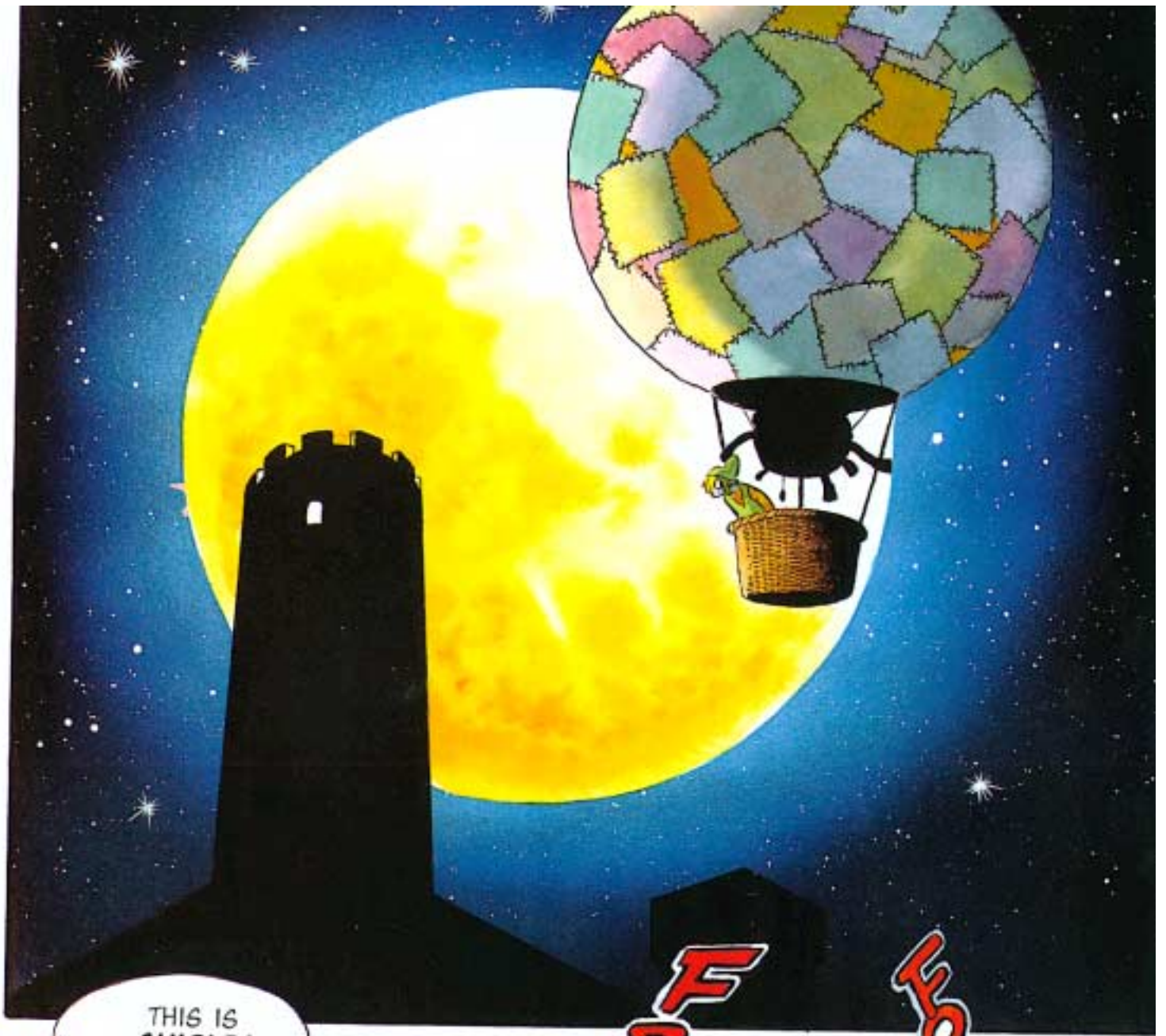


VERY WELL... I WILL  
SEND PRINCESS ZELDA  
INTO THE DARK WORLD  
BEFORE HIS VERY EYES!!



BUT, IF HE  
CAN MAKE IT HERE...

HEH HEH HEH...



THIS IS SIMPLE!

I'M OVER THE WALL ALREADY!

HSSSF  
FOOSSS

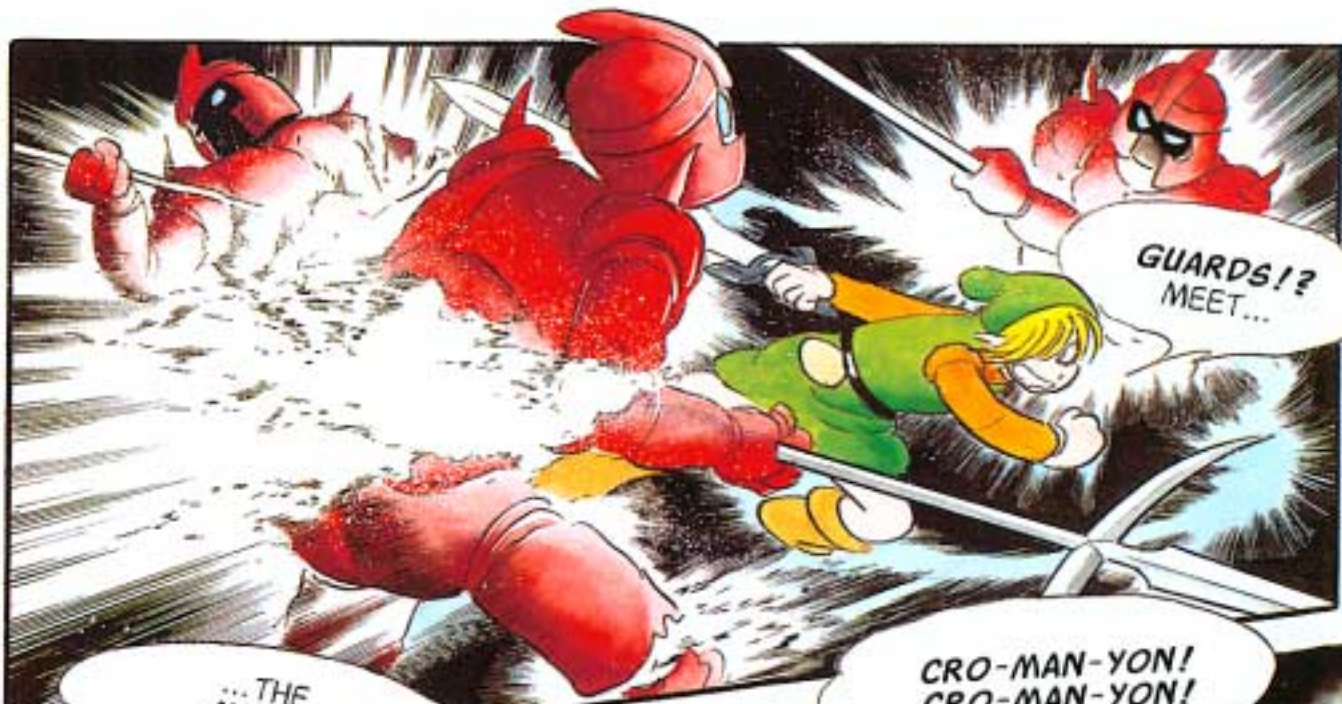


I GUESS I SPOKE TOO SOON!

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

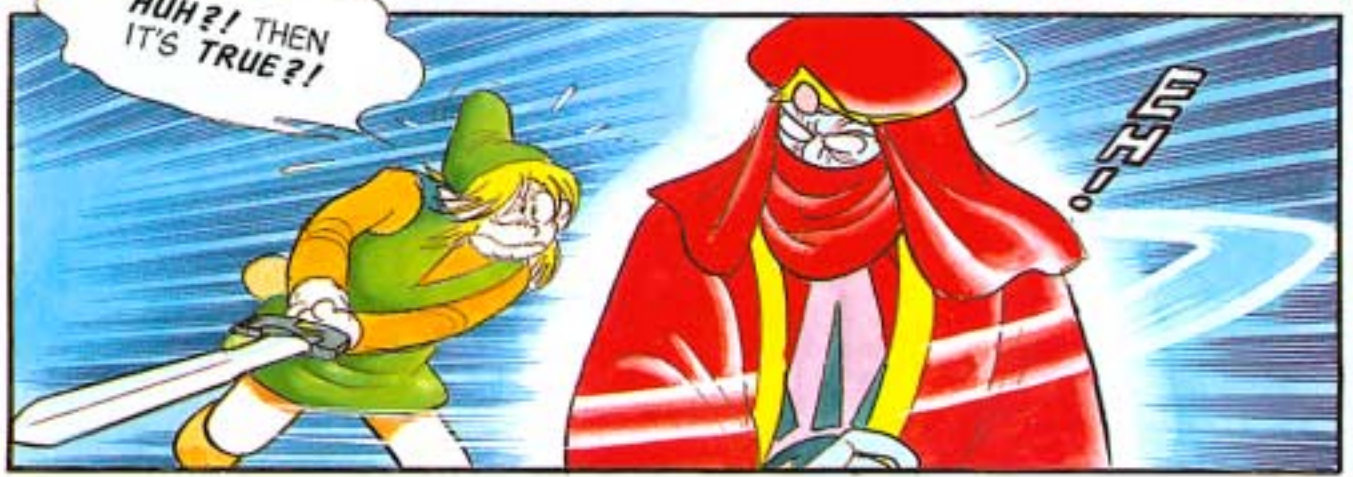
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!



DOOZZA!!



HUH?! THEN IT'S TRUE?!



USE!!



**U L P I !**

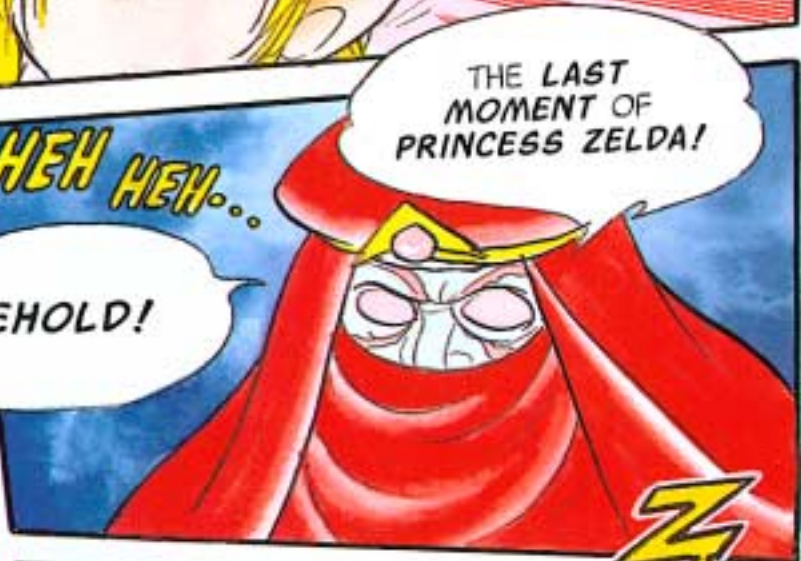
WHA--?!



I...I  
CAN'T MOVE!!

**HEH HEH...**

**BEHOLD!**



THE LAST  
MOMENT OF  
PRINCESS ZELDA!



I HAVE BEEN  
AWAITING YOUR  
ARRIVAL, FOOLISH  
HERO!

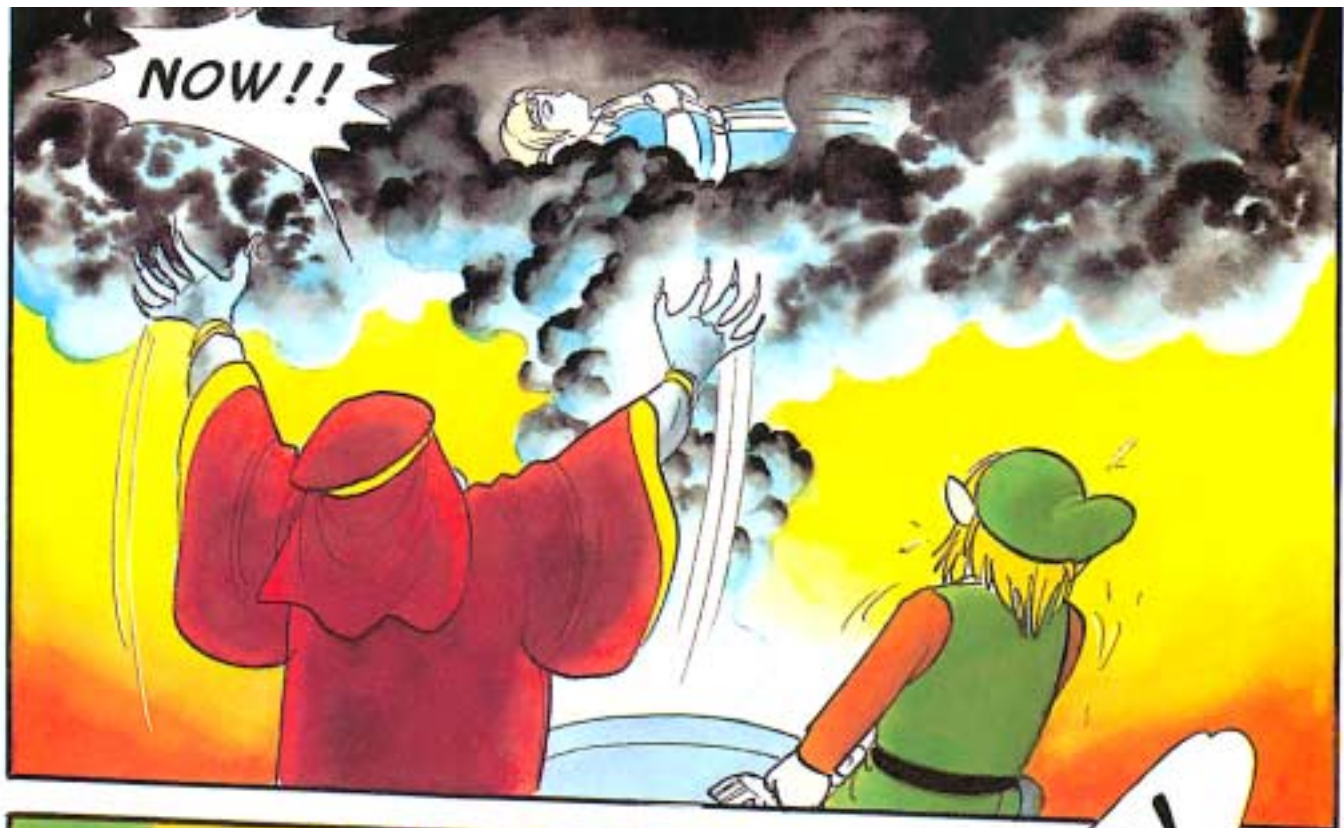
WATCH NOW AS  
YOUR PRECIOUS  
PRINCESS **VANISHES**--  
BEFORE YOUR VERY  
**EYES!!**



**ZASH!**

**HAH!!**





**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...



THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

Illustrated Adventures based on the legendary game series

WHAT IS THIS?!!



BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI

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-SH!



UNNNH!

HEH HEH HEH!

SWOOSH!



SAHASRAHLA WAS RIGHT!

PANT

PANT  
PANT

HA HA HAH!

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!



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

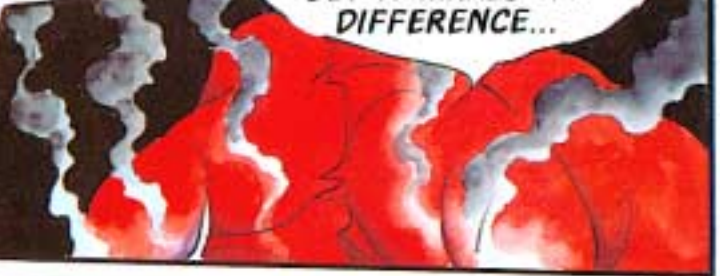
URRRGH...



WELL MET, HERO...



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



HEH HEH HEH...



AND WITH MY FINAL BREATH...



... YOU WILL JOIN ZELDA IN...



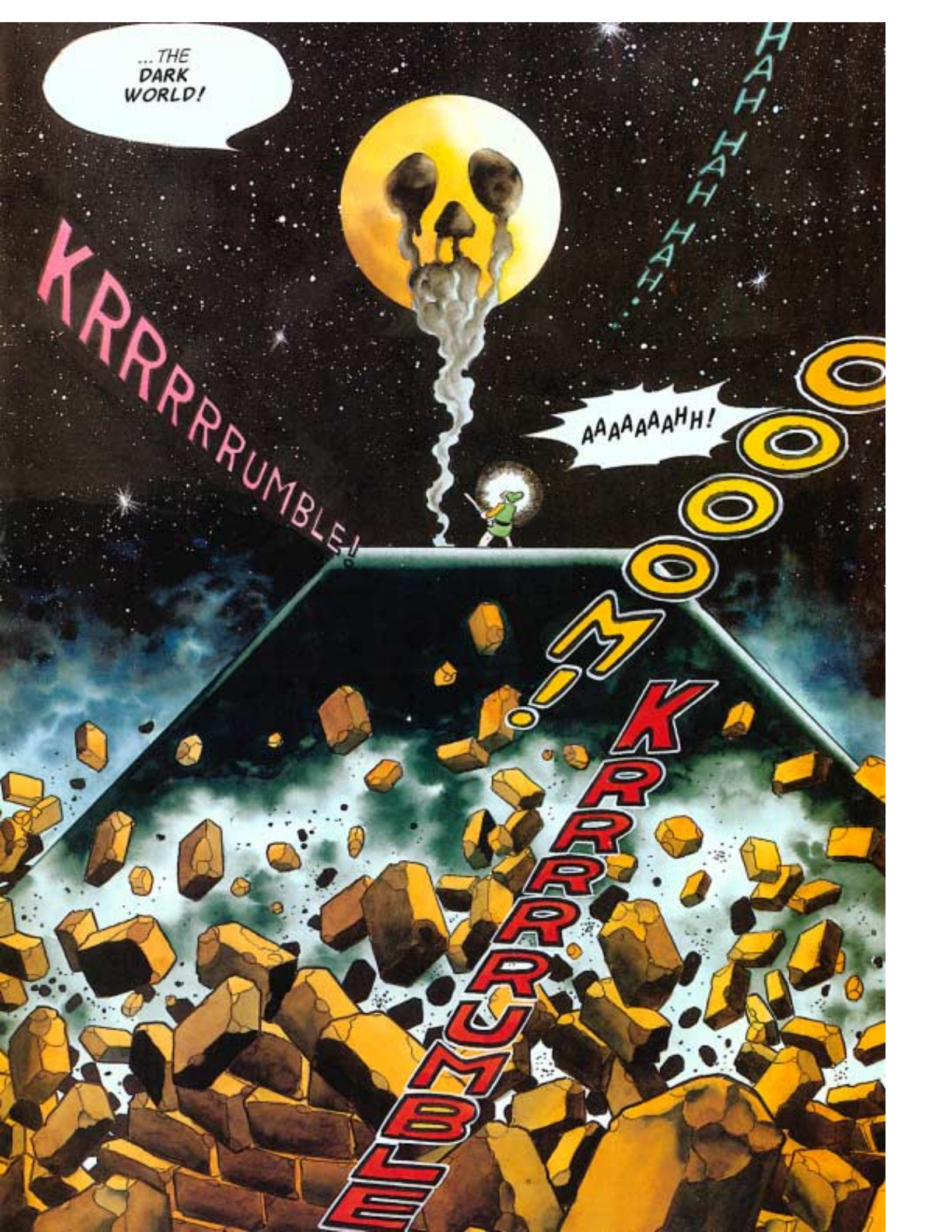
...THE  
DARK  
WORLD!

