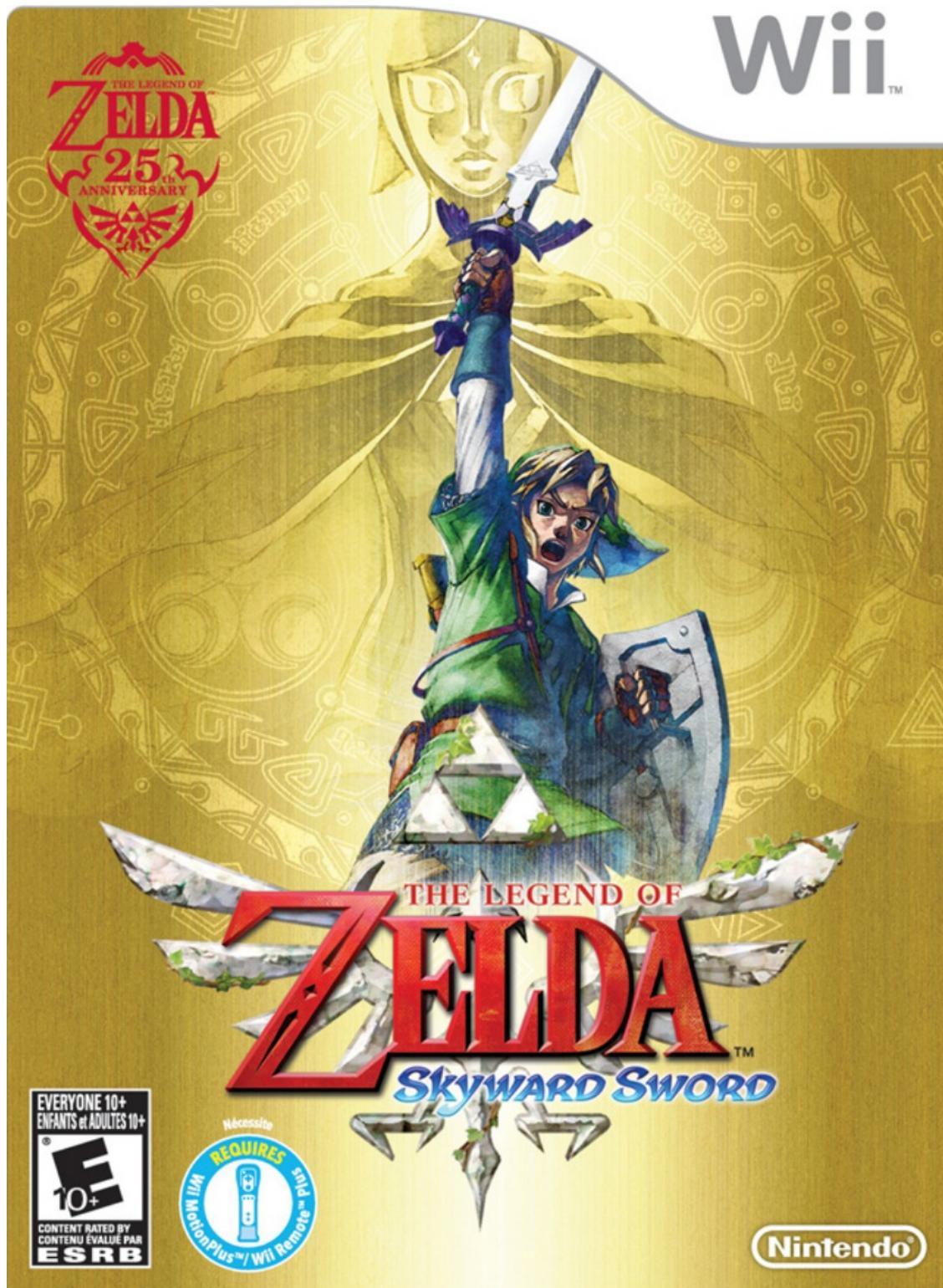


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Hardware



Figure 1: Hardware: Wii 25th anniversary dual-disc edition on a Wii U with a small child who was there for 100% of this run.

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0.2 Hylian Shield

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0.3 Upgraded Shields and Bags

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0.5 Max Wallet + 8-Slotted Pouch

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0.6 Bird Statues (28)

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0.8 Medals (10)

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0.9 Treasures (16)

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0.10 Bugs (12)

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0.11 Lightning Round: 12 in a Row

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Figure 3: 12 wins in a row, which can only be done in Hero Mode. This took me forever and is primarily the reason the game took 1.5 years in the first place. Incredibly difficult for me. I ended up practicing Demise without taking damage, then starting the run on Horde Battle (which is still the hardest fight). I ended this run with only 2/17 hearts.

0.12 Lightning Round: Silent Realm

Prize	Clear Time			
	Farore's Silent Realm	Nayru's Silent Realm	Din's Silent Realm	The Goddess's Silent Realm
Blue Bird Feather or Golden Skull or Goddess Plume	Less than 3:00	Less than 4:15	Less than 6:00	Less than 4:00
100 Rupees	3:00 - 3:45	4:15 - 5:30	6:00 - 7:30	4:00 - 5:15
20 Rupees	3:45 - 4:45	5:30 - 6:45	7:30 - 9:00	5:15 - 6:00
5 Rupees	More than 4:45	More than 6:45	More than 9:00	More than 6:00



Figure 4: Farore (Faron Woods)



Figure 5: Din (Eldin Volcano)

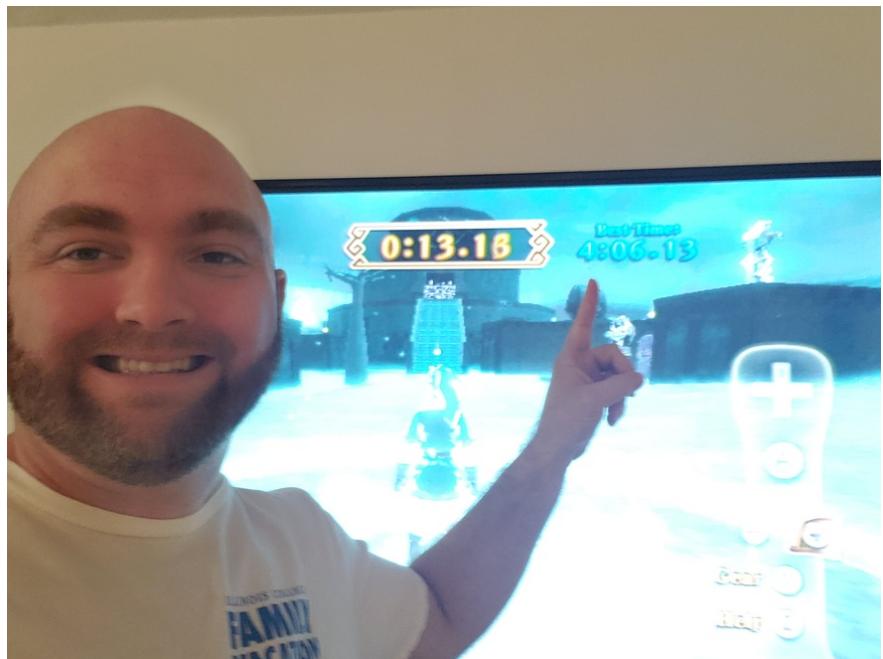


Figure 6: Nayru (Lanayru Desert)



Figure 7: Goddess (Skyloft)

0.13 Goddess Cubes (27)

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0.13.1 Faron Woods (9)



Figure 8: The very first accessible cube that a Goron shows you outside of Skyview Temple.



