

Victory Party Cancelled!

New foe surfaces in Ta-Koro

By Takua

Celebrations were cut short today when swarms of unknown creatures appeared in Ta-Koro, with the apparent purpose of leveling the village. “They came out of nowhere,” said Turaga Vakama, still visibly shaken from the encounter, “Luckily, we reached the Toa in time!”

During the attack, Turaga Vakama had the presence of mind to send for the Toa, who were still recovering from their remarkable victory over Makuta. Tahu, Kopaka, Lewa, Onua, Gali and Pohatu rushed to the aid of Ta-Koro just in time to avert certain disaster. The Toa managed to use their now legendary elemental powers to disable the swarm of creatures known as “Bohrok.”

“Before the Toa arrived to defeat Makuta,” explained Turaga Vakama, “we [the Turaga] couldn’t believe there could be anything worse than the Rahi. Today we were proven wrong.”

“Apparently, the Turaga have always known the legend of the Bohrok,” explained Lewa grimly. “Now we get to find out the reality of the swarms.”

Tahnok Surround Po-Koro, Matoran lost in fray

Hafu hailed as hero

By Takua

Hafu, the famed carver from Po-Koro, was trapped outside the village today in a desperate attempt to protect his home and fellow Matoran from a rapidly approaching Tahnok swarm.

“The last I saw, the Fire Bohrok were closing in on him,” explained Huki, “but the smoke and the ash were so thick that no one was able to see what happened.”

Scouts from Po-Koro had spotted the Bohrok earlier, but the swarm was moving so quickly that Turaga Onewa had no time to evacuate his village. The only alternative was to block the entrance to Po-Koro by using the stone carvings on the Path of Prophesy. Hafu, the carver who created the Path, volunteered to topple the giant stones in order to save the village. Turaga Onewa was gathering Matoran to protect Hafu when he heard the commotion.

“The Tahnok reached us much faster than we anticipated,” said the Turaga. “Fortunately, Hafu kept his head and acted quickly. His bravery may have saved the village.”

When asked if he thought that Hafu would be found, Turaga Onewa reassured the villagers. “Pohatu, along with Gali and Kopaka, have been defending Po-Wahi against a particularly fierce group of Tahnok – which is why we had a much smaller swarm to face today. I’m confident that once Pohatu returns, he will find Hafu and bring him back to us safely.”

Turaga shares knowledge of Bohrok

Vakama Explains Mysterious Powers of Krana

By Takua

In recent months, Mata Nui has fallen prey to swarms of strange creatures called Bohrok. These Bohrok are said to be driven by the krana they carry inside them – but little is known about these krana. What do they do?

Where did they come from? Can even the Toa overcome them? Turaga Vakama shared his vast knowledge of Mata Nui truth and legend in the hope of answering these vital questions.

T: Vakama, Turaga of Ta-koro, what is a krana?

V: The krana are the true power behind the Bohrok swarms. They provide the direction and inspiration to each Bohrok. There are eight varieties, each having different powers. When placed inside a Bohrok, a krana drives the Bohrok to perform tasks. Krana can even be said to be the “brains” of the Bohrok.

T: Can the krana function independently of the Bohrok, or do they act more like the Kanohi Masks of Power?

V: We have seen a number of instances where krana have attached themselves to their foes and taken control of their bodies. Perhaps the most tragic example of this was in Le-koro, not so long ago. It seems that when a Bohrok senses danger, it sets its krana free, and the krana attempts to add its foe to the swarm. Whether there is any way to resist the power of the krana, I do not yet know.

T: These krana are truly a terrible menace to all who dwell on Mata Nui.

V: Yes, they are cunning and powerful. We can only hope that the Toa, in their wisdom, can find a way to end this threat to our land.

Vakama had more to share, but that will be revealed at a later time. For now, see to the defenses of your villages – there is no way to know where or when the Bohrok will next appear.

Hafu Saved in Daring Rescue

Pohatu Returns Hero To Safety

By Takua

Pohatu returned to his village just in time to save the Matoran, Hafu, from certain doom at the hands of a swarm of Tahnok. The fire Bohrok had surrounded the helpless Matoran just outside of Po-Koro, but using the powers of his Kanohi, Pohatu snatched Hafu out of danger and returned him to the village unharmed.

