

One Destiny

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"Holy gosh, my stomach hurts as if I haven't eaten for years", Tahu whined. Gali stopped her meditation and looked at him. "We just have the things we were able to load on the Kewa without getting too heavy for them which is already less enough. You can have something now but we don't know how long our journey will still last. Maybe we have to starve at the end of it."

"At least it wouldn't kill us. A lack of water would rather be our death." He looked over the landscape behind him. "I'm not going to drink that."

"You can call yourself lucky you have a Toa of water with you", the sapphire Toa said and closed her eyes again.

Tahu watched her for a few seconds. "What the heck is she doing?"

"Trying to get contact to Takanuva or something like that", Tupua answered and pushed over the little victual bag. "I thought you Toa could live without food."

"We can live without it for a very long time, but after some times our bellies start feeling empty too", Onua explained while Tahu looked for something he would like to eat. "And the longer we starve the worse fighters we become. Tahu, don't be so picky. Take what you get we don't have anything else."

For some time they remained silent until Gali got the word again. "I saw them, fighting against shadows or something like that and then everything was covered in light. I don't know what those pictures are supposed to mean but I know that he has found them now."

"Shall I initiate teleportation?" Tupua asked.

"If you can carry us all", Gali said.

"I was able to carry all of you Toa when I still was a Matoran and now you are just three and I'm a Toa."

The Toa of water looked over the swamp. "It's a very long distance."

"I can only teleport as far as my energy longs. If I don't have enough we will land somewhere between our start and our goal. Then we still can walk."

"Alright then", Onua stood up, "Tahu, get out of that bag, we have to get going."

The dark Toa took Gali's hand. "Just hold on to each other."

It was a feeling as if they were dragged up and whirled around very fast like they were in a tornado but they couldn't see much because it was hard to even open the eyes.

When Tupua still was a Matoran, teleporting more felt like very quick flying. Then they suddenly lost contact to each other and hit the ground.

"I'm sorry", they heard Tupua, "It looks like that still needs more practice. Damn, everything is so complicated when you are a Toa."

"That didn't look very elegant", someone said and reached out a hand to Gali. She lifted her head and looked into Kopaka's icy blue eyes.

"I wished you would have come sooner. You already have missed all the fun."

Pohatu came over to them too. "Where do we have to go next? I mean this area is gigantic. How will we ever find something, if we don't know what we're looking for?"

"We will find Lewa first", Tahu said and looked around. Now he noticed how bright everything looked. Not much brighter than the swamp, it still was a bit dusky but brighter than they had seen it from the platform. "Is that even the right canyon?"

"I have used my Kanohi", Takua said and sounded a bit embarrassed, "And now it doesn't want to go away anymore."

"That's great, that's really, really great". Tahu rejoiced, "Now the dark spirit has to retreat to the only places the light can't reach: the caves. And we can continue our journey without too much danger. Even if he sees us there's not much left he could do."

"Don't get too over-excited yet", Kopaka said, "We still haven't found Lewa or even started that last part of our voyage. When Makuta has retreated to the caves Lewa must have done the same. We have to meet him in the shadows."

"No matter how great the danger is", the ruby Toa said, "I will get him back." He sighed "After all it's my own fault, he got into that misery."

Since they wanted Tupua to save his energy for case of danger they had to walk. It looked farther than it really was. The caves soon came in sight. But now there was another problem: Which entry should they take?

"I'd suggest we take the one we're standing closest", Onua said. "Those types of tunnels tend to have connections to each other."

Pohatu looked up the wall. Over their heads there were entries over entries.

"Alright", he said, "You're the underground building master. We just have to believe you."

So they entered one of the lowest caves. No one dared to speak and they all stayed close to the ebony Toa. The absence of sounds was sending chills down their spines. Could Onua have been wrong and they had entered a completely empty cave with no connection to one of the other tunnels? No, now they heard something. Steps were coming closer. They were echoing through the corridors. The Toa were unable to locate where they were coming from. And suddenly he was there, standing in front of them, only a few steps away. A young Toa in darkest green with lime coloured eyes.

"What are you doing here?" he asked, "This is my master's lair. You are not allowed to enter. I have to kill all the ones who are here without my master's agreement."

Kopaka couldn't hold himself back any longer and let loose a blast of ice, a move he for once didn't think through. His attack was melted in the air though, thanks to Tahu. Lewa laughed. "You won't stand a chance if you keep on like that. Even if you refuse to fight I won't have mercy." His voice got colder. "Defend yourself", he ordered, body poised to strike.

The others wanted to get ready too but Onua said, "No, let Tahu take a try to get through. All we can do is to hurt him. He doesn't seem to know his friends anymore but maybe their love can overcome it."

"That's good", Lewa said and looked at Tahu. "You were the one I had been searching for."

The Toa of fire was unable to raise his weapons. He couldn't strike him – he wouldn't strike him.