Figure 9: Found to just outside of Skyview Temple in pretty plain sight.

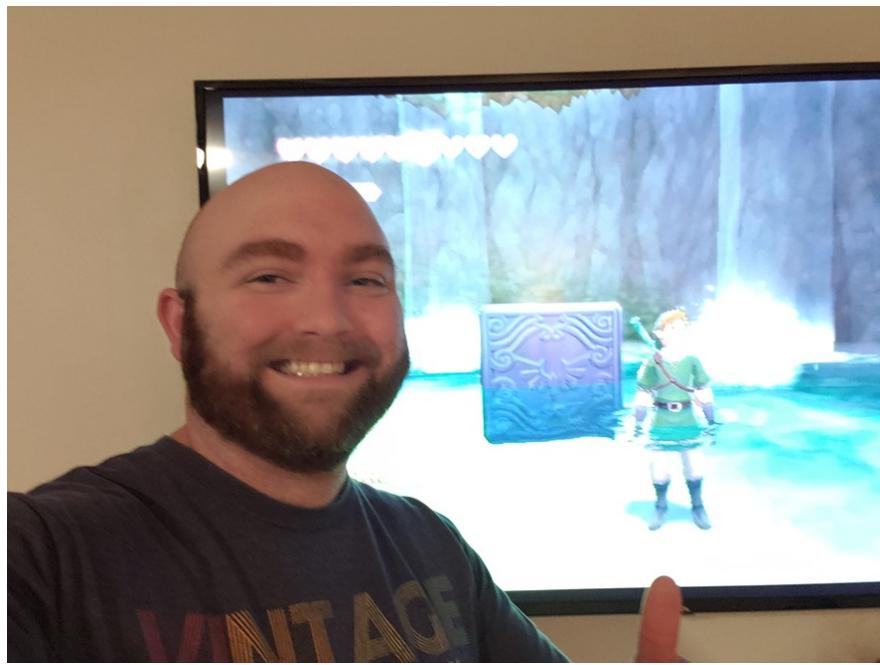


Figure 10: Found at the end of Skyview Temple behind the alter. Note: only available on the second go-through (after you heal Faron).



Figure 11: Found on the pathway to Faron (the water dragon, not the forest).



Figure 12: Found just outside of the big central (Deku?) tree. There are two that can be accessed by climbing to the top and jumping down. This is the one on the South side.



Figure 13: Found just outside of the big central (Deku?) tree. There are two that can be accessed by climbing to the top and jumping down. This is the one on the East side.



Figure 14: Found on the west side of the big central tree. Accessed by going into the tree and going out the first exit.



Figure 15: After you get the Clawshot, you can hook onto vines at Floria Waterfall.



Figure 16: Found atop Skyview Temple after you've obtained the Clawshot.

0.13.2 Eldin Volcano (9)



Figure 17: Found at Volcano East by following the path.



Figure 18: Found to the left of the entrance to the Mogma home.



Figure 19: Found when skydiving into the Mogma home.



Figure 20: Found to the left of the entrance to the Earth Temple. You need to dig to get an air thingy and then throw a bomb up to break a boulder.



Figure 21: Found to at the entrance of the upper unused temple (near the Earth Temple).



Figure 22: Found sliding down the canyon (before entering the place where the air burns you) and going left-most.



Figure 23: After you get the Fireshield Earrings, you can go to the path that leads to the Fire Temple. On the way there, there's a skydiving platform. You need to skydive behind a big rock—it's not obvious!



Figure 24: In front of the Fire Temple, you can go left. The path leads to this cube.



Figure 25: On the lava path leading up to the fire dragon (Eldin), you see this on a lava island. This is just before you learn Eldin's song and can be hit by a charged blast.

0.13.3 Lanayru Desert (9)

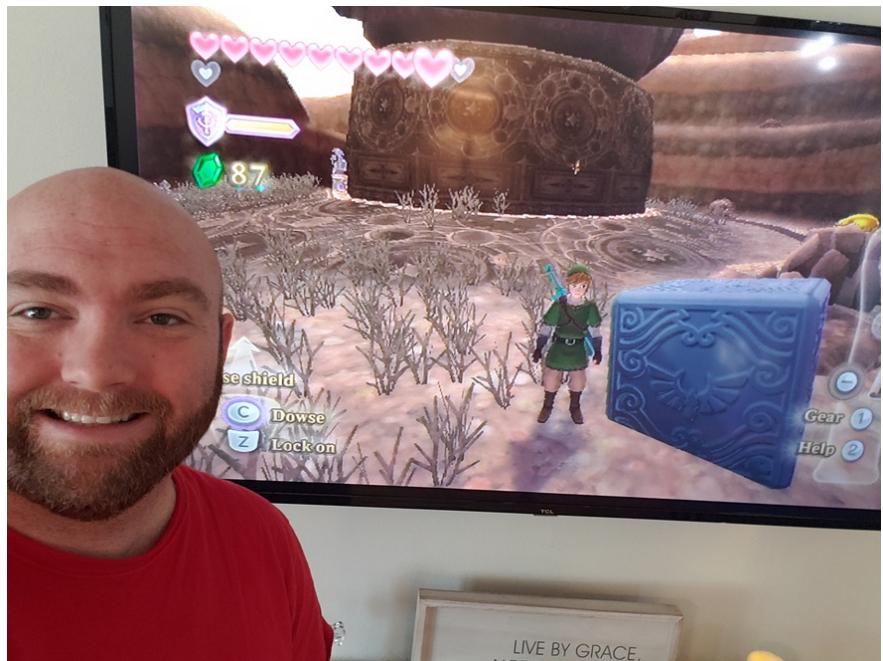


Figure 26: When you enter Lanayru Desert the very first time, go behind the big structure. The cube is there an not well hidden.



Figure 27: Found to the west of the entrance to Lanayru Desert in the first “sinking sand crab things” area (on your way to the Temple of Time).



Figure 28: Found near the holding cells where they're keeping an ancient robot. I got this one by doing the old “jump-then-strike” method of gaining distance.



Figure 29: Found at the temple of time. Yay Zelda!



Figure 30: Right after you receive the Clawshot, you can blow up a wall to the north. The path eventually leads to this cube.



Figure 31: On the docks, there's a hidden Clawshot target at the edge of the docks. Note: the room is full of Scorpion Larvae.



Figure 32: When climbing the path to Skipper's Retreat, after the Shield Moblin but before the Furnix, you can Clawshot to some vines as an alternative path. This leads to the cube in the picture.