Hafu was in a precarious situation after attempting to block the Tahnok from entering Po-Koro using his very own Path of Prophesies carvings. Sacrificing not only his art, but potentially his life, Hafu ventured from the safety of the village to dismantle the famed statues. The statues blocked the entrance from the Bohrok, protecting many Matoran from a potential disaster. The villagers of Po-Koro watched in horror from the gates as Hafu disappeared from sight.

“I knew the Toa were close by, and chances were good that Pohatu would be returning soon,” explained Turaga Onewa, “and like a Toa, he was here to help us in our darkest hour!”

The grateful Po-Koro Matoran were overjoyed to have Hafu back in the village.

“The Tahnok are still out there,” says Huki, “but we’re just glad to have Hafu back safe and sound with us!”

New Invention Saves Onu-Koro

“Boxor” Drives Gahlok Swarm from City

By Takua

After a vicious squad of Water Bohrok flooded Onu-Koro recently, a Matoran named Nuparu made an important discovery that may turn the tide against the Bohrok menace.

Nuparu, a tunnel engineer from Onu-Koro, constructed a vehicle called the Boxor that uses a swift punching motion to knock a Bohrok's Krana loose. The Onu-Matoran made the discovery when he came across a krana-less Gahlok while trapped with Onepu and Taipu in an evacuated part of Onu-Koro. Once Nuparu realized that the Bohrok were simply transports for the krana, he used his knowledge to give the Matoran an advantage. After constructing the Boxor, he beat back the aggressive Gahlok swarm, driving them out of the underground city and stopping the flood.

Onu-Matoran were delighted to return to their homes safely. "Finally we have a defense against these monsters," Onepu said. "Maybe now we can rid Mata Nui of the Bohrok and go back to more peaceful times."

Island Wildlife on the Move

Local Naturalists Concerned

By Takua

The arrival of the Bohrok swarms has taken a serious toll on island creatures. Gahlok activity off the coast has driven a number of Takea closer to the shore, where they menace diving Taku and disrupt the migration of the Ruki schools.

One Ga-Koro fisherman responded, "In addition to threatening our homes, the Bohrok are also threatening our livelihood!"

The deforestation of the Le-Wahi jungle has sent herds of Vako and Fusa wandering deep into the desert to compete for food with the native Husi flocks. The Hoi and Kuna have lost the shelter of the trees, making them easy prey for Rahi. Destruction of Fikou webs has caused the tree spiders to flee to the high jungle canopy, territory of the swift-flying Goko-Kahu.

The Ussal-riding defense force of Onu-Koro has had its hands full with a surge in Kofo-Jaga, chased from their hidden lairs, while scouts warn that the mountain-shaking of the Nuhvok and Pahrak has brought a few dangerous Makika toads out of their caves. In fiery Ta-Wahi, besieged by the frozen Kohrak, the tunnels of displaced Hoto firebugs have been creating sinkholes and causing hut collapses. Even the fierce Hikaki have been forced to abandon their ancient nesting grounds.

The Bohrok swarms are a threat to every creature of Mata Nui, from Matoran to Rahi. Hopefully, the swarms will be contained soon before irreparable damage is done to the island.

Le-Koro Liberated!

Boxors instrumental in Nuhvok defeat

By Takua

The Bohrok invasion of the Le-Wahi jungle and Le-Koro resulted in the loss of many hightree villagers. Even Toa Lewa was overcome by the evil krana! But thanks to the courage of Onua, Toa of Earth, Lewa has been freed, and now the mighty Toa search together beneath the surface of the island for the Bohrok nest.

Not forgetting the lost Matoran of Le-Koro, the Toa sent Nuparu, the Onu-Koro engineer, to meet under the cover of darkness with the last free villagers of Le-Koro. Together with the high-flying Kongu and Tamaru the bird-tamer, Le-Koro's liberation was planned and a cunning trap prepared for the Bohrok.

The brave Kongu and Tamaru led a force of Nuhvok and krana-controlled villagers to the forest edge. Believing them trapped, the Bohrok prepared to capture the last of Le-Koro – only to face a force of Boxors as they rose from hiding! Thanks to Nuparu's Boxor squad and the element of surprise, the krana that controlled the Bohrok and Matoran were successfully removed.

The Turaga have called for a great feast and festival to celebrate this day's victory. A shaken but grateful Matau said, "At long last, the darkdream is over. Sunbright Le-Koro and her people are free! As we rebuild, our thoughts must turn to the Toa and the great challenge that they face beneath Mata Nui. May they succeed in their quest!"

