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PROLOGUE

For those of you who are not familiar of whom I am; my name is Gandalf. I am a guardian spirit of Middle Earth. I was once a powerful wizard during the war of the ring. It has been my duty for a thousand years to protect the one called the "Hero of Time," until time comes when he must fulfill his destiny. It has been over one millennium, since the war of the ring. The Dark Lord Sauron is no more; however, in the far off elven kingdom of Hyrule, Sauron's descendant, the ruthless mercenary Ganondorf, creates a disturbance. To fulfill his ancestor's destiny, Ganondorf stole one of the Triforces: the Triforce of Power. He will stop at nothing to obtain the other two. The Triforces are three golden triangles created by the elven spirits to bring order to Middle Earth. They are the Triforces of Wisdom, Courage, and Power, which lie in the Temple of Light. Who ever holds all three will rule Middle Earth forever.

The Hylian elven princess, Zelda, summoned me for she sensed Ganondorf's presence. For a child Princess Zelda possessed great powers, which is why she became the possessor of the Triforce of Wisdom. You will soon know who will possess the Triforce of Courage.

I was able to prevent him from stealing the other two; however, Ganondorf can possess great power if he uses the Triforce for all evil. Now the time has come to choose our "Hero of Time."

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In a small land near Hyrule is the Kokiri Forest, where the Kokiri elves dwell. The Kokiri elves are a peaceful and playful race. They wear green tunics and green hats. They are not like other elves, for they remain as children for all eternity. When a Kokiri elf is born they are raised and guided by a faerie companion. All except one elf, who feels as if he does not belong.

"Navi the faerie, come forth," said Gandalf. "The time has come, we must go to the chosen one."

Gandalf and Navi appear inside the tree house of an elf boy named Link. Link was not like the other Kokiri elves, mostly because he had no faerie. He looked as if one of them, he about their normal child height, had wavy light brown hair, and hazel eyes. He was also more swift and agile than the other elves. They stood in front of him as he sleeps. "Awaken, young Link!" Gandalf cried to the elf boy. As the boy wakes up, he is startled to see the tall wizard standing before him.

"Yikes!!!" cried Link. "Who are you and how did you get into my room?"

"You mean you do not know who I am," said Gandalf.

"Should I?" asked Link.

"He is Gandalf the Grey Wizard," said Navi.

"Gandalf?!?! I thought you died over a thousand years ago," said Link.

"Spirits never die, young Link," said Gandalf.

"We are here to deliver your birthright," said Navi.

"My birthright? What are you talking about?"

Gandalf explained, "You see, Link, you believe that you were born a Kokiri elf; however, you are originally from Hyrule. Your mother, a Mirkwood elf, came to Hyrule, where she met your father. That is why you feel different from the rest of your fellow elves. But, there is more. You were chosen to possess the Triforce of Courage, for as long as you live, for you are the last living descendant of the great elf, Legolas. Because you possess the Triforce of Courage, the mercenary Ganondorf tried to kill you, last night, in order to take the Triforce for his own. But I stopped him. He already has the Triforce of Power. However, only the one known as the "Hero of Time," can put an end to all evil."

Link was right all along, he was different than the other children. Suddenly, Link's good friend, Saria enters his home carrying a small treasure chest. "Good morning, everyone!" she said in an excited voice. "Link, I am jealous of you. You actually get to talk to the Great Gandalf. Excuse me, sir, but it is an honor to meet you." Saria, full of excitement shakes Gandalf's hand. Saria was a beautiful child-like elf. She was sweet, very energetic, and loved to be active. She had shoulder length green hair and blue eyes. She was the only friend Link had.

She says, "I heard you were going on a quest, so I brought these. Open it."

Link opens the chest and pulls out a Hylian shield and small sword. He asks the three of them, "What does all this have to do with me?"

"Only you can save Middle Earth," Gandalf answered. "You must go to Hyrule and protect Princess Zelda and prevent Ganondorf and his minions from obtaining the other two Triforges. Zelda is expecting you as we speak. Navi will go with you, as your guide. I bid you good luck, "Hero of Time." Then Gandalf vanished.

As Link was walked out of his house, Saria called for her pony, Epona. "You can ride her to Hyrule, she's very fast."

"Thank you, Saria. Will I ever see you again?"

"What does your heart say?"

Link looked at Saria, he smiled and said, "I will," and off he and Navi went.

With Navi flying at his side, Link rode Epona out of the Kokiri Forest and through the fields of Hyrule. When he finally approached the kingdom, entered the main palace where he met Princess Zelda. She was a beautiful child-like elf, with long blonde hair and blue eyes.

"You must be Link. I am so glad to meet you. We must hurry, don't have much time." Zelda grabbed Link by the arm and pulled him to where they could not be seen. "We have just received word that Ganondorf and his army of orcs are going to invade us. But,

as you and I stay together he can't destroy us. The power of the Triforces will protect us. But we have to get to the Temple of Light. It is not that far from here."

"What is in the Temple of Light?" asked Link.

"You will soon find out," answered Zelda.

Suddenly, an army of orcs, lead by Ganondorf, barged through the gates of Hyrule. As the orcs were running the elves out of their homes, Ganondorf yelled, "SEARCH EVERYWHERE, I WANT THOSE CHILDREN ALIVE!!!!"

Link and Zelda jumped on Epona's back and rode to the Temple of Light, Navi followed as they were being chased by orcs. When they arrived a bold dwarf, the descendant of Gimli, named Darun, who was guarding the temple, let them inside as he and the Hylian soldiers tried their best to fight off the orcs.

