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TAHU! GALI! KOPAKA! ONUA! POHATU! LEWA!
THESE SIX HEROES ARE UNITED BY DESTINY
TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE FROM THE THREAT
OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAKUTA AND
AWAKEN THE GREAT SPIRIT MATA NUI!
TOGETHER, THEY ARE THE TOA NUVA!

THIS IS KARDA NUI. YESTERDAY, TOA MAHRI
MATORO GAVE HIS LIFE HERE TO SAVE THE
GREAT SPIRIT MATA NUI AND THE UNIVERSE.



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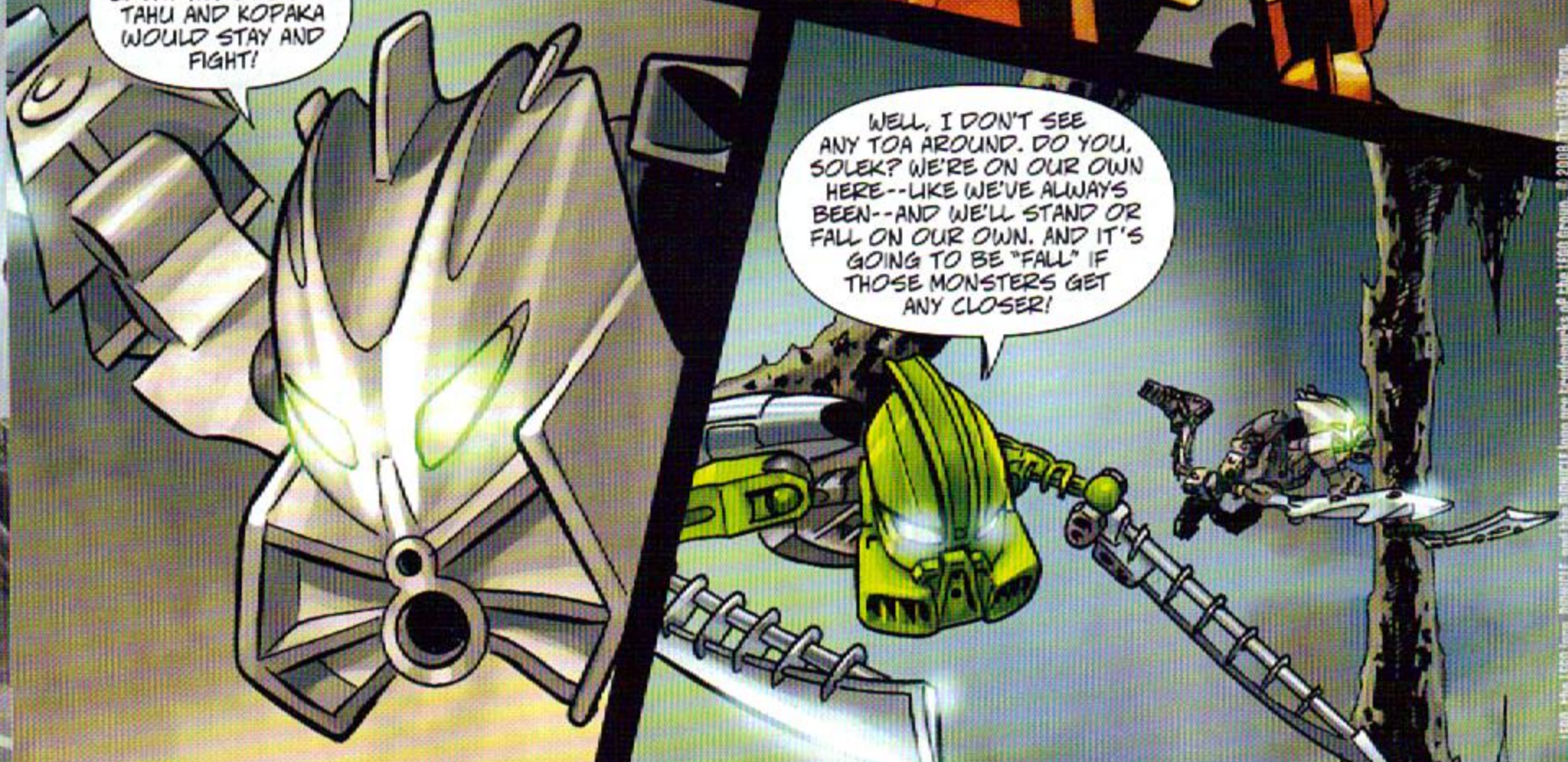
THE THREE FLYING FIGURES
ARE TANMA, PHOTOK AND
SOLEK, MATORAN OF LIGHT AND
DWELLERS IN THE CORE. UNTIL
RECENTLY, THEIR BIGGEST
PROBLEM WAS KEEPING THEIR
JET PACKS IN GOOD REPAIR.


