

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

UNFORTUNATELY, KARDAS TENDS NOT TO STAY DEFEATED FOR LONG.



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

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



HE'S... DEAD.
BUT WHAT DID
HE MEAN BY A
"CITY UNDER
THE SEA"?



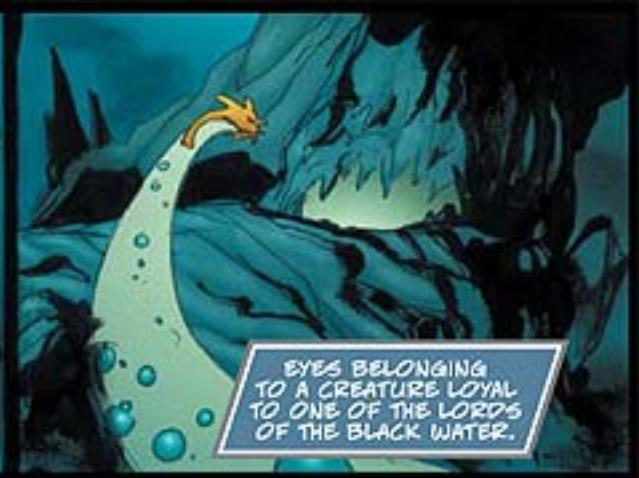
IF JALLER COULD
FOLLOW THE MASK OF LIFE
DOWN TO WHERE THAT POOR
MATORAN CAME FROM... HE
WOULD HAVE HIS ANSWER.

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.



COME,
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 PONDER'S 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 NUU 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!

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MASK OF DEATH!"