KRRRRRRUMBLE!

HAHAHAHAHAHA

AAAAAAHH!

MOOOO!  
KRRRRRUMBLE!



OH NO!



ZELDA!



I'VE LET YOU DOWN AGAIN!



NOW WHO WILL SAVE YOU?



OH NO!





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



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

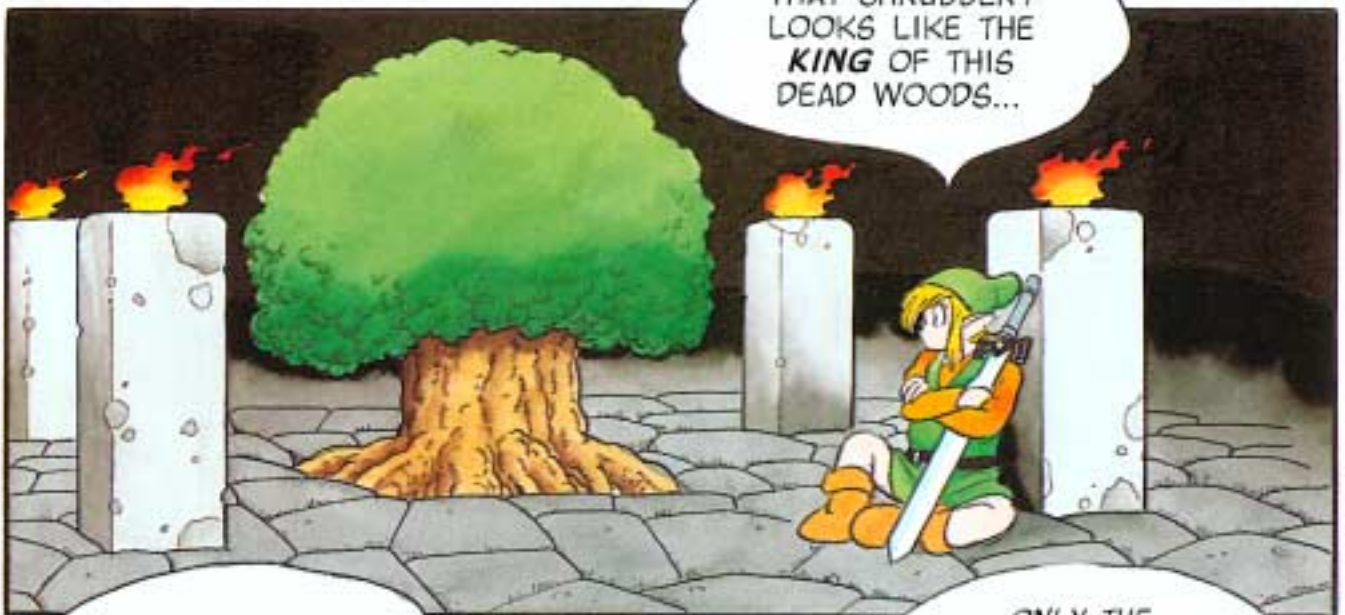


BEFORE I START  
SEARCHING I  
BETTER GET SOME  
**REST...**



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, ACCIDENTALLY 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...







WHO'S THERE?

YER LYIN'!! DON'T HIDE HER!

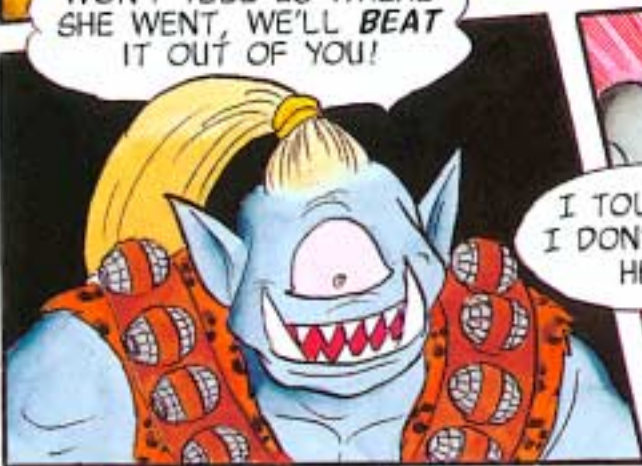
WE WANT HER MAGIC POWERS AND WE WANT THEM NOW!

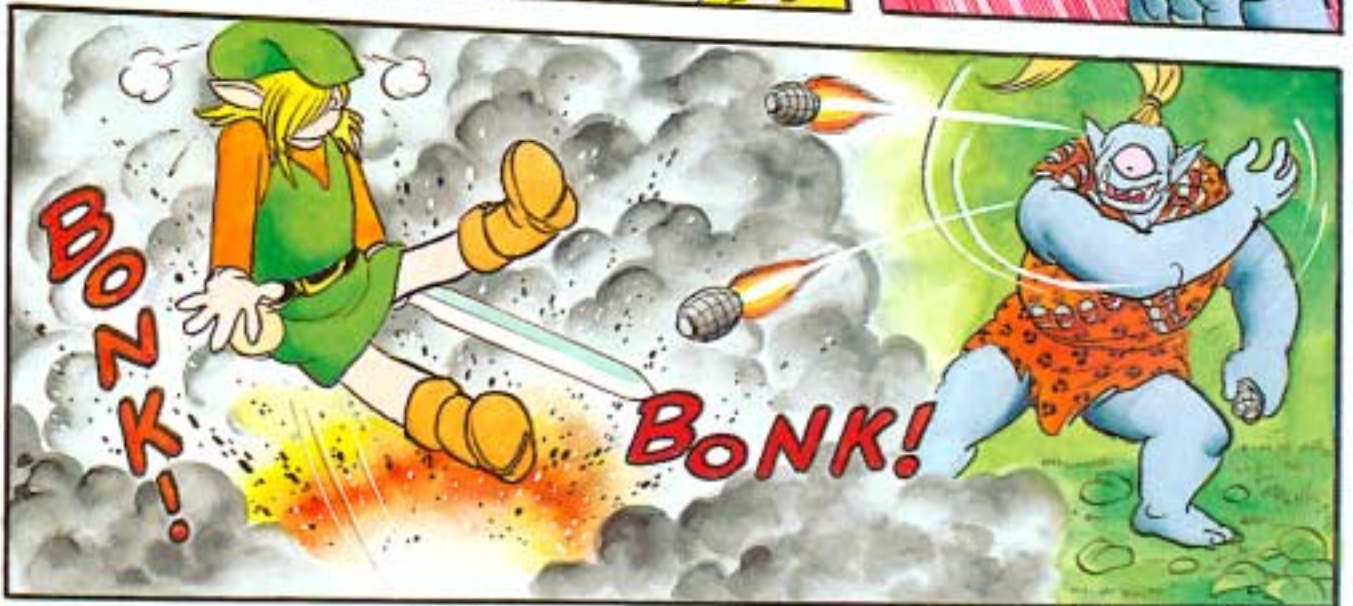
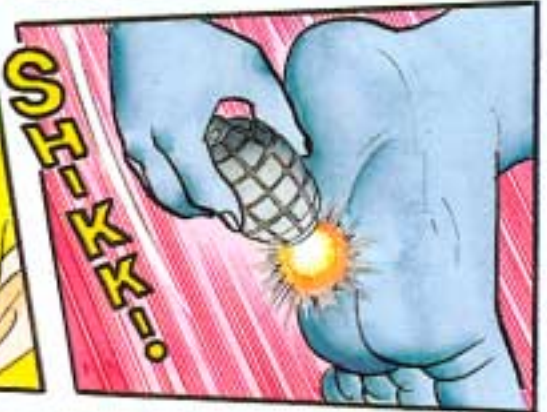


FAERIE? I DIDN'T SEE...

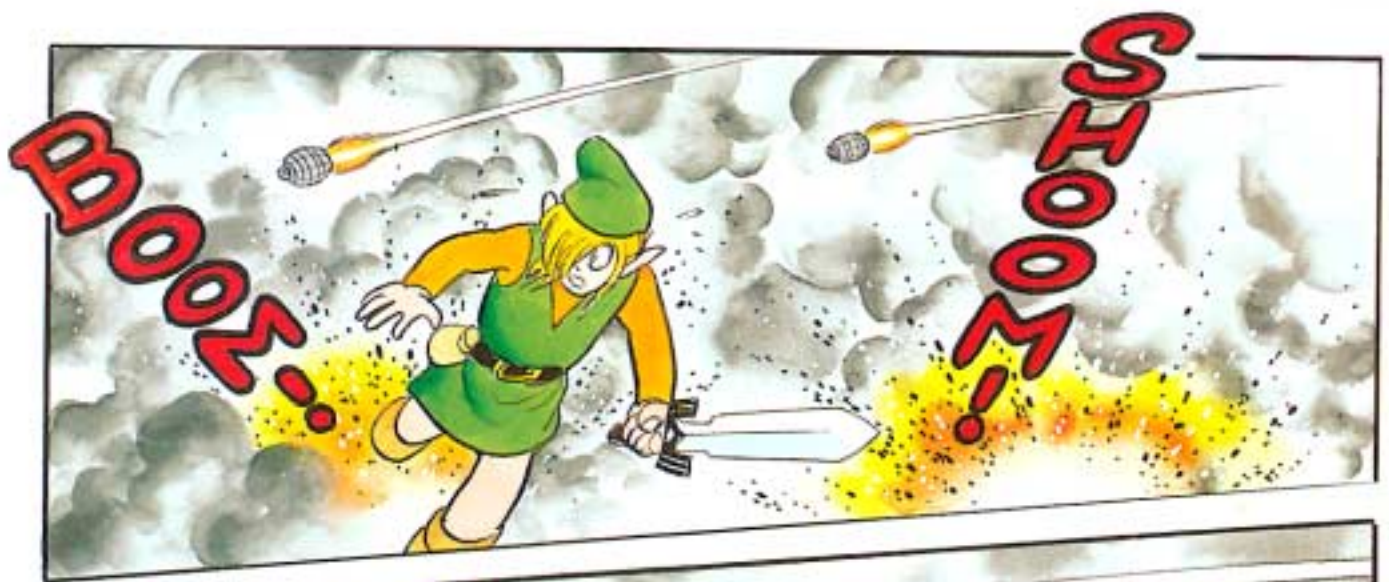
GRAB HIM! IF YOU WON'T TELL US WHERE SHE WENT, WE'LL BEAT IT OUT OF YOU!

BACK OFF! I'M WARNING YOU!












HUH?



TO BE CONTINUED...

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**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

Illustrated adventures based on the legendary game series

CHAPTER SEVEN  
**ZORA'S MASK**

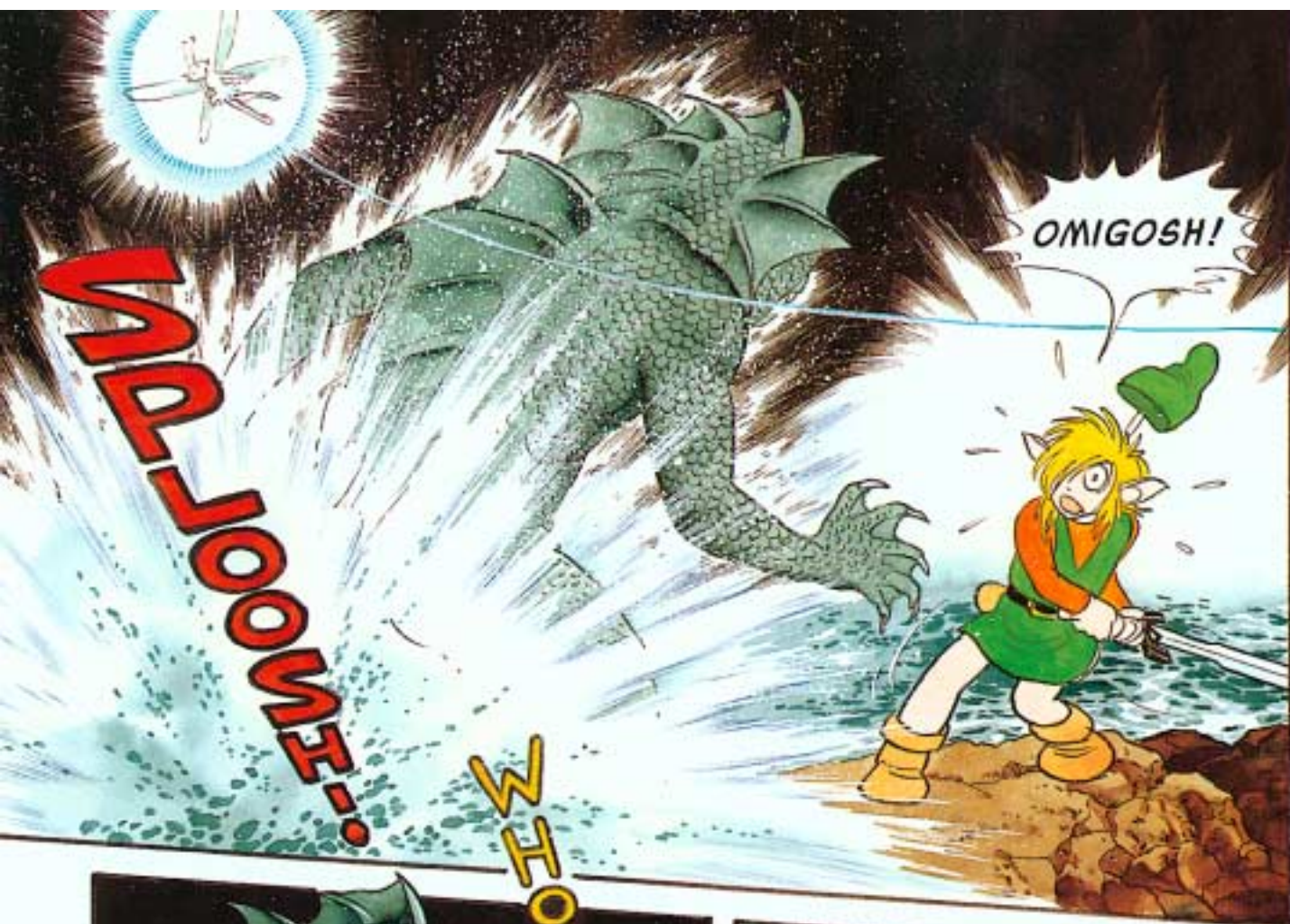
BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



HEY!  
WAIT!

I NEED  
TO ASK YOU  
SOMETHING!





OMIGOSH!

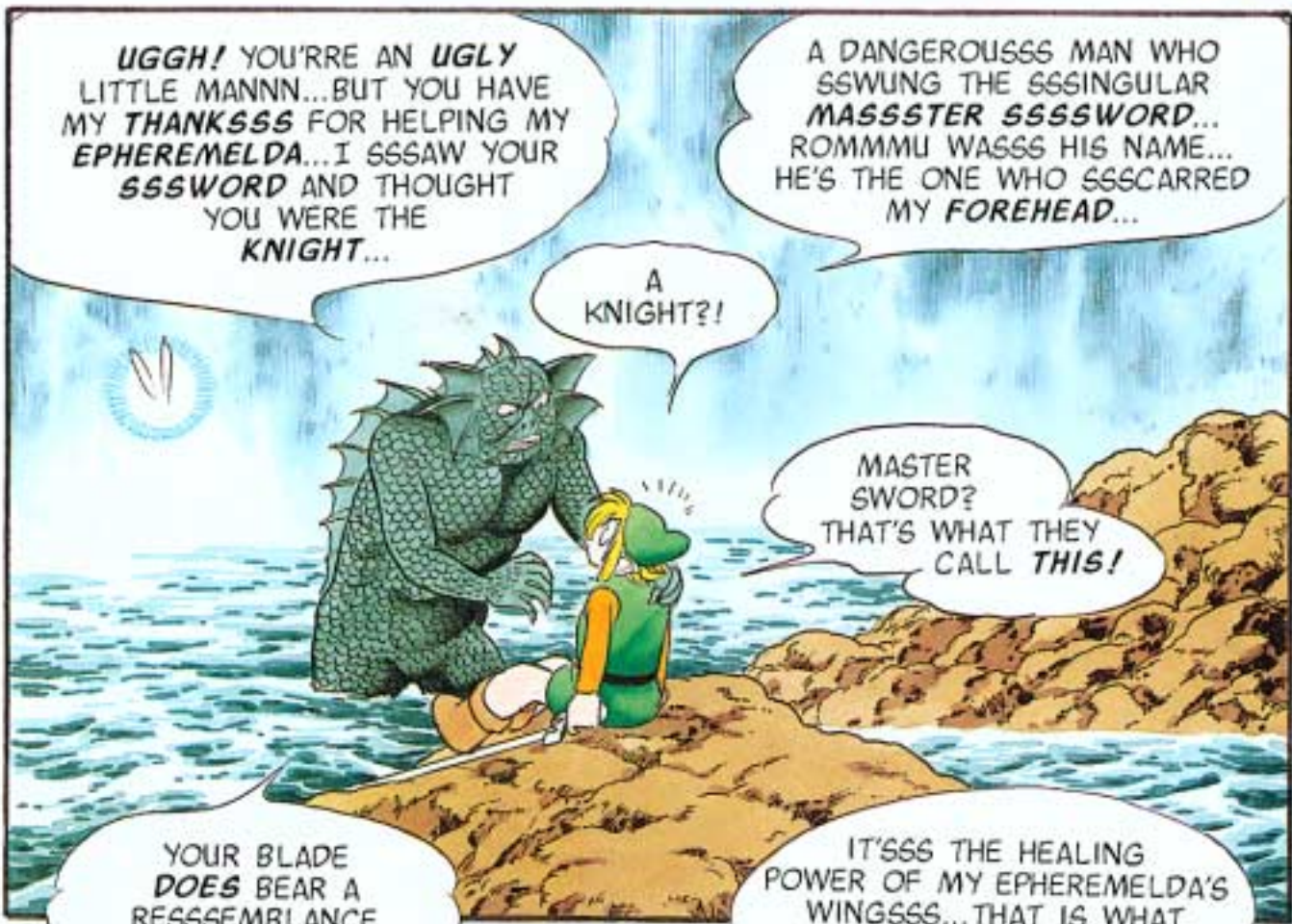
WAAAAA-JOOOME!!




