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Super Mario Sisters - Dead Nintendo Project

Gender change for Mario and Luigi?

We all know that big companies love trademarks, specially when they come up with something as original as Nintendo's **Super Mario** Bros. What would you say if I told you that a game called "Super Mario Sisters" was considered as a possibility almost 20 years ago? It seems that Nintendo filed a trademark application for the strange title on February 27, 1990, but the project was abandoned, probably because the company was too busy pulling out other major gaming phenomenon in the meantime. I wonder if the brand name is still available for sale or is it still **Nintendo's** property? Of course there are tons of abandoned game projects out there, but the few we find out about are worth mentioning specially when we can relate to major blockbusters. How would have Mario looked today if he and his famous gaming brother got turned into female characters? It's not that we don't love gaming babes, but back in those days, a lady was just a mountain of pixels. Truth be told, there are very few platformers that feature feminine characters, because in the case of such titles, hardcore gamers won't care much about storylines and the protagonists' complexity. I'm sure that Super Mario Sisters could have been a hit back in the nineties, but we'll never know, considering that it only remained a project. I've heard hundreds of thousands of videogame names in my life and I can recognize a bad title when I hear it... "Mario Sisters" is not a brilliant idea, because we tend to associate the name "Mario" with a man while the noun "sisters" only tries to complement the first part of the title. Let's try again, Nintendo, this time changing "**The Legend of Zelda**" into "The Legend of Link" (and it wouldn't be a wrong decision) or morphing Donkey Kong into Donkey Konga, in case you're into the exotic type of critters.

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