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The Legend of Zelda: Race and Gender

Within the line of multiple Zelda games, there are many races within them. As well as interesting genders within certain races. I think some races are interconnected into different games. The races I will discuss are from Skyward Sword, Twilight Princess, Oracle of Seasons, The Ocarina of Time and The Wind Waker. I will mostly be connecting Skyward Sword to the others since in the Legend of Zelda timeline begins with the story of Skyward Sword. I think some races are interconnected into different games

Mogmas: They only appear in Skyward Sword. They are mole like creatures in the Eldin Provence. They are a treasure hunting race with a lot of wit and humor. You hardly ever see their bottom half because they spend most of their time in the ground digging for treasure or for a new place to look for treasure. Although the thing with Mogmas. I have only ever seen adult male Mogmas. It makes me wonder if they were created by the gods mentioned in the games and died off because of lack of reproducing. or if the woman and children stay home (in the ground) out of harms way. While the men work (search for treasure.) I also wonder if the Mogmas and Subrosians (From The Oracle of Seasons.) Are the same race or are cousins. There isn’t much evidence besides the fact that they both live or spend most of their time in the ground. Both of the races love treasure but who doesn’t? As well It would make sense because there are female Subrosians. Well at least there is evidence of one female Subrosian. Although all you can see of them are their bright eyes behind the shade of an enveloping cloak.

The second race I will be discussing is the Kikwis from Skyward Sword. They are small plant like fur balls with bushes on their backs. (Except for the chief…. He is quite large.) Just like Mogmas they do not appear in any other games and are found in the Faron region. Also there seems to be no specific gender for most of them. Unless you would assume the Kikwis with the higher voices are females and the other males but that may result in smaller vocal chords. (the two Kikwis who are obviously males are the chief and the old prune up in the great tree.) They may not show up as Kikwis in other games but I believe they become the Deku shrubs later on in the timeline are Kikwis evolved. The shrub on their backs would have to move up to their head so that their feet can burrow into the ground to appear as more of a shrub. Instead of a shrub on an oddly shaped log. It would explain the cowardly/ following natures of both races. I believe the chief died and the Kikwis were given no direction and the later follow the main antagonist of the Zelda games. Ganondorf.

The third race I will be talking about is the Gorons. They appear in most Zelda games and don’t seem to go through any significant evolution. They are a proud species made primarily of rock hard substances. Some games there are many but some games there are maybe two or three roaming around. Which leads to the theory that they asexually reproduce. There seems to be no female Gorons at all. No matter where you look…..Unless of course there are other ways to define gender as Gorons. It is a question to be discussed for another day.

The fourth race is the Parellas found only Skyward Sword. They are squid like creatures found in lake Floria. It becomes Lake Hylia and Zora’s Domain later on in the Timeline whilst the Parellas become the water dwelling Zoras. Even though there is no gender distinction between the Parellas there is between the Zoras.

Interesting fact. In the Windwaker it states that the bird like humans called Ritos are the evolution of Zoras. Besides the difference between fins and wings their structures are very similar. But besides that. It states that when Hyrule was covered in water the Zoras evolved into wing liked creatures because of the abundance of water? Weren’t they already living in water? Maybe they are clear water creatures not sat water. I would say some races are connected between games.

Fun Fact: The Gerudo tribe conceives only one boy in the tribe for every one thousand years to be the ruler of the tribe (Ganondorf is that boy) So lucky Ganon with being the father of the nation for one thousand years…..and of course the obvious.