NOW IT'S
STAYING
ALIVE.

LET'S GO,
BEFORE THEY CUT
US OFF FROM THE
VILLAGE!

TOA
WOULDN'T RUN.
GREAT HEROES LIKE
TAHU AND KOPAKA
WOULD STAY AND
FIGHT!

WELL, I DON'T SEE
ANY TOA AROUND. DO YOU,
SOLEK? WE'RE ON OUR OWN
HERE--LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS
BEEN--AND WE'LL STAND OR
FALL ON OUR OWN. AND IT'S
GOING TO BE "FALL" IF
THOSE MONSTERS GET
ANY CLOSER!





"MONSTERS" IS JUST ONE OF THE NAMES THAT FIT THE ATTACKERS--BUT THEY ARE USUALLY CALLED MAKUTA. TWISTED MASTERS OF SHADOW, THEY HAVE COME TO KARDA NUI TO CONQUER.

LET THEM TRY TO RUN! WHERE CAN THEY HIDE? WHAT SHADOW CAN CONCEAL THEM, WHEN THE DARKNESS BELONGS TO US?

BUT THE PLANS OF THE THREE OF THEM--ANTROZ, VAMPRAH, AND CHIROX--WERE SLOWED WHEN A SUDDEN, MASSIVE EXPLOSION OF LIGHT AND ENERGY BLINDED THEM.

FORTUNATELY, MATORAN THEY HAVE CORRUPTED NOW ACT AS RIDERS AND "EYES" FOR THE MAKUTA. AND WHAT THOSE "EYES" ARE SEEING NOW IS A CHANCE TO ELIMINATE THE LAST FREE MATORAN VILLAGE.

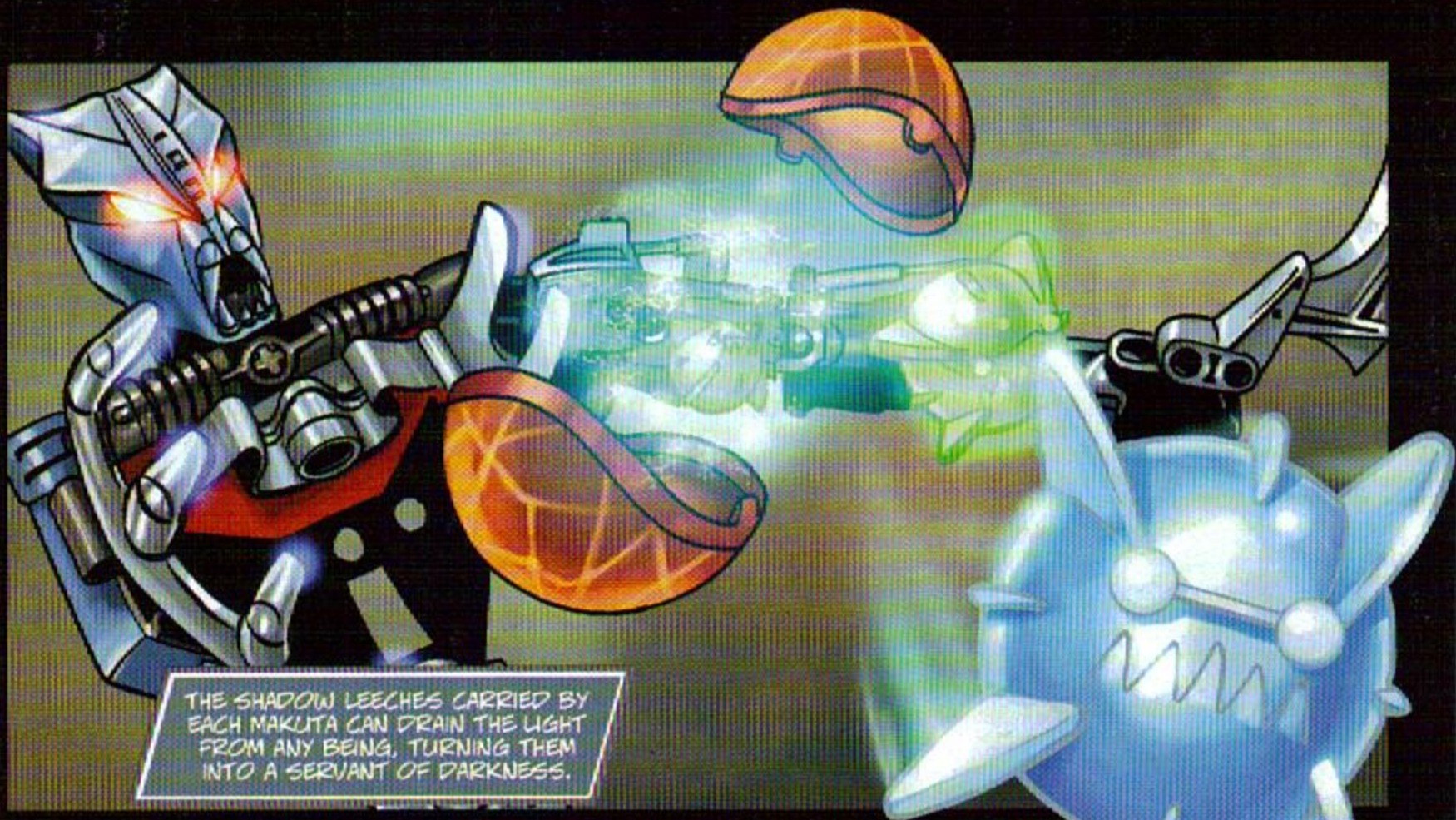
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THE SHADOW LEECHES CARRIED BY EACH MAKUTA CAN DRAIN THE LIGHT FROM ANY BEING, TURNING THEM INTO A SERVANT OF DARKNESS.



