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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION: READ THE FOLLOWING WARNINGS BEFORE YOU OR YOUR CHILD PLAY VIDEO GAMES

WARNING - Seizures

- Some people (about 1 in 4000) may have seizures or blackouts triggered by light flashes or patterns, such as while watching TV or playing video games, even if they have never had a seizure before.

- Anyone who has had a seizure, loss of awareness, or other symptom linked to an epileptic condition should consult a doctor before playing a video game.

- Parents should watch when their children play video games. Stop playing and consult a doctor if you or your child have any of the following symptoms:
  - Convulsions
  - Eye or muscle twitching
  - Loss of awareness
  - Altered vision
  - Involuntary movements
  - Disorientation

To reduce the likelihood of a seizure when playing video games:
1. Sit or stand as far from the screen as possible.
2. Play video games on the smallest available television screen.
3. Do not play if you are tired or need sleep.
4. Play in a well-lit room.
5. Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

WARNING - Repetitive Motion Injuries and Eyestrain

Playing video games can make your muscles, joints, skin or eyes hurt after a few hours. Follow these instructions to avoid problems such as tendinitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, skin irritation or eyestrain:
- Avoid excessive play. It is recommended that parents monitor their children for appropriate play.
- Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour, even if you don’t think you need it.
- If your hands, wrists or arms or eyes become tired or sore while playing, stop and rest them for several hours before playing again.
- If you continue to have sore hands, wrists or arms or eyes during or after play, stop playing and see a doctor.

WARNING - Battery Leakage

Leakage of battery acid can cause personal injury as well as damage to your Game Boy. If battery leakage occurs, thoroughly wash the affected skin and clothes. Keep battery acid away from your eyes and mouth. Leaking batteries may make popping sounds.

To avoid battery leakage:
- Do not mix used and new batteries (replace all batteries at the same time).
- Do not mix alkaline and carbon zinc batteries.
- Do not mix different brands of batteries.
- Do not use nickel cadmium batteries.
- Do not leave used batteries in the Game Boy. When the batteries are losing their charge, the power light may become dim, the game sounds may become weak, or the display screen may be blank. When this happens, promptly replace all used batteries with new batteries.
- Do not leave batteries in the Game Boy or accessory for long periods of non-use.
- Do not leave the power switch on after the batteries have lost their charge. When you finish using the Game Boy, always slide the power switch OFF.
- Do not recharge the batteries.
- Do not put the batteries in backwards. Make sure that the positive (+) and negative (-) ends are facing in the correct directions. Insert the negative end first. When removing batteries, remove the positive end first.
- Do not dispose of batteries in a fire.

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The Legend of the Picori

Long, long ago, evil spirits descended on the land of Hyrule. Just when it seemed that the world was to be cast into the darkest of shadows, the tiny Picori appeared from the skies and bestowed on a courageous human a shining golden light and a single sword. This bravest of men used his wisdom and courage, his golden light, and his sword to fight off the demons and restore peace to the world. The people were so grateful for the Picori's help that they held an annual celebration in their honor. The tradition of the Picori Festival continued, but over the generations, the Picori themselves passed into legend.

The legend of the Picori tells of a mystic doorway that opens just once every hundred years. When the door is open, the Picori can cross from their world into Hyrule. This year is that year in one hundred, and the festival is unusually grand. Hyrule Castle is hosting a tournament of sword-fighting skill, recalling the great battles of legend. This year's champion is a man by the name of Vaati. He has won the tournament with an almost magical ease, and all of Hyrule is abuzz with rumors about this shadowy figure. "Who is this Vaati?" they ask. "What has brought him to Hyrule?"
The Characters

**LINK**
The hero of the story! Hearing that he’s heading to the Picori Festival with Princess Zelda, his grandfather sends him on an errand: to deliver to Hyrule Castle the sword that will be presented to the champion of the tournament.

**PRINCESS ZELDA**
The princess of Hyrule and a longtime friend of Link. She stops in at Link’s house, asking if he can join her at the annual Picori Festival.

