

- Recently, the Matoran repopulated Metru Nui. It was soon discovered that Mata Nui was dying. The stars above Metru Nui dimmed, and cracks formed at the base of the Coliseum. The Toa embarked on a quest for the Mask of Life to save Mata Nui. Jaller had a vision that if Mata Nui were to die, the universe would become dark and would flood. The universe would survive for only three days after his death, then all life would perish. The effect would only take place within the domed universe; outside, like on the surface of Mata Nui, one would be safe.
- Outside Mata Nui's body, the effects of his death do not apply. Should Mata Nui die, all equilibrium in his body present while he was alive would go to chaos.
- Mata Nui did die. Matoro quickly took the Mask of Life to Karda Nui. When he dropped down into the realm, he noticed that its brilliant glow dimmed as the moments passed after Mata Nui's death. Matoro activated the mask's power, sacrificed himself, and resuscitated Mata Nui. Thereafter, Mata Nui started dreaming, which he had not been doing before. Around the same time, Voya Nui was returned as the Staff of Artakha restored all damage caused by the Great Cataclysm. The Toa Nuva's final mission to awaken Mata Nui is now underway.
- After his death, Mata Nui's life-force, or "heartbeat," started to wane. With the Matoran "cells" and chute "neurons" back in Mata Nui's brain, he started having thoughts again.

NEW INFO: Just recently, it was revealed at Greg's library appearance in Willimantic (see ~Zarkan's topic) that Mata Nui's physical form is much closer to 100,000 feet than ten feet in height. When I first read somewhere else that it was said that Mata Nui is *about* 100,000 feet, I was dismayed, since 100,000 feet is under 20 miles, not even close to the length of the surface of the island Mata Nui. But then, to my relief, Mata Nui got bigger. It was confirmed in the OGD that Mata Nui is actually closer to 700,000 feet. Why 700,000, and not 800,000 or 900,000? Consider this: Mata Nui is seven times the size of Metru Nui. Not exactly sure if it's even significant, though. Mata Nui seems to be getting very huge indeed. Good support for this idea.

UPDATE: Since the posting of this topic, several members have pointed out some new details that further support the notion that Mata Nui is the Matoran universe. I'll include these points below -- thanks goes to the posters!

- There is some pattern/arrangement to the lands of the Matoran universe.
- Freeze reminded me of this fact. And the pattern is -- Mata Nui's body. Shaped like Ignika man?
- *Ihu* and *Mangai* are terms that were conceived in 2001, when the Bionicle story team was still basing names on the Maori language. As Konrad first pointed out in this topic, a Maori translating website reveals that *Ihu* means "nose" and *Mangai* means "mouth."
- Mount Ihu is the tallest point on Mata Nui, much like a nose is the most protruding part of a person's face. The Mangai volcano is south of that, much like the mouth would go below the nose. Some members have drawn a striking similarity between the rock face representing Mata Nui from the old sandpit animations and the island of Mata Nui itself, as Zeddy pointed out. Ihu and Mangai appear to form a nose and a mouth when this is done.
- Tren Krom, a scarlet, all-organic entity, sustained the universe before Mata Nui came to life.
- Toa of Kenn came up with a new thought: Tren Krom is like a placenta to Mata Nui. Just as a mother's placenta sustains a fetus before birth, Tren Krom sustained Mata Nui's body before his coming to life. Perhaps Greg Farshtey chose to create this character for the sake of this parallel?
- In MNOLG, Onu-Matoran miners encountered a layer of earth deep in the mines that none of their tools could even scratch. It was said that the layer's substance had more in common with an Ussal shell.
- V. K. Seeker of Legends pointed this out. This might be a consistent detail, it might not, but this somehow organic layer might be the true face of Mata Nui. If Mata Nui wears a mask (I hear that it was said he does), the island of Mata Nui's surface would be the covering on his face.

UPDATE Aug 12:

- Greg has stated that getting to Mata Nui is easy as 10 on a 1-10 scale. He is just as easy to get to from the island Mata Nui as Voya Nui. Knowing that one has found him, however, is the hard part.
- No one in the Matoran world knows the location or appearance of the Great Spirit or how to access him. But if their world itself is Mata Nui, the Great Spirit would constantly be right under their masks, with his people oblivious to his presence all the while. That's the trick -- knowing Mata Nui is physically all around you, all the time. Mata Nui and Voya Nui are of Mata Nui's form, even if Voya Nui was detached, so it would make sense Mata Nui is just as easy to get to from both places.

UPDATE Aug 26:

- The Makuta are "spreading darkness" in Karda Nui, mounting a great assault on that place.
- -Wrinkledlion X- points out in [this](#) topic that, being that Karda Nui is essentially Mata Nui's heart, the Makuta may be planning to spread darkness in it, in a sense "shadow-leeching" Mata Nui and turning him evil.