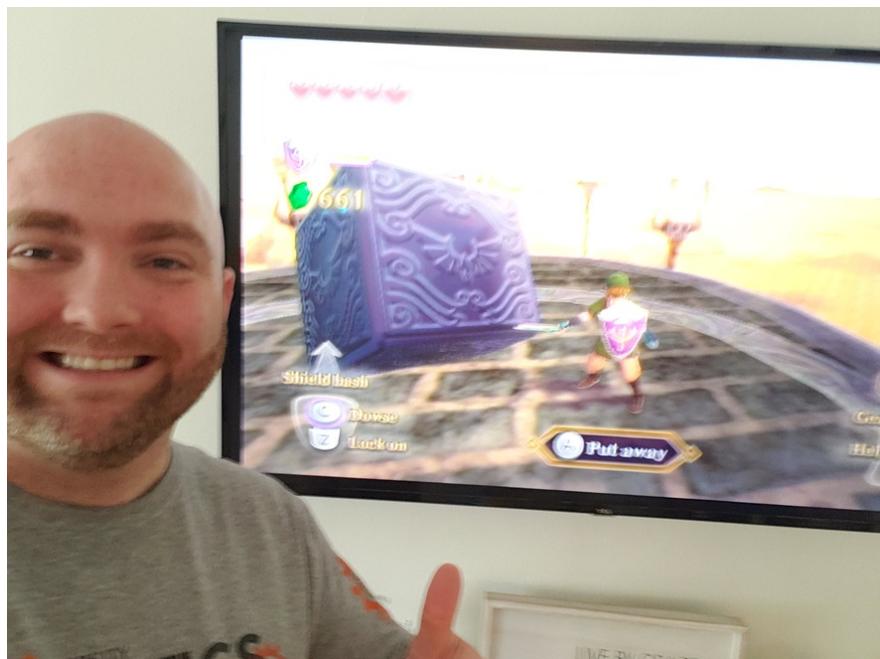


Figure 33: Found via Clawshot atop the Pirate Fortress (after the mouth opens).



Figure 34: Found in Lanayru Gorge near the failed Tree of Life.

0.14 Dowsing Targets (5)

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Figure 35: All 5 dowsing targets.

0.15 Gossip Stones (17)

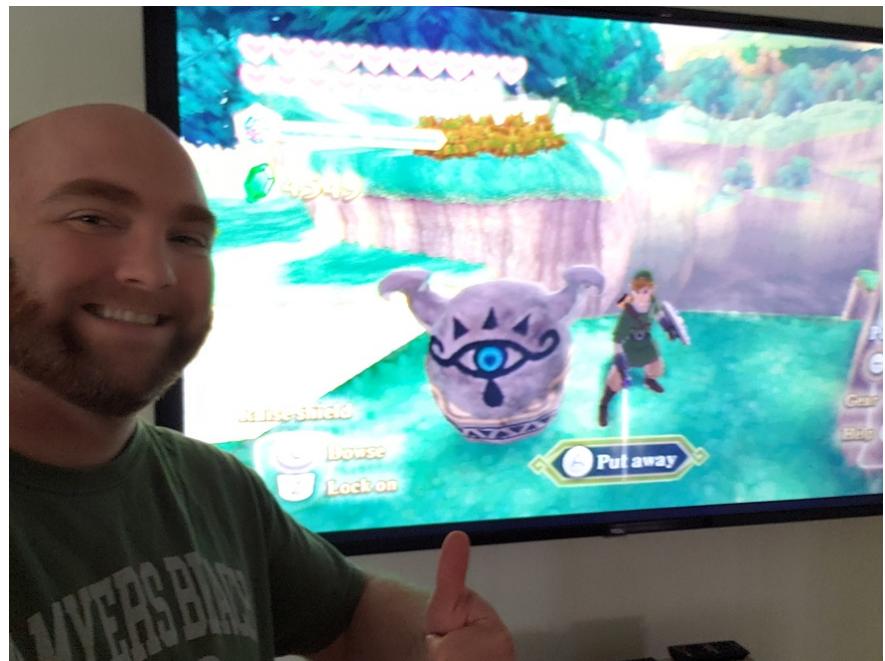
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0.15.1 Faron Woods (2)



0.15.2 Eldin Volcano (6)



Figure 36: Behind the Fire Temple near the waterfall (secret ledge found via skydiving)



Figure 37: Frog hallway leading up to the Fire Temple



Figure 38: In the first abandoned “fire temple”



Figure 39: In the second abandoned “fire temple”



