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THE LEGEND OF **ZELDA**

The Minish Cap



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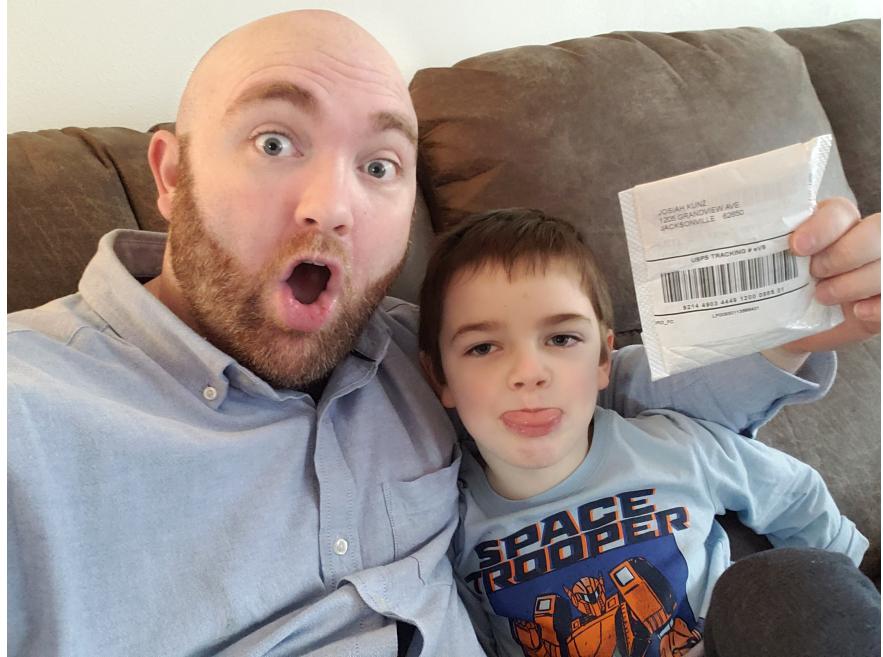


Figure 1: Just got a package in the mail! Wonder what it is...!



Figure 2: Hardware. **Left:** cartridge bought from zelda-shop.com for \$30. **Middle:** Game-boy Advance bought from Press Start in Jacksonville, IL for \$50. No backlit screen since I really wanted it to be on original hardware. On the other hand, I never owned a GBA, so I guess I could've done whatever I wanted. **Right:** GBA case the guy at Press Start threw in for \$2. I'm pretty sure it was supposed to be marketed towards girls, but hey, a case is a case. **Total:** \$82 (out of the \$100 I got from Dad for my 34th birthday).



Figure 3: Additional hardware. I really needed something to see the screen and this was the hardware of the times. I could have backlit the GBA for about \$80, but that certainly wasn't available in the mid 2000s. I don't remember how much it cost, but it was cheap.

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 - Collect all six Heart Containers and all 44 Pieces of Heart.
- Obtain the Light Arrows.
- Obtain the Mirror Shield.
- Obtain the Tingle Trophy.
- Obtain the Carlov Medal.
- Upgrade the Arrow capacity to 99.
- Upgrade the Bomb capacity to 99.▲
- Upgrade the Wallet capacity to 999.
- Collect all 4 Bottles.
- Collect all 8 Tiger Scrolls and learn all 3 other techniques from the Blade Brothers.
- Collect all 3 Joy Butterflies.
- Collect all 8 Swordsman Newsletters.
- Unlock the Remote Bombs.
- Unlock all 6 types of Picolyte.
- Activate all 8 Wind Crests.
- Defeat all 8 Golden Monsters.
- Find a home for two of Din, Nayru or Farore.



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Figure 4: Overview of completion goals.

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0.1 Life Gauge

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0.2 Homes



Figure 5: The first house was for Farore. It was her Kinstone that opened the house up, so it only felt right to give it to her.

0.3 Review

- First impression: I'm guessing this is a short game. Also, I'm not too excited to play it because the darkness of the screen. We'll see if that's a dealbreaker, though.

0.4 Questions and Lore

- Although they're from the sky, clearly the Minish (Picori) are not the Skyloftians. Perhaps, though, the people from the Fortress of Winds were. The boss of the Fortress of Winds was Mazaal, who definitely resembled the tech of the ancient Lanayru robots in Skyward Sword.



Figure 6: **Top left:** Mazaal from the Fortress of Winds (Minish Cap). **Bottom left and right:** ancient robot enemies Armos and Beamos from Lanayru Desert (Skyward Sword).

Heck, Mazaal's hands even had the same gimmick as Armos (kill the hidden ball/power source thing).