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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.

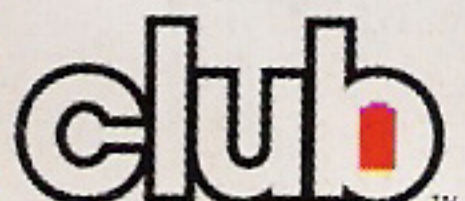
NOT "WE," MATORO -- YOU. GO AND TRY, FOR ALL OF US. WE'LL STAY HERE AND BUY YOU TIME.

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.

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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.

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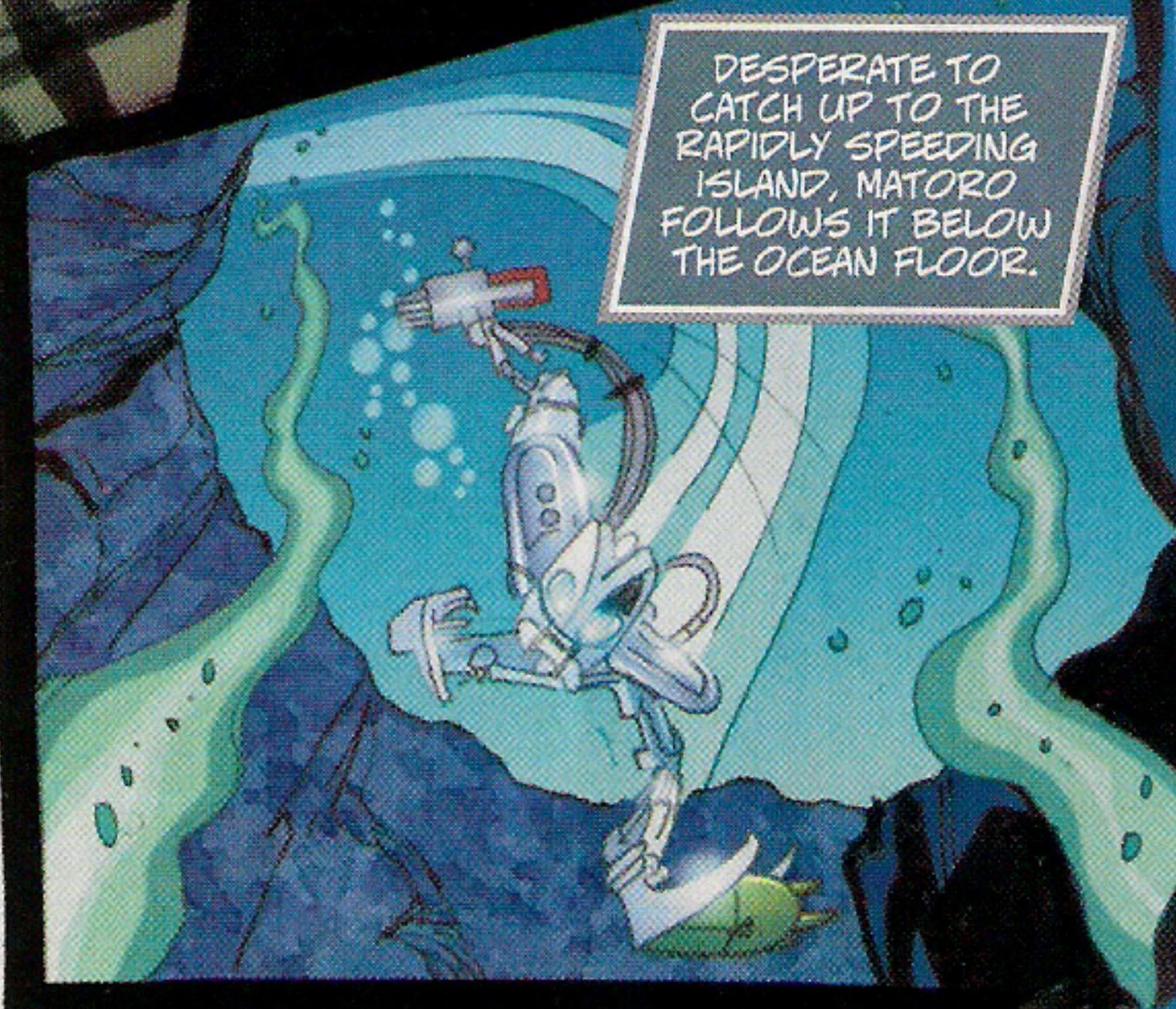





WE SHATTERED THE CORD THAT HELD THE ISLAND OF VOYA NUI IN PLACE, AND NOW IT IS PROPELLING THROUGH THE SEA TOWARD ITS HOME.



"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.

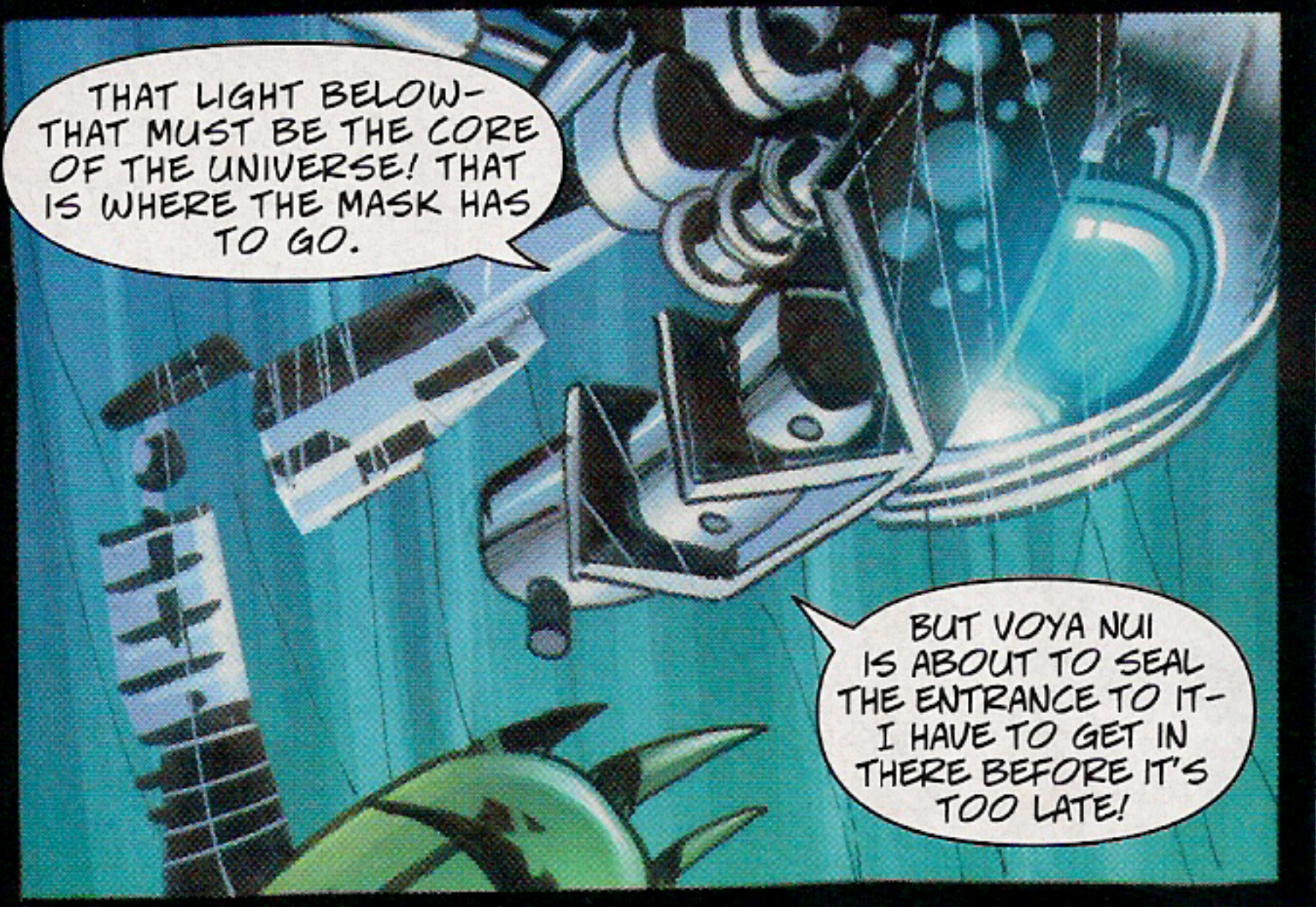


THIS IS INCREDIBLE. I'M INSIDE A GIANT WATERFALL, LEADING... WHERE? DOWN BELOW... I THINK I SEE SOMETHING...



