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The Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Seasons and **The Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Ages** together form a two-part quest when you continue your game using the Link System. (see pg. 16) Please keep your Game Pak in a safe place after finishing the game. We recommend that you save files before the final battle in the game.

A NEW CHAPTER

One day in Hyrule, a strange force drew Link deep within Hyrule castle, where he found the Triforce resting, glittering brilliantly as it awaited him.

"Link... Link... Accept the quest of the Triforce!"

Suddenly, Link was enveloped in a shaft of light, and the next moment, he vanished.

When Link awoke, he found himself in a forest he had never seen. Confused, he looked around blankly at the unfamiliar surroundings. He heard pleasant music and laughing voices echoing from deep within the woods. Link followed the inviting voices until he came upon a traveling troupe of actors. He was immediately struck by the beauty of a young woman who was dancing about in circles. When the girl noticed Link, she smiled brightly and called to him.

"Welcome to Holodrum. I am Din, the dancer," she said with glee. "Would you like to dance with me? Don't be shy. It will be more fun if we dance together." She took him by the hand, and he reluctantly began to dance.

Unfortunately, this blissful moment did not last long. The sky suddenly went dark, and there was a loud crash of thunder, followed by a resounding, thunderous voice.

"I've found you, Din! You can't deceive me by disguising yourself as a dancer. I am Onox, General of Darkness! Now reveal yourself, Oracle of Seasons!"

Then a great tornado dropped from the sky and drew near Din, as if to engulf her.

"Help me, Link!" she cried.

Link was blown back by the tornado as he struggled against its awesome force, and Din was swept away in the wind...

And then strange things began to happen throughout the land.

When Onox carried off the Oracle of Seasons from the land of Holodrum, the seasons fell into chaos and the land was deprived of the bountiful gifts of nature. Life was slowly being drained from the land, and all living things began to wither.

And so Onox set in motion his plan to gather the power from the withering land and create a world of total darkness. Will Link be able to rescue Din from the hand of evil, the General of Darkness?

Such is the quest Link must undertake.

LEGENDARY FIGURES

Link

The Triforce's quest sends Link to the strange land of Holodrum. His journey begins after he meets the traveling troupe of actors.



Din

Disguised as a dancer, the strong-willed Oracle of Seasons quietly assures peace in Holodrum, but an hour of evil draws near...



Impa

As royal nurse, Impa has cared for Hyrule's Princess Zelda since her birth. Zelda has ordered Impa to lead the Oracle of Seasons to Hyrule, and she meets Link on the way.



Onox

The General of Darkness is behind the chaos caused by the disruption of Holodrum's seasons. Onox has great power and uses his mighty flail to crush all who oppose him. He has cast a barrier of shadow around his castle and plans to gather the powers of destruction from the dying lands of Holodrum.



The Maku Tree



This gigantic tree is the guardian spirit of all Holodrum, and it now awaits a visit from a brave young man. It is said one can meet the Maku Tree only after showing great courage.

Princess Zelda

The Royal Princess of Hyrule is a symbol of the people's hope. Her vivid dreams allow her to predict when something evil is about to happen in the world.



Maple

Maple is an apprentice witch to her grandmother. She often sneaks away from training and flies around on the magic broom she recently learned to ride. Occasionally, she unexpectedly flies down and crashes into Link.



Vasu

The only jeweler in the world of Holodrum, he appraises the secret powers of rings made from magical seeds. Vasu also has two pet snakes.



Bipin & Blossom

Bipin is a famed tree planter who grows Gasha Seeds and freely offers information about them to curious travelers. Blossom is his wife. Together they have a young child who is full of promise. What kind of man will this child grow up to be?



Subrosians

Subrosians are the strange dwellers of a hidden world Link visits during his quest. They are a mysterious people who always wrap themselves in robes. Many surprises await Link in Subrosia.



Gorons

They used to live in peace on Goron Mountain, but because of the disorder in the seasons, their peaceful lives are threatened. The Gorons all took shelter in a cave to escape the bitter cold and now wait for Spring's return—patiently.



Great Moblin

The Great Moblin lives in his proud keep and tries to swindle a toll from all who pass by.



These are but a few of the interesting characters you'll meet on your quest.

