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FIND ZELDA'S GIANT WINTER RUPEE

GREETINGS ASTRONOMY ADVOCATES! THE WINTER HEXAGON SHINING AGAIN! OR IS IT A FOOTBALL?? ... OR ZELDA'S RUPEES? WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT -- THIS ASTERISM IS GLITTERING HIGH IN THE SKY THIS TIME OF YEAR!

TO FIND IT, LOOK SOUTHEAST AFTER 8PM -- THE RUPEE ENCOMPASSES SIX CONSTELLATIONS AND EIGHT OF THE BRIGHTEST STARS VISIBLE FROM EARTH! THIS FIRST ONE IS THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE SKY: SIRIUS THE DOG STAR. FIND IT USING ORION'S THREE BELT STARS, THEY POINT RIGHT AT IT.

FROM HERE: GO CLOCKWISE AND YOU'LL FIND THE LITTLE DOG STAR -- PROCYON, THEN UP TO CASTOR AND POLLUX THE TWIN STARS OF GEMINI, AND TO THE OTHER DIAMOND-POINT CAPELLA! THEN IT'S BACK DOWN AND AROUND THROUGH ALDEBARAN, THE EYE OF TAURUS THE BULL, TO BLUE SUPERGIANT AND ORION'S LEFT FOOT, RIGEL AND BACK TO SIRIUS.

THERE YOU HAVE IT -- THE GIANT RUPEE! AS LINK MIGHT SAY: DO DILLY DO DILLY DOO!

KEEP LOOKIN' UP!