**EZLO**
A mysterious creature that Link meets during his adventure. He chatters away noisily at Link. He can be quite fussy, but he does seem to know what he’s talking about.

**VAATI**
The champion of this year’s sword-fighting tournament. Nobody knows where he came from, and nobody knows who he is.
When you are viewing the subscreens, press the R Button to change to the next screen.

Move
When you see someone (or somethING!) with a thought bubble over his head, press the L Button to try to fuse Kinstone pieces with him.

Switch Subscreen
When you are viewing the subscreens, press the R Button to change to the next screen.

Walk in different directions.

Talk to Ezlo
If you get stuck, see if Ezlo has any advice to guide you.

Push
When you are facing a block or stone statue, press toward the block or statue to push it in that direction.

Jump Down
Jump down from any ledge if there are no obstacles blocking your way. Just press in the direction you want to jump.

Move Cursor

Press this button when you are in a subscreen to move between the different screens.

Use Item
Use the item you’ve equipped.

Speak

Confirm

Press START, SELECT, and the A and B Buttons simultaneously to reset the game.

Controls

Fuse Kinstones
When you see someone (or somethING!) with a thought bubble over his head, press the L Button to try to fuse Kinstone pieces with him.

Switch Subscreen
When you are viewing the subscreens, press the R Button to change to the next screen.

Perform Action
Open chests, speak, roll, or do anything else shown in the top-right corner of the screen.

View Subscreen
Open the subscreens to change the items you are using, check your map, or save your game.

Use Item
Use the item you’ve equipped.

Use Item
Use the item you’ve equipped.

Cancel

Use Item
Use the item you’ve equipped.
Get started

Insert your The Legend of Zelda: The Minish Cap Game Pak into the Game Boy Advance and turn the power on. Press START when the title appears.

Choose a File

The file that you choose in the file selection screen will be the one that you use for saving and resuming your game. Use the +Control Pad to select one of the three files and press the A Button to confirm your choice.

Name Your Game

If you are starting a new game, choose an empty file and press the A Button. Then, enter a name with up to six characters. Use the +Control Pad to select a character and press the A Button to enter it. Press the B Button or + to erase a character. When you're done, choose ✓ and press the A Button.

*Press the L Button to use capital letters.
*Press the R Button to use lowercase letters.

Start the Game

Select the game you want to continue from the file list. Then, select Start and press the A Button to confirm.

Copy

Copy any saved file into an empty file. After choosing the file, select Copy and press the A Button. Next, choose where you want to copy the file by using the +Control Pad. Select an empty file slot and press the A Button to confirm.

Erase

After choosing a file, select Erase to delete it. You will be prompted to confirm that you want to erase the file. Choose Quit or press the B Button to cancel, or choose Erase to erase the file. If you would like to start a new game and all three files contain save data, you will need to erase one of them.

Options

Move the cursor over a save file and press the R Button to adjust the message speed and brightness of your game. Once you have changed the settings, press the A Button to update them.

Files cannot be recovered once you have deleted them.
This is the main game screen, where you guide Link through your adventure.

Press START while playing to pause the game and check the subscreens. Use the L and R Buttons to switch between the screens. Press START again to exit any subscreen and resume your game.

Any of the items listed here can be assigned to either the A or B Button. Select a new item or swap out the one you’re using by choosing an item with the +Control Pad and pressing the A or B Button to equip yourself with it.

Choose Save and press the A Button to save your progress.

The items you are currently wielding. The icon on the right represents the item assigned to the A Button, and the one on the left represents the items assigned to the B Button.

Press the L or R Button to change to the Map and Quest Status subscreens.

Decreases whenever you take damage. Once it runs out, the game is over.
This screen shows all the quest-related items you have collected.

This is the complete list of all quest-related items you have. You can see the number of Pieces of Heart you have. You can also review your sword techniques by selecting the Tiger Scroll and pressing the A Button and peek in the Kinstone Bag to see the Kinstone pieces you've collected.

Select the Kinstone Bag and press the A Button to view all of your Kinstone pieces. Press the B Button to return to the Quest Status subscreen.

