

Festivus no Densetsu: A Zelda Packet

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Note: This packet will ask for clues from all mainline *Zelda* games in some capacity, though how often a game gets clued is somewhat subject to how much I enjoy or know about them. Spin-off content is present but limited.

1. The *Tri Force Heroes* outfit associated with this item makes it larger, black, and adds spikes and a skull decoration to it. An improved version of this item can be found after fusing kinstones with each of the Tingle siblings in *Minish Cap*. It's not a sword, but one of these items is frequently utilized to perform a Long Jump Attack glitch which can be used to skip rescuing several monkeys. This item can be used to one-shot (*) Dethl, the final form of the Shadow Nightmares in the Wind Fish's Egg. Ook and Red Goriyas (“gor-‘EYE**’-uhs”) use these items, “Forked” and “Tri-” (“**try**”) versions of which are wielded by some Lizalfos in *Breath of the Wild*. In *Wind Waker* and *Twilight Princess*, this item can target up to five enemies or switches at once. For 10 points, name these weapons used to stun enemies that usually return to Link's hand after being thrown.**

ANSWER: **boomerangs** [accept **Boomeranger**, Magical **Boomerang**, Gale **Boomerang**, Lizal **Forked Boomerang**, or Lizal **Tri-Boomerang**]

2. One member of this race goes to the Café Bar to mope after arguing with Maggie's Father whose daughter recently fell in love with Moe the Moblin. Baito, the only person in one location who is uniquely NOT a member of this race, takes over a sorting minigame involving a cupboard with shelves in a 2x3 pattern. A character says that one member of this race “looks kinda weird, doesn't he?” as Link watches him through (*) Aryll's (“AIR-ill's**”) telescope. A line mentioning that Link must find the one who carries Laruto's (“**luh-ROO-toh's**”) bloodline to open the Earth Temple suggests that this race evolved from the Zoras. Despite possessing a grappling hook, a member of this race is briefly captured while attempting to assist Valoo, the guardian of Dragon Roost Island. Quill and Medli are members of, for 10 points, what avian race?**

ANSWER: **Rito**

3. In this game's rerelease, correctly answering Q. Bumpkin's tenth riddle by delivering him a Cukeman rewards Link with the Hurricane Spin. The value of a hidden stat in this game that affects the likelihood of the next ten enemies dropping items is indicated by the phrases “Big Trouble,” “A Little Luck,” “Good Luck,” and “Great Luck” at the Pond of Happiness. 45 blue rupees are obtainable via this game's hidden failsafe room named for alleged Nintendo Power contest winner (*) Chris Houlihan. The myth of the Namazu likely inspired a catfish in this game who gives Link the Quake Medallion. Using a Super Bomb on the Pyramid of Power reveals the Fat Faerie who provides this game's Golden Sword and Silver Arrow upgrades. For 10 points, name this game whose Moon Pearl prevents Link from turning into his pink rabbit form in the Dark World.

ANSWER: **A Link to the Past** [accept **A Link to the Past and Four Swords**; do NOT accept or prompt on “*Four Swords*” alone] (“Alleged Nintendo Power contest winner” because it has never been verified whether Chris Houlihan is a real person)

4. In *Spirit Tracks*, a train set named for these objects contains an engine with a giant drill and has a vibrant red color. In *Oracle of Seasons*, one of these objects belonging to a missing Piratian (“pie’-RAY-shun”) is used to search for Cap’n’s Bell in Samasa Desert. After using the Mask of Truth and a mask named for these objects, a bunch of Deku Scrubs in *Ocarina of Time*’s Forest Stage give Link capacity upgrades. A lake named for these objects in the Akkala Region is where the player first encounters (*) Kilton, whose shop uses purple tokens called “mon” that depict these objects. The Curse status is inflicted by some types of flying enemies resembling these objects called Bubbles. An *A Link to the Past* dungeon named for these objects contains the Fire Rod and has numerous entrances across the Dark World equivalent of the Lost Woods. For 10 points, in *Ocarina of Time*, Link can kill 100 gold arachnids named for what morbid objects?

