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## Sage Wisdom (1/2)

One of our best researchers has been investigating links between usage of memes and luggage delivery. She went to ask a mentor for advice on the links and seems to have gotten somewhere.

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Researcher: "I need help finding links..."

Mentor: "Hey! Listen! Ganon has risen to power and it's up to you to stop him! An Ultimate Weapon once existed, but it has been broken into 12 fragments. 6 were hidden away by the Sages, kept deep within their temples, and 6 were stolen by Ganon, used to create monsters that imprison the Sages there."

Researcher: "I don't understand."

Mentor: "Link can move in any cardinal direction (N, E, S, W) that is unobstructed by a temple wall, but he must always move one square on his turn. There's no time to waste! After each of Link's moves the monster will chase him by moving up to two squares, each time in a cardinal direction unobstructed by the temple walls. If the monster occupies the same square as Link, it will kill him. And Link's out of faeries so he will die."

Researcher: "But... that's not what I'm here to ask..."

Mentor: "Well excuse me, princess! The monsters are always aware of Link's location in the temple, but they're not the brightest faeries in the bottle. Monsters really like moving sideways, so much so that they'll always move East or West towards Link if the path is unobstructed. If the monster can't move sideways, it will attempt to move North or South towards Link instead. If the monster can't get closer to Link by moving to an adjacent square, then it will sit still and bide its time, waiting to strike the moment it can figure out how to get closer to Link."

Researcher: "I give up. What do you want me to do?"

Mentor: "Each temple has a Sage, who can't move unless Link carries him/her. Before leaving each temple, Link must rescue the Sage. When Link picks up the Sage by moving onto the same square, the Sage will attack the monster (wherever the monster is at that point in time, before it moves) with a fragment of the Ultimate Weapon. But Link must be careful, because he still needs to carry the Sage and escape the temple before the monster devours both of them. Once he does, Ganon's dark magic will no longer be able to sustain the monster and it'll drop the fragment of the Ultimate Weapon embedded within it where it was standing."

Researcher: "..."

Mentor: "It's dangerous to go alone. Take Page 2!"

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