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THE UNDERWATER CITY: PROLOGUE

A FEW MOMENTS AGO, IT SEEMED AS IF THE TOA INIKA HAD WON THEIR GREATEST BATTLE. THEY HAD DEFEATED VEZON AND KARDAS AND OBTAINED THE MASK OF LIFE.

UNFORTUNATELY, KARDAS TENDS NOT TO STAY DEFEATED FOR LONG.

KRA-KAMM

UNHHHH!

AS IF IT HAD A MIND OF ITS OWN, THE MASK OF LIFE ROCKETS UP THE STONE STAIRCASE TOWARD THE ISLAND OF VOYA NUI.

WITH THE TOA INIKA IN HOT PURSUIT.



SPLASH

MOVING TOO FAST TO BE RECAPTURED, THE MASK OF LIFE PLUNGES INTO THE OCEAN!



I'LL GET IT!



BUT EVEN THE TOA OF WATER CANNOT SURVIVE FOR LONG IN THE DEPTHS OF THE BLACK WATER.



AS THE TOA INIKA WAIT ANXIOUSLY FOR HAHLI'S RETURN, THEY ARE UNAWARE THEY ARE BEING WATCHED BY THE REVIVED PIRAKA.



DO WE ATTACK THEM NOW?

NO. WE WAIT UNTIL THEY HAVE RECOVERED THE MASK--THEN THE TIME WILL BE RIGHT TO STRIKE.



HELP US... CITY BENEATH THE SEA... HELP US, OR WE'RE LOST... I... OHHHHH ...



MEANWHILE, BENEATH THE WAVES, SALVATION COMES FROM BELOW... BUT WHO HAS RESCUED THE TOA OF WATER?



IF JALLER COULD FOLLOW THE MASK OF LIFE DOWN TO WHERE THAT POOR MATORAN CAME FROM... HE WOULD HAVE HIS ANSWER.

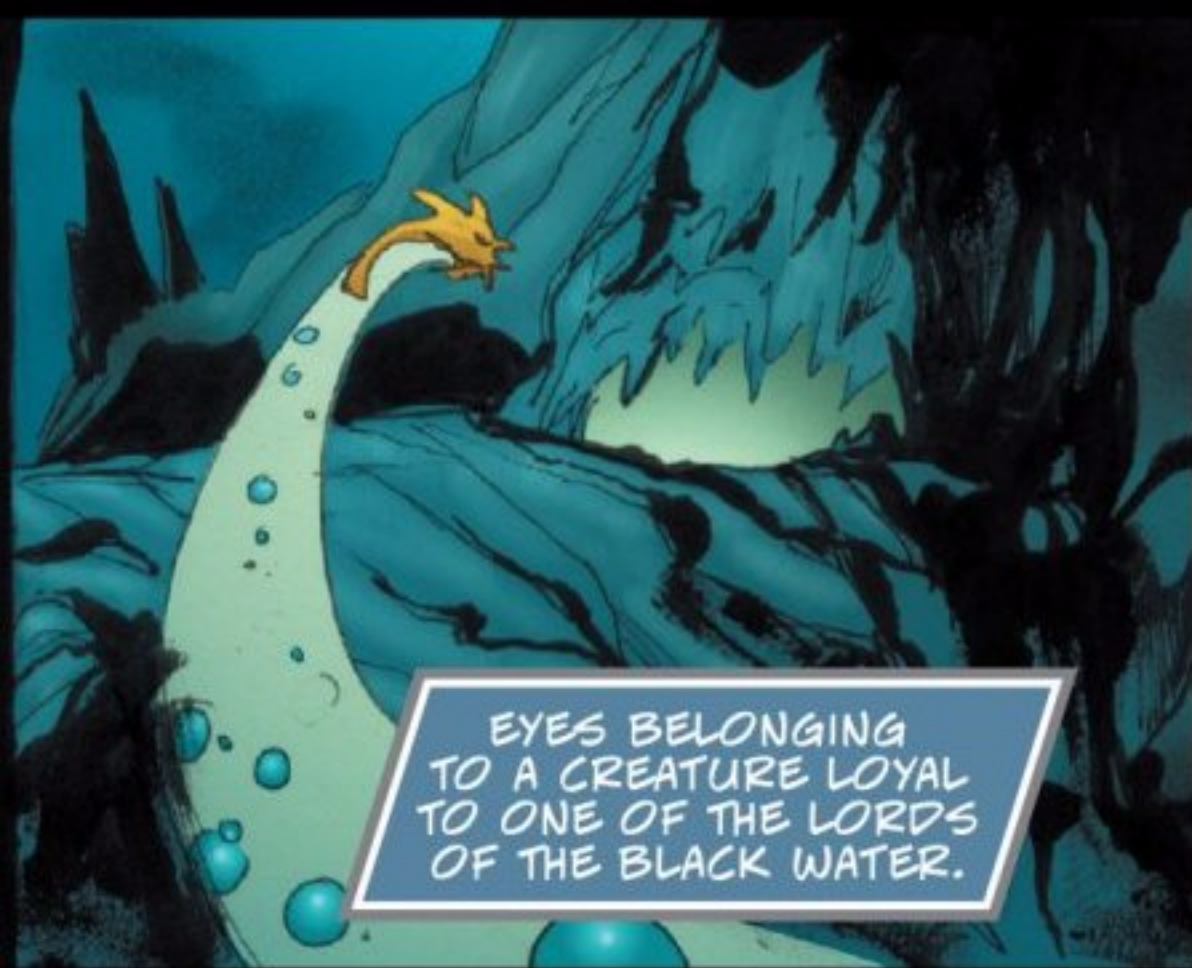
THIS IS MAHRI NUI. ONCE IT WAS PART OF A LARGER ISLAND, UNTIL IT BROKE OFF AND SANK BENEATH THE SEA. ITS INHABITANTS WERE LUCKY TO SURVIVE.

NOW THE MASK OF LIFE HAS COME TO MAHRI NUI--AND THEIR LUCK HAS JUST RUN OUT.





FOR THE SEA HOLDS
MANY EYES, NOT ALL
OF THEM FRIENDLY...



EYES BELONGING
TO A CREATURE LOYAL
TO ONE OF THE LORDS
OF THE BLACK WATER.



ENTER,
LITTLE ONE, AND
SHARE WHAT BRINGS
YOU TO THE THRONE
OF KALMAH.



THE TALE IS SWIFTLY TOLD, AND A
DECISION IS MADE. KALMAH LEAVES
HIS HOME, KNOWING THERE ARE
OTHERS WHO MUST BE TOLD OF
THE TREASURE FROM THE SURFACE.



THE NEWS TEARS
MANTAX AWAY FROM HIS
PURSUIT OF PREY.

AND REACHES VICIOUS
PRIDAK IN THE MIDST OF
HIS UNDERSEA LEGION.





CARAPAR AND EHLEK
POSTPONE A MATORAN
HUNT TO TRAVEL TO
THE ACCUSTOMED
MEETING PLACE, THE
ROCK FORMATION
CALLED THE RAZOR
WHALE'S TEETH.




EVEN VILE, TWISTED
TAKADOX PONDERES
EMERGING FROM HIS
CAVE FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN CENTURIES.




FOR HE KNOWS PRIDAK
WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY
ABOUT THIS NEW ARRIVAL.

ONCE, WE SIX
WERE RULERS OF THE
SURFACE WORLD, FROM XIA
TO THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS.
THEN WE DARED REBEL AGAINST
THE GREAT SPIRIT MATA NUI
AND WERE CONDEMNED TO
AN ETERNITY DOWN HERE.



BUT IF
THE MASK KALMAH
DESCRIBES IS INDEED
THE LEGENDARY MASK OF
LIFE--IT COULD MAKE US
ALL THAT WE ONCE WERE.
WE COULD BE FREE OF
THIS PIT AND CONQUER
ONCE MORE!



"WHATEVER ITS
POWERS," SAYS
PRIDAK, "AND
WHEREVER IT
MAY BE--"

THE MASK
OF LIFE WILL
BELONG TO THE
BARRAKI!



END PROLOGUE

THE UNDERWATER CITY

CHAPTER ONE



THEY CALL THEMSELVES BARRAKI--IT'S A MATORAN WORD MEANING "WARLORD." THEY DWELL IN THE DEPTHS OF A STRANGE SEA, A PLACE ONLY THE VERY BRAVE OR THE VERY FOOLISH WOULD EVER DARE TO GO.

CARAPAR

PRIDAK

ONCE, THEY WERE RULERS... HANDSOME, RESPECTED, AND FEARED. TODAY, THEY ARE MONSTERS.

TAKADOX

MATORAN EVERYWHERE ARE GRATEFUL THE BARRAKI ARE TRAPPED IN THIS PIT. AND THEY WOULD TREMBLE IF THEY KNEW HOW CLOSE THESE SIX WERE TO BREAKING OUT...

EHLEK

MANTAX

KALMAH

**Mask of Life
Mask of Doom**

LEADER OF
THE BARRAKI.

THE LEGENDARY
MASK OF LIFE WAS
SEEN FLOATING DOWN
FROM THE SURFACE
WORLD. WE NEED
THAT MASK!

WHAT FOR?
WE'LL STILL BE
STUCK DOWN
HERE, LOOKING
LIKE THIS.


DON'T MIND
HIM. THAT SHELL
AROUND HIS HEAD IS
EXTREMELY THICK
AT TIMES.

THE WATERS
OF THIS SEA TURNED
US INTO CREATURES
WHO CANNOT BREATHE
AIR. BUT THE MASK OF LIFE
CAN UNDO THAT. WE'LL BE
FREE TO RECLAIM OUR
EMPIRES AND RULE ALL
THAT LIVES, AS WE
ONCE DID.

WE CAN
COVER MORE OF THE SEA
SEARCHING SEPARATELY. AND
ANYTHING THAT TRIES TO
STOP US DIES.

WHOEVER
FINDS THE MASK
WILL SIGNAL THE
OTHERS... OR
ELSE.

LITTLE DO THE BARRAKI KNOW THE
MASK THEY SEEK IS NOT SO VERY FAR
AWAY, IN THE HANDS OF A MATORAN...




HIS NAME IS
DEKAR, A RESIDENT
OF THE UNDERSEA
CITY OF MAHRI NUI.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT THIS MASK IS,
OR WHERE IT CAME FROM.
BUT EVEN I CAN SENSE ITS
INCREDIBLE POWER...
TOO MUCH POWER. IF IT
FELL INTO THE WRONG
HANDS...



IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS. IT
COULD JUST AS EASILY
BE OUR DOOM AS OUR
SALVATION. THIS MASK
MUST BE DESTROYED...
AND I HAVE TO
DO IT.

TAKADOX BEGINS
HIS SEARCH BY VISITING
THE BESTIAL NOCTURN,
ANOTHER PRISONER
OF THE PIT.



YOU'RE
SURE YOU HAVE
NOT SEEN SUCH
A MASK?

CALLING ME
A LIAR? I COULD
SNAP YOU IN
TWO--



TAKADOX'S
HYPNOTIC POWER
WINS HIM A NEW ALLY.

YOU DON'T WANT
TO DO THAT, NOCTURN. NOW
LISTEN CAREFULLY--IF THE MASK
SHOULD EVER COME INTO YOUR
HANDS, THIS IS WHAT YOU
WILL DO WITH IT...



MEANWHILE, THE OTHER
BARRAKI QUESTION THE
CAPTURED MATORAN.

AND EXPLORE AREAS OF THIS
UNDERSEA REALM EVEN THEY HAVE
NEVER VISITED BEFORE.

EHLEK USES THE SEARCH FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES, GATHERING HIS ARMY OF VENOM EELS...

TO ATTACK THE SUNKEN MATORAN CITY OF MAHRI NUI.

AND AT THE SEA BOTTOM...

MY PREY SHOULD BE BY AT ANY MOMENT. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

URRRKK!

OH, IT'S YOU, KALMAH. YOU HAVE SUCH A... SUBTLE WAY OF SAYING HELLO.

ANSWER MY QUESTION, TAKADOX.

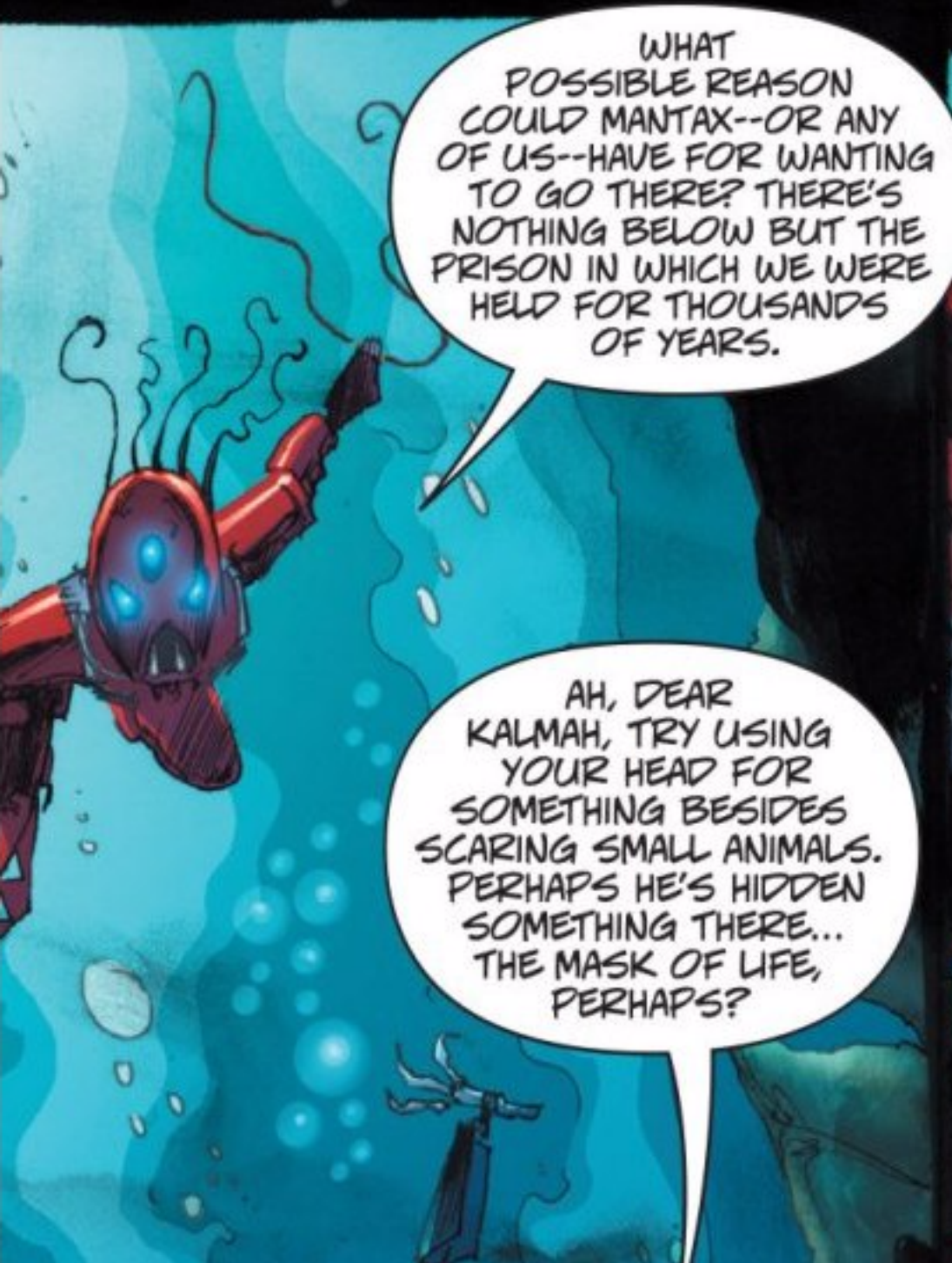
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR THE MASK OF LIFE... AND YET HERE YOU ARE, SKULKING BEHIND ROCKS.



I WAS WAITING... FOR THAT.



"EVERY NIGHT, MANTAX VANISHES BENEATH THE SEA FLOOR AND STAYS THERE FOR HOURS," SAYS TAKADOX. "I WAITED HERE SO I COULD FOLLOW HIM."



WHAT POSSIBLE REASON COULD MANTAX--OR ANY OF US--HAVE FOR WANTING TO GO THERE? THERE'S NOTHING BELOW BUT THE PRISON IN WHICH WE WERE HELD FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

AH, DEAR KALMAH, TRY USING YOUR HEAD FOR SOMETHING BESIDES SCARING SMALL ANIMALS. PERHAPS HE'S HIDDEN SOMETHING THERE... THE MASK OF LIFE, PERHAPS?




IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE MANTAX TO GET HIS CLAWS ON A TREASURE AND KEEP IT FROM THE REST OF US.

IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE YOU, TOO. ARE YOU ANGRY AT HIM FOR DOING IT, OR AT YOURSELF FOR NOT THINKING OF IT FIRST?