Figure 40: Near the bomb game mole dude



Figure 41: West of the Earth Temple entrance

0.15.3 Lanayru Desert (4)

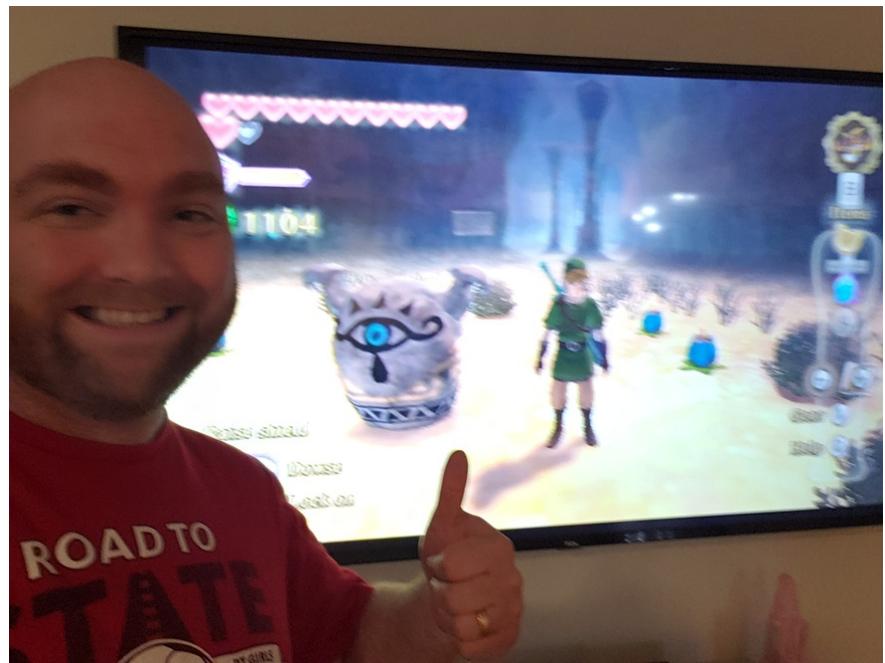


Figure 42: Near the Goron dude

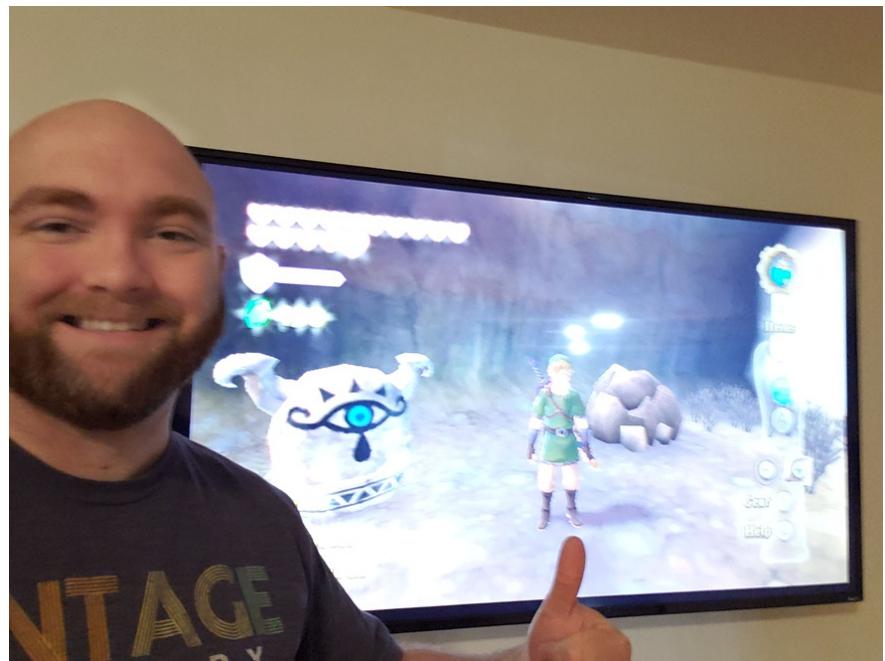


Figure 43: Between the Goron dude and Lanayru Gorge



Figure 44: In front of the Temple of Time

0.15.4 In the Sky (5)



Figure 45: Above Skyloft near waterfall source

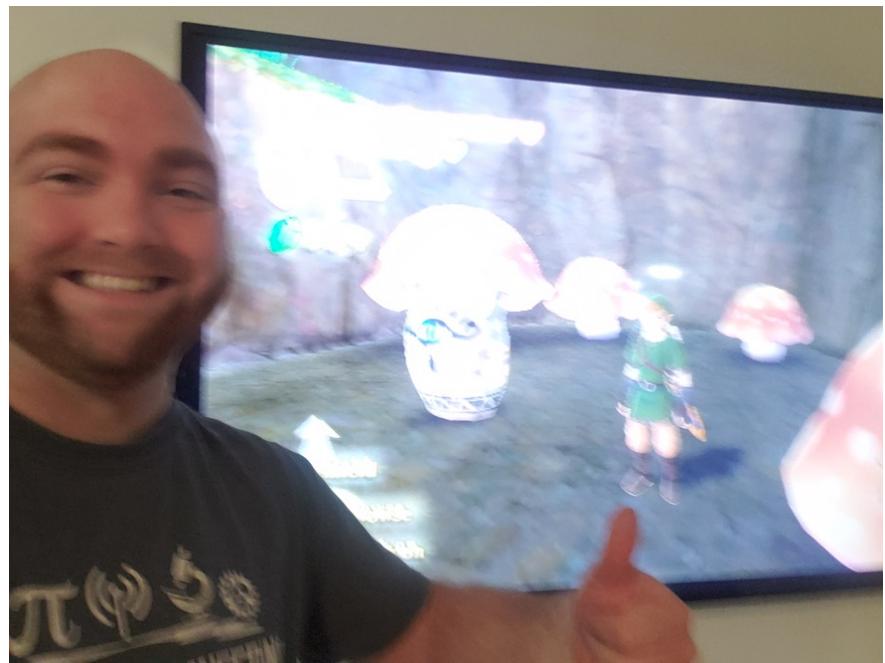


Figure 46: In the sky on a “mushroom” island



Figure 47: In front of the Lumpy Pumpkin



Figure 48: On a small island inside the Thunderhead

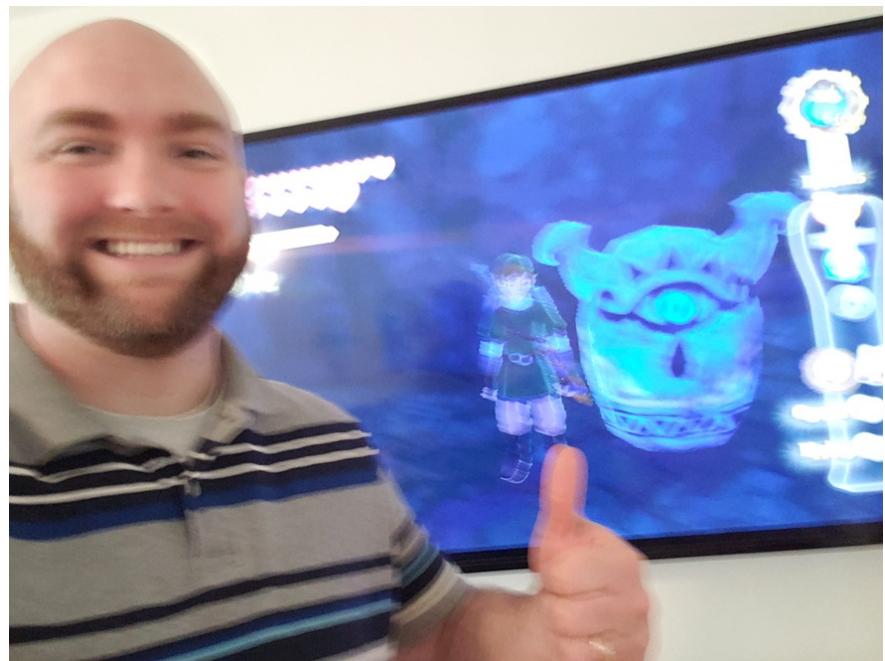


Figure 49: In Skyloft behind the waterfall (this one sells you treasures at night)

0.15.5 Comments

There are two additional Sheikah stones that play videos that are obviously not hidden: the one in front of the academy in Skyloft and the one in Eldin Volcano when you lose your items. These are not gossip stones, though.



Figure 50: When you look for the fire dragon's (Eldin's) song, you are blown away and your items are taken away from you. You see this stone not as a traditional gossip stone, but as a video hint stone. Should this count? Probably not.

0.16 Goddess Walls (10)

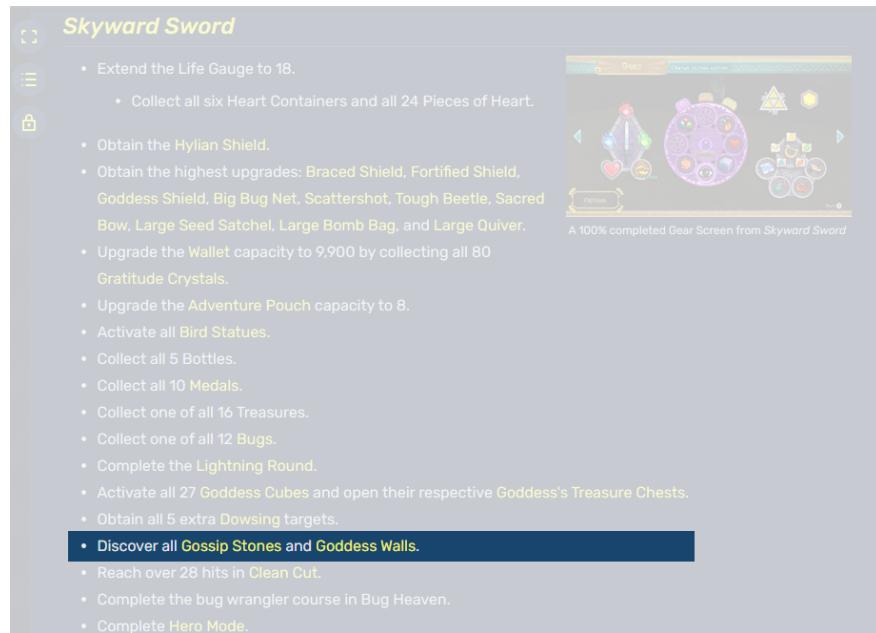


Figure 51: Near the Goron behind the Sealed Grounds



Figure 52: Found at the beginning of Skyview Temple. On the second play through (when you heal Faron), a Mogma will pop up when you activate this Goddess Wall.

