

Links of Time

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ZELDA: LINKS OF TIME - PILOT

FADE IN:

EXT. HYRULE FIELD - DAY

Ash and smoke cover a war-torn battlefield. Ripped hyrule banners wave in the wind. Fires burn beneath a black and orange sky. A woman holds a dead man in her arms. She's battleworn and injured. A young female shieka approaches.

IMPA
Princess, we must leave.

ZELDA
(Nods and sobs)

IMPA
(Lifts link's hand in the air, exposing the triforme tattoo)
He died bravely. Be brave for him.

The triforme on Link's hand glows and then disappears. Zelda's hand glows and the triforme of courage appears on her hand beside the one of wisdom.

IMPA (CONT'D)
His courage has passed to her highness. Now you must wield evil's bane.

Impa places Zelda's hand on the master sword. It glows light blue.

IMPA (CONT'D)
Come. We must get to the sacred realm. Time is running out.

Zelda nods and lowers Link's body to the ground. She stands and walks to a horse nearby. They ride into the smoke.

FADE TO BLACK.

EXT. KOKIRI FOREST - DAY - EONS EARLIER

Two fairies fly through the forest. One fairy does all the talking.

NAVI
I mean, why would he wait so long to give me a child to look after?

TAEL

But—

NAVI

I've been faithful, loyal,
obedient! Not to mention, get along
great with children.

TAEL

Um Nav—

NAVI

What more could he want? Honestly!

TAEL

(frustrated)

Navi! Maybe if you didn't talk so
much and interrupt all the time
you'd finally get your child!

NAVI

What are you saying?

TAEL

Navi, I know it's our job to help
the children, but sometimes you get
carried away with explaining
things... especially things people
already know.

NAVI

Hey, listen, sometimes I just need
to make sure people understand the
dangers that are out there,
alright? Don't fault me for that.

TAEL

Fine, fine.

NAVI

Where are we going, anyway?

TAEL

I've been trying to tell you, he
wants to talk to you. That's why
we're going there now. I think he's
got a child for you.

NAVI

A child?! Well why didn't you say
so! Enough talk, let's go!

Navi flies faster through the forest. They reach a giant tree with a face.

GREAT DEKU TREE

Navi. Thank you for coming so swiftly. You may leave us, Tael.

TAEL

Thank you great Deku. I believe Tatl has something to show me. Something about a skull kid, which can only be bad news...

The other fairy bounces and leaves.

GREAT DEKU TREE

Navi. Listen to my words. The words of the great Deku Tree. Malevolent forces are mustering to attack our land of Hyrule. It seems the time has come for the boy without a fairy to begin his journey.

NAVI

Oh! You mean link!

GREAT DEKU TREE

Yes, the youth who's destiny is to lead Hyrule to the path of justice and truth. Go! Find the young boy and guide him to me. We do not have much time left. Fly!

NAVI

Yes, Great Deku Tree! Yes! Yes!
Yes!

Navi bounces and leaves.

GREAT DEKU TREE

(sighs)

I hope you are right in this. I fear he is too young.

A hooded figure emerges beside the Great Deku Tree.

HOODED FIGURE

We have no choice.

INT. LINK'S HUT - DAY

Link is sleeping in his house. Navi flies in.

NAVI
Wake up, Link!

Link stirs.

NAVI (CONT'D)
The great Deku Tree wants to talk
to you! Link, get up!

Navi bobbles around him.

NAVI (CONT'D)
Hey! Cmon! Can Hyrule's destiny
really depend on such a lazy boy?

Link awakes, yawns, and crawls out of bed.

NAVI (CONT'D)
Finally! I'm Navi the fairy. The
great Deku Tree asked me to be your
partner from now on. Nice to meet
you!

Link nods.

NAVI (CONT'D)
That's it? A nod? Nothing else to
say?

LINK
(Opens his mouth to speak)

NAVI
(Cutting Link off)
Oh well, the Great Deku Tree has
summoned you! Let's go!!

Link shrugs and grabs a knife and deku shield. They leave the
hut.

EXT. KOKIRI FOREST - DAY

Link descends the ladder from his hut.

NAVI
Hurry! This way!

