These six heroes are united by destiny to save the universe from the threat of the Brotherhood of Makuta and Nupar. They are the Toa Nuva!

This is Karda Nui. Yesterday, Toa Makku Mataoka saved his life here to save the Great Spirit Mata Nui and the universe.

The three flying figures are Tahu, Pohatu, and Gold, Mataoka of Light and Dwellers in the Core. Until recently, their biggest problem was keeping their Jet Fakes in boost 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, Solux? 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 Nakuta. Twisted masters of shadow, they have come to Karada Nui to conquer.

But the plans of the three of them—Antroo, Vampora, and Chrox—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 Nakuta. And what those "eyes" see means you is a chance to eliminate the last free Matoran village.

Let them try to run! Where can they hide? What shadow can conceal them. When the darkness belongs to us?

Realm of Fear

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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... Kroz... and Savka... and Raduk...

SKEECK

But you won't get me.

FPAASH

Faster! We might still make it!
'They're gaining! We'd better--'

--Look out!!

What? Where?

'How is good too--like how come were flying, not falling?'

Save the questions--Thau 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 THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US?

THE KEEN EYES OF NUIA NUIA SPOT SOMETHING INTERESTING.

IS THAT EVER COULD-SLIMY BUT KOPAKA MAY WANT TO STUDY IT, SO A QUICK CYCLOIDE 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!

HE SEES THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE THAT STRICK KORCA NUI OVER 1,000 YEARS AGO, CRUSHING MAssIVE STALACTITES TO BERP OFF THE CAVERNS ROOF, CARRYING MATORAN SETTLEMENTS WITH THEM.
AND IMFALE THEMSELVES IN THE SOFT GROUND OF THE CAVE.

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

THOKK

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 MAOTORAN TO HAVE HER LIGHT DEADENED BY THE SHADOW LEGIONS. JOINING 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!

Zaaaarrrrrp...

Zzzzzzzazzshhh!

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-THATU NUAU, GALI NUAU, AND ONUA NUAU-HEAD DOWN TO THE SWAMP FOG 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 CODES AND CERTAIN DOOM.

THE QUESTION IS: WHAT DO THEY WANT? ARE THEY AFTER THE MASK OF LIFE THE NATORAN WHO LIVE HERE? WHY ARE THEY IN KARDA NUA?

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

WE ARE HERE BECAUSE THE LEADER OF OUR BROTHERHOOD DEMANDED IT. WE ARE HERE TO SEE IF IT IS TRUE OR NOT. IF ANY OF THESE NATORAN EVER BECOME TOA, THEY WILL BE OURS—TOA OF SHADOW!

IN THE LACE OF THE MAKUTA...

I ASK AGAIN—WHY ARE WE WASTING OUR TIME HERE WHEN THERE IS A UNIVERSE OUTSIDE TO CONQUER?
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 Hakapua... though I don't remember what.

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...

Just stay there while we look you over—and no tricks.

Then I'm going along!

Oh—It's much too late for that, you fool.
WE JUST
NEEDED TO GET
YOU AWAY FROM THAT
LIGHTNING THAT KINGS
YOUR VILLAGE. IT'S Glow is
ANNoyING.

SKRAAK

UNNGGH!

VAMPERA, MY SILENT
FRIEND... YOU TAKE THE TOA.
I WII CLAIM THE MAOTORAN.
I HAVE AN EXPERIMENT IN
MIND HE WOULD BE
PERFECT FOR!

PHOTOK!

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

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

AND I'M A TOA OF
STONE... I KNOW
ROCKS.
ONE BLOW IS NOT A FIGHT, POKATU.

THINK ABOUT THAT ON YOUR WAY DOWN!

AAAAAHHH!

AND ONE BATTLE ISN'T THE WAR, MAKUTA.

IF YOU'VE HURT POKATU, WELL...
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? SO AHEAD, MAKE A MOVE—AND BEST OF LUCK FLYING WITH ICE ON YOUR WINGS.

Stupid Toa... Vamprah wears the mask of hunger...

Weak... Fading... Save yourself, Toa...-

He doesn't have to come near you to destroy you.

Then you're both doomed.

No, I won't abandon you!
AND THEN THERE WERE TWO...

SURRENDER, LEIJA--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 LEBEES 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. BEYOND, TCARAX WILL BE HERE SOON--WE'LL LET HIM DESTROY THEM. IT IS, AFTER ALL, WHAT HE DOES BEST.
THE MAKUTA FORCES ON THE ISLAND OF DESTRUCTOR, CURRENT LAIR OF CHAOS.

SO... ANTOZ HAS A PROBLEM. HE CANNOT SOAVE, AND HE TURNS TO ME.

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

I WILL GO TO KALDA-NUII 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 KARINA 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.

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 ISANIA IS BORN!

AND THE UNIVERSE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.

COMING IN JULY:
TOA NUA VS. MAKU'TA IN AN ALL-OUT BATTLE IN THE SWAMP OF SHADOWS!