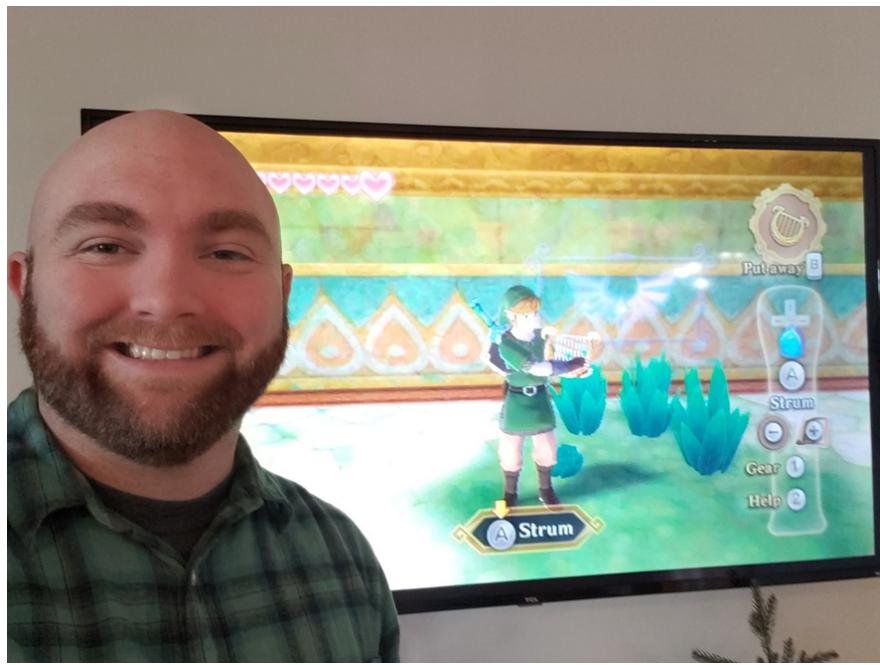


Figure 53: In the Ancient Cistern after you get the whip, you go to a room with a large cylinder. You have to climb the cylinder and rope-swing to a bar switch. If you instead rope swing down all the way down, you'll find this nifty little guy.



Figure 54: When the statue sinks to the bottom, you can find this along the wall at the beginning of the path.

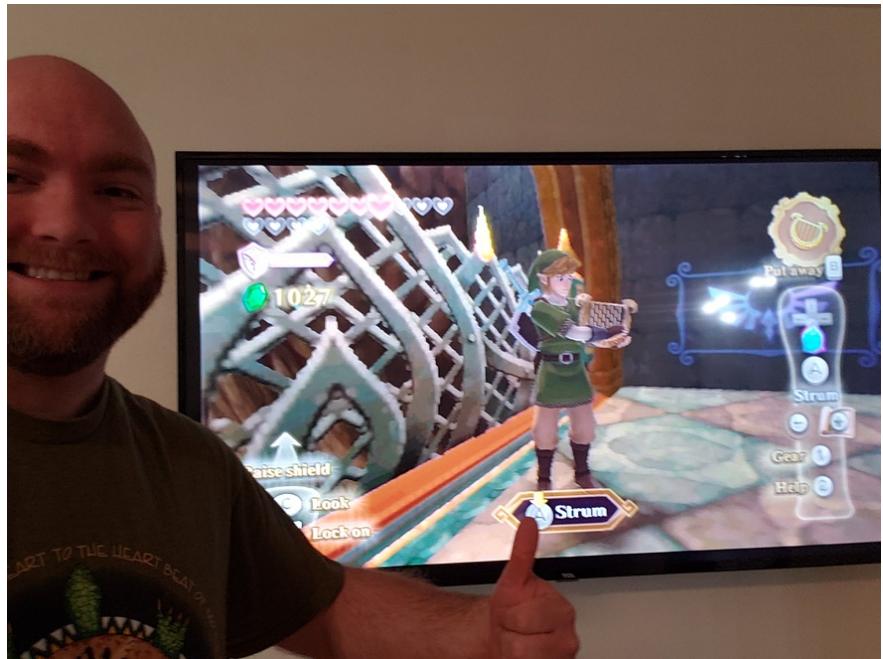


Figure 55: After you get the Mogma Mitts, you dig to a door that leads to the outside, If you fall down to an area with bombs, you'll find this!



Figure 56: At the end of the Fire Temple, you jump down to two “twins” (of course, you choose the one with its eyes shut). You see butterflies pretty immediately.



Figure 57: Just after the previous Wall, you fight two Dark Lizalfos. The room after that contains a giant winding staircase. Behind the base of the stairs is this Wall.



Figure 58: Sandship in Lanayru inside the cabin and down the stairs



Figure 59: After you get the Bow, you can get to the top of the highest mast. From there, you can go to the back of the ship where this is hidden.

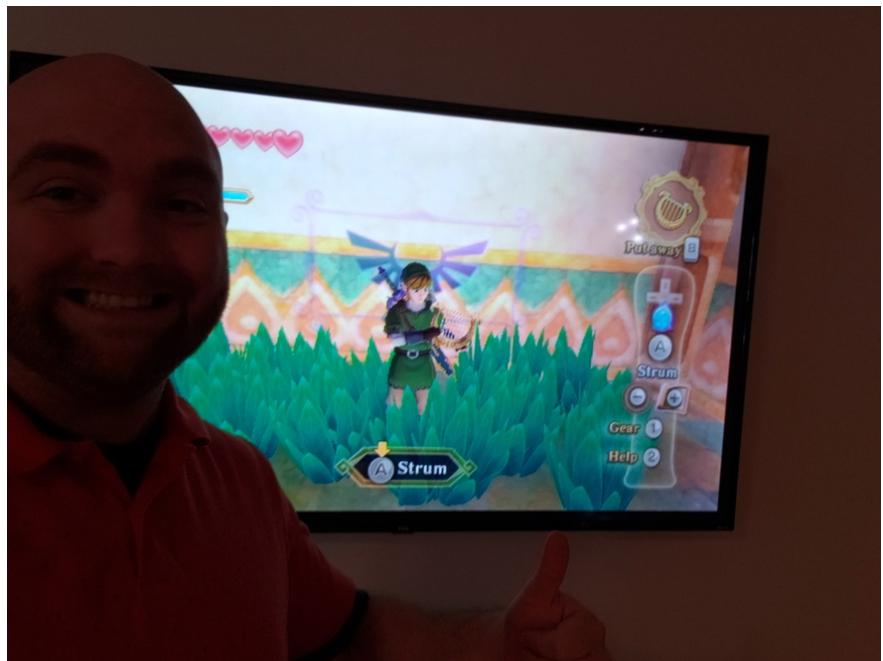


Figure 60: Sky Keep in the forest room near the bird statue (near the room's exit)

0.17 Clean Cut (29+ Hits)

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- Obtain the highest upgrades: Braced Shield, Fortified Shield, Goddess Shield, Big Bug Net, Scattershot, Tough Beetle, Sacred Bow, Large Seed Satchel, Large Bomb Bag, and Large Quiver.
- Upgrade the Wallet capacity to 9,900 by collecting all 80 Gratitude Crystals.
- Upgrade the Adventure Pouch capacity to 8.
- Activate all Bird Statues.
- Collect all 5 Bottles.
- Collect all 10 Medals.
- Collect one of all 16 Treasures.
- Collect one of all 12 Bugs.
- Complete the Lightning Round.
- Activate all 27 Goddess Cubes and open their respective Goddess's Treasure Chests.
- Obtain all 5 extra Dowsing targets.
- Discover all Gossip Stones and Goddess Walls.
- Reach over 28 hits in Clean Cut.**
- Complete the bug wrangler course in Bug Heaven.
- Complete Hero Mode.