"Well, your choice." Lewa shrugged and lunged forward. Tahu dodged to the right, avoided the blow but the agile Toa quickly turned and slashed with his blade, scaring the others chest plate. The next downwards swing was caught in the fire Toa's left hand. The blade was cutting into his palm and drawing rivulets of crimson liquid. He ignored the pain, caught and held the others gaze with his own instead. When their eyes locked the dark green one let out a small gasp, body moving to pull away but Tahu grabbed his arm and held him in place.

*Look into my eyes
You will see
What you mean to me
Search your heart
Search your soul
And when you find me there
You'll search no more*

"Lewa, I know what I've done and I've never regretted something more. I'm sorry for what I've said and I wished I could turn back time. I should have told you about my worries earlier. Before we left Aro Nui I had those visions that Makuta's creatures would be on search for you and that they would follow me and Onua first because you're always near us. I was so afraid to lose you and this fear completely blocked my thoughts. I'm so sorry. Please say you still remember your love. Please fight Makuta's control, Lewa."

*Don't tell me
It's not worth trying for
You can't tell me
It's not worth dying for
You know it's true
Everything I do
I do it for you*

Tears spilled from ruby eyes. If his love didn't remember what was left for him?

"I ..." Something in his voice caused Lewa to search his mind desperately but he couldn't get to the part of it that once had worried about Tahu, had once loved him. It had been locked up by an outside force, desperately trying to get free but to no avail. "... don't."

Time seemed to stop then, Tahu's heart shattering within his chest. But he couldn't give up though. He had noticed the hesitation in his voice; saw the way his eyes flickered.

*Look into your heart
You will find
There's nothing there to hide
Take me as I am*

*Take my life
I would give it all
I would sacrifice*

"My green angel, please don't let him take you from me. I love you too much to go on without you." He wrenched his eyes shut and pulled a now stunned Toa of air into his arms, holding him tightly. "And if you still insist on killing me ... I would die for you."

*There's no love
Like your love
And no other
Can give more love
There's nowhere
Unless you're there
All the time
All the way*

"I love you, Lewa", were Tahu's whispered words, face buried in the crook of the other's neck as the green one stood completely still, arms hanging at his sides. The younger one's body gave a jerk suddenly and his fingers twitched, dropping his Katanas. His arms slowly – shakily – reached up and encircled Tahu's torso, his forehead coming to rest on his shoulder tiredly.

"I love you too ... Tahu."

The fire Toa's head shot up and he gazed with widened joy-filled eyes as colours melted away in his arms, changed to emerald again.

For a moment they stood silently, just holding on to each other until ...

"You smell like a rotten egg, did you know that Tahu?" Lewa looked up again. Tahu smiled, the corners of Lewa's mouth just twitched.

"It's so good to have you back again, my little angel."

"But where will we go now? Do we have any clue how to awaken Mata Nui, if we will ever find him? It all feels so hopeless."

*Now we've travelled far
But are we any nearer?
There's a feeling we're reaching for
In the fields where it all began
Listen, do you hear?
I thought I heard a promise
But that empty feeling grows
And I'm scared that I will forget*

Tahu never had thought what to do next after they had Lewa back but now it came over his lips as if he had planned it for a very long time. "We will follow the light and reach the Kanohi of life through the walls of energy." He didn't even know what he was talking about.

Recognition came to Lewa's eyes. "The Vortex ... When I was brought to the caves I saw a light in the distance and the Rahkshi said it is a kind of prison. But when Makuta gave me more powers I saw through the darkness and it's a very long distance. It must be a very large prison otherwise we wouldn't see it. How will we ever reach that?"

We're just a few Toa, not gods."

*Just some boys and girls
Trying to change a cold world
I don't expect that you'll understand
When you look at this empty land*

The ruby Toa turned his head. "Can you teleport us over part of the distance already, Tupua?"

The dark Toa shook his head. "My energy is full but I can't teleport. We're at Makuta's territory now. Somehow my ability is blocked."

"Then we'll have to walk."

Lewa's gaze shot over the Toa standing behind Tahu. "Tupua?" he asked surprised.

"Yes, he is it but we will tell you everything later. First we have to get out of those caves."

They followed the path they had come back again. At first they were all wrapped up in silence then Lewa spoke again. "Makuta told me many things to convince me that his ways are true and right. Most of it might have been lies but I think when he talked about himself and why he got evil he said the truth. I had a look into Makuta's heart for a few seconds. Just for a little moment he showed me his truth. He still loves his brother and deep inside of him there still lives the protector of this world he once was."

"This could explain the shadow that was on our side", Gali said.

"Shadow?" Lewa asked.

"Alright", Tahu said, "I think now it's time to tell you what had happened since your left. There will be time enough even for a very detailed story on our way to the light."

*But I, I can't remember
Look around and round
Cause people still hanging on
And I, I can't remember, babe
Being light all day
Like lovers left holding on
See it's me, I'm the one
Believe in me, I've just begun
We'll be here when the lights come on
When it all comes down to me and you*