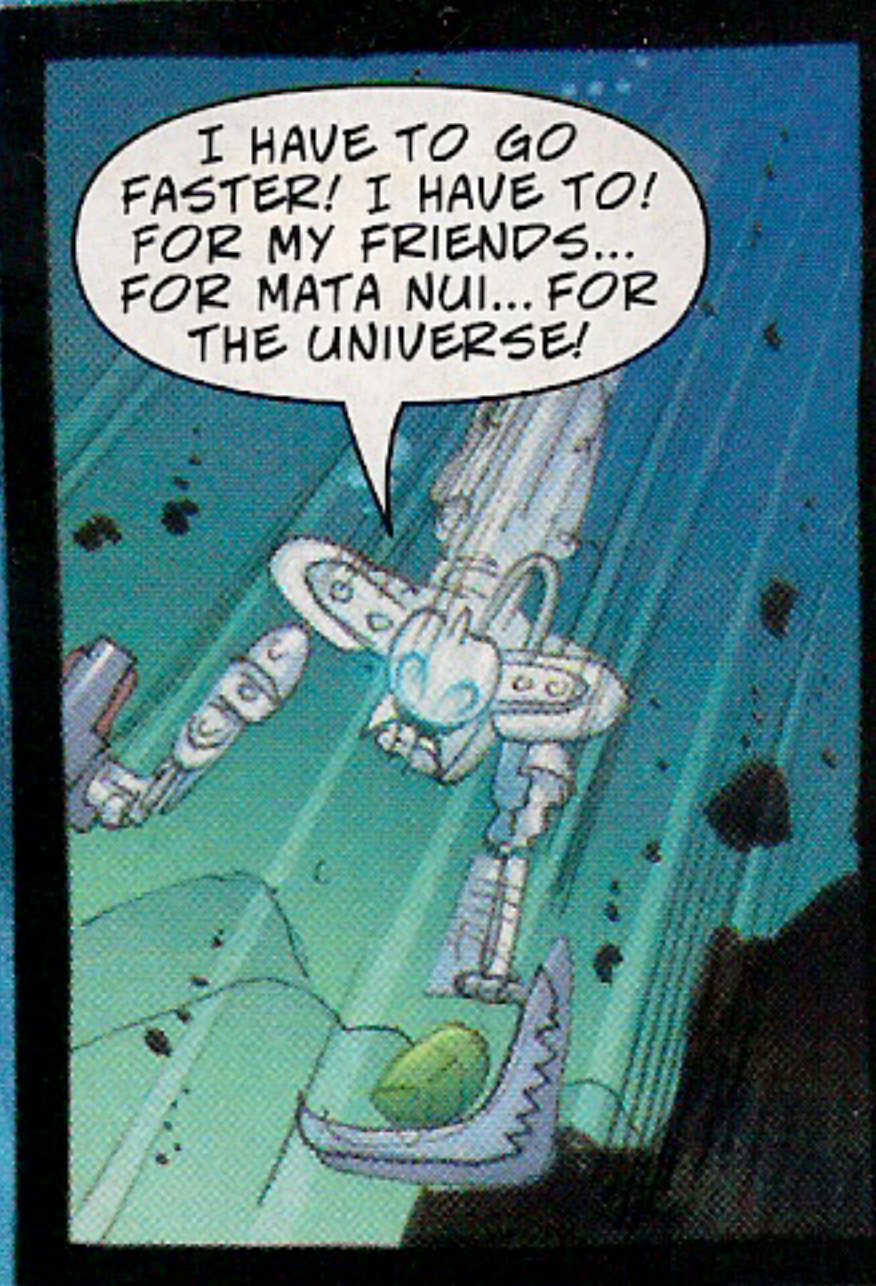
IT'S ANOTHER GREAT GAP- THE SAME SIZE AS VOYA NUI ITSELF! THE ISLAND MUST HAVE ORIGINALLY FILLED THAT HOLE, BEFORE IT WAS TORN FREE IN THE LONG-AGO EARTHQUAKE.



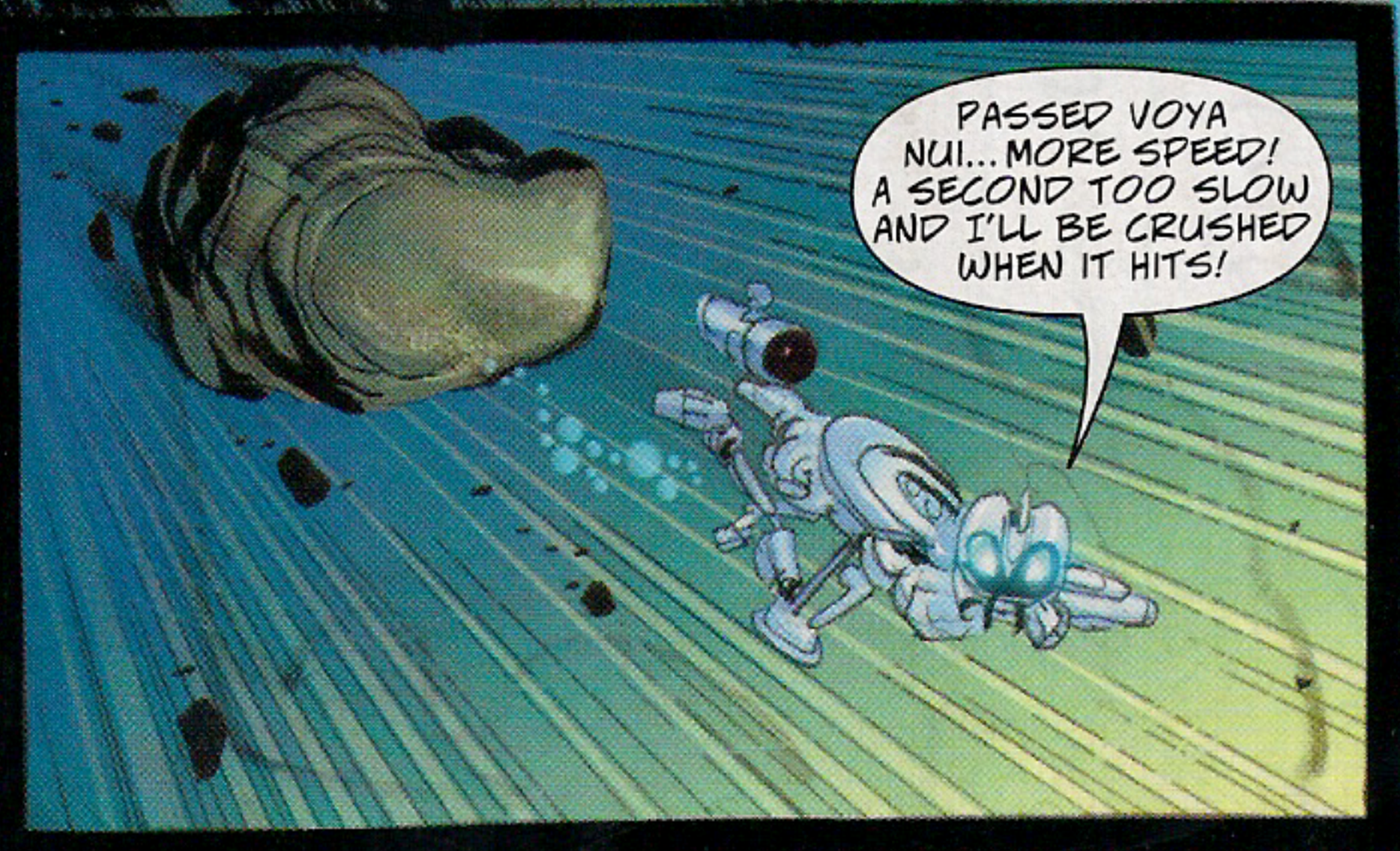


THAT LIGHT BELOW-  
THAT MUST BE THE CORE  
OF THE UNIVERSE! THAT  
IS WHERE THE MASK HAS  
TO GO.

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!



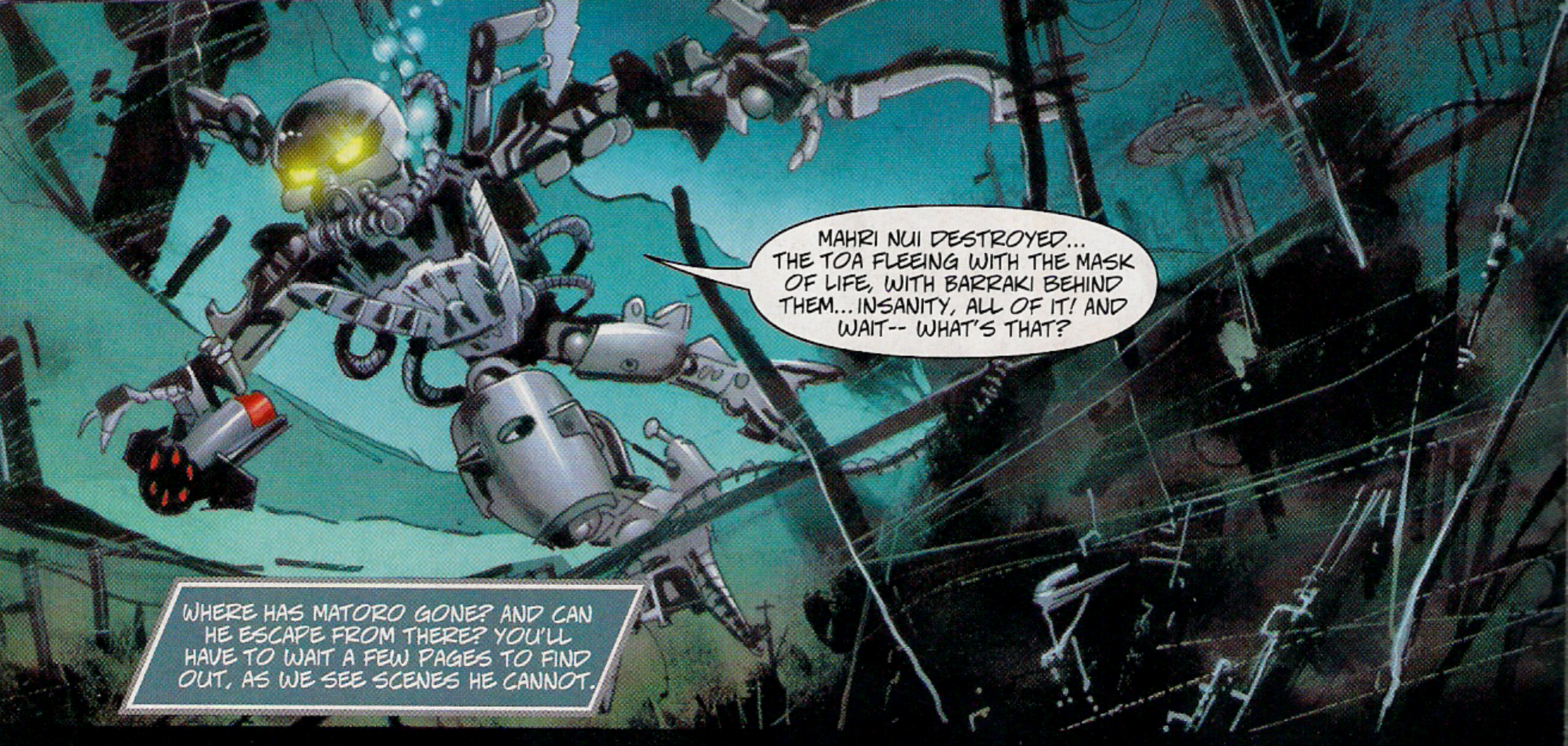
PASSED VOYA  
NUI... MORE SPEED!  
A SECOND TOO SLOW  
AND I'LL BE CRUSHED  
WHEN IT HITS!



