

One Destiny

Bionicle

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"What's that noise? Reikuta, have you once again forgotten to lock his cell door?", Lhikuta muttered.

"Uhm, at least we can hear that he has recovered", Reikuta apologized.

"Yeah, he's strong enough. Maybe we can start right now", the red one thought loud.

"Bring him back to his cell and make sure he can't escape until we've finished", he ordered.

After a short time Reikuta came back, the struggling Lewa on his shoulder.

"Let me go! You heard? You shall let me go! Why do you keep me imprisoned? Why just *me*?"

"Well, let's say we have big plans and need a bit of your power."

The black Ikuta dropped him like a sack of potatoes and Lhikuta chained him to the wall.

"We had waited for too long to become the mightiest creatures and take over Aro Nui, your home ... Or at least rule over the world", the red one said in his sarcastic manner, "But after we've killed nearly all of the Toa, we still have another problem: Mata Nui. We can't kill a god, but we've found a way. A weapon that will drain his powers long enough. Therefore we only need the Guardians. There are eight of them. The weapon we need is at a hidden place. All Guardians have to use their power together to reveal that location. So if we want to get there, we need a little bit of every Guardian inside of us. Four we had already, the fifth was captured by our little helpers soon after our departure. You're number six."

"But how can I be a Guardian?"

"Not you exactly ... but your parents ... We killed them long time ago and so we thought, we had to find only six Guardians. But if Guardians die their children get part of their powers. It depends on the age, if they're active Guardians or not."

Lime-kissed eyes widened. "You killed..."

"Stop whining!", Lhikuta shot, "We have no time for that." He put a hand on Lewa's chest, where immediately a bright light started glowing. "This may hurt a bit. We won't tell anyone if your cry..."

The emerald Toa screamed as a sharp pain shot through his body. It felt like his heart was ripped out.

"Next time we do this, we should protect our ears", Reikuta mocked.

Although only a few seconds had passed, Lewa felt like he had cried out his lungs. Tears were flowing down his Miru and his mind cried the only name he could remember by now. 'Tahu!'

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"You heard that?" Tahu stood still and listened if there was something else, but the tunnels were as quiet as they were before.

"Heard what?" Onua also stopped. Normally he was the one with the best ears. But there hadn't been any strange noise until now.

"Lewa! He's down there!" The ruby Toa ran into another part of the tunnel.

"But I still sense him this way on."

"Just trust me. I know, what I'm doing."

"Well, the most time it seems you don't", the ebony Toa shrugged and followed his friend.

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The Toa of Air had sunken down to the floor as far as his chains allowed. His tears were still dripping down.

"Well, we've finished. Now you have no more reason to cry." Lhikuta went up and down in front of him like a lion in a cage.

"Why do you still keep me imprisoned?", Lewa sobbed, "You don't need me anymore, so let me go."

"I'm thinking 'bout it", Lhikuta answered, "But on the other hand ... we should take you back home. Exotic goods sell best, you know."

"Maybe we should test his ... qualities first", Reikuta suggested.

His brother waved a hand. "I had my fun. This is your turn."

"Will be a pleasure..."

"No! Please, I'm begging you, don't!", the young Toa cried out, "Help me, someone, anyone, please!"

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"You were right, Tahu. Now I can sense him stronger than before."

The Toa of Fire and Earth were still running through the darkness until Tahu stopped so suddenly that Onua nearly crashed into him.

"What's the matter?"

"Behind the rocks, quick!"

Only a few seconds later the two Ikuta came out of a corridor the Toa had nearly overlooked.

"So can we take him home with us?", Lhikuta asked.

"A bit unwilling but nevertheless good enough", Reikuta answered with a big grin.

"What are they talking about?", Tahu whispered, "Where do they want to take him?"

As soon as the two creatures had disappeared, the Toa headed for the small corridor.

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"Lewa!"

