

The Legend of Heros

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*A story of the future, and inspired from a good friend on mine (you know who you are)
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1. Prologue

Sometime in the 19th century...There was a great battle between the famous Blue Hedgehog and the evil genius Eggman..

Eggman had plagued the earth with chaos and destruction, building armies of robots and ordering them to take over major cities so he could finally build his Eggman Empire..Eggman had been trying to fill his grandfathers' legacy for a number of years...but each time the heroic hedgehog foiled his plans..

The humans knew that Sonic would always save the day when Eggman came to cause chaos. They became over-confident and did not take any notice of Eggman...They built statues and monuments to worship the hedgehog...and told their children about the hedgehogs' heroic deed.

One day...Eggman came back to claim his wrath and made threats to all the people. The people took no notice and were convinced that the hedgehog would come once again to fight Eggman to the death...

But the hedgehog did not appear...

Eggman could do whatever he wanted...and there was nothing anybody could do about it...Eggman was in control...until another hedgehog approached the evil one... and used his almighty powers to freeze Eggman in time...

The humans believed that the blue hedgehog had been teaching the young and new hero to save the earth...

Parents would tell the tale of the hero and what he did at the age of 9..so they could be prepared for what was in store for them in the future...which was in exactly a year away

Young hedgehogs and creatures...male and female...were sent to camps at the age of 10, so they could experience the same emotions as the blue hero does when fighting evil...hoping that one day their Son or Daughter would one day save the Earth once again.

And so begins the tale of how a certain black and red hedgehog, at the age of 15 came to save the planet and the future once again...

2. How it all began

4.00 in the morning...once again there was a battle being held in Station Square... Eggman versus Sonic. This time Eggman had been building robot forms of Sonic and his friends...They were made out a metal that only Eggman knew of and he had named it Indensium...it was stronger than titanium, and 60% of it was made out of acid. No-one could touch it for more than 3 seconds before their body started to dissolve right before their eyes.

Eggman had got hold of 5 chaos emeralds, and he had installed them into his nearly invincible mechanical slaves. He was missing only two, Shadow's green emerald and the other belonging to Sonic, a blue one given to him by the president of the USA for loyal service.

swiftly kicking a robot down but realizes he has done no damage Ah dammit, how the hell do we take care of these things!

dodging robots attempts to hit him my bet...is to....keep moving....then they'll get...tired!

Robots don't get tired, idiot!

sees a robot approaching Knuckles, and quickly knocks it off course I'm doing better than you!

Stop arguing! I think Knuckles can pierce the robots armour using his...knuckles ^-^

Ok I'll give it a shot *punches robot right in the chest but nothing happens* Not even a scratch!

All: •_•’

Oh man we're screwed!

Shadow! Let's use Chaos Control, we might be able to find a weak spot! *pulls out Chaos Emerald*

That won't work!

You got another idea?

T_T fine try it!

Sonic and Shadow: "CHAOS CONTROL"

Every moving species stops, Knuckles eyes are half closed and a robot is comically in a running position.

I hate doing this! It's so weird!

It's the only chance we have, hopefully we will be able to change super by using the other chaos emeralds inside the robots.

Sounds like a plan Shadz, Ok let's do it!

Luckily this plan worked and Sonic and Shadow change into their super forms. Sonic, the colour of butter, levitating into the air, and with all his quills energetically rising above his head. Shadow, almost white with his same red stripes, reminding me of a white chocolate cream... ^^ (sorry I like food)

Then came the third hedgehog, a very pale silver hedgehog in his super form, holding another Chaos Emerald in his left hand, with crimson eyes and a starfish shaped style in his quills, was standing right in front of Sonic and Shadow, his hands out, as if he were protecting Eggman.

Who are you?

???: That is irrelevant; you and Shadow must come with me!

Why?

And how do you know us?

I am the hero of telekinesis, I know nearly everything about you and Sonic, now come quickly, your Chaos Control is limited!

How can we trust you?

Yeah, you might be one of Eggman's robots

There's no time to explain now come on!!

This mysterious hedgehog grabbed Sonic and Shadow's wrists and took them through and used Chaos Control to warp them into another dimension. Where they were going? Only time will tell...

been best friends with....only he looked somewhat different. He was the same height as Sonic now, and his fringe had got so long he had to flick it out of his eyes every ten minutes or so, he had an earring and a black wristband on his right arm, and his eyes had changed colour, from Aqua blue to wood brown.

Hey Sonic, hey Shadow!!

But he still had a pretty high-pitched voice. Shadow sniggered

O_o Shadow, is there something wrong?

Nope nothing ^-^

nudges Shadow with an angry look Tails, are we glad to see you! Where are we? Who brought us here? Why do you look older?

jokily takes a step back Calm down Sonic, I can only answer your questions once at a time! Now, you guys were in Cream's old bedroom when you woke up, we've been living here for about 4 years now, it's an underground shelter to keep us hidden from Eggman.

Well that explains why there's no windows

Eggman, what has he done?

I'll show you a little bit later, but 1st I wanna answer all your questions, now I don't know who brought you here or why, but I have a feeling that it's something to do with the most recent legendary hero.

The hero of telekinesis?

The very one, though I have never seen him, he's defiantly real. If he wasn't, he would have never brought us here in the 1st place.

So he transported you here aswell?

Yup, a couple of years ago

I'm confused, a couple of hours ago all of us were fighting Eggman

Well I'm not really sure how that works, but it's the year 2013 now, you can never win against time Sonic

I suppose not *still with a puzzled look on his face*

Why don't you take a look at yourselves in the mirror? I'm sure that might explain a lot

It certainly did. Sonic looked much older than he was just a few hours ago. Sonic's quills had grown tremendously and he too, now had stripes in them, though they were very

faint. He muzzle colour had gotten a lot darker, along with his arms and stomach, and his shoes were completely different. Black with the same white stripe along the side. Shadow on the other hand looked exactly the same, except he had got a bit taller during his adventure in the time continuum.

You never said anything about my appearance when I woke up Shadow!

I didn't really notice you

How come you haven't changed?]

I'm guessing my physical appearance doesn't change

Spot on Shadz! Now come on, you said you wanted to see what it looked like outside

Sonic and Shadow followed the older looking fox towards the entrance of this hideout. Tails pressed a code into the security system and the doors opened automatically. Apart from a circular glass wall and a platform beneath their feet, there was nothing but dirt.

sees Shadows face I know, I sometimes get freaked out by the ground

Tails put another code in and the platform rised, like a lift, to the city that awaited them.

4. Open your Eyes

When the two hedgehogs saw the city of Metropolis, they were shocked. Everything was metal...there was not a tree in sight, the only natural thing in this world now was the brown earth underneath this big block of steel.

Guess he really loves metal huh

T_T

It's an eyesore; I hardly come up here unless I have to get supplies

Does anyone else come to help you?

Oh someone always comes to help me. There are a lot of people living in that shelter down there

When Sonic turned back towards the metal city, he took a closer look at all the people who were walking around, he blinked in surprise.

Something wrong?

Well, where are the people?

not quite understanding Sonic Erm...right there *points to a crowd of the public*

No, I mean the humans, where are they?

They're extinct

Sonic and Shadow: "WHAT!"

Dr Eggman found a way to get rid of them all. He made some form of gas that could poison the insides of humans' bodies. Fortunately, it didn't affect us

So...why are there so many of us now?

Well, 3 quarters of the populations are clones of you Shadow. The rest have been around while we were battling Eggman in the early days

Shadow was quiet then. He had almost forgotten that Eggman had created a whole army of Shadow Androids to destroy Black Dooms minions. Until Tails had brought it back up...

puts his hand on Shadow's shoulder I'm sorry Shadow

shifting from foot to foot Come on, I wanna meet some of these people! *runs off*

Hey wait for me! *turns around* Coming Shadow?]

Yeah I'm coming

The three ran down the hill. Sonic was experimenting with his new shoes, testing them out. Shadow was still quiet, but was also looking forward to meeting some new people. Tails already knew most of the population

Shadow shyly approached a creamy white hedgehog with blue-ish tips at the end of his quills, he also had a very not-a-care-in-the-world look about him.