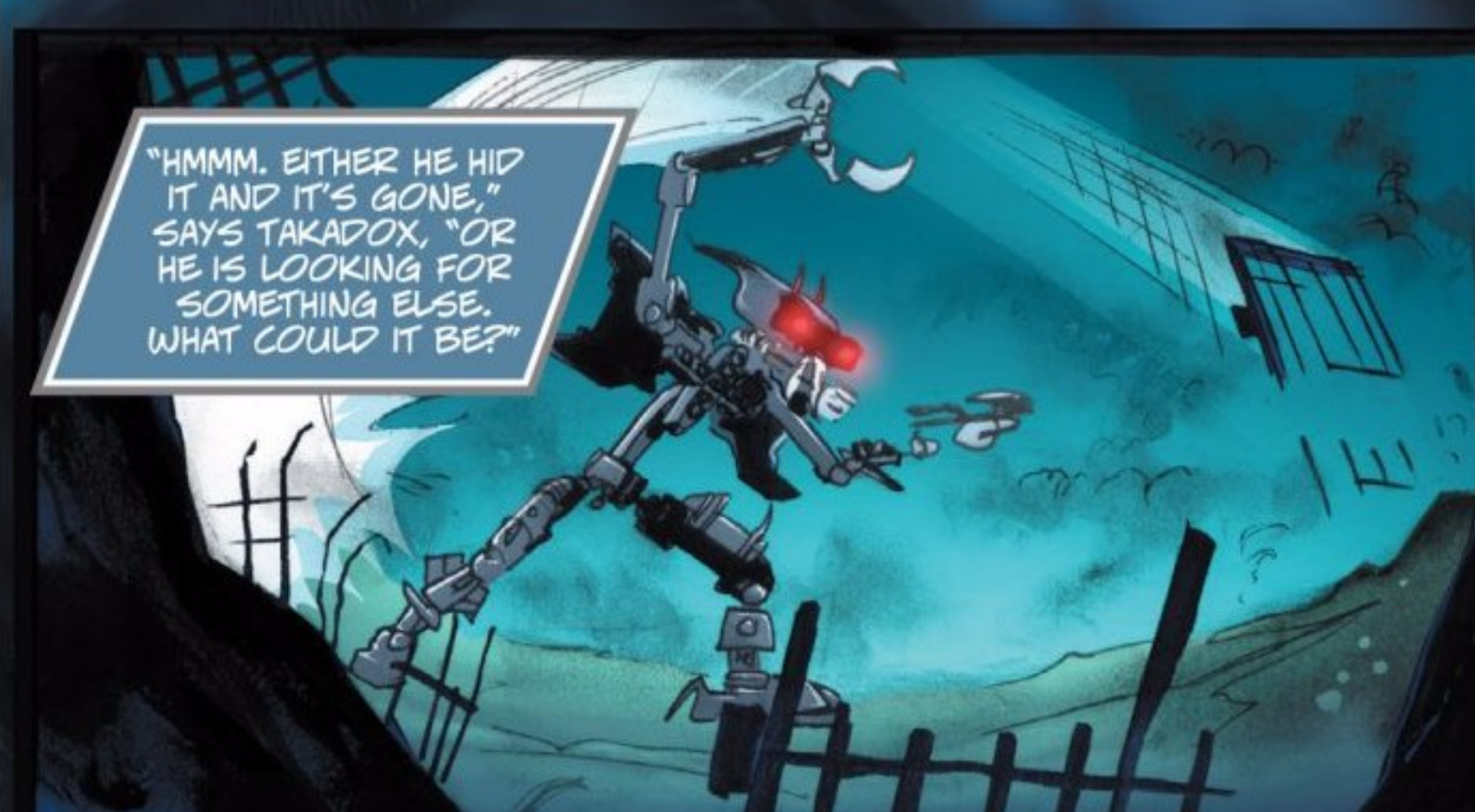
I KNEW THERE WAS A REASON I NEVER LIKED YOU, KALMAH... NOW I REMEMBER WHAT IT IS.



I HATE
THIS PLACE. IT'S
A FOUL, WRETCHED
DUNGEON WITHOUT
EVEN A TRACE OF
LIGHT.

NO WONDER
WE FELT RIGHT AT
HOME HERE. WAIT,
THERE HE IS!


WHAT
WAS--?



"HMMM. EITHER HE HID
IT AND IT'S GONE,"
SAYS TAKADOX, "OR
HE IS LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING ELSE.
WHAT COULD IT BE?"



THO BOOM



SOMEONE
SEALED THE CRACK
IN THE CEILING! WE'RE
TRAPPED DOWN
HERE... AGAIN!



IT'S
WORSE THAN
THAT...



WORSE?
HOW CAN IT BE
WORSE?

WHEN
WE ESCAPED
FROM HERE A LITTLE
OVER 1000 YEARS AGO...
SOMETHING ELSE
MOVED IN. THEY SENSED
OUR MOVEMENTS...
THEY KNOW WE'RE
HERE...



AND THEY
ARE COMING
FOR US!

END CHAPTER ONE

THE UNDERWATER CITY

CHAPTER TWO



“Sea of Darkness”

ONCE, LONG AGO, NOCTURN WAS THE MIGHTIEST WARRIOR OF HIS CIVILIZATION. THAT IS, UNTIL HE LOST HIS TEMPER ONE DAY, HIT HIS HOME ISLAND IN JUST THE RIGHT SPOT, AND SHATTERED IT.

FOR HIS CRIME, HE WAS EXILED TO THE PIT FOR ETERNITY.

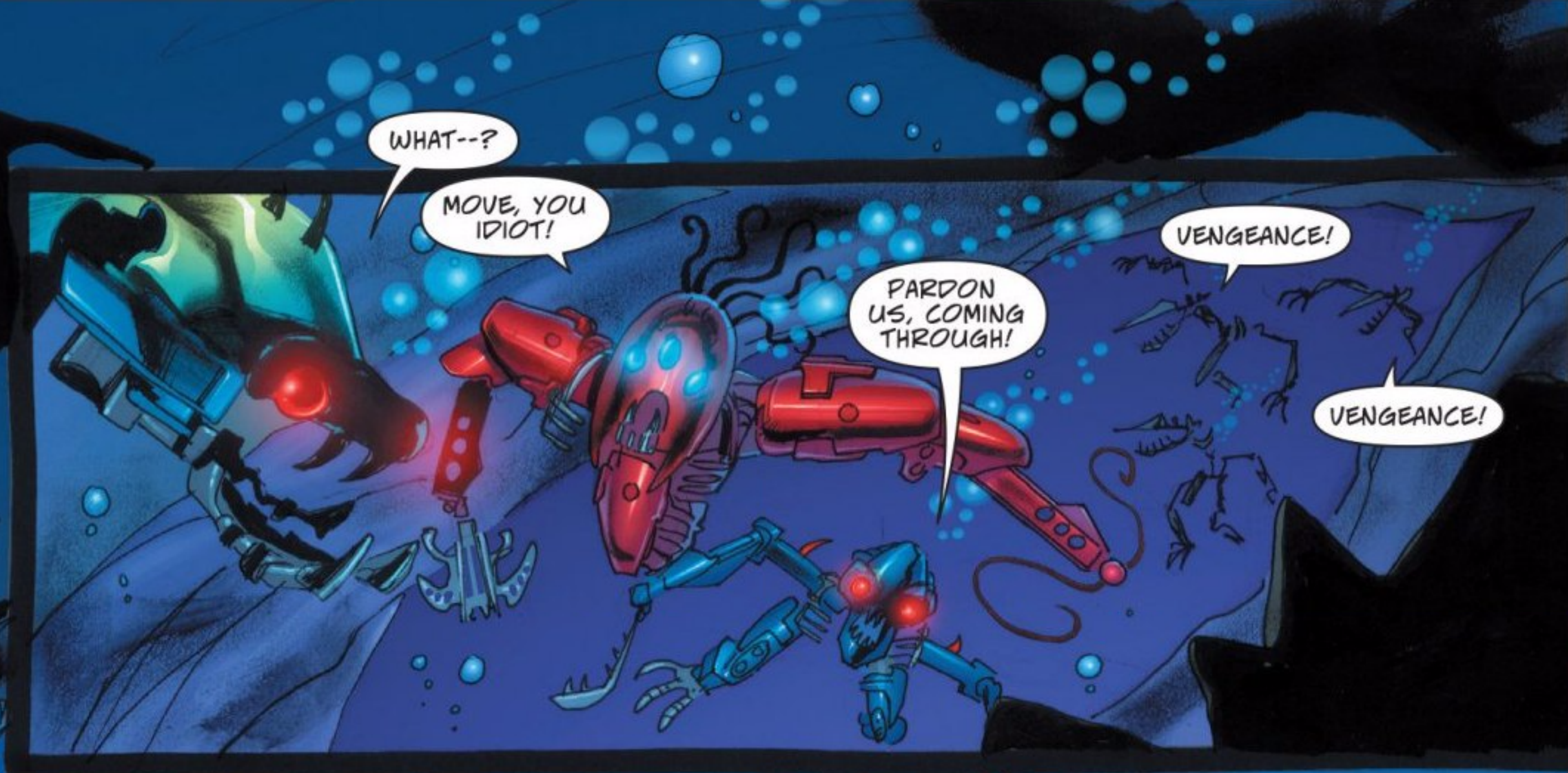
OVER THE CENTURIES SINCE, HE HAS BECOME MANY THINGS--BUT CALMER IS NOT ONE OF THEM.

I SAW A BARRAKI HERE. I CALLED TO HIM, BUT HE SWAM AWAY, LIKE I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO TALK TO! NEXT TIME, I'LL YANK HIM INSIDE OUT, THEN HE'LL--HEY, WHAT'S THAT?

THAT WAS OPEN BEFORE. SOMEBODY'S PROBABLY TRYING TO HIDE SOMETHING GOOD FROM ME...

KRUNNCH

I'LL SHOW THEM... OPEN IT UP!



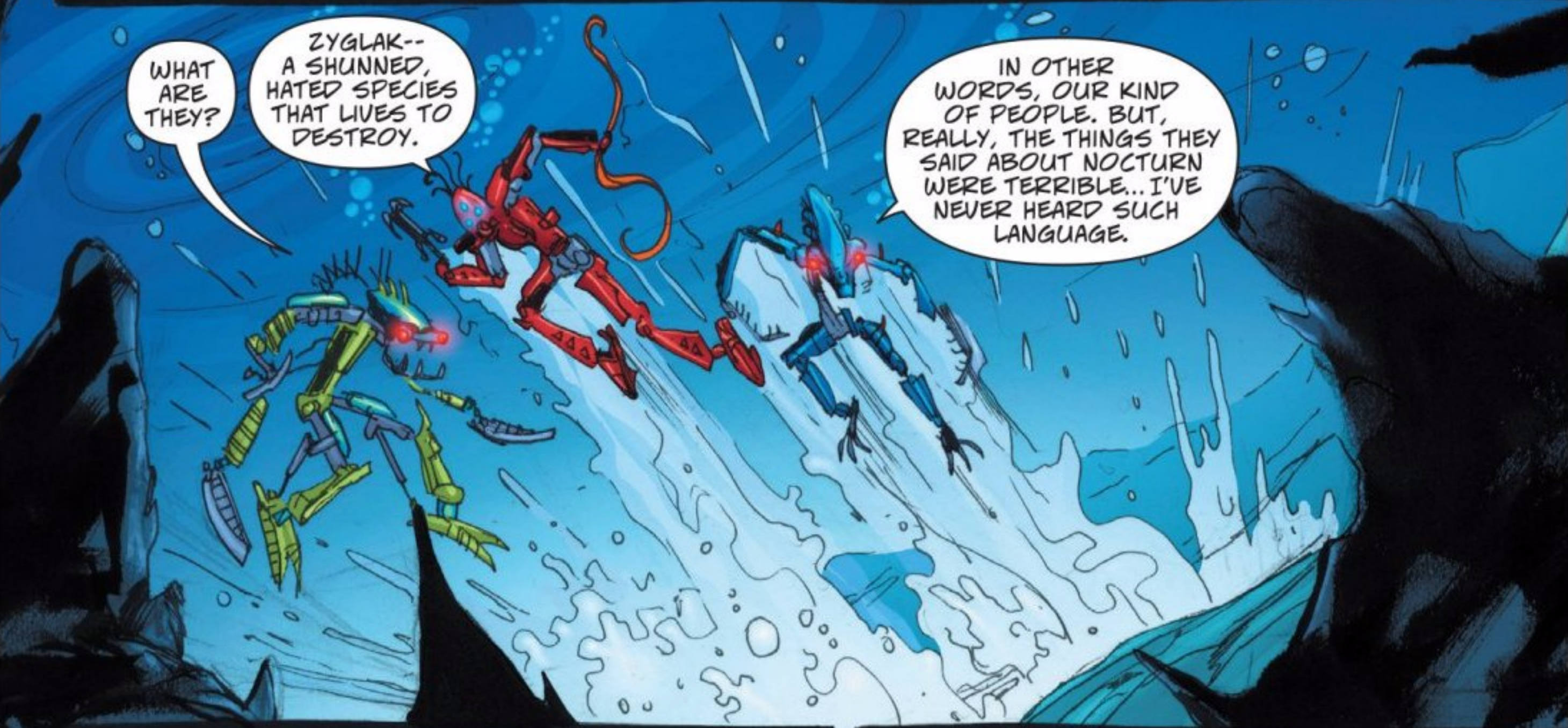
WHAT--?

MOVE, YOU
IDIOT!

PARDON
US, COMING
THROUGH!

VENGEANCE!

VENGEANCE!



WHAT
ARE
THEY?

ZYGLAK--
A SHUNNED,
HATED SPECIES
THAT LIVES TO
DESTROY.

IN OTHER
WORDS, OUR KIND
OF PEOPLE. BUT,
REALLY, THE THINGS THEY
SAID ABOUT NOCTURN
WERE TERRIBLE... I'VE
NEVER HEARD SUCH
LANGUAGE.



WHAT?



NO ONE
INSULTS
ME AND
LIVES!

YOU REALLY ARE SEA SLIME, TAKADOX.

AND I'M SO GOOD AT IT, TOO.

COME ON. WE STILL HAVE A MASK OF LIFE TO FIND.

BUT THE KANOHI INIKA HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND, BY A MATORAN WHO THINKS THE WAY TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE IS TO SMASH THE MASK.

DEFILAK WOULD SAY I AM CRAZY, BUT I KNOW THIS MASK WILL BRING US NO GOOD. BUT ONE GOOD BLOW WILL--

OHHH!

NO! LET GO!

FOOLISH MATORAN... DESTRUCTION IS MY JOB, NOT YOURS.

KALMAH DOES NOT NOTICE THE BOLT OF LIFE ENERGY THAT STRIKES A LONE VENOM EEL, CAUSING IT TO GROW TO MASSIVE SIZE.

KZZAK

BUT HE NOTICES THE RESULT.

WHAMMM

CONFUSED AND HUNGRY, THE MONSTROUS EEL SWIMS TOWARD MAHRI NUI.

EVEN AS FAR WORSE MONSTERS ARRIVE.

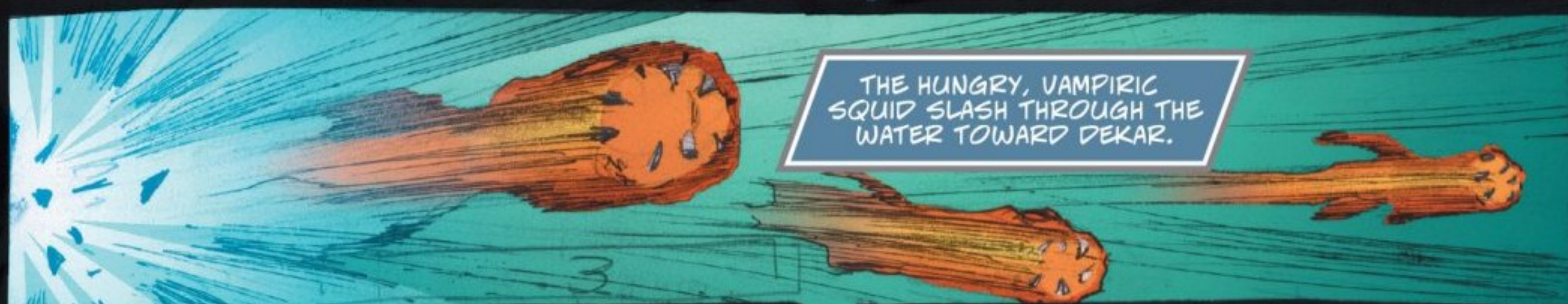
SPREAD OUT! I SAW A FLASH OF POWER IN THAT CAVE... THE MASK MUST BE INSIDE.



BACK OFF,
OR I'LL DESTROY
THE MASK!



I THINK
NOT.



THE HUNGRY, VAMPIRIC
SQUID SLASH THROUGH THE
WATER TOWARD DEKAR.



ONLY TO ENCOUNTER
THE POWER OF THE
MASK OF LIFE.



REDUCED TO WHAT THEY ONCE
WERE, THEY NEED NEVER BE
TROUBLED BY HUNGER AGAIN.