Last-Moment Save!

Ga-Koro Matoran rescued by Koli champion

By Takua

With a swarm of Pahrak battering at the gates, the Matoran of Ga-Koro today attempted to dismantle the floating path that connects their village to the shore of Lake Naho. But before they could finish, the gate was shattered by the might of the Bohrok, sending stone fragments everywhere. One nearly struck Maku, but was deflected just in time by the last Matoran one would expect to see in watery Ga-Koro: Huki, Koli champion of the village of Stone.

"Maku is a good friend," said Huki after the exciting rescue, "and I...enjoy her company greatly. When I saw that boulder come flying at her, I didn't have time to think. I just swung!"

And a lucky swing it was, too, for the stone not only missed Maku but also destroyed the path, preventing the Pahrak from reaching the village. But why were the Matoran of Po-Wahi there?

"Our village was badly damaged in the Bohrok's last assault," explained Turaga Onewa sadly. "We came to Ga-Koro in search of sanctuary until the threat of the swarms is past – but we did not expect to arrive in the middle of a Pahrak siege!"

With the Bohrok in retreat, the Matoran of Ga-Koro have begun to relax. But how long will this safety last? Jala, Captain of the Ta-Koro Guard, urges caution. "The Pahrak are stubborn," he warned. "They do not give up easily. I fear that the danger is still very much present."

Disaster in Ga-Koro!

Bohrok raid floating village

By Takua

Disaster struck late last night as a force of Pahrak destroyed Ga-Wahi's great monument to the Toa Gali, smashing the famous cliffside Kanohi to create a bridge of rubble from the beach to the floating village of Ga-Koro.

"It was terrible," Turaga Nokama said. "Our most skilled artisans labored to create that carving, and it was gone in an instant. All of that beauty and craftsmanship was just another obstacle for the Bohrok to destroy."

But Ga-Koro's troubles were about to become much worse. As dawn broke, the Pahrak swept across the bridge, shattering everything in their path. Nuparu's Boxors rose to challenge them, but found themselves plunged into the waters of Lake Naho.

"My poor Boxors are designed for land, not lily pads," mourned Nuparu. "They did their best, but they just don't float. We're lucky that Maku and Kotu were there to pull us out in time." The engineer paused for a moment. "You know, perhaps if we were to attach hollow shell-seeds to the sides, and maybe add a gear-driven propeller system..."

With the Pahrak stranded on another pad, the villagers of Ga-Koro thought that they were safe...until a Pahrak Va suddenly appeared on the scene.

Turaga Onewa explains: "Those Pahrak Va – goatdogs, we call them in Po-Wahi – they carry extra krana for the swarm. This one replaced the Bohrok's krana with krana vu, letting them take to the air."

As the Pahrak hurtled toward the huddled villagers and refugees of Ga-Koro, one question was on every Matoran's mind.

Who could possibly stand up to the Bohrok?

After the Storm

Peace returns to Mata Nui

By Takua

As the defenders of Ga-Koro faced the Pahrak swarm, it seemed that all would be lost. The village's great monument lay smashed, its buildings torn and tattered, and the Boxors sent to protect it had sunk to the bottom of Lake Naho.

But suddenly something amazing happened. A blinding light burst from the shrine of the Toa Gali, shining upwards like the very beacon that first summoned the Toa to the shores of Mata Nui. Five others rose to join it, and as they lit up the morning sky, the Pahrak...stopped.

All across the island, the destructive rampage of the Bohrok came to a halt. Far below, the Toa had triumphed over the Bahrag, twin rulers of the Bohrok nest, and had been transformed by the mysterious power of protodermis.

"With their link to the Bahrag gone," Turaga Vakama explained, "the krana that the Bohrok carry no longer control them. On their own, the creatures are harmless."

Turaga Whenua agreed. "Without the will of the queens, the Bohrok are like machines, lacking direction of their own. Set them to a task, though, and they will eagerly carry it out."

So now the swarm aids in repairing the very damage that it caused! As the Matoran mend their villages and homes with the help of these unlikely new allies, volunteers are collecting the remaining krana, hiding them away where they can do no more harm. The Toa have returned as the Toa Nuva, their powers greater than ever before. It seems that the threat of Makuta and the Bohrok swarms is finally at an end. Peace has come at last to the island of Mata Nui.

Or so we hope...