MADE  
IT!

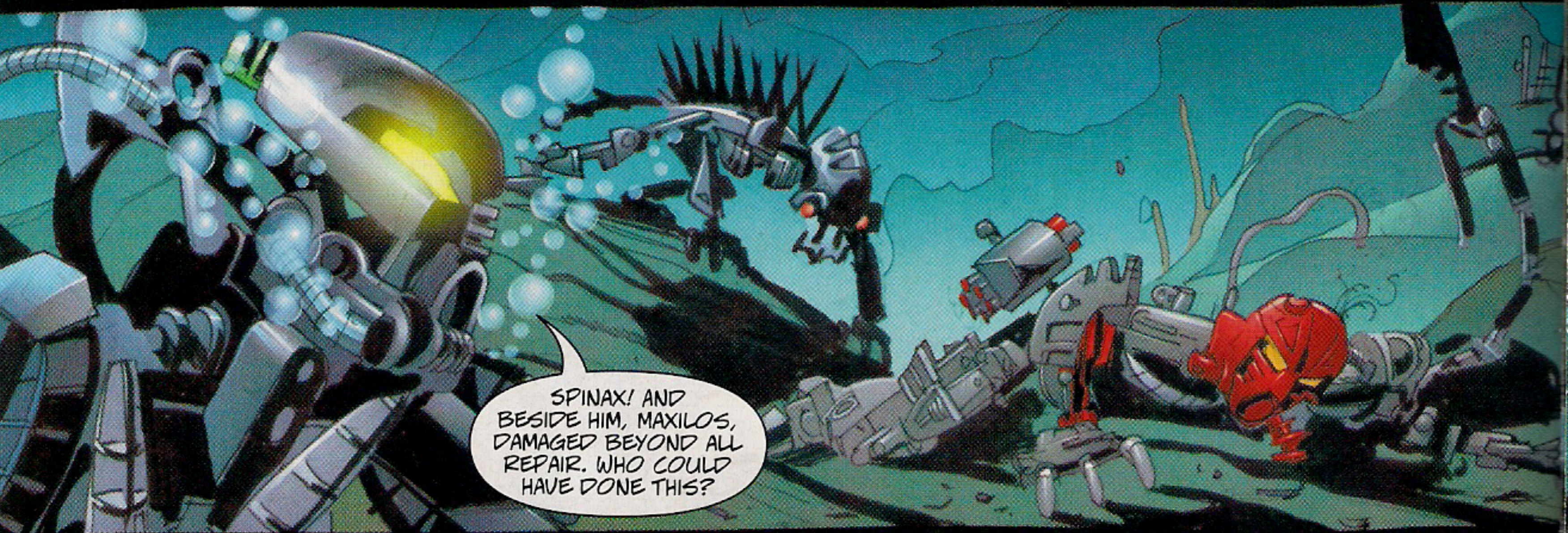
**KA-WHAWHAW!**



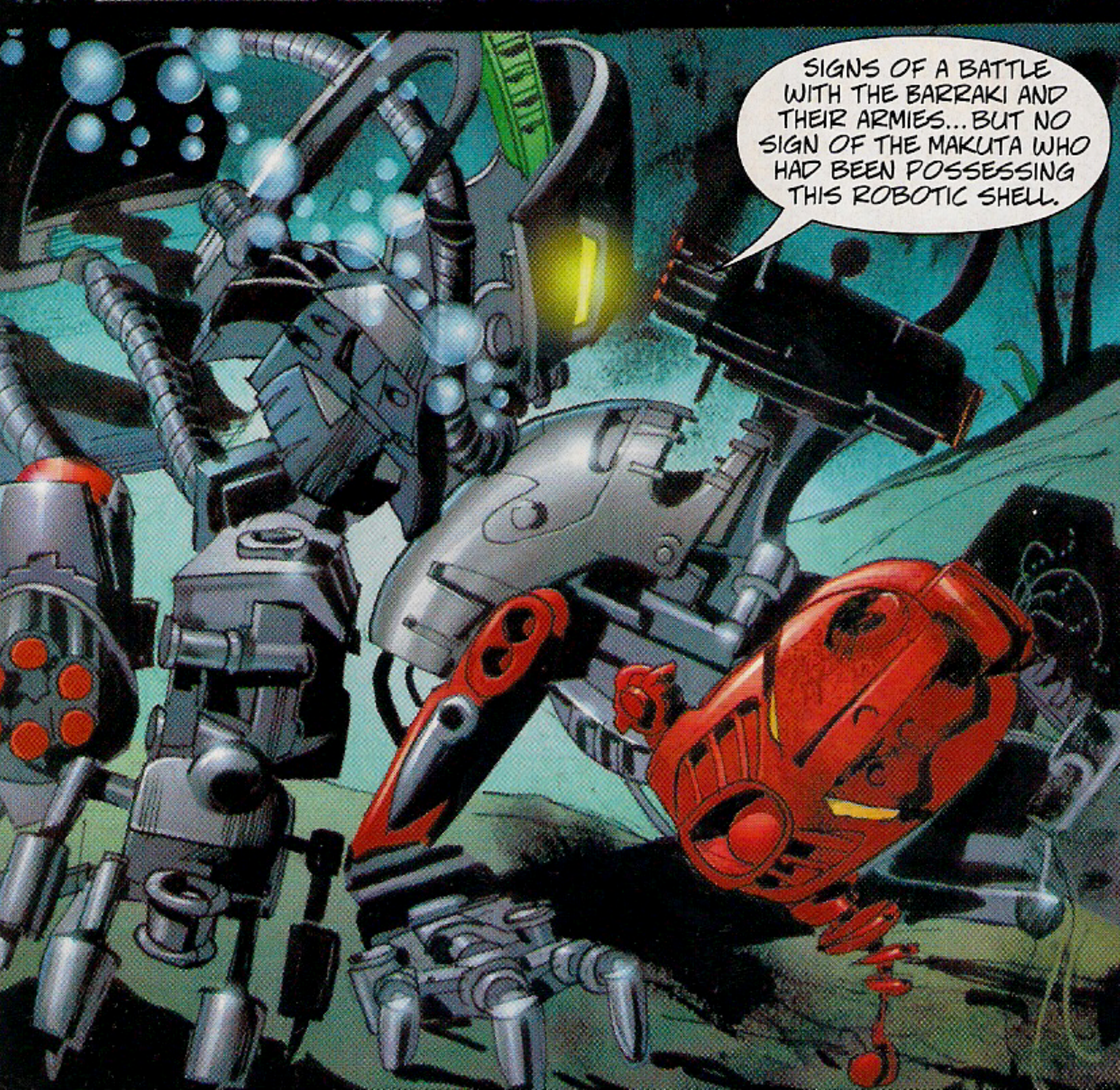


MAHRI NUI DESTROYED...  
THE TOA FLEEING WITH THE MASK  
OF LIFE, WITH BARRAKI BEHIND  
THEM... INSANITY, ALL OF IT! AND  
WAIT-- WHAT'S THAT?

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?