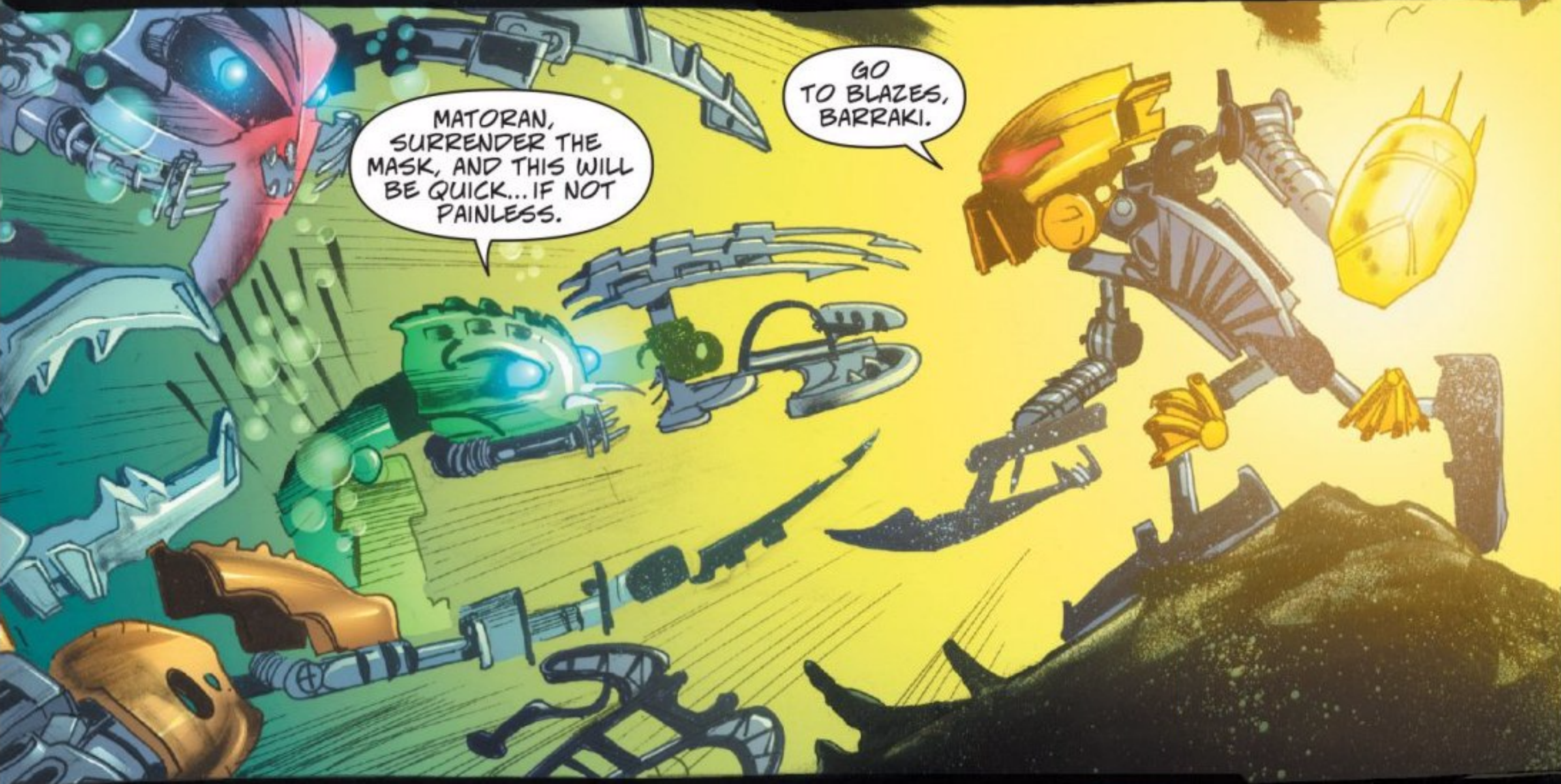


YOU SEE?
THIS MASK AND ALL
WHO TOUCH IT ARE
CURSED!



THE LAUGHTER OF A BARRAKI
IS A TERRIBLE SOUND.

CURSED?
HA! LOOK AT US--HOW
MUCH MORE CURSED
COULD WE BE THAN WE
ARE NOW?



MATORAN,
SURRENDER THE
MASK, AND THIS WILL
BE QUICK... IF NOT
PAINLESS.

GO
TO BLAZES,
BARRAKI.



YOU
FIRST.



ZZAP

UNNNGH!

AT
LAST!

NO... YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT CAN DO... IT
WILL DESTROY YOU...
ALL OF US.

WHAT? WHAT IS
HAPPENING?

OH, YES,
THERE WILL BE
DESTRUCTION... BUT
IT WILL NOT BE THE
BARRAKI WHO FALL. IT
WILL BE THE TOA... THE
BROTHERHOOD OF
MAKUTA... AND MATA
NUI HIMSELF!



THE UNLEASHED ENERGY OF THE MASK OF LIFE SURGES THROUGHOUT THE CAVE, SLAMMING INTO THE BARRAKI WHO DARED TO TOUCH IT...

AAARGGHH!

IT EXPLODES THROUGH THE PIT, BRINGING LIGHT WHERE THERE HAS ONLY BEEN DARKNESS.

AND CHANGING THE COURSE OF DESTINY FOR SIX HEROES FOREVERMORE!

END CHAPTER TWO

THE UNDERWATER CITY

CHAPTER THREE





NO, YOU DIDN'T SKIP A CHAPTER.
THAT IS JALLER--ONCE A TOA INIKA,
NOW A WATER-BREATHING TOA MAHRI.

RIGHT NOW, HE'S FIGHTING FOR
HIS LIFE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE
PIT, WITH A BARRAKI TENTACLE
WRAPPED AROUND HIS THROAT.

SOME THINGS
CHANGE... SOME
NEVER DO.



AS HE STRUGGLES, JALLER REMEMBERS
HOW HE AND THE OTHER TOA INIKA EMERGED
FROM A LONG STONE LABYRINTH OF TUNNELS
INTO THE ICE COLD WATERS OF THE PIT.



AN INSTANT LATER, THEY WERE
STRUCK BY A MASSIVE WAVE OF ENERGY--
A CRY FOR HELP FROM THE MASK OF LIFE.
THE ENERGY TWISTED THEIR ARMOR, THEIR
MASKS, AND THEIR VERY ESSENCE...



...TRANSFORMING THEM
INTO THE WATER-BREATHING
WARRIORS, THE TOA MAHRI!

Battle in the Deep!

THERE WAS LITTLE TIME
TO WORRY ABOUT
WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

DEFILAK, THE LEADER OF THE MAHRI NUI MATORAN,
WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THESE NEW SO-CALLED
HEROES BUT WILLING TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

IF YOU ARE
HEROES, THEN DEFEND
MAHRI NUI. PERHAPS THEN
MY PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE
YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY
YOU ARE.

"PROTECTING" MAHRI NUI MEANT
FIGHTING THE BARRAKI, CURRENT
POSSESSORS OF THE MASK OF
LIFE-- THE MASK THE TOA SEEK.

SO FAR, IT HASN'T
GONE TOO WELL.

KONGU! USE YOUR
NEW MASK!

TIME TO
MAKE A WISH,
TOA.

KONGU TRIGGERS HIS MASK
OF SUMMONING, WHICH CALLS FORTH
CREATURES OF THE SEA TO HIS AID ...

DON'T SAY
I DIDN'T WARN
YOU.

SOMETIMES REALLY BIG
CREATURES OF THE SEA.



KONGU...
WHAT IN MATA NUI'S
NAME IS THAT
THING?

WELL,
I DID WARN
YOU.



ELSEWHERE, HEWKII AND
NUPARU TAKE A MOMENT
TO REST IN THEIR SEARCH
FOR THE BARRAKI.

HEY,
NUPARU--

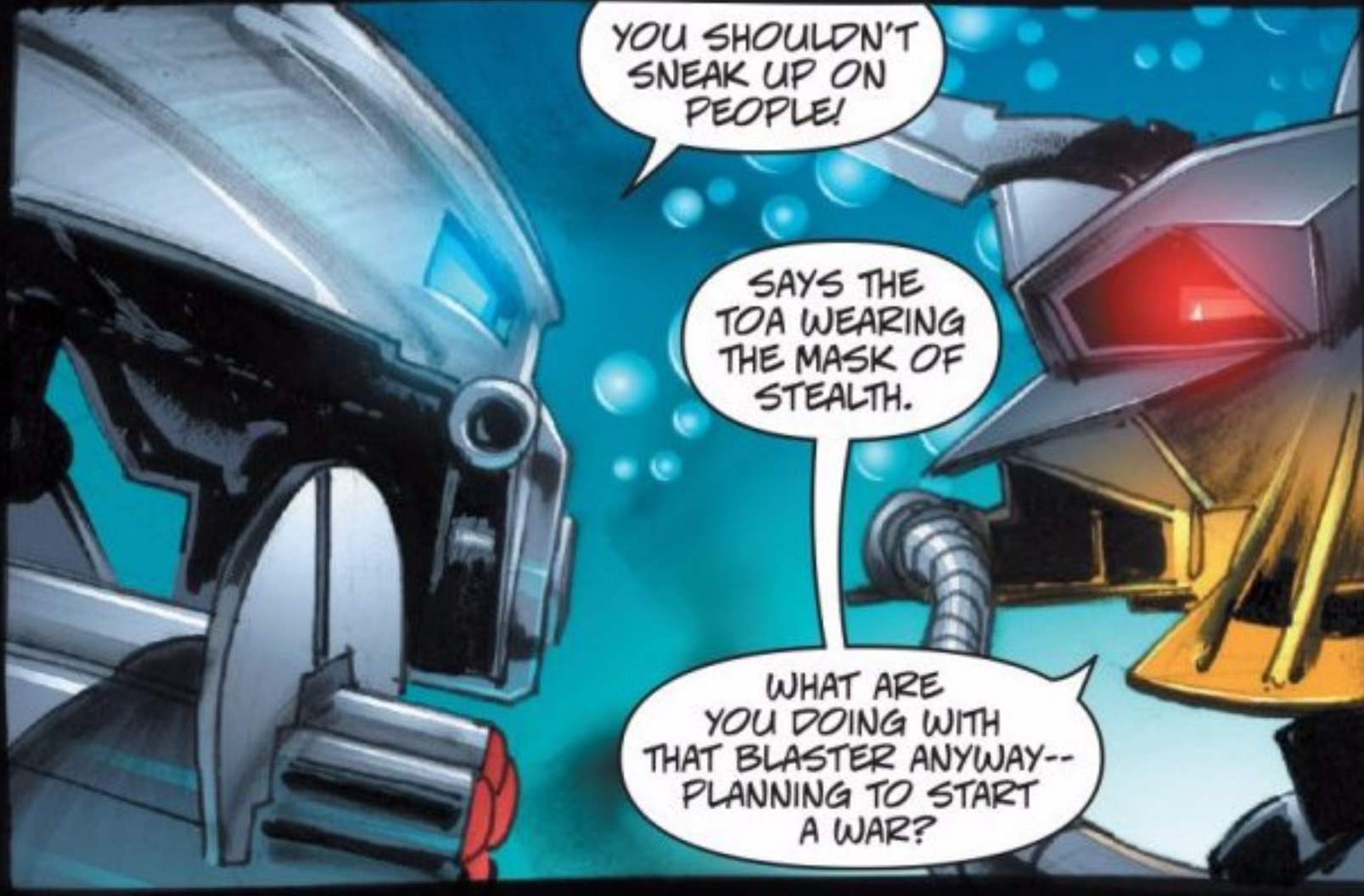
YAHH!

Fwoooosh



THE CORDAK BLASTER ROCKET FLIES
STRAIGHT AND TRUE, BLOWING AN
UNDERSEA BOULDER TO DUST.

KRA KOOOM



YOU SHOULDN'T
SNEAK UP ON
PEOPLE!

SAYS THE
TOA WEARING
THE MASK OF
STEALTH.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING WITH
THAT BLASTER ANYWAY--
PLANNING TO START
A WAR?



JUST PLANNING TO
STILL BE AROUND WHEN
IT'S OVER.

ELSEWHERE
STILL...

MATORO WAS ON HIS WAY TO JOIN HIS FRIENDS
WHEN HE WAS AMBUSHED AND THROWN INTO
THIS UNDERWATER CELL. HIS CRIME? BEING AN
ESCAPED PRISONER OF THE PIT. HIS CAPTOR?

SOME
ARMORED BRUTE NAMED
HYDRAXON... HE AND I WILL
MEET AGAIN. IN THE MEANTIME,
I HAVE TO GET OUT
OF HERE.

AND THAT MEANS GETTING
PAST HIS ROBOT GUARD,
MAXILOS. BUT A
FEW WELL-PLACED ICE
DARTS WILL--

SUDDENLY, MATORO IS HIT WITH A
THOUSAND KINDS OF PAIN. BUT WHO
IS ATTACKING HIM, AND FROM WHERE?

ARRRGHHH!

WE MEET AGAIN, MATORO. YOU
WERE ALWAYS WISER THAN JALLER
AND THOSE OTHER SPINELESS
FOOLS: YOU KNEW I WASN'T
GONE FOR GOOD.

YOUR VOICE IS
DIFFERENT, BUT THE TONE, THE
WORDS... YOU'RE NOT SOME ROBOT
PRISON GUARD--YOU'RE MAKUTA!
BUT... HOW?

"WHEN AXONN SHATTERED THE CRYSTAL VAT THAT HELD MY ENERGIES, IT WAS...INCONVENIENT. BUT THIS NEW BODY WILL DO, UNTIL I HAVE WHAT I CAME FOR."



WHICH IS
WHAT, MAKUTA?
MY DEATH?

IF YOU WERE
WORTH KILLING, YOU
WOULD ALREADY BE DEAD,
LITTLE TOA. AND CALL ME
MAXILOS-- EVERYONE ELSE
DOWN HERE DOES. I
PREFER MY TRUE IDENTITY
NOT BE KNOWN...
YET.

I'M
ON YOUR
SIDE.

WE STOPPED
YOUR PIRAKA ON VOYA
NUI, AND WE'LL STOP YOU
HERE. THROW WHATEVER
YOU LIKE AT US; YOU'LL
NEVER DEFEAT
THE TOA!

DEFEAT YOU?
NOW, WHY WOULD
I WISH TO DO THAT?
I THINK YOU HAVE
MISJUDGED ME,
MATORO...

MEANWHILE, WHERE IS THE MASK OF LIFE EVERYONE SEEKS? IT'S IN THE TENTACLE OF NOCTURN, PLACED THERE BY THE BARRAKI FOR "SAFEKEEPING."

"STAY HERE,"
THEY SAY. "KEEP THE
MASK SAFE," THEY SAY.
WELL, I'M BORED--
AND I DON'T STAY
PLACES WHERE I'M
BORED.

OWWW!

MAYBE
I CAN BRING
SOME EXCITEMENT
TO YOUR DAY
THEN.

YOU'LL WISH YOU HAD
STAYED DEAD WHEN
I'M THROUGH!

HYDRAXON???
BUT... YOU'RE DEAD.
YOU DIED IN THE
EARTHQUAKE THAT SET
US FREE FROM OUR
PRISON!

I GOT
BETTER.

THE FIGHT
THAT FOLLOWS
IS FURIOUS
BUT BRIEF...



MY JOB IS TO TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR CELL. IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER TO ME IF SOME OF YOUR PIECES DON'T MAKE THE TRIP.

THAT MASK. I REMEMBER IT SOMEHOW. IT'S POWERFUL--TOO POWERFUL TO BE FLOATING AROUND DOWN HERE. I CAN SEE IT'S ALREADY CRACKED, DESTROYING ITSELF...



I GUESS I'LL HELP IT ON ITS WAY!

END CHAPTER THREE

THE UNDERWATER CITY

CHAPTER FOUR





THE GENTLEMAN'S NAME
IS HYDRAXON, SKILLED
TRACKER, MASTER OF
MANY WEAPONS...



TODAY HIS TARGET IS THE FABLED
MASK OF LIFE, AN ARTIFACT HE
THINKS IS TOO POWERFUL FOR
ANYONE TO POSSESS.



BUT A SUDDEN RIPTIDE
SENDS HIS FIRST SHOT
OFF COURSE...



...AND HE WON'T GET
A SECOND ONE.

STOP!
DON'T HARM
THAT MASK!



FOOL!
I'VE BROKEN
TOUGHER
RUNNERS
THAN YOU.

BACK OFF!
OR I WILL
PERSONALLY
TEACH YOU THE
MEANING OF
"DEAD IN THE
WATER"!

