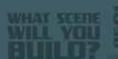




TOA METRU VS.

The Toa Metru challenge the power of the evil Dark Hunters in the climax of BIONICLE 2: Legends of Metru Nui. Our designer recreated part of this exciting scene using actual BIONICLE sets. What scene will you build?



















DARK HUNTERS ... TO THE FINISH!





















The new BIONICLE movie, BIONICLE 2°: Legends of Metru Nui, brings the Toa Metru and the vast and wondrous city of Metru Nui to the screen for the first time. The new city setting is a long way from the tropical island of Mata Nui, and presented new challenges for the designers and film makers. We talked with Christian Faber, art director for the Advance Agency, and BIONICLE 2 art director Duane Loose, and BIONICLE 2 movie director David Molina about bringing the city to life for viewers.

Q. What role did you play in the design of Metru Nui?

CF: I did the first work on how the city looks and functions. I started out by designing the map of Metru Nui and, at the same time, worked on some more detailed sketches with designer Jan Kjaer.

DL: The overall design of the BIONICLE universe was already very well established by the creative team at the LEGO Company. Our task was to follow a script, and create a world that felt like it was the precursor of Mata Nui.

DM: Duane Loose had a big hand in filling out the "worldscape." Terry (Shakespeare, co-director) and I just told him to go wild and think "monumental" in size and scope.

Q. What were some of the ideas behind the look of the city?

CF: We needed Metru Nui to be a totally unique place, so everything had to be designed from the ground up. The inspiration was taken from biology, where you can see all sorts of balanced systems based on energy and chemistry.

DM: I directed the designers to think of Mata Nui as the country and consider Metru Nui as Hong Kong meets Manhattan. The city was designed to present a highly advanced culture with an amazing history.

Q. Were there any particular locations you most enjoyed working on?

DM: I like the transport tubes. Man, I'd like to ride those! If I could only hold my breath that long!

CF: The protodermis tube system felt like a winner from the very beginning. We needed some kind of transportation that would be new, fun and biological.

DM: My favorite location is the mythological location of the opening shot. It's a place outside of our own time and space.

Q. If you had more time, is there anything you would have liked to add to Metru Nui?

CF: The city is constantly building upwards so the new buildings are standing on older structures. There could be many exciting secrets in the older (subsurface) layers.

DL: I am sad (and grateful and happy) that I only got to spend a year of my life working on that world. I want to go back and explore it some more.

For more of this interview, check out www.bioniclemovies.com.
And look for BIONICLE 2°: Legends of Metru Nui on DVD and VHS starting

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Before the coming of the Toa Metru, a lone Toa stood between Metru Nui and those that would threaten its peace. Now his tale comes to life in BIONICLE 2: Legends of Metru Nui, along with that of the mighty Kikanalo!

TOA LHIKAD

Toa of Fire and defender of Metru Nui, Lhikan senses the coming of a great evil. To combat it, he grants Toa power to six Matoran, turning them into new Toa Metru. Lhikan wears the Great Hau, the Mask of Shielding, and his two fire greatswords can be combined to form a flying board or a shield!

KIKANALO

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Massive herd beasts from Po-Metru, the Kikanalo use their horns to dig up the ground, in the process dislodging bits of protodermis lost by the Matoran carvers. Even Dark Hunters fear stampeding Kikanalo, who have been known to crush entire assemblers' villages flat in a matter

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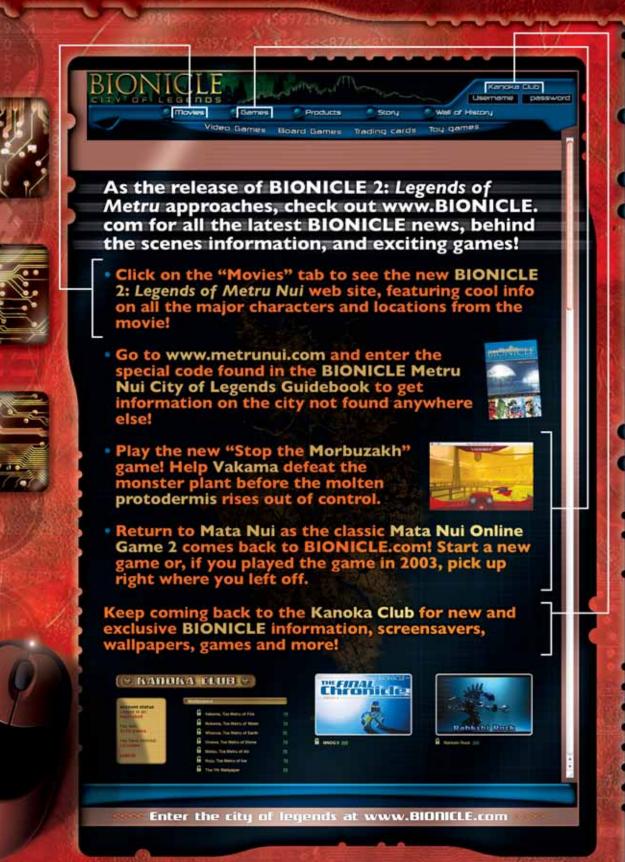
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