CONTROLS

+ Control Pad

Move Your Character

Press the + Control Pad to move in eight different directions. You also can move up and down stairs and jump from stairs in some places. The + Control Pad also moves the cursor. (Pg. 24)

SELECT

View the Map Screen

Press SELECT to view an entire map of Holodrum. (It shows only the places you have explored.) You can check names of places and Link's current location on the Map Screen. (Pg. 22) Press SELECT to view a dungeon map when you are in dungeon. (Pg. 38)



A / B Buttons

Use Items / Talk / Confirm Selections (A Button only)

You can assign different items to the A and B Buttons. You can also press these buttons to talk to villagers and check suspicious places. Press the A or B Button to see the next part of a long message. Also, press the A Button to confirm menu selections. (Pg. 26)

View the Subscreens

Use the Subscreens to change the items set to the A and B Buttons and to view your items and quest status. The three Subscreens are the Item Screen, the Quest Status Screen, and the Essence Screen. Press SELECT to switch from one screen to the next. (Pg. 21)

START

Quitting Your Game

Open the Save Screen to quit your game. Choose SAVE on the Essence Screen to open the Save Screen. (Pg. 19) You can also reset your game without saving by pressing the A Button, B Button, START, and SELECT all at the same time.



GETTING STARTED

Pick a File

Press START during the opening movie to go to the Title Screen. Press START again to see the File Selection Screen. Choose any existing file then set the message display speed to continue a saved game. The game will continue from the last building or dungeon you entered before saving.

Enter Your Name

To start a new game, select an empty file and press START or the A Button. Next, select NEW GAME and press the A Button again to see the Name Entry Screen. Enter any name up to five letters long. Use the + Control Pad to move the cursor and press the A Button to enter letters. Press the B Button to cancel the last letter entered. After entering your name, choose OK to create the new file.

After entering your name, choose your new file to play.



Message Speed

After selecting a file, you must set the speed for text messages to display. Set the speed to between 1 (slowest) and 5 (fastest). You can change the Message Speed at any time on the File Selection Screen.



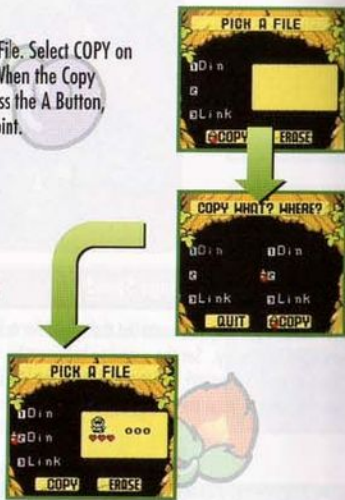
The File Selection Screen also shows how many lives you've used.



Copying Files

You can copy the data in one Save File to another Save File. Select COPY on the File Select Screen and press START or the A Button. When the Copy Screen appears, select the file you want to copy and press the A Button, then choose COPY. You can also choose to quit at this point.

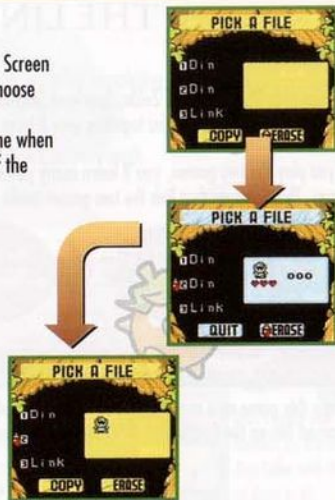
You can copy a file's data over an existing file, but all of the existing file's saved data will be lost when it is replaced by the new data.



Erasing Files

To Erase existing files, select ERASE on the File Selection Screen and press START or the A Button. On the next screen, choose ERASE to erase all of the data in the file you selected. Otherwise, choose QUIT. If you want to start a new game when all three files have existing data, you must erase one of the existing files.

Files that have been erased or saved over can **never** be recovered.



THE LINK SYSTEM

You can play *The Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Seasons* and *Oracle of Ages* as two separate, independent games, but by linking the two together, you'll have an even deeper adventure.

As you play the two games, you'll learn many passwords, or secrets, that can be used to link the two games. These secrets that link the two games make up the link system.



Beginning a Linked Game

To begin this game as a continuation of *The Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Ages*, choose an unused file on the File Selection Screen, then choose SECRETS or GAME LINK.

You cannot choose a file name when starting a linked game.



Secrets

After choosing SECRETS, enter the secret password you learned after completing *Oracle of Ages*. (You can review your secret in the Hall of Secrets on the completed Game Pak.)

- The secret shown on the right is only an example. It doesn't actually work.



Game Link

Insert a new *Oracle of Seasons* and a completed *Oracle of Ages* Game Pak in separate Game Boy Color systems and connect the two systems with a Game Link cable. Next, turn the power ON and select GAME LINK in *Oracle of Seasons*.

