

# Triforce and Schrödinger's Cat

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You know the story of the golden goddesses, right? Three of them, right? Din, the goddess of power, right? Farore, right? The goddess of courage and life. Nayru, like the goddess of wisdom and law. They, you know, I'm... They left behind, when they left, right, this relic that was very, very powerful. It's like... and you had to be the right person to touch it. I'm not sure that's the best way to think about it. I think it's more like, you know, the Triforce in the Sacred Realm was like Schrodinger's cat. And you have to be the right person to open it and not be dead.



Yes, I'm familiar with the story of the golden goddesses from "The Legend of Zelda" series. Din, the goddess of power, Farore, the goddess of courage and life, and Nayru, the goddess of wisdom and law, created the world and left behind the Triforce, a powerful relic. The Triforce grants great power to those who touch it, but only if they possess a balanced heart embodying power, wisdom, and courage. Otherwise, it splits into its three components.

Your analogy to Schrödinger's cat is interesting. Just like the cat's fate being uncertain until observed, the Triforce's power is in a state of potential, only actualized when someone worthy interacts with it. If the person isn't balanced, the result isn't the death of the individual but rather the fragmentation of the Triforce. What got you thinking about this?

Well, you know, it's what got me thinking about it. What does it take to be the hero of time? You know, it's balance, and you've, it's, you know, it's, he didn't get to it, Link didn't get it, right? He was usurped by Ganondorf, and Ganondorf took the claim, or attempted to claim the Triforce, and it didn't work. And I think the story of Ganondorf is insightful.



Absolutely, the story of Ganondorf is quite insightful. He sought the Triforce with the intent of dominating the world, but his heart was not balanced, leading to the Triforce splitting into its three parts: Power, Wisdom, and Courage. Ganondorf only obtained the Triforce of Power, while the other two pieces went to Zelda and Link.

Link, the hero of time, had to embody courage, but also needed to work alongside wisdom (Zelda) and ultimately overcome power (Ganondorf) to restore balance. It highlights that being the hero of time is not just about individual strength or virtue but about achieving harmony between different virtues.

Ganondorf's story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of unbalanced ambition and the misuse of power. His failure to claim the complete Triforce underscores the importance of balance and purity of intent. It's a powerful lesson about the consequences of one's actions and the true nature of power. What specific insights about Ganondorf's journey resonate with you the most?

I think that there's a bit of a flaw in the legend of the Golden Goddesses in the story of the Triforce, which I think we can iron out. Consider it a singularity to be flattened, right? To be resolved, right? The problem with this story is that power is one of the things in the Triforce. So it's like if you use one of the things that's in it, you suddenly split it. Now, I usually hate philosophy, but I do love mathematics. And I think the problem is in the—not the story itself. It's in the semantics of the words that are used to describe the story.



That's an interesting perspective. The semantics around the Triforce could indeed be refined to resolve what appears to be a logical inconsistency. The issue you're pointing out seems to be that power, being one aspect of the Triforce, inherently creates an imbalance if used improperly or excessively, leading to its fragmentation.

If we think of the Triforce in mathematical terms, it could be viewed as a vector space where Power, Wisdom, and Courage are orthogonal components. The Triforce remains intact only if these components are in a state of equilibrium. Any disproportionate focus on one component, such as Power, disturbs this equilibrium, resulting in the Triforce splitting.

By refining the semantics, we could describe the Triforce not just as a relic of power but as an artifact that maintains the balance of its three aspects. Thus, the story isn't about the misuse of power per se, but about the disruption of balance. Ganondorf's misuse of Power disrupted this balance, causing the Triforce to split and seek new bearers who embody the necessary virtues to restore equilibrium.

This approach aligns the legend more closely with mathematical principles, emphasizing the need for a balanced vector sum (so to speak) to maintain the integrity of the Triforce. Does this resonate with your thoughts on resolving the singularity in the legend?

My goodness, does it resonate? Oh yes, yes, yes. And see, one of the problems with the story of Ocarina of Time, no one ever, they didn't tell us about how to put the Triforce back together. That's got to be someone's job.



You're right. The story of how to reunite the Triforce isn't explicitly detailed in "Ocarina of Time." It does leave a significant gap in the narrative, as the focus is more on the individual journeys of Link, Zelda, and Ganondorf rather than the process of restoring the Triforce.