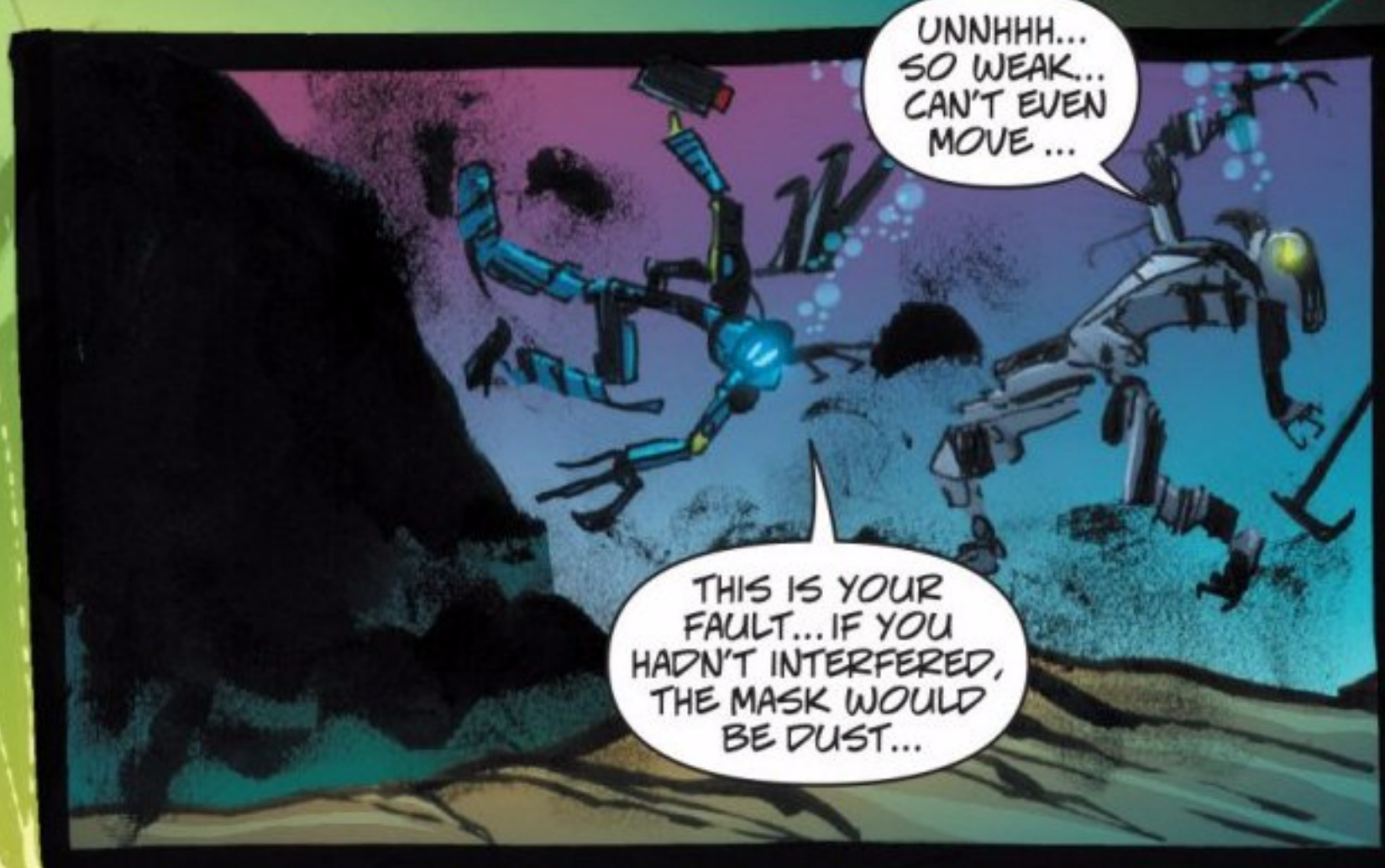


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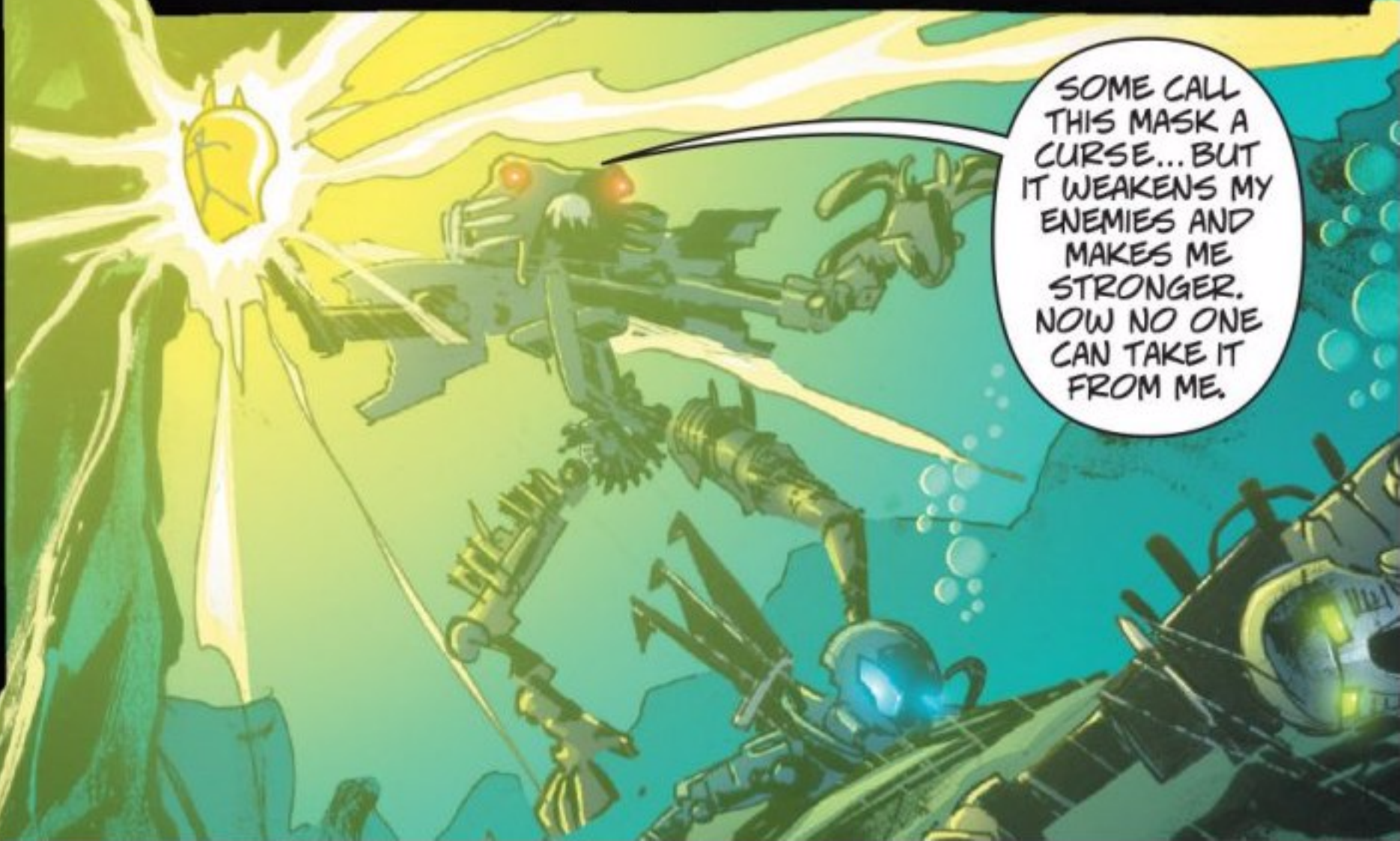
THE MASK OF LIFE
LANDS IN THE CLAWS
OF EVIL MANTAX!

MINE! AND
IT WILL STAY
MINE!



UNNNHH...
SO WEAK...
CAN'T EVEN
MOVE ...

THIS IS YOUR
FAULT...IF YOU
HADN'T INTERFERED,
THE MASK WOULD
BE DUST...



SOME CALL
THIS MASK A
CURSE...BUT
IT WEAKENS MY
ENEMIES AND
MAKES ME
STRONGER.
NOW NO ONE
CAN TAKE IT
FROM ME.



BY THE TIME THE OTHER TOA MAHRI REACHED HAHLI, BOTH HYDRAXON AND MANTAX WERE LONG GONE. BUT THERE WAS A BIGGER PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH.

MATORO WARNED THAT THE CORD LINKING MAHRI NUI AND VOYA NUI HAD TO BE DESTROYED FOR THE GREAT SPIRIT'S LIFE TO BE SAVED. BUT DOING IT WOULD ENDANGER THE MATORAN OF BOTH ISLANDS.

SO THE TOA MAHRI GATHERED THE MATORAN OF MAHRI NUI AND LED THEM UP THE CORD. THERE THEY FOUND AXONN, GUARDIAN OF VOYA NUI, LEADING THAT ISLAND'S PEOPLE DOWN TOWARD SAFETY.

TOGETHER, THEY MADE SURE THE MATORAN FOUND SHELTER IN UNDERGROUND CHAMBERS ON VOYA NUI, SO THEY COULD RIDE OUT THE STORM TO COME.

THEN A LIVING "VEHICLE"
PROVIDED BY AXONN TOOK
THE TOA BACK DOWN THE
CORD AND INTO BATTLE.

BARRAKI
AHEAD!

WE SPLIT
UP! MATORO AND
I WILL GO AFTER
THE MASK!

AND THE REST OF
US WILL KEEP BUSY--
IN FACT, I THINK I SEE
SOMETHING BIG ENOUGH
FOR ME TO HIT.

WOW,
YOU MAKE
KONGU LOOK
HANDSOME.

YOU'RE
ALMOST AS
FRIENDLY
AS HE IS,
TOO.

SNAPP

CHEW
ON THIS!

KRUNCHH



FROM UP ABOVE, TOA MAHRI MATORO SPOTS A NEW DANGER...

THE MAXILOS ROBOT--
HEADED FOR JALLER! AND ONLY
I KNOW THAT ROBOTIC SHELL
CONTAINS THE MIND OF EVIL
MAKUTA.



MAKUTA! IT
ENDS HERE
AND NOW!

ONE THOUSAND
YEARS OF FEAR,
AND DANGER, AND
DARKNESS EVEN IN
THE DAY... IT ALL
ENDS NOW, IF I HAVE
TO FREEZE YOU
FOR ALL TIME TO
DO IT.

DOWN
BELOW...

MANTAX IS DOWN...
THE MASK IS FINALLY
MINE FOR THE TAKING.
THAT MEANS WE CAN
SAVE THE LIFE OF THE
GREAT SPIRIT MATA
NUI!

WHAT--?

I
DON'T
THINK
SO.



I THINK
THAT MASK
BELONGS TO
ME.



THIS TIME,
NO ONE KEEPS ME
FROM CRUSHING
THAT CURSED
MASK.



NO!

STUPID... I'LL
JUST GO OVER
OR AROUND IT.

NO... I
REALLY DON'T
THINK YOU
WILL.



SPINAX!
GET BACK!

MY THANKS,
TOA, FOR THAT
WELL-TIMED WALL
OF FIRE. NOT THAT
I COULDN'T HAVE
FREED MYSELF, BUT
I WAS CURIOUS
TO SEE HOW FAR
MATORO WOULD
GO.

OH, AND
HYDRAXON... AS
YOU CAN SEE BY
HIS BEING AT YOUR
THROAT, SPINAX AND
I HAVE BECOME...
FRIENDS. AND NOW
I'LL TAKE THAT
MASK.



GOT IT!

MATORO!
GRAB IT!

THAT WAS
CLOSE---SO
WHAT'S WITH
TALL, RED AND
SPOOKY BACK
THERE?

LONG
STORY. A BETTER
QUESTION IS WHY
HE ISN'T TRYING TO
STOP US FROM
GETTING AWAY WITH
THE MASK.

I HAVE
MY REASONS,
LITTLE TOA. I DO
INDEED.



ARE
YOU SURE
WE NEED TO
DO THIS?


YES. THE
CORD HAS TO BE
SHATTERED SO THAT THE
ISLAND ABOVE US--VOYA
NUI--CAN RETURN TO WHERE IT
BELONGS. AND WHEREVER IT
GOES, THIS MASK HAS
TO GO, TOO.

AND THAT
HELPS MATA
NUI FEEL
EVER-BETTER?

THAT'S
THE RUMOR.
WELL, WE'VE GOT THE
BLASTERS, AND WE
CAN'T MISS THAT
TARGET.

LET'S
DO IT!

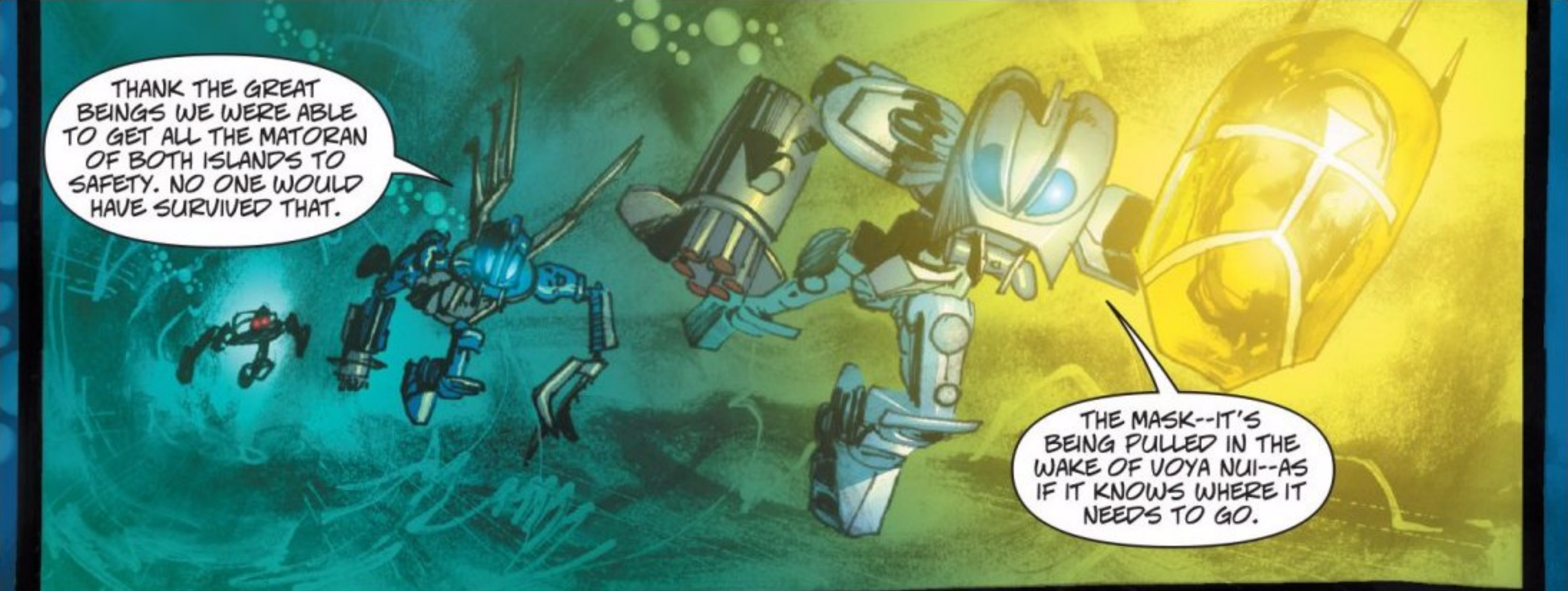
**KRAKKA
BOOM**



WHAT FOLLOWS IS A SIGHT NO TOA MAHRI WILL EVER FORGET. THE ISLAND OF VOYA NUI, FREED FROM ITS "ANCHOR" FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES, PLUNGES BENEATH THE WATER...

TWISTING, SPIRALING, VOYA NUI FALLS THROUGH THE OCEAN AS IF BEING PULLED BY AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE.

ITS PATH PUTS IT ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH MAHRI NUI, AND IT SMASHES THAT LOST CITY INTO RUBBLE BEFORE SPEEDING BACK TOWARD ITS HOME.



THANK THE GREAT BEINGS WE WERE ABLE TO GET ALL THE MATORAN OF BOTH ISLANDS TO SAFETY. NO ONE WOULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT.

THE MASK--IT'S BEING PULLED IN THE WAKE OF VOYA NUI--AS IF IT KNOWS WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO.




THEN WE FOLLOW IT.

AND FAST--WE HAVE COMPANY, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE.



"LOTS OF COMPANY, AND ALL OF IT NASTY."



AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT--FOR US, FOR MATA NUI, AND FOR THE UNIVERSE!



DRIVEN BY
DESPERATION,
MATORO SOON
OUTDISTANCES
EVEN TOA HAHLI IN A
RACE TO SAVE THE
LIFE OF MATA NUI.



WHEREVER
VOYA NUI IS HEADED,
THAT'S WHERE THE MASK
OF LIFE NEEDS TO BE
USED. I'M SURE OF IT!
IF THE GREAT SPIRIT CAN
ONLY HANG ON FOR
A FEW MOMENTS
MORE...

WHAT'S--WHAT'S
HAPPENING??



BUT SOMETIMES, COURAGE
AND DETERMINATION AREN'T
ENOUGH. SOMETIMES, EVEN A
HERO CAN BE... TOO LATE.