Choose the file you want to continue when the *Oracle of Ages* file list appears. Do not unplug the Game Link cable until DONE appears on the screen. Unplugging the cable during linking may cause saved data to be lost.

To link, you must have completed *Oracle of Ages*.

You must have two Game Boy Color systems and a Game Link[®] cable to use the GAME LINK feature.



Don't press any buttons on the Game Boy Color with *Oracle of Ages* in it!

Using Secrets

You will learn many passwords, or secrets, when you play a linked game. In addition to the secret for traveling to another land, you'll learn secrets for powering up items, bringing rings from another land to Holodrum, and for taking rings to another land.

You'll hear secrets in many places!



Check your secrets in the Hall of Secrets.

SAVING & ENDING THE GAME

Be sure to save your game on the Save Screen before you quit playing so you don't lose any items or Pieces of Heart you've collected. Choose SAVE on the Essence Screen to go to the Save Screen, or just press START and SELECT at the same time. The Save Screen features the following options:



Continue

Continue playing your game without saving any data. Choose this option when you do not want to save. To restart your game from the last time you saved, turn the power OFF and restart the game from the File Selection Screen.

Save & Cont.

Continue playing your game after saving your game progress, including all items and Pieces of Heart.

Save & Quit

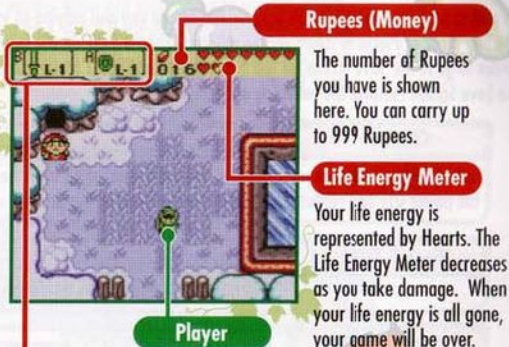
Save your game progress, including items and Pieces of Heart, and quit playing. (The opening movie will appear.) You can then restart your game from the last dungeon or building you entered.

Even if you run out of life energy (Hearts), you can still save your game progress.

GAME SCREENS

The Main Screen

Move Link through his quest.



Selected Items

The items you have chosen to use are shown here. Press the B Button to use the item shown on the left and the A Button to use the item shown on the right.

The Subscreens

Use the Subscreens to change items and review quest progress. When an item is selected, the name of the item and a description of it will appear at the bottom of the screen.

Item Screen

Items you use by pressing the A and B Buttons are shown here. Items will be added to the screen as you find them. You can set items to the A and B Buttons on this screen as well.

Press SELECT

Quest Status Screen

This screen shows items such as Zora's Flippers and Magic Potions that can be used automatically. On this screen, you can also choose which ring you'll wear.

Press SELECT

Essence Screen

The Essences of Nature that you have collected will be shown on this screen. You can also choose to SAVE on this screen. (Pg. 19) You can check your Pieces of Heart on this screen, too. (Pg. 42)

Press SELECT

Press START on any Subscreen to return to the Main Screen.

World Map Screen

Use the World Map Screen to view the entire world, check your current location, and check destinations.



This screen is also used when warping.

Locations of dungeons and names of places are shown only if you have already visited those places. Use the + Control Pad to move the cursor and press the A Button to display the name of the place or dungeon. (Press the B Button to hide the name of the place or dungeon.) The icons on the next page will be shown when you position the cursor on trees, shops, dungeons, and other important places on the map. Use them as reference to help you in your quest.

- Press SELECT or the B Button to go back to the Main Screen.

Dungeons & Caves

This marks dungeons or caves where Essences of Nature are hidden.



Houses or Shops

This indicates places like towns and villages where many people live. You may find aid in some of these places.



Portals to a Foreign Land

This icon marks entrances to a world other than Holodrum. What lies beyond the portals?



Mystical Trees

These are trees that bear magical Mystical Seeds and act as warp points when using Gale Seeds. The icons differ depending on the seeds the tree produces.



Ember Tree



Mystery Tree



Scent Tree



Pegasus Tree



Gale Tree

ACTIONS

Basic Actions

You don't need any items to perform the six basic actions listed below.

Walk

Press the + Control Pad to walk in any one of eight different directions.

Talk/Search

Approach another character and press the A Button to talk. You can also check signs and strange places in the same way.

Open Chests

Stand in front of a treasure chest and press the A Button to open it and get the treasure inside.