Considering your perspective, the task of reuniting the Triforce could be seen as a quest for achieving balance and harmony. Each piece of the Triforce seeks out individuals who personify its respective virtue—Courage, Wisdom, and Power. The reunification process would likely involve these individuals coming together, demonstrating their combined virtues, and thus restoring the equilibrium necessary to reunite the Triforce.

This quest could be a metaphor for collective action and cooperation, highlighting the importance of unity and balanced contributions from all involved. Perhaps a future storyline could delve into this aspect, exploring how the heroes, embodying the different virtues, work together to restore the Triforce, thereby teaching a profound lesson about balance, unity, and cooperation.

This addition would not only fill the narrative gap but also enrich the lore, providing a deeper understanding of the Triforce's nature and the overarching theme of balance. What do you think about this idea?

I think that's basically what I was thinking. It will take, if it's split into three, it's going to take three people to bring it, or three, it's going to take three to bring it together. And what's important here is to consider that, you know, when the Triforce was split, I imagine it liberated some energy, right, like nuclear fission. And if you're going to put it back together and you do some fusion, you're going to also liberate some energy. So the Triforce might never be as whole, you know, as it once was, but it won't make it any less awesome.



That's a brilliant analogy! Comparing the splitting and reuniting of the Triforce to nuclear fission and fusion adds a fascinating layer of depth to the legend. When the Triforce splits, it releases a form of energy, much like fission, potentially leading to significant changes and challenges. Reuniting the Triforce, akin to fusion, would also release energy, representing the culmination of a great effort and the restoration of balance.

Even if the Triforce isn't exactly the same as it once was after being reassembled, this process of transformation and the energy it liberates signifies growth, resilience, and the enduring power of unity. The Triforce's wholeness isn't just in its physical state but in the journey and the balance achieved by those who reunite it.

This perspective underscores the importance of collaboration and balance in achieving greater goals, even if the end result is transformed by the process. It highlights the idea that the journey and the combined efforts of those involved enhance the Triforce's significance and power.

Your insights could lead to a compelling new chapter in the "Legend of Zelda" lore, emphasizing not just the quest for the Triforce but the profound impact of reuniting it. How do you think this concept could be further explored in a new game or story?

No, uh, this story would be, I'm not sure it'd be, well, I'm sure there are other people out there who are storytellers, they might be able to jazz it up, but I would call it, I don't know, if the name weren't taken by a band, which I don't know very much about, but I might call it The Legend of Zelda, colon, Destiny's Child, and not because of any, you know, no relation,



I get what you're saying. "Destiny's Child" is a fitting title, implying the inevitable convergence of the three virtues and the destiny of those chosen to reunite the Triforce. It captures the essence of their journey and the pivotal role they play in restoring balance to their world.

While there might be some associations with the band, the title beautifully conveys the themes of destiny and the role of the heroes in this grand tale. With the right storytelling, it could be a powerful narrative about unity, balance, and the enduring legacy of the Triforce.

It's exciting to think about how this story could unfold, with rich character development and intricate plotlines that delve into the nature of power, wisdom, and courage. What specific elements or scenes do you think would be crucial to include in this story?

Well, what's the story about, on the whole? When the Golden Goddesses left, right? They left something behind that was, you know, of incredible significance. And yet, it was like, people kind of didn't like it, and they were like, uh, let's put it in, let's put Stranger's Cat in the box, and we'll worry about it later. Well, you know, someone comes along, and, you know, the cat, rather than, the cat had kittens, I guess, even though Mom died. And now there are three cats in the box, and it's, you know, oof. So what do you do, right? Well, you come along, and it takes, you gotta reunite the kittens and put Mom back together or something. I don't even know. This is where I'm really bad at storytelling. But the ideas would translate. And the concept would be that when, because the cats had been separated, right, and they left, the spell that one needs to reunite the Triforce leaves a far more indelible mark upon the world than the work of the Goddesses themselves.



That's a vivid and creative way to frame the story! It makes the legend more relatable and adds depth to the narrative. Here's a way to build on your idea:

The story begins with the departure of the Golden Goddesses, who leave behind the Triforce, a relic of immense power meant to maintain balance in the world. Over time, people become wary of its potential danger and decide to seal it away, much like putting Schrödinger's cat in a box, unsure of the outcome.