ANSWER: **skulls** [accept **Skull** Lake, **Skull** Woods, or Gold **Skulltulas**]

5. A beta version of this dungeon’s quest item likely had a function similar to *Majora’s Mask*’s Stone Mask. In one room of this dungeon, the presence of a block that’s used to protect against falling spikes is hinted at by a sign mentioning a “stone umbrella.” If this dungeon’s boss is shot with an ice arrow, it will attempt to thaw out by punching itself. The remake gives a metallic retexturing to giant fire-spewing (*) skulls in this dungeon, including one that must be bombed to obtain a small key. In this dungeon, careful maneuvering can force two Stalfos to walk off a ferry that is activated by playing Zelda’s Lullaby. Shooting bombs lining the base of one of this dungeon’s many bird statues opens the way to its boss, Bongo Bongo. For 10 points, name this creepy dungeon accessed via *Ocarina of Time*’s Kakariko (“kack-uh-REE-koh”) Graveyard.

ANSWER: **Shadow Temple** (The beta version of the Shadow Medallion is thought to have been usable as a spell to hide Link from enemies)

6. The room before this item is obtained is the first appearance of a Blue Iron Knuckle in *Zelda II*. In *Oracle of Ages*, a man named after these objects gives Link the Sea Ukelele and once given the Cheval rope, builds one of these objects for Link. This item is found in a dungeon with a map that some Western players thought was a Nazi swastika instead of the intended Manji symbol. A bespectacled man allows Link to rent one of these objects to partake in a 16-screen-large minigame in the east of (*) Koholint Island. In the First Quest of the original *Zelda*, this item is only used to reach a Heart Container in Northeast Hyrule and to access Level 4. Barring Magnesis shenanigans, the only way to use these objects in *Breath of the Wild* is with a Korok Leaf. *Zelda II*’s Island Palace holds, for 10 points, what item whose only purpose in that game is for a voyage to Eastern Hyrule?

ANSWER: **rafts** [do NOT accept or prompt on “boats” or equivalents]

7. One man with this job in *Majora’s Mask* runs a minigame where Link must jump between four platforms to the one with a lit torch. One person with this job in *Twilight Princess* calls Link “a big sweetheart” after he obtains a Piece of Heart in an unorthodox manner. That character with this job, named Hena, operates a “Playground for Grown-Ups” with her sister Iza and is the inventor of the marble game (*) Rollgoal. In *Ocarina of Time*, a man with this job fines Link 50 rupees if Link removes his white hat, revealing a prominent bald spot. A Mabe Village resident with this job will reward Link with a Piece of Heart the first time he obtains a “lunker.” Spots occupied by people with this job often contain an ultimate specimen, such as Ol’ Baron, Lord Chapu Chapu, and the Hylian Loach. For 10 points, name this occupation of characters who may rent out lures and rods.

ANSWER: **fishing** [accept **fisher**men or **fisher**women; also accept **Fishing** Pond owner or **Fishing** Hole owner; accept any description of “a person who works at or owns a place for fishing;” do NOT accept or prompt on “shop owner” or equivalents]

8. A mask based on this character is equipped by Sheik as a DLC costume in *Hyrule Warriors*. This character's diary discusses showing off a handmade object at the Milk Bar and is strangely found in their mother's bedroom. If Link fails to stop the robbery of a bomb bag, this character witnesses it being sold in the Curiosity Shop. A Piece of Heart is rewarded for showing a certain mask to this character's father, Mayor Dotour, allowing him to stop an argument. Link receives a bottle of (*) Chateau Romani for delivering a letter from this character to their mother who earlier gives Link a mask based on this character's face. To recover the Sun Mask, Link infiltrates Sakon's Hideout with this man who was turned into a child by the Skull Kid. For 10 points, name this purple-haired subject of a long *Majora's Mask* sidequest that reunites him with his fiancée Anju.
ANSWER: **Kafei**