Are you in your super form?

???: No, I've never been in my super form. You look awfully familiar, have we met?

Shadow wondered if this hedgehog was talking about his clone androids

I've defiantly heard about you, you saved the world, right?

confused I think you have the wrong guy

Ah well, so what kind of hero are you? I'm Flash, the hero of lightning

Well, I'm Shadow. And I've got no clue what hero I am.

Flash: *amazed* Well Shadow, I know I've defiantly heard of you, and we'll just have to find out about your hero-hood. *chuckles*

Shadow was more confused than ever. Had he really saved the earth?

He found Sonic and Tails talking to a black and white fox with blue tips around her eyelashes, arms and both her Tails.

Hey Shadow, what's up?

Can I talk to you for a second? *nods shyly at the black and white fox*

Sure *turns to fox* I'll be right back Snowdrop

Snowdrop: Ok, I'll be right here

So what is it Shadow?

This hedgehog told me that I was a hero of some sort.

splutters You? A hero *LMAO*

T_T

sees Shadow's expression Oh right you're serious

How are you getting along with Snowdrop anyway?

Well, funny enough, she's just said the same thing. She said she recognised me and remembered her parents telling her about my "heroic deed"

That's weird

Well, if we ask more people, then we might find out just what me and you did. I have a funny feeling it's something to do with that Silver hedgehog that warped us here.

So Shadow and Sonic searched around for clues to what they did that was so special. Shadow had met a number of new people. Two small hedgehogs that were bright orange and black, you could only tell which one was which by the earring in one of the tiny hedgehogs' ears. He also met a spitting female image of himself, except she had red fur and black stripes and a tuft of white hair just above her forehead. He found Sonic again, who was talking to a navy blue hedgehog with light blue stripes along his quills.

So what hero are you supposed to be?

???:Me? I'm a hero of theft

They sure do come up with random names for hero-ness.

I'm surprised they haven't ran out of them *chuckles* But you can find out what hero you are at the school just north of here, mind you, it's a bit of a struggle to get there.

There isn't anything I can't do. Thanks...Erm..

Blain's the name

Right, thanks Blain

No problem Sonic

It wasn't until Sonic and his two friends were going back into the shelter, than he realized that the navy hedgehog knew his name.

5. Finding ones purpose

Back at the shelter Shadow was lying down on the sofa, eating sandwiches that he’d just made, flicking through channels on the television.

Sonic had just noticed that there was a television in the shelter

to tails You have a TV?!

Well, we have to have some entertainment other than freedom fighting

True, but how can you get a signal down here?

You don’t need a signal anymore Sonic, Dr Eggman shot down all the satellites and the government had to fork our billions of dollars to make new ones, and Eggman just destroyed them again. So it was a bit of a cycle and they asked me to make them a TV without needing a signal. Pretty cool huh

Yeah, I guess that’s why you can afford to keep all the people in this place, what with all the food and all.

Uh huh, I’m a little worried that Eggman will someday be in charge of the tax *chuckles* Imagine the bills!

Speaking of all these people living here and that, where are they?

Well this place is pretty much like a hotel, so they often just stay in their rooms. In fact nearly all the people that you’ve spoken to live here.

Does Flash live here?

He sure does, his number is 23

I’m gonna go and see him. *gets up and runs towards Flashes’ room*

He’s taking quite a shine to Flash hasn’t he.

nods

While Sonic and Tails sat down on the sofa watching TV, Shadow found Flashes room and knocked on the door.

Hey

Shadow walked in to see a very dark but wonderful room. The walls were black but there were lava lamps set in each corner, with a big screen TV attached to the wall. Flash himself was lying

on a double bed with white and black chequered sheets.

Oh hey Shadow, have a seat

now lying down on the bed This room rules Flash!

Cheers, customised it myself, haven't you got a room?

Well, I do but I'm sharing it with Sonic at the moment

Ouch *chuckles* well don't worry. I'm sure Tails will understand if you talk to him. I had to share a bedroom with Kyle when I 1st came here!

Who's Kyle?

What you mean you've never seen him?

Can't say I have

Kyle's an albino echidna, he's quite temperamental. He's Knuckles' kid you know

Knuckles has a kid!! *astonished look*

Sure does, Rouge is the mother, and they have a tough time looking after him.

I bet, say Flash, do you know a Silver hedgehog?

eyes wide open Well sure everyone knows him!

That hedgehog brought us here, but I don't know why?

Maybe you should go to the school just north of here. He made it. It sounds like he might be a bit upset about you forgetting your heroism *laughs*

What's his name?

His name-

Shadow and Flash's conversation was interrupted by Sonic's shouting

Shadow, come quick!

Sonic and Flash looked at each other puzzled and then rushed off to where Sonic and Tails were. Shadow realised that Flash completely relied on his own electricity to make his shoes hover a few inches above the ground while running

What is it?

Check out what's on TV!

Shadow faced the television. Sonic was talking about a breaking news story. Eggman was in part of the city that they were in just a few hours ago.

The Dr has sent in robots to find and capture the famous legendary hero Sonic the Hedgehog. Witnesses say that they saw Sonic the hedgehog earlier today, and one of Eggman's robots must have got word and reported to the master immediately. Witnesses say they have also seen Shadow, the younger Legendary Hero. Could Eggman be after him to? Stay tuned for further news.

The room was silent. Sonic and Shadow were baffled...

6. Escaping the Empire

You should go

What? Tails, you said that this place was unknown to Eggman!

It's way too risky for you to stay here, there are many innocent people that could get hurt!

He has a point Sonic; we need to find what we are anyway!

He's not gonna stop looking for you until he finds you Sonic

All eyes were on Sonic, and he didn't have a clue what to do. He knew that Tails was worried about his friends and what could happen if Eggman found this place, but on the other hand, here was the only safe place possible.

Sonic?

I don't know what to do ok!! I need to think about it and you guys are just getting on my nerves

Sonic ran towards the front door and opened it, even though it had been a couple of days since they 1st arrived at the hideout, and only one day since they knew about Eggman's search, he knew the code off by heart.

Shadow tried to stop Sonic, but when Sonic was angry you just didn't mess around with him...much like Shadow

He's gone now, if Eggman finds him, Sonic might tell the code

Sonic's not that stupid!

Knuckles appears with his son Kyle

Hey Shadow, long time no see!

Dad is he blind?

No Kyle, it's an expression

Hey Knux, hey Kyle. Have you two seen Sonic? He's just rushed off

That's not a smart move; he does know that Eggman is looking for him right?

Yes...he does

Meanwhile Sonic is running around the city trying to get his anger out of him. He comes across Blain eating a KFC

stops to a complete halt Hey Blain

Blain: Hey there Sonic, Eggman's looking for ya

I guess everyone's heard then

They sure have, you shouldn't even be out here, you should be in hiding or something

I'm not hiding from someone who can't even walk properly!

True, Sonic maybe you should go to the school I was telling you about and maybe take your friend with you.

Who, Shadow?

Yeah, that seems like the safest place to be at the moment and from I heard the hero of telekinesis is there, he'll probably be expecting you

Ok, I'll take your word for it, I'll ring Shadow and tell him to meet me here, do you have a phone?

Sonic dialled the number and Knuckles picked it up.

Hey

Hey Knux, it's Sonic

Gathered that. What are you doing Sonic? You should come back here before Eggman finds you!

Don't tell me you're afraid of him as well!

No...I'm not afraid of him. But he stole Kyle from me once and I'm not letting that happen again

Oh right

Sonic really didn't seem to bother who Kyle was

Listen Knux, can you tell Shadow that he needs to meet me at KFC

Which one, there's plenty of them

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KFC’s I mean ^^’

I don’t have a clue where I am *looks around* It’s dark you know. Just tell him to come to the school, He’ll know what I mean, Ok thanks bye *cuts off*

0_o Shadow, Sonic wants to meet you at some school

He finally decided to leave then, ok, thanks Knux

0_o No problem

Shadow gathered up Sonics’ possessions in Creams old bedroom. The only things he could find were a couple of rings, a strange looking necklace with some sort of stone tied on to it and his Chaos Emerald

Shadow stood in the centre of the room, closed his eyes and used Chaos Control. He prayed he wouldn’t come across the silver hedgehog along the way

7. Meeting the hero

Shadow teleported to the last place he saw this "school." Which was on the very top of a middle height sky scraper. He found out which way was north by looking at the brightest star, and then jumped off the building, activating his air boots in mid air.