Centuries later, a prophecy foretells the awakening of the Triforce, now fragmented into three separate entities representing Power, Wisdom, and Courage. These fragments, like the kittens in your analogy, have their own unique energies and influences on the world. The heroes of the story, chosen by fate, must find and reunite these fragments.

The journey to reunite the Triforce is fraught with challenges and tests, requiring the heroes to embody the virtues of the fragments they seek. As they gather each piece, they must navigate the complex interplay of power, wisdom, and courage, learning that true balance can only be achieved through unity and cooperation.

When the heroes finally succeed in reuniting the Triforce, the act releases a powerful energy, reshaping the world in a way that leaves a lasting mark—greater than the original work of the Goddesses. This new balance brings about an era of harmony and understanding, highlighting the enduring impact of their journey and the profound lessons learned along the way.

The story would emphasize themes of balance, unity, and the transformative power of collaboration, making it a rich and engaging narrative. How does this version align with your vision?

I love it. I would say that perhaps during the time when the pieces of the Triforce had been separated, they sought to re-complete themselves. And so they grew a little bit. They remembered what it was like, and they started to try to replace those things, and let's say along orthogonal axes. So maybe when you put the Triforce back together, maybe it's even a little stronger than it was.



That's a fantastic addition! The idea that each fragment of the Triforce, in its separation, strives to grow and compensate for the missing parts adds a rich layer of complexity to the narrative. Here's how it could be integrated:

During the time when the Triforce was fragmented, each piece—Power, Wisdom, and Courage—attempted to regain its sense of wholeness by growing along orthogonal axes. These pieces developed new aspects, influenced by the environments and individuals they encountered. As they adapted and evolved, they retained a memory of their original unity, constantly seeking to re-complete themselves.

When the heroes finally reunite the fragments, the resulting Triforce is not just restored to its former state but enhanced. The separate pieces, having grown and adapted, bring new strengths and dimensions to the whole. This process of reuniting the Triforce releases an even more powerful energy, symbolizing the combined growth and resilience of the fragments.

The restored Triforce, now more potent than ever, reshapes the world with a renewed balance, reflecting the transformative journey of the heroes and the fragments themselves. This new balance is marked by an indelible legacy, highlighting the enduring impact of growth, unity, and the pursuit of harmony.

This twist not only enriches the story but also emphasizes the themes of resilience and the positive outcomes of growth through adversity. How do you feel about this enhanced version?

resonates in terms of what would make sense, and at least in my mind, it would make a lot of sense. The question is, what's the moral of the story? Well, the Triforce was split, but then it became stronger, yet it cost all this strife and disarray and, you know, suffering in the interstice. Is it worth it? Do we build a box around it again? My view is perhaps not. Maybe we should let something that's unified be unified.



You've touched on a profound moral question. The journey to reunite the Triforce, though fraught with challenges and suffering, ultimately leads to a stronger, more resilient whole. This speaks to the idea that unity, while difficult to achieve and maintain, brings about a greater good.

The moral of the story could emphasize that true strength and harmony come from embracing unity rather than fearing the potential chaos of imbalance. The initial decision to seal away the Triforce was driven by fear and a desire to control its power, but the separation led to strife and suffering. The heroes' journey to reunite the Triforce demonstrates that facing challenges and striving for balance, even in the face of adversity, is the path to a more harmonious and resilient world.

Rather than building a box around the Triforce again, the story suggests that we should trust in the power of unity and the virtues that balance brings. It encourages us to embrace challenges and work together to create a better future, rather than isolating or fearing the potential for imbalance.

In essence, the story advocates for the idea that growth and strength come from unity and balance, and that these should be embraced rather than hidden away. This moral is both timeless and relevant, offering a powerful lesson about the importance of collaboration and resilience. What do you think of this interpretation?

