A moment ago, the Piraka were winning. From their stronghold, they and their ally Brütak controlled the island of Voya Nui. The mask of life would soon be theirs.

Then someone knocked on their door... or rather, knocked it in.

You Piraka have a choice... leave the island on your own, or I'll throw you off.

Go on your own, and you can live out your long, rotten lives. Make us do it... and there won't be enough of you left to feed a Makuta fish.

The Tezra Inika have had a busy first day of existence. Created by bolts of lightning from the Red Star, they found their weapons charged with strange energies...

Their bodies were charged up as well, so that these features were hidden by a blinding glow.
Their masks had changed, too, becoming more organic and feeling almost... alive.

And their new mask powers? Nothing less than incredible.

Krack

Wah-hoo!

The Matoran Resistance gave the new Toa Inika information and new weapons, and asked one simple question: "Will you help us?"
NOW THE TOA INIKA HAVE GIVEN THEIR ANSWER, STARTING WITH TOA NUPARU...

OUR OUTER DEFENSES SHOULD HAVE STOPPED YOU. BUT YOU ARE INSANE TO THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT US, TOA!

OH, I’VE BEEN CRAZY FOR YEARS... ASK ANYONE.

AFTER ALL, WHO ELSE WOULD DO THIS?

WHAT?!

LET’S GO FOR A RIDE!

USING HIS MASK OF FLIGHT, NUPARU FLEES THROUGH ZAKTAH, DRAWING THE PROTOCITLES THAT MAKE UP THE PIRAKA’S BODY INTO HIS WAKE.
YOU COULD USE SOME FRESH AIR, ZANTAN. YOU'RE LOOKING KIND OF... GREEN. SO TELL ME--

DO YOU SWIM?

THOK'S EYEBEAMS... MAKING THE WORLD SPIN... I CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE!

STRUGGLE ALL YOU WISH, TOA... I LIKE PREY THAT FIGHTS BACK!
Aiming at the sound of Thok's grating voice, Toa Hahl! fires her energy harpoon!

Then this should leave you overjoyed!

Kachak!

Sneaky! You would make a wonderful piraka. Ever think of changing sides?

Unnhhh!

Zap!

If you think I'd even consider it... you're in for a shock.

Pretty... pretty good, Toa. But you haven't seen all my tricks yet... like this one.

This won't hold me--or don't you know what water does to stone?

I call it "Let's trap a Toa."
ZAP!

CHILL.

FIRING AT A HELPLESS FOE? THAT'S COOL, PIRAKA.

WHO ARE YOU CALLING HELPLESS, MY FRIEND?

CRUNCH!

TOA JALLER SPOTS HAKANU TRYING TO MAKE HIS ESCAPE.

I DON'T LIKE CROWDS... ESPECIALLY ARMED ONES THAT ARE AFTER ME.

LEAVING SO SOON?
SHOULD
HAVE PICKED
A DIFFERENT
LINE OF WORK
THEN.

BUT I'M
SO GOOD AT
TREACHERY AND
THEFT...OH, HOW
DO YOU LEARN TO
DO THAT
M chute?

IT'S THE
MASK...LET'S
ME DO THINGS
OTHERS CAN'T.

AND HERE
I THOUGHT TOA
JUST WORE
Masks TO HIDE
THEIR UGLY
FACES.

UGLY?
YOU'RE ONE
TO TALK, PIRAKA.
I'VE SEEN PEOPLE
THAT WERE DEAD
FOR A MONTH WHO
LOOKED BETTER
THAN YOU DO
NOW.

FLATTERY
WILL GET
YOU FRIED, TOA!
Are these heat beams supposed to scare me? Back in Takorri, this would be a cool breeze.

Faster than Jaller’s lightning, Hakann aims and fires his Zamor Sphere launcher.

That’s not supposed to scare you... This is!

Too late tooa! Jaller realizes he is not the target.

No! The Zamor Sphere is on target for the Piraka’s newest “ally” – the powerful being known as Brutaka!

Watch out!

Time seems to slow down as Jaller tries to knock Brutaka out of the way...

No, you don’t, Hakann! Not without me!

While Thok, sensing what is about to happen, runs for Hakann.
TOO LATE! THE ZAMOR SPHERE STRIKES BRUTAKA, DRAWING HIS INCREDIBLE POWER--

--DIRECTLY INTO HAKANN AND THOK!

I DID IT!

WE DID IT. IF I HADN'T INTERRUPTED, YOU WOULD HAVE TAKEN ALL THE POWER FOR YOURSELF!

ARE YOU STILL HERE? BEGONE, FLEA!

WE HAVE STOLEN BRUTAKA'S BAEBEES, THOK. NOW WE CAN TAKE WHATEVER WE WANT FROM THIS ISLAND!

IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU THAT JALIER STILL LIVES, HAKANN--OR YOU WOULD FIND OUT JUST HOW TERRIBLE A TAKA'S REVENGE CAN BE!
Really? What would you do--rain on me?

You seem to forget, we are no longer just Piraka--we are the ultimate Piraka!

Ultimate traitors is more like it!

The mask of life is for all of us to steal, not just you!
OH, BE QUIET. WITH MY NEW POWERS, YOU FOOLS DON'T STAND A CHANCE.

WE ARE THE NEW RULERS OF THIS UNIVERSE, TOA! NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS FINDING THE MASK OF LIFE!

TOA, WE STRIKE TOGETHER--NOW!

MY COMPLIMENTS, TOA INKA. THIS IS... ALMOST... A CHALLENGE.
Hear me, Hakann! You will never have the Mask of Life as long as the Toa live!

Then live no longer.

The mind blast strikes with startling swiftness, overwhelming the Toa Inika.

It is much later when the Toa Inika awaken to find that they were better off unconscious.

This is a disaster. Before they left, Hakann and Thok forced Brutaka to reveal the location of the Mask of Life.

Then we're out of time.
NOT YET, BUT YOU MUST HURRY. I AM AXONN--A FRIEND. HAKANN AND THOK MUST BE STOPPED BEFORE THEY GET THE MASK!

THERE IS A MASSIVE STONE STAIRCASE THAT LEADS FAR BENEATH UYA NUI. AT THE BOTTOM, YOU WILL FIND THE MASK OF LIFE.

THEN OUR MISSION IS CLEAR. WE DEFEAT HAKANN AND THOK, MAKE IT TO THE MASK, AND WE ARE VICTORIOUS.

IF ONLY IT WERE SO EASY, TOA... FOR THE MASK OF LIFE IS GUARDED AGAINST BOTH FRIEND AND FOE. EVEN IF YOU REACH ITS CHAMBER, YOU MAY NOT LEAVE ALIVE.
"You have no idea what waits down there."

"Yes, Fendarkk. I know... others are coming... coming to take our mask. It's been so long since we have had company."

"We must make sure they stay with us... forever."

To be continued...