It wasn't long before he got a glimpse of the building he was going to be in for a while; it was much like a castle. Tall, dull and not very welcoming. Sonic was waiting just a few metres from the entrance.

sees Shadow You took your time!

angry I've never been to this place, how could I find it in a second!

I dunno, maybe ask for directions!!

Sonic and Shadow continued their pointless argument until a female hedgehog stepped in

???: Hey, what's all the commotion?

Nothing I guess, forget it

recognising the hedgehog You *shocked*

What? You never took me for a school girl?

looks away crossing his arms Hmph

O_o Ok...well what are we waiting for, let's get inside

Shadow, Sonic, and the familiar girl walked into the building. It looked like a castle on the inside as well, with candles placed here and there, there was a big reception and Wave the Swallow was sitting at it.

Wave: Hey Sonic, Shadow...*looks at the female hedgehog* I don't know who you are

I won't take that as an offence

We're here to find out what kind of heroes we are. Can you help us out?

Well I can't personally, but don't worry, you guys go towards the door straight in front of you, *looks at girl* as for you, you need to take the second door on the left to Vectors room, I just need you guys to sign in

Sonic wrote his and Shadow's name on the piece of paper that Wave produced. When the female hedgehog started writing her name, Shadow looked over her shoulder.

Marcia? That's a strange name

Marcia: Not really, yours is even weirder, *chuckles* well I'll guess I'll see you and Sonic later *walks away*

looking at Shadow She's not bad that girl

mmm.. *stares at Marcia*

notices Shadow's look Come on we can't go eyeing girls all day, step on it!

Shadow stood still and watched Marcia until Sonic hit him on the back, after silently swearing to himself, Shadow followed Sonic to the door to the far back of the main hall.

When they got there...

sighs You ready Shadow?

You're not scared are ya? *grins*

Sonic ignored Shadow's remark and turned the door handle, inside there was total nothing-ness. There was no end to the blinding white light that they were about to enter.

What the?

???: I've been expecting you both

Shadow and Sonic: *startled* "Wha?"

I shall reveal my identity to you. My name is Silver, and right now our land is in grave danger. Eggman has already taken control of this place as we know it, and is planning to take control of the rest of the world.

How exactly?

Silver: Technology is extremely advanced, and he enough power to knock out the sun from its orbit, thus replacing it with a active comet-like substance. He has also planning to capture the heroes with the most incredible amounts of power, and you both possess tremendous amounts of it.

Well even I knew that!

Sonic, don't be so big headed, you have a lot to learn, and this is just part a of his plan

So what's part b?

Well, we're not certain of that, all we can say is that it's something to do with the Hero of Speed. That, is Sonic

But, the hero of speed was 40 years ago, I'm only 15

That's where the hero of time comes in *looks at Shadow*

Maybe Shadow hadn't been locked in that capsule on Prison Island for 50 years after all.

8. Taking it all in

Shadow and Sonic couldn't quite believe what they were hearing, but the look on Silver's face told them he was not joking around.

You shouldn't be here; you both should be in the shelter.

furious I think you owed us an explanation for bringing us here in the 1st place!

I would've told you sometime, patience

Yeah, like I really have got the time to sit around waiting for some oversized quilled hedgehog to tell me that I'm this...Hero of Time!

uncertainly Er..Shadow?

You would be dead right now if it wasn't for me!

What's that supposed to mean?

I mean that Eggman would've killed you if I didn't show up in time and teleported you

And maybe if you did nothing, we might've destroyed Eggman and then this wouldn't have happened!!

Silver had had enough of Shadow's temper. He Chaos Controlled Shadow and Sonic out of his room, and teleported them to the shelter, knocking Shadow out in the meantime.

When they got to the shelter

Shadow hasn't taken it in yet, I understand what he must be going through

Still that was no reason to punch him in the face, and he has got a point!

tenses Please, I wish I hadn't teleported you now. Shadow doesn't want to believe that he's a hero, and you're taking his side!

Ok, give us a few days to take it in, and then we'll meet up. I'll look after Shadow.

sighs Fine, till then **disappears**

mumbles Overgrown quilled hedgehog! **laughs**

Silver's voice: I heard that!

D’oh

Shadow stayed in the same position all throughout the night, when it was around midday, Sonic started to wake, then he realised that Shadow was missing.

Holy Crap!

0_o....Sonic went around looking for Shadow; he checked Flashes’ room, Knuckles’ room, even Tails room. Then he suddenly bumped into a miniature version of himself

Woah, *looks more closely and blinks* you look just like a mini-version of me! You must be proud! Anyway sorry I bumped into you, what’s your name?

???: *looking confused* My names Speed

Well Speed, you know what my name is?

Yup, it’s Sonic ^-^

^-^ cool, hey, have you seen a black hedgehog looking just like me?

What, you mean Shadow? Yeah he ran out ages ago!

panics Ok well thanks Speed talk to ya later

Ok....bye *still looking confused*

Sonic was pretty worried about Shadow. What If he was captured by Eggman? Would Silver rescue him? What the hell was he playing at!? He rushed outside and went around asking people if they’d seen Shadow. He was in the middle of the town when he saw a black hedgehog with purple stripes in its hair

That can’t be Shadow....could it? *thinks* Shadow!! *runs towards black hedgehog*

???: Er....*confused* you must have the wrong person.

Sonic could now see that this hedgehog was female

OMG sorry! I thought you were my friend, he’s black just like you

Do you know his name?

Yeah it’s Shadow

Oh yeah, the one who had a go at the head-master in the school

Er....yeah I guess so

No I haven't seen him ^^

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You must be Sonic, Shadow's friend right?

I wouldn't call us friends but..*hesitates* what's your name anyway?

It's faith, I'm a Hero of...well Faith...

Apparently I'm the Hero of Speed

looks shocked Well Sonic, I live in the shelter and I know you do as well, so we'll meet up sometime, yeah?

er...yeah sure

Sonic wasn't really interested in meeting girls for once; he needed to know that Shadow was safe. Sonic ran around the entire city once, twice...four times and did not see another black hedgehog. He thought he'd lost all hope...until he saw Flash

stopping just in time Flash! OMG Flash, have you seen Shadow? *fingers crossed*

Yeah, I've only just left him, he's at the park with Marcia

Sonic had a hard time trying to remember who Marcia was, especially since her name sounded so familiar. Then he realized that that was the girl Shadow had been eyeing up last night.

angry sigh Ok thanks Flash! *speeds off*

O_o whatever *speeds off*

How could Shadow be so stupid! Going off into a public park when he could be caught at any minute, maybe Silver should knock some more sense into him.

teleports in front of Sonic Don't think that, you and him must be united!

jumps Holy crap Silver, don't do that!

chuckles You can't tell me what to do!* Picks Sonic up using his telekinesis

even more surprised What the hell, put me down!

laughs even louder and throws Sonic in the direction of Shadow Fool!

What had happened to Silver? Was he normally like that? Did he have the same mood swings that Shadow did at times? Was he a clone of Shadow? Find out more next chapter. ^^

9. Something for nothing

I'm running out of colours here 0_o...anyway sorry that was just a quick note

Sonic's mind was aching with thoughts. What had happened to Silver? Why was he called the hero of speed? Why was everybody turning to him when they needed help?

Sonic had seen a lot more hedgehogs looking exactly like him now that the "hero of speed" was back. The residents had been dying their fur blue and buying green contact lenses. Sonic found it a little frightening and the pressure was starting to build up. He noticed that no-one had dyed their fur black and red. Another question to answer, he thought.

