

The temple

It's been a while since Zelda left. The twilight hero, Link, has got a clue that could lead to the princess. In a bar called "the Crusader," the bartender Yalleo tells him about a temple where the princess entered but didn't get out.

After a while, Link and his companion Midna were in front of the temple. In its interior, they would find different monsters for fighting to rescue Princess Zelda.

"Did you sense it?" Midna asked Link, who nodded his head. The environment felt weird, different from any other place they had been to. Something wasn't right.

In a room from the temple, Zelda was asleep. She was opening her eyes, recovering consciousness. It took some time to remember what happened. She only remembered that she had entered the temple, felt weird, and fell asleep.

She noticed that her hands and ankles were tied together and had a gag in her mouth. She tried to untie her hands, but the ropes tightened them more every time she tried. Zelda analyzed the situation. She was sure Link would find her, so she waited for him.

Link and Midna had a battle against different monsters that were trying to eliminate them. Link wave the Master Sword destroying any danger in front of him.

In front of them, a creature appeared with a Viking appearance. It had a long brown beard and red blood eyes. On each hand, he had an ax and a cross-form scar on his chest.

After a while, Link noticed its weakness. He stabbed him with his sword in the chest where the scar was and destroyed him at last, opening the door in front of them.

Entering the room, Link and Midna found Zelda. Her eyes shone after seeing them. "I knew they would come," Zelda thought.

Link ran after her and started to untie her, but the temple began to shake when he touched the ropes. Some letters appeared in front of Link.

"Together, the damsel and the hero must be.
3 challenges must be accomplished to find the exit.
Freedom is not an option.
One scratch and a restart the illusion will have."

"Interesting," Midna commented. "So that means we have to finish 3 trials if we want to get out of here." Link began to untie Zelda's hands, but they were tied again.

"Like I thought," Midna pointed to the inscription. "The third line. Freedom is not an option. Zelda must stay tied up during the challenges."

"Leaving Zelda tied up? That would complicate things." Link thought. He looked at Zelda. she nodded her head, accepting it. Link's eyes changed to a determined one, taking the challenges.

"Ok, let's do it," Midna said. She looked at Link and Zelda and noticed something. "You know, in the end, I will be the one with the voice damaged. I'm the only one that can talk right now." Link and Zelda looked at each other. Zelda laughed under her gag while Link looked annoyed at Midna.

Link carried Zelda in his arms when they entered the room for the first trial. They looked at it and saw nothing. Confused, they walked through the room carefully.

"This is weird," Midna said. "What's the trial?" Link looked at the place and noticed some holes in the walls. At that moment, thousands of arrows started to come out from the pits. Midna hides in Link's shadow while Link, on the other hand. Covered Zelda with his body and dodge every arrow that he saw. But there were too many, and one hit Link in the knee, falling to the floor.

Link woke up in the room where they found Zelda. She was still tied up.

"Hit in the knee by an arrow, how curious." Midna mocks at Link. "So that's what the fourth line was referred to." Link looked at Midna while she was looking at the inscription. "You must pass the challenges without any damage, or else you will be back to the beginning."

Link looked annoyed. He had to go through the trials without a scratch, with Zelda in his arms, and Midna wouldn't help. But he would not give up. He carried Zelda into his arms and went to the first challenge again.

Once again, at the first trial, Link studied the situation. The arrows were too fast for him, even more if he was carrying Zelda. He put Zelda over his shoulder, and with his other arm, he took out his shield. He went through the room, and the arrows started to come out from the walls, but now Link would block them instead of dodging them.

They reached the door of the room, and the arrows stopped. They completed the first trial.

"Very clever, boy," Midna flatter him with Zelda. Link's face began to turn red like a tomato. "Now, let's go. There are two trials left."

They entered the second trial, and again the room was empty. There was only a Darknut armature in the middle of the room. Link came close, but the armature began to move, waving a sword.

"Maybe you must win this Darknut in a fight," Link nodded, put Zelda on the floor, and took out his sword. After seeing this, Midna screams, "Link no!". Three of them were transported to the room from the beginning.

"You idiot!" yelled Midna. Link didn't understand what happened. "The first line!" Midna pointed to the inscription. "Together, the damsel and the hero must be. That means that you

can't be separated from Zelda at any moment" Link understood, grabbed Zelda, and started the trial again.

He passed again by the arrows with his shield, finishing the first room. In the middle of the next room, the Darknut was waiting, prepared for battle. Link grabbed Zelda under his arm and took out his sword. After getting closer, the Darknut started to move and took an attack posture. He began his attack on Link. Both swords clashed, and Link warded off the blade. Link prepared his move. He was moving from side to side, avoiding the Darknut's attack.

The Darknut gathered his strength, jumped, and hit the floor with his sword. At the right moment, Link avoided the attack and began with his counter, making multiple attacks. Finally, the Darknut fell to the ground, completing the second trial.

Link, Zelda, and Midna continued their way until they saw a light.

"That must be the last trial," Midna said. Once they reached the light, they observed everything around them. Everyone was surprised. Before their eyes were the sky and fresh air.

Link wanted to put down Zelda, but Midna stopped him. "Link, wait. Something is not right." Midna told him. "Maybe we are in the last trial. Don't put her down until we get down of here." Link looked tired. He saw Zelda. She agreed with Midna, and the three started to look for a way to get down.

At that moment, an idea came to Zelda, and she started to move to be noticed by Link. She was pointing at something with her head, but Link couldn't understand her.

"Mph mph mph," she was mumbling, but Link couldn't get that. "I think she is referring to the shield." Midna said.

"What good will bring the shield?" thought Link. Zelda started pointing down. The hill was tilted enough to slide down the mountain.

"That's it!" yelled Midna. "We can use the shield as a board to slide down the hill." Zelda nodded happily as Link and Midna understood her plan. Link put his shield down, grabbed Zelda, and jumped onto the shield to start sliding down.

Link was sliding down very fast, jumping with each rock it was in front. On the other hand, Zelda felt like she would throw up. She regrets suggesting that idea. Link couldn't fail this challenge. If he did, he would start all over again from the beginning. His arms were about to fall off his body after carrying Zelda that much.

Link began to slow down. Once it stopped, Link looked at his surroundings.

"That's it?" Midna asked. Link put Zelda on the ground and untied her hands and feet. The ropes didn't tie them again. Finally, she took out the gag from her mouth.

"I think we passed all the trials," Zelda said.

“Good. All those challenges were a pain.” Said Midna, looking at Link annoyed. “Like if you did something,” he was thinking. “Don’t look at me like that. I had to explain everything to you. If it wasn’t for me, you’d be stuck in the first room with Zelda still tied up.” Link had to accept that Midna was right.

“That reminds me, Link,” Zelda said, approaching Link. “Thanks for rescuing me.” She gave Link a kiss on the cheek, surprising the hero.

Link stood in silence. His mind was wrapped up, and his face felt like he was burning. He turned to Zelda, but something confused him even more. In front of him was his friend Ilia, smiling at him.

“Are you ok, Link?” Ilia asked him. Link shook his head, and looking at her again, Zelda was in front of him again. He could feel that his heart would come out of his body. Link nodded, indicating that he was ok.

“Uhh... Your face is all red” Midna began to mock Link. “Are you really that shy with the princess? Or did somebody else come to your mind? She would get angry if she found out about that kiss.” Link attacked Midna to shut her up while Zelda laughed after seeing the remarkable friendship between Link and Midna.

“Taking the princess to the temple was risky, Yalleo.”

“Don’t worry. I had faith that they could get out of there.”

“At least you thought about the name for the temple?”

“Jabu- Jabu’s Temple”