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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.

The illustration depicts a dramatic battle scene in a lush, green jungle. In the foreground, a large, blue and silver Toa Inika (Toa Nuva) is shown from a low angle, firing a powerful red energy beam from its chest. The beam is thick and bright, dominating the lower half of the frame. In the background, a red and black Piraka (Thok) is seen in a dynamic pose, holding a yellow and black staff. Another Piraka (Hakann) is visible further back, also in a combat stance. The jungle environment is dense with green foliage and trees, with a bright yellow sun visible in the upper right corner, casting a strong light over the scene.

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.

YOU'VE
BEATEN THE PIRAKA...
TOA KONGU AND TOA
NUPARU ARE DOWN...
BUT WHILE ONE OF
US BREATHE, WE
FIGHT!

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?

Hsst


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!

THOK AND
HAKANN ARE SIDE
BY SIDE--STRIKE
NOW!


ZZZAKKK



EVEN AS TOA HEWKII
FIRES HIS ZAMOR
SPHERE LAUNCHER ...



HAKANN AND THOK
UNLEASH A FINAL, ALL-OUT
ATTACK ON THE TOA.



THE IMPACT
BLASTS THE TOA INTO
UNCONSCIOUSNESS!

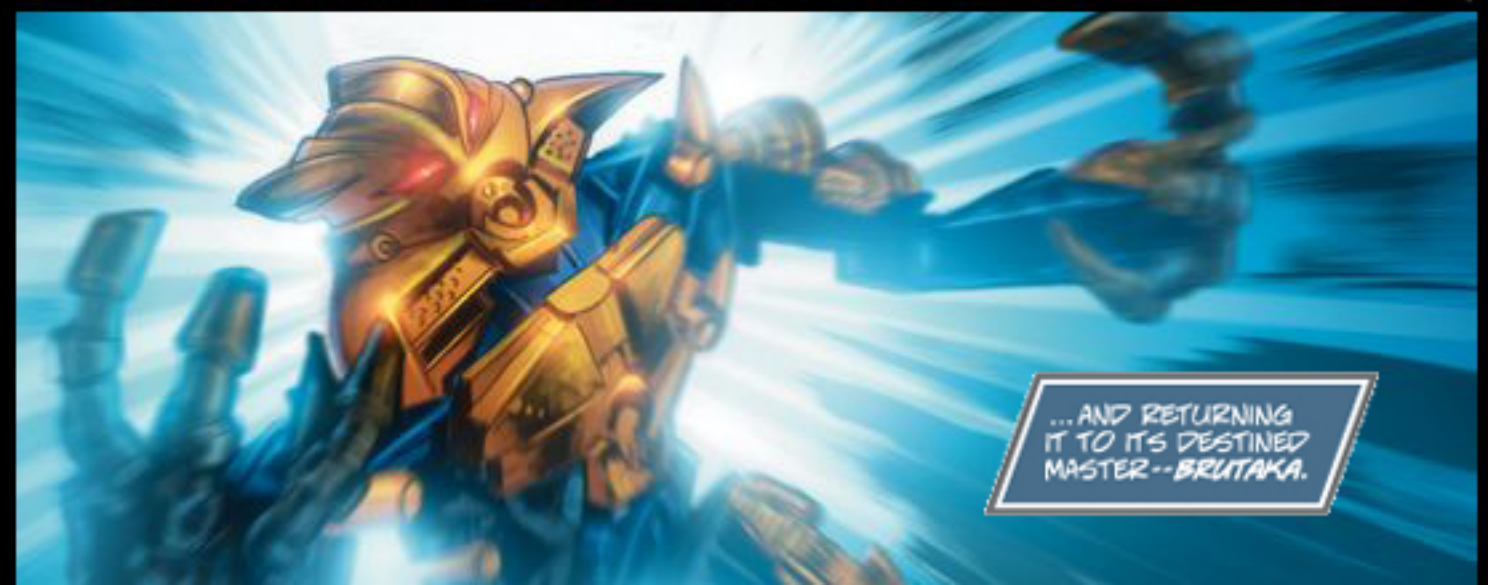
KRA KOOM



THE GOLDEN ZAMOR
SPHERE STRIKES HAKANN
AND THOK, DRAINING THEIR
STOLEN POWER ...

YIIIIII!

ARRRRHHH!



...AND RETURNING
IT TO ITS DESTINED
MASTER--BRUTAKA.

MUCH LATER, A RECOVERED TOA KONGU 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, VEZON AND THE MONSTROUS FENRAKK IMPATIENTLY AWAIT "VISITORS."

THEY WILL BE COMING SOON, FENRAKK, 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
KANDHI KINIPKA, 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
ITS 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 GUESTS. EH,
FENRACK? THEY CAN...
AND THEY WILL...

"...IF THEY EVEN
MAKE IT THIS FAR."

I AM UMBRA.
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,
UMBRA DISARMS
ALL SIX TOA.

HEY!

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



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 NUPARU. EVERYONE
IN THE CHAMBER KNOWS THERE IS NO
CHANCE NUPARU CAN WIN THIS RACE.

THEN AGAIN,
MAYBE HE DOESN'T
HAVE TO.

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!

A comic book panel depicting three Bionicle characters in a volcanic environment. On the left, a blue character with a large, rounded head and glowing yellow eyes looks towards the center. On the right, a red character with a more angular head and glowing yellow eyes looks towards the center. In the foreground, a black character with a spiky head and glowing yellow eyes looks towards the center. In the background, a bridge with two towers spans a deep chasm filled with flowing orange lava. The sky is a mix of purple and red, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is dramatic and mysterious.

WHERE
ARE WE? WHAT IS
THIS PLACE?

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

WATCH
ME.

THE POWER OF THE TOA INIKA OF EARTH ROCKS THE PLAN, KNOCKING THE PIRAKA OFF THEIR FEET AND WEAKENING THE BRIDGE.

RUMBLE

CHARGE!

ONE BIG WIND AND DOWN-FLAT WILL GO THE PIRAKA.

KONGU, NO! NUPARU'S QUAKE WEAKENED THE BRIDGE TOO MUCH AND—

"—YOUR CYCLONE WILL BRING IT DOWN ON OUR HEADS!"

KRAKK KA BOOM

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!

**NEXT ISSUE:
BATTLE WITH VEZON
AND FENRAKK, AND THE
SHOCKING FATE OF THE
MASK OF LIFE!**