He looked in the direction of Shadow and Marcia sitting by some rocks gazing at the town. Nowadays the local park was rocks and benches. Not a spot of green was seen as Sonic furiously walked up to Shadow.

behind Shadow What the hell are you doing here?!

jumping in fright Holy crap Sonic! *back to normal* Why does it matter to you so much?

Well I dunno maybe because Eggman's looking for us and we should be hiding!

Correction. Eggman's looking for you, not me. And besides you should stand up to him instead of hiding like a wimp.

really angry now I'm just taking advice from the one that knows the most around here!
runs off

watching Sonic Perhaps you should go, he's right you know.

What? And leave you behind. I didn't come out here half unconscious for nothing you know.

Well then let's go back indoors, then you have no reason to be out here

sighs Fine!

As Shadow walked off with Marcia back to the shelter, Sonic ran to the highest point of the town he could see which was a big metal hill. Sonic assumed that it must have been a huge rock or a fountain earlier in time. Or perhaps it was just a meadow that Eggman didn't like ^^

That man has strange tastes

As Sonic sat down, he spotted Speed sitting not so far away. He smiled and walked up to him.

Note: Speed was created by SpeedTheHedgehog and the following information about him probably isn't true, but this is my story and it builds more enigma codes ^^ Sorry Speed

Hey Speed, can I sit down?

Nope ^^

O_o

Just kidding, course you can.

sitting down next to speed So how old are you Speed?

9 almost 10

I see, almost going to that school then.

Yeah I can't wait, but I have a problem.

What's that?

I have no idea how the legend goes.

thinking Well that's not too bad; I'm sure someone else there will tell you. Why has no-one told you?

Because I'm an orphan

Sonic was taken aback. Even though it wasn't much of a big deal to him, it made him think about his own parents.

I'm sorry to hear about that Speed, did they....die?

No I was abandoned at that shelter and Silver looked after me for a while.

So he's your father?

Yes I suppose he is, but not my biological one. I wish I could find him, and my mother, but all I have is this photograph and it hasn't helped me one bit

Speed opened up the pendant attached to a chain around his neck. Sonic had only noticed this pendant when Speed started to clutch the pendant in his hand when he talked about his parents.

Inside was a tiny black and white photograph of Speed's parents. Sonic looked at the mother, who looked black and had very long quills with stripes in them.

Kinda looks like Faith

Who?

Oh..no-one don't worry

He then looked at the male hedgehog and was shocked. The hedgehog looked just like him. Sonic looked at the black and white picture to see a mirror image looking back at him.

Speed, can I borrow this?

Well sure, I don't see why not. It's not gonna bring anything to me

I'll bring it back I promise

Sonic started to run back to the shelter after saying goodbye to Speed. He remembered Faith saying that she lived down there, and he had to find her.

Meanwhile back in the shelter, Marcia and Shadow had been in Marcia's room for a while. The room was painted a deep purple and Marcia had a lot of posters in her room of rock bands. She was very organised as well, and had the same plasma television as Flash. Her bed had Black quilts and she was cuddling Shadow.

Shadow was trying to find something to talk about. He was quite...scared of getting intimate with people. You might even call him frigid...

I've just thought, how does everyone wash their laundry here?

They don't. Tails built a self cleaning device inside the shelter. When you go out of the room, it kicks in and does it stuff. It sounds quite make believe and I'm always a little freaked out when my rooms tidy, but anything's possible these days.

I thought Silver built this shelter.

He did, but Tails made it a little more technical.

Tails did all this?

Well not ALL tails, his pals Mischief and S.M.I.D.S.Y come to help him and they make a damn good team.

Where are they?

Come on I'll show you

As Shadow and Marcia walked to Mischief and S.M.I.D.S.Y's room, Sonic had just got into the shelter to find Faith and tell her what had happened.

10. A villains welcome

1st off, I'd like to thank Mr Gimp for showing me Nazo the hedgehog

Anyway Sonic was now in Faith's room. To his surprise the room was very light and welcoming. Sonic didn't think this was Faith's personality at all.

bursting into the room Faith we've got problems!

What is it?

Someone has destroyed the town! We've gotta stop them!

confused And you came to me because?

Never mind that for now get the others and meet me at the front of the shelter

erm...ok

Faith was understandably confused to why Sonic had asked her to help him. She wasn't special or anything and she knew of no powers.

Meanwhile, Sonic had to find Knuckles and Shadow, but he didn't know where to look.

looking around Oh for god's sake!

He then ran straight into Marcia, who was just coming back from Mischief and S.M.I.D.S.'s room.

taken aback Well hello Sonic

Marcia have you seen Shadow?

Yup *points to her right* right in there

Sonic didn't even stop to say thank you, but Marcia didn't take offence as Sonic seemed to be in a rush

Shadow! Shadow! *runs into chair*

O_o

ahem Shadow, the town's been blown up!

Any idea who it was?

Yes it was a chicken T_T

Everyone: 0_o

It was Eggman, you idiot! Who else could it be?

Oh right ok let's go!

Sonic found Knuckles playing a game of poker with his family, and he was losing, but enough about that. The three heroes met Faith at the front of the shelter as Sonic had instructed her to do.

And why's she here?

That's very polite of you Shadow

Just doing my job

Calm down, Faith's here because I asked her to come along, she can help us.

The four went up the lift to the oncoming debris above them. Sonic had only just seen a burst of energy being shot down from the sky to the town. There was no telling how many people had been killed.

Faith do you know where Eggman's hideout is?

Well yes, it's a massive building carved like an egg T_T

Are you kidding me?

No, honestly I'm not

As Faith pointed out the directions, Sonic couldn't help but think how ludicrous Eggman was. Everything was always in the shape of an egg. Given his namesakes. But sometimes it went a little too far.

They eventually came up to the building and broke in with ease. But Eggman was expecting them anyway so he didn't make any effort to stop them.

Eggman what the hell is this?

Eggman: What's what?

Sonic noticed that Eggman had not changed at all

Blowing up the town! Was there any reason for it? You've just blown up your own country and for what? Amusement?

I'd like to try that someday

Everyone: ~_~’

Shadow I can nor never will know if you are a villain or a hero.

Well argue all you want, but I have you trapped now. This work isn’t mine.

Everyone: "er..what?"

Jail bars covered all the exits of the main room where Eggman was standing, leaving Sonic, Shadow, Knuckles and Faith, as Eggman described it, trapped.

Eggman, for once in your life make sense and tell us what’s going on.

Have you all been struck dumb! I couldn’t of put it in a simpler way. I didn’t cause that blast up there! Someone else is.

So..there was a simpler way of saying it after all

Shadow, for god’s sakes focus!

As Eggman sighed and then gestured towards one of many plasma computer screens, the prisoners followed Eggmans’ hand to see a half broken camera looking at the landscape of the city. A few seconds after watching the now destroyed city. A floating hedgehog appeared through what seemed Chaos Control and was very still.

That’s Silver....isn’t it?

It sure looked like Silver, but this look-a-like was destroying the town. It couldn’t be Silver.

Then came a burst of yellow energy out of nowhere and there was another levitating hedgehog. Looking straight at him with menacing eyes, as his whole body was giving off incredible signs of electric energy. So much in fact that the camera broke into pieces.

Sonic commanded Eggman to rewind the tape back to the yellow hedgehog and zoom in. As Eggman zoomed in as instructed, Shadow saw a familiar glimpse of the hedgehogs’ overgrown fur along his head.

That’s Flash!

11. Shadows' punishment

Sonic and the others couldn't do a thing but pray that Flash was powerful enough to defeat something so evil as to destroy an entire city. It looked hopeful as the yellow hedgehog was completely focused. Something Shadow had not seen in Flash's cheery personality.

Meanwhile at the battle area...

What the hell do you think your doing?

Something that everyone deserves!

I don't have time for your wit! Whoever you are, you've got one last chance to disappear out of my sight!

And lose the battle to some amateur? No chance!

Flash lashed out at the Silver and Blue coloured hedgehog. The hedgehog had no muzzle and his quills were spread out. No-one had seen this hedgehog since Eggman took over the planet, so this was news to everybody.