When they entered the temple, they walked up to the altar where it had an inscription written on it. It said: Only the Hero of Time can unlock the door, where the Master Sword lies.

"The Master Sword!! I've heard stories about it. It has the power to destroy all evil," said Link.

"Yes, even your ancestor Legolas once used it," said Zelda

"But, how do I unlock the Door of Time?"

Zelda pulls out of her pouch an ocarina and a songbook. "You must play "The Song of Time" with this ocarina, and the door will open."

Link opens the book and flips the pages to the page with "The Song of Time." He looks at the notes and plays the tune on the ocarina. The back wall starts to shake and it slides open to reveal a large room, with mirrors for walls. In the center of the room was a pedestal with the Master Sword inside. Link walks up to it, grabs the handle and pulls it out. Suddenly the room turned to a vortex, full of light, as if Link traveled somewhere. He sees Ganondorf running through the vortex yelling, "THANK YOU FOR OPENING THE DOOR, STUPID BOY!!! HA! HA! HA!"

Suddenly, it all stopped and there was nothing but silence. Gandalf appeared, "I see you have discovered that sword lets you travel to the future."

"The future?!?! What are you talking about?" Link seemed startled. "Why does my voice sound deep as if I've grown up, somehow."

"You have," answered Gandalf "For pulling out the Master Sword, you have traveled ten years into the future. Just at yourself through the mirrors."

Link look at himself and he looked as if he were a young adult around the age of 18 to 20. He almost resembled Legolas in a way. Link, Navi, and Gandalf walked out of the temple, only to see that Hyrule had been corrupted, it was full of darkness. They found Darun standing in front of the temple, as if he were still guarding it.

"Where have you been, do you know how long I've been waiting for you?" Darun asked Link.

"Darun, it's been ten years, don't tell me you've been waiting all this time." Answered Link.

"Ten years?!?! Where does the time go? I was supposed to wait for you here, those were my order from Princess Zelda, before Ganondorf captured her."

"Ganondorf captured Zelda? What happened to this place?"

"When Ganondorf captured Zelda and made her his queen, he used the Triforces of Power and Wisdom to corrupt Hyrule and turned the palace into another dark tower. The bright side is he can't rule the world until he has your Triforce."

"Well, he's going to have to kill for it because I'm ready for him."

"Excellent, I'm always ready for a good fight. I see you have the Master Sword, so take these and lead the way!"

Darun handed Link an elven bow and a quiver full of arrows with golden colored crystal arrowheads. The four of them entered the dark tower. Battling there way to the top against orcs at every turn. Darun used his axe. Navi used her powers. Gandalf used his sword and staff. Link used the Master Sword and the Hylian shield. When they reached the top floor, Ganondorf was playing an organ, turned around to see them behind him, and levitated in the air. Using his black magic as a force field, Gandalf and Navi were unable to use their magic against him. When all this was happening, Zelda, as a young adult was trapped in a dark crystal.

Ganondorf fired energy orbs from his hands at Link. But, with the Master Sword, Link was able to send the energy orbs back at Ganondorf. They were firing energy orbs at each other back and forth several times, until finally Ganondorf was down, and Zelda was released.

"Oh, thank you Link." Then she gasped.

Even though Ganondorf was down, he was using his last bit of power to collapse the tower. The five of them made their way out of the tower before it collapsed. Everyone was in relief.

Suddenly, they heard a loud noise coming from the ruins. Link and Darun ran to the ruins. Just then, Ganondorf angry bursts out of the ruins, with the Triforce of Power still glowing in his hand. He transforms into a gigantic monstrous beast. He looked as if he were a very handsome wild boar. Darun wielding his mighty axe, jumps at Ganondorf, but he catches him in mid-air and throws the dwarf to the other side of the ruins. Then, Ganondorf creates a circle of fire surrounding the both of them, keeping the others out.

Link swings his sword many times and Ganondorf, but he just keeps knocking Link down. Gandalf tells you use the light arrows Darun gave you. Link pulls out the bow and one the light arrows, and fires it at Ganondorf. The light of the arrow stunned him. Link swiped Ganondorf on the chest with Master Sword. The fire circle was gone, and before Ganondorf could get back up, Zelda used her powers to hold him down. Then she sent her powers to the Master Sword.

"Now, Link, deliver the final blow!" Zelda yelled.

Link plunged the sword into Ganondorf's body, and the beast was destroyed, but Ganondorf, himself, remained. Zelda and Gandalf and Link combined their powers together to send Ganondorf into the Dark Realm, for all eternity.

"Curse you, Zelda"

"Curse you, Gandalf"

"CURSE YOU, LINK!!!"

"One day, when this seal is broken, that is when I destroy your descendant, as long as I will hold the Triforce of Power....."

That was the end of Ganondorf.

Zelda gives Link her gratitude.

"Link, I am in your debt. I am so sorry that you were pulled into this."

"I'm glad it happened, I never would have met you if it didn't."

"Yes, but now it's time for you to go back, you must lay the Master Sword and close the door of time and everything will be restored as if it never happened. Give me the ocarina, I can send you back to your time." He hands her the ocarina. "Now go Link, wake up for ten years you lost."

She says goodbye. She plays her lullaby on the ocarina, which sends Link back to the Temple of Light.

Link lays the sword back into the pedestal and he is back to being a child and returns home.

Link had many other adventures as he grew older, but that's another story.

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