9. A likely relative of this character is a mandolin-playing John Lennon lookalike who provides Tag Mode Wi-Fi trading in *Phantom Hourglass*. In one game, this character's true old-fashioned speech pattern is only heard after Link sleeps on a metal slab this character uses as a bed. This character's missing pet is stolen by Strich who only returns it once Link finishes the Bug Heaven minigame. They're not Tingle, but a namesake (*) chart shows that Rock Spire Isle is the location of this character's assistant, who is really just him in a bronze helmet. In *Spirit Tracks*, this character is alerted by blowing the train's whistle, making him land his Hot Air Balloon. In *Skyward Sword*, this man may send Link through a trapdoor all while using a stationary bike to fly his business. An emphatic "thank you" is frequently yelled by, for 10 points, what cheerful merchant with an insectlike name?

ANSWER: **Beedle** (The first line references Freedle, whose French name "Barry Lenon" further complements the John Lennon comparison)

10. A cave to the north of this location contains a long vertical drop into lava where Link must stop his fall using Iron Boots. Golden Phasmids are found at this location as part of Agitha's quest. A Sky Character is found beneath an Owl Statue at the north end of this location that can be moved by Dominion Rod to the south end to reach a Piece of Heart. Blowing up boulders north of this location triggers Link's first non-Twilight encounter with (*) Shadow Beasts which occurs alongside this location's destruction. The Cave of Ordeals is unlocked after Midna restores a giant section of this location. Colin is saved after Link's first of four fights with King Bulblin which culminates with a climactic duel on this structure. A *Super Smash Bros. Brawl* stage takes place on, for 10 points, what gorge-spanning structure named for the province that contains Death Mountain?
ANSWER: **Bridge of Eldin** [prompt on Eldin Province with "what specific location in that province?"]

11. The Frozen Hyrule stage of *Four Swords Adventures* contains a sports-based minigame where Link attacks enemies resembling these animals. Tallo, Sabro, and Jillo are the names of three baby animals of this type that Link must save from Ku to enter a dungeon associated with these animals. An enemy based on these animals is ridden by the Gekko in Woodfall Temple. Until *Breath of the Wild*, a dungeon associated with these animals was the only dungeon in the series that directly battles Link. A giant one of these animals converses with Link and (*) Lulu after he is awakened by the New Wave Bossa Nova. The Fire and Ice Rods are used to defeat Trinexx, who is a three-headed animal of this type and the boss of the earliest of three dungeons named for these animals. For some reason, the *Zelda* series has many dungeons named for "Rocks" that resemble, for 10 points, what shelled reptiles?

ANSWER: **turtles** [accept **Turtle** Rock]

12. Using an item of this type on a conspicuous question mark-shaped mound reveals a Mini-Moldorm that drops the X-Shaped Jewel. Following a shipwreck on Crescent Island, Link must trade these items with the Tokay to regain his other lost items. Collecting the eight essences in each *Oracle* game allows Link to infiltrate the final dungeon using a Huge Maku type of these items. In both *Oracle* games, a Piece of Heart may be obtained after using their (*) Gasha variety and the locations where these items are obtained function as warp points accessible using their Gale variety. In the *Oracle* games, the Pegasus Boots are replaced by one of these consumable items that can be fired using a namesake Shooter or Slingshot. The *Oracle* games give Link a satchel to hold Mystery, Scent, and Ember varieties of, for 10 points, what plantable items?

ANSWER: seeds [accept Mystery Seeds, Huge Maku Seeds, Gasha Seeds, Gale Seeds, Pegasus Seeds, Scent Seeds, or Ember Seeds; also accept Gasha Nuts]

13. One of these items is seen being held by the only depiction of a Prince of Hyrule, who appears in the backstory of *Zelda II*. In one game, a bird mask-wearing miniboss called a Snapper pulls Link towards them with one of these items. A minigame found in Whittleton requires traversing a lengthy obstacle course with this item in under 75 seconds for a Heart Container. Condors providing horizontal bars for this item's use are summoned by the Song of (*) Birds on the Spirit Pipes. In *Skyward Sword*, this item can be used to uncover partially buried Peahats and to flip over upside-down lily pads. In perhaps one of the best fights in the series, this item is used to rip the six arms off a cutlass-wielding, Buddhist-inspired automaton named Koloktos. An orange snake design is used for *Spirit Tracks*'s version of, for 10 points, what item used for grappling and flogging enemies?