The Silver-Blue hedgehog suddenly pulled out a huge green emerald and used a more powerful version of chaos control. Flash was shot back into the debris as he was attacked by what was similar to Shadow's chaos spear.

Oh...fu- *faints*

Back at Eggman's hideout.

Eggman, you jerk! Let us go!

After I've been trying to kill you and now I finally have the opportunity, I don't think so Shadow!

But that hedgehog will kill us all!

Not if I kill you first!

As Eggman pulled a chaos emerald from his waistcoat pocket, Shadow had a chance to escape. But first he had to get the emerald, which shouldn't be too hard.

Eggman, look over there! The camera's back on!

T_T

Oh well I tried

I've had it! *punches Eggman*

Everyone: 0_o

Sorry I hate doing nothing

What are you talking about you do practically nothing every day!

I guard the Master Emerald!

So why is it now in the possession of that hedgehog?

Can you just shut up!

Everyone: 0_o

After quickly nodding at Faith, Shadow grabbed the Chaos Emerald and used Chaos Control to teleport them back to the crash site. There was no town to be seen. Just a junkyard of metal and waste. Shadow rushed off.

Where are you off to?

I'm going to find Flash

Sonic knew that many people had been killed, but hopefully his friends were in the shelter and that hadn't been affected, as it was underground and shielded by Silver's power, which confused everyone even more.

Now what do we do?

Well, I say we find Tikal. She has a room but she's hardly ever there. And now that Angel Island is probably destroyed, she might be in there now.

Well let's go there then.

Meanwhile, as Shadow was looking for Flash, he saw a glimpse of yellow but also silver. He ran in the direction of the light, and saw Flash and Silver. Flash looked absolutely fine, no cuts or bruises.

Flash! Are you alright?

Yeah I'm fine

turning to Silver What are you doing here?

Relax Shadow, this is Silver. He's a healer

I know who he is! Why did you destroy the city?

What?

I have no idea what you're talking about

punches Silver Don't play dumb with me!

What the hell's going on Shadow?

That "hero" destroyed the city!

No he didn't!

wiping blood from his mouth Shadow, I have no idea what you're talking about, but your gonna have to pay for hitting me! Is that a Chaos Emerald you have there?

Er....yeah *uncertain*

Then you shall be trapped in that Emerald until you are needed, if you release the power to harness time as the legend says, then you should get out of that trap in no time. But somehow I think your temper will get in the way.

What the-

As Shadow mind was filled with questions, he could do nothing but stand still as Silver closed his eyes and forced Shadow's spirit to emerge from his heart into the green chaos emerald. Shadow's body was limp and he fell to the ground, not making one movement. Silver took the emerald and then looked at Flash.

I'm sorry Flash, but I have to do this. If I don't, Shadow will never realise his power, do you understand.

single tear falls from his eye as he looked at Shadow's body I..I guess, he'll come back though won't he?

gives a reassuring smile Yes Flash, he'll come back, just have Faith

As Silver used Chaos Control with his new emerald, Flash slowly walked back to the shelter with Shadow's body. Flash had grown so attached to him. And to see Shadow "die" like that was heartbreaking. It seemed like a childish punishment to be honest, especially as Shadow was only protecting Flash, but if this meant that he would finally release just who he was, then so be it.

12. Questions Answered?

Flash laid Shadow's body on the sofa in the middle of the main hall. There was a lot of space in that main hall and only a couple of sofas and chairs and a TV. It made Flash think why was there nothing else in this room? He didn't want to think about what had just happened.

Flash ran off to find Tails, who was probably working with Mischief and S.M.I.D.S.Y on a new upgrade for the house.

Meanwhile, Knuckles opened the door to Tikal's room. Sure enough, Tikal was in there, just sitting down and looking at the floor. She was surrounded by Chao, and her room was very similar to the chao gardens everyone had seen, even Eggman.

uncertain Er...Tikal?

Tikal: Knuckles! *hugs Knuckles*

Easy Tikal, he's married!

Everyone glares at Sonic

What's going on Tikal? The town was blown up in a matter of seconds by some hedgehog using the Master Emerald.

Yes and for no reason I can think of

Would you care to explain?

Well, many years ago Silver used to be the guardian of the Master Emerald, except one day, there was a massive explosion on the island, and Silver went to check it out. This happened to be a distraction and Silver came back to the shrine to find the Master Emerald had been taken.

Who took it?

The echidnas, which is why Knuckles now guards the emerald.

^^

Why would the echidnas take the Master Emerald?

They were forced to. If they did not take it, their village would be destroyed. And the echidnas would be wiped out from extinction.

So did Silver get it back?

Yes he did, and the echidnas were slaughtered. Well most of them. A few escaped, and eventually Knuckles and I were brought into this world. As far as I know, we're the only echidnas left.

Hey don't forget Kyle!

So you guys could be related?

Yes we probably are related, but there's no solid evidence.

So, back to the story, what happened to Silver after that?

The souls of the Chaos Emeralds came and said to Silver that he must be punished for letting the echidna tribe take the emerald and falling for such a prank. With the Master Emerald taken out of its shrine, the island could have fallen. So they took his soul and placed it in the Master Emerald. Which was a bad idea. His soul still remains in that Master Emerald, and has turned evil in time. Now that his soul has managed to escape, it's wrecking everything. But I don't know why

Does this soul have a name?

Yes many people call it Nazo, it means darkness and punishment

Well, maybe we should try and find the shrine, that might give us some answers

It's worth a shot, let's go!

Flash had found Tails and told him what had happened. Tails had suggested to Flash to put him in the chaos garden as it was very peaceful there. As Flash was just about to carry Shadow to his resting place, Sonic and Knuckles were just entering the main hall. Faith had decided that she'd had enough action for the moment.

noticing Flash Hey Flash you're ok, good job fighting Nazo!

confused How did you know I was fighting? Who's Nazo?

noticing Shadow What happened to Shadow?

He's dead

Sonic and Knuckles: "What!"

Silver took the life out of him as a punishment, and to help Shadow understand who he is.

How can he know who he is if he's dead?

His soul's inside his Chaos Emerald and Silver has that.

That could be Nazo's work.

How can Shadow die! *starts getting upset*

Silver said he'll come back to life soon. And it was Silver. Only Silver has inscriptions on his arms. This Nazo doesn't have anything

Well Flash, do you want to come with us?

I'll catch you up, but I guess I have to tell Marcia.

Oh *looks down* Sorry man

Good luck

Thanks, I'm no good at comforting. Where are you guys going?

To Angel Island, or what's left of it, Tikal's going to take us there. Do you know where it is?

Yes, I met Nazo there

Ok we'll meet you there.

Sonic and Knuckles went up the lift once again. Flash sighed and began his way to Marcias' room with Shadow's body.

13. The discovery of Angel Island

The evening was almost over, and Knuckles and Sonic had been trekking the broken town searching for the once-floating island. Tikal was uncertain of its exact location, but felt that if she didn't eventually find her home, the world would never get back to how it was, before Eggman took over.

panting How much further?

falling on the ground Yeah, my feet are tired!

I thought...you were supposed to be...the fastest thing alive

Just because I'm faster than the speed of light...doesn't mean I don't get worn out.

Will you guys stop talking, I can sense the Islands presence nearby and your not helping!

Sonic and Knuckles: 0_o

Wait, look over there!

Everyone noticed a strange yellow star-like light coming from the direction of the shelter. As the star got nearer a hedgehog-like outline began to form.

sigh of relief Phew, it's only Flash.

Flash came to a complete halt when he found Sonic and the others, causing debris to fly in Sonic's face.

Sorry about that ^-^

T_T

How'd she take it?

Er...not so good

Flashback

noticing Shadow's body "OMG Flash what happened?"

He was...killed by Silver, but he'll come back.

crying hysterically SHADOW!

O_o *slowly walks back and then runs away*

Flashback ends

You came just in time Flash, the island's just over here, I can see parts of the chaos garden.