YOU GOT MY FRIENDS... KIROP... AND GAULA... AND RADIAK...



SKREEEK

FWASH

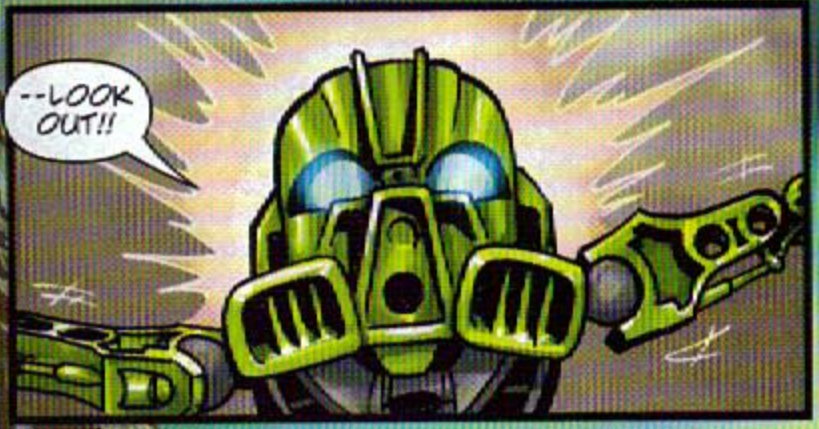
BUT YOU WON'T GET ME!



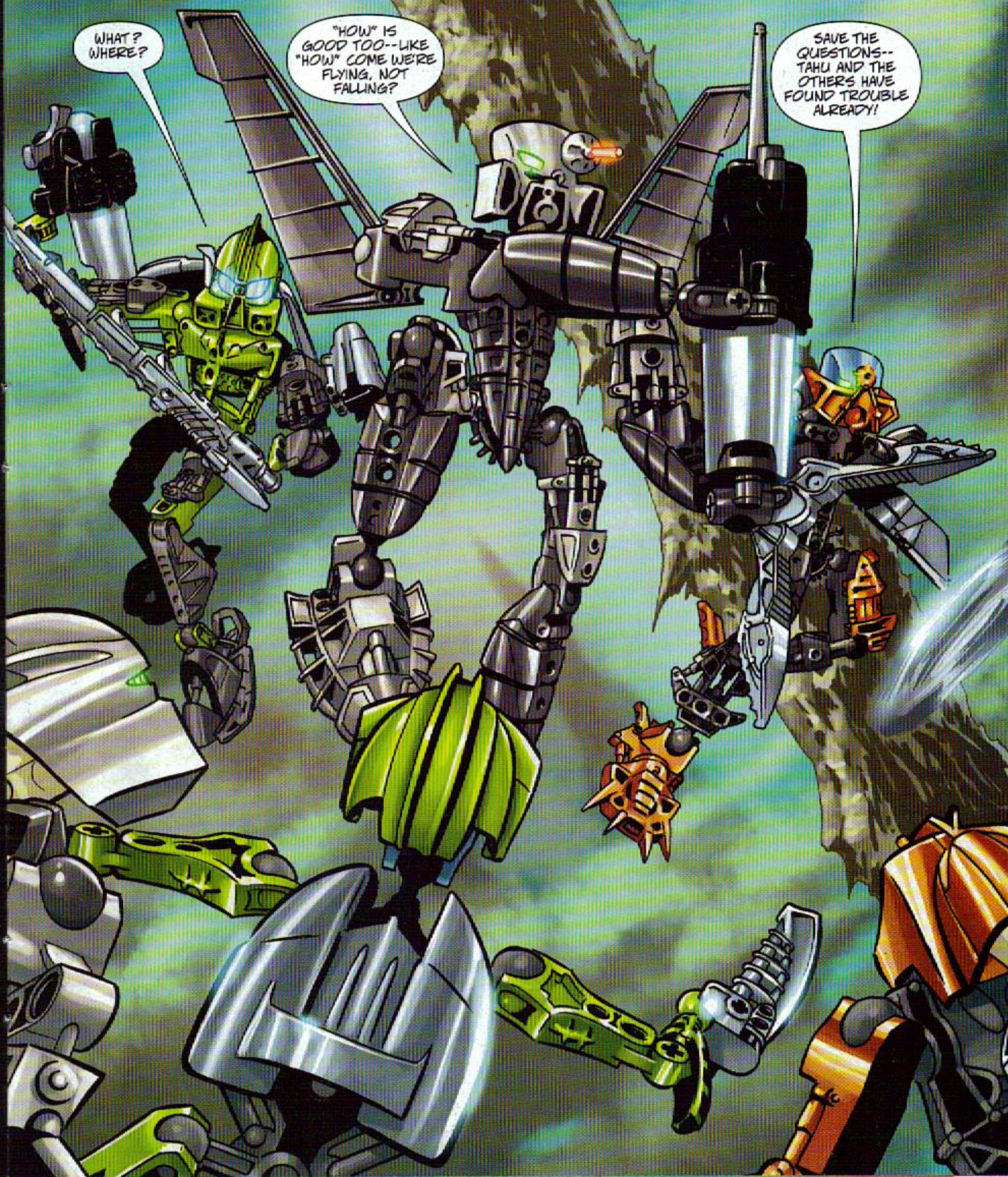
FASTER! WE MIGHT STILL MAKE IT!