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0.18 Bug Wrangler

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0.19 Hero Mode

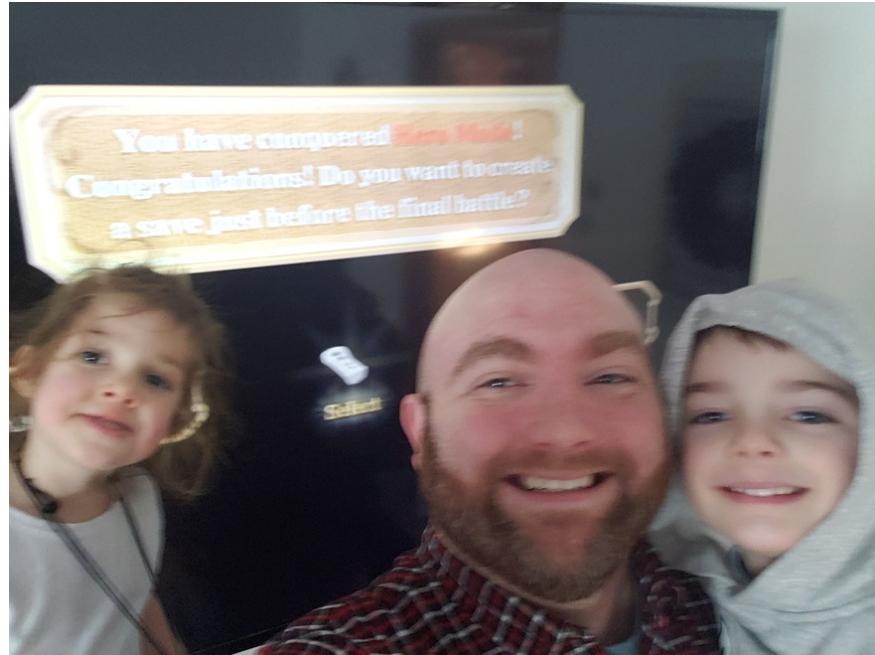
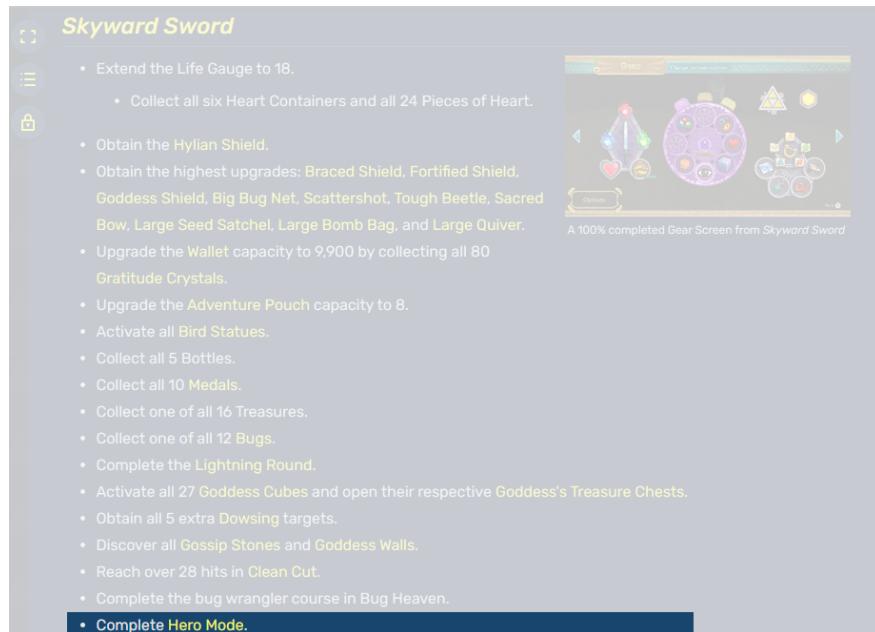


Figure 61: The kids and I beat Hero Mode! It was mostly me, but they were good kids.

0.20 [Bonus!] Flying Things



Figure 62: A gossip stone mentions this. I don't think you get anything, but I did this over the Lumpy Pumpkin.

0.21 [Bonus!] Scary Cart



Figure 63: In Lanayru Desert, there are two cart games: the “Heart-Stopping” one gives a piece of heart (and was actually my last thing to do on this list; I hunted FOREVER for it) and a “Scary” one that just gives a silver rupee.

0.22 [Bonus!] One-Time Gems

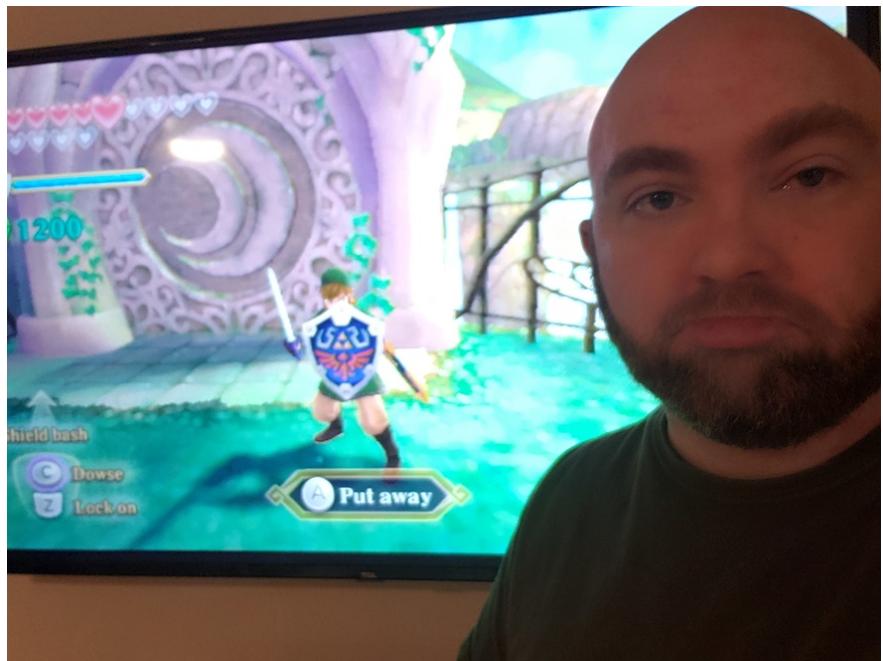


Figure 64: Problem: I skipped the path to Floria Waterfall via glitch, so I couldn't get back there for a silver gem. Note that I have the Hylian Shield, yet the door is shut and I can't Skyward Strike it. Further note that I had pink eye this day.

