



Once upon a time...

Wu was traveling on a gravel road to Daant, capital of the Central Shoguntu. He was hoping to rendezvous with his clan thinking they were destined to go to the capital at some point. He didn't know if Diyi was still a threat or if his clan had found Blaze. He needed to stop for normal biological function. He found an outhouse by the side of the road and stepped inside. He thought it got dimmer outside like a cloud had blocked the sun. He was just about finished when he heard a knock on the door. He replied, "Just a moment more."

He heard an alien's voice say, "Wu, is that you?"

Wu replied, "Fremt, is that you?"

The alien replied, "Yes! We found you. So many questions."

"I know, right."

"Is there toilet paper in there?"

Wu opened the door and saw the Destinys' Bounty. He stepped out of the outhouse and Fremt bolted in. Wu strode over to the Destinys' Bounty and did a backflip onto the deck ten feet up. The clan at first looked angered at an intruder but their eyes relaxed once they realized it was Wu. Zoro inquisitively asked, "Are you healed of your sickness?"

Wu quickly replied, "I am. Are Ahimsa, Falco, Bamf, and Blaze OK?"

Zoro stated, "Don't worry Ahimsa, Bamf, and Falco have returned. But Blaze..."

Wu looked at Ahimsa. He apprehensively said, "He has until tonight to live. Doesn't he?"

Krispal nodded. Wu slowly asked, "So... what is the plan?"

Ahimsa sadly said, "There is no way we can go to the taxation office and check a hundred different dwellings before tonight. The only thing I can think of is to go to our home and his studio and hope he returned on his own."

Wu angrily spat, "Then what are we waiting on?"

Fremt climbed onto the deck and said, "For me to use the restroom. We really need to get an onboard bathroom."

They wasted no time getting the ship into the air and they paddled the wind oars as hard as they could.

After many hours they arrived at Blaze's, Ahimsa's and Krispal's mother's home. Ahimsa didn't wait for the ship to land. She made a slide from ice and slid down to the front door of the dojo. She didn't knock as she slid the door open and ran inside. Their mother was there. She said, "Oh, hello Ahimsa. Sensei Sage just got here."

Ahimsa turned around and saw Sage sitting by the door drinking some tea from their mother's tea set. Ahimsa blurted, "Sage, Blaze. He has only a few more hours to live. We need to find him."

Sage peaceful poured some tea into a cup and asked, "Hello, Ahimsa. Do you want some tea?"

Ahimsa replied, "We have no time for tea."

Sage replied, "Always the impatient one. Just like Blaze."

Their mother jittered, "Blaze is in danger? Oh no, is he hurt? Should I get a healer?"

Sage smiled and slyly replied, "Blaze will be just fine."

Ahimsa quickly asked, "How do you know this? Have you found him? Tell, me, don't spare any details."

Sage dropped a sugar cube into his tea and insisted, "I just know, OK."

Ahimsa froze the tea table and yelled, "Tell me how you know!"

Sage replied, "Come. We must go to his studio."

Sage, Ahimsa, and Ahimsa's and Krispal's mother boarded the Destinies Bounty. Moments after successfully anchoring it, it was time to get it flying again. They arrived at the other side of town at Blaze's studio. Ahimsa slid down once again, and took their mother with her. It was locked so she knocked. Nobody answered. Flowious pointed out, "Look, it is locked from the outside."

Ahimsa took note of how the latch was and realized this was true. She felt chilled to the bone. She slid down against the wall and began to cry. Sage put an arm on her shoulder and advised, "Death happens. It is all part of life. Loved ones will die. He sacrificed himself for good. We must allow loved ones to die for good. If the sword hadn't been rusted Blaze would have been a hero. At least you get to understand why it had to happen."

Ahimsa heard heavy breathing. Her bangs blocked her vision so she couldn't see from whom it came. She looked up and saw a Ninja Clan member. He wore a red gi with a flame on it. She

stood up and ran to him. She hugged him with her mother. Soon Krispal joined. Next came Wu and everybody else. Blaze said, "Please get off me. I am trying to cool down."

Ahimsa followed his request and asked, "Why were you running?"

Blaze tiredly replied, "I saw the ship land at mother's house so I ran trying to get across town. Then I saw it fly to where I just was so I turned around. I ran as fast as I could and I need to sit."

Ahimsa asked, "How are you healed?"

Blaze replied, "Let me sit down. I'll tell you later."

They helped him onto the Destinys' Bounty where he sat down in the kitchen and replied, "Healing Tea. We must get down to business. Diyi plans to use house members to kill Honourous and have someone named Ajna become the new Shogun."

Falco stated, "We have to stop them."

Zoro quickly commanded, "Let's get a few of us to get this ship flying to Daant to warn Honourous."

As they flew Sage joined Wu in the arsenal room, the room of the ship where the weapons were stored. Sage, curious asked, "I notice something is troubling you. What is it?"

Wu didn't realize he was that obvious. He replied, "I met with a fortuneteller. She said the team is destined to be divided or I am destined to die based on which one I choose. Is this true?"

Sage replied, "Curious. Please don't tell anyone else."

"Why?"

"I need time to think about how to prevent this fate."

That night Sage requested to teach each of the clan members spinjitzu. They gathered in a clearing outside of their camp where there was no tents. Sage began, "We must learn Spinjitzu in order to stand a chance against the Fun Dasha house."

Wu had been through a spinjitzu obstacle course many times but he had yet to successfully spin. Sage advised, "The key to spinjitzu is to go through the motions. You should never fight the opposing forces that prevent you from spinning. You should always accept them."

Krispal stated, "I thought you said, 'never say never' right"?

Falco added, "And never say always."

Sage ordered, "New clan rules: always say never and always say always."

Falco blurted, "You make more contradictions with every rule."

Blaze angrily spat, "Ah, let Sensei teach."

Sage continued, "Lying or deceiving is always Malgarsonery and not lying or deceiving is never Malgarsonery. A Ninja never lies or deceives."

Sarcea grew slightly afraid of Sage when he said this. A couple times when she was younger she lied and hoped he wouldn't continue teaching against it. Sage concluded, "The key to spinning- is not spinning. Ghosts cannot do spinjitzu. Always let yourself not possess victory when that course is in store."

Blaze argued, "Nonsense, you need to make everyone believe in themselves. That way they do more."

One by one everyone learned spinjitzu. Wu learned too, though he was not the first, Falco was, and Diptidulla last. After she did Zoro suggested, "Tomorrow, let's go warn Honourous."