

THE ADVENTURES OF ZELDA & LINK

"Pilot"

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INT. GOHMA'S DUNGEON - DAY

LINK, short, strong, wears his signature green tunic and cap. He almost trips over himself running at full speed, chased by GOHMA, a giant spider-like/crab-like/horrible-like monster! She swings her snapping pincers at him, just missing Link as he hops and rolls out of danger. Link's run comes to a stop as he find himself cornered against the dungeon wall. He turns to see Gohma slowly approaching- her one giant eye, with rings of red, yellow, and green, staring a menacing glare. Gohma rears, pulls back her claws to deliver a fatal blow when...

ZELDA

Hey!

A Deku Seed hits Gohma on the side of the head, spinning her eyeball in it's socket! Gohma looks to where the rock came from and finds PRINCESS ZELDA, dignified, bold, holding a slingshot, jumping and waving her arms.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Why don't you pick on somebody--

Gohma turns on a dime, and beelines towards Zelda.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

--OHMYGOSH AH! Okay...

Zelda backs up as she fires seed after seed from her slingshot, right into Gohma's eye! With each hit Gohma freezes in white for a small moment, like a blinking strobe light, edging closer and closer to Zelda.

Finally, Zelda is out of ammo and Gohma stands tall over her. Arching back, Gohma lifts a claw into the air, ready with the final strike...

LINK

HYAAA!

Link rolls in, landing between Gohma and Zelda, with his hookshot armed! He pulls the trigger and lets fly a chained steel arrow, like a harpoon, dead-center into Gohma's giant eyeball.

Gohma reels, stumbling backward, clawing at deadly impact. She falls to her back and curls up like a spider, before hardening to a solid black corpse.

POOF!

The crumpled mass explodes into a plume of black and purple smoke.

BA-DING!

Shining, colorful Rupees pop-out as the smoke dissipates.

Link stands tall with his hookshot, huffing and puffing as the dust settles. He looks like a hero, totally cool and aweso-

ZELDA
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?

Link is shaken out of his moment of victory, and looks to Zelda, confused.

ZELDA (CONT'D)
UGH!

Zelda stomps over to a ring of light on the ground in the center of the room.

Link stands for a moment, very confused...

LINK
Wah?

He runs over to join her in the ring. A pillar of light shoots up from the ground below their feet as the two are transported out of the dungeon.

EXT. DUNGEON CLIFFSIDE - MOMENTS LATER

REGALLIOUS, a giant, stately, brown owl the size of a horse, perches on a branch jutting out over the cliff. He preens, pecking under his wings. A beam of light appears on the cliff, grabbing his attention.

REGALLIOUS
Hm?

Zelda and Link step out from the beam, mid-argument.

ZELDA
Are you frickin' kidding me?!

Link follows behind her, his hands in the air, pleading to understand what's wrong. The two hop onto Regallious's back, who takes off, flying down from the cliff into the valley below.

EXT. HYRULE TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

Regallious flies into town, where a full-blown Link and Zelda celebration is in swing! A band plays, balloons and banners fly, the crowd cheers. Regallious rolls in-flight, dropping Link and Zelda off to crowd surf the grateful citizens below.

All the while, Zelda crosses her arms in anger while Link struggles to understand what her problem is!

ZELDA

I can fight my own battles, Link!

Link gestures his frustrations.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

That's not true! I had him on the ropes, if you'd just let me save myself for once!

Link face palms, unable to reason.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Because, Link, we're a team! And you can't be so over protective of me. I can be just as capable as you!

Link shakes his head, crossing his arms back at her.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

I can, too!

As they argue, the crowd cheers below them. Link and Zelda are carried through the celebration all the way back to Hyrule Castle, where they're dropped off inside the door. It slams behind them, silencing the festivities outside.

INT. HYRULE CASTLE - ZELDA'S CHAMBERS - CONTINUOUS

Regallious has already returned, he perches in the room, pulled from his preening by Zelda and Link's arguing.

REGALLIOUS

Is everything okay, you two?

ZELDA

No, Regallious! Link won't stop saving my life.

REGALLIOUS

..Ah... I see...?

Link pleads with Regallious to hear him out, gesturing to Zelda.

ZELDA

I get that I'm a princess, Link,
but that doesn't automatically make
me your responsibility to rescue
all the time! I'm not just your
"damsel-in-distress." I can be a
strong, smart, and powerful warrior
just like you!

Link rolls his eyes.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

OH YOU CAN SAY THAT TO MY FACE!!

Zelda launches for Link, who recoils in fear. Regallious interferes, picking each of them up with a wing as they squirm in mid-air.

REGALLIOUS

Perhaps, the princess is right,
Link. I've seen her face hearty
challenges in the past.