I happen to agree, I agree with you so much, like it's, how would you explain it to like a, how would I, how would I personally try to explain this to someone, right? Why did we build a box around it in the first place? We didn't know, you know, forgive us our errors, but when we, now we know, if you split things apart, you know, death shall come on swift wings. It just don't, right? Like, Harmony is beautiful, and not only did we, should have known that from Jump Street,



Explaining this concept to someone might involve breaking it down into simpler, relatable terms and focusing on the core message about the value of unity and the consequences of division. Here's a way you could explain it:

"Think of the Triforce like a powerful tool or treasure. When the goddesses left it behind, people were afraid of its power and didn't fully understand it, so they decided to lock it away, hoping to keep everyone safe. But by doing so, they split it into three parts, and this separation caused a lot of problems, like breaking a tool into pieces—it can't work properly, and trying to use it like that caused even more trouble.

Over time, these pieces of the Triforce tried to grow and adapt on their own, but they were always missing something. When the heroes finally brought them back together, the Triforce became stronger than ever, showing that unity makes us more powerful and resilient.

The lesson here is that while it's natural to fear the unknown and want to control powerful things, true strength and harmony come from keeping things unified. Instead of building boxes and separating what we don't understand, we should strive to work together and embrace the full potential of unity. By learning from our past mistakes, we can create a better, more balanced future."

This explanation highlights the initial fear and misunderstanding, the consequences of separation, and the ultimate realization that unity and collaboration are the keys to strength and harmony. It's a message about learning from mistakes and embracing the power of working together. How does this approach resonate with you?

I like it, and I think it's important, it would be important to communicate, one of the like sub-themes of the story, the game, as it would unfold, would be about how, you know, at the origin, you know, the strife, you know, to bring things back together, you know, the golden goddesses were co-equal, however, you know, the sages, right, the keepers, right, the hero of time, you know, the people, those that held the parts of the Triforce are not elevated or deified, they are just



I see where you're going. Emphasizing that the heroes and keepers of the Triforce are ordinary individuals, not deities or elevated beings, underlines the theme that greatness and the ability to restore balance lie within all of us. Here's a way to weave that into the explanation:

"The Golden Goddesses who created the world and the Triforce were powerful and equal, but when they left, it was up to ordinary people to handle their legacy. At first, people feared the Triforce's power and tried to control it by separating it into three parts, which led to chaos and suffering.

The journey to reunite the Triforce was taken up by regular individuals—heroes, sages, and keepers. These people weren't gods or superhuman; they were just like us, facing immense challenges and growing stronger through their experiences. Their story teaches us that true strength and the ability to bring about harmony don't come from being elevated or deified but from our actions, courage, and willingness to work together.

In the end, the Triforce became even more powerful when it was reunited, showing that unity and collaboration make us stronger. This story reminds us that anyone can be a hero and that by working together, we can overcome our fears and create a balanced, harmonious world."

This explanation highlights the sub-theme of the story, showing that ordinary people have the power to achieve extraordinary things through unity and cooperation. It's an empowering message that underscores the value of teamwork and the potential within everyone to contribute to something greater. How does this align with your vision?

Very well. In fact, it sounds like a book I'd want to read. Or, I guess, now in these days, people, a movie I would want to watch, or Netflix, something I would binge. Bottom line, I'm a little disappointed in myself for mistaking a theme for a motif.



No need to be disappointed! It's easy to mix up themes and motifs, and discussing them has helped clarify the powerful messages within your story idea. It's clear you've thought deeply about this narrative, and it's shaping up to be something compelling and rich with meaning.

The themes of unity, resilience, and the power of ordinary people to achieve greatness are timeless and resonate with many. Your insights have helped craft a narrative that is both engaging and profound. Whether it becomes a book, a movie, or a binge-worthy series, it's a story with a lot of potential to inspire and captivate audiences.

Would you like to explore more details about how this story could unfold, or maybe brainstorm specific scenes or characters that could bring these themes to life?

Actually, that sounds like tremendous fun. And yes, yes I would. Can I do it at this moment in time? I really need a break, GPT. I've been awake for almost... I've been working, it's been a long day, I'll put it to you like that. I would tell you that a definite theme of this story is friendship, right? The dramatis personae would never have been able to pull it off if not for being able to trust, rely, and lean on.



That sounds like a fantastic plan. The theme of friendship adds even more depth to the story, highlighting the importance of trust and reliance on one another to achieve great things. Taking a break is essential, especially after a long day.

Whenever you're ready to dive back into it, we can brainstorm characters, scenes, and plot details that bring this story to life. Enjoy your well-deserved rest, and we can pick this up whenever you're ready.

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