I NEVER FELT
ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
IT FELT LIKE... NO... THE
MASK OF LIFE ... IT'S GONE
DARK. IT'S OVER, ALL OF
IT, I KNOW... IT'S
OVER.

THE GREAT
SPIRIT MATA NUI
IS DEAD!



END CHAPTER FOUR

THE UNDERWATER CITY

CHAPTER FIVE





A FEW SECONDS AGO, TOA MAHRI MATORO REALIZED THE TERRIBLE TRUTH.

WE WERE TOO LATE. IT'S... OVER. THE GREAT SPIRIT MATA NUI IS DEAD.

SOON, WE WILL BE TOO. THE BARRAKI ARE DESPERATE. NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP THEM NOW.

SO? WITH MATA NUI DEAD, THE WHOLE UNIVERSE IS DOOMED ANYWAY.

NO... NO... NO! IT DOESN'T END THIS WAY!

JALLER... ALL OF YOU... WE CAN'T GIVE UP! MAYBE... MAYBE THERE'S SOME WAY TO BRING THE GREAT SPIRIT BACK!

WE HAVE TO GO NOW! WE HAVE TO TRY!

ONCE, JALLER WOULD HAVE DISMISSED MATORO'S WORDS AS INSANE. BUT THE FIRST THING A TOA LEARNS IS THAT NOTHING IS TRULY IMPOSSIBLE.

NOT "WE," MATORO -- YOU. GO AND TRY, FOR ALL OF US. WE'LL STAY HERE AND BUY YOU TIME.

MATORO KNOWS WHAT THIS MEANS. JALLER AND THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO FACE THE BARRAKI AND THEIR ARMIES. THEY WILL "BUY HIM TIME" TO TRY TO SAVE MATA NUI, IT'S TRUE ...

... AND THEY WILL BUY IT WITH THEIR LIVES.



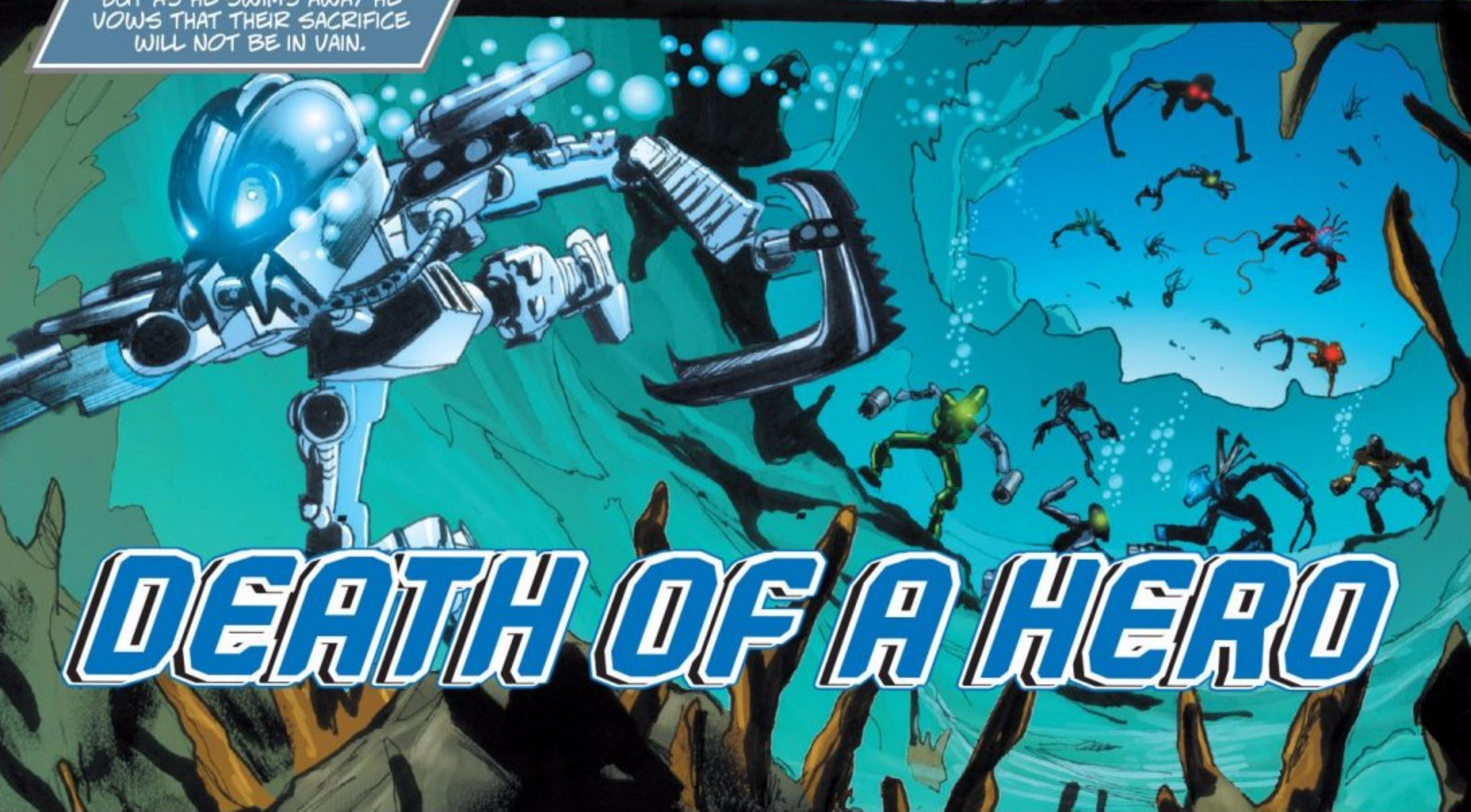
HEY, MATORO-
WHEN YOU GET BACK
TO METRU NUI SOMEDAY,
MAKE SURE YOU TELL THE
NEW CHRONICLER
ABOUT THIS.

HATE TO THINK
WE WENT THROUGH
ALL THIS AND DIDN'T
EVEN GET A LEGEND
OUT OF IT!

MATORO HAS KNOWN HIS FIVE
TEAMMATES FOR MANY YEARS.
AND NOW THAT HE IS FACED
WITH SAYING GOODBYE TO
THEM FOR THE LAST TIME ... HE
FINDS THERE ARE NO WORDS.




BUT AS HE SWIMS AWAY HE
VOWS THAT THEIR SACRIFICE
WILL NOT BE IN VAIN.



DEATH OF A HERO



WE SHATTERED
THE CORD THAT
HELD THE ISLAND
OF VOYA NUI IN
PLACE, AND NOW
IT IS PROPELLING
THROUGH THE SEA
TOWARD ITS
HOME.



"AND IT LOOKS LIKE ... YES...
IT'S HEADED FOR THAT HUGE
TEAR IN THE OCEAN FLOOR.
THAT'S WHERE I MUST GO!"



DESPERATE TO
CATCH UP TO THE
RAPIDLY SPEEDING
ISLAND, MATORO
FOLLOWS IT BELOW
THE OCEAN FLOOR.



THIS IS
INCREDIBLE. I'M
INSIDE A GIANT
WATERFALL,
LEADING... WHERE?
DOWN BELOW... I
THINK I SEE
SOMETHING...



IT'S ANOTHER GREAT
GAP- THE SAME SIZE AS VOYA
NUI ITSELF! THE ISLAND MUST HAVE
ORIGINALLY FILLED THAT HOLE,
BEFORE IT WAS TORN FREE IN THE
LONG-AGO EARTHQUAKE.

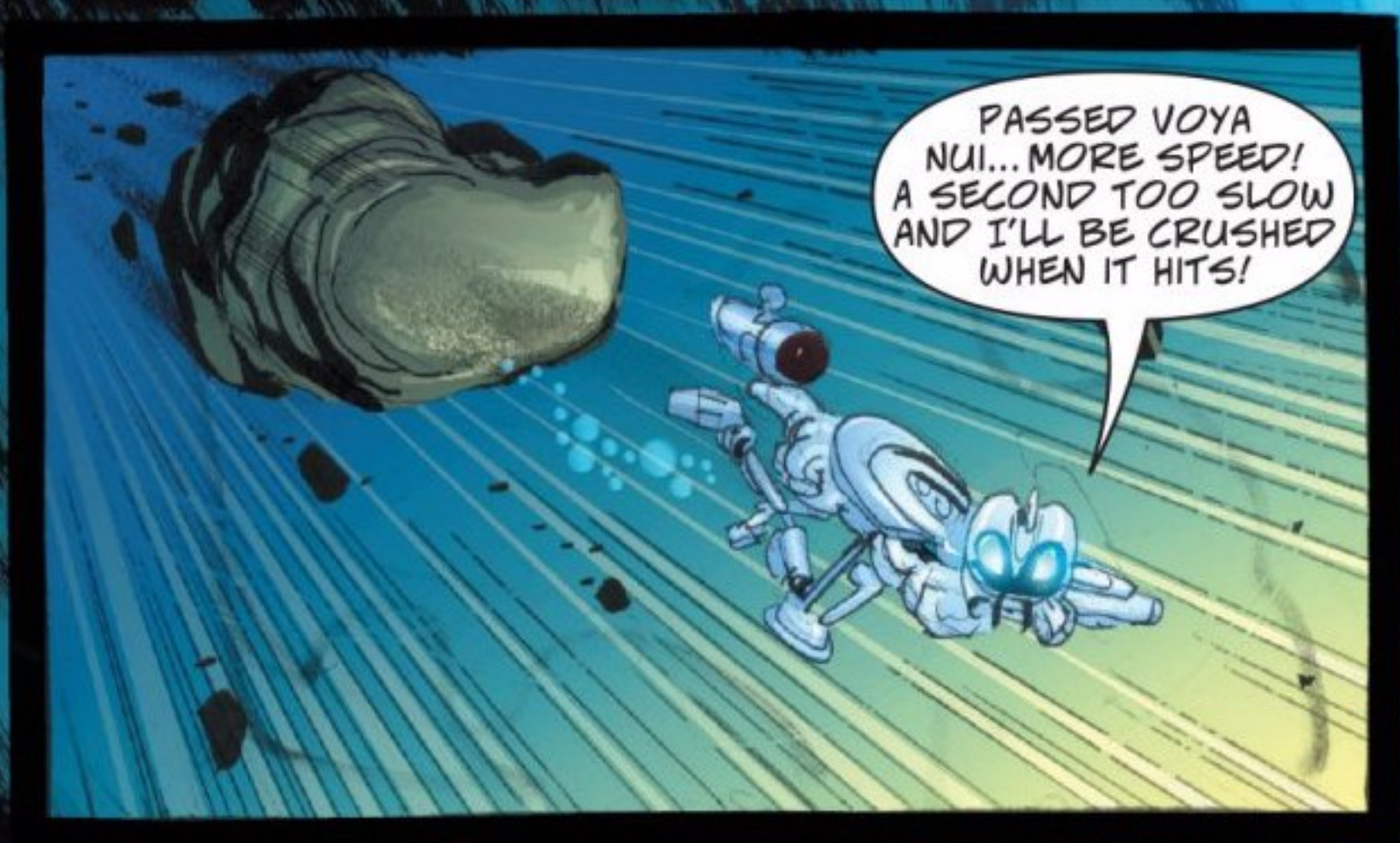


THAT LIGHT BELOW-
THAT MUST BE THE CORE
OF THE UNIVERSE! THAT
IS WHERE THE MASK HAS
TO GO.

BUT VOYA NUI
IS ABOUT TO SEAL
THE ENTRANCE TO IT-
I HAVE TO GET IN
THERE BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE!



I HAVE TO GO
FASTER! I HAVE TO!
FOR MY FRIENDS...
FOR MATA NUI... FOR
THE UNIVERSE!

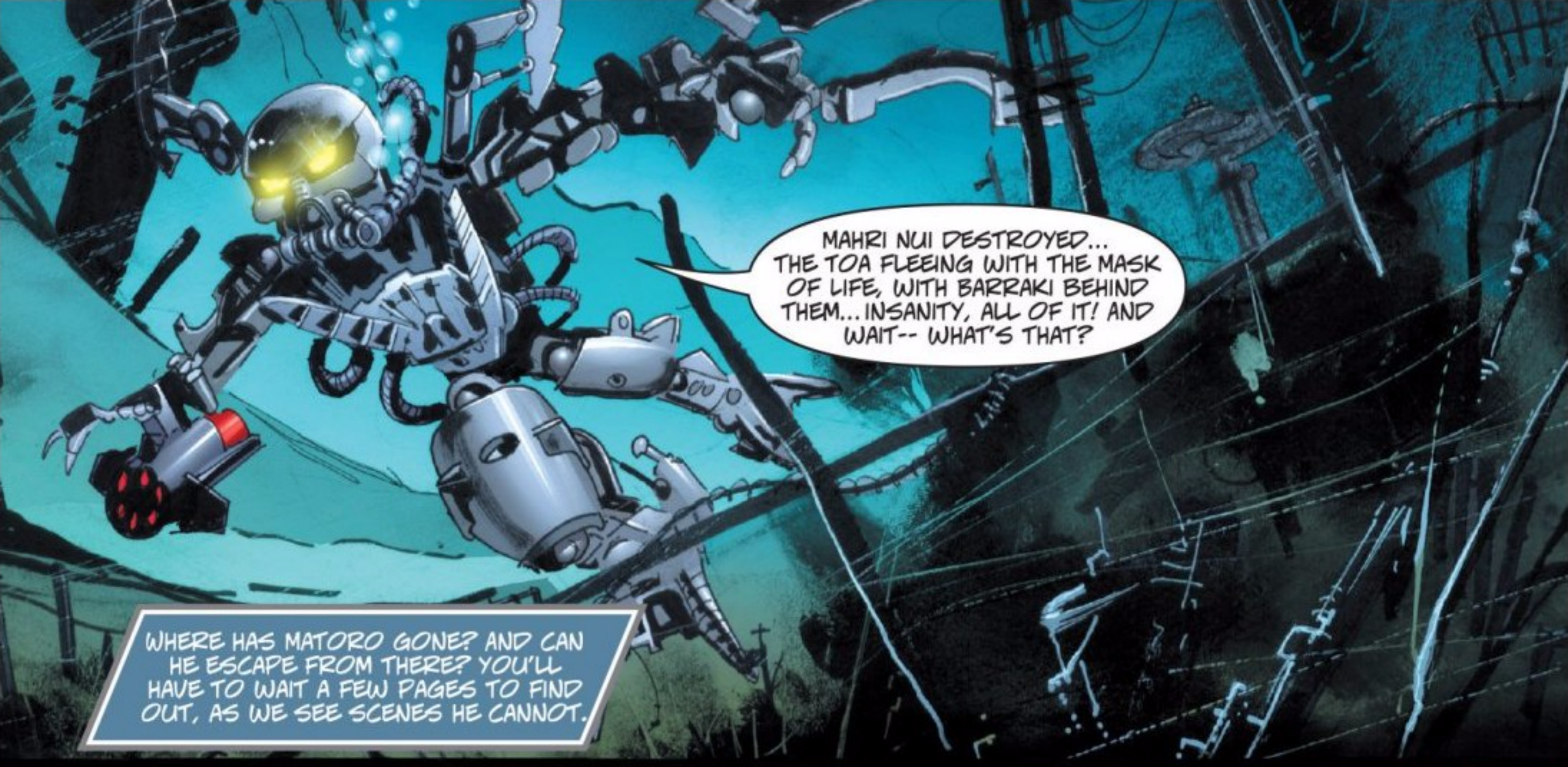


PASSED VOYA
NUI... MORE SPEED!
A SECOND TOO SLOW
AND I'LL BE CRUSHED
WHEN IT HITS!