Push Objects

Face an object such as a block or statue and press the + Control Pad in the direction you want to push the object. Try moving all sorts of objects in all sorts of places.



Jump Down

It is possible to leap off ledges found outside and inside dungeons as long as there is no obstacle at the edge of ledge. Hold the + Control Pad in the direction you want to leap.



Climb Up and Down

Press ↑ or ↓ to climb up or down stairs or ivy.



Using Items

You can perform the following actions only by using certain items.

When a description tells you to press a button, it refers to the button (A Button or B Button) that you've assigned the item to on the Subscreen. Some actions can't be performed in certain conditions.

Sword: Attack

Press the button to swing your sword. If you hold your sword out by holding down the button, you can move without changing direction. Hold down the button to build up power in your sword's blade. Once the sword has powered up, release the energy in a spin attack. This special attack technique inflicts more damage on enemies than a normal sword blow does.

Shield: Defend

Press the button to use your shield to block enemy attacks. Depending on the shield you're using, you may not be able to block all attacks.



Power Bracelet: Lift and Throw

Face an object like a grass clump or clay jar and hold the button down. Then press the + Control Pad in the direction opposite the one you're facing to lift the object. Press the + Control Pad in the direction you want to throw the object and press the button again to throw it. You can damage enemies by hitting them with thrown objects.

Roc's Feather/Roc's Cape: Jump

Press the button to jump over pits or dodge an enemy's attack. If you jump while using the Pegasus Seeds, you will jump much farther than normal.



Pegasus Seeds: Run

Press the + Control Pad to run in one of eight different directions for as long as the Pegasus Seed effect lasts.



Zora's Flippers: Swim & Dive

Press the + Control Pad to swim and the B Button to dive. By repeatedly pressing the A Button, you can swim faster than normal.

ITEMS

Selected Items

Press the A Button or B Button to select an item and use it. At the start of your quest, you will have no items. Your inventory of items will increase one by one as you meet people, explore dungeons and find new items.

Selected Items can be changed on the Subscreen. Use the + Control Pad to move the cursor onto an item and press the A Button or B Button to assign the item to that button. Some items, like the Slingshot, can be used only a limited number of times. The number of times you can use an item is shown next to the item. There are different levels of power for the sword and shield. The level will be shown next to the item once it is powered up.

Sword

The Sword is your main weapon. Use it to attack enemies and to cut grass. It is said that a very powerful sword and a very special sword are hidden somewhere in the land.



Shield

Use the shield to defend against enemy attacks. Some enemies can't be defeated unless you use a shield. Once you find a stronger shield, you'll be able to defend against attacks your regular shield couldn't handle.



Rod of Seasons

You must get all the powers of the seasons to call up any season you wish. Stand on a tree stump and swing the rod to change the seasons.



Seed Satchel

The Seed Satchel holds your Mystical Seeds. Set the Seed Satchel to the A or B Button to use the seeds.



Boomerang

The Boomerang returns to you after you have thrown it. Use it to get objects like Pieces of Heart and Rupees when those objects are out of your reach.



Power Bracelet

The Power Bracelet fills your body with strength and enables you to lift stones, earthen pots and clumps of grass. You can also throw these objects.



Roc's Feather

Roc's Feather magically makes your body feel much lighter and allows you to jump into the air. Use Roc's Feather to jump over pits and dodge enemy attacks.



Slingshot

Use the Slingshot to shoot seeds at distant objects. Shooting different seeds will produce different effects. If you don't have any seeds, you can't use the Slingshot.



Magnetic Gloves

The power of the Magnetic Gloves can pull metal objects to you or push them away. You may find the gloves have other uses, too.



Shovel

Use the Shovel to dig holes in the ground or to clear away snow. You might be able to find buried treasure, so dig holes in many different places.



Bombs

A Bomb blast can damage enemies or blow holes in cracked walls. Press the button to pick up a Bomb, then press the button again while holding the + Control Pad to throw it.



Flute

Play your flute to call a friend for help when you need it. If your friend is too far away to hear the flute, though, he may not come.



Mystical Seeds

Ember Seeds

Flames shoot out of this strange seed when it is cracked open. Use Ember Seeds whenever you want to light a fire.



Mystery Seeds

You never know what to expect when you use these seeds. It's said that placing Mystery Seeds on particular objects will earn you hints related to your quest.



Scent Seeds

Scent Seeds emit a distinct smell that attracts certain monsters and enemies. Not all enemies you meet will be affected, though.