Press the L Button to go to the Items subscreen, or press the R Button to go to the Map subscreen.

To activate Sleep Mode, choose Sleep and press the A Button. In Sleep Mode, the LCD Screen is switched off, which reduces battery consumption (although some battery consumption will remain). To exit Sleep Mode, press SELECT and the L and R Buttons at the same time. To save your game, choose Save and press the A Button.

View a map of Hyrule showing the regions you've visited. To view a zoomed-in map section, select a region and press the A Button.
**Actions Performed with the Control Pad**

- **Walk**
  - Walk in any of eight directions.

- **Jump Down**
  - Jump down any steps that you come across, provided there are no obstacles on the edge of them.

- **Push**
  - Push to move any statues, jars, or other objects.

- **Roll**
  - Press the R Button while walking to roll.

- **Swim**
  - Use the flippers to swim. Press the A Button to swim faster, and press the B Button to dive.

- **Dive**
  - Use the flippers to dive.

**Actions Performed with the R Button**

- **Speak / Read**
  - Press the R Button to talk to characters you are facing or to read signs and any other readable objects. Use the A, B, or R Button or the +Control Pad to scroll through text. You can also use the B Button to fast-forward through messages.

- **Open**
  - Press the R Button changes to open chests or doors.

- **Grab**
  - Press the R Button while touching a switch, lever, statue, or other object to grab it. Then press the +Control Pad in the opposite direction to drag the object.

- **Shrink / Grow**
  - Climb onto a portal and press the R Button to have Ezlo shrink you. While you are small, press the R Button near a portal to return to your original size.

- **Link’s Moves**
  - Use the flippers to swim. Press the A Button to swim faster, and press the B Button to dive.
  - Press the R Button to pick up an object you are facing.
  - Press the R Button while touching a switch, lever, statue, or other object to grab it. Then press the +Control Pad in the opposite direction to drag the object.
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Some items allow you to perform special actions. These items can be assigned to either the A or B Button. The phrase “item button” used below refers to the button to which you’ve assigned that item.

**Draw In / Gust Jar**

Press and hold the item button to draw air (and items and monsters!) into the Gust Jar. Release the item button to shoot out the air or the object you’ve drawn in.

**Jump / Roc’s Cape**

Press the item button to jump across traps and dodge enemy attacks. Hold the item button to jump farther. Once you’ve learned the Down Thrust sword technique attack midjump to attack from the air.

**Dig / Mole Mitts**

Press the item button to dig into walls, soft dirt, and sometimes even clouds! Watch out, though—there are some places where you cannot dig!

**Illuminate / Flame Lantern**

Press the item button to light the lantern. This will illuminate dark areas and light braziers in dungeons. Press the item button again to douse the lantern.

**Run / Pegasus Boots**

Press the +Control Pad in the direction you want to dash and hold the item button to run. You’ll keep running until you release the button. Once you’ve learned the sword technique, you’ll be able to do a Dash Attack while you run.

**Flip Over / Cane of Pacci**

Press the item button to fire a bolt from the Cane of Pacci. The bolt flips whatever it hits.
There are tons of ways to use your items. Try experimenting around with them if you ever get stuck in your travels.

**Swiftblade’s Tips**

- **Bomb**
  - Press the item button to place a bomb on the ground. Use the R Button to lift a bomb and throw it.

- **Ocarina of Wind**
  - Play the ocarina to call up Zeffa and be carried to any Wind Crest you’ve found. Choose your destination and press the A Button to confirm it.

- **Kinstone Bag**
  - Store your Kinstone pieces in this handy little bag.

- **Bottle**
  - Store things in empty bottles so that you can use them later. You can carry up to four bottles. Choose which bottle you want to carry from the Items subscreen.

- **Bow and Arrows**
  - A powerful weapon that enables you to pick off enemies from afar. Watch your supply of arrows, though!

- **Boomerang**
  - Hit an enemy to daze him; he’ll stop moving for a short period time. You can also use the boomerang to nab Rupees and other items beyond your reach.