ZELDA

Thank you, Regallious!

REGALLIOUS

And you are quite over-protective,
my boy.

Regallious puts Link and Zelda down. Link crosses his arms, stubborn.

The castle doors burst open as a small Hyrulian townspeople, BENEDICT, enters.

BENEDICT

Help! OH HELP!

Benedict runs up to Link, hanging on his tunic, groveling and begging.

BENEDICT (CONT'D)

You must help me, I've lost
something! Something of utter
importance! If I can't get it back
I don't know what I'll do...

Link is taken aback by this intrusion, and a little scared at Benedict's forwardness. Zelda steps in.

ZELDA

I'm sorry, sir, what is it you lost?

BENEDICT

My necklace! It's been in my family for ages and I accidentally dropped it down Fate's Well. I need you to get it, I NEED IT! Fate's Well is of course riddled with moblins and monsters! It will be a treacherous journey, with each new depth proving more challenging than the last! Only a true hero can accomplish such a feat. A strong, smart, and powerful warrior!

Zelda lights up!

ZELDA

AH! I'm one of those! Ooo, a deadly mission! This is perfect! Yes sir! Help is at your service!

BENEDICT

Oh thank you, thank you! Please, let's go now, right this way. Please, thank you!!

Benedict heads out the door, beckoning they follow.

Link readies his sword and shield and heads for the door, only to be stopped by Zelda with her hand in his face, standing in his way.

ZELDA

Oh no you don't!

Link tries desperately to break through her blockade, rolling and diving every which way. Zelda, as if on a pivoting track, stays constantly in front of him.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

This mission's all mine! I'm going alone. That'll prove to you once and for all that I can take care of myself. No "Hero of Whatever" to save me every second!

Zelda finally palms Link in the face, knocking him back on his butt. She exits the castle, slamming the door behind her.

Regallious wears reading glasses as he pores over a jigsaw puzzle.

REGALLIOUS

Well, good for her! And it'll be good for you two to spend some time apart, my boy. Perhaps while we wait you can help me, I'm having the darndest time with this ocean-y part..

Link is heard clanging as he grabs tools and weapons before hopping on Regallious's back. Regallious sighs...

REGALLIOUS (CONT'D)

Oh... We're going after her then, I suppose?

Link kicks his heels.

LINK

HYAH!

REGALLIOUS

This can only end poorly.

Regallious rolls his eyes and takes off out an open window with Link in tow.

INT. FATE'S WELL - LATER

Zelda lands at the base of a damp and dingy well. She steps forward, pursuing her quest.

The bricks on the wall blink their eyes open- it's Link and Regallious, camouflaged into the wall to stay hidden. They watch Zelda as she heads forth.

REGALLIOUS

Now, really, Link. Can't we allow the Princess this one quest alone? She requested you leave her be and let her take this task on her own-

Link gestures to Regallious to be quiet.

REGALLIOUS

I am being quiet! You can't possibly intend we stay hidden from Zelda through the entirety of this dungeon. She'll-

LINK

SHHH!

REGALLIOUS

Ya know... Why am I even here??

Link quietly waves his hands like he's gesturing a strike team to press forward. He rolls dramatically ahead, after Zelda. Regallious, drops his head and walks forward, following.

INT. FATE'S WELL - DUNGEON FLOOR 1 - CONTINUOUS

Zelda steps into a circular room. Link holds his bow at ready as he and Regallious hide behind a boulder, watching Zelda's every move.

A MOBLIN appears, heading straight for Zelda. Link panics and nocks an arrow. Before he can fire, Zelda draws her sword, rolls around the approaching moblin and slices its back. The moblin screams in surprised agony before exploding in a plume of purple and black smoke. Ash rests on Zelda's sword, which she wipes off on her dress, before hopping down into a hole in the ground.

Link stares wide-eyed, stunned, not sure he can believe what he just saw. Regallious is happy to see the young princess prove herself so sufficient.

REGALLIOUS

See, what did I tell you? She's perfectly capable to handle this journey on her own. Come Link, if we leave now I'll grant you the honor of placing the last piece in my jigsaw--

Link shakes his head wildly, as if trying to come back to reality. He grabs Regallious's wing and pulls him forward, heading for the hole. Regallious picks his wing up, lifting Link running on nothing but air.

REGALLIOUS (CONT'D)

My goodness, Link. Alright fine, We can continue to follow her. But *just* to observe! Absolutely *no* interfering whatsoever. Is that clear?

Link gives a wide, probably fake, smile, nodding along with Regallious's rules. Regallious lets him back down and Link takes off down the hole, pulling Regallious with him.

INT. FATE'S WELL - DUNGEON FLOORS 1-99 - MONTAGE

- Zelda faces off against a cave-full of KEESE, swarming her like bats, while Link readies his slingshot in hiding. Zelda handily takes them all out with a boomerang!