The Island was just as they expected. Chaos was the only word to describe it, Knuckles saw what looked like the shrine, but there was hardly a scratch on it. And in the middle of the shrine was a Silver hedgehog just looking at the stars.

Hey what's that?

Silver?

...Nazo?

???: *ears twitch*

Everyone ran to the mysterious silver hedgehog, tension was building up as to who it was. But Flash noticed Shadows's chaos emerald sitting by a couple of rocks.

Silver!

Ah thank god, why aren't you saving the day?

Silver: You can't destroy your own soul!

Ah, I suppose

I don't want to kill my soul. I want it back inside me.

How are you gonna do that?

Well, plan A is to battle with him until he's unconscious and then ask the guardians of the emeralds to unite me and my soul back. But that won't be easy, it might not even be possible.

What if you can't get in touch with them?

Then I will have to freeze him, and go on living without a soul.

Hey Silver, can I just ask something?

Shoot

Why did you preserve Shadows's soul? Wouldn't the same thing happen again?

And how come Shadow collapsed when his soul was taken out of him, and you didn't?

All part of the punishment, I was destined to live without a soul. But I think I've done my time. And I need to find out if the same thing will happen to an evil raised hedgehog

What do ya mean? *confused*

If Silver was good and his soul came out bad, Shadow's soul might come out good.

Maybe, but that's not what I'm looking for.

What are you looking for?

I'm looking for the part of him that wants to forgive. Can you remember a time when Shadow said "I'm sorry" and he really meant it?

laughs rather harshly No!

Well there ya go

Silver, what if both should fight against each-other?

Then one of them is sure to die.

Yikes

What are we supposed to do?

I suggest that everyone should keep a look out for Nazo, at all times. Make some surveillance cameras; my soul is very powerful and frustrated after being inside that emerald for so long.

What's it like in there?

You witness what will happen in the future without you being there. And after what I saw, this is why I'm doing what I'm doing today.

sigh I can sense nothing will change after I'm gone.

uncertain We will never know

Silver asked Sonic and the others to leave him be. They started their long journey home, while occasionally looking up at the sky to spot Nazo. They didn't know how hard or how easy it would be, so looking was the only option. As they got nearer, Flash looked up once again and saw a silver line travel across the sky...which was then followed by a black lightning strike.

Uh-oh

14. The long wait begins

Flash decided to take no notice of the light he saw so as not to worry anyone. Right now was a time to relax, the easy part of the job. Flash went back in to Marcia's room to see how she was coping. She was playing her acoustic guitar, which was pink and had a nice sound to it. Marcia was always good on the guitar.

That's some sweet music you have there.

a little startled Er..thanks. I thought about making a song for Shadow, but I don't know if he'll appreciate it.

Of course he will, you're the one that's playing it.

He joined Marcia in her room while the others were all circled around Tails and his sidekicks.

S.M.I.D.S.Y: We figured that we should put a heat tracking device on the cameras

Mischief: Yeah, because then we can tell which one's Silver and which one's Nazo

Souls have no heat, so that's how we can tell.

Everyone: 0_o

What?

Well, we're kind of freaked out at your ability to read each-others mind.

Mischief: Great minds think alike Sonic

Sonic couldn't tell if Mischief was insulting him or just being honest, but then he noticed Speed walking towards the fridge. He forgot about showing Speed's pendant to Faith, which was the main reason he wanted to talk to her in the 1st place.

As Sonic walked towards Faith's room, he wondered what the residents of this shelter were going to do for food and supplies. Maybe Tails had something up his sleeve, his always did nowadays.

Hey Faith

Oh no, not again! T_T

0_o No I wanted to show you something.

Oh right...sorry ^-^

shows Faith the pendant This is a picture of Speed's parents

Strange, the father looks like you.

Exactly, I don't remember getting intimate with anyone, especially you.

O_o

No offence ^^

Well Eggman captured me once and took DNA samples from me, and Eggman has always had a DNA sample from you.

Note=Dr Eggman took DNA samples from Sonic in the comics

So, Eggman was creating artificial life-forms?

Yes, and he was hoping they would all obey him, and some still do, but after about 4 years of creation, most of the life-forms changed and now live here.

So, do you think that Speed is a spawn of us?

Maybe, you can only use someone's DNA once, unless Eggman found a way to duplicate it, which he probably has.

After thanking Faith for her help. Sonic couldn't quite believe he had a son. He decided to visit Speed and tell him who his parents were.

Hey Speed, is there anything in fridge?

Yeah it's pretty full, why do you want something?

No, I was just thinking about something *daydreams*

Erm..O_o *starts to walk off*

Wait Speed, here's your necklace back, I've got something to tell you.

Oh? *puzzled*

Faith told me that Eggman took DNA samples of me and her, and....Eggman used that DNA to create you. *worried expression*

So you're saying that I'm just an artificial copy?

Im afraid so. I'm sorry

It's ok

O_o Really?

OF COURSE NOT! *slaps Sonic*

Speed ran to his room, bursting into tears along the way. Sonic knew that it wouldn't be an easy thing to take in, and decided to leave his alone for the minute.

Knuckles was talking to his family about what they had discovered.

Well that's something you don't hear every day.

What are you going to do dad?

Well, I'm just a soldier, I wait for the orders.

That's unlike you

Well Rouge, times change. And this time we can't do anything about it but wait for Nazo to come to us.

Dad, what if it...kills you?

little shocked That's not gonna happen son, your dad's a fighter. Now come on let's play medal of honour ^^

You forgot to mention you're big headed

T_T

Everybody was doing something to take their mind off of Nazo, except for Sonic who was now lying on the couch. He didn't want to be here anymore.

appears I know its hard Sonic, but soon this will all be over.

But what about Eggman? Is he always going to try to kill me?

Hmm, sounds like you could do with some action. I noticed you're not the type that likes to be sitting down all the time. Let's go to Eggman's and defeat as much as we can for today. That way you don't have to worry about him any more.

Ok, let's go.

Sonic had got used to fact that Silver could read anyone's mind. And to be working with him would be interesting. In fact it was strange how fast time flied now.

Soon would come a very tense night.

15. A new face

Silver teleported Sonic into the remains of one of Eggman's towers. No longer was this hunk of metal riddled with robots, instead they had all been shattered. Sonic walked over to a robot that was setting off sparks from his arms and legs. He was barely alive.

Who the hell done this?

Robot: Black...evil...eyes..... *cuts out*

O_o

I wonder if this is anything to do with Nazo?

As the two walked down to where Sonic had last seen Eggman, they noticed just how damaged the tower really was. There were massive cracks in the framework and every computer screen that Sonic looked at had been smashed.

Someone's angry.

Then they spotted Eggman spread on the ground. Blood was flowing through the cracks in the floor. Sonic let Silver check Eggman's pulse.

He's dead.

Be careful what you wish for. ^-^

T_T Could you please try to be serious for once?

Well when you're surrounded by dullness and everyone is angry, I have no choice but to try and lighten up the atmosphere

As Sonic said that, a green bolt of lightning emerged from the air, almost like a rip in the time continuum. A completely black coloured hedgehog with piercing red eyes appeared from this rip, clutching a human who looked unconscious. The black hedgehog threw the human down on the floor where Sonic was standing.

This black hedgehog never took any notice of Sonic, except for glimpsing at him for just a second, but as he saw Silver, he stared at him, transfixed.

Er...what are you doing?

I'm not doing a thing!

The coal black hedgehog finally took his gaze off of Silver and returned to the gaping hole in the air. Sonic and Silver decided to leave at that point, taking the human with them.

Sonic, Silver! Are you alright? *noticing the human* No way!

Yes way.

How did you?

We're not exactly sure; he just appeared with a black hedgehog.

A black hedgehog? Is that it?

Pretty much, he was completely black and when he opened his mouth you could see almost vampire teeth.

Any idea that he is?

Possibly?

What do you mean?

[b]I fear that hedgehog maybe Shadow.

What!

You said that wasn't going to happen!

Well I'm sure it wouldn't have happened if Nazo wasn't here. This is Nazos' work!

Well right now we'll put this guy *meaning the human* in Sonics' bedroom.