Pegasus Seeds

Rub a Pegasus Seed on yourself to move faster than normal. If you hit an enemy with one, though, the enemy will stop in its tracks.



Gale Seeds

Gale Seeds produce miniature tornadoes when cracked open. These winds can carry you directly to any Mystical Tree you've found. If you shoot a Gale Seed at an enemy, the enemy will be blown far away.



A screen for selecting Mystical Seeds will appear each time you set the Seed Satchel or Slingshot to a button.

The Rod of Seasons and Season Spirits

The Rod of Seasons holds some of the power of the Oracle of Seasons. You can control the seasons by receiving the powers of the seasons from the Season Spirits who live somewhere in the land of Holodrum. Always use the Rod of Seasons from atop a stump.

Spring



Spring is the season when snow and ice thaw and many flowers start to blossom. The buds of some flowers are hard as rocks until they bloom in spring.



Summer



In summer, some lakes dry up under the hot sun. Many plants, like vines, grow particularly well in this season.



Autumn



Autumn leaves fall to the ground and cover holes. In this season, you can even pick mushrooms that are rock-hard the rest of the year.



Winter



Winter brings heavy snows and cold temperatures that can freeze lakes and rivers. In winter, some trees will be completely free of leaves.



Other Items

The items below are different from Selected Items. You use these automatically when you find yourself in need of them.

Zora's Flippers



You'll be able to swim after you get Zora's Flippers. Use the + Control Pad to swim and the B Button to dive underwater. Press the A Button repeatedly able to swim faster.

Magic Potion



If you have a Magic Potion when your life energy reaches zero, your energy will be replenished. Magic Potions can be used only once, and you can carry only one of them at a time.

Jewels



The jewels are treasures from days gone by. It has been said that something will happen once all four of these mystical stones have been found.

Cuccodex



The Cuccodex contains all the information known about Cuccos. A biologist in the village is said to have it...

Rings

The many Magical Rings made from Mystical Seeds have special powers, and the effects of each ring are different. These rings can be found throughout the lands, but some of them are extremely rare.

Ring Appraisal

Even if you find a ring, you will not know the ring's power until you take it to Vasu, the jeweler, to have it appraised. A ring must be appraised before you can wear it.

Take the ring to Vasu.

Find a Magical Ring.

Have the ring appraised.

Vasu Jewelers



Ring Box

You'll carry your rings in a Ring Box. To put rings in the Ring Box, talk to Vasu and choose LIST to see a list of all of your rings. Next, select a ring you want to carry with you from the list and press the A Button to put the ring inside the box.

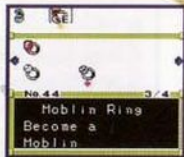
Wearing Rings

A ring's powers are only effective when you wear the ring. Select the ring you want to wear on the Quest Status Screen



Choose rings from the list to put in your Ring Box.

Choose a ring to wear on the Subscreen.



DUNGEONS

In the dungeons of Holodrum, you'll find powerful monsters and complicated traps that will block your path. Search every nook and cranny inside dungeons to defeat the monsters and solve hidden puzzles.



Inside dungeons, your Rupee indicator changes to a key indicator, showing you how many keys you have.



You'll have to explore many dungeons to find all of the Essences of Nature. (Pg. 40)

Treasure Chests

In dungeons, you'll find many treasure chests that may contain Rupees, items or other treasures. Some are easy to find, but you'll have to solve complicated puzzles to find others.



Dungeon Items

The items described below can be used only in the dungeon you find them in. You can check which Dungeon Items you've obtained on the Dungeon Map.



Dungeon Map

The Dungeon Map shows the layout of all the rooms in the dungeon. The darkened rooms on the Map Screen are ones you have not entered yet.



Compass

The Compass shows you where to find treasure chests and the lair of the dungeon's boss. It also makes a noise when you enter a room that has an unopened chest.



Keys and Boss Keys

You'll need the Boss Key to open the door to the boss's lair. Other keys found in the dungeon can be used only once to open a locked door or block.



Essences of Nature

Hidden throughout Holodrum are eight Essences of Nature that possess special powers. There is one essence in each dungeon. Use your power, wisdom and courage to recover all eight essences.



Tips for Dungeons

Cracked Walls

Use Bombs to blow holes in cracked walls, opening rooms on the other side. Some walls that are not cracked can also be destroyed with Bombs.



Pits

You will lose life energy when you fall into a pit, then you'll be returned to the entrance of the room. Some pits are not bottomless—a fall into one of these will land you in the room



There are many other tricks in dungeons. If you see anything suspicious, try everything you can think of.