UNNH...



THE SWORD...  
SO HEAVYYY...





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

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

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

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

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!*

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

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

WELL, I  
TRIED TO SAVE  
*ZELDA...*

...BUT AGAHNIM  
CAST ME INTO  
*THIS WORLD!*

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!*



IN LEGENDSSS 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...

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

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



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









IT'S THE  
PALACE OF  
DARKNESS!

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



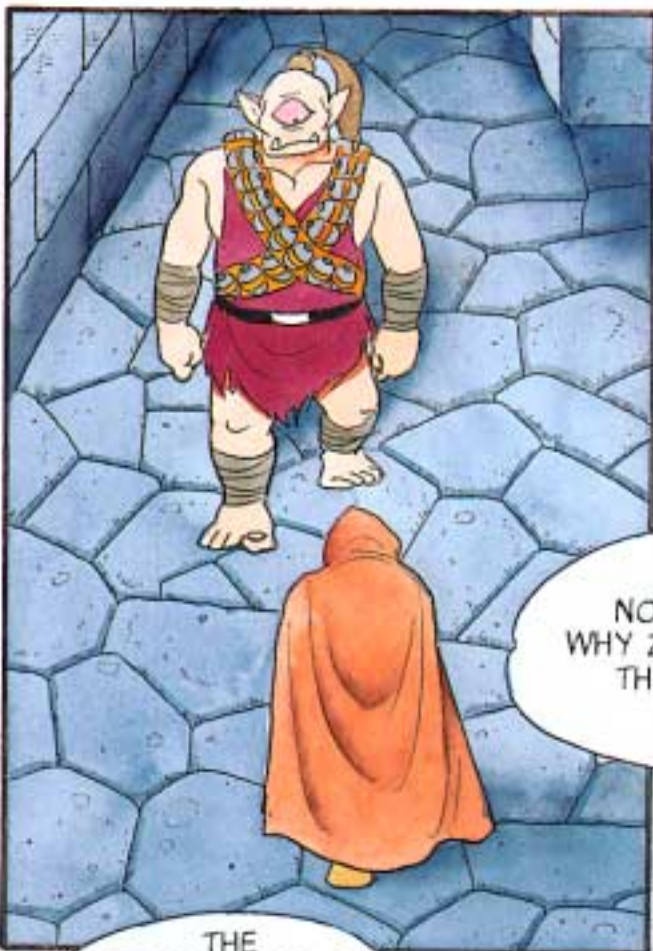
MAYBE IT'S  
ZELDA!



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!



VZZZIT!

OH, NO!



FORGET THIS!  
HE SEES RIGHT  
THROUGH ME!



YOU FOOL! YOU  
KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN  
IF YOU USE THE  
FIRECORN HERE?!!

WE'LL ALL  
GO UP IN  
SMOKE!



BUT IF YOU GUYS  
ARE GOING TO  
GET ME...



**KA-CHING!**



...WE'LL  
ALL GO  
TOGETHER!



**WHIRRRRY!!!**

**WHIRRRRR...**





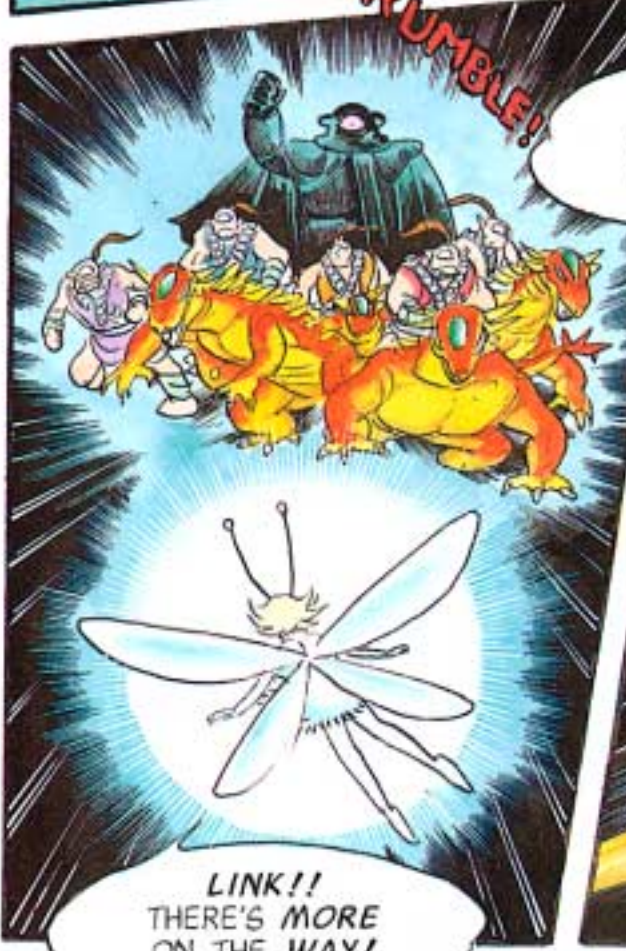
GRRRRUGGH!!  
RRR RUMBLE!

WOULD YOU MIND  
TAKING THEM A  
PRESENT!?

WE  
HAVE *ONE*  
CHANCE...



WOULD I  
MIND?

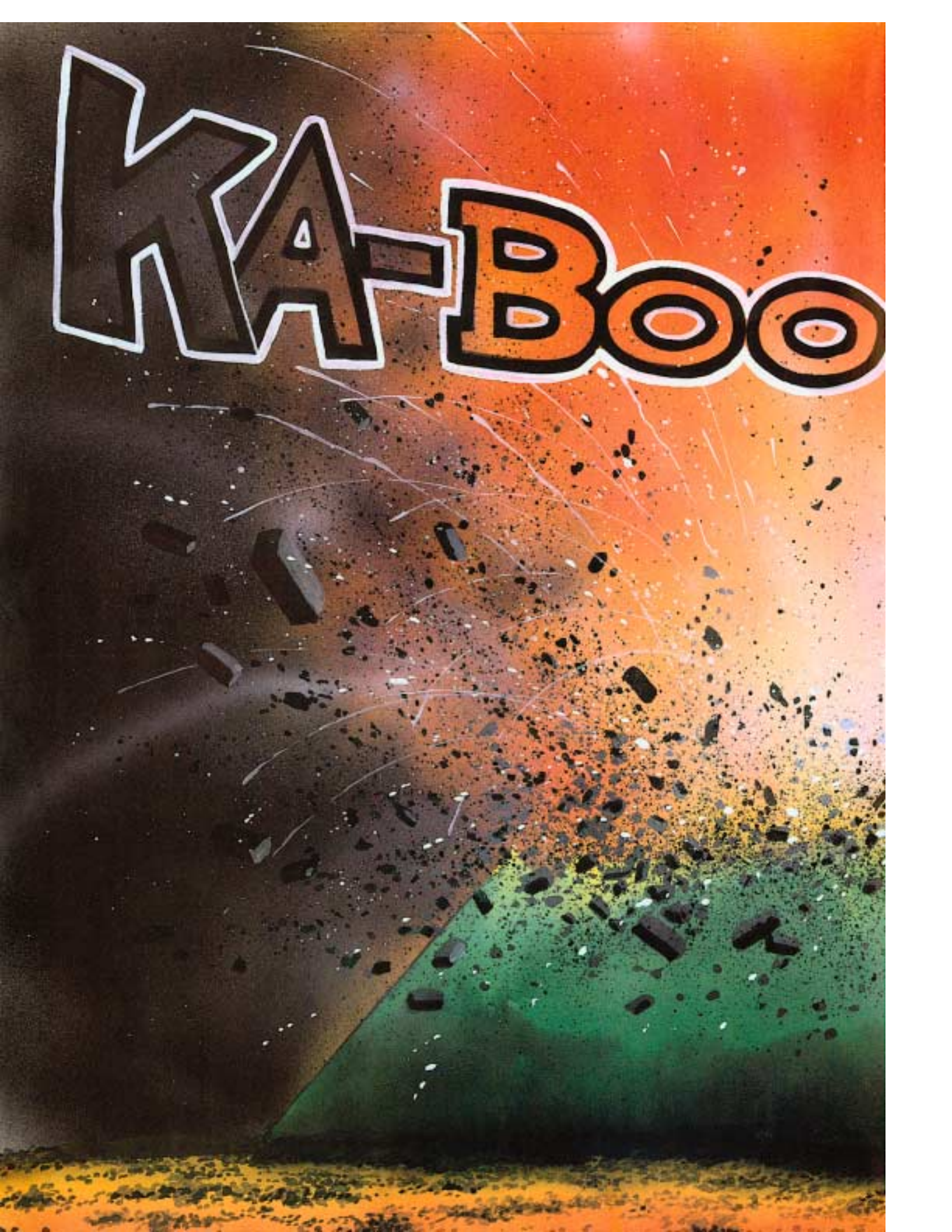


LINK!!  
THERE'S MORE  
ON THE WAY!



I'D LOVE  
TO!

**KAF-Boo**



OOOM!







CLATTER...

GRRROAN...



SPARKLE!



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, EPHEREMELDA?!

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

GOSH! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED!



K-K-K-K



BOOM!!!



WHO ARE YOU?

I CHALLENGE YOU...

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

THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

Illustrated adventures based on the legendary game series

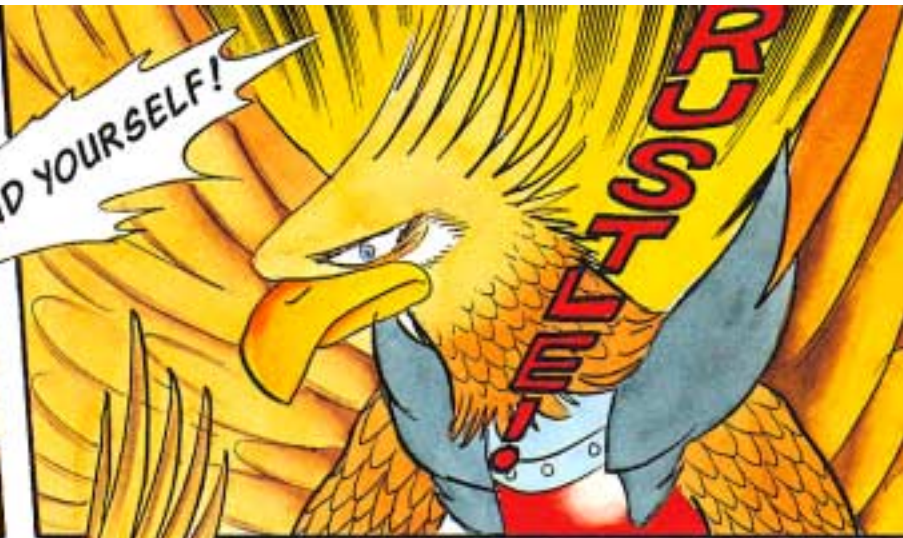
MY NAME IS ROAM!

**KA-TANNG!!**



ST-ES

DEFEND YOURSELF!



LET'S GO!

WHAT ARE YOU?

SKRR-EEK!



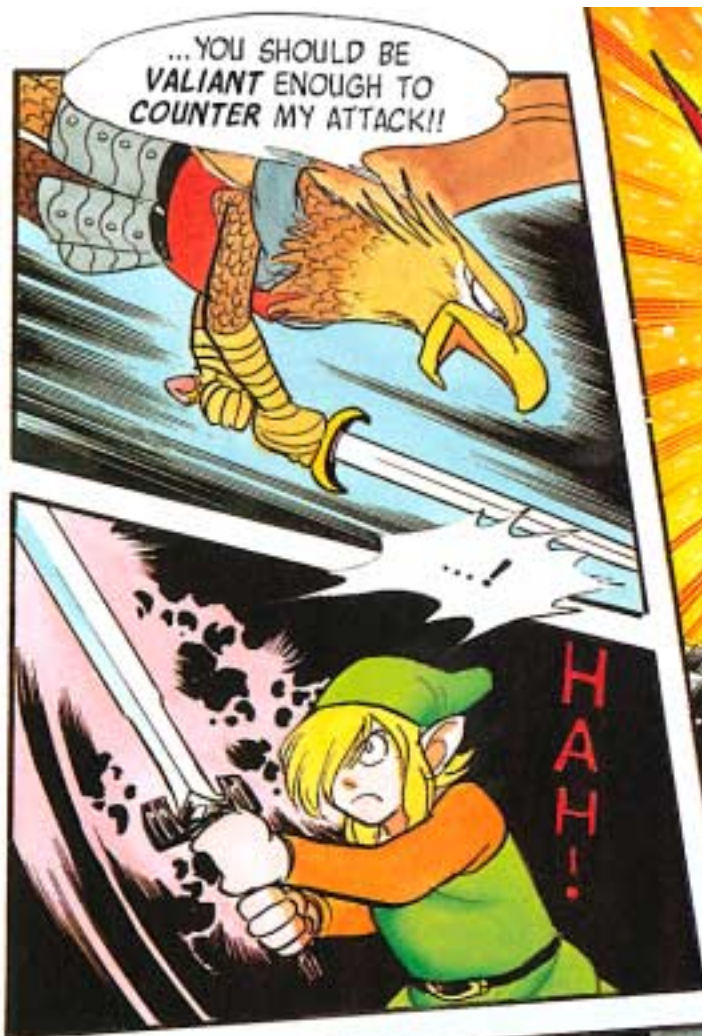
BY SHOTARO ISHINOMORI

CHAPTER EIGHT  
**ROAM,  
THE MYSTERY KNIGHT**

IF YOU ARE *TRULY* THE HERO...

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





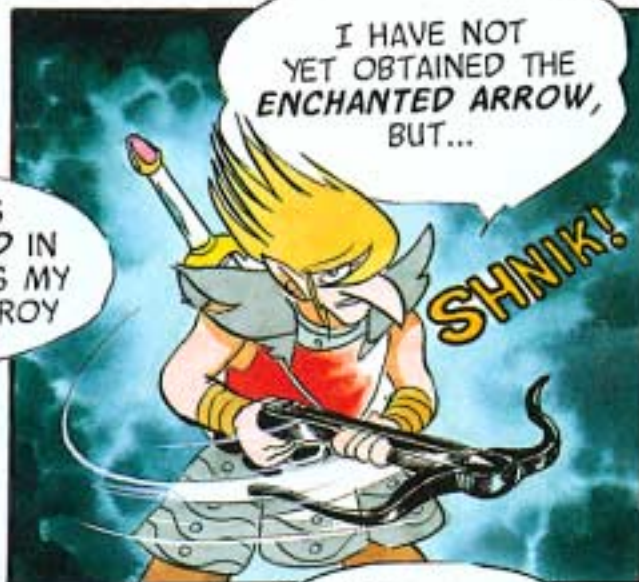
IT IS WRITTEN IN THE **BOOK OF MUDORA**:  
"HE WHO CORRUPTS THE LAND OF GOLD SHALL FALL TO THE SHAFT OF THE ENCHANTED ARROW OF SILVER..."

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



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

**SHNIKI!**



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!

SAHASRAHLLA!!



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!**

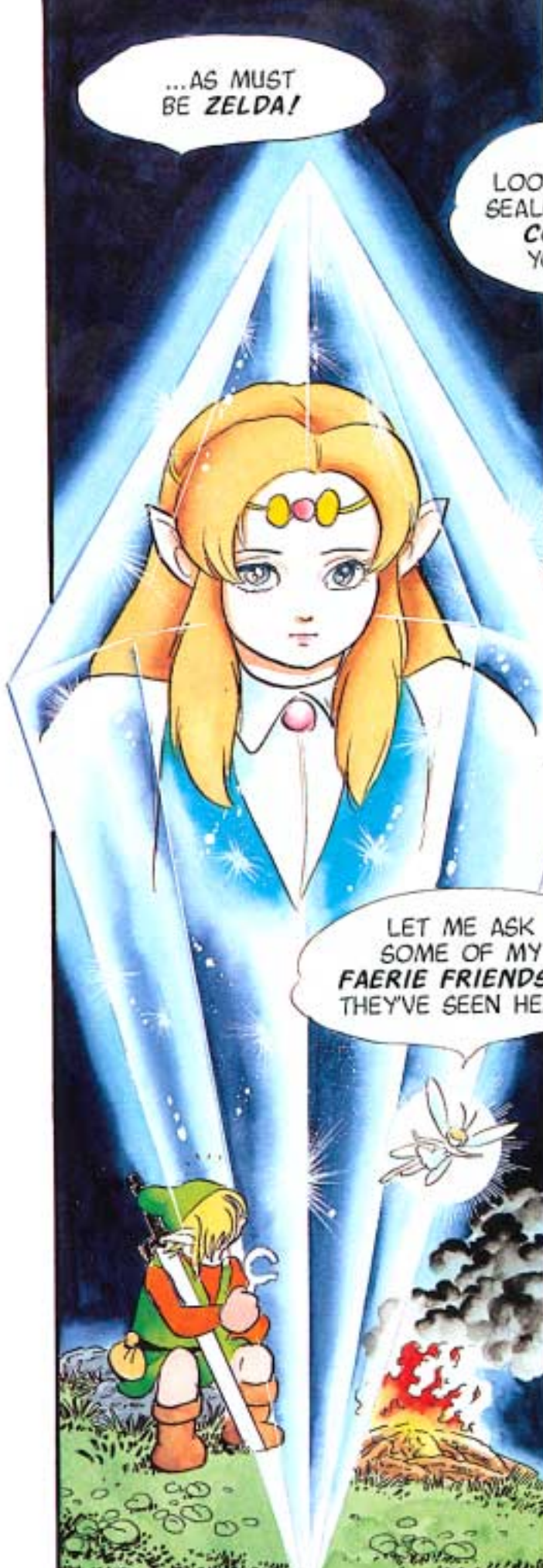
THAT EXPLAINS  
THE SUDDEN  
**EARTHQUAKE...**

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!


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

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

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

A large vertical panel showing Princess Zelda encased in a large, glowing blue crystal cocoon. She has long blonde hair and is wearing a blue dress with a white collar and a pink gem. The cocoon is set against a dark background with some green foliage at the bottom.


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

A close-up of Navi, a small blue fairy with large, translucent wings and a yellow crown. She is surrounded by several glowing blue spheres. The background is dark with some green leaves.

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

A landscape panel showing rolling green hills, a winding river, and a sunset or sunrise sky with pink and purple hues. The scene is peaceful and scenic.