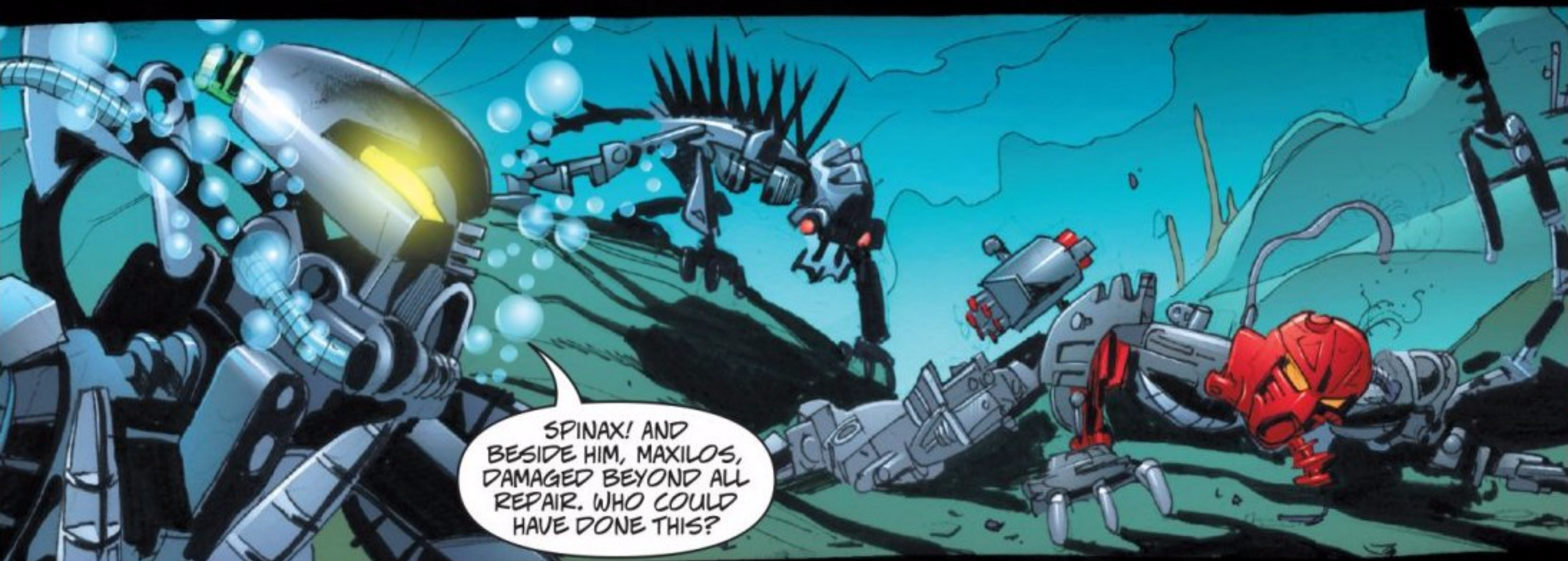
MADE
IT!

KA-WHANNNN!



MAHRI NUI DESTROYED...
THE TOA FLEEING WITH THE MASK
OF LIFE, WITH BARRAKI BEHIND
THEM... INSANITY, ALL OF IT! AND
WAIT-- WHAT'S THAT?

WHERE HAS MATORO GONE? AND CAN
HE ESCAPE FROM THERE? YOU'LL
HAVE TO WAIT A FEW PAGES TO FIND
OUT, AS WE SEE SCENES HE CANNOT.



SPINAX! AND
BESIDE HIM, MAXILOS,
DAMAGED BEYOND ALL
REPAIR. WHO COULD
HAVE DONE THIS?



SIGNS OF A BATTLE
WITH THE BARRAKI AND
THEIR ARMIES... BUT NO
SIGN OF THE MAKUTA WHO
HAD BEEN POSSESSING
THIS ROBOTIC SHELL.




SO THAT'S THE
MYSTERY... IS MAKUTA
DEAD? OR IS HE HIDING
IN ANOTHER NEW BODY,
WAITING TO STRIKE?



WE CAN'T STOP THEM ALL!

THE BARRAKI KNOW THEY JUST HAVE TO TIE US DOWN HERE, WHILE THEIR CREATURES GO AFTER MATORO.

THE ANSWER TO HYDRAXON'S QUESTION WILL ONE DAY ROCK THE TOA'S UNIVERSE ... IF THEY LIVE TO DISCOVER IT.



CORRECT, TOA. WE WILL FIND HIM -- AND THE MASK OF LIFE. AND YOU CAN DO NOTHING TO STOP US!



YES. I CAN.



WHAT'S HE DOING?

GREAT BEINGS PRESERVE US... HE'S GOING TO GO NOVA!



"AND IF HE DOES -- HE'LL KILL US ALL!"



I'M IN SOME KIND OF HUGE CAVERN... FALLING TOWARD... WHAT? AND WHAT DO I DO NOW?



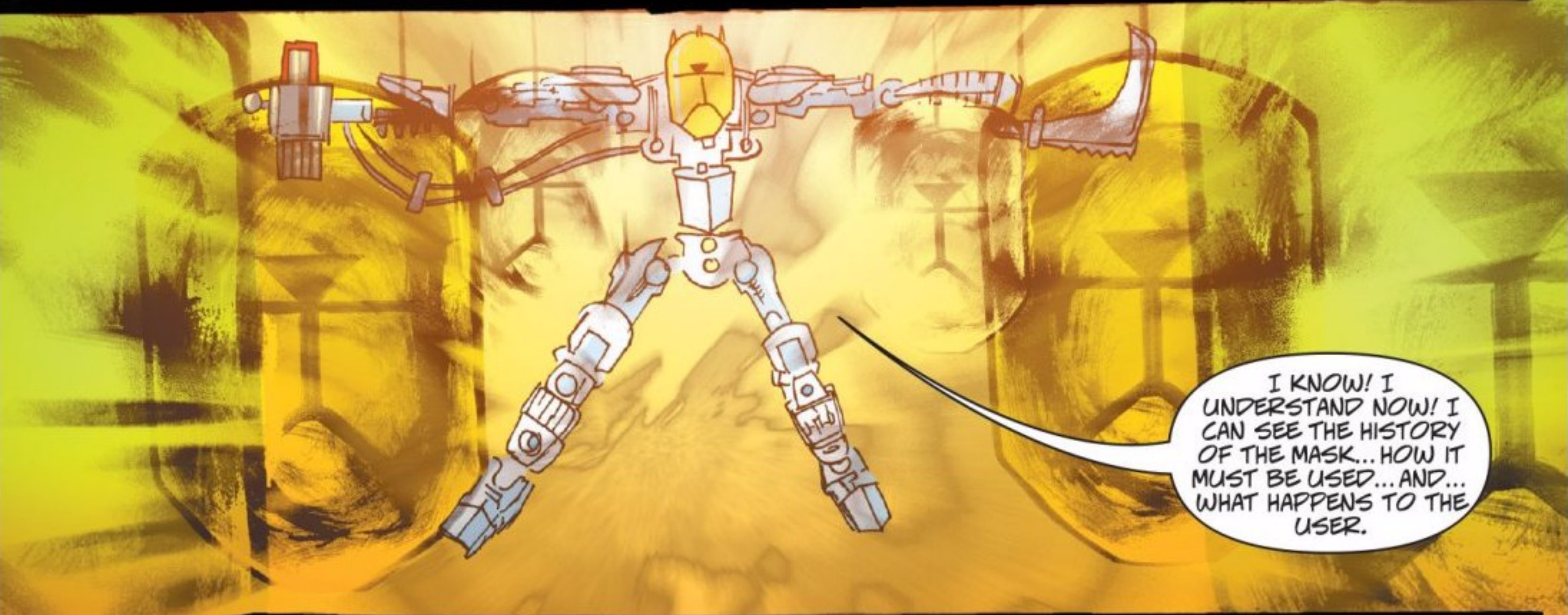
PUT ON THE MASK.

WHAT? WHO SAID THAT?



DID I HEAR A VOICE? OR JUST THINK I DID? THE MASK OF LIFE... IT COULD BE THE ANSWER!


NO ONE REALLY KNOWS WHAT IT CAN DO OR HOW POWERFUL IT IS-- BUT IF WEARING IT WILL SAVE THE UNIVERSE, I'LL DO IT, NO MATTER WHAT THE DANGER.



I KNOW! I UNDERSTAND NOW! I CAN SEE THE HISTORY OF THE MASK... HOW IT MUST BE USED... AND... WHAT HAPPENS TO THE USER.



TURAGA NUJU ONCE SAID THAT THE UNIVERSE IS A RIDDLE. TODAY, I AM THE ANSWER.



MY BODY IS CHANGING...
TURNING INTO ENERGY. THIS IS
THE PRICE THE MASK OF LIFE
DEMANDS FOR ITS USE.

TOA MATORO MUST DIE
SO THAT MY ENERGY CAN
COMBINE WITH THE MASK'S TO
BRING LIFE TO MATA NUI!

ALREADY, I CAN
BARELY REMEMBER
HOW IT FELT TO BE IN
BATTLE - OR TO BE
LONELY - OR TO FEEL
PAIN OR JOY OR
SADNESS. I'M GOING
BEYOND ALL THAT
NOW.

"YET I REMEMBER MY
FRIENDS. THE MASK
LETS ME SEE WHAT IS
HAPPENING TO THEM.
THE TOA MAHRI ARE
DOOMED, AND THERE IS
NOTHING A TOA OF ICE
CAN DO TO SAVE THEM."

BUT I AM NO LONGER
JUST A TOA. I AM THE MASK OF
LIFE AND IT IS ME. AND WHILE I STILL
LIVE, I WILL USE ITS POWER... MY
FRIENDS WILL NOT DIE!

"ALL WILL BE MADE RIGHT. ALL WILL BE AS IT IS MEANT TO BE."

IT'S THE ONLY WAY. IF WE STOP THEM HERE, MAYBE, SOMEHOW, MATORO CAN SURVIVE AND FINISH THE MISSION!

JALLER, NO! DON'T!



WHAT TRICK IS THIS? WHERE HAVE THE TOA GONE?



WHERE, INDEED?



WHAT--? JALLER! NO! WE'RE HOME! WE'RE HOME!

HOME? I HAVE TO... CONTAIN THE POWER... FORCE IT DOWN.



DID IT, JUST BARELY. I MIGHT HAVE DESTROYED THE CITY! HOW CAN WE BE BACK HERE?

HERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION: HOW CAN WE BE BREATHING AIR AGAIN?

WAIT A SECOND. ONE OF US IS MISSING.



WHERE'S MATORO?



IN HIS LAST MOMENTS,
MATORO FEELS NO FEAR.

HE KNOWS HE HAS SUCCEEDED -- THE
TOA MAHRI ARE SAFE, ABLE TO RESUME
THEIR LIVES IN METRU NUI. THE TURAGA
AND MATORAN WILL KNOW THAT THEY
BECAME TRUE HEROES.

MATORO DOES NOT SEE HIMSELF AS A
HERO. AS A MATORAN, A TOA INIKA, AND A
TOA MAHRI, ALL HE EVER TRIED TO DO
WAS HIS DUTY.

NOW THAT DUTY HAS
LED HIM TO HIS
DESTINY.



SINCE THE DAY THE MASK OF LIFE
CHOSE HIM AS ITS BEARER, ALL ROADS
HAVE LED TO THIS MOMENT. MATORO'S
ENERGY MINGLES AND MERGES WITH
THAT OF THE MASK...

ONLY TO BE RELEASED IN AN
INCREDIBLE EXPLOSION OF
LIGHT AND POWER AND LIFE
THAT SURGES THROUGH THE
GREAT SPIRIT.

IN THAT INSTANT, MATORO, TOA
OF ICE, TRULY DIES SO THAT
MATA NUI CAN LIVE AGAIN!



HE LIVES!
MATA NUI
LIVES!

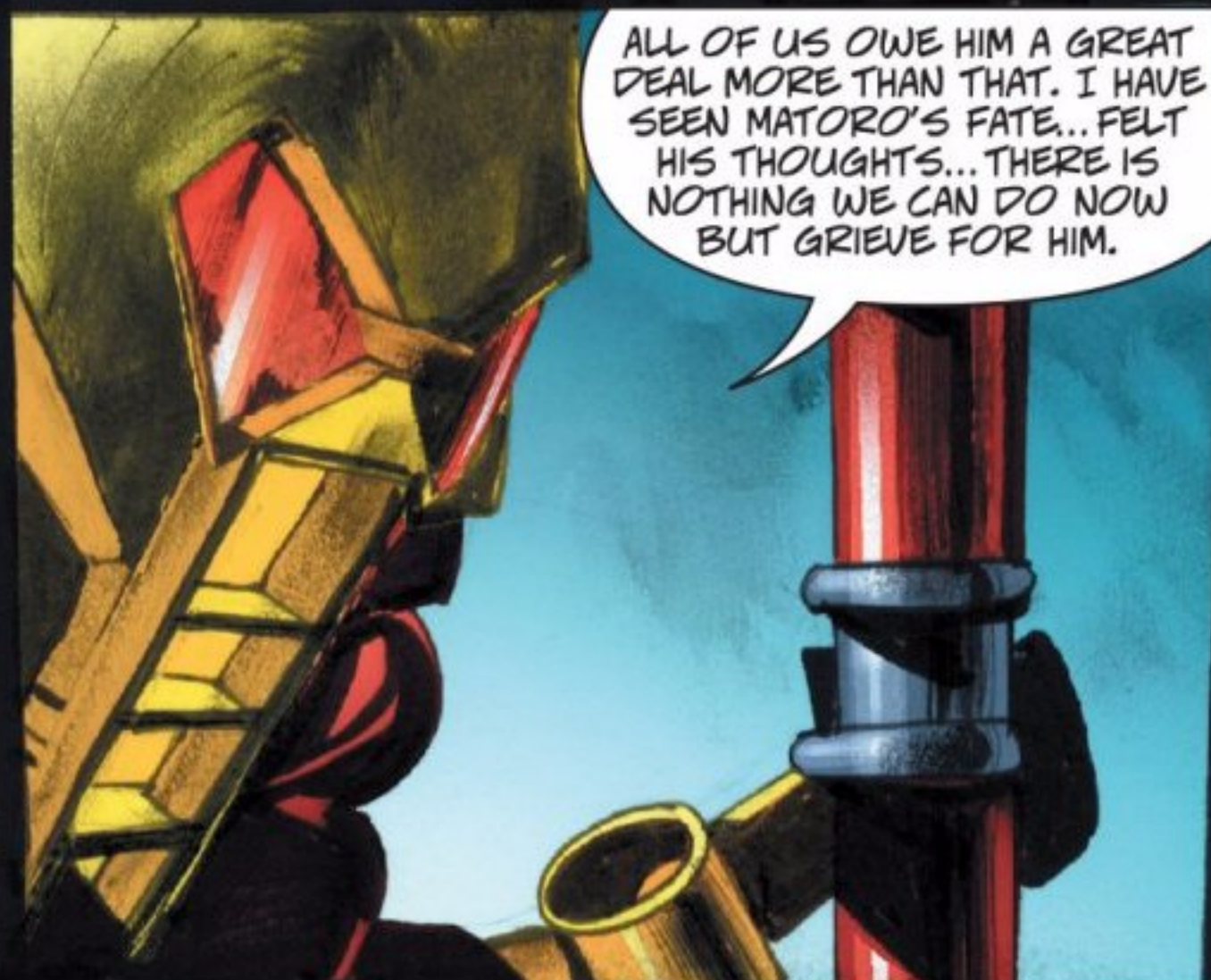
NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN
THE WONDERFUL
FEELING THAT SWEEPS
ACROSS THE
UNIVERSE, BUT ALL
KNOW THE REASON
FOR IT.

THE
GREAT SPIRIT
LIVES!



MATORO
DID IT. IT HAD
TO BE. HE SAVED
US ALL.

WE HAVE
TO GO BACK
TO THE PIT. WE
HAVE TO FIND
HIM. WE OWE
HIM THAT.



ALL OF US OWE HIM A GREAT
DEAL MORE THAN THAT. I HAVE
SEEN MATORO'S FATE... FELT
HIS THOUGHTS... THERE IS
NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW
BUT GRIEVE FOR HIM.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT...



COME, MY FRIENDS--
LET US GO AND CELEBRATE
A KO-MATORAN WHO BECAME
A TOA... AND A TOA WHO
SAVED A UNIVERSE.

HE NEVER
THOUGHT HE WAS A TRUE
TOA-HERO... BUT HE TURNED
OUT TO BE THE GREATEST
OF US ALL.