ANSWER: whips

14. These creatures are loved by Grog, a scrawny man with a mohawk whose *Ocarina of Time* equivalent is the son of the Master Craftsman. The Flippers are required to complete the tenth and final round of a *Minish Cap* minigame centered on these creatures. *A Link to the Past* is the only game with the "Bone" type of these creatures, which are only found in the Village of Outcasts. They're not wolves, but *Twilight Princess* is the only game where a certain action allows the player to (*) control these creatures rather than a different Easter egg involving them. In *Ocarina of Time*, a "Pocket" type of this creature can be traded for a talented blue one named Cojiro which is owned by a lady who asks Link to gather seven of them throughout Kakariko ("kack-uh-REE-koh") Village for an Empty Bottle. For 10 points, name these normally friendly animals that swarm Link if they take too much damage.

ANSWER: Cuccos ("COO-kohs") [prompt on less specific answers, such as birds and chickens]

15. Upon leaving this location, a character first uses the phrase "the little monkey and his twinkly pal" to insult Link and his partner. Puzzles in this location include one with six stone tablets hinting at the identity of the "sacred crest" and another where the player must put the game in Rest Mode. Exclusive to this location are scythe-wielding wizzrobes who appear as skulls on its map. After violently shaking him, a man who claims to have (*) sprained his ankle gives a still-teetering Link this location's first small key. Newly acquired time-stopping orbs are used to defeat this dungeon's boss after Ciela ("see-EL-uh") regains her memories. This is the first dungeon to include shimmering purple safe zones that stop a timer and hide Link from its nearly invulnerable armored enemies. For 10 points, name this oft-revisited dungeon whose cursed nature necessitates the use of the titular *Phantom Hourglass*.

ANSWER: Temple of the Ocean King [prompt on Ocean Temple by asking "from what game?"]

16. The only time that the members of this group are fully voice-acted is in a Japanese-exclusive *Four Swords Adventure* minigame, where players search for members of this group, called Navi Trackers. A portrait found in Hyrule Castle heavily implies that the members of this group are descendants of royal advisers. A taciturn member of this group is interestingly named Zuko and has extremely large sideburns. At the start of one game, the grandson of one member of this group accompanies Link to a (*) Graduation Ceremony. A forgetful member of this group named Mako asks for “today’s password” while Link eavesdrops in the rafters of the bomb shop. Another member of this group provides the narration for the prologues of both DS *Zelda* games, which take place after Link leaves Outset Island with this group. For 10 points, name this group that sails the Great Sea led by Tetra.

ANSWER: **Tetra’s pirates** [accept answers describing “the pirates led by Tetra” or “the pirates from *Wind Waker/Phantom Hourglass*,” accept **pirates** after “Tetra” is read, prompt before] (Navi Trackers was originally planned as a full spin-off release titled *Tetra’s Trackers*)

17. In this boss’s final phase, spin attacks can be used to counter a lengthy whirling scimitar attack. In another phase taking place in a lava-filled arena, this boss jumps up and down before shooting purple orbs at Link. This boss holds his foot and hops around while shrinking after being hit in his penultimate phase. Minibosses resembling this boss each leave behind lingering black fog upon defeat and appear as (*) holograms guarding terrifying disembodied hands that hold Sols (“souls”). This boss’s dungeon is where Link acquires the Light Sword, capable of killing Shadow enemies in one hit. The field south of Castle Town and the boss arenas of the Forest Temple, Lakebed Temple, and Snowpeak Ruins are all teleported to during a great six-phase fight before this boss is finally killed by Midna. For 10 points, name this “Usurper King” and secondary antagonist of *Twilight Princess*.