HEARTS & LIFE ENERGY

Life Energy Meter

Even if your life energy falls very low after taking damage, you can still recover by collecting Hearts. Hearts can be bought at stores, but you can also get them out of jars, from under clumps of grass, and even from some enemies. If you catch a small fairy, she'll refill six Hearts. Also, the Great Fairies found in the Fairy Fountains will restore all of your lost Hearts. Fairies and Great Fairies will be of tremendous help.



Heart Container and Pieces of Heart

You start the game with only three Hearts. Your life energy increase with each Heart Container you find. Dungeon bosses keep Heart Containers, but you can also get them by collecting four Pieces of Heart. Pieces of Heart are hidden throughout Holodrum.



Piece of Heart



Heart Container

Magic Potions

If you have a Magic Potion, your life energy will be completely replenished the instant it reaches zero. A Magic Potion is very useful, but it can be used only once, and you can carry only one at a time.

Finding such a valuable item will likely require great effort!

It is rumored that a witch makes and sells Magic Potions in her shop in some far-off corner of the world.



PARTNERS IN YOUR JOURNEY

You'll meet several reliable friends as you travel. Each one has special abilities that can aid you in your quest.

Ricky

Ricky will carry you in his pouch as he hops around. Ricky's best attack is his powerful punch.



Dimitri

Swimming is Dimitri's specialty. He can swim any sea and can even swim up waterfalls. You can use the Power Bracelet to carry Dimitri around.

Moosh

Moosh can fly around with you on his back. He can also hit the ground with great force, smashing nearby enemies.



Play the flute whenever you need a partner's aid. Your partner will show up as soon as he hears you. He won't come if the sound of your flute cannot reach him, though.

You can get only one flute to call a partner. The flute you get depends on how you go through your quest.

You'll meet your partners again if you finish Oracle of Seasons and use the secret password to continue your game in Oracle of Ages.

TIPS FOR ADVENTURERS

Below are some tips that will help you in your quest.

Master the Power of the Seasons!

Once you find the Rod of Seasons and receive the powers of each season, you can swing the rod from atop a stump to change the season. Find all four Season Spirits to get the powers of all four seasons.

If you reach a dead end in your travels, find a stump and use the Rod of Seasons. New paths may open!



An impassable lake...



Swing the Rod of Seasons!

Now you can cross the lake!

Winter comes and the lake freezes...



Fairy Fountains

Visit Fairy Fountains when your life energy is low. The Great Fairies can replenish all your lost hearts. Pay attention to where the Great Fairies live.



Fight With Maple

If the music changes and you see a strange shadow moving about, Maple is nearby. If you happen to bump into her, you'll have to fight her for the dropped items. You may get something very valuable from the fight.



Gasha Seed

You can plant Gasha Seeds in the patches of soft earth found throughout the lands. After planting a Gasha Seed, it will grow into a tree that produces a seed. What's inside the seed is a surprise.



Magical Rings

The Magical Rings all have different effects. Learning to use particular rings at particular times will help you complete your quest!

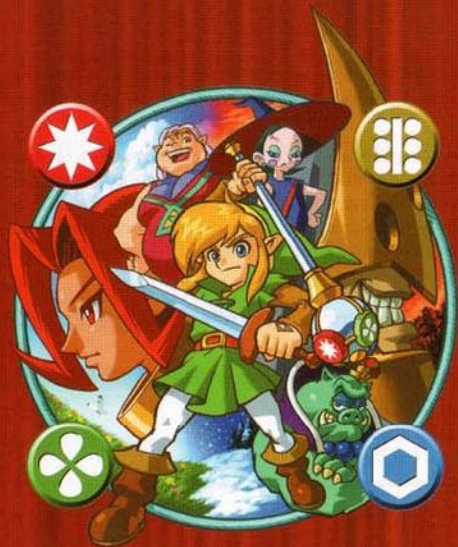


LINK YOUR GAMES, RECORD YOUR SECRETS!

Upon completing *The Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Seasons*, you will learn the secret (password) that will let you continue your quest by traveling to the distant land of Labrynna. Record this secret below and enter it into a *Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Ages* Game Pak to continue your adventure with an all new quest!

As you play, you'll learn more secrets that will let you bring items from one game to the other, power up the items you have, and even give new items that are otherwise unavailable! (See pg. 16 for details about linking.)





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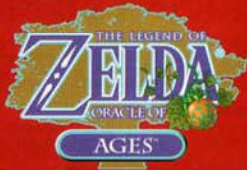
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