THEY'RE GAINING! WE'D BETTER--



--LOOK OUT!!



WHAT? WHERE?

"HOW" IS GOOD TOO--LIKE "HOW" COME WE'RE FLYING, NOT FALLING?

SAVE THE QUESTIONS--TAHU AND THE OTHERS HAVE FOUND TROUBLE ALREADY!



HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO BET THE BIG, UGLY CREEPS WITH THE BAT WINGS ARE THE BAD GUYS?

WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF? THE FACT THAT THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US?

THE KEEN EYES OF LEWA NUVA SPOT SOMETHING INTERESTING.

IS THAT EVER COLD-SLIMY! BUT KOPAKA MAY WANT TO STUDY IT, SO A QUICK CYCLONE WILL CATCH IT FOR ME...



SUDDENLY, LEWA'S MIND IS FLOODED WITH THE MEMORIES OF THE MATORAN ON TOP OF HIM.



NO! DON'T TOUCH IT!


HEY! I DON'T TAKE FLY PASSENGERS!



UNNGGH!


KRAK!

HE SEES THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK KARDA NUI OVER 1,000 YEARS AGO, CAUSING MASSIVE STALACTITES TO BREAK OFF THE CAVERN ROOF, CARRYING MATORAN SETTLEMENTS WITH THEM.




AND IMPALE THEMSELVES
IN THE SOFT GROUND
OF THE CAVE.

THOO




THE MATORAN WENT TO WORK
REBUILDING THEIR VILLAGES AND
ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW LIFE HERE,
EVEN AS WATERS FROM ABOVE
BEGAN TO FLOOD THE CAVERN.



LIFE IN THEIR NEW
HOME WAS HARD,
BUT PEACEFUL.



UNTIL THE MAKUTA CAME,
BRINGING DARKNESS TO WHAT
HAD BEEN A LAND OF LIGHT.



GAULA WAS THE FIRST OF THE
MATORAN TO HAVE HER LIGHT
DRAINED BY THE SHADOW
LEECHES, LEAVING HER A
TWISTED ALLY OF THE MAKUTA.
SHE WOULDN'T BE THE LAST.

HEY! GET OUT OF MY HEAD-THOUGHTS!

WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE IN YOUR HEAD? WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY? YOU LOOK LIKE SOMETHING SOLEK WOULD DREAM UP.

THERE, THE MEMORIES END.



I AM A TOA-HERO, HERE TO SAVE YOU FROM... WHATEVER IT IS YOU NEED SAVING FROM.

OUR ARMOR HAS ADAPTED TO THIS NEW ENVIRONMENT... SO HAVE OUR WEAPONS, I SEE.

YEAH, I WONDER WHAT THIS THING DOES?