Navi flies off, stops, and turns around. Link is pulling
plants out of the ground.

NAVI (CONT'D)

(sighs)

Listen, we don't have time to garden. Hurry! The Great Deku Tree is waiting! Let's go.

Link puts a rupee in his pocket, nods, then turns to follow. Navi talks as she leads him through the small village of children, with people waving at Link and pulling rocks off the ground. She begins speaking to him as he jumps across platforms in the river.

NAVI (CONT'D)

And she says i'll never amount to anything if I don't learn to stop talking so much, but I don't really talk too much, do I? No, of course not. I need to communicate to keep you sa--

Yells come from a small group of girls as they rush past. Link and Navi both turn ready to fight. Mido is standing ahead, blocking the path to the Great Deku Tree. The girls swarm around Mido, infatuated as they crowd him.

PAN TO GIRLS

KOKIRI GIRL 1

Oh my gosh, you're so strong Mido!

Mido flexes. Red headed and freckles.

KOKIRI GIRL 2

And so handsome!

KOKIRI GIRL 3

I heard you destroyed a whole army of bobokins last night.

KOKIRI GIRL 1

You're such a dream.

Mido nods and continues standing confidently in his place. Link and Navi approach.

NAVI

Pftt. This kid?

MIDO

(mocking Link)

Well look who finally got a fairy! Bout time you grew up, Mr. No-Fairy.

The girls laugh as Mido flexes.

NAVI

C'mon link. Let's go see what the Great Deku tree wants.

MIDO

Sorry, can't let you though. I'm on strict orders.

NAVI

Oh yeah, bossy britches! This is the hero of time! I doubt a welp like you could stand up to him. Huh Link...Link?

Navi bobs around looking for link. Mido and the girls laugh and point.

MIDO

What a dork!

Link is cutting plants again. Navi flies over to him.

NAVI

What are you doing? This is no time for hedge trimming!

Link cuts another plant down and finds a blue rupee. He holds it up in satisfaction. Triumphant music plays. Everyone looks around for the music except Link as he puts it in his pocket.

MIDO

(Watching Link stash the rupee)

Tell you what, Mr. No-Fairy, you prove to me that you're worth more than you look and I'll let you go see the great Deku tree.

NAVI

And what should he do to prove his worth?

MIDO

Give me some of those rupees. I think 50 should be enough. Not that I need them of course. Think you can do that, Mr. No-Fairy?

NAVI

50 rupees! That's outrageous! Psh, whatever. Let's go Link. He's not worth our—

Link walks forward. He digs around in his Wallet and pulls out a purple rupee. Everyone stares blankly at him, mouths open. Link looks for where to place the rupee, then places it on top of Mido's head with a pat, then walks past him casually. Mido looks up and pulls the rupee off his head, then turns and watches link with frustration. The girls swoon and Mido frowns.

MIDO
Whatever, mr no fairy.

EXT. KOKIRI FOREST - GREAT DEKU TREE PATH - MOMENTS LATER

Navi and Link are walking down the path. Link is casually cutting through Deku plants but Navi is still surprised. Link pats his pocket of rupees.

NAVI
(annoyed)
What do you mean you don't know how all the rupees fit? How could you not know? It's your wallet.

Link shrugs and cuts another Deku plant.

NAVI (CONT'D)
Well keep quiet about it. And everything. The Great Deku Tree is just ahead so let me do all the talking.

Link opens his mouth to object but Navi flies off, leaving him Behind. He scowls then runs after her.

EXT. KOKIRI FOREST - GREAT DEKU TREE - CONTINUOUS

Navi arrives first with a tired Link behind her. Link tries to catch his breath.

NAVI
Great Deku Tree, I've returned with the boy.

GREAT DEKU TREE
Navi, thou hast returned. Link, welcome. A vile climate pervades the land afflicting those sensitive to it. Surely thou has felt it.

Link shrugs.

GREAT DEKU TREE (CONT'D)

Link, the time has come to test the courage. I have been cursed and I need thee to break this curse with wisdom's aid. Dost thou have the courage to do this?

Link opens his mouth to respond but navi cuts him off.

NAVI

Oh he's definitely ready! He's the hero of time! And I'll be there to help him every step of the way!