- Zelda is surrounded by CHUCHUS, dancing and blobbing around the room. Link has his Gust Jar ready to go-- but Zelda is already hammering away at the blobs like an easy game of whack-a-ChuChu.

- Zelda opens a coffin standing upright, revealing a zombie-like monster, a REDEAD. Its piercing scream fills the room. Link and Regallious cower together in their hiding spot. Zelda calmly tosses a lit bomb inside the coffin and slams it closed on the ReDead's confused expression. An explosion from inside the coffin is followed by its walls falling flat to the ground, leaving nothing but purple and black smoke billowing out. Zelda skips over the destruction and moves ahead. Link and Regallious are both left stunned.

END OF MONTAGE

INT. FATE'S WELL - DUNGEON FLOOR 100 - LATER

Link and Regallious sneak, sidling the wall, before rolling to hide behind two respectively sized and shaped stalagmites.

Zelda now faces the final battle. Three DARKNUT- powerful dark knights in various shades of gilded armor- stand tall before her. One standing front and center begins to speak.

DARKNUT

So it has come to this. You dare
face the gauntlet of Fate's Well,
to arrive at the final battle. A
true test of strength and-- Hey,
wha-- wait what're are you doing??

Zelda has already started! She runs straight for her foes, sword out, rolling through legs, dodging sword swings.

DARKNUT (CONT'D)

No fair, you- get back here!

The three knights stumble around, failing to land a blow on the princess. Zelda makes quick work of them, slicing at their backs, undoing their armor, allowing it to fall to the floor.

Zelda comes to a stop where she started, the dust settles as the three Darknuts stand in their underwear.

DARKNUT (CONT'D)

AHH!

ZELDA

Less talking, more exploding,
please...

They huddle together, reaching to cover their shame. A moment later, they're gone, exploding into poofs of black and purple smoke. Rupees fall to the ground.

BA-DING! BA-DING! BA-DING!

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Yay!

The smoke clears and a pedestal stands center the room with a necklace, rotating as it floats.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Ah ha! There you are! See, Link,
told you I could do just fine on my
own. I can't wait to see the look
on your face when I...

Zelda grabs the necklace, and holds it high above her head. A familiar melody accompanies the gesture.

Link watches from his hiding spot, releasing a big sigh of relief. Looks like Zelda can handle herself- Hang on, what's that...

A rat with a lit bomb on its tail, a REAL BOMBCHU, is running right up to Zelda, her back turned!

Link runs headlong out from his hiding spot, brandishing his sword with two hands above his head.

LINK

AAAHHHHHHH!!!!

Zelda turns, hearing Link's scream, to see the REAL BOMBCHU right behind her. Link runs up just in time, kicking it far into the distance of the cavern. It whistles as it flies. Link's sword still held high above his head, for some reason...

ZELDA

Link??

Link's been caught and his expression shows it. A tiny explosion blows up in the distance.

ZELDA (CONT'D)
Wh-what are you doing here?

Zelda notices Regallious now, not nearly hidden enough behind his stalagmite.

ZELDA (CONT'D)
Regallious?? Wait a second, did you guys follow me?

Regallious steps out from his hiding, looking embarrassed, though not nearly as embarrassed as Link.

REGALLIUOS
It was Link's idea, your highness...

ZELDA
I can't believe this!! You've been spying on me this whole time?? You didn't think I could do it did you?

Link is shaking his head, apologetically trying to tell Zelda it's not how it looks...

ZELDA (CONT'D)
Well I did it, didn't I? I survived this whole dungeon- on my own! A hundred floors of monsters and danger- I beat them all! But you, Link, you don't believe in me. You didn't think I could survive without you. That- that's the worst of all.

Link has never felt this sad. He's disappointed in himself and distraught that he so upset somebody so important to him. He hangs his head in shame.

ZELDA (CONT'D)
Huh, nice apology. Let's just go...

Zelda furiously steps over to a ring of light in the floor. Regalliuos joins her, followed by a very sullen Link.

A pillar of light forms around them as they all disappear.

EXT. FATE'S WELL - MOMENTS LATER

Benedict stands beside the well, anxiously and nervously peering in, awaiting the return of his necklace. Behind him, a pillar of light forms, revealing Link, Regallious, and Zelda, holding the necklace.

BENEDICT

Oh! Oh! You've done it! You've retrieved the- er- *my* necklace!! Thank you. You can never know the justice you've served in this cruel, horrid world.

ZELDA

Sure, man. Here you go. Have a nice day.

Zelda hands Benedict the necklace and his eyes light up something sinister. He clutches the chain in his hands, and carefully drapes it around his neck.