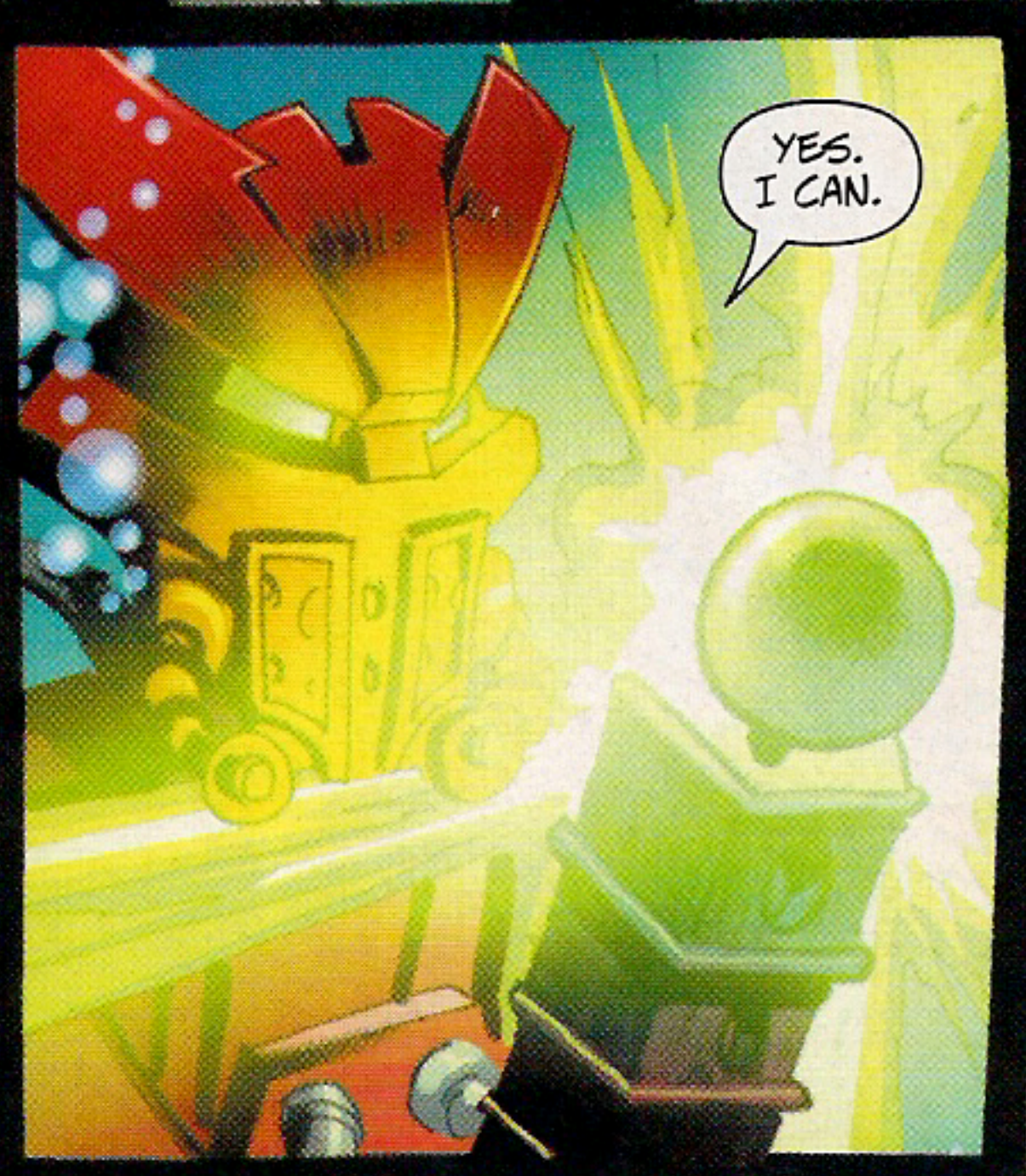


WE CAN'T STOP THEM ALL!

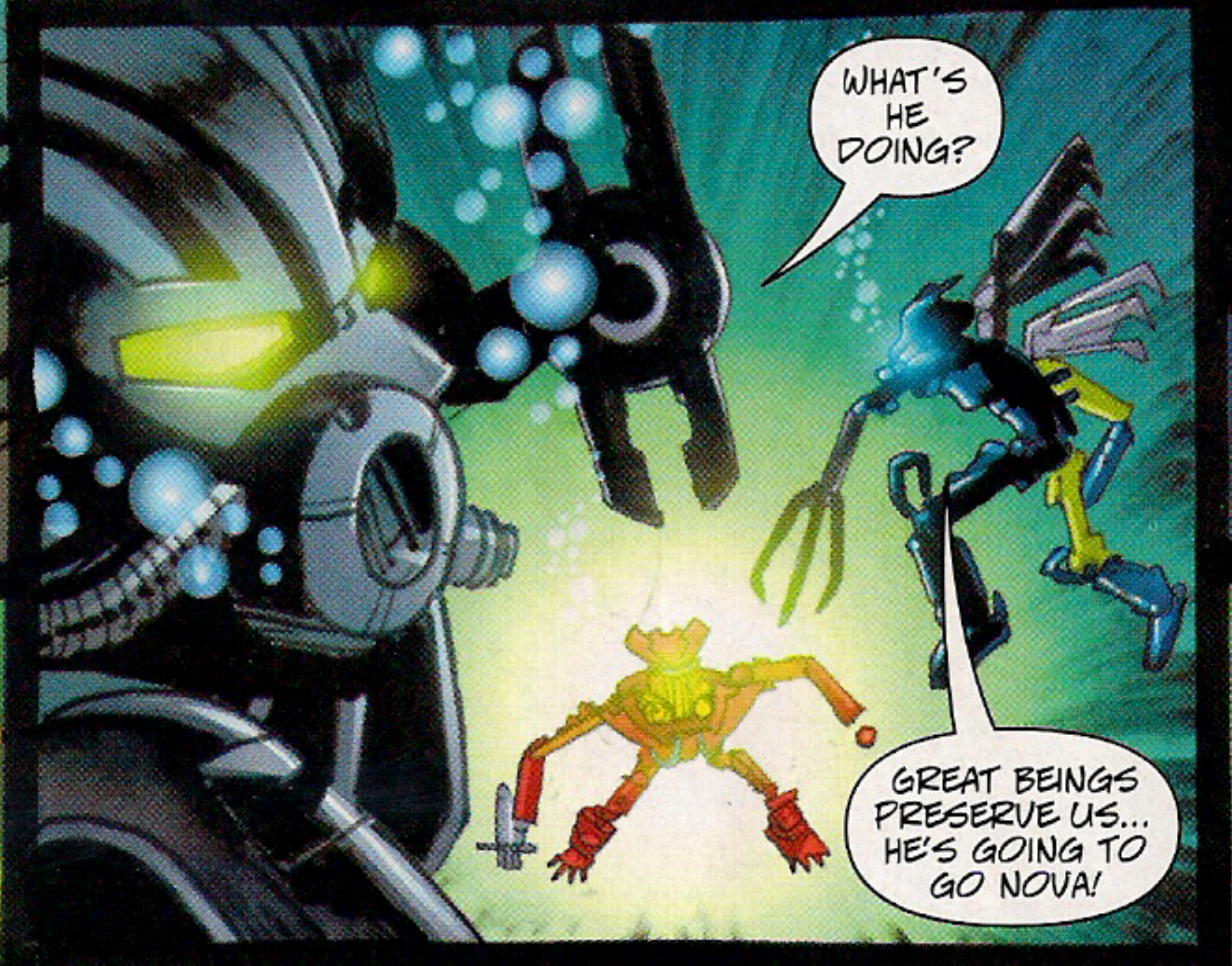
THE BARRAKI KNOW THEY JUST HAVE TO TIE US DOWN HERE, WHILE THEIR CREATURES GO AFTER MATORO.

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

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

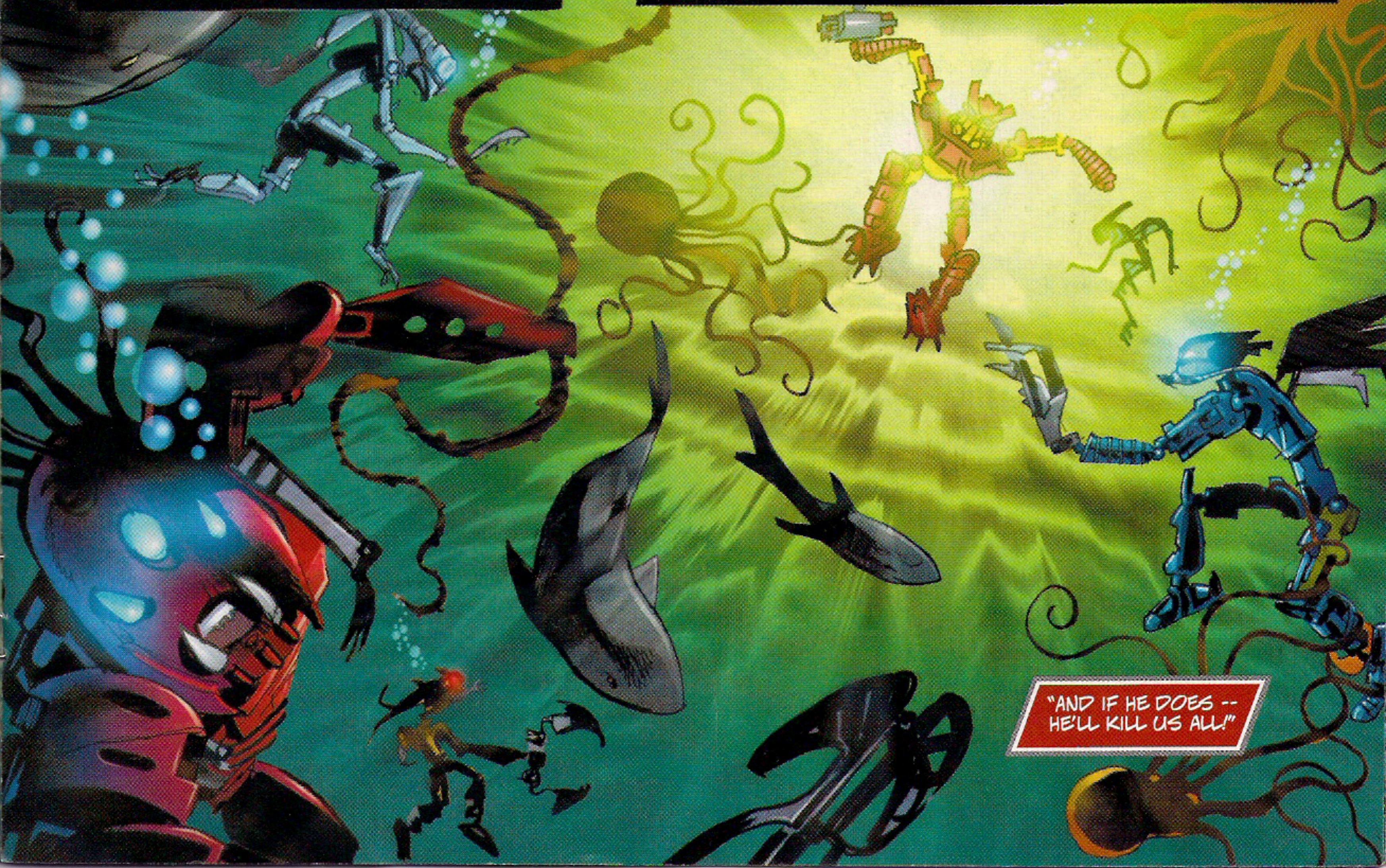


YES. I CAN.