- **Sword**
  - The weapon of choice for any aspiring hero. Use it to attack enemies and cut through grass.

- **Shield**
  - Blocks (and sometimes reflects) enemy attacks. Some enemies can’t be defeated without a shield, but it’s also just a good idea to know when to defend yourself.
The game is over when your Heart Meter runs out. Once your game ends, you will be asked if you want to save your progress. Then, you can continue or quit.

The hearts represent your life energy in the game. The hearts decrease whenever you take damage, and the game ends when you lose all of your hearts.

Pick up a heart to refill one heart on your Heart Meter.

Catch a small fairy to restore four hearts’ worth of life.

Saving from the Subscreens

Any items you had in your possession when your game ended will be saved.

Saving When the Game Ends

When you resume a saved game, you might not start from the exact place where you saved. However, your progress will have been saved, and your Heart Meter will show the same number of Heart Containers as you had when you saved.

Swiftblade’s Tips
If you get stuck during the adventure, try seeing what happens when you put certain things in a bottle and carry them around with you...

Somewhere in the world is a shop selling potions capable of restoring hearts. You can’t buy potion unless you have an empty bottle to put it in.

You can save your game at any time by choosing “Save” from the Items or Quest Status subscreens.

Game Over

Resuming a Game

The Heart Meter

What the Heart Meter Tells

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Restoring Your Life

Pick up a heart

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Catch a fairy

Catch a small fairy to restore four hearts’ worth of life.

Drinking a potion

Your Heart Meter increases when you get a Heart Container. Collect four Pieces of Heart to make a full Heart Container. See how many Pieces of Heart you have collected on the Quest Status subscreen.

Heart Containers and Pieces

Drinking a potion

Potions are also helpful. You can buy them at a shop and store them in your inventory. When you need one, just pop it into your Heart Meter.

Quest Status

You can see how many Heart Containers you have collected on the Quest Status subscreen. This is useful when trying to complete certain quests or challenges.
Kinstone Pieces are scattered all over the world. There are lots of different ways to get your hands on them:

- Cutting up grass
- Receiving them from other people
- Finding them in treasure chests

When you see a thought bubble over someone (or something!), you can try to fuse Kinstones with them. Press the L Button to go to the Kinstone Fusion screen.

If you succeed in fusing Kinstones, something is sure to happen, but exactly what is not always clear. Check your map for a clue about where something might have happened.

Where does it lead? You’re walking on clouds!

It’s not just people who can fuse Kinstones! Check carefully everywhere you go!

Swiftblade’s Tips

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You’ll need small keys to open locked doors in the dungeons. They disappear as you use them. The dungeons become more difficult as the adventure goes on. Consult your Dungeon Map when you get stuck. It’s only common sense!

The door that leads to the dungeon boss’s room can only be opened with the Big Key. When you find this item, you will be able to see all the rooms on every floor of the dungeon. Rooms you’ve visited will be lighter than rooms you haven’t visited yet.

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As you journey through Hyrule, you will run across a handful of swordsmen, brothers sworn to teach young adventurers their fighting techniques. Once you've mastered their sword techniques, you can review them by reading the Tiger Scrolls from the Quest Status subscreen.

There are lots of sword techniques for you to learn!

- **Spin Attack**
  - Hold the item button down briefly to focus power in your blade, then release to unleash a spin attack.

- **Dash Attack**
  - Equip both the sword and the Pegasus Boots, then use the Pegasus Boots to dash into enemies and strike them with your blade.

Somewhere in the town of Hyrule, you will find Carlov, making his collectible figurines. You can win these beautiful trinkets by playing in Carlov’s lottery. Can you collect all of them?

The figurines you’ve collected will be on display in the figurine cabinet in Carlov’s shop. Stand in front of the cabinet and press the R Button to view your collection.

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To play the Carlov’s lottery, you will need **Mysterious Shells**. You need only one Mysterious Shell to play the lottery, but as you get more figurines, your chances of getting new ones increase if you use more Mysterious Shells. You can see how many Mysterious Shells you have on the Quest Status subscreen.
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