WHOA!

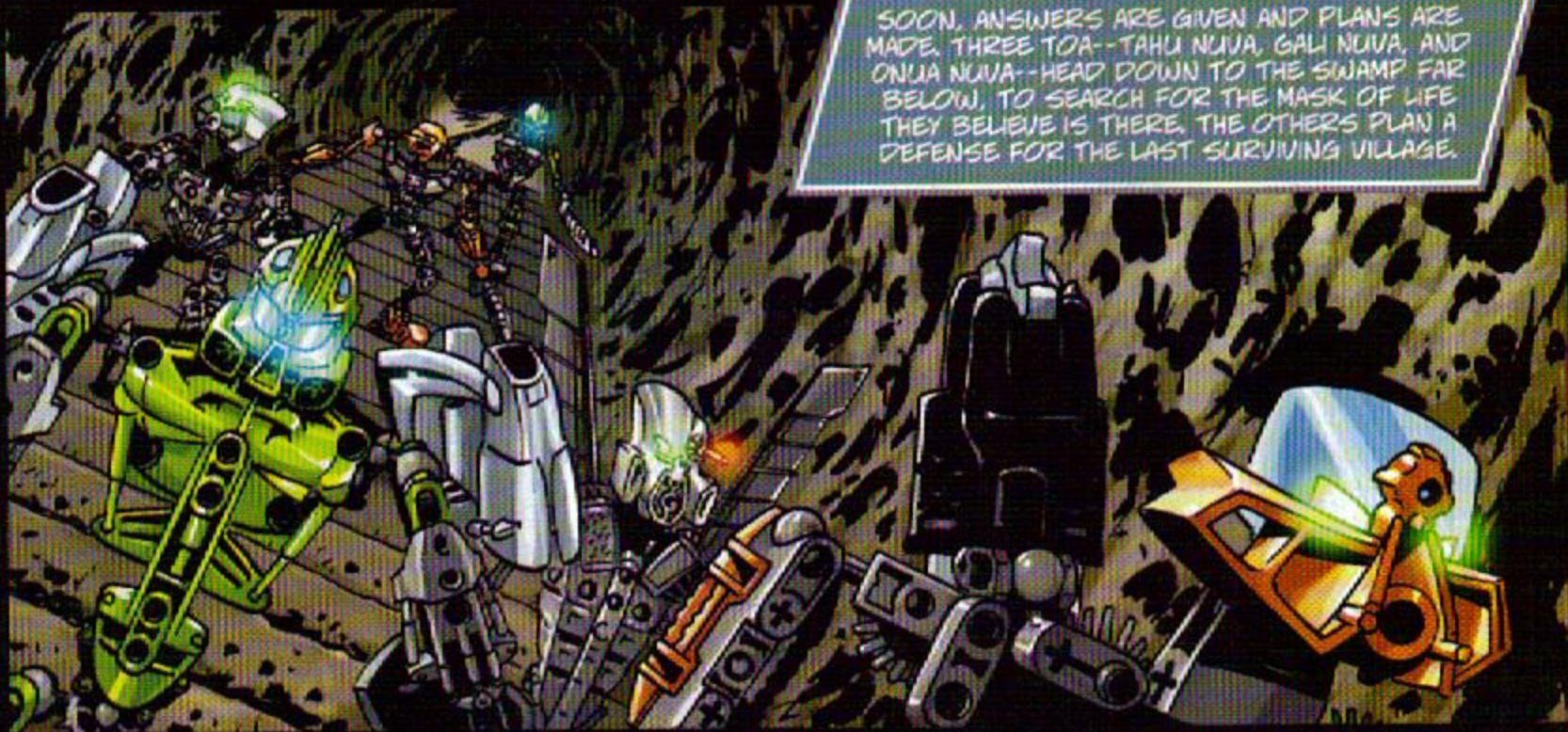
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OH, THAT'S WHAT IT DOES!



THOSE... THINGS...
WHATEVER THEY ARE, ARE
PULLING BACK. THAT GIVES US
TIME TO TALK TO THE VILLAGERS
ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
I WANT SOME ANSWERS,
AND I WANT THEM
NOW.



SOON, ANSWERS ARE GIVEN AND PLANS ARE
MADE. THREE TOA--TAHU NUVA, GALI NUVA, AND
ONUIA NUVA--HEAD DOWN TO THE SWAMP FAR
BELOW, TO SEARCH FOR THE MASK OF LIFE
THEY BELIEVE IS THERE. THE OTHERS PLAN A
DEFENSE FOR THE LAST SURVIVING VILLAGE.