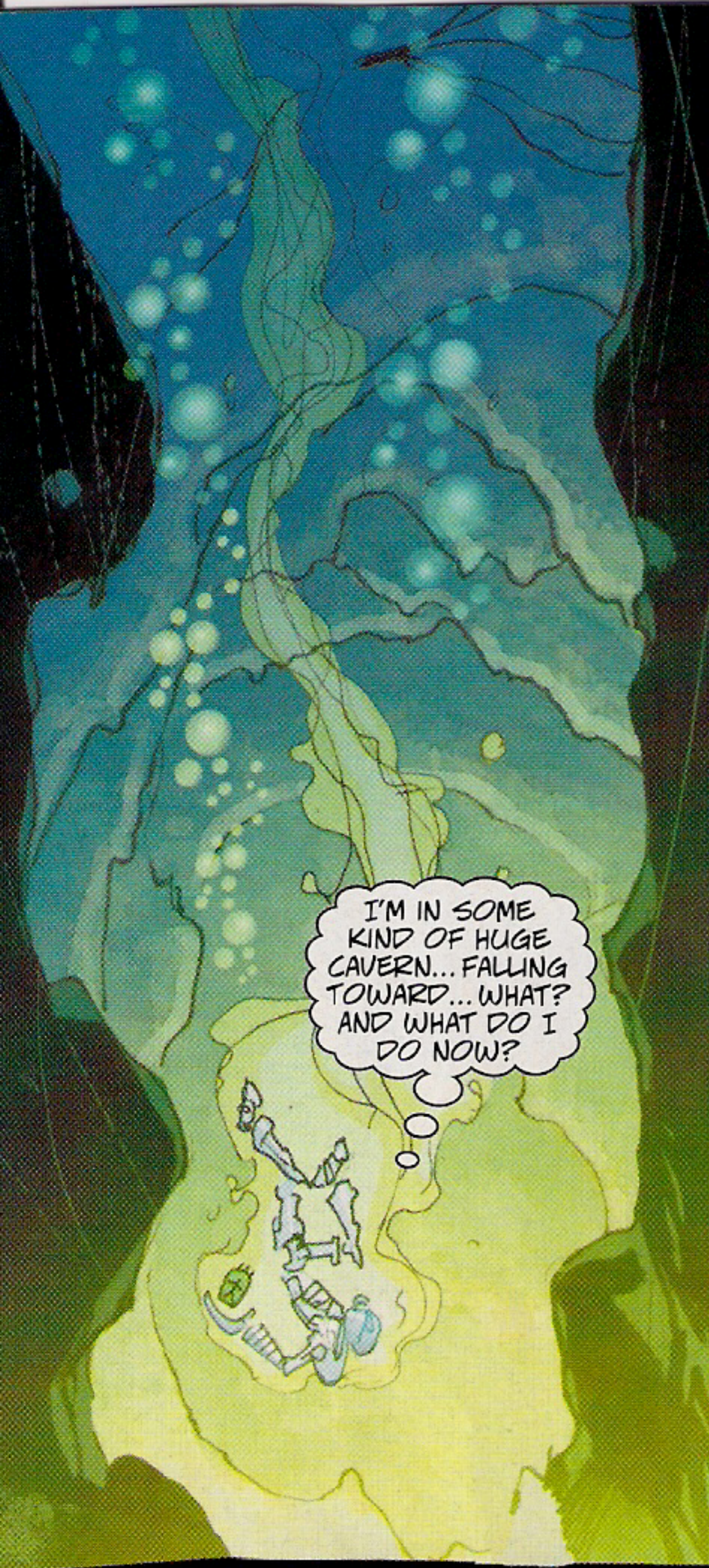
WHAT'S HE DOING?

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

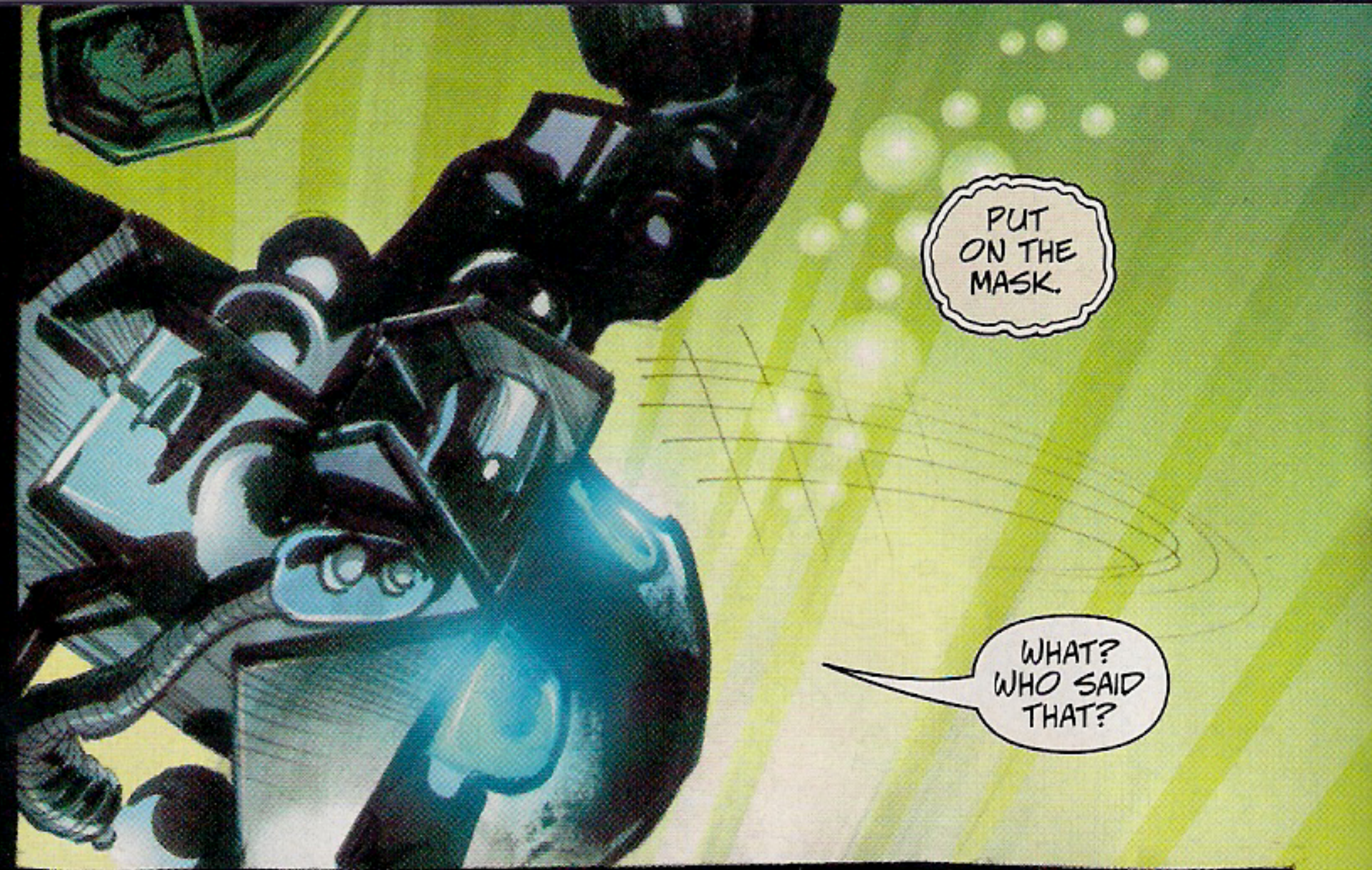


"AND IF HE DOES -- HE'LL KILL US ALL!"