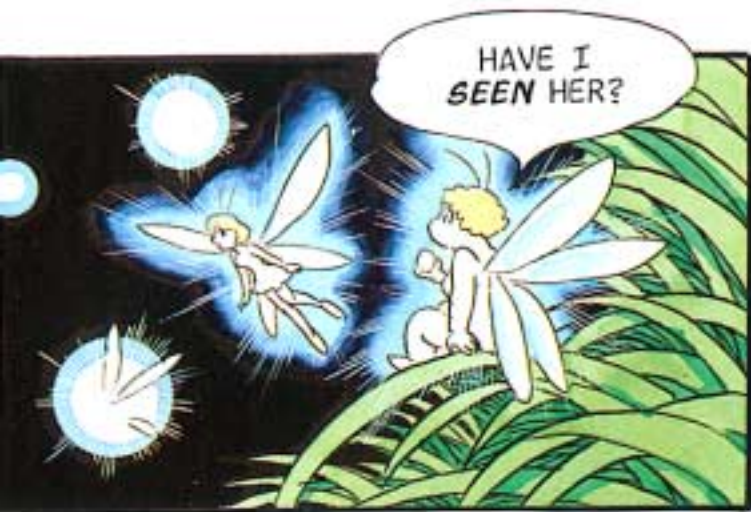
"YA KNOW, I OVERHEARD SOME  
MONSTERS TALKING ABOUT  
SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEAR  
THE SWAMP PALACE..."

A small illustration of Navi flying through the air, leaving a trail of light.

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

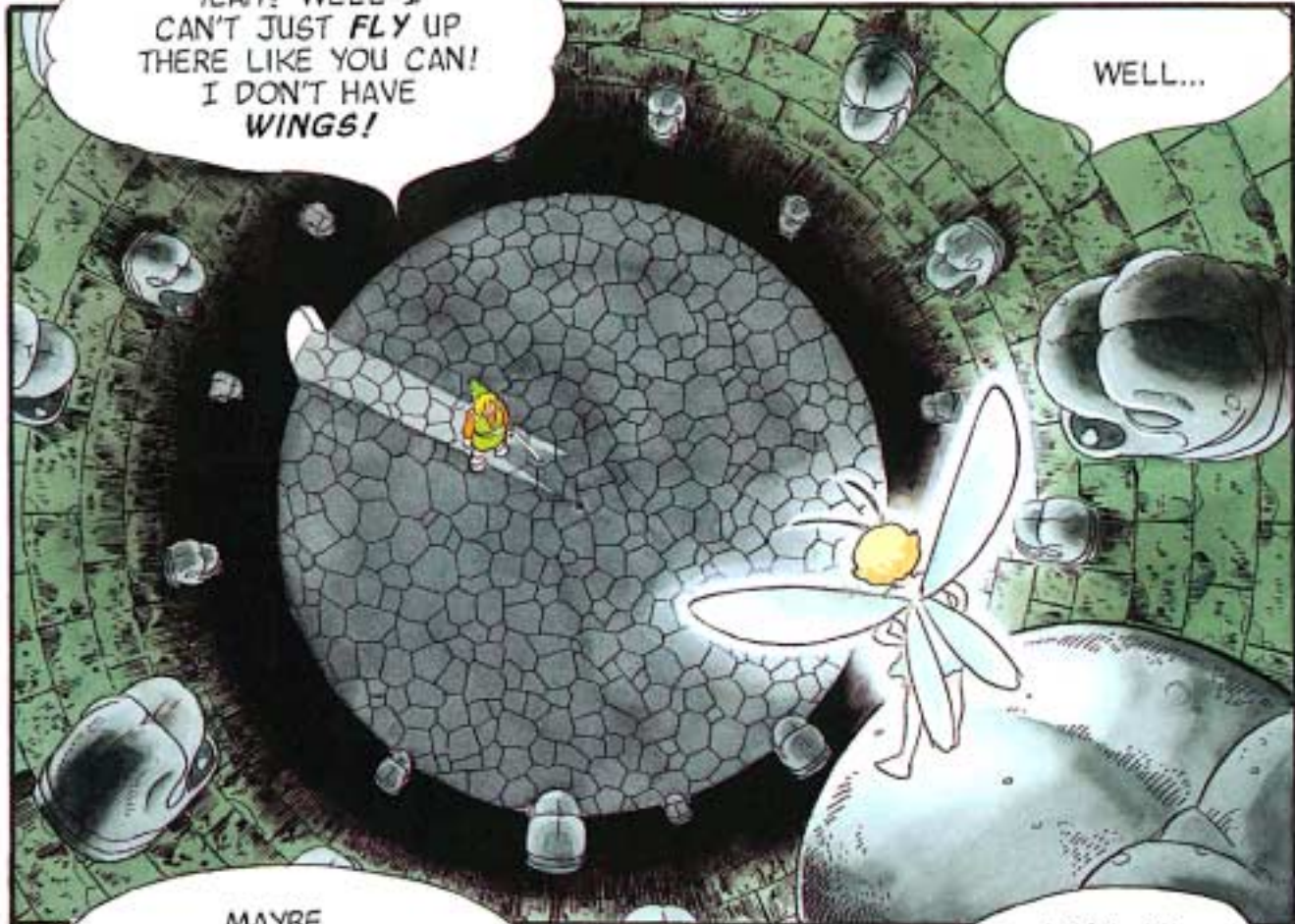
A panel showing Link, a young boy with a green cap and tunic, looking at a large, textured stone wall. A glowing blue sphere is visible in the air above him.

THE  
**SWAMP PALACE**,  
EH?





LINK! I FOUND AN OPENING UP HERE!



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!

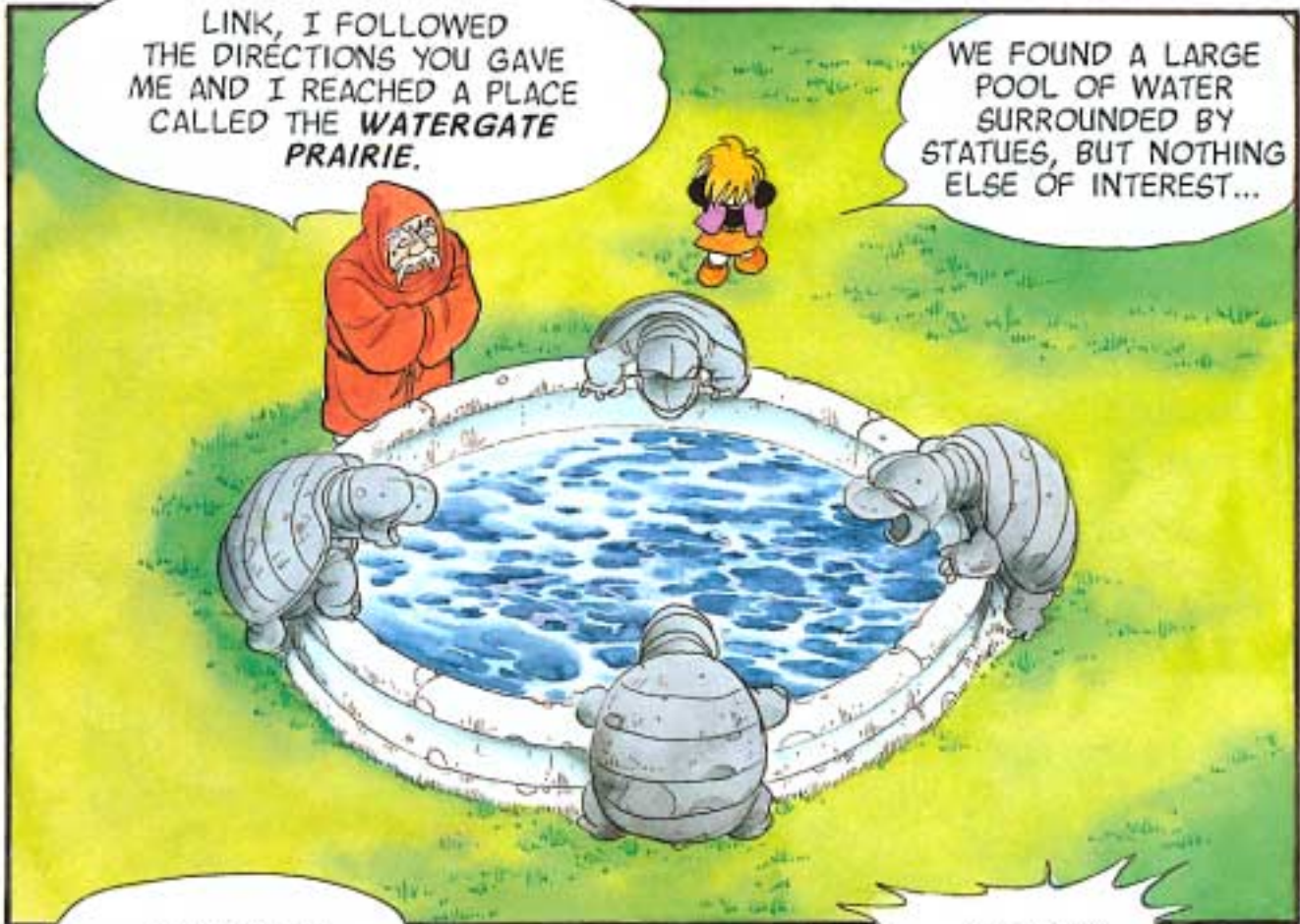
SAHASRAHLA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?



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?

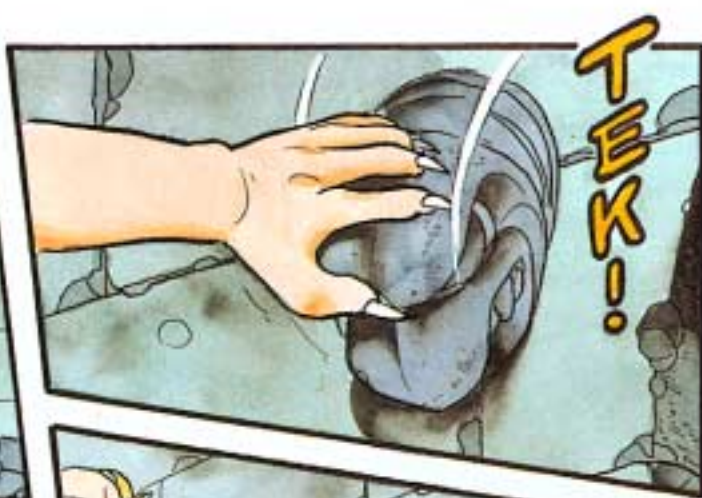


LOOK IN THE *POOL!* I *SEE* LINK!



**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!



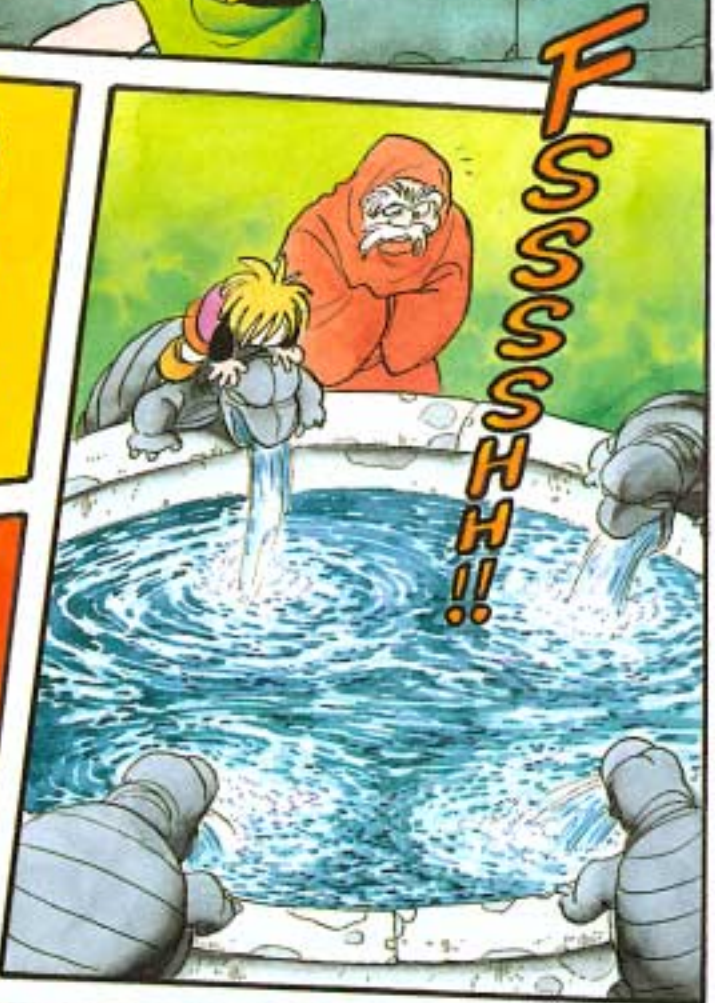
DON'T COUNT YOUR RUPEES YET... YOU STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME BEFORE YOU COLLECT THAT REWARD!



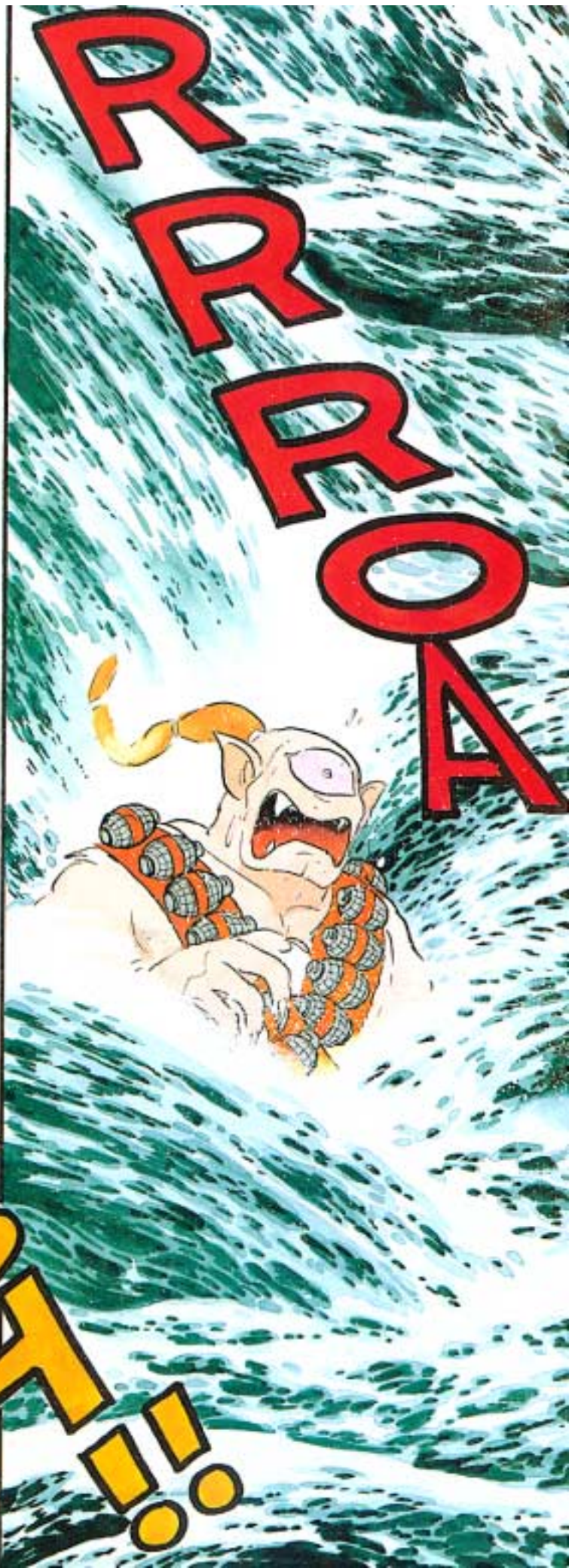
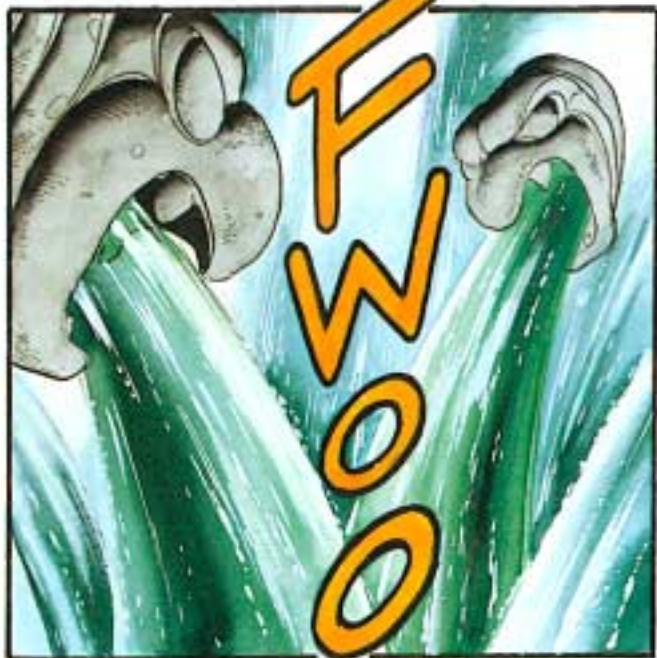
GET 'EM,  
LINK!!



UH-  
OH...







YAAAAAAAAAH!!



AA



RRR!!!

TO BE CONTINUED

THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

Illustrated adventures based on the legendary game series

**RRROO**



**AAA**



CHAPTER NINE

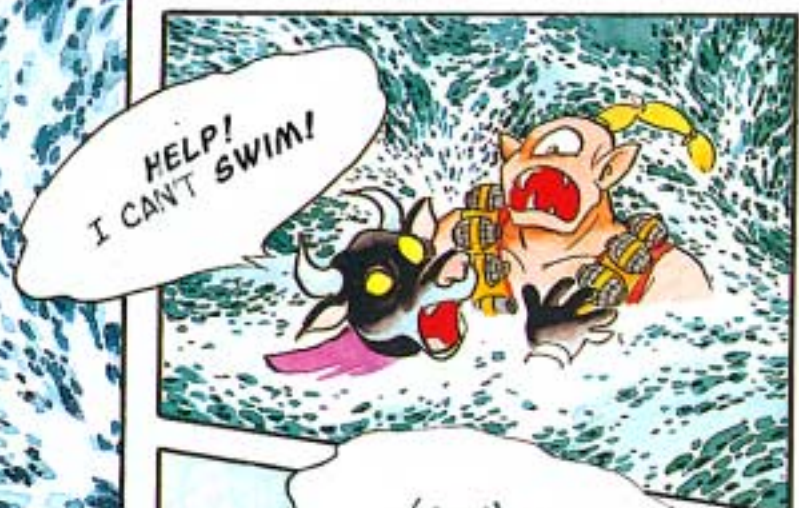
**WIZZROBE'S  
TRAP**

BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI



YAAAAHH!!

RRR



HELP!  
I CAN'T SWIM!



GLUB!  
LET ME G-G-GO!  
YOUR ARMOR... TOO  
HEAVY...

BUBBLES



THE MASTER  
SWORD... DRAGGING  
ME DOWN...



I'M DROWNING  
HERE, EPHEREMELDA!