THE
MAKUTA WILL BE
COMING BACK--AND THEY
HAVE MORE POWER THAN
WE DO. LUCKILY, WE
TOA-HEROES ARE USED
TO IMPOSSIBLE ODDS
AND CERTAIN
DOOM.

THE QUESTION IS,
WHAT DO THEY WANT?
ARE THEY AFTER THE MASK
OF LIFE? THE MATORAN
WHO LIVE HERE? WHY
ARE THEY IN KARDA
NUI?

IN THE LAIR OF
THE MAKUTA...

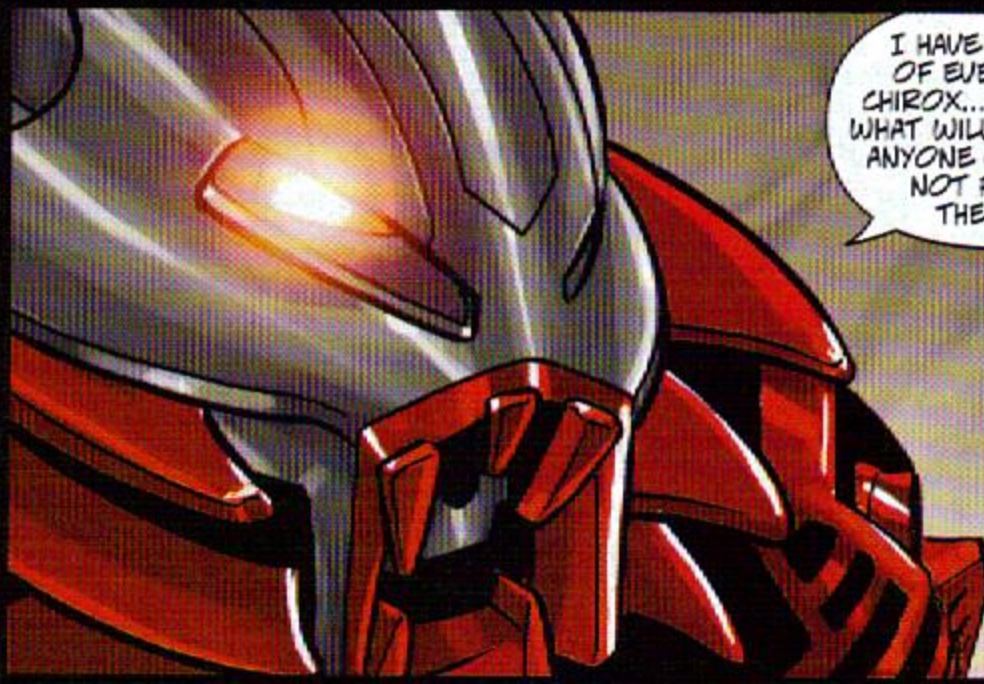


I ASK
AGAIN--WHY ARE
WE WASTING OUR TIME
HERE, WHEN THERE IS A
UNIVERSE OUTSIDE
TO CONQUER?

WE ARE HERE
BECAUSE THE LEADER
OF OUR BROTHERHOOD
DEMANDS IT. WE ARE HERE
TO SEE TO IT THAT IF ANY
OF THESE MATORAN EVER
BECOME TOA, THEY
WILL BE OURS--TOA
OF SHADOW!

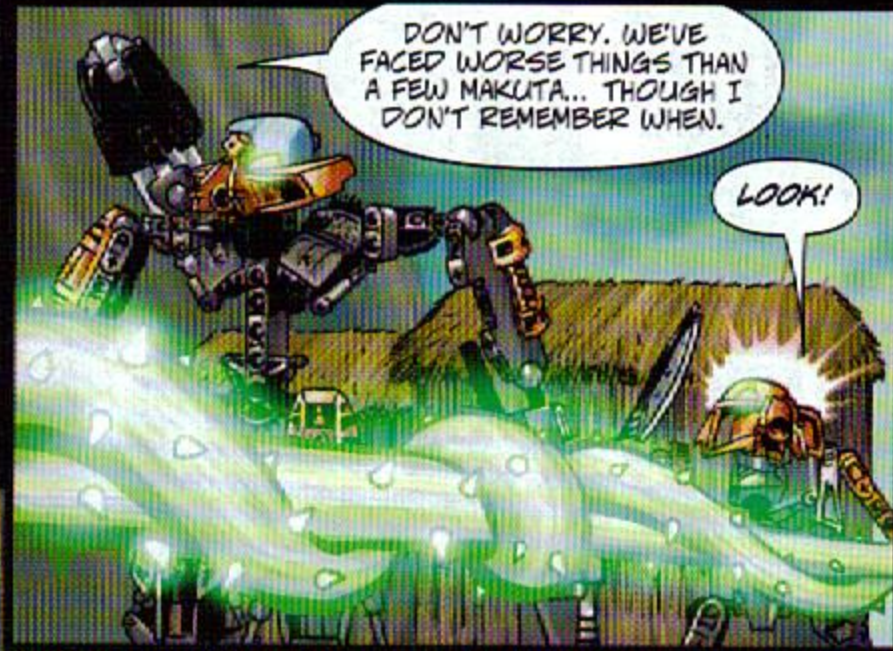
WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN
BLINDED... AND NOW OUR
PREY HAS POWERFUL HELP.
PERHAPS OUR LEADER SENT
US HERE TO BE ELIMINATED,
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT
OF THAT?