Link shrugs and nods.

GREAT DEKU TREE

Then enter, brave link and Navi.

He opens up and they enter. The hooded figure appears after them.

GREAT DEKU TREE (CONT'D)

Will you help Him now?

HOODED FIGURE

Not yet.

GREAT DEKU TREE

Very well.

EXT. HYRULE FIELD - BEFORE

Impa and Zelda race across the charred earth. Moblins suddenly surround them. They stand with backs to each other. Zelda holds the master sword.

IMPA

Highness, you must not doubt your courage.

Zelda's hand glows with the triforme of courage. She smiles.

ZELDA

Nor you yours.

The moblins attack, she dodges and fights them back. Impa also fights them off. They then jump back together to regroup and then burst out away from them.

INT. GREAT DEKU TREE - LATER

Navi and Link walk into a dark and misty space. They arrive at a dead end wall. Navi flies to it, revealing vines. Link climbs as she flies up.

NAVI

Ooo it looks like there's a chest
up here.

Link reaches the top and pulls himself onto the ledge. There's a chest ahead. Link goes straight toward it.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Careful link! It might be-

A skultula drops and knocks link backward.

NAVI (CONT'D)

...Guarded. I knew no one would
leave a chest like that all alone.

Link gets up and shakes himself off. He pulls out his sword and sneaks up to the chest.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Hey, listen. You need to be careful
about this. Don't just rush head
first into things.

Link gets to the chest. The skultula falls. Link dodge rolls around it and slices it's back.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Or that works too. Where did you
learn to do that?

Link shrugs and opens the chest. Inside is a slingshot.

NAVI (CONT'D)

What the heck? Why is that here?

Link points the sling shot up and fires. A skultula falls. He points at it.

NAVI (CONT'D)

I agree its helpful. But doesn't it
seem odd to find such a helpful
weapon in some random chest?

Link keeps shooting skultulas as they drop from above.

NAVI (CONT'D)

How did it get in here anyway? Did
the great Deku tree swallow it?

Link runs out of seeds. He grabs Navi just before a skultula gets her. Navi yells. Link pulls out his sword and shield and attacks.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Hey that hurt! What do you think—

The Swarm of skultulas has grown exponentially. Link fights on.

NAVI (CONT'D)

(scared)

Uh, mr hero?

Link keeps fighting.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Link?

He knocks away another skultula.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Hey link!

Link looks at her and a skultula ties him up in web. They get navi too. Link looks at her still.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Uh, well I was just going to tell
you the swarm was getting bigger
and we should probably run... but
never mind.

Link rolls his eyes and the skultulas drag them off.

EXT. HYRULE FIELD - FUTURE

Zelda and Impa run to the temple of time on a hill. They stop outside the walls. Zelda collapses against the wall.

ZELDA

Why did he have to die? This would
be much easier if we had his help.

IMPA

He died to save us. Let us not put
it to waste.

Zelda nods and stands. They climb the walls. Two moblins stand guard at the entrance of the temple of time. Young Ganondorf emerges from a carriage and approaches the temple. A hooded figure approaches carrying a wooden box.

GANON'S SERVANT

It is ready, my master.

He opens the box, revealing a cracked ocarina of time. Ganon picks up the ocarina and smiles. Zelda and Impa exchange concerned looks.

YOUNG GANON

And have we learned the song?

GANON'S SERVANT

Yes, my lord.

YOUNG GANON

Excellent.

Ganon leads his servant into the temple.

IMPA

Come, highness. We must--

She turns and stops. Zelda also turns and frowns. Two masked men stand behind them.

MASKED MAN 1

Oh, I don't think you'll be doing anything.

Zelda begins to lift up the master sword. Masked Man 2 brings a blade to her throat, stopping her.

MASKED MAN 2

If this were my time, you'd be dead and done right here.

Masked man 1 puts his hand on Masked Man 2's arm.

MASKED MAN 1

It is not our right. Let us take them.

Masked Man 2 grins beneath his mask and they pick Zelda and Impa up off the ground.

INT. GREAT DEKU TREE - DAY

Link and Navi are hiding on a ledge. The skultulas search for them.