YOU'RE CLOSE,  
LINK! STAY  
AFLOAT A  
LITTLE LONGER!

W  
O  
O  
O  
S  
H  
!

S  
O  
C  
O  
W  
F  
H  
S  
O  
C  
W  
F



THE WATER'S  
ALMOST UP TO THE  
OPENING!

I... I  
MADE IT...



W  
H  
A  
A  
H  
O  
!!



W  
O  
O  
O  
S  
H  
!



YIKES!!

W  
O  
O  
O  
S  
H  
!



IT'S THE  
CRYSTAL!

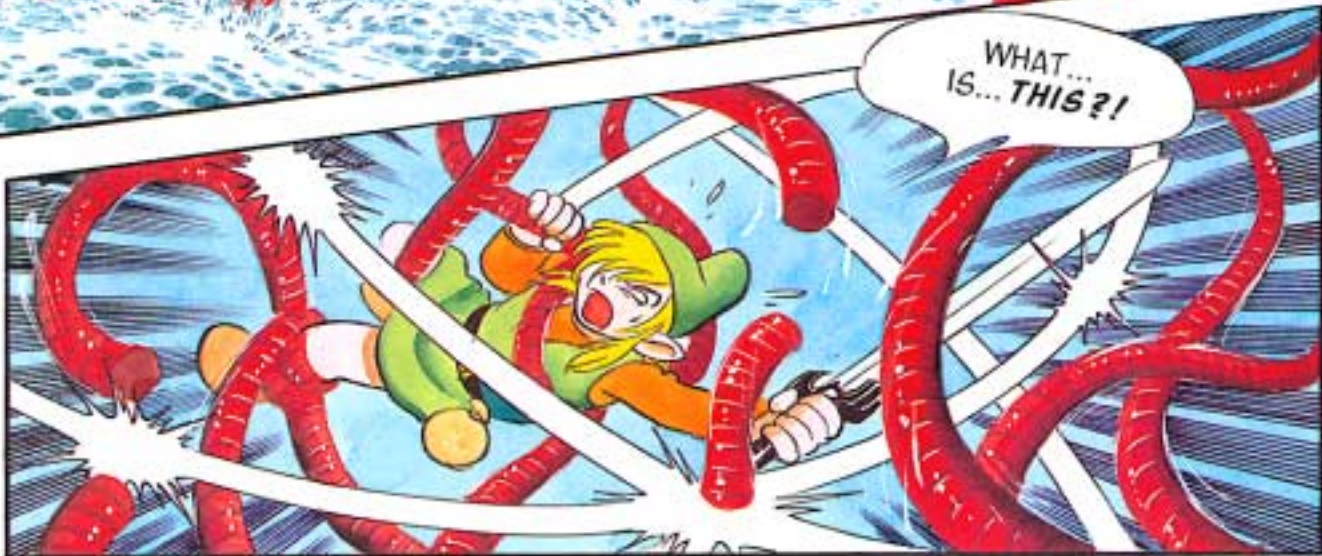
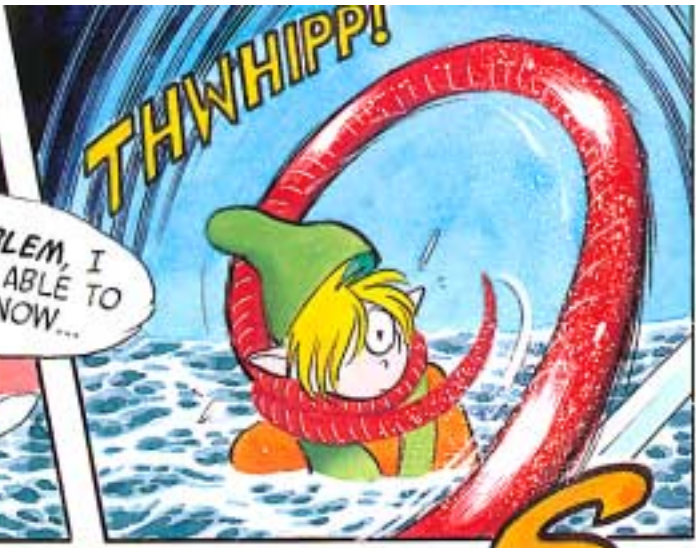


LINK! BE  
CAREFUL!

IT MIGHT  
BE A TRAP!



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









BLURPH!

SHISHI..



MUST... TRY...  
TO...

ZZZ!

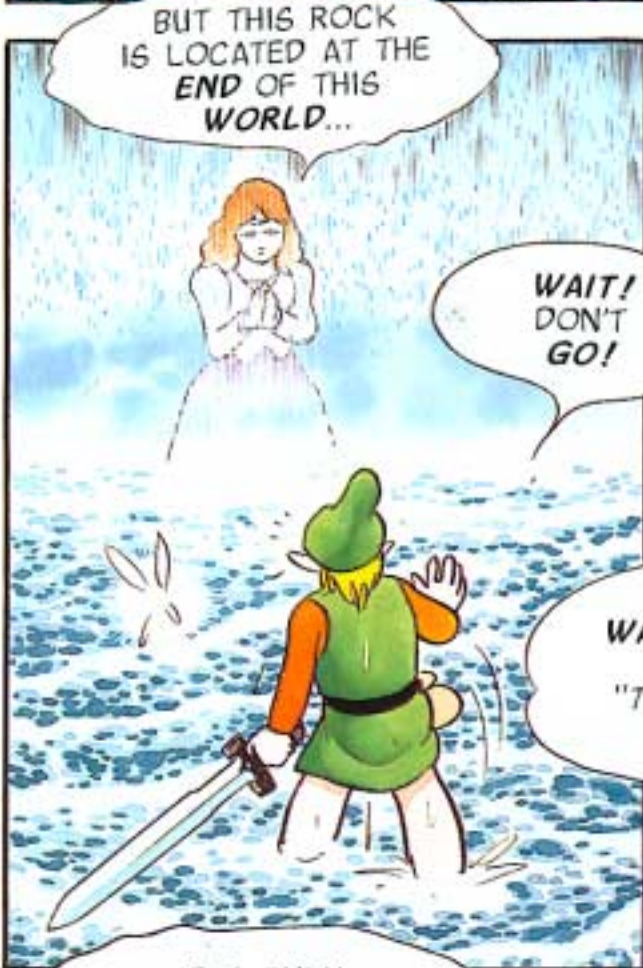
KACHINGG!!

KWUMM!



THANK YOU FOR **SAVING** ME, LINK!

I KNOW YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR **ZELDA**. SHE IS BEING HELD IN A **ROCK** THAT LOOKS LIKE A **TURTLE**.



BUT THIS **ROCK** IS LOCATED AT THE **END** OF THIS **WORLD**...

**WAIT!**  
**DON'T**  
**GO!**

WHY DO THEY ALWAYS **DO** THAT?

IT'S NOT LIKE **SHE** WAS YOUR **PRECIOUS ZELDA** ANYWAY...



SHE SURE **WASN'T**.... DO YOU KNOW WHERE "**TURTLE ROCK**" IS LOCATED?

I COULDN'T **TELL** YOU...



IF I ONLY HAD A **MAP!**

YA KNOW, I'VE **HEARD** OF A **MAP** DEEP INSIDE THE **ICE TOWER**. THE TOWER OVERLOOKS THE **ENTIRE WORLD**, BUT...



ALL RIGHT,  
WHERE IS  
THAT?!

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



LINK!!

ZZZZZ

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...

I HAVE YOU NOW,  
MY PRETTY!!

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

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...

YOU WALKED  
RIGHT INTO MY  
TRAP, TASTY  
MORSEL!

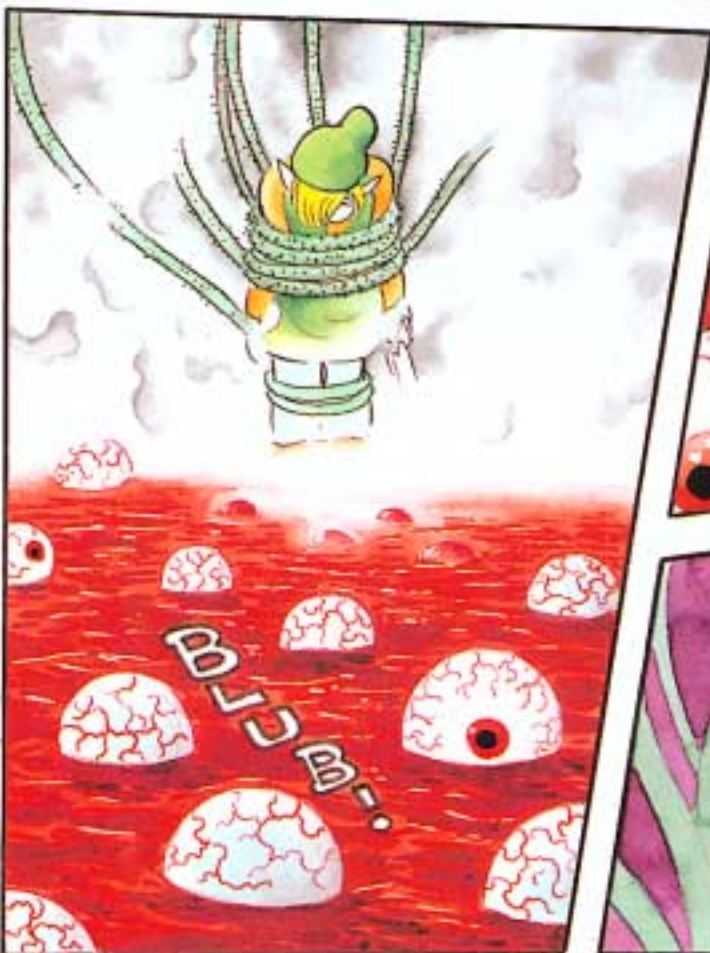
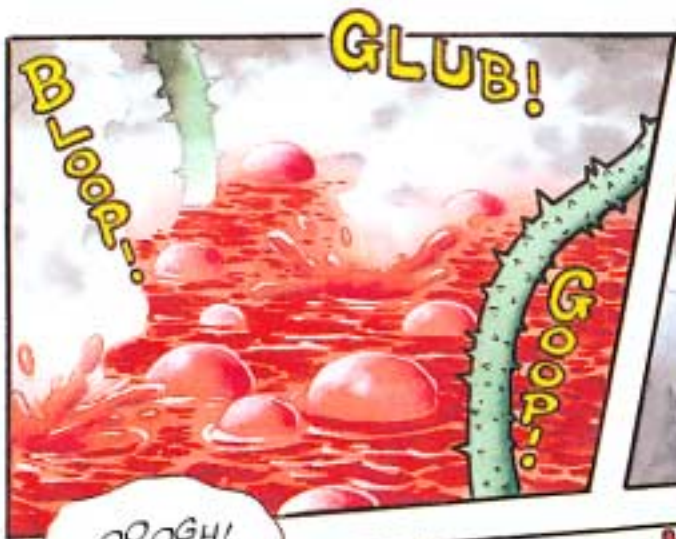
HEE  
HEE  
HEE

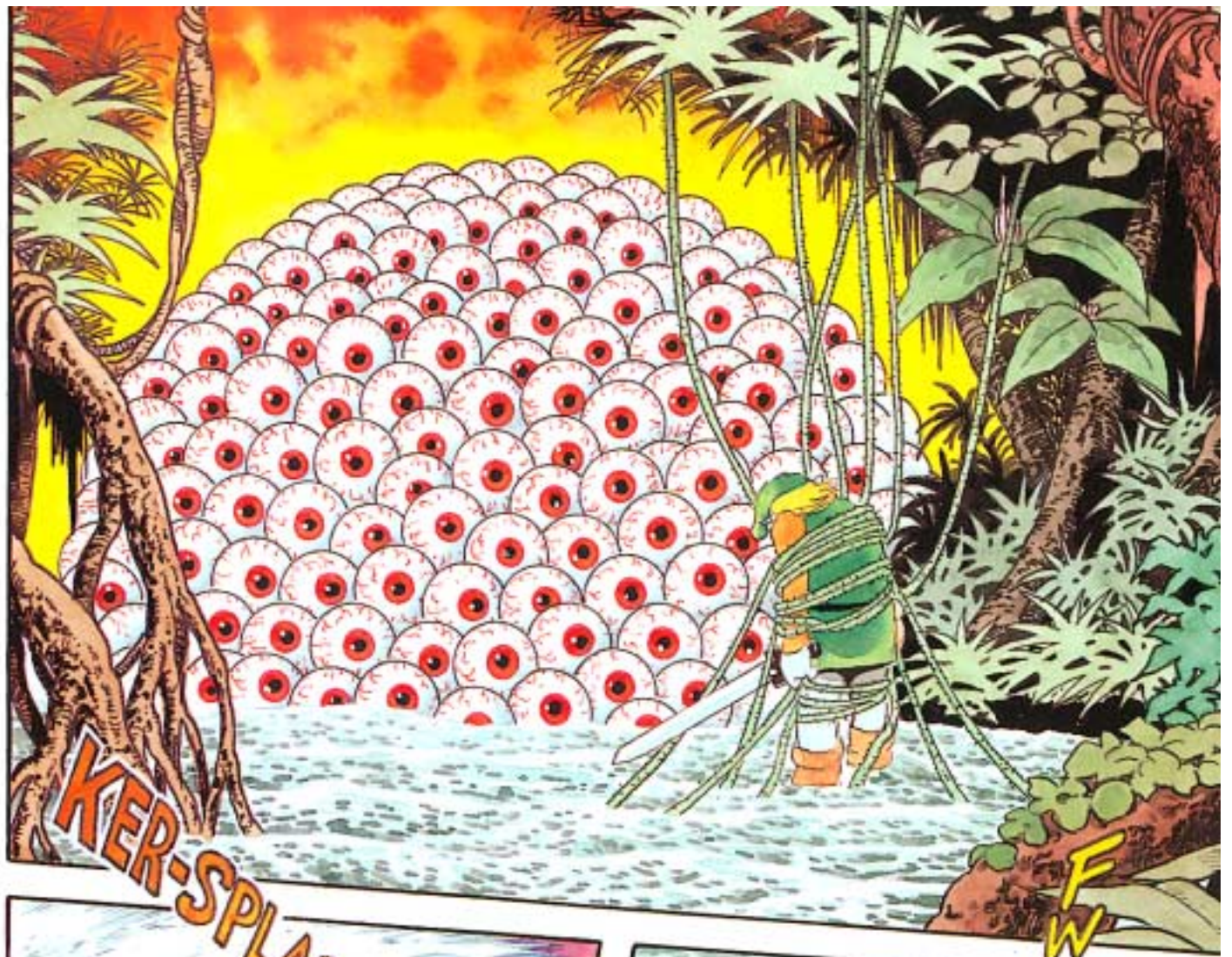
AN ILLUSION!  
YOU... TRICKED ME!

SHWHIPP!

THWHIPP!

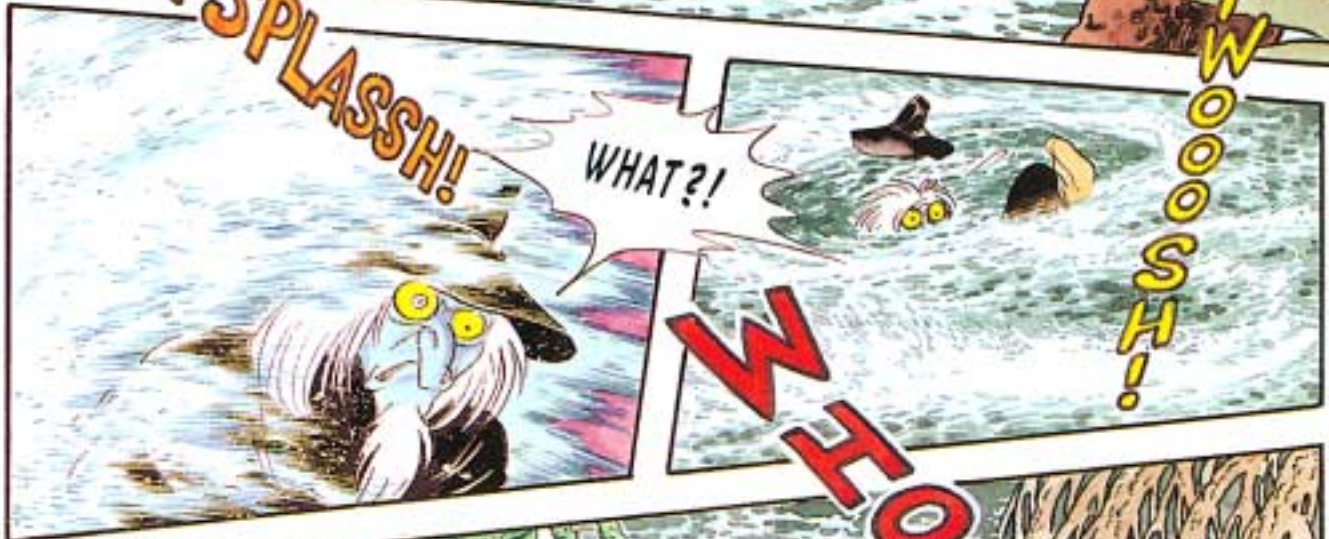
DINNER, WITH  
YOU AS THE MAIN  
COURSE!





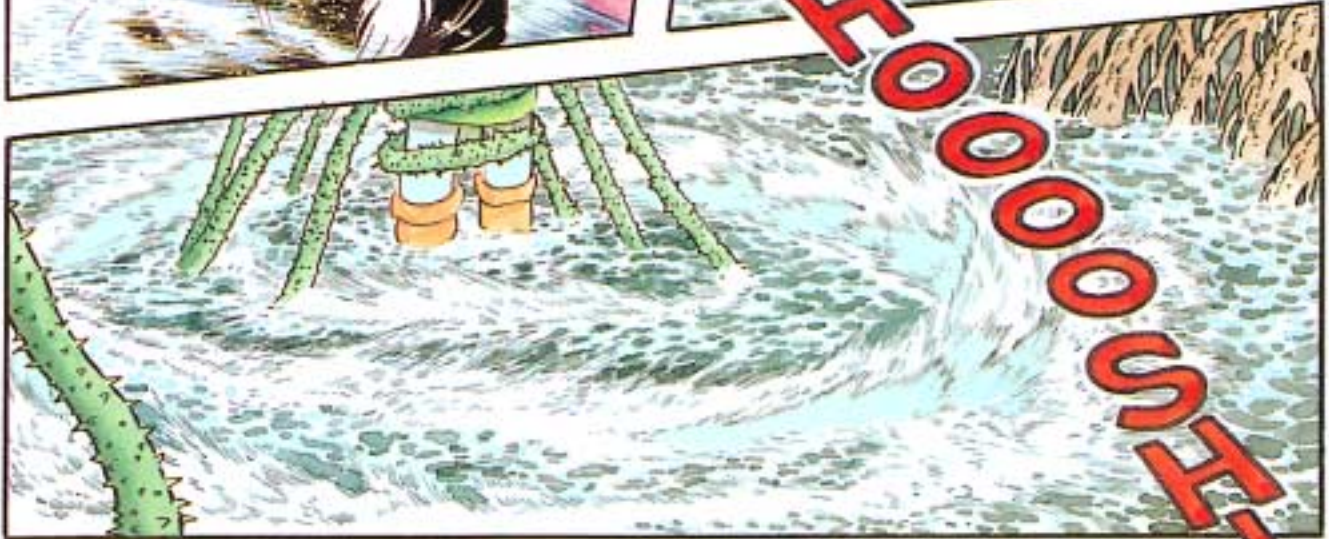
KER-SPLASH!

