Two evil Piraka, Thok and Hakann, have stolen the awesome powers of Brutaka and are on a rampage. The other Piraka have already fallen before their might.

Now the TOA Inika are ready to join the battle, but they will be lucky just to survive the encounter. And if the TOA lose, Voya Nui and the universe beyond it will be ripe for conquest.

By the way— that’s the good news.
This is the bad news.

As if he had a choice. Oh, look -- the Toa are getting back up again.

Nice of Brutaka to tell us where to find the Mask of Life, so we can steal it and rule whatever we don't destroy.

Words, words, words. When did Toa get to be so noisy?

When did Piraka get to be such bad shots?

Hiss!

Axonn said we would need this special ZAMOR SPHERE he gave us. It better work or they'll be carving our memorial stones by dark!

ZZAKKK!

You've beaten the Piraka... Toa Kongu and Toa Nuparu are down... but while one of us breathes, we fight!

Thok and Hakann are side by side... strike now!
Even as Toa Helika fires his Zamor Sphere Launcher...

Hakann and Thok unleash a final, all-out attack on the Toa.

The impact blasts the Toa into unconsciousness!

The golden Zamor Sphere strikes Hakann and Thok, draining their stolen power...

YAAAAA!

ARRRHHH!

...and returning it to its destined master... BrutaKa.
Much later, a recovered Toa Kaukau and Toa Nuparu help the others to their feet.

Next time, I’ll do the high-flying.

Not my fault—Thok’s spellbinder vision made us crash.

I think we have bigger problems than that right now.

Hahli’s right. The Piraka were here, defeated by Hakann and Thok—now they’re gone, and Hakann and Thok with them!

Don’t tell me...

They’ve gone after the Mask of Life.

He had to go and tell me.

Hey, guys? I’m pretty sure this cave opening wasn’t here when I did my flyover. Do you think—?

We don’t think—we know. The Piraka went in there, and we’re going after them, no matter what’s waiting inside! Kzzzakk
SPEAKING OF WHAT'S WAITING ... FAR BELOW THE SURFACE, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE MASK OF LIFE, VEZOK AND THE MONSTROUS PENRAKK IMPATIENTLY AWAIT "VISITORS."

THEY WILL BE COMING SOON, PENRAKK. BE SURE OF THAT ... COMING TO TAKE THE MASK OF LIFE. BUT IT BELONGS TO US--OR WE BELONG TO IT--I NEVER CAN KEEP THAT STRAIGHT.

IT SEEMS SO LONG AGO THIS BEGAN ... YET IT WAS ONLY WEEKS. THE SIX PIRAKA HAD TRAVELED TO THE LAIR OF THE EVIL MAKUTA NEAR THE CITY OF METRU NUI, HOPING TO FIND WEAPONS TO STEAL ... 

"... THEY FOUND ONE, OH YES, THEY DID ... THE LEGENDARY SPEAR OF FUSION, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST FINE IF IT HADN'T GONE OFF."

"THE SPEAR'S ENERGY STRUCK VEZOK, SPLITTING HIM INTO TWO BEINGS--HIS MISERABLE SELF, AND THE NEWLY CREATED ME."

"I KNEW THEIR PLANS--AFTER ALL, I HAD VEZOK'S MEMORIES--AND TOOK MY FIRST CHANCE TO ESCAPE THEM AND HEAD FOR VOYA NUI ... AND THE MASK OF LIFE."
STUPID, STUPID ME, IF I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW—PERHAPS NO ONE WOULD HAVE TO DIE TODAY.

"I MADE IT DOWN THE STONE STAIRCASE THAT LEADS TO THIS PLACE UNCHALLENGED. IT FELT ALMOST AS IF SOMETHING WANTED ME THERE.

"I FOUND THE CHAMBER OF THE MASK... I SAW IT WAITING FOR ME..."

"I REACHED OUT... AND I TOUCHED THE KANOJI KYUKA, THE MASK OF LIFE..."

"... AND THE WORLD EXPLODED."

WHEN I COULD THINK AGAIN, HERE I WAS—FUSED TO YOU, MY DEAR FRIEND, WITH THE MASK OF LIFE FUSED TO ME. I WAS IT'S NEW GUARDIAN, AND HERE I WILL REMAIN UNTIL THE DAY I DIE.

IF I EVEN CAN DIE... BUT AT LEAST WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT WITH OUR SIBLINGS, EH. PENRACK? THEY CAN... AND THEY WILL..."
...IF THEY EVEN MAKE IT THIS FAR.

I AM UMBA. I GUARD THE MASK OF LIFE. YOU SHALL NOT PASS.

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY BATTLES WE HAVE ALREADY FOUGHT TO REACH THIS SPOT? THIS IS INSANITY—HOW CAN THIS MASK BE WORTH SO MUCH VIOLENCE AND DEATH?

UMBRA ROCKETS FORWARD, TOO FAST TO BE SEEN, AND HEADED RIGHT FOR THE TOA INIKA.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE MASK'S WORTH, THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?

IN A MILLISECOND, UMBA DISARMS ALL SIX TOA.

HE'S TOO FAST! HOW COME THERE'S NEVER A MASK OF TIME AROUND WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

HEY!
YOU CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO MATCH MY POWER. BUT I WILL BE MERCIFUL... IN MY LIGHT FORM, I CAN SLAY YOU SWIFTLY AND CLEANLY.

DOWN! IF HE HITS YOU, IT'S ALL OVER!

THIS IS CRAZY. HOW DO WE STOP A BEAM OF LIGHT?

WITH A MIRROR... OR AS CLOSE AS WE CAN GET TO ONE!

I'M MAKING A BREAK FOR THE EXIT! FOLLOW ME!
UMBRA PURSUES NUFARU. EVERYONE IN THE CHAMBER KNOWS THERE IS NO CHANCE NUFARU CAN WIN THIS RACE.

UMBRA'S LIGHT FORM STRIKES THE MIRROR-LIKE ICE AND BOUNCES OFF...

ONLY TO RICOCHET ALL OVER THE CHAMBER, UNTIL FINALLY...

...EVEN UMBRA MUST FALL... STUNNED.

HE'S DOWN, BUT NOT OUT. LET'S MOVE--WE MUST BE CLOSE TO THE MASK BY NOW!
WHERE ARE WE? WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

I SUSPECT IT'S THE GATEWAY TO THE MASK OF LIFE, BUT THE PERMA GOT HERE FIRST, NUPARU. HOW ARE YOU WITH EARTHQUAKES?

WATCH ME.
The power of the Toa Inika of Earth rocks the plain, knocking the Piraka off their feet and weakening the bridge.

**RUMBLE**

Charge!

*Your cyclone will bring it down on our heads!*

Kovu, no! Nuwaru's quake weakened the bridge too much and—

One big wind and down-flatt will go the Piraka.

The Piraka wait a long time before approaching the fallen bridge, but there is no sign of the Toa Inika.

That's it then. The Toa have fallen for the last time. Now come--the mask of life waits for us!

**KRAKK KA BOOM**

Next issue: Battle with Vezon and Fenrakk, and the shocking fate of the Mask of Life!