NAVI

Link, I'm not sure we should have come here. Maybe we aren't ready to start saving Hyrule?

Link spots a hole in the ground covered with web where skultula's are coming through. He surveys his surroundings.

NAVI (CONT'D)

I mean, how are we supposed to do this? You're just a kid and I--

She pauses and droops down.

NAVI (CONT'D)

I've never done this before.

Link looks at her and shakes his head. Then points to the opening in the ground.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Yes, I know there are too many of them. And even with your slingshot, we don't have enough ammo to take them all out.

Link rolls his eyes and points harder.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Yes, I know they're down there. What do you want me to do about it?

Link grabs her and forces her in the direction of the hole. More skultula's come out of the hole.

NAVI (CONT'D)

What are you-- their nest?

Link nods happily.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Oh come on, you aren't really thinking of jumping into that mess of webs.

Link thinks about this and shrugs. He jumps and they both yell as they fall down and into the web. The web slows their fall into the room below.

INT. TEMPLE OF TIME - FUTURE

Zelda and Impa are forced to kneel before Ganon. They are surrounded by masked men. Ganon grins as he holds the Ocarina of time. The master sword lays on the ground on a cloth.

YOUNG GANON

So glad you could join me. It was, after all, your responsibility to keep this out of my reach.

Zelda shifts in her chains, trying to break free.

ZELDA

You have no right to change the course of history. The timeline is set, breaking it could cause the destruction of us all.

Ganon raises his hands toward the masked men around them.

YOUNG GANON

But it is my right. My destiny even. Which is why I brought all of me here.

The masked men remove thier masks, revealing that they are all previous Ganons from different timeframes. Zelda is horrified.

ZELDA

What have you done?

Ganon grabs her by the collar and lifts her up.

YOUNG GANON

(Angry)

Exactly what I was purposed to do. Rule with almighty power.

He let's go of her and she falls to the floor. He smiles to his other selves and they laugh.

ZELDA

You won't get away with this. The hero of time will always stop you. Every time.

Ganon laughs and waves this off.

YOUNG GANON

We have already defeated him in every timeframe. Including this one, as I'm sure you already know.

One of the Ganon's pull out Link's hat and throws it on the ground before Zelda.

ZELDA
(Crying softly)
You're all monsters.

The Ganon's laugh.

YOUNG GANON
Well, yes, we certainly are. But
tell me, princess, are we not all
monsters?

Zelda bites her lip.

IMPA
You will not speak to her highness
this way.

One of the Ganon's slaps Impa. She wimpers in pain. Ganon keeps his menacing eyes on Zelda. Impa's sobbing, bouncing up and down.

YOUNG GANON
Or am I mistaken. You were, after
all, only trying to prevent my
return. I wonder, did the ends
justify the means?

Zelda looks down at her shoulder, avoiding his gaze. She feel's something rubbing her hand up and down. Impa is cutting her bands.

YOUNG GANON (CONT'D)
Or perhaps you wanted to give your
bloodthirsty sweetheart something
to do. I imagine it was quite
boring without me for so long.

Zelda looks up at him, angry.

ZELDA
He had no part in it! I acted on my
own accord, despite his attempts to
stop me. I should have listened to
him.

Young Ganon stops smiling.

YOUNG GANON
(Serious)
Yes, you should have.

Young Ganon sighs.

YOUNG GANON (CONT'D)
 But that was in the past. Now, not
 only have I restored my beloved
 Gerudo. I have also erased all
 memory of you and your hero of
 time.

The other Ganon's applaud. Young Ganon welcome's their
 admiration.

CUT TO:

INT. GREAT DEKU TREE - MOMENTS LATER

Link and Navii are covered in webs in the lower cavern. Their
 only light is from the hole they just dropped in. Skultula's
 surround them.

NAVI
 Just had to jump into their nest,
 didn't you.

Link swings his sword back and forth, keeping the skultula's
 back.

NAVI (CONT'D)
 Yeah, like that will work. Run away
 from my tiny sword. It's more like
 a dagger, really.

The skultula's pull back. Navi is surprised.

NAVI (CONT'D)
 Wait, what?

