



Once upon a time...

The day for Danju was great for him, the night was terrible, then it was adequate for him but also vulnerable. The moon was setting and the sun was rising. It was in balance between the two and tranquil. The river of Dengyu divided northeast and southwest Daant which was calm with the figures dojos and hills. Crickets chirped in the silent mild winter morning. The Ninja Clan carried out a stage and lit lanterns with a metal in them that made them burn crimson. This was because today, one of them was going to become a Ninja. Shogun Honourous approached Bamf, who was looking drearily over the city. Bamf awkwardly said, "Oh, hello, Shogun."

The Shogun smiled and spoke, "You have brought honor to the Waraxe name. I am sorry I banished you. I couldn't ask for a better Ninja. You may return to the Central Shoguntu if you feel safe to do so."

Bamf bowed his head and made it clear, "Yes, of course. Though I didn't save you for honor."

Honourous scolded him. Falco came up next to Honourous and bowed to him. Falco said, "It is my honor to have saved the great and wise Shogun."

Honourous put his hand on Falco's shoulder and gave a proud smile and left for the Witness of Honor seat. The Sensei's league was tied to the Central Shoguntu so Shogun Honourous had some authority over it, mostly ceremonial. Isabelle asked Bamf, "Do you want company to go tell your father the news? I'll join you."

Bamf replied, "Sure, that sounds fun. My dad has opinions about the Shogun. He might not take it well. We will leave tomorrow."

Blaze was cleaning off his gi for the ceremony when Ahimsa hugged him. She said, "I can't imagine how much it would have hurt me if Diyi had killed you."

Sage walked up behind Ahimsa and advised, "You would have been alright. Diyi only considered his family to fall under his devotion, just as fire can expand to the entire world, we must always consider all figures our family. Many great and good figures have struggled with the loss of a loved one. You have been given a great gift. Blaze got injured saving Ninjago from unlimited power to a Malgarson. To understand why a loved one had to die is a valuable gift."

Falco then spoke to Ahimsa. He said, "Look. I don't really like you. I thought I did, but I didn't really. You just seemed so open to helping me I want to get over my loneliness quickly."

Ahimsa replied, "Yeah. I really didn't like you either, I just felt sorry for you, being a Fanatic and all. I like Flowious. He really cares for me now, I feel like I am ready to find out what happened to our father and start healing. Today versus just a week and a few days ago, is like night and day for the two of us. I guess the greatest relationships in life really do start out strained."

Blaze asked, "Are you serious? I..."

Ahimsa said, "Of course Krispal will have to agree on our quest."

Blaze glanced away and said, "I don't want to know what happened to him?"

Ahimsa asked, "Why not?"

Blaze asked, "What if he is alive and free? What if we learn that?"

Ahimsa's jaw dropped then she replied, "It will mean he left us willingly."

Blaze nodded. Ahimsa then asked Flowious, "For someone who's name is Flowious you have been quite rigid."

Flowious spoke, "Does a ship need to agree with the flow to go with it? The difference between one that sinks and one that sails is the crew's flexibility. I locked myself in a great castle and put you on the outside to have strange feelings revolving around me. Nobody can see the wind, so I thought it wasn't a real element, just like my love for you being an element in my life. I realized joining you among the unprotected is where the wind has been forcing me. I am an alien to love though."

Ahimsa replied, "And so am I. But let's walk down this road together."

Flowious grabbed her hands and replied, "I'd love to."

Sage advised, "Our paths in life are never, ever, ever, never a straight line. If you are on a straight line the path must be an illusion of your own construction."

Flowious then said to Blaze, "I know you haven't seen your father in ten years, but you can't expect to spend each moment stalling on what he thinks, you have to jump in."

Blaze looked away and lied, "I'll put a pin in it."

Ahimsa added, "And I'll be right here for when you are ready."

Krispal added, "And me. I can't wait to have another parent to torture."

Falco glanced over at Diptidulla. Flowious then turned to Falco and said, "Falco, as long as you don't want to be alone you will always have a friend."

Falco murmured, "I don't need friends. All I need is what is right."

The ten clan members stood on the stage, not knowing which one would be called forward to accept the rank. The great and well-respected Sensei began, "Long before time had a name, Ninja was not a word that was said lightly. A ninja clan member wears the gi, promises to always do what is right, knows Spinjitzu, and fights well. Being a ninja means you always do what is right. Every so often a Sensei gives a pupil the title of Ninja. One of you will become a Ninja today."

Sage then changed course, "But first, I have learned Wu will have to make a great decision, before the age of thirty. To decide between the unity of the Elemental Alliance or his own life. I am telling you this now so we can do everything in our power to prevent this."

Every gasped. Honourous asked, "What does this mean? What is the Elemental Alliance?"

Sage continued, "This means this group is destined for lifelong feuds without Wu making a big sacrifice. The Elemental Alliance is how I originally envisioned this clan and why I made my own clan. A reinvention of the First Spinjitzu Master's Elemental Alliance. A Clan that examines the Art of the Ninja, each member with his or her own genius. It will be a conduit of many elements forged into a single definition of Ninja. The Elemental Alliance's job will be waiting and preparing for the Second Spinjitzu Master, The Green Ninja. And therefore, Wu has a decision with lots of gravity. To have the Elemental Alliance train the Green Ninja or himself

train the Green Ninja. Wu, I ask you, will you ever be ready to prepare the greatest Ninja in all of Ninjago?"

He continued, "But for today, now for the rank of Ninja. Blaze come forward."

The audience again gasped this time that Blaze was chosen. Blaze stepped forward and, confused, interrupted, "But I have made so many mistakes? All I ever do is make mistakes. You told me the path we take is never a straight line, and I expected seeing my father again to be. Minister Steampuff told me not to be irrational, and I was. You told me to never exclude foreign figures and I said it can be alright on occasion. I have been so arrogant lately, I thought you would never let me into the ranks of Ninja, let alone today."

Sensei Sage announced, "You have been through a stage of arrogance. You have made many mistakes but, you have always blazed your own path. You will continue to be lame, disappointing, and all-around not understood. You have never been masterful in what you do. The Elements Used in Creation, Fire, Lightning, Earth, and Ice go against the teachings of the master. While Wu may be a greater master, the Elemental Masters of Creation Elements keeps the master honest by reminding him or her there may be a better solution. Though, most of the time, they usually cause a wild mess of destruction. It is this ability to destroy the obvious that leads to creation with the Elements of Creation, a Tornado of Creation. This makes the sacred protector raw, green, and rooted. The Master of Fire cannot be the sacred protector, no matter how much he or she wants to be. The Master of Fire, however, can be the Ninja of Fire. No other Elemental Master messes up as much as the Master of Fire, but few Elemental Masters are as pure as the Master of Fire. Like the Master of Sound, you reverently worship the

sage advice Sensei League values. Unlike the Master of Shadow, you feel ashamed when you disappoint. But above all you won't quit being a Ninja despite your great temptation to prove yourself by Malgarsonery. You are a timeless hero!"

The audience cheered reluctantly, but once the other clan members joined in it grew louder. The clan let go of the lanterns and they drifted up into the pink sky. Blaze thought, "At least Sensei Sage is proud of me, where my father has failed." Blaze's felt more than just proud, he felt peaceful at this moment and philosophical. He had hidden behind facing his fears when he was injured by conjuring ignorance but now he felt he had the confidence to fear death once again. He felt like he burned cleaner, more restrained and purified. He was glad for what he had been through, he understood himself better. He knew even when he failed, which would happen again, he would be a Ninja.