ANSWER: **Zant** [accept Phantom **Zant** or **Zant** Hands]

18. While in Hero Mode in *A Link Between Worlds*, using an item provided by a woman with this job inflicts a whopping 32 hearts in Shadow Link Battles. A character with this job named Trill, who is prone to attack Link if he is upset, is the pet toucan of Coro in *Twilight Princess*. In *Skyward Sword*, Link can skydive into a nest to retrieve a baby’s rattle for Bertie, a sleep-deprived man with this job. It’s not related to boating or archery, but this job is held by the Termina versions of (*) Koume (“KOH-may”) and Kotake (“koh-TAH-kay”). In the original *Zelda*, Link can deliver a letter written by the old man to an old woman with this job. As part of the Biggoron’s Sword trading sequence, a woman with this job named Granny attempts to help a man in the Lost Woods using a product made from an Odd Mushroom. For 10 points, name this job often held by witches who sell useful elixirs.

ANSWER: **Potion Shopkeepers** [accept clear-knowledge equivalents; accept **medicine** in place of “potion;” also accept **witches** until mentioned; prompt on partial answers by asking “what products do they sell?”]

19. In a location named for these objects, Rusta exclaims that Link “scared a year off his life” after an action hinted at by a sign discouraging “big ruckuses.” Aiming the cursor just left of the Sparring Hall is an easy method to score 600 points in a shooting minigame involving these objects that becomes available after giving Fledge two Stamina Potions. An item made of these objects that only restores four hearts after (*) five minutes have passed must be delivered to Eagus before it cools down. A shed is the destination of an annoying sequence where Link must balance five of these objects at once. That is the second of three tasks that Link must do after destroying a chandelier in a building resembling one of these objects. For 10 points, name these food items that are the main ingredient of a beloved soup provided by a “Lumpy” establishment in *Skyward Sword*.

ANSWER: **pumpkins**

20. The “Winged” variant of these creatures only appear in Ukuku Prairie in *Link’s Awakening*. A cap-wearing creature of this type is found in the Lorule equivalent of Gulley’s clearing and runs a baseball minigame. In one game, the Spirit of Wisdom, Neri, is freed after defeating one of these creatures that generates cyclones. A strange enemy found near *A Link to the Past’s* Lake Hylia explodes into tiny versions of these creatures and shares its name with a (*) “Balloon” item from *Breath of the Wild*. The Flame Lantern is used to incinerate a flower on one of these creatures who is the seemingly gigantic boss of the Temple of Droplets in *Minish Cap*. “Big” versions of these creatures found in whirlpools are fought as minibosses when sailing in *Wind Waker*. In an infamous CD-i quote, Link declares he’s “so hungry, [he] could eat,” for 10 points, what type of rock-shooting cephalopod enemy?

ANSWER: Octoroks [accept Winged Octoroks, Octo, Cyclok, Octoballoons, Big Octorok, Big Octos]

21. *Description Acceptable*. This action is sometimes accompanied by a melody consisting of the rising triplets “F, A, C; B-flat, D, F, high C”. The three dragons sing a full rendition of the Song of the Hero after interrupting one of these actions atop Levias (“luhv-‘EYE’-iss”). In New Game+ of *Wind Waker*, the exclamation “Wow! They’re really light...” accompanies an action of this type that references “The Emperor’s New Clothes.” Because an action of this type causes an extremely gradual change in Link’s position, it is used for (*) *Twilight Princess’s* 17-hour-long Low% speedrun. In *Breath of the Wild*, if Link wears no pants while doing this action, he may stub his toe. The first instance of this action in the series follows an old man’s warning that “it’s dangerous to go alone.” For 10 points, name this type of action that is typically accompanied by a triumphant four-note fanfare.

ANSWER: Receiving an item [or opening a chest; accept descriptions demonstrating clear knowledge; accept specific items such as “songs” or “Rupees”]