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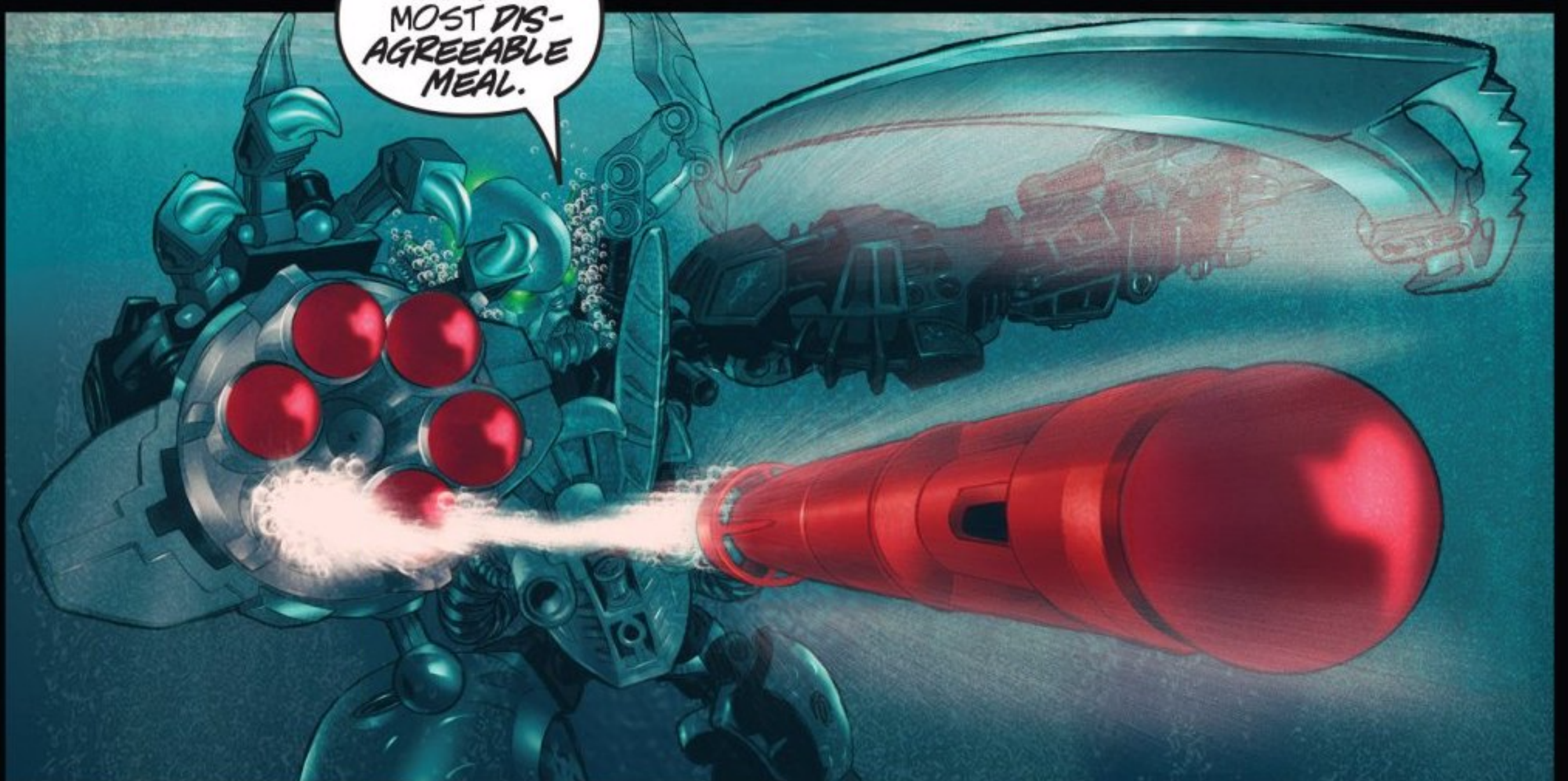
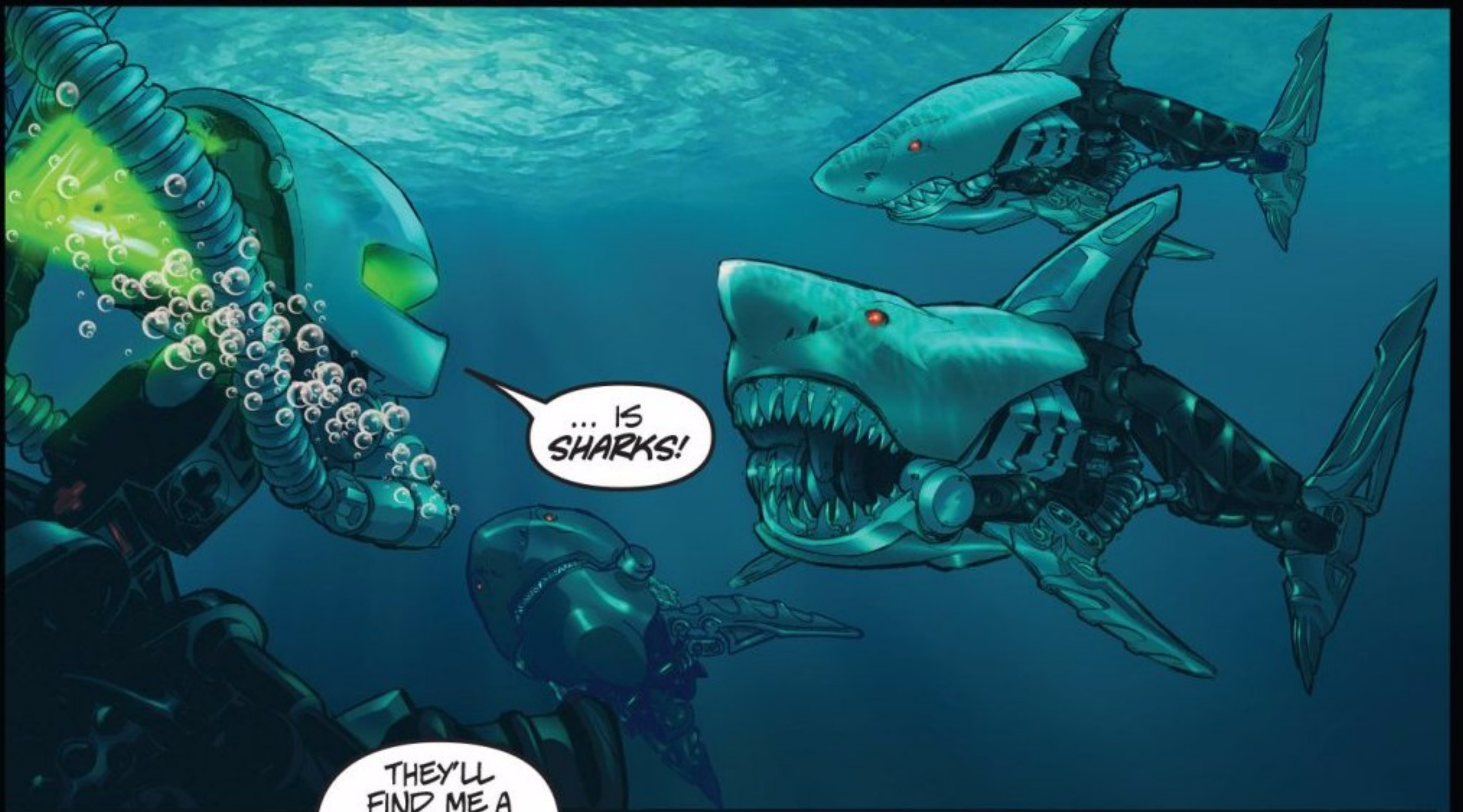
YESTERDAY, THE TOA MAHRI
SAVED THE UNIVERSE, THEN ABRUPTLY
DISAPPEARED FROM THE PIT.

THEY LEFT BEHIND A
SHATTERED MAHRI NUI,
SIX VERY ANGRY BARRAKI ...
AND ONE HERO WHO HAS
TO CLEAN UP THE MESS.

I HAVE SIX
CELLS READY
AND WAITING ...
NOW I JUST NEED
BARRAKI TO
FILL THEM.

Hydraxon's Tale







AND
WHERE
THERE ARE
SHARKS -



"-THERE'S
PRIDAK."

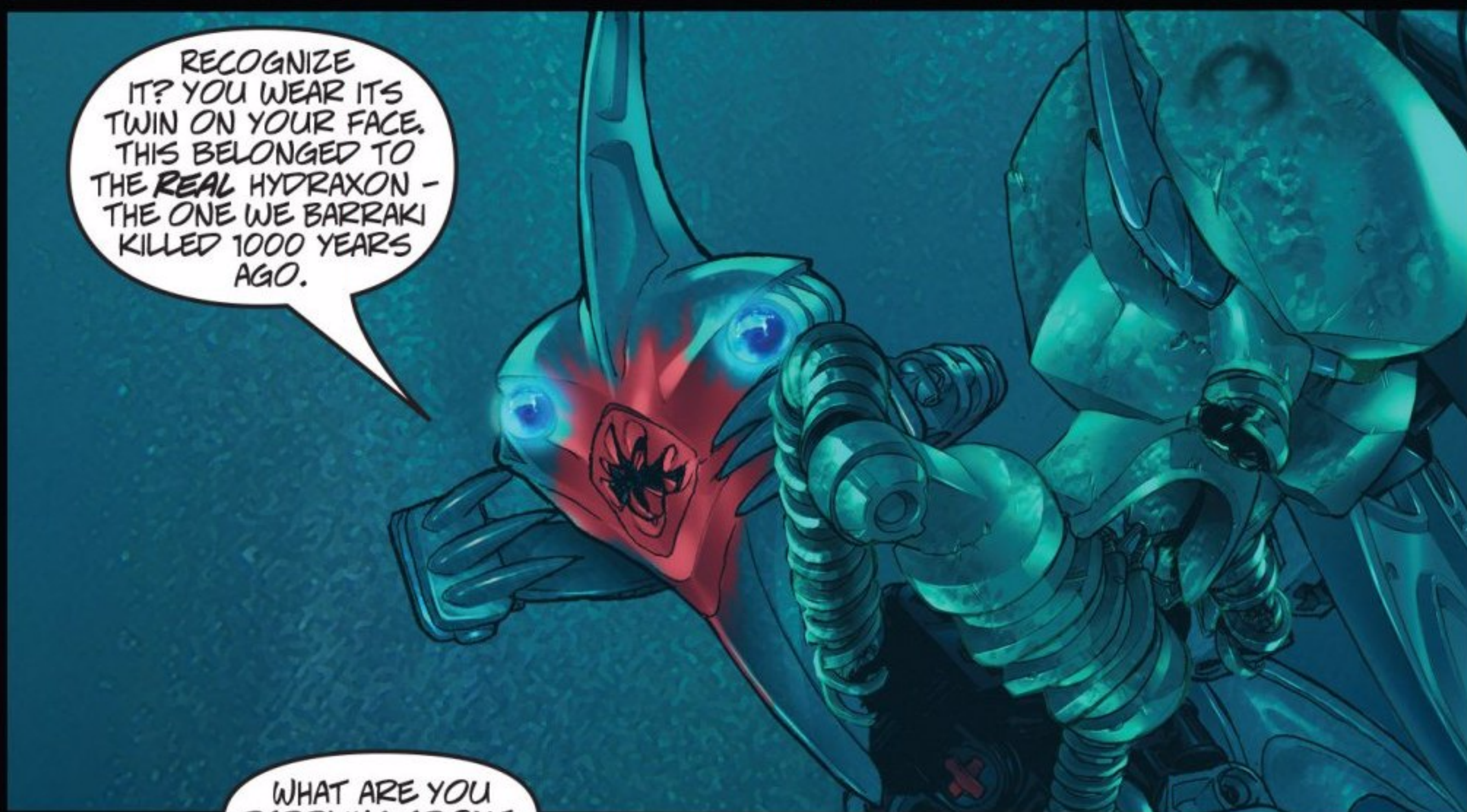
COME TO
ME, IMPOSTOR!
THE LEADER
OF THE BARRAKI
WAITS FOR
YOU!

GOOD.
SAVES
ME THE
TROUBLE
OF HUNTING
YOUR
MISERABLE
CARCASS
DOWN.






I HAVE A
GIFT FOR YOU,
PRETENDER.
A LITTLE SOMETHING
MANTAX FOUND IN THE
RUINS OF THE PIT,
BURIED IN THE
MUD -



RECOGNIZE
IT? YOU WEAR ITS
TWIN ON YOUR FACE.
THIS BELONGED TO
THE **REAL** HYDRAXON -
THE ONE WE BARRAKI
KILLED 1000 YEARS
AGO.



WHAT ARE YOU
BABBLING ABOUT,
MONSTER?



I DON'T KNOW
WHO YOU ARE ...
OR WHAT YOU ARE ...
BUT YOU ARE **NOT**
HYDRAXON.

YOU'RE
A FAKE ...
A SHAM ...
A MIRAGE OF
THE SEA.



YOU'RE NOT
THE FIRST TO
MAKE THIS CLAIM -
BUT I HAVE
HYDRAXON'S SKILLS,
MEMORIES,
POWER ...



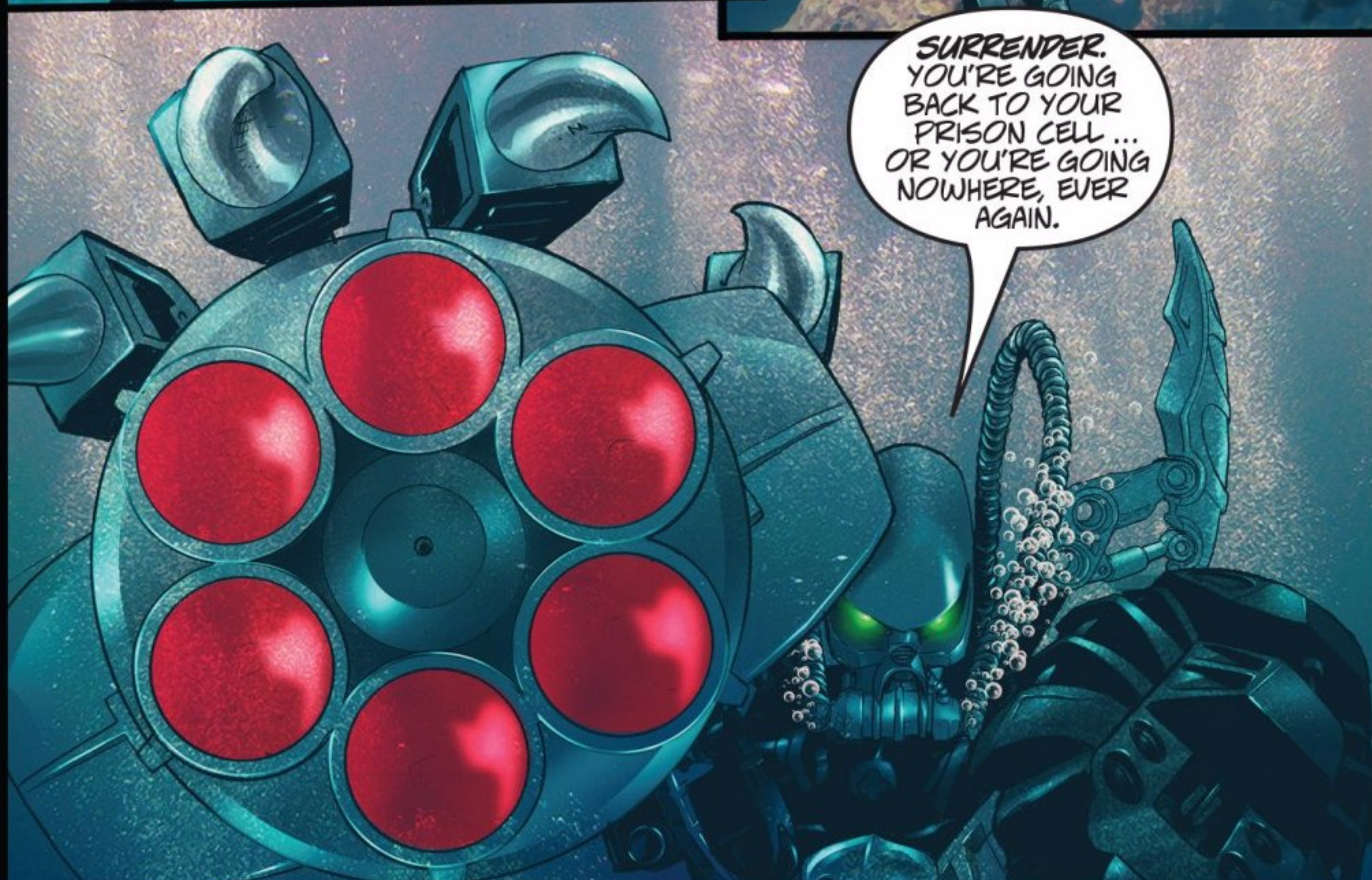
-- AND,
MOST OF ALL,
HYDRAXON'S
HATRED
OF YOU!!



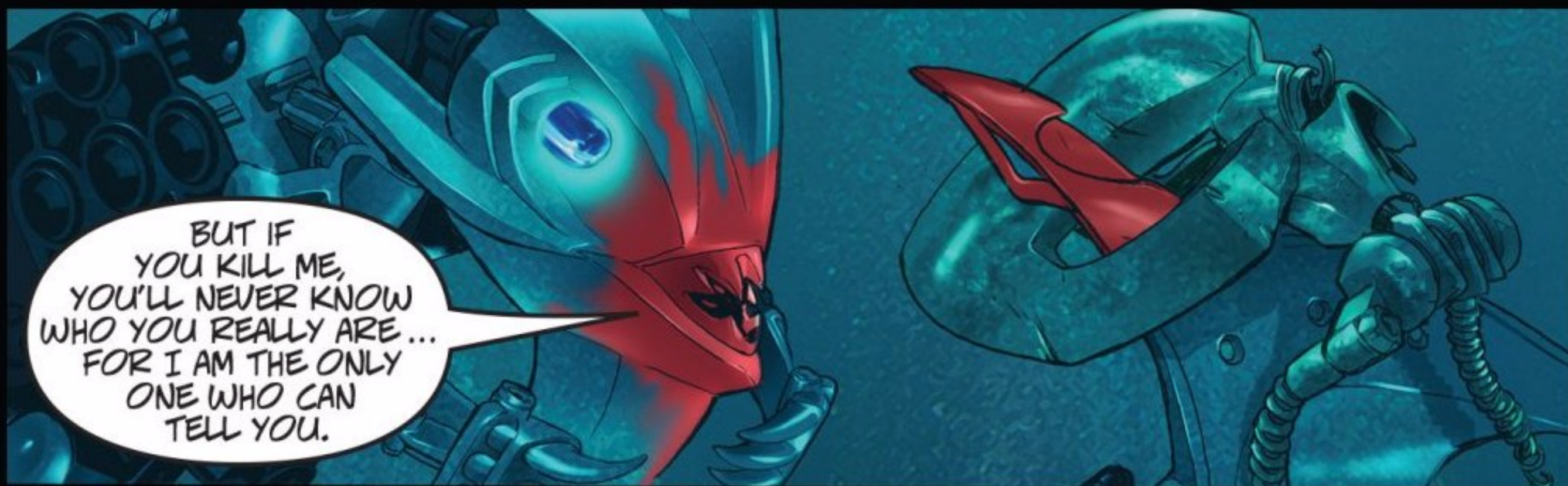
HATRED?
BAH! SPEND
90,000 YEARS
IN A CELL AND
THEN YOU CAN
SPEAK TO ME
OF HATRED.