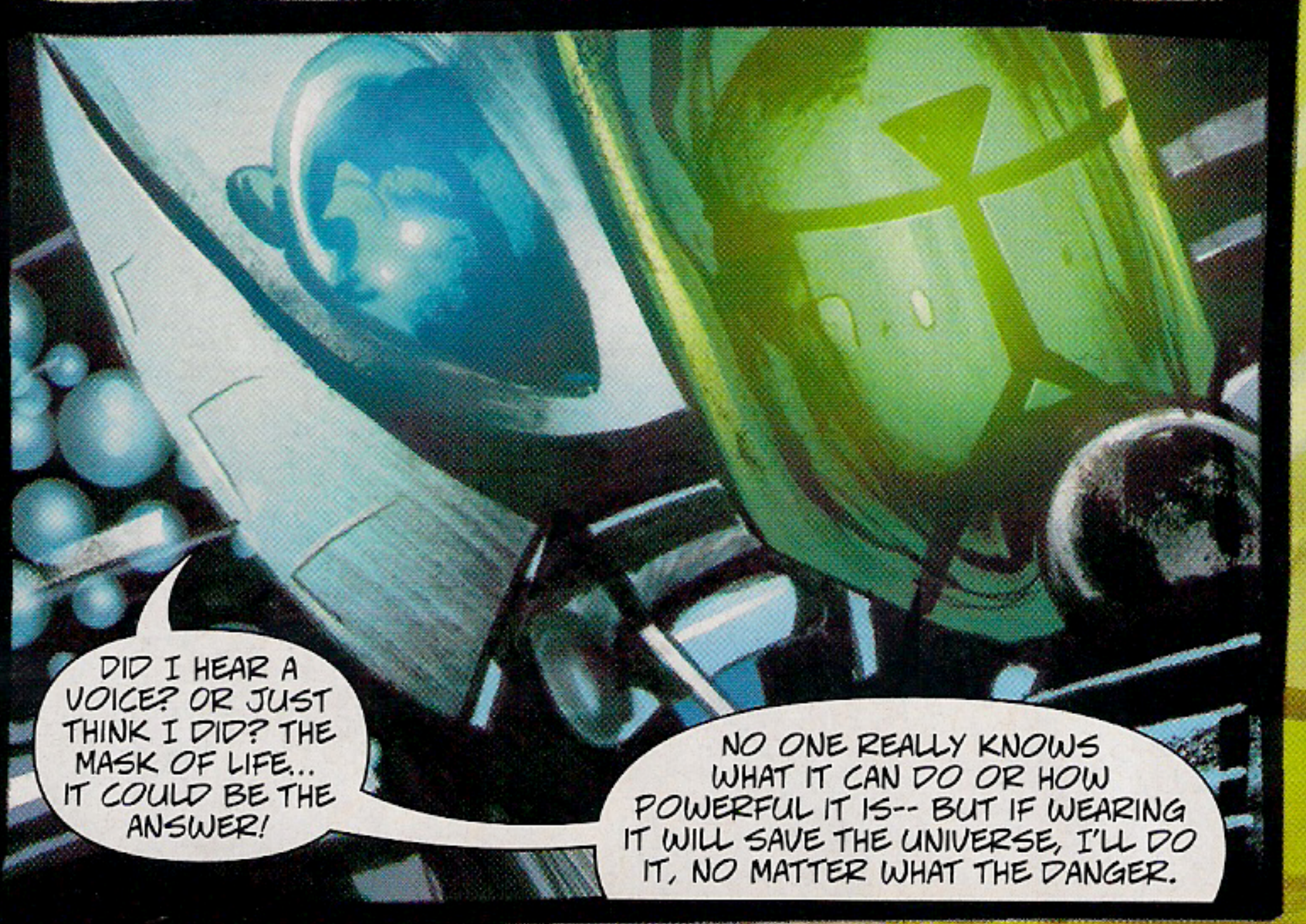


I'M IN SOME KIND OF HUGE CAVERN... FALLING TOWARD... WHAT? AND WHAT DO I DO NOW?



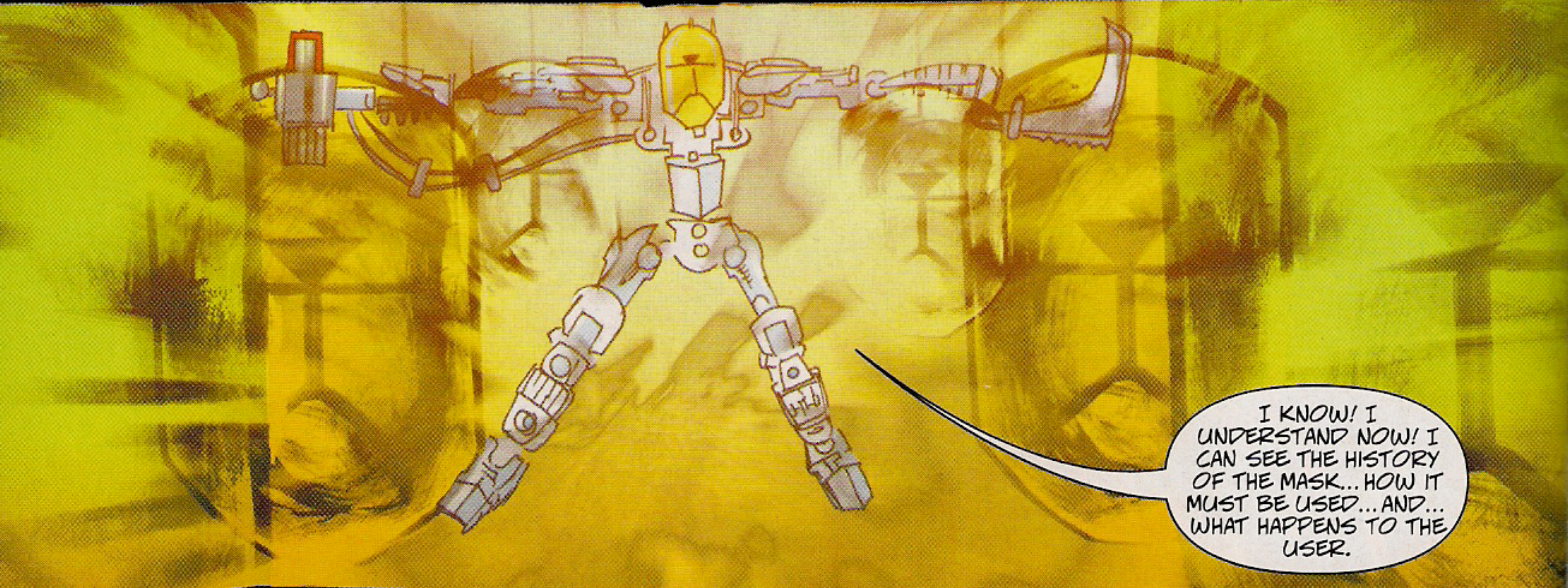
PUT ON THE MASK.

WHAT? WHO SAID THAT?

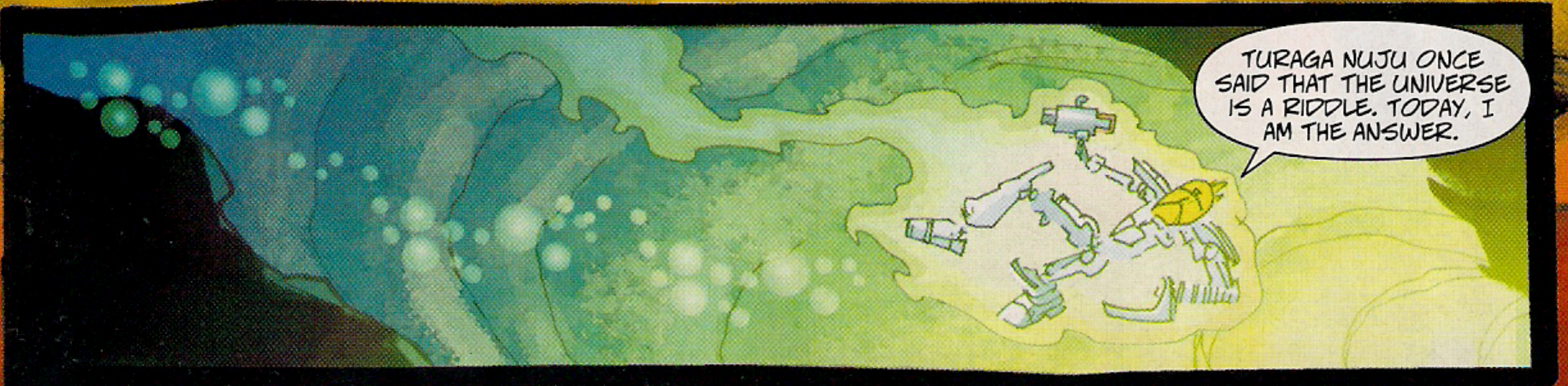


DID I HEAR A VOICE? OR JUST THINK I DID? THE MASK OF LIFE... IT COULD BE THE ANSWER!

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!

WHERE, INDEED?

WHAT TRICK IS THIS? WHERE HAVE THE TOA GONE?

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?





