

One Destiny

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Snow still was gently falling and on the ground it was covered with blood. Swarms of Bohrok and Rahi flooded Metru Nui. The Matoran had retreated into the remaining cities. Ga and Ko Metru already had fallen. At least the dark spirit who had taken over his brother's body had just reached the coast and stayed there while his swarms did the destructions. Most time the Toa had to split up because two or more cities were under attack the same time. Fortunately they now weren't a team of just seven anymore. The five new Toa Jaller, Hahli, Kongu, Hewkii and Nuparu had joined them and Rui was there as well. It was the first time since two weeks now that they had the chance to meet all together in the great town hall of Ta Metru. Most of them were sitting around the table. No one wanted to speak beside Jaller and Tahu who were standing a bit to the side and talked to each other whispering. Lewa had crossed his arms on the table and placed his forehead on them. It looked as if he was sleeping. Gali looked as if she felt sick. From time to time one of them gazed up to the two fire Toa but they showed no reaction so far that they wanted to sit down soon.

Finally the two stepped over to the table.

"We have thought about it a lot", Tahu began. "It looks like we could never beat them. Makuta wants to rip us apart and drive us into desperation. The only reason why we were able to get together might be that he's planning the next attacks and wants to regroup his armies."

"But there still can be hope", Jaller continued. "The only thing we have to do is, we have to rip them apart before they can do it with us."

Surprised murmur between the Toa. Tahu needed some time to get their attention again. "It's the last thing Makuta would await. He's prepared that we only defend the villages. But what if we're wrecking havoc at different parts of the land ... and water ... maybe the air too? Makuta just sends out his creatures and they do the dirty work for him but if we attack from different sides he would have to split apart if he wants to get rid of us and regain the order between his troops. After he had already split a few times ... I don't know if it would be too good to do it again. Even if he's a god."

"No Toa should go alone", Jaller said, "and at least one of us should stay close to the cities, or at least one city, in case of danger. Tahu thought it would be best when the

Toa of the same element get together so they can wreck havoc in the same area without problems.”

This time not even Gali said anything against it. The plan sounded as if many things could go wrong but what else did they have?

Lewa lifted up his head. “So another time we can’t go together?”

“This time not”, Tahu said, “I just thought it would be good if Toa of the same element get together so they can enter the territories they have advantages in, but if you want me to go with you...”

The emerald one just shook his head, “No, I’m fine with it, thanks. I think I should take care of flying enemies and you can’t fly. But I think that Kongu is at least a good Kewa pilot.”

So every Toa had a partner of the same element with exception of Rui, Kopaka and Takua.

“Looks like you freaks will go together”, Kopaka grinned, “And I will stay here.”

“I don’t think so. Who else will be our master for the snowy regions, which is nearly everything right now? I have thought we two can check out the mountains as I’m not so vulnerable to coldness as half fire element.” Rui laid an arm around Kopaka’s shoulders and made a gesture as if he wanted to point at the tops of invisible mountains. “And beside I think Gali would want someone to keep an eye on you.”

The icy Toa crossed his arms but still there was a little smile on his face.

“So then it’s me who will stay at the town. Oh well”, Takua shrugged. “I hope that there won’t be too many attacks.”

“There won’t”, Tahu sounded as if he wanted to promise it. “They will be too busy fighting us back.”

“Will we go to the volcanic area?” Jaller applied to the other Toa of fire, “I think you’re a very good lava surfer.”

“As long as I won’t have to swim through the lava. Listen”, the ruby Toa rose his voice again and the others who had been talking and discussing about their upcoming mission were silent again, “When you’re ready you can leave. I don’t have anything more to say than good luck.” He nodded over to Jaller to show him they were ready to leave.

Takua was the last one who remained in the room. At first he didn’t know if there was even the need to leave it but then he sighed and decided to go out as well, looking if there was an attack earlier than awaited or if his help was needed somewhere. Maybe he would also meet Matoran he knew.

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The ropeway up the mountains was still intact. Rui and Kopaka could use it.

“Some of the Bohrok and the Muaka might prefer higher regions”, the icy Toa explained, “That’s why I wanted to go up there.”

“So not just because you wanted to see the mountains again?” the mix scoffed.

The other one only responded with a glare.

“How deep is the snow?” Rui looked out of the cable car sceptically. If we need to fight we also need to move.”

Kopaka jumped and landed on the snow. The trace he left was just a few centimetres

deep. "It's not that deep..."

The other Toa now landed beside him and sank in up to his knees.

"... as long as you are a Toa of ice", the ivory one continued. "But I don't think it would be too hard for you to melt it away in front of you. Come on, I feel our enemies aren't far from us."

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It got warmer and warmer on the way the Toa of fire, earth and stone took. Maybe because they were now closer to the desert and it never snowed there but also because now they were coming closer to a volcanic region. The first part of their journey they travelled together but then Onua and Nuparu took a path that led deeper underground and Pohatu and Hewkii headed for the road to the desert.

"I think soon it's time to get on my lava board", Tahu said, "There won't be many paths to go on when we're getting deeper into it."

"In some cases I can run over lava", Jaller said. "But I never tested how long. I thought it would be better to bring a board as well. It's just a Matoran board but it should be enough to carry a Toa's weight."

The paths really stopped very soon and now they were standing in front of a net of lava streams. Some of them were floating onto lakes of lava, others were leading into tunnels.

"The Bohrok and Rahi which love heat could be in one of those tunnels", Tahu said, ran over to one of the streams and jumped on his board. Jaller followed him close behind.

The only light was now coming from lava and fire.

"We should have brought a light stone with us", Jaller meant, "It would be hard to see an enemy even if he's standing right in front of us."

Suddenly something big shot over their heads.

"What was that?"

Tahu had turned around and was now staring into the darkness. "I don't know for sure but it looked as if we have found the first Bohrok."

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While Lewa and Kongu wanted to try to lead a Nui Rama swarm away from Aro Nui, the two water Toa headed to the sea. Gali really had missed the times she could be under the water. Hahli rather preferred to run over the water. They were keeping an eye out for Tarakava because they were bigger and had it harder to find something good to hide than the water Bohrok. But so far they had only seen Takea which seemed to be fleeing from something. Tarakava normally were loners and a Takea would never flee from a single Tarakava. Was it possible that the water Rahi had formed groups or were there Bohrok as well?

"Can you feel it too?" Gali's voice was coming out of the water so clear as if she was standing right beside Hahli.

"Yeah, I think so. There's something hiding in the deep. Something the Takea are afraid of. But so far it's just watching us."

“And maybe planning an attack...”