



Once upon a time...

Bamf led the swan, Isabelle, to his parents' house on Okkoto Hill after arriving on Jagged Rock Island. Waraxe Mattis was repairing his shoe, as it had been giving him athlete's foot, when they entered. Mattis had a braided orange beard and wavy orange hair. Bamf awkwardly said, "Hello dad. The swan is the Master of Water, Isabelle."

Mattis mentioned, "I hope you will stay past Day of the Departed. Superior Fuhrer Vagus is planning an invasion of the Central Shoguntu and I want you to quit your Ninja clan and join us."

Bamf stated, "I don't think that would be wise."

Mattis asked, "Oh yeah, why not?"

Bamf replied, "The Central Shoguntu is really ok. They are just as good as the Viking Empire."

Mattis stood up and yelled, "TAKE THAT BACK MY SON!"

Bamf replied, "I am serious. Falco isn't that bad. You..."

Mattis interrupted, "You aren't supposed to be chummy with him."

Bamf argued, "I'm leaving. I found out why you were banished."

Mattis grew stiff and looked shocked. He fell into his chair, and spoke quietly, "You are no longer my child."

Bamf's jaw dropped. He yelled, "Goodbye father. Good-bye forever!"

Bamf solemnly left the house. Isabelle, as a swan, followed him. Bamf's mother came running after him. Bamf yelled loud enough for the whole village to hear, "WHO DOES DAD THINK HE IS!"

Bamf's mother replied, "Dad can be difficult. He isn't good at talking things out. He sent his Samurai after Uncle William. It was his reaction to the Shogun criticizing him at the crocodile exhibit. That was why he was truly banished. He can't go with the flow, which sends him on exponential estrangement. The former Master of Earth is just as stubborn as his element. He isn't flexible like water."

Isabelle sang, "How are we going to get off the Island? Yangchen said he won't leave until after the Day of the Departed."

Bamf's mother said, "I have something I wanted to give Bamf. I am glad the Master of Water is here too."

Bamf's mother unwrapped a sword from a canvas sheet. It had a blade coming out of both sides of the handle. She explained, "Water and earth don't naturally mix. Water is the only element that works against a ghost. Those haunted by ghosts find water's fluidness but toughness impossible to pass. Water is methodical, feminine, and eloquent. Earth is strong, brittle, masculine. This is why the Master of Earth, like wind, often is a ghost. The Fusion Blade of Weathering allows them to mix into a stable energy dragon. Earth is stubborn and rigid. Your father's mistakes made him feel cold as winter and he pretends it is warm as summer. Therefore, in the summer he feels cold as winter. This is the problem with rigidity. He isn't good with change. Water is relaxing and soothing. The Master of Water can heal the wounds

left by earth just as jagged rocks become rounded with water. But, with Isabelle's help, you can go with the flow and save you and your father. Ninjago is vast. If you leave you may shy away from coming back; leave and you might never return."

Bamf spat, "SO I AM JUST SUPPOSED TO HAVE HIM GO TO WAR WITH THE CENTRAL SHOGUNTU! Falco, Uncle William, all those people who he has hurt over all his years. I am leaving. He can die fighting the war for all I care."

Bamf's mother stated, "Take that back. But I can see your point. At least come back to visit me. We can meet on Seahorse Island on New Year's."

Bamf hugged his mother and said, "Thank-you. I am so lucky to have you."

Isabelle, after methodical thought if she should say it, said, "I like Fremt, but I will be glad to join you if you ever chose to return to here."

Bamf looked away. Isabelle, as a swan, said, "You can't end things like that. Stand up for yourself."

Bamf cringed, "I am not happy about this either, but I need to stand my ground on this. It is about more than just us, it is about a pointless war. He has to deal with me being gone."

Isabelle suggested, "We can work together on what to say to, at least make you family again, so you can be peaceful. Write something ahead of time and sit on it for few days. If you aren't comfortable to read it, we just give it to him."

"What if he asks me to read it?"

"Then I will read it for you, albeit with your permission that is. I wouldn't want to talk to him behind your back," Isabelle made clear.

Bamf said, "I am a Viking. I don't need a girl to give a piece of my mind."

She liked being called feminine. She reverted into human form. Bamf looked unmoved.

"Come on, lets go to Falco." Bamf said. Bamf tossed up the Fusion Blade. He shot earth and Isabelle water into the blade. They mixed together and a part earth, part water energy dragon appeared. They climbed on and flew skyward.