T_T

It was already late in the night and Sonic had had enough adventure for one day. He had a lot of questions to think about and he knew he wouldn't be able to get to sleep for ages.

Sonic had now done some minor decorating with his room. The room was now a simple cream colour and he had managed to purchase a television and a play station 4 (remember it's in the future) from Tails.

As Sonic was in bed thinking, he heard his human roommate suddenly coughing and breathing heavily.

Dude, you ok?

???: *still coughing* Does it look like I'm ok?

T_T Well, are you ok now

Breathing deeply Yes I think I'm ok now

What's your name?

Eykt

O_o Never heard that name before

Eykt: Well I'm pretty sure you've never heard Silver or Nazo or-

How do you know about Nazo?

He spotted me and sent his partner to kill me

He didn't do a very good job of that.

Oh he killed me alright, he murdered my girlfriend right before my eyes, and then beat me up

slightly changing the subject erm...that hedgehog that brought you here, did you see him?

Yes I did, Nazo said his name was Katzu

Sonic knew that souls had a different name to their real forms, but on the other hand, he was hoping that it would be someone different and not Shadow. Sonic had already taken a look at Shadow that night, and he had not moved since Marcia placed him in the chaos garden.

So, what were they up to?

Well, me, Linda my girlfriend and Blain are the new guardians of the master emerald shrine. But Nazo is part of that Emerald and so we were guarding the chaos emeralds. Katzu knocked me out before I could see what they were doing, but they were probably going after the chaos emeralds.

Well..glad your ok kid, you just rest for now. *suddenly remembering* what happened to Blain?

Blain's fine, in fact he actually stopped Nazo and Katzu from getting the emeralds. That guy might have no visible powers, but he's not afraid of anything.

Yeah...he's a good kid.

After that, both Sonic and Eykt tried to get some sleep. But with all these incidents, they didn't get much of it. They both woke early and went into the main hall to see everyone sitting on the sofa. No-one had slept that night.

16. A big mistake

Tails looked at the surveillance videos to see if anything had come up and to no-one's surprise there was nothing. With Silver's power defending the shelter they were safe, but everyone knew it had to end sometime. Sonic couldn't believe this was happening to him, he thought it was a dream, a television show. Much like that show LOST.

Silver had stayed the night at the shelter, but had disappeared the following morning. All was tense.

So much for the new year.

Everyone looked at Tails with a confused look. Then they suddenly realized that it was the beginning of the New Year. They had missed Christmas.

What are we actually waiting for anyway? Shouldn't we be fighting?

Well Silver said-

I don't care what Silver said! We've been doing nothing but sitting here waiting for his word!

Nobody could argue with that

Sonic we don't have a clue where Nazo and his boyfriend are!

Everyone smiled at that point, Shadow wouldn't like that.

Well, we could search?

That maybe Sonic, but it's way too risky.

So what DO we do?

???: I'll tell you what you can do!

Everyone turned towards to the entrance to see Nazo, Katzu and Silver's unconscious body on the ground.

Nazo: That pathetic creature you call a legend didn't come out to be much did he?

You bastard!

Flash tried to last out at Nazo, but with a mere flick of Nazo's hand Flash ended up inside the television screen. There was no time for jokes now.

Katzu, bring the yellow hedgehog, he could prove useful as I know you won't hurt him.

What the hell are you-

chaos controls and punches Sonic Silence! You are the one they call the hero of time, correct?

.....

Speak!

But you told me not to

T_T *punches Sonic* Clever Sonic, very clever

Katzu: Answer Nazo's question Sonic.

Well Shadow, I didn't take you for the obeying type.

With that, Nazo had had enough of Sonic's wit. He punched Sonic knocking him out. Tails flew over to Sonic and held him upright.

As for your question, no Sonic isn't the hero of time. The hero of time is your playmate.

Is this true? *talking to Katzu*

I have no idea!

Well then, let's ask Silver!

Nazo gave some of his energy to wake Silver, who looked apologetically at his friends.

Ok, brother. Is Katzu here the hero of time?

Yes he is

Wonderful, your life shall be spared, for now. But at least let me hurt you.

Nazo pulled his counterfeit up and made him watch as he murdered Knuckles, Faith, and Cream in the blink of an eye.

Just like wink murder

Nazo was just about to go for Tails when Eykt jumped on him and started whacking him with his staff. Eykt didn't rest until Nazo chaos controlled into the air.

Playtimes over

Silver quickly chaos controlled and whacked Nazo in the back of the head, then started

absorbing his powers while he was unguarded. Katsu was holding Flash, who was unconscious.

Everyone left started cheering for Silver, and Nazo finally got back to grips. He closed his eyes and used Chaos blast. Everyone knew what to do and ran out of the main hall as fast as they could. Except for Eykt who had never experienced this.

Eykt, come on!

Why what's going to happen-

The explosion came and Tails couldn't wait any longer. Eykt fell down to the ground. Eykt thought of all the things that had happened to him. Now he would finally get what he wanted.

comes down to Eykt You're not dead...yet

Eykt found a weird sensation happening to his whole body, but his eyes refused to open and he then fell unconscious.

Now where is the female guardian of my master emerald?

Follow me

Nazo and Katsu teleported towards Tikal's room. Tikal was sitting by an almost dead fox. She was a lilac colour, and has two tails just like Tails. She had lost a lot of blood, and Tikal was making sure she would die peacefully.

Chelsea, I know you wanted to be the new guardian of the sol emeralds with Blaze, and you might be one day.

HA! Maybe

With those last words, Chelsea stopped talking and didn't move. Tikal wiped away her tears and was disrupted by Nazo and Katsu coming in.

Knock knock ^-^

17. The beginning of a great fight

What do you want Nazo?

Just the pleasure of killing you! I can't go into that hellhole you sent me into if you're dead

bursting into the room CHAOS CONTROL!

Once again everything stopped dead. Silver grabbed Tikal's hand and ran into another room.

Are you alright?

Physically yes, where are the others

They're hiding in the chaos garden, but Ekyt was directly hit by Nazo's chaos blast

Tikal put her hand over her mouth in shock. She had been partners with Ekyt for quite some time, and she had helped him choose the right path to his life. But in a couple of seconds, how could Ekyt go so soon?

but he's not dead, he'll recover shortly. In the meantime we have to stop Nazo and Katzu.

Silver rushed off to find the others, who were taking in what had just happened to Knuckles, Cream and Faith. Each of their bodies was lying on the floor of the main hall.

I just can't believe it!

Then you'd better start believing it!

Everyone: "SHADOW!"

Everyone crowded around Shadow. Had Silver beat Nazo?

Shadow we need your help! The spirit of Silver is here and-

Relax Tails I was here 15 minutes ago!

Everyone: 0_o

What the hell are you talking about?

It's Faith! I'm just in Shadow's body!

Everyone: 0_o

He's not gonna be too happy about that!

Faith slaps Flash.

bursts in Is everyone ok? *looks at Shadow* Nice job Faith!

chuckles Cheers

Now's the time to kill these pests!

Everyone ran down the corridor to Tikal's room. Blain was walking out from his room when everyone rushed past him. He comically looked straight ahead at his own reflection in the mirror on the wall, blinked and then joined the others.

catches up to Flash I never took you for the marathon type?

T_T *grabs Blain* Come on we need all the help we can get!

Silver and Sonic had already reached Tikal's room to find that a burgundy coloured echidna with green stripes and a trenchcoat was waiting for them.

???: I was beginning to think that you had given up!

recognising his voice Are you?

Yes I am, though why I don't know

As the others caught up, and no-one else noticed this new echidna, they all flew at Nazo. Nazo disappeared and used Chaos Spear. Shadow, or Faith, was the only one fighting Katzu.

surprised How did you-

punches Katzu Let's just call it revenge!

Flash was pounded to the ground as Blain was waiting for him there.

Aren't you gonna help?

Can't. I'm just your average low life hedgehog who's only good for one thing. And that one thing isn't here. I'll just be the ball boy

You could try *levitates*

shakes his head I've tried plenty of times, that's why I was given such a crappy legend title!

