

From the auction itself:

- The game was listed as “Yoshi’s Island 2.” Even the boxart illustrates this. The game was released in the United States with the title “Yoshi’s Island DS.” (See: <http://www.nintendo.com/games/detail/XQck5kOdgtn3936Qr44YJKirWBkHxzo>)
- The item listing mentioned that the game was for the Nintendo DS and DS Lite only, and not formatted for the DSi. This is a strong indication that the game is counterfeit (and that either the seller knew it, or the seller is not very familiar with the Nintendo DS systems).
 - The Nintendo DSi can play any game made for the Nintendo DS that does not rely on something being plugged in to the DS’s Game Boy Advance port (which is missing on the DSi). Yoshi’s Island DS works fine on the DSi.

Once I received the game...

(See pictures on the next page)

- The game arrived in a clear plastic case, instead of the hard black case that Nintendo DS games are usually packaged in.
- Boxart calls the game “Yoshi’s Island 2” instead of “Yoshi’s Island DS.”
- The little sticker on the cartridge has the title “Yoshi’s Island 2” instead of “Yoshi’s Island DS.”
- The sticker on the cartridge has an icon labeled “Official Nintendo Seal of Quality.” Nintendo changed this in 2003 to say just “Official Nintendo Seal.” Yoshi’s Island DS was released in 2006, so it should have this new logo. (See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nintendo#Seal_of_Quality, and also page 2 of the original Nintendo DS manual, which was published in 2005: http://www.nintendo.com/consumer/downloads/ds_english.pdf)
- The sticker on the cartridge was printed in poor quality.



- The game does not play on the Nintendo DSi, which has software measures in place to detect and refuse to play games on non-Nintendo manufactured cartridges. (See page 3.)
- You can see additional counterfeit evidence on the reverse side of the cartridge. (See page 3.)

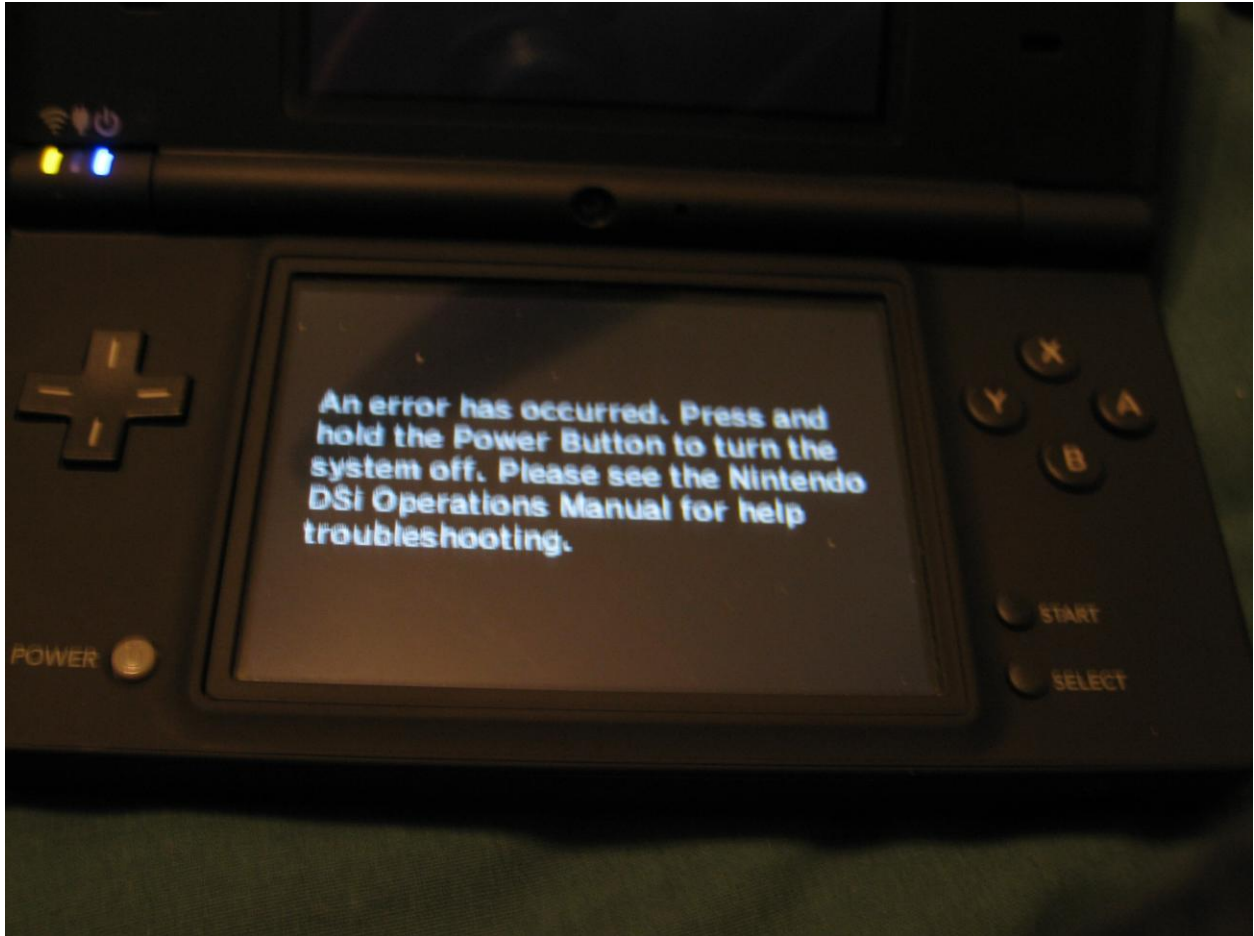
Here is the game that I received:



Note the "USA" in the bottom right; there's no chance that the game is mistitled because it is a copy from another region.

Here is a picture of a genuine copy of the game:





This is the error message that is shown when attempting to start the game on a DSi. A Google search reveals several posts on the Nintendo support forums stating that this is a sign that the game is non-genuine.



The left cartridge is the game that I received from the seller. The right three cartridges are genuine Nintendo DS games.

All genuine Nintendo DS games should have the little numbers and letters visible just above the gold contacts on the cartridge (as displayed on Nintendo's anti-piracy web site, here: <http://ap.nintendo.com/detect/photos/platform.jsp?platformId=3&categoryId=0>). The game that I received does not have these.