WOOSH!  
F



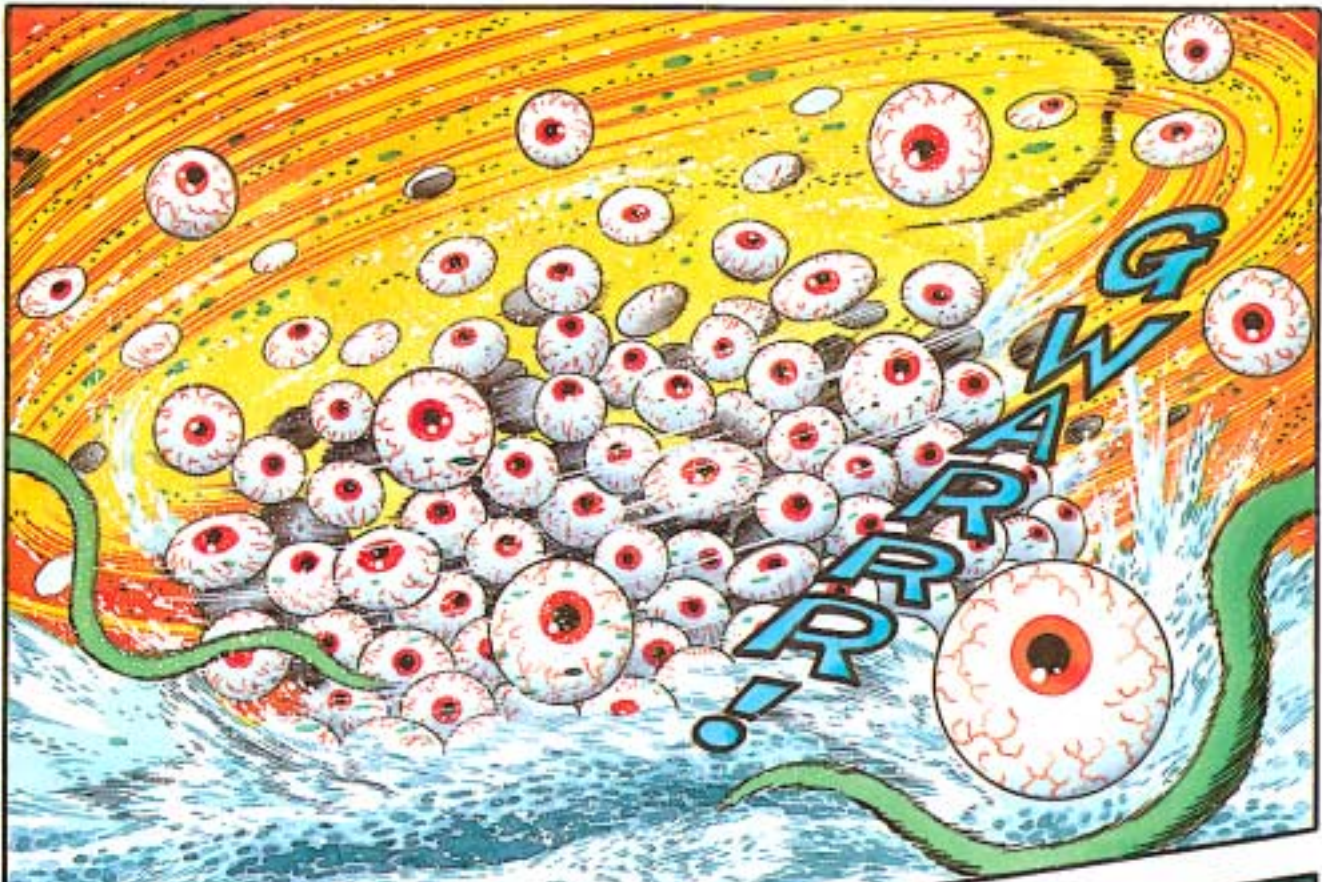
WHAT?!

WHOOSH!

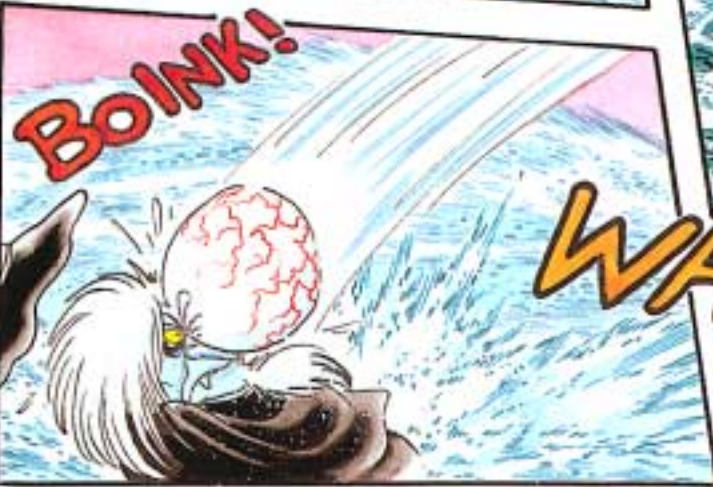


WHOOSH!






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



WHOOOOOSH!

A Zora with a scaly green body and a blue visor is talking to Link. Link is wearing his signature green tunic and hat. The Zora is holding a sword. The background is a bright yellow and orange sunburst.

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

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

Zora and Link are standing in a large, swirling whirlpool of blue water. The sky above is a dark purple, filled with many small, white, circular objects that look like eyeballs or floating heads. In the foreground, a hand is visible, holding a small, white, fluffy creature with large yellow eyes. The scene is dynamic and chaotic.

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

SIGH...  
EPHEREMELDA...

**ALIEEE!**

TO BE CONTINUED...

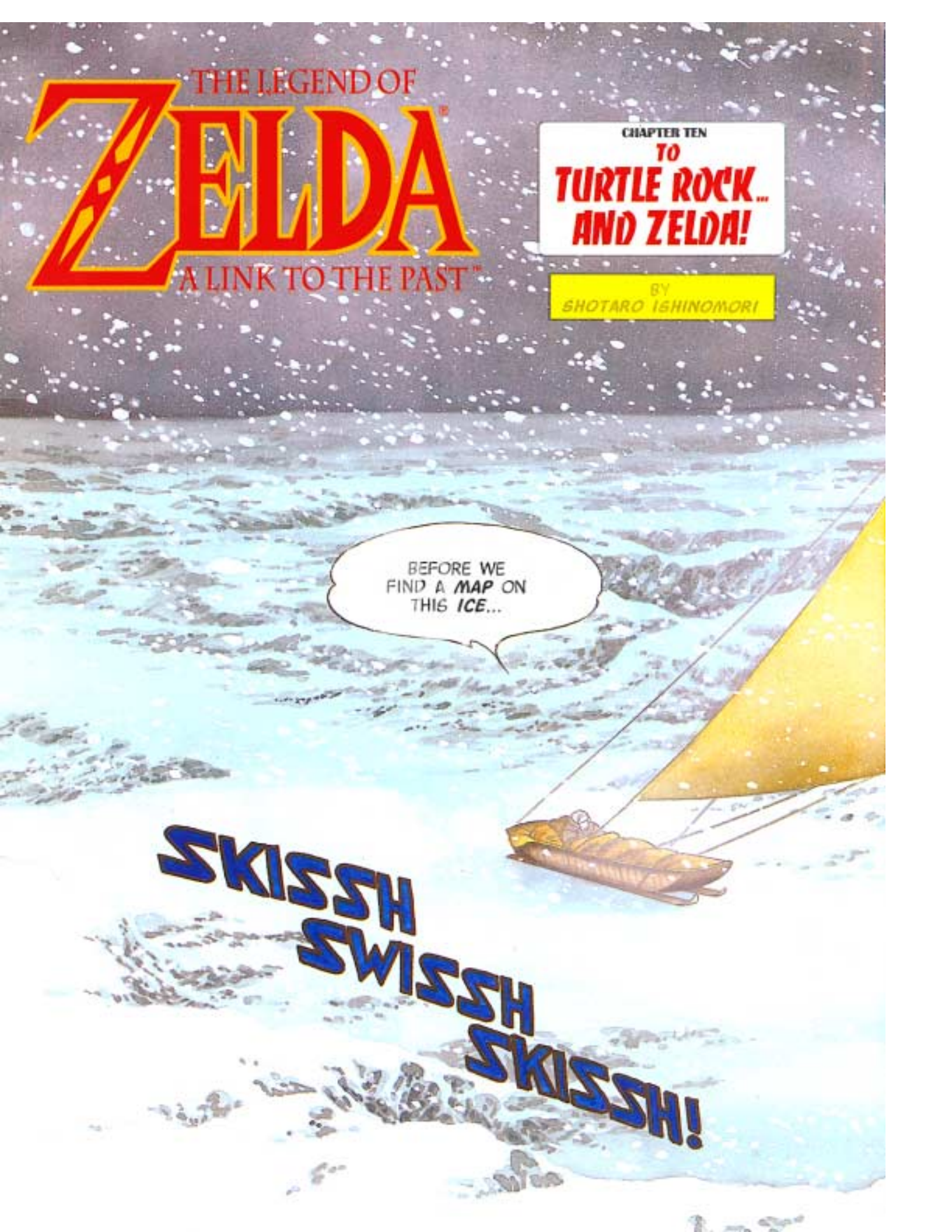
THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™


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!





'HEADDY'



**CRASH!**



**Bloop!**

WHERE...  
WHERE ARE  
WE?



**WOW!**



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

**ARISE,  
STALFOS! DESTROY  
HIM!**

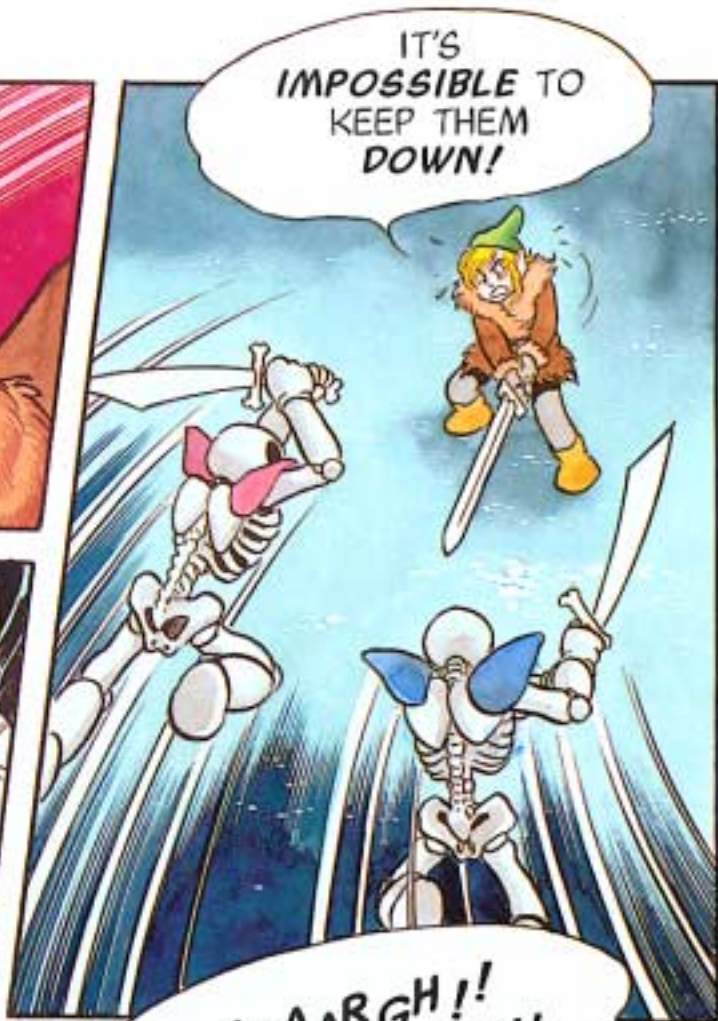
**BONE-  
HEADS!!**

**SH!**

**WAK!**

**WACK!**





YOU'VE GOT QUITE A TEMPER...

IF YOU BRING THE PLACE DOWN, YOU WILL DESTROY THE MAP ALSO!

EH?!

LOOK DOWN, FOOL!

AH... THE FLOOR IS THE MAP?!

NOW... WHERE'S TURTLE ROCK?

LINK, YOU MUST STRIKE THE ROCK... WITH THUNDER!

OVER THERE?!

WOW!

WHOOOOAH!

CRASH!



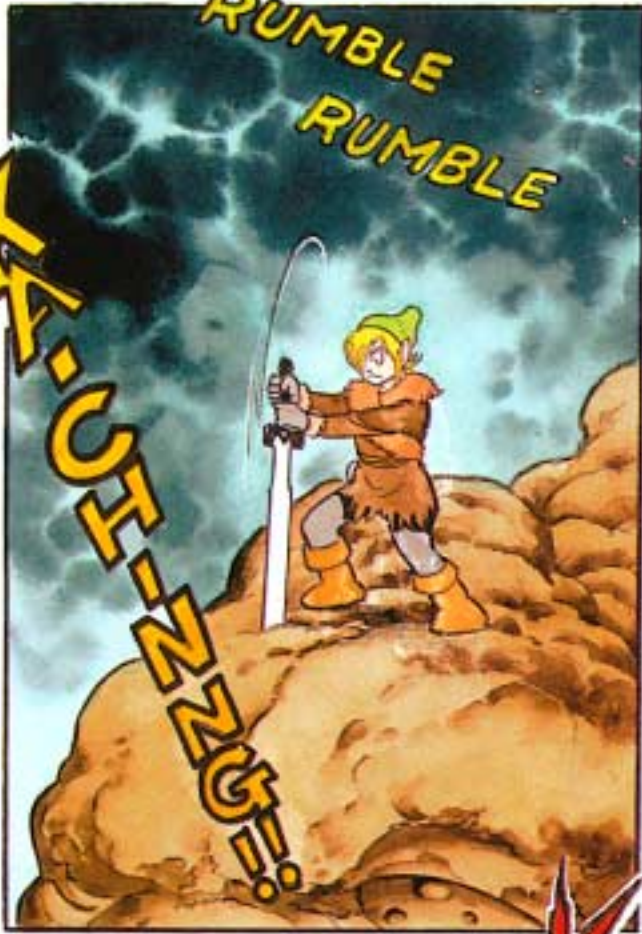




...STRIKE THE ROCK...

...MAGICK

...WITH THUNDER!

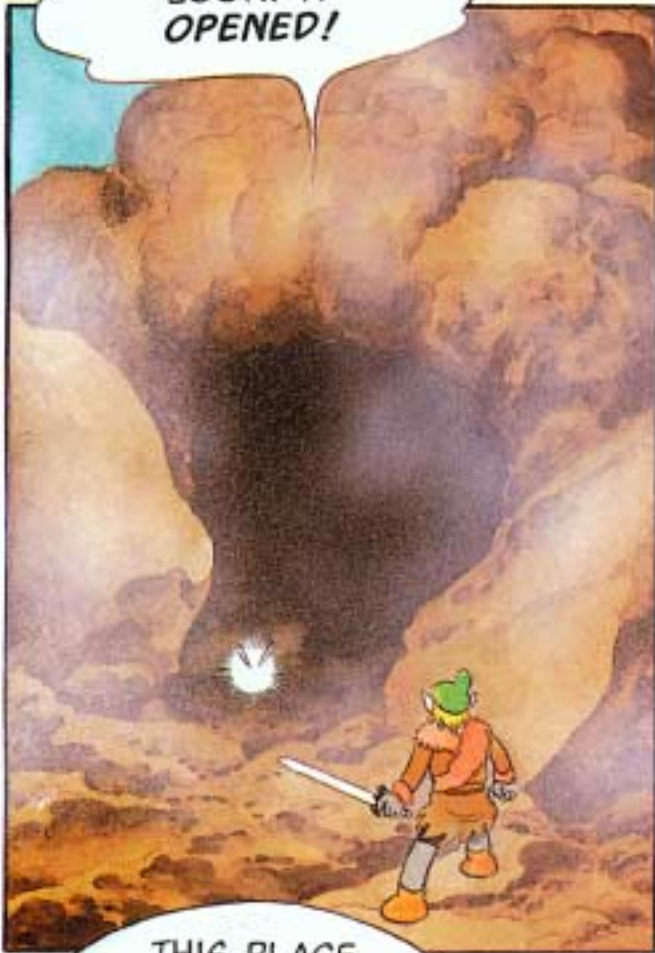


RUMBLE RUMBLE

K-K-K-K-K  
C-I-I-I-I  
N-G-G-G-G-G



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!



GRRR

**RRROARRR!!**









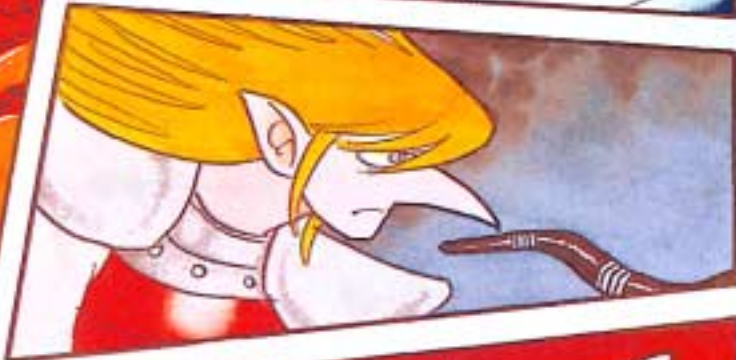
HA HA HA! I  
FOLLOWED YOU  
ALL THIS WAY...

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

TO BE CONTINUED...



YUW-SU-TAMSSSII-oo



SSSSSH...

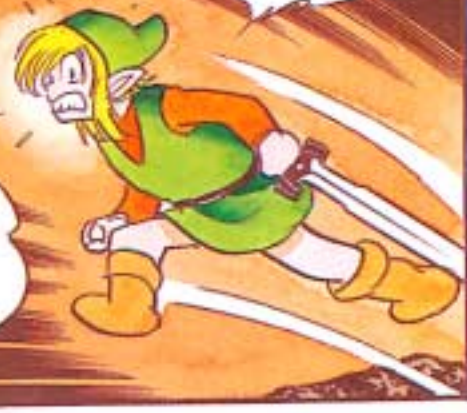
SSSSSH...