The skultula's leave. Link and Navi are alone in the dark
 cavern. Queen Gohma's eye appears in the background.

NAVI (CONT'D)
 Well, I must say, I did not expect
 that to--Watch out!

Queen Gohma jabs at them with one of her claws. Link jumps
 out of the way just in time.

Link rolls and stands on his feet, readying his sword. Gohma
 roars and flexes it's eye.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Well, that doesn't look too scary.
Just shoot it's eye and injure it.
Then go for the kill.

Two other Bosses appear: Odalwa and Diababa.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Alright, I take it back. This won't
be that easy. Run link!

Navi flies away from them. Link hesitates, then runs after her.

CUT TO:

INT. TEMPLE OF TIME - BEFORE

The Ganon's finish laughing as Young Ganon holds up his hand to silence them.

IMPA

One should know better than to
tempt such power.

YOUNG GANON

Too true, which makes me wonder why
you'd open your mouth at all in my
presence.

Young Ganon holds up his fist, showing the triforme of power.

YOUNG GANON (CONT'D)

You would do well to remember what
power I hold.

IMPA

(Still sobbing)

We will not cower to you, despite
what you do to us.

Zelda's bands break. Impa jumps from her seat, catching everyone off guard, and she freezes them in time.

IMPA (CONT'D)

Go, your highness! They will be
free in seconds!

Zelda stands and runs forward. She grabs the master sword and heads to the pedestal in the back.

The time freeze wears off and the Ganons grab Impa. Young Ganon turns and runs after Zelda.

Zelda reaches the pedestal and is about to insert the master sword. Ganon grabs her by the throat, stopping her.

YOUNG GANON

You're too late. The convergence has already begun. You will not defeat me. Not this time.

ZELDA

No, but perhaps in another.

She slams the sword down with her foot. Light fills the room and they disappear.

CUT TO WHITE.

INT. GREAT DEKU TREE - CONTINUOUS

Link and Navi run around, dodging the attacks of the three bosses. Link manages to hurt them once in a while, but never enough.

NAVI

There's no way we survive this!
What was the great deku tree
thinking sending us down here like
this?

Navi comes up with a plan. It doesn't work. They get caught and are about to die.

CUT TO:

INT. WORMHOLE OF LIGHT - BEFORE

Zelda and Young Ganon are falling through a wormhole of light. Ganon holds Zelda by the throat. Zelda kicks herself free. They fly apart from each other and Ganon falls through the walls of the wormhole.

Zelda continues to fall, but bows her head and presses her hands together in prayer.

ZELDA

Goddess of time, hear my plea. Make
a way for me to restore the
timeline. Help me correct what
Ganon has done.

GODDESS OF TIME

I shall help you, but to do so, I must strip you of the gift bestowed upon you. Courage, wisdom, and Strength will all be required if you are to succeed. Do you accept?

ZELDA

I will do whatever it takes to make things right.

GODDESS OF TIME

Very well.

The tunnel grows brighter and brighter.

FADE TO WHITE.

INT. GREAT DEKU TREE - CONTINUOUS

Link and Navi are about to be killed, a light arrow pierces Diababa, killing it right before it attacks. The other two bosses turn toward the shooter.

Princess Zelda and a young Zelda stand to the side. Princess Zelda fires another light arrow, hitting Odalwa. Gohma retreats to the shadows.

Young Zelda reaches him and helps him up.

YOUNG ZELDA

Are you alright?

Link nods. Navi bounces in annoyance.

NAVI

He's fine. We had everything under control.

YOUNG ZELDA

Ohh, a fairy. I've never seen one before.

Young Zelda reaches out to touch it. Old Zelda surveys the cavern, keeping an arrow notched in her bow.

ZELDA

You're highness. This isn't the time.

Young Zelda pulls her hand away.

YOUNG ZELDA

Yes, your majesty.

Navi bounces with excitement. Link stands by Old Zelda's side, slingshot ready.

NAVI

Highness? Does that mean you're princess Zelda?

Young zelda giggles and nods, then points at Old Zelda.

YOUNG ZELDA

Yep, and so is she.

Old Zelda notices Link at her side. She grins.

ZELDA

You are a brave one, aren't you.