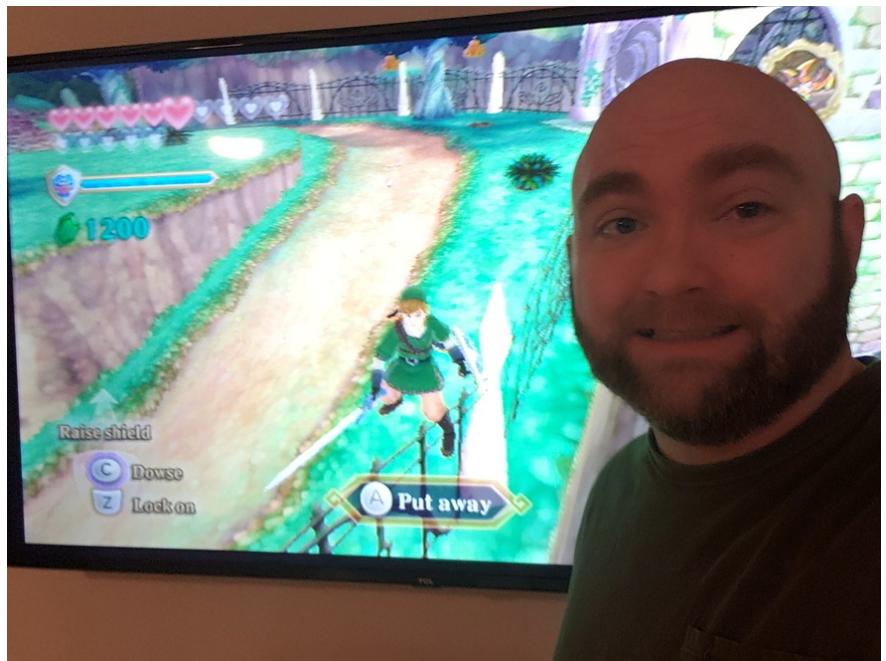


Figure 65: Fortunately, we have a fence on a slope, so we can get on top of it by hopping and then swinging the sword. We can go around the closed door and fall into the waterfall area. (Note: I'm sure speedrunners already know this, but it was news to me!)



Figure 66: Finally, on this path there's a room with a bunch of Froaks, so you can blow up the central large rock to reveal a silver gem.



Figure 67: In the Ancient Cistern, there's a big giant in the middle. I'm pretty sure you have to snatch this from its hand in order to advance the temple, but it's still cool.



Figure 68: This one's the same as before, but much harder to see!



Figure 69: In Lanayru Desert, just as you enter the Sand Sea there are two silver rupees on top the big statue's head. They are “out of bounds”, so the beetle starts flashing immediately. It was really tough to get these!

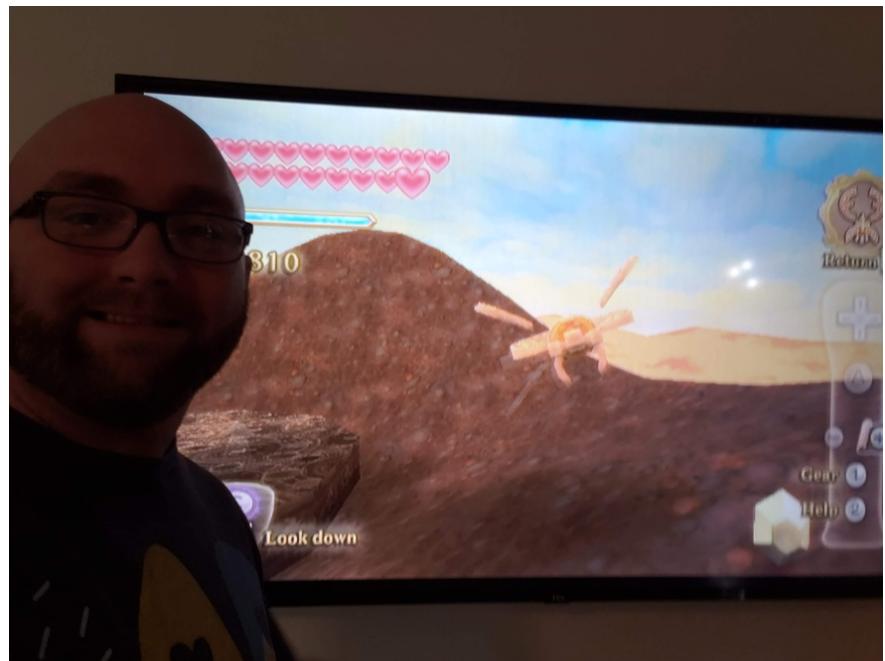


Figure 70: I should mention that I didn't find these all on my own. I was looking for the last heart piece and I had my dowsing set to rupees (since I was looking for a crack in the wall). Still tough!



Figure 71: At the Pirate Fortress, bats look like they form hair in the shark ship's nose. If you explore the nose, you'll find 3 silver rupees. Note that I accidentally collected two before I snapped the picture—there really were three!



Figure 72: After you get the Clawshot, you can find a Goddess Cube at Floria Waterfall. If you also use the Beetle to find this big gem! This is the only gold rupee outside of a treasure chest that I know of in this game.

0.23 [Bonus!] Heart in Hero Mode



Figure 73: Definitely a feature and not a bug, I thought it was funny. It took me by surprise that about halfway into the game, I got a heart in Hero Mode from a Goddess Wall. The game hits me with the “acquire item” prompt, which I thought was neat-o.

0.24 Review

- The fights for Normal Mode were too easy and underwhelming. No preparation or thought really required.
- The fights for Hero Mode were quite a bit more enjoyable. It was so much fun to discover you could hop on The Imprisoned's head instead of cutting his toes off.
 - It kinda sucked that the biggest challenge I had was with the sword swing directions. Like, in Hero Mode, I died a bunch of times off the robot-pirate-captain in Sky Keep, but then two-shot Demise.
- The mini-games really were fun. I think the falling ring clown game was the most fun, or the pumpkin toss one.
- The silent realm stuff wasn't that fun until it was timed. Then it was way more fun.
- Everyone complains about the fetch quests, but they weren't too bad. I just wish the quests had more story like in Majora's Mask. The personal plots lead nowhere! Like that one dude's mom who paid me to clean her house. Explore their relationship.
- Item upgrades were fun. It didn't feel like I was playing with gimped items which had to be upgraded in order to be fun.

0.25 Things I May Have Forgotten

There are a lot of canonical tidbits to forget. Here are some:

- Both Demise and Fi are inside of the Master Sword by the end.
 - Ghirahim might be, too, but probably not. Demise's sword dissolved when he was defeated, so where did Ghirahim go?
 - If the Master Sword ever gets into the wrong hands, Demise's power could definitely be harnessed. In the future, I predict Nintendo does a Zelda game where the bad guys have the Master Sword.
- The complete Triforce is with the residents of Skyloft at the end of the game. What happened to it?
- A scene in the ending credits shows Impa using what looks like a “wind sphere” to attack Moblins.

0.26 [Bonus!] Boss Times

I am not a speedrunner. However, one day my descendants may wish to beat my records, so here they are, albeit modest.



Figure 74: Scaldara record: 0:43.09



Figure 75: Moldarach record: 1:27.79. This has got to be one of the most annoying fights. Not only is stabbing hard, but he backs away from you, *and* you have to use the vacuum sweeper to get him out of the sand.