MOVE IT, HERO!

AN EXPLOSION?!



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



THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST

An illustrated adventure based on the original video game series

CHAPTER ELEVEN  
**GANON'S  
TOWER**

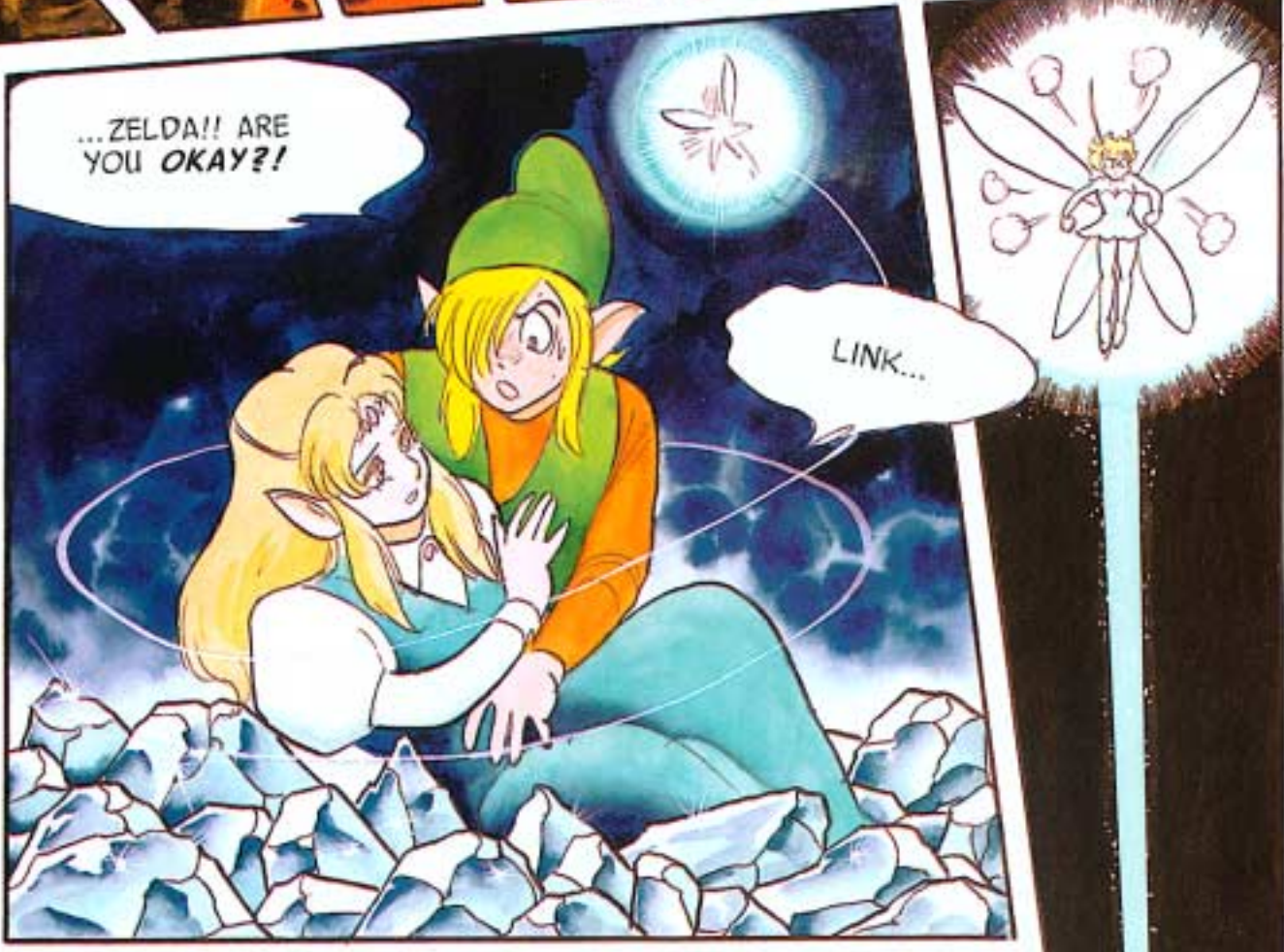
BY  
**SHOTARO ISHINOMORI**

!MOOOOOHSSSP





ZELDA!!



...ZELDA!! ARE YOU OKAY?!

LINK...



**PSSHHOOO**



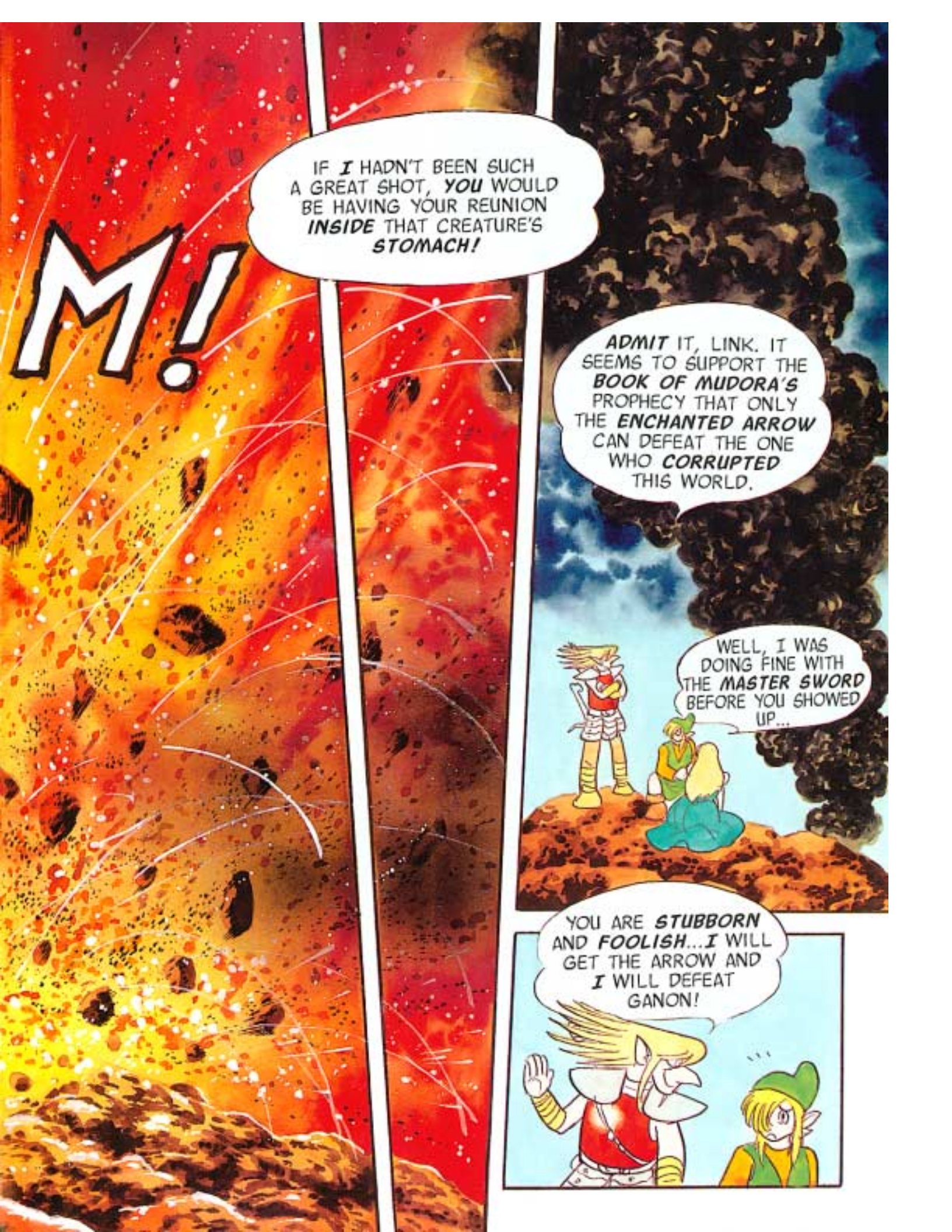
M!

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...**



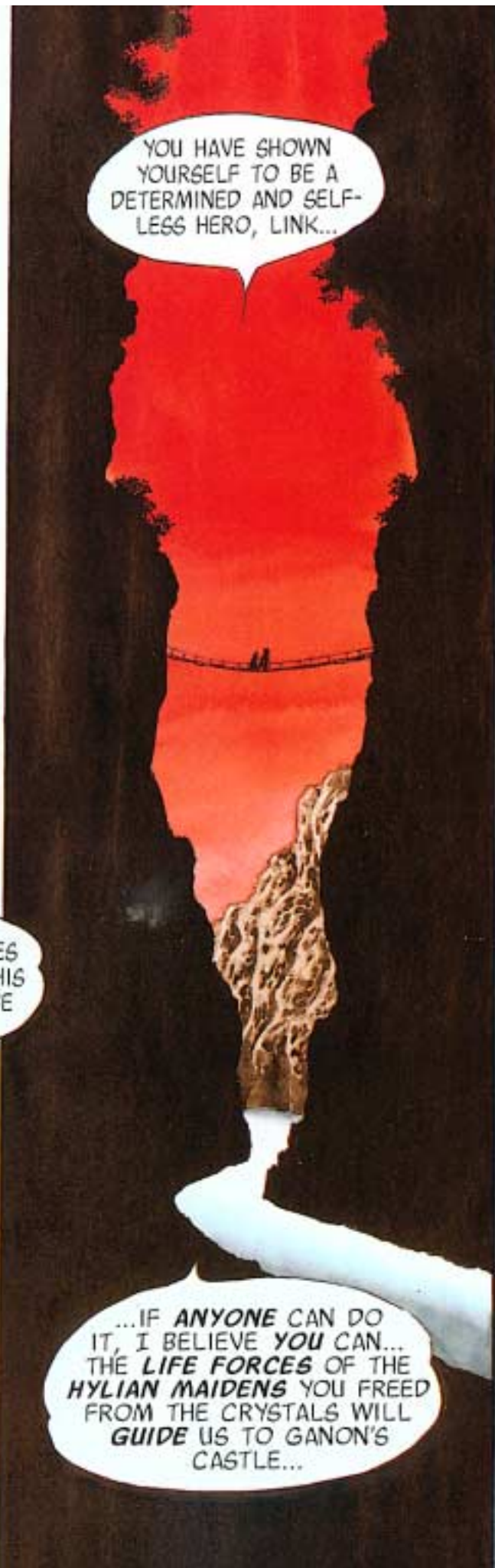
EVEN IF ROAM DOES  
FIND THE ARROW, HIS  
ATTITUDE MIGHT BE  
HIS DOWNFALL...

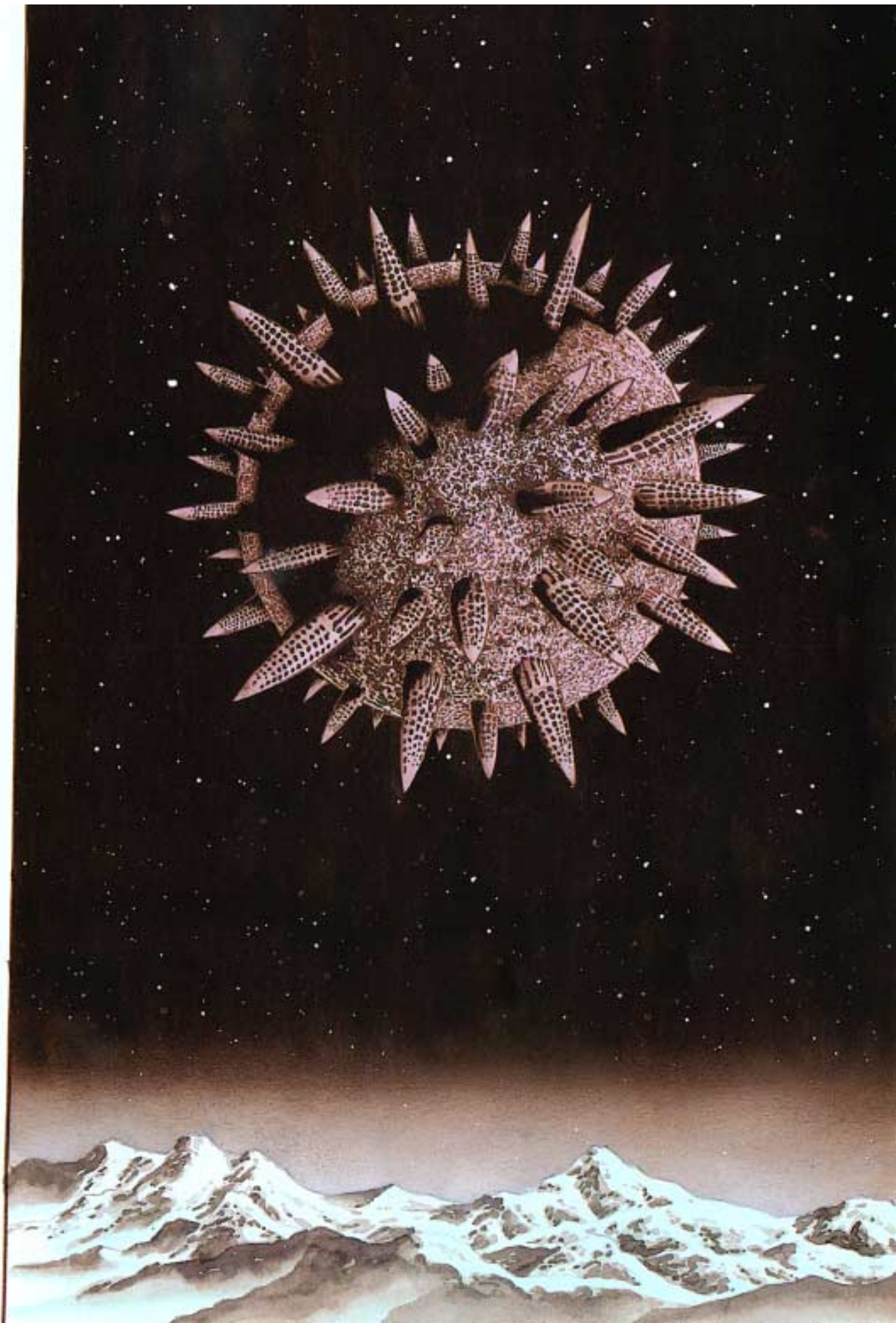
ANYWAY, WE SHOULDN'T  
WORRY ABOUT **HIM**, ZELDA!  
I WILL DEFEAT GANON  
BY **MYSELF**, IF I  
**HAVE TO!**



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...



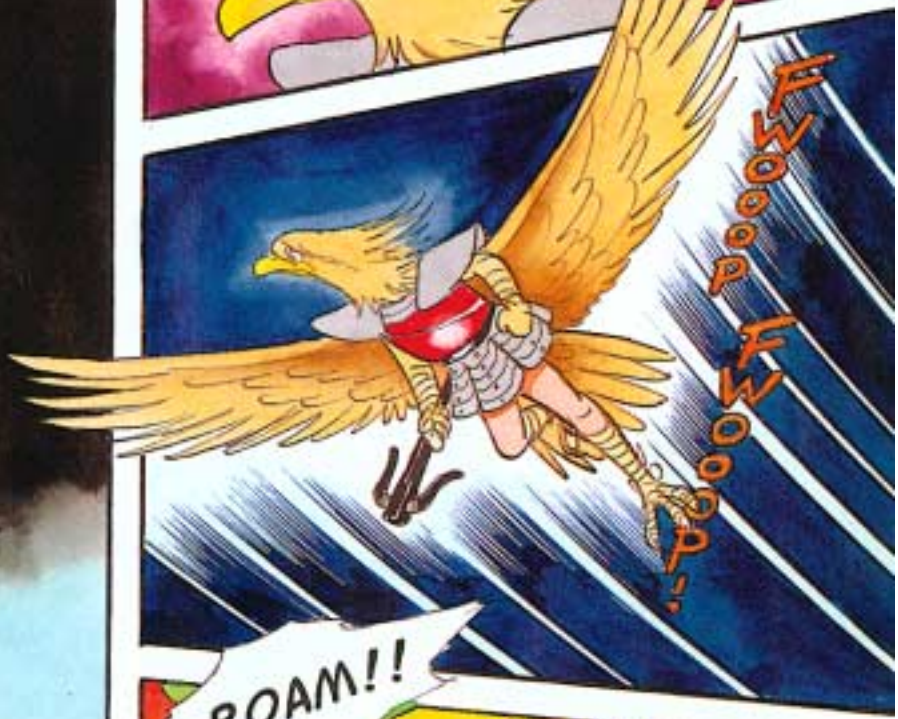
THE **CURSE** OF THE DARK WORLD MAY BE A **BLESSING** IN THIS CASE...



I CAN DEFEAT GANON...



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



ROAM!!

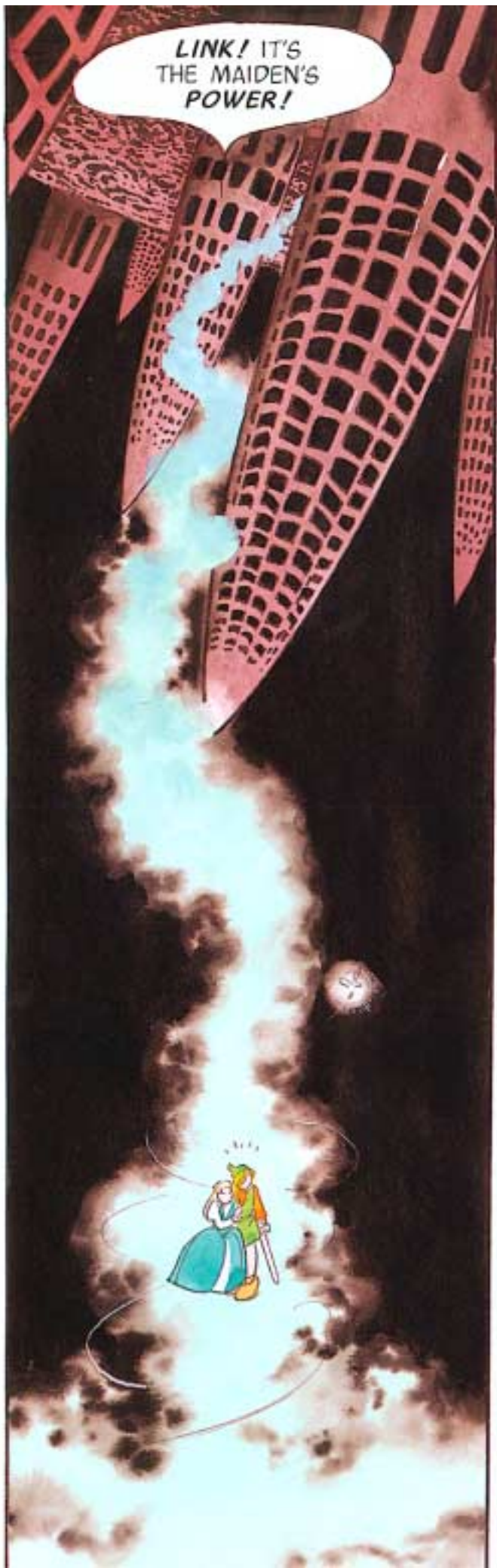


HIS EMOTIONS ARE OUT OF CONTROL... HE'LL BECOME A BEAST FOREVER!!