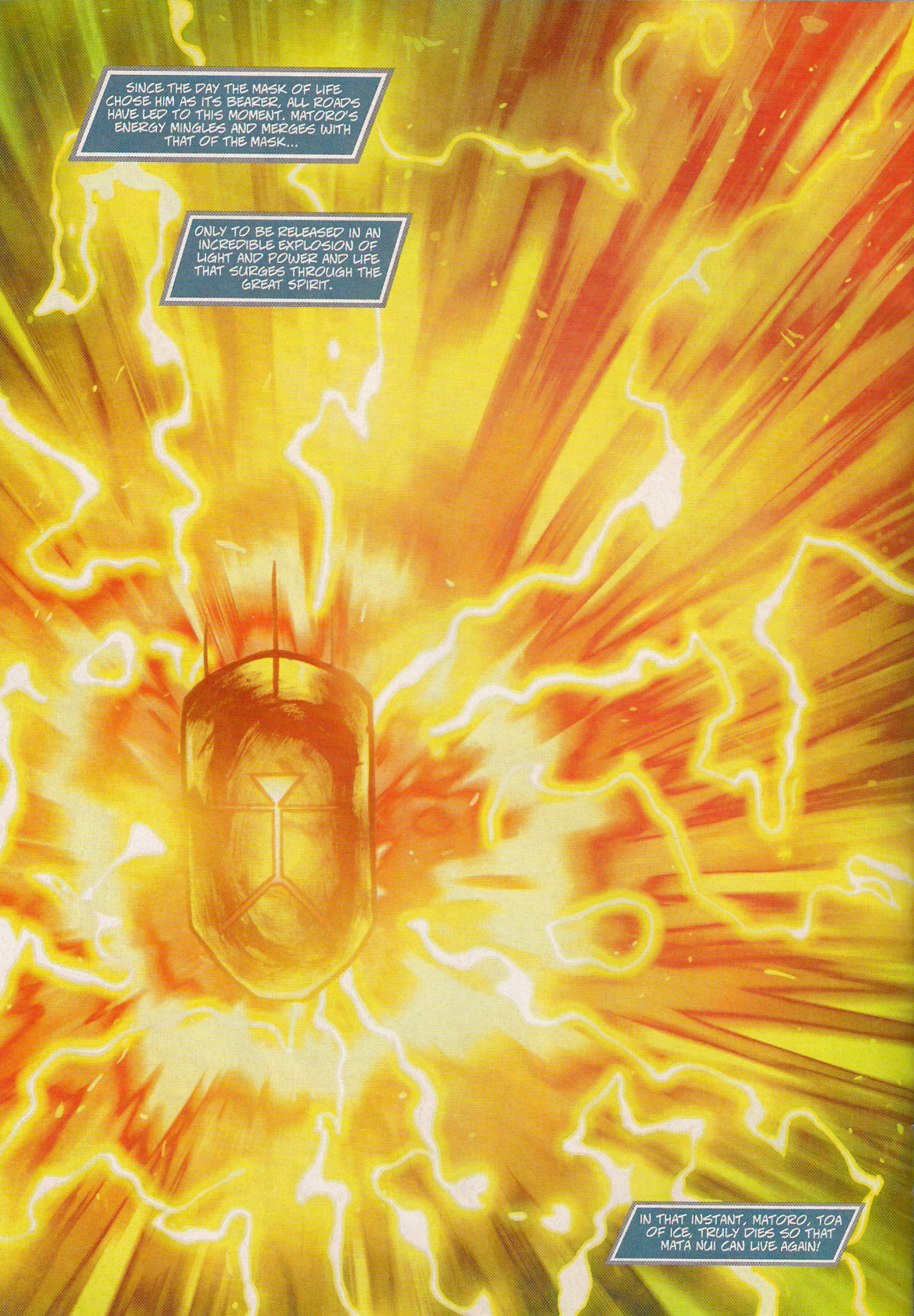
IN HIS LAST MOMENTS,  
MATORO FEELS NO FEAR.

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.



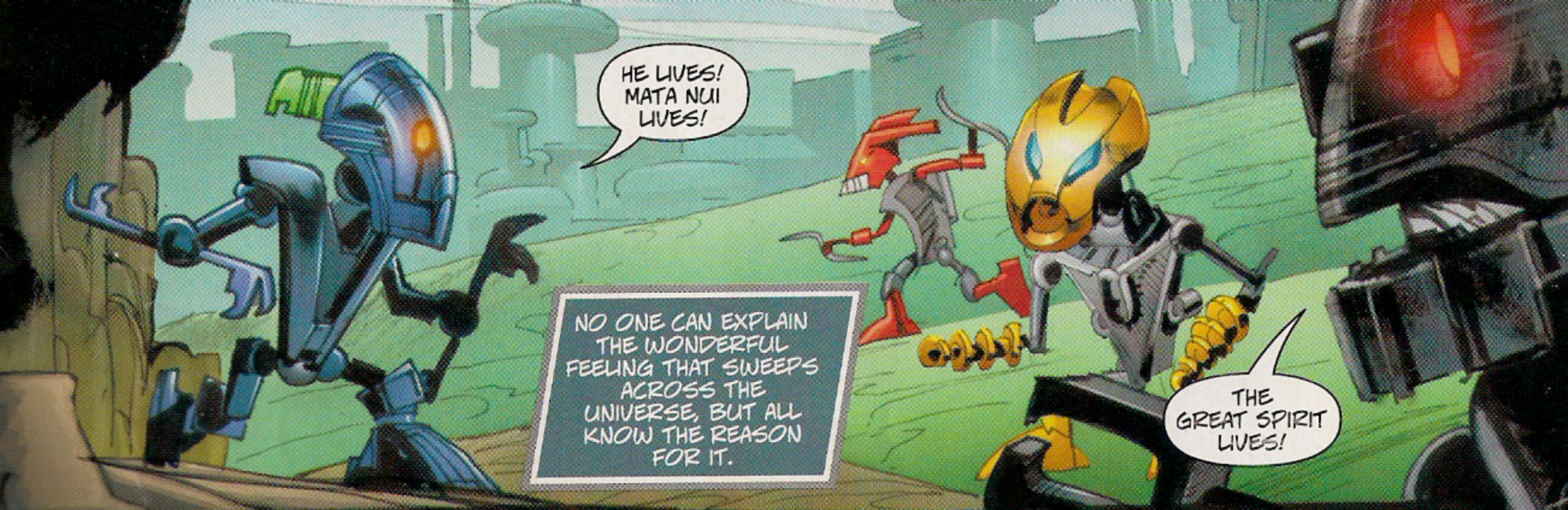


SINCE THE DAY THE MASK OF LIFE  
CHOSE HIM AS ITS BEARER, ALL ROADS  
HAVE LED TO THIS MOMENT. MATORO'S  
ENERGY MINGLES AND MERGES WITH  
THAT OF THE MASK...

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!

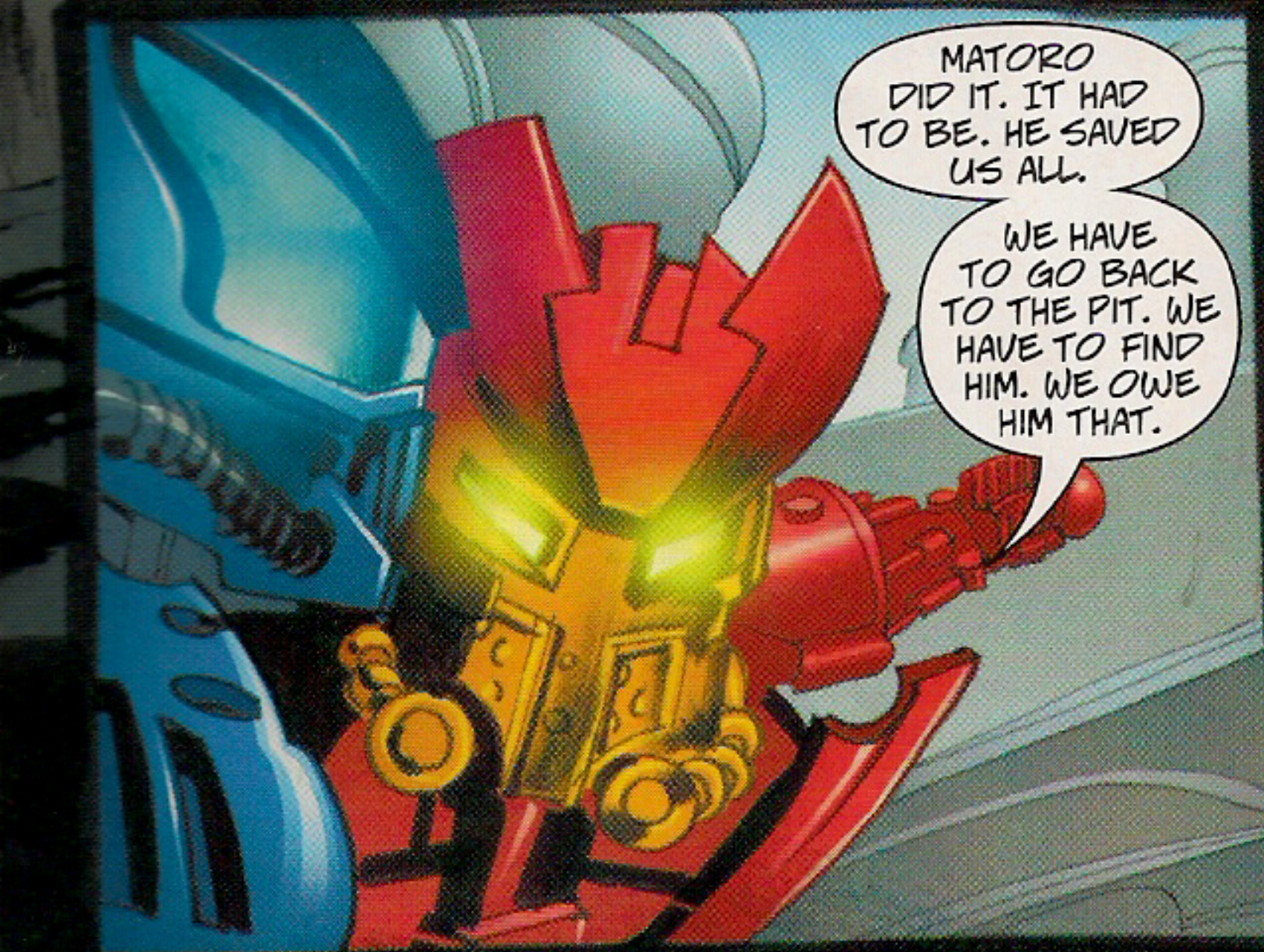




HE LIVES!  
MATA NUI  
LIVES!