I HAVE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, CHIROX... INCLUDING WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ANYONE WHO DOES NOT FOLLOW THE PLAN.

THE TOA NUVA ARE HERE, AS WE KNEW THEY WOULD BE ONE DAY. WE WILL SEE TO IT THAT THEY NEVER LEAVE ALIVE. SEND A SUMMONS TO ICARAX WHILE I PREPARE A GIFT FOR OUR NEW GUESTS.



DON'T WORRY. WE'VE FACED WORSE THINGS THAN A FEW MAKUTA... THOUGH I DON'T REMEMBER WHEN.

LOOK!



PHOTOK... I'VE STOLEN THE BROTHERHOOD'S BATTLE PLANS AND ESCAPED... BUT I'M HURT...



COULD BE A TRICK. IT PROBABLY IS-- BUT IF HE REALLY NEEDS HELP...

THEN I'M GOING ALONG!



JUST STAY THERE WHILE WE LOOK YOU OVER-- AND NO TRICKS.



OH--IT'S MUCH TOO LATE FOR THAT, YOU FOOL.



WE JUST NEEDED TO GET YOU AWAY FROM THAT LIGHTVINE THAT RINGS YOUR VILLAGE. ITS GLOW IS... ANNOYING.

VAMPRAH, MY SILENT FRIEND--YOU TAKE THE TOA. I WILL CLAIM THE MATORAN. I HAVE AN EXPERIMENT IN MIND HE WOULD BE PERFECT FOR!

SKRAAK

UNNGGH!

PHOTOK!



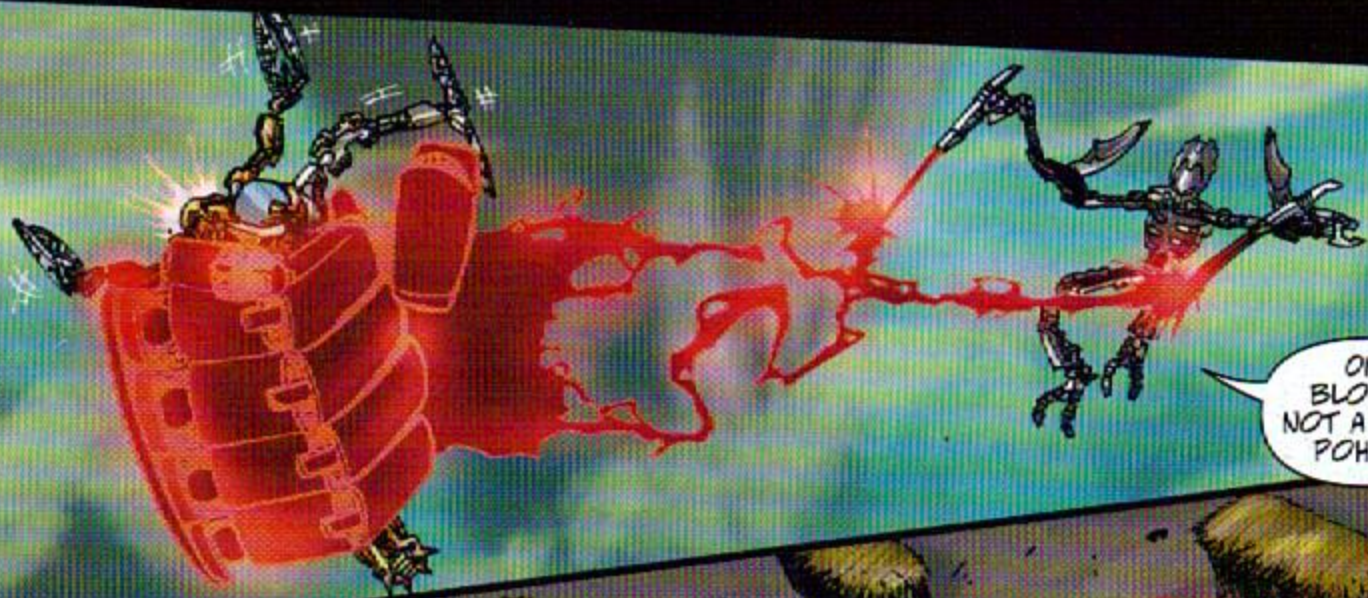
I'M... ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY.