"Shhh! Tahu, they will hear us", Onua whispered but the Toa of Fire didn't bother and ran over to his love. The Toa of Air hang in his chains, barely conscious, but still lifted his head a bit when he heard his lovers voice. "Tahu ... I'm ... I'm sorry", he whispered, then his head slowly sank down again.

Tahu hugged him carefully, trying not to touch his wounds, since he didn't want him to get hurt more than he already was.

"Can you take care of these chains, Onua?"

"No prob." Onua activated his quake breakers and cut them through. "You should take care of Lewa's wounds a bit. I'll look outside if the enemy's around anywhere or if we can get to Onu-Koro in one piece." He walked out, thinking about what he had seen a moment ago. Just now it sank in. Tahu had hugged Lewa. He had hugged the younger one! Could it be ... The ebony Toa waved it out of his mind. Now there was something more important. He looked around. Nothing of importance to see, but he still sensed danger.

'Better get away from here fast', he thought and returned to the others.

Tahu sat on the floor, still holding his green angel, rocking him back and forth like a baby. Lewa had awoken, but was still too weak to fight, if they had to.

"Now you know it, Onua", Tahu mumbled, "Wished, there'd been a better time to find out. But don't tell the others yet, promise."

Onua smiled slightly. "Won't say anything until you feel right for it."

"I also want to know something from you. Is there something between ... you and Lewa ... I mean ... what do you feel for him?"

The black one chuckled. "No worries. Sometimes it may look otherwise, but he's just a good friend. I love him like a little brother."

Tahu felt, like a rock of Pohatu's size fell from his heart.

"Well, well, looks like the cavalry has come to rescue our little slave", a sarcastic voice sounded from behind.

Another voice spoke in Tahu's direction. "You can be proud of him. I've tested him. In bed he would be perfect. It's a pity *you* won't have him anymore."

"Stay away from him! I know what you've done to him", the red Toa snarled.

"Oh, what should I've done? It looked like he was fond of it."

"It's true", the emerald Toa whispered, "First I hated it, wanted to get away, but then ... it felt kinda ... right, what I was doing."

"Well, maybe I had him under my control ... but maybe not", Lhikuta mocked.

"I couldn't care less", Tahu hissed, "What you've done is unforgivable."

"We've beaten six of you as you were Toa Mata. And we've beaten two of you as Toa Nuva short time ago."

"Yeah, really great", Tahu mocked, "Beating one who is still half sleeping and one who is afraid of height in a tree. Now let us through."

"You must be very brave, Toa, or very dumb..."

The Toa of Fire took up arms against Lhikuta. "Let's see, who will withstand longer!"

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Earth and fire against earth and fire. That could have been a fight with no end. Tahu

and Lhikuta both were able to block most of the attacks with their shields. Lhikuta had only managed to scratch over Tahu's face. Onua had crashed Reikuta nearly through a wall.

Both counterparts were exhausted from senseless attacks and Lewa still too weak to jump in.

"Onua, we need other tactics. We can't attack if they keep blocking", Tahu panted out.

"Well then..." Onua dug himself into the earth and suddenly Lhikuta sank to his hips.

"Hey, that's not fair!", he shouted out.

"Oh, it's fair, it's just called skill", Tahu shrugged. "Onua, attack Reikuta with earth!"

"What? Are you really that dumb, attacking earth with earth?", the black Ikuta mocked.

A sudden fire storm against him made him think otherwise.

"No", the ruby Toa said calmly, "I just know, that fire and sand gives glass."

The ebony Ikuta screeched and disappeared into black smoke before the glass could harden.

"Coward!", Lhikuta cursed at his brother. "I see, you've found something, we could fear. For now, we have no reason to stay any longer. But I believe we would see again very soon. Especially because we have someone Lewa knows well ... very well." He then vanished too.

"Can you walk?" The ruby Toa supported his green angel.

"Yeah, a bit, but my body will recover fast." The wounds of his soul wouldn't...

"I will never let come harm over you again, my green angel, I swear..."

Onua looked around. "We should get to Onu-Koro. Our enemies could be who-knows where."