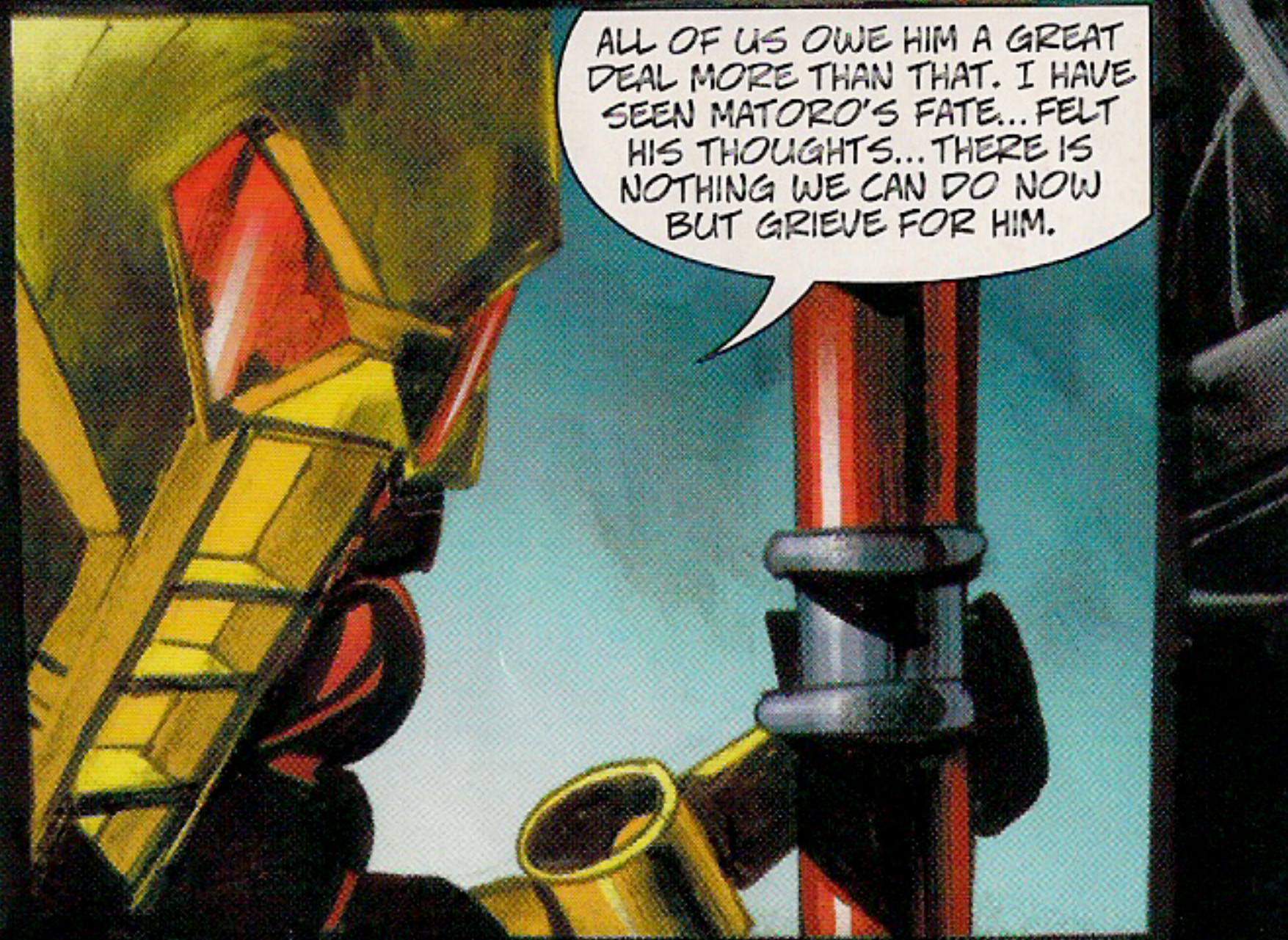
NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN  
THE WONDERFUL  
FEELING THAT SWEEPS  
ACROSS THE  
UNIVERSE, BUT ALL  
KNOW THE REASON  
FOR IT.

THE  
GREAT SPIRIT  
LIVES!

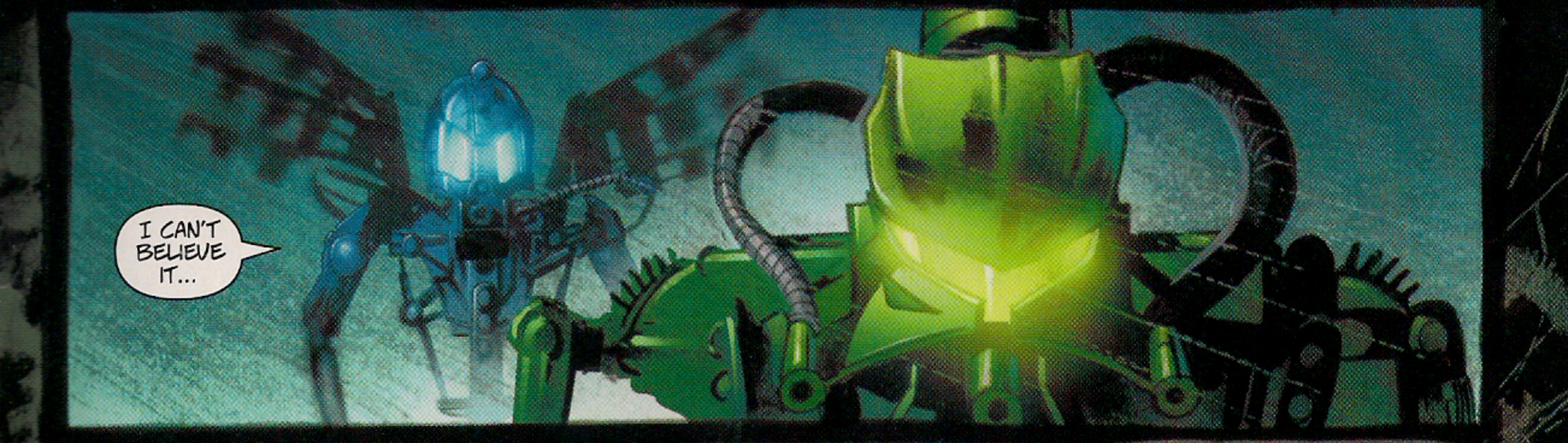


MATORO  
DID IT. IT HAD  
TO BE. HE SAVED  
US ALL.

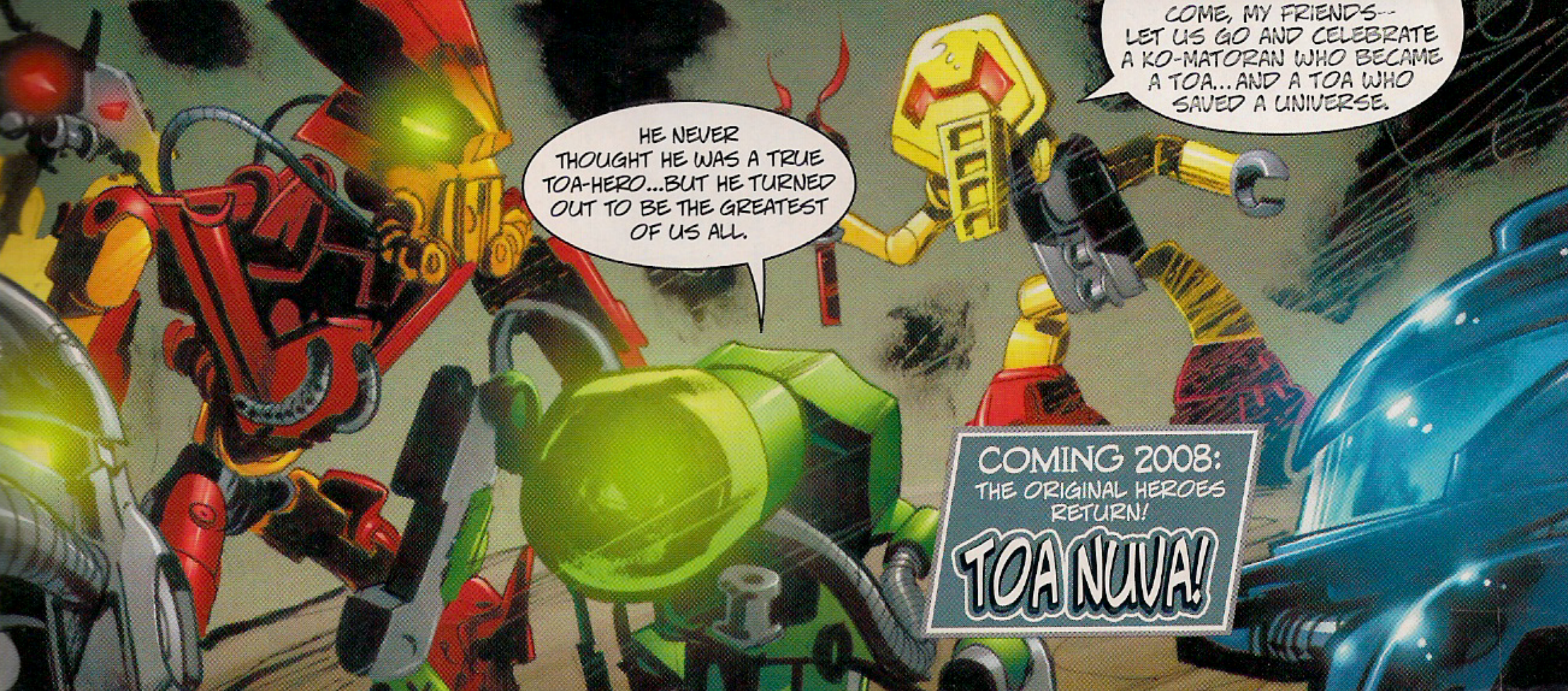
WE HAVE  
TO GO BACK  
TO THE PIT. WE  
HAVE TO FIND  
HIM. WE OWE  
HIM THAT.



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...



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

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

COMING 2008:  
THE ORIGINAL HEROES  
RETURN!

**TOA NUVA!**





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