BENEDICT

Oh, I will, my dear. But I can't promise the same for you... Mwahahaha!!

ZELDA

Whatever, my day is already ruined...

While Zelda walks away, she doesn't notice Benedict transforming behind her...

The necklace sinks into and fuses with Benedict's skin. His muscles grow, his body bulging outwards and climbing taller. His face transforms into something of a pig's face, with one evil eye, glowing yellow, red, and green. His shadow eclipses Zelda, Link, and Regallious. Link is pulled from his shame when he notices the darkness, seeing Zelda in danger again. He rushes forward, standing between Benedict's monstrous form and the princess.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Link give it a rest already, I-

Zelda sees him now, Benedict in all his malevolence.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Whooaaa-- Whaaat-- Who... What is that??

REGALLIOUS

Ah, yes I knew I recognized that necklace, the Bind of Sacrifice! Oh dear, how silly. Its wearer is transformed into a shadow beast bent on world destruction. Hmm, yes, we've got ourselves a pickle now...

Link stands before Zelda, arms spread wide to protect her.

ZELDA

Oh my gosh- *SERIOUSLY* Link??
Still?? Have you listened to me at
all today??

Benedict reaches a long monstrous arm down and nabs Link,
clutching him in a fist and pulling him away.

LINK

WAAAHHHH!!

Link is held in an unforgiving grasp and looks terrified

ZELDA

You know, Link, this is what you
get! Making me out like I'm always
in need of your help! Like I'm just
some lame princess who needs a
daring hero to save her life all
the time. Well, who's the "damsel-
in-distress" now?!

LINK

AHHHH!!

ZELDA

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!!!

Benedict shakes Link around in his clutches!

LINK

WAHWAHWAHWAHWAH!

ZELDA

Forget it, Link! I'm not helping
you until you apologize! A real
apology!

Link nods his head wildly!

LINK

AHHH!!

ZELDA

AND you promise not to be so over-
protective of me from now on?

Link nods his head even wildly-er!

ZELDA (CONT'D)

ANND that we're a team! Equals in
courage! And strength!

Link threatens to knock his brain out, his head nodding in such a blur. Zelda pauses for a moment to think.

ZELDA (CONT'D)
Hmm... Let's see, what else...

LINK
AHHHHHHHH!!!

ZELDA
Alright, alright- good enough!

Zelda brandishes her bow and a devilish grin.

ZELDA (CONT'D)
Zelda to the rescue...

Zelda runs towards Benedict, avoiding his stomping feet. She fires off arrow after arrow into his leg, while hopping from one to the next, climbing them like a spiral staircase all the way up his back and onto his shoulder. Zelda pulls off a glove and slaps Benedict's giant pig face, before sliding down his arm, standing on the fist that is Link's prison.

Link watches as if she moves in slow motions, he's amazed!

Zelda nocks a bow, firing at her feet, right into the space between Benedict's thumb and index finger. His fist releases in pain, Link falls to the ground.

LINK
WAH!

Benedict recoils, throwing his arm up, launching Zelda with it. She flips and twists through the air, turning to face Benedict. Zelda nocks something special this time, a brightly-glowing Arrow of Light. She pulls back and releases, letting it fly, hitting her target perfectly in Benedict's giant eye.

BENEDICT
GWAAAAAAGHHHH!!

Benedict clutches at his face.

Zelda falls to the ground, landing in a SWEET hero pose. She stands up, dusts herself off, and walks forward, towards Link and Regallious watching, awestruck.

Behind her, Benedict falls to the ground in agony. His whole body hardens up to a black shell for a moment, then- BOOM!! Benedict's figure explodes into a cloud of- you guessed it- black and purple smoke, raining rupees. Zelda, of course, does not turn back to look- she's way too cool.

Link runs up to her, bouncing and punching and kicking, recreating her battle, gesturing just how AWESOME it was!

ZELDA

Haha, oh that? It was no big deal, really...

Suddenly, Link comes to a stop in front of her. He takes a big, pride-swallowing breath, and holds out a professional handshake to Zelda. She's glad to see it, and happily pulls his hand into a hug.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Thank you, Link. Apology accepted, partner.

Suddenly, the two are lifted up into the air, for the second time today, by a cheering crowd of Hyrulian citizen and carried through the town.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

Well, what's next on the list for today?

Voices yell out from the crowd...

"Octoroks have taken over my pool!"

"A Like Like lives in my toilet!"

"My chickens have gone on a *RAMPAGE!*"

ZELDA (CONT'D)

We can handle it! Together!

Link and Zelda high-five with big smiles as the crowd carries them off towards Hyrule Castle. Regallious flies circles above, following them home.

IRIS TO BLACKOUT

THE END