YOU
FORGET -
I HAD TO SPEND
THOSE 90,000
YEARS STARING
AT YOUR UGLY
FACE THROUGH
THE BARS.



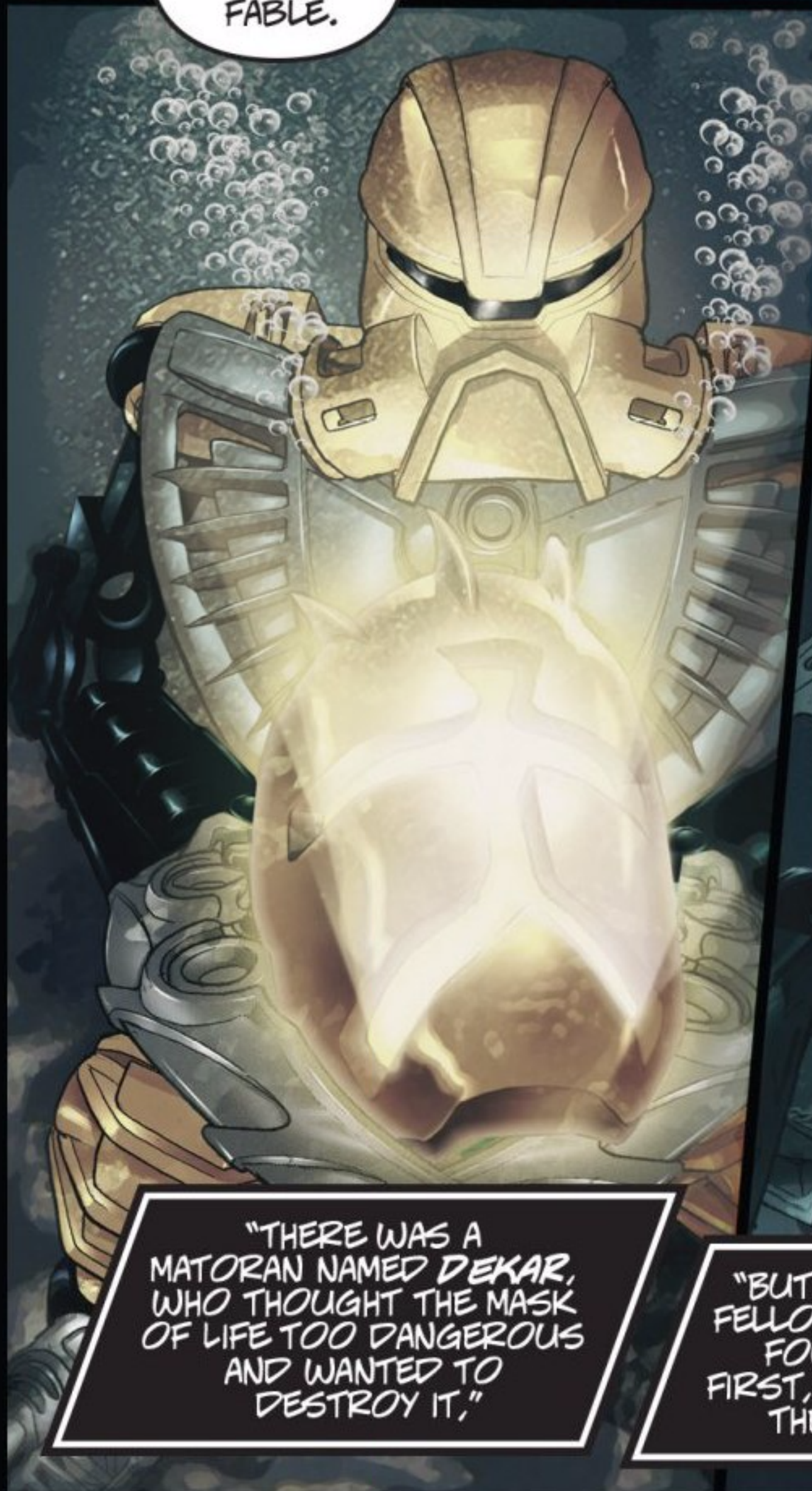
SURRENDER.
YOU'RE GOING
BACK TO YOUR
PRISON CELL ...
OR YOU'RE GOING
NOWHERE, EVER
AGAIN.



BUT IF
YOU KILL ME,
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
WHO YOU REALLY ARE ...
FOR I AM THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
TELL YOU.



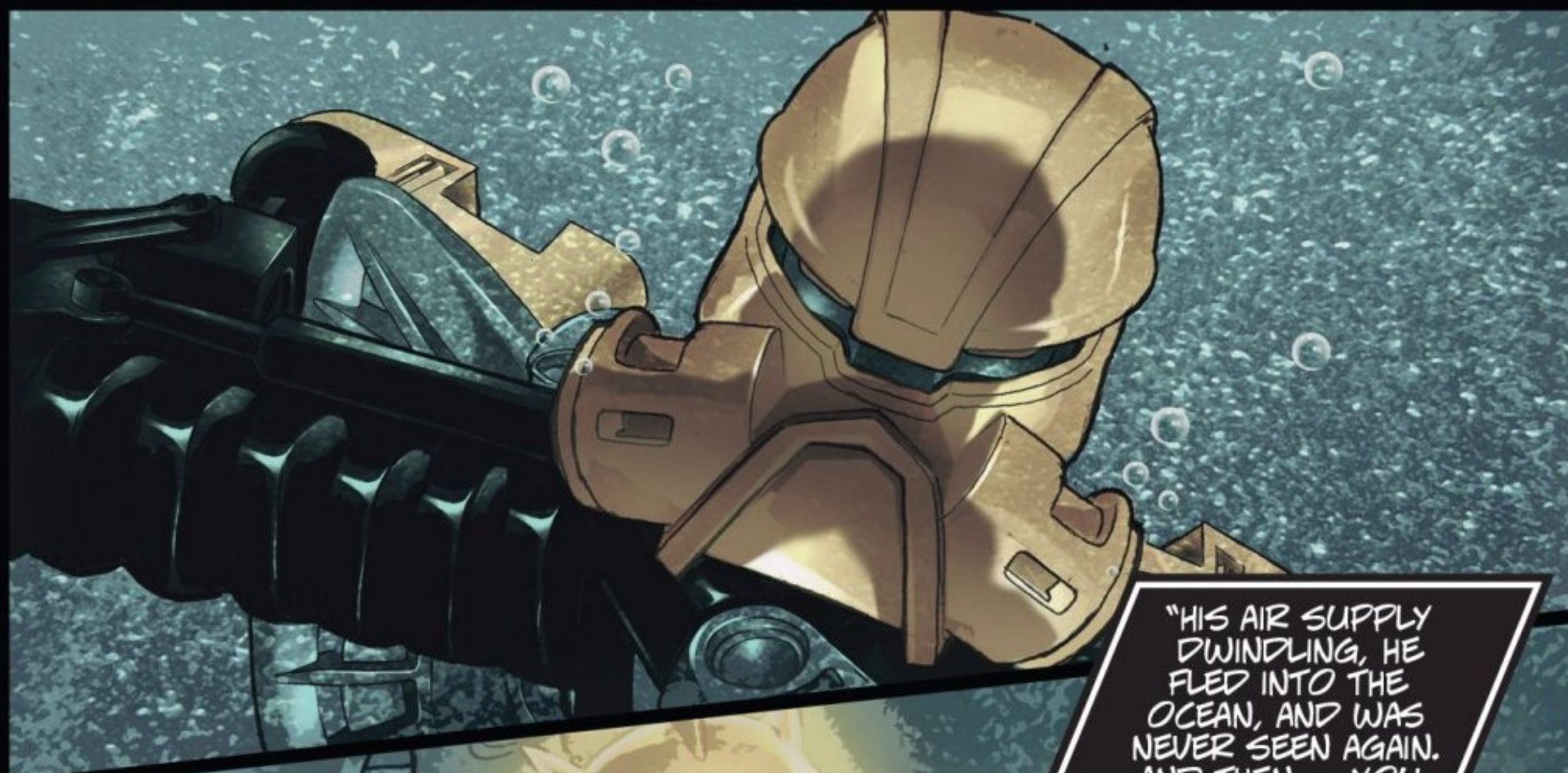
GO AHEAD,
THEN. SPIN
YOUR
FABLE.



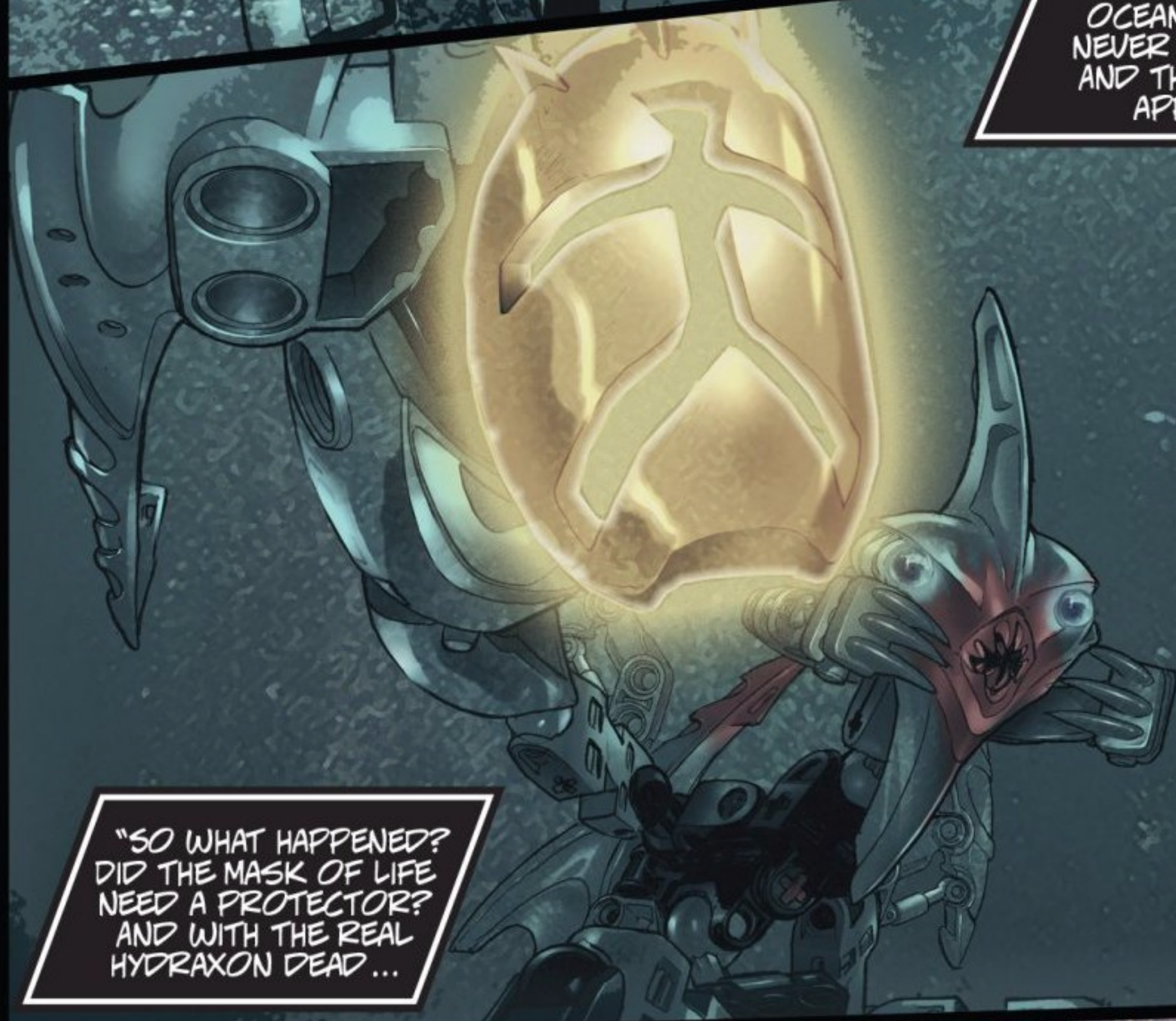
"THERE WAS A
MATORAN NAMED DEKAR,
WHO THOUGHT THE MASK
OF LIFE TOO DANGEROUS
AND WANTED TO
DESTROY IT,"



"BUT I AND MY
FELLOW BARRAKI
FOUND HIM
FIRST, AND TOOK
THE MASK."



"HIS AIR SUPPLY
DWINDLING, HE
FLED INTO THE
OCEAN, AND WAS
NEVER SEEN AGAIN.
AND THEN ... YOU
APPEARED."



"SO WHAT HAPPENED?
DID THE MASK OF LIFE
NEED A PROTECTOR?
AND WITH THE REAL
HYDRAXON DEAD ...



"... DID THE MASK
OF LIFE USE DEKAR
TO MAKE ITSELF A
NEW ONE?"



IS THAT
ALL YOU
ARE?

AN
INFERIOR COPY?
A POWERED-UP
MATORAN WHO
DOESN'T KNOW
HIS PLACE?

I KNOW
MY PLACE,
BARRAKI...
IT'S HERE,
FIGHTING
SEA TRASH
LIKE YOU.

WHAAM



YOU
DON'T GET IT.
IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHO
I WAS
BEFORE.



A large, dark, mechanical creature with red and black segments is shown in the process of crushing a ship. The creature's body is composed of various mechanical parts, including what looks like a large claw or pincer. The ship is being crushed, and a bright orange and yellow explosion or fire is visible on the right side of the frame. The background is a dark, blue, watery environment.

BAMM

KAA

ALL THAT
COUNTS IS WHO
I AM NOW -
HYDRAXON.

YOUR ENEMY,
YOUR JAILER ...
YOUR NIGHTMARE
FOR 90 MILLENNIA,
AND FOR EVERY
DAY THAT'S LEFT
TO YOU.



AND YOU
LEFT ONE
THING OUT OF
YOUR "FABLE,"
PRIDAK -

THE
HAPPY
ENDING.



END.

WATCH OUT FOR PAPERPUTZ™

Welcome to the ever-popular Papercutz Backpages, where you can find all the latest news and previews of upcoming Papercutz graphic novels. I'm Jim Salicrup, your semi-humanoid guide and Papercutz Editor-in-Chief. This particular edition is so jam-packed with goodies, we better get right to it!

If you already picked up BIONICLE Graphic Novel #5 "The Battle of Voya Nui," then you have your exclusive B.I.O. code for a special free online sticker – if you didn't pick up BIONICLE #5, it's still available at booksellers everywhere. And now we have a special video game code available to you-- it's CUTZ96. Here's how it works:

🌀 Launch the Glatorian Arena game—either the web-based or downloadable version.

🌀 In the "ready room" (the default screen) there will be a character, and near the character is a post. Just click the post, and then enter the code. The code will provide you with a special enhanced ability in the game.

And what did you think of the all-new "Hydraxon's Tale" by Greg Farshtey and Christian Zanier? Both Greg and Christian are working on all-new stories for BIONICLE #8 "Legends of Bara Magna," which will be the first totally ALL-NEW Papercutz BIONICLE graphic novel. Tell us if you loved Greg and Christian's very first collaboration or hated it on our new blog at www.papercutz.com. Just post your comments, and you'll be able to interact with fellow BIONICLE fans and writer Greg Farshtey himself!

But right here we have a couple of special previews on the following pages. First up is TALES FROM THE CRYPT Graphic Novel #8 "Diary of a Stinky Dead Kid." We present here a few pages from one of the two non-wimpy tales created by writer Stefan Petrucha and artist Rick Parker. Also featured in CRYPT #8, is the sappy vampire romance to end all sappy vampire romances—"Dielite" by Stefan Petrucha and Miran Kim.

We've also got an excerpt from HARDY BOYS #17 "Word Up!" by Scott Lobdell and Paulo Henrique. Frank and Joe Hardy wind up risking their lives to save a controversial radio show host, because they believe that freedom of speech protects even people that voice unpopular views.

If all that wasn't exciting enough, just wait till BIONICLE #7 "Realm of Fear" is released. Don't let the title scare you — it's another bona fide BIONICLE classic by Greg Farshtey and artist Leigh Gallagher. But if it makes you feel better, it's okay to keep your Mask of Life close at hand!

Thanks,







Jim



SEA OF DARKNESS!



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