Link ignores her and continues scanning the cavern. He fires a deku nut. It hits gohma off the ceiling.

ZELDA (CONT'D)

I'll admit I'm impressed. But I wonder if you always have to be so arrogant about--

She notices Link's no longer by her side. Instead he runs, jumps, and deliver's a finishing blow to Gohma.

Old Zelda rolls her eyes as he comes back covered in goo. He looks around, as though expecting some reward for his victory. Navi bounces.

NAVI

What do you mean she's also Zelda?

OLD ZELDA

I don't have time to explain. We must leave this place.

Navi sways back and forth.

NAVI

Oh, no. Princess or no princess, Link and I are tasked with a sacred mission by the Great Deku tree. We only take orders from him.

Link climbs up the spiderwebs and out of the hole. Zelda points to him and smiles.

OLD ZELDA

He doesn't seem to mind.

Navi bounces with a sigh and races after link.

CUT TO:

EXT. KOKIRI FOREST - GREAT DEKU TREE - CONTINUOUS

Link exits the Great Deku tree with Navii, Zelda, and Zelda following.

GREAT DEKU TREE

Your highness, I am glad to see you all have returned in one piece.

OLD ZELDA

Thank you, your greatness. Young Link here seems fit for the fate he's been dealt.

GREAT DEKU TREE

Indeed. Navi, you have done well leading Link through the darkness. Please, continue to guide him as your journey continues.

NAVI

Yes, Great Deku Tree. We shall do whatever you ask.

The Great Deku Tree sighs and withers.

GREAT DEKU TREE

I'm afraid I will no longer guide you on your journey. Princess Zelda will now lead you. Make sure to heed her council and wisdom. There is much at stake. More than I ever thought possible.

Old Zelda smirks and Navi bounces in annoyance.

GREAT DEKU TREE (CONT'D)

Time is no longer a single line. It is folding on itself. But my time has run its course all the same. Take care my friends, and don't lose heart in your journey. There is light, even in the darkest of places.

The Great Deku Tree withers and dies. They pause for a moment, out of respect.

Upset, Navi flies at Old Zelda.

NAVI
You killed him!

Old Zelda rolls her eyes as Young Zelda giggles.

OLD ZELDA
I most certainly did not. Now come along. We have much to do in not many years.

NAVI
Well I don't feel like we need you or your wisdom--wait, did you say years?

Link tilts his head in confusion as well.

OLD ZELDA
Yes, which still might not be enough time.

NAVI
But there's darkness threatening the world now. We have to stop it from taking over.

Link nods and swings his sword through the air, showing his determination to fight.

Zelda shakes her head.

OLD ZELDA
We will not stop the darkness. That was never part of this timeline. Our duty will be to restore light to a darkened land. But come, we waste time talking here. We must continue on the path set before us. There are certain people counting on us both now and later.

Navi bounces angrily.

NAVI
If you're not going to save the world then we really don't need you. Come on, Link. We'll find a way on our own.

Link nods and they walk off together. Then he stops and drops his head. He turns and walks toward the younger Zelda, dropping on one knee and holding up his sword to her.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Link? What are you doing?

Old Zelda smiles.

YOUNG ZELDA

I accept your loyalty and trust. We will not dissappoint you.

Link smiles and stands up.

NAVI

You can't be serious. She's just a child and--

Link points at himself, shutting her up.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Yes, I know youre a child too, but, but this is different.

Link stares at her. She relents.

NAVI (CONT'D)

Fine, we'll go with them. But I don't like it. It feels like we're making a really bad choice about all this.

Old Zelda whistles and two horses appear. Neither one are Epona. Zelda climbs on her horse. Young Zelda and Link share the other.

OLD ZELDA

I assure you, fairy, if there were another way, I would have found it.

She kicks her horse and rides off. Zelda and Link follow. Navi stays behind for a moment.

NAVI

Yeah, yeah, alright. Wait up!

Navi flies off after them as they ride through Kokiri forest.

CUT TO BLACK.

EXT. FORSAKEN ISLAND - DAY

A man wearing a tattered robe stands on a beach, watching the sunset.

He turns to show he's a haggard Young Ganon. Young Ganon grins.

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF PILOT