Figure 76: Koloktos record: 2:31.29



Figure 77: Tentalus record: 2:53.19

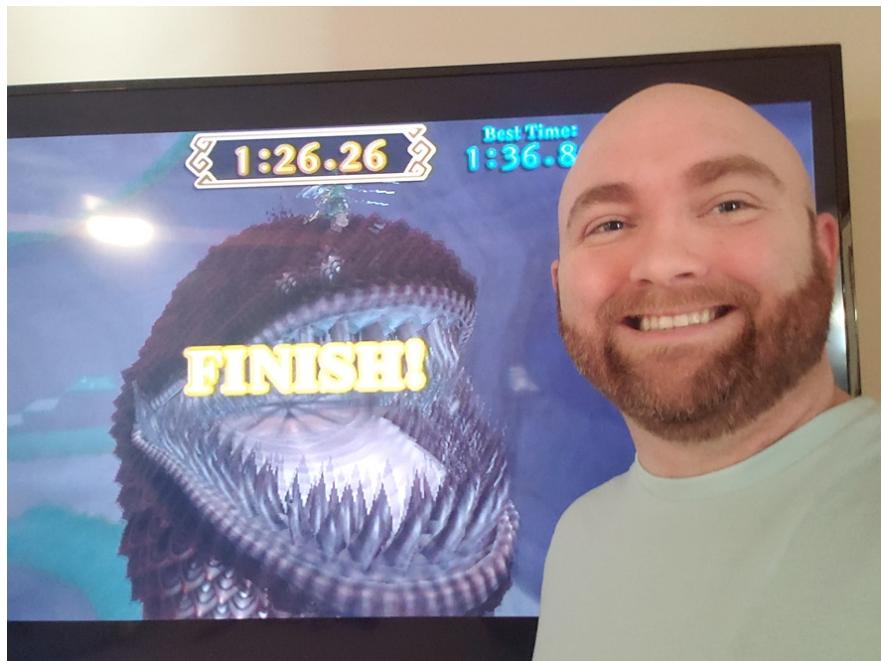


Figure 78: First round of The Imprisoned record: 1:26.26



Figure 79: Second round of The Imprisoned record: 2:16.06



Figure 80: Third and final round of The Imprisoned record: 1:43.09. At this point I'm pretty pleased with my strategy for whoopin' ol' butthole-mouth.



Figure 81: First round of Ghirahim record: 0:38.03.



Figure 82: Second round of Ghirahim record: 1:20.16



Figure 83: Third and final round of Ghirahim record: 2:47.03. A lot of improvement to be had, but it's a longer fight. It also hurt my shield arm (left arm) IRL.



Figure 84: Horde Battle record: 7:36.36. This could be optimized much more, but I really took my time regaining arrows and playing it safe. Definitely the hardest fight.



Figure 85: Ol' Dum Eyes record: 1:35.06. You can definitely do it quicker. For example, you can get the first stagger at 6 seconds.

0.27 Conspiracy Theories

1. Groose is the ancestor of Gannondorf and all of the Gerudos.
 - Try pronouncing Groose in a Japanese accent. It's not that different than Gerudo!
 - Takes an interest in Impa in both forms (young and old).
 - If you match Groose's hair with Impa's skin you sort of get a Gerudo.
 - Lots of "triforce imagery" between Zelda, Link, and Groose.
 - Triforce of power was never explicitly stated.
2. In OoT, Twinrova gets a halo. They didn't go to heaven; The Imprisoned gets the same halo effect in the third sealing fight!
 - This would imply Twinrova didn't die, but rose through a hole in the ceiling.
 - It makes sense they would show up in Majora's Mask.
3. Your red Loftwing reincarnates as Epona (I think this is obvious and actually intended by the devs, but I'm forbidden from looking anything up!).
4. Other incarnations: Zelda's father as OoT Sage of Light; Pipit as Mido; Beetle as Beetle in Windwaker; I'm sure there are more.
5. The big octopus (Tantalus) only attacks when you're going after Nauru's Flame. It doesn't attack in the timeline otherwise; the ship survives with the baddies undamaged. Did it control the robot pirate and its crew? Fi says there's an "evil presence", so we can't assume it was just protecting Nauru's Flame from anyone.
6. Fi used to be evil and was Desmise's second sword (the first being Ghirahim). When Demise was defeated, his Ghirahim's sword was lost, but Fi's sword was kept by the goddess.
 - Demise attacks with both arms, but the left one is a punch since he doesn't have a second sword.
 - Fi's memories were wiped, which is why she unlocks memories as the game progresses.
 - Fi's personality was also wiped, leaving her to be more computer-like and less emotional. That, too, improves over gameplay.
 - Fi's arms were taken away so that she could never wield a sword ever again. Too bad they didn't get Ghirahim.

- Fi disobeys your command at least once: when you're trying to get the water basin from Faron to quench the frog at the entrance of the Fire Temple, Fi says you need the robot that hauls things. When you select "No, not that guy...", Fi disobeys and calls him anyway, saying you're being too picky. This is mid-game, so she is starting to regain some personality.
- As a final punishment, at the end of the game when her memories and personality are better, she is sealed in the Master Sword, never to be heard from again.

7. Lanayru (the dragon):

- Sick a long time ago: from the first war? from Demise?
- Chained up after he died? That's weird.
- Can never truly die? If you talk to his skull before you heal him his eyes glow.

8. Gods:

- Hylia
- Din
- Farore
- Nayru
- Demise was not a god? He states that he hates the gods (not "the other gods") before the final battle.
- Here's some imagry throughout the game of what one god might've looked like:



Figure 86: A fire monkey god?

- Here's another:

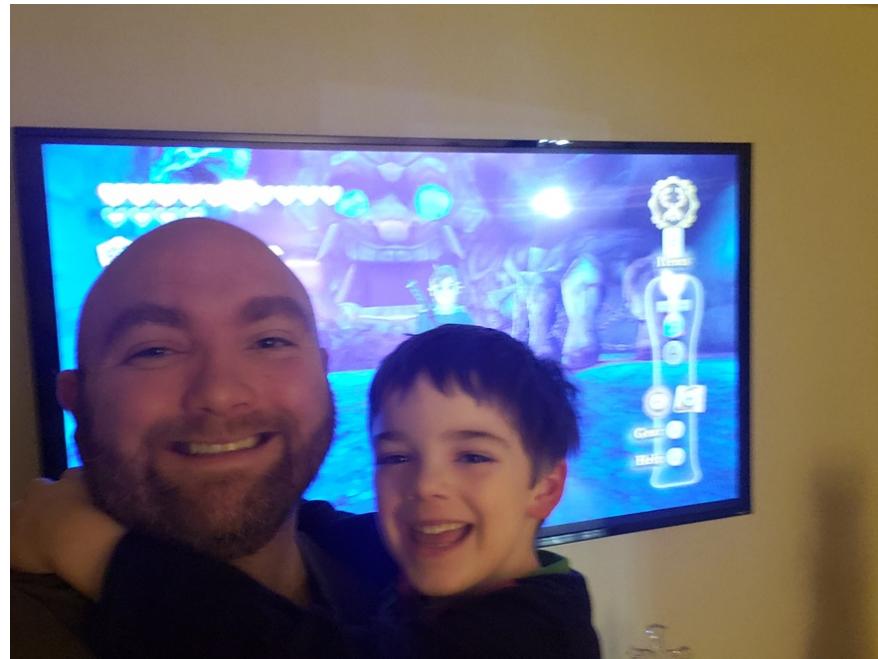


Figure 87: A skeleton or undead god? Seen in Sky Keep. This one seems to have been imprisoned. Another three-eyed variant was also seen above a doorway.

9. Ghirahim and Impa use the same sealing magic. Ghirahim's barrier seals look awfully similar to Impa's seal.



Figure 88: The barriers that Ghirahim uses during the Horde Battle.



Figure 89: During each battle with The Imprisoned and the last battle with Ghirahim, Impa seals the door.

10. Demise tries to trick link and succeeds. The first thing he does when he gets out is challenge the dude that's been putting him away? Any smart villain would pull a Sauron and re-coop. Demise isn't dumb, though—he figures he can't beat Link out in the open, but he might be able to with a homefield advantage. That's why he prepares a place where Skyward Strike won't work. He doesn't count on Link being able to use Lightning Strikes, though, and that's really the only way Link beats him. This one was probably pretty obvious, but not to me on my first (or second) playthrough.