YOU KNOW, I'VE FOUND THINGS UNDER ROCKS THAT HAD MORE GUTS THAN YOU MAKUTA DO... AND SMELL BETTER, TOO.



AND I'M A TOA OF STONE... I KNOW ROCKS.



ONE BLOW IS NOT A FIGHT, POHATU.



THINK ABOUT THAT ON YOUR WAY DOWN!



KRA-WHAM

FLASH

AAAAAHHH!

AND ONE BATTLE ISN'T THE WAR, MAKUTA.

IF YOU'VE HURT POHATU, WE'LL...



YOU'LL WHAT, TOA? FIRE YOUR LITTLE BALLS OF LIGHT? MAKE MORE EMPTY THREATS?

MAKUTA, WHY DON'T YOU DRY UP...

...AND BLOW AWAY?



ARE YOU SILENT OUT OF FEAR, MONSTER, OR DO YOU SIMPLY HAVE NOTHING WORTHWHILE TO SAY? GO AHEAD, MAKE A MOVE-- AND BEST OF LUCK FLYING WITH ICE ON YOUR WINGS.

STUPID TOA.. VAMPRAH WEARS THE MASK OF HUNGER...



HE DOESN'T HAVE TO COME NEAR YOU TO DESTROY YOU.



WEAK... FADING... SAVE YOURSELF, SOLEK...

NO, I WON'T ABANDON YOU!



THEN YOU'RE BOTH DOOMED.

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO...

SURRENDER, LEWA--AND TELL US WHERE TAHU AND YOUR OTHER FRIENDS HAVE GONE, AND WHY.

YOU WILL BE WELL TREATED--THE RUMORS OF WHAT WE DO TO TOA ARE... EXAGGERATED.

RIGHT. I CAN TELL FROM THE BAT WINGS AND THE LEECHES THAT YOU THREE ARE JUST ALL HAPPY-SMILES AND RAINBOWS.

BUT YOU KNOW THE PROBLEM WITH WINGS? THEY DON'T WORK WELL--

--IN A BIG WIND!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND SAVE MY FRIENDS, AND YOURS!

AND WE WILL-- BUT SIX OF THEM, TWO OF US, IS NOT HOW TO DO IT. WE NEED TO FIND TAHU AND THE OTHER TOA-HEROES, AND HOPE WE'RE IN TIME!

LET THEM GO. THERE'S NOWHERE THEY CAN RUN TO. BESIDES, ICARAX WILL BE HERE SOON--WE'LL LET HIM DESTROY THEM. IT IS, AFTER ALL, WHAT HE DOES BEST.

THE MAKUTA FORTRESS ON THE ISLAND OF DESTRAL, CURRENT LAIR OF CARAX...

SO... ANTROZ HAS A PROBLEM HE CANNOT SOLVE, AND HE TURNS TO ME.

TRICKERY, PLOTS, AND SCHEMES WILL NOT DEFEAT TOA NUVA... ONLY POWER WILL DO THAT. AND I AM POWER.

I WILL GO TO KARDA NUI AND SAVE MY BROTHERS FROM DIRTYING THEIR CLAWS IN BATTLE. THEN WE WILL SEE WHO LEADS THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAKUTA...

OH, YES... THEN WE WILL SEE, INDEED.

THE BOTTOM OF THE
KARDA NUI SWAMP...

THE MASK OF LIFE LANDED
HERE AFTER BEING USED
TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE
GREAT SPIRIT MATA NUI,
AND HERE IT HAS
REMAINED EVER SINCE.

BUT IT CAN SENSE
WHAT IS GOING ON
ABOVE, AND IT KNOWS
THAT CREATURES OF
DARKNESS ARE
SEARCHING FOR IT
EVEN NOW.

IN THE PAST, IT HAS RELIED
ON OTHERS TO PROTECT
IT. BUT NOT THIS TIME.

NOW IT WILL LEARN
WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE,
AND WHAT IT MEANS TO
BE A HERO.

WITH A NEWLY CREATED
BODY, AND A VEHICLE TO
CARRY IT FROM THE MURKY
WATERS OF THE SWAMP...

TOA IGNIKA
IS BORN!

AND THE UNIVERSE
WILL NEVER BE
THE SAME.

COMING IN JULY:

TOA NUVA VS. MAKUTA IN AN ALL-OUT BATTLE IN THE
SWAMP OF SHADOWS!