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

WHA--?



LINK! IT'S THE MAIDEN'S POWER!




HMMMM...



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







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



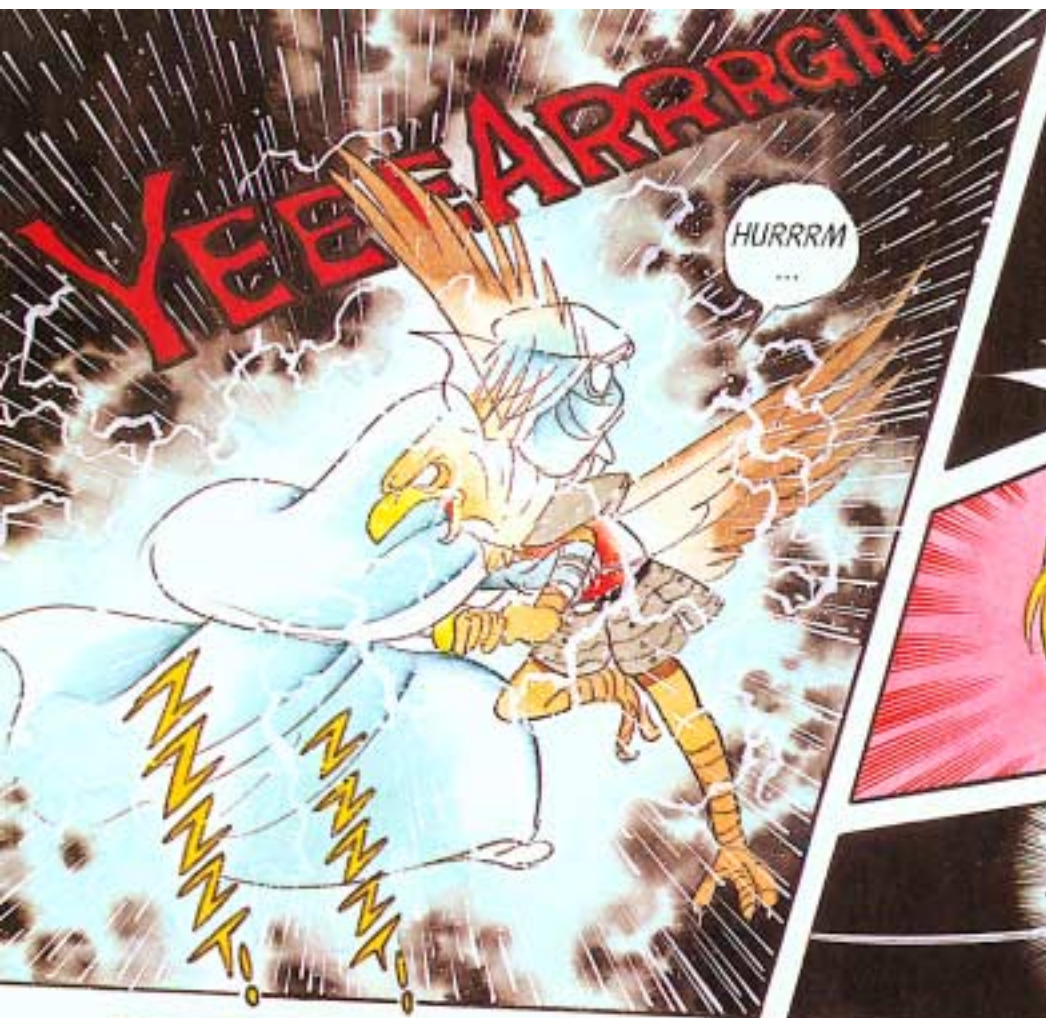
THEY LOOK REAL  
TO ME! I'M NOT  
TAKING ANY CHANCES...

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!**

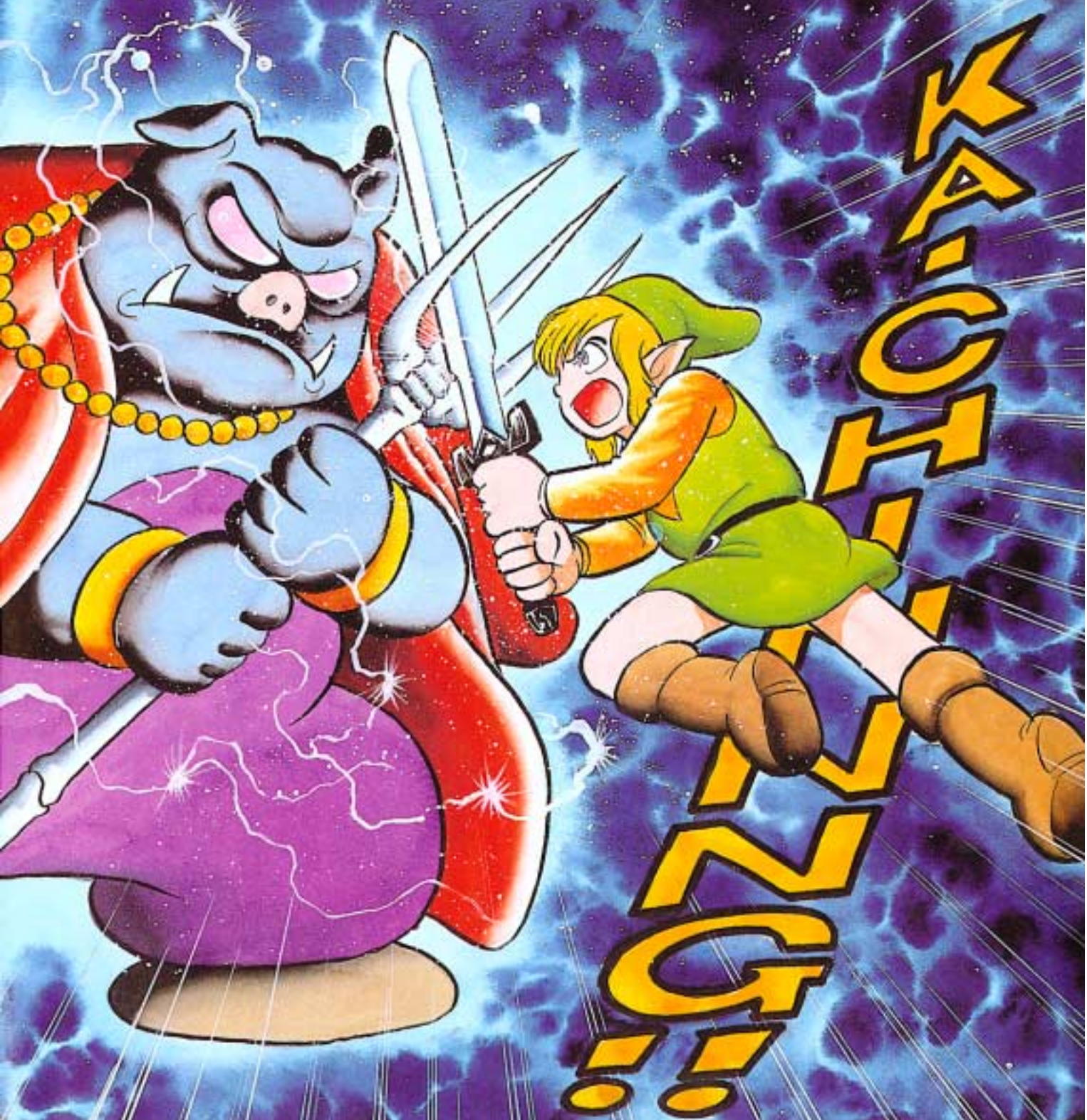
I WILL **DESTROY** YOU  
AND MAKE MY DREAM  
TO **RULE** BOTH **LIGHT**  
AND **DARK WORLDS**  
COME **TRUE!**

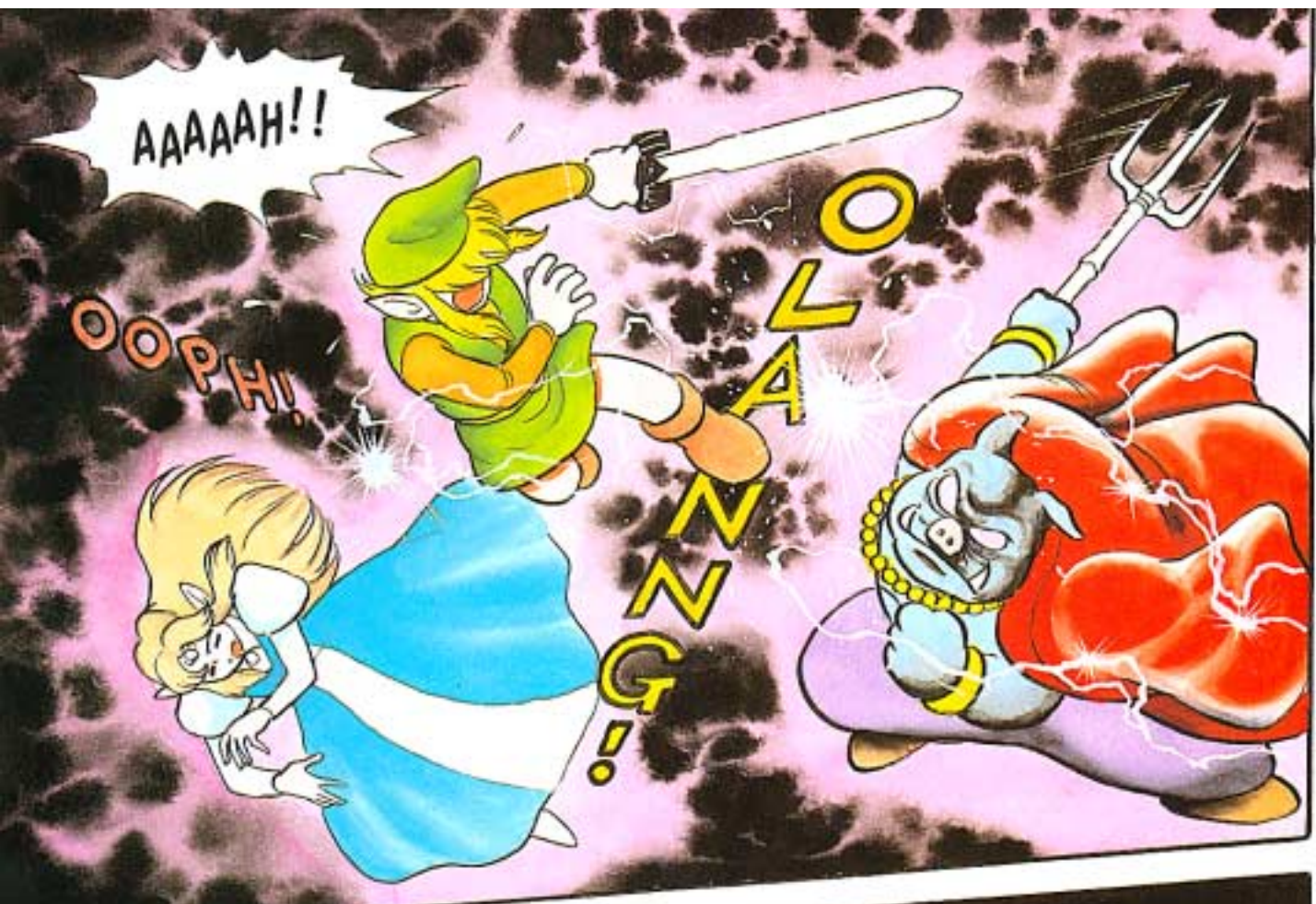
NEVER!

THE LEGEND OF  
**ZELDA**  
A LINK TO THE PAST™

CHAPTER TWELVE  
**THE FINAL BATTLE**

BY  
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI





AAAAAH!!

OOPHI!

GNNALLO



IS THAT THE  
BEST YOU CAN  
DO, WEAKLING?

I SHALL FINISH  
YOU OFF WITH  
MY NEXT BLOW!





AARRRGH!

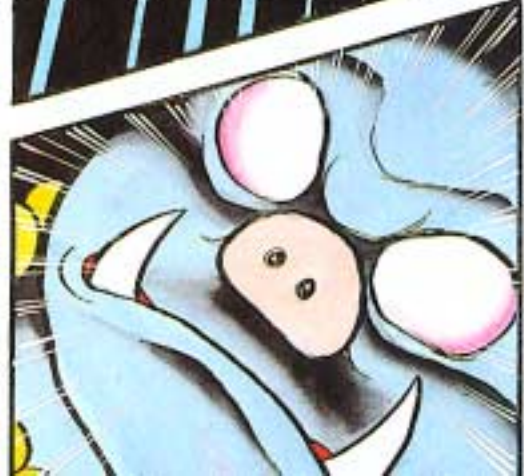
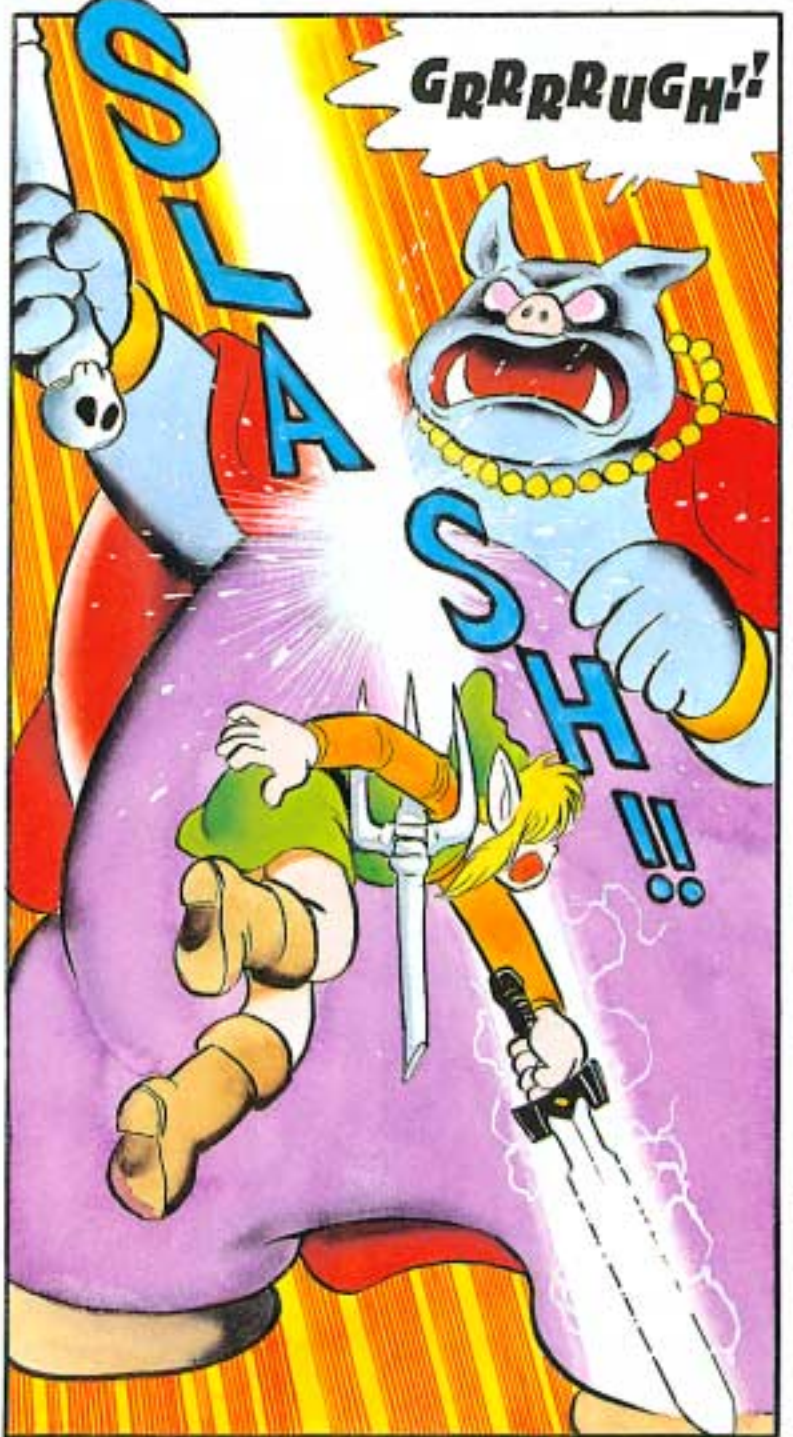
ZZZT

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.



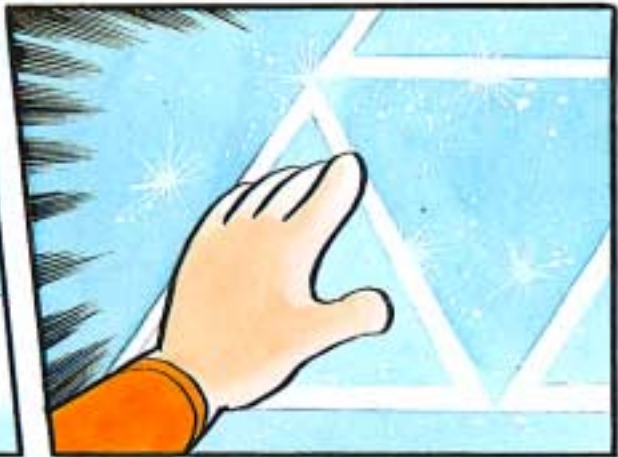
YOU  
HAVE TOTALLY  
DESTROYED  
GANON.

THE TRIFORCE  
IS WAITING FOR  
A NEW MASTER.

ITS GOLDEN  
POWER IS IN  
YOUR HANDS--

--TOUCH IT  
WITH A WISH  
IN YOUR HEART.









HYRULE,  
MY  
HOMELAND!

WE MADE  
IT! WE'RE  
BACK!



LINK...



UNCLE!

FATHER!  
MOTHER!

YOU HAVE  
DONE WELL,  
LINK...



IN THE IMPRISONING WAR  
OF YEARS PAST, GREAT  
ARMIES RISKED ALL TO  
SEAL GANON IN THE  
DARK WORLD.



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

## About The Comics

The comics in this book were originally serialized in Nintendo Power magazine. The first of 12 parts appeared in January 1992 (Volume 32) and the series ran through December 1992. Although the story loosely follows the plot of the Super Entertainment System game, *The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past*, some new twists and characters were added to preserve the elements of surprise and add to the dramatic flow.

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).





**Nintendo®**