Well I'm not gonna make ya

Blain was left on his own again to spectate his friends. In case you're wondering how so many people could fit in Tikal's bedroom, they're actually outside now due to Nazo blasting a hole in the wall.

Silver, Sonic, Flash, this new echidna and Tails were all fighting Nazo. They were winning but it didn't look very noticeable. Faith was coping well on her own, but Katsu launched an attack that sent Faith shooting through the shelter. Katsu landed on the ground, only to be attacked by Blain, who was aimlessly hitting out at Katsu.

Meanwhile...

Sonic, we need to go super!

Sure thing! But can anyone else go super?

I can!

surprised Well do it!

Oh right ok

Silver transformed into what looked like a hedgehog version of Tikal. His quills were already long and they levitated into the air, which was very impressive. Sonic changed into his super form that we all know and love, except that because he was older his super form a lot like Flash. As for Blain, he transformed into a white and gold hedgehog and kept his deep blue eyes.

Cool! *looking at Blain and Silver* Do they have names?

My super form was called Nazo but I think I'll change it now

Mine's Awesome Man

Everyone: O_o

T_T Well....I thought it was good!

Everyone rushed to Nazo as he was laying on the ground, regaining energy, fast. They figured that when Nazo was defeated, so was Katsu. They each threw a punch at Nazo. And then came a bolt of lightning heading for Nazo. Nazo was already unconscious and this bolt would surely kill him. Silver saw the beam of light and jumped in the course of it.

Silver what the hell!

If that strike kills Nazo, it'll kill me along with it! I can't let that happen.

Nazo had woken up and healed in this time and was heading towards Silver. Silver was unaware until he was punched in the back. He turned round and the beam of lightning struck both him and Nazo.

Nazo!

Nazo fell to the ground and burst into energy, afterwards entering Silver's body. Faith looked at Sonic and mouthed "Look after him" before leaving Shadow's body and entering the atmosphere. Katz had disappeared and was entering Shadow. Blain had returned to his normal form and joined the crowd of people surrounding Silver's exhausted body.

(still in his super form) Silver, are you ok?

No, but it doesn't matter

closes his eyes and puts a hand on Silver's chest

Sonic, I don't want you to heal me

Why not?

Because this is how I want it to happen. Please.

Sonic, not understanding what Silver was talking about raised his hand and looked Silver in the eye. He then powered down to his original form.

Shadow should be with you soon, good luck Sonic. I know that this will never happen again with you on my side.

Sonic, giving a little smile let a tear fall down from his eye.

smiling back Thank you

Silver then closed his eyes and stayed motionless. Sonic closed his eyes to stop the tears from falling. As soon as he was ready he looked up at the others and smiled.

Come on! Silver wouldn't have wanted us to be upset. We've just won a battle. Let's party!

Sonic carried Silver on his back and brought him into the shelter, everyone else followed now hoping that everything would be normal again. Well as normal as everything gets.

smiling Hey *talking to echidna* You never did give us your name

smiling back As if I had to

Eykt, is that you!

It sure is!

Everyone: 0_o

Hey, how'd you escape anyway?

Chaos Control, it's not hard

If you know how do it

Glad to have you back Shadz

18. See you in another life

It wasn't much of a party, but there was plenty to drink and eat. Sonic decided to stay a few more days at the shelter before heading back to his own time. Once everyone had quietened down and gone to bed, Sonic was wondering what Faith meant when she said "Look after him". Was she talking about Silver or Shadow...

The next day everyone went outside for the funeral. Grass was starting to grow through the metal now that Tails had found an acid to melt it.

Tails, how are you going to melt all the metal with just a sample?

Easy, we'll use the rain. Even though it might be polluting it a little.

You always were the smart one

Tails smiled at his old friend, and guided everyone to the place where Tikal had buried Chelsea. Knuckles's, Faith's, Cream's and finally Silver's bodies were waiting by their burial grounds. No-one really wanted to make a speech, and finally Shadow walked forward and turned to face his audience.

I might not be fully responsible for the death of these four, but if I hadn't of been so quick to judge these people would be standing here listening to me. I'll never feel as guilty as I do now, and I know that the only way I can stop this situation is by going back into the past. On the other hand if Silver hadn't of punished me I probably would've turned evil anyway. So thanks Silver. *walks back*

Everyone looked round at Sonic, expecting him to say something.

Er...*walks forward* well I won't be here for much longer, and it'll be up to me and Shadow to save the world. Many of you won't exist, which will be hard. *pauses* I know that Kyle doesn't have a father anymore, and Speed doesn't have his mother. *looks at Faith's body* But Rouge, you look after Kyle and Blain'll look after Speed. There Blain, now you have something new to guard.

walks forward Well er..thanks to Silver for saving the world. And with the time we have left here, we should enjoy it with.

After the funeral everyone decided to go to what was left of the local beach. Even though there was no sand, there was plenty of sea water. They might as well spend their last day together relaxing.

They actually spent the whole night there, enjoying their new found freedom. Shadow was more socialised then ever, talking more than he'd talked to Sonic about him being the ultimate lifeform.

The next day everyone was gathered around the Master Emerald shrine, the portal was opened up by Eykt, who paired up with Blain to guard the emeralds. Everyone said their final

goodbyes to Sonic and Shadow. Flash and Shadow made a really random handshake and Shadow said to remember for the next time they meet. Sonic and Speed had spent a lot of time together since the battle. Sonic gave Speed the earrings he was wearing as a present.

I was never an earring fan anyway

It was an emotional time for everyone. Rouge who was holding Kyle's hand, gave Sonic a quick kiss on the cheek and told him that that was for Knuckles. Sonic understood and went towards the portal.

Come on Shadow, we need to get back.

Yeah I'm coming *looking irritated*

Sonic stepped into the portal; Shadow looked around at everyone, smiled, and then looked up into the air.

Sayonara Silver

And they were gone.

After a year had passed, Sonic was still fighting Eggman, though he now knew what to expect, he didn't want to ruin his fun. He spent a lot more time with Tails and kept asking if he'd built a time machine yet.

Knuckles was still guardian of the Master Emerald, and when Sonic returned from the future, Sonic gave him a quick hug.

That was from Rouge

If you do that again I'll let you know what else was from Rouge!

Shadow still glanced at his past, but decided that in order to save the world, he must be good. Maybe then he'd finally see Maria. He missed Flash a lot and grew to like Blain. They used to play poker every night.

In the future, things were coping along well. Eggman hadn't get a hold of any DNA samples just yet, so somehow nobody had been affected. According to Tails, they didn't "disappear" until Sonic destroyed the DNA samples. Sonic said that he was going to find it difficult destroying his future and the people he met, but Tails said to him that if he didn't stop those DNA samples, the future would be destroyed anyway.

Flash and Blain decided they were going to be brothers. For Christmas Flash brought Blain an Afro wig. 0_o

Kyle and Speed also decided to become brothers and went exploring together in Eggman's old laboratory. They'd found some interesting information, which Tails read to them (as it was in another language) Speed still wears Sonic's earrings.

Rouge still thought about Knuckles, but is having a relationship with Eyt. Eyt loves Rouge

very much, although he really wanted another echidna.

Marcia had learned mechanics and helped Tails a lot with his new inventions. S.M.I.D.S.Y and Mischief didn't mind, as long as they got to help as well. In fact Marcia had a little fling for Flash but decided that she would wait for Shadow.

It had been a year and a week since the anniversary of the battle. A week ago everyone went up to the shrine and placed flowers over each of the graves. When Kyle is upset he usually goes to his daddy's gravestone to cheer up. Everyone still thinks Silver is a legend, even though Silver once said to Tails that he didn't want to be famous.

The planet is full of wildlife and there isn't a scrap of Eggman's work anywhere. The shelter was knocked down by Tails and now houses were replaced there. Other people from different countries came to the area, and it is now a posh part of Legendes. Tails had named the state.

All in all the future is very positive. But everyone knows about Sonic and what he has to do. This is where the legend of heroes, begins

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