



Once upon a time...

After the skirmish with the police Wu, Garmadon, Herold, Krispal, Bamf, Blaze, Sarcea, Isabelle, Fremt, Zoro, and Ahimsa decided to be hidden in the Gou Community. They were living in a cave to not be found. There is no better place to be secretive than in a cave. Isabelle and Fremt were at the waterfall in the cave system when Fremt jumped in and tried to splash Isabelle to get her gi wet. She blasted water at him and he went skimming across the pool. She giggled. Fremt shot lightning behind her, pushing her to the edge of the water. She expertly regained balance and didn't fall in. He begged, "Please come in. I'll carry you around in the water."

She turned away and said, "No."

Fremt became worried he had made a mistake telling Obsessa-Anahata which cave they were in and that he was no longer possessing Isabelle. Isabelle did a back flip. When she hit the water she blasted water, propelling her into Fremt. He grabbed her gently. She asked, "Should we kiss?"

Fremt said, "I don't know. I don't want to look trashy."

Isabelle asked, "How is kissing a princess trashy?"

Fremt leaned into Isabelle's lips. She followed slowly. They kissed. The water began flowing up the waterfall instead of down. Her emotions were moving the water. She faked blushing. She noticed he looked lost and conflicted. She asked, "What is wrong? I would think kissing me would make it clear what you want."

Fremt didn't answer. She insisted, "You can tell me. I won't get upset. Have you ever known me to have a temper?"

Fremt truthfully said, "I am not worried about you knowing. I am worried about someone else knowing."

Isabelle asked, "Who? Is it someone I know?"

Fremt said, "No. I don't think so."

He scurried out of the water and left for the main cave. When he arrived back, Zoro announced to the Elemental Alliance, "A group is approaching."

Wu asked, "How do you know Master of Light? Can you see around objects?"

Zoro replied, "They are coming from the sky. I see them in the distance."

In the distance were five bright chi dragons headed quickly toward the caves. Fremt said to Wu, "Wu, I need to tell you something."

Wu asked, "Can it wait?"

Fremt reluctantly agreed, "Sure."

One of the five chi dragons split from the group. Fremt asked, "Where is that one going?"

Zoro realized, "It is heading to the waterfall."

Fremt shouted, "Isabelle, we need to go help her."

Wu said, "Bamf, take your Fusion Blade. Fremt, go with him."

Bamf grabbed his and Isabelle's fusion blade and he and Fremt started scrambling over boulders toward the waterfall. When they arrived, they found Isabelle in a dual with an azure chi dragon. She shot water at the dragon who dodged it. The dragon exhaled, and an azure blast shot toward Isabelle. She blocked it with water, but the fog went right through the water. Flowers began growing around Isabelle. They grew rapidly and immobilized her because she was preoccupied planning how to defeat them. Fremt shot lightning at the rotund male rider with a pony tail. It hit the dragon who began twitching. The rider turned off his chi dragon and entered a freefall. Then he turned it back on, well out of the way of the lightning. Bamf used the fusion blade to slice through the flowers to get Isabelle. They formed the Fusion Dragon of Weathering and bolted after the Master of Healing. The dragon charged at them in return. Isabelle got ready to yield to the azure dragon and move out of the way, while Bamf got ready to collide with the azure dragon. They did a little of both and were knocked down to the ground in a wipeout. The fast little azure dragon bolted after them. When he got close to the ground, Fremt took out a throwing star and tossed it at the chi dragon. The throwing star hit the dragon and phased into him. The rider shouted, "My healing dragon can absorb any attack you throw at him!"

Fremt asked, "Then why is it a healing dragon?"

The Master of Healing, Bu-Kung-Fu, or Minion Bufu, said, "Healing can be quite painful. My dragon absorbs any technique you throw at him. The only way for him to heal you is for you to accept healing."

Isabelle admitted, "I thought we were dodging."

Bamf argued, "No, we were standing our, well, air."

Minion Bufu's chi dragon shot another azure blast. It landed on the wooden handle of the fusion blade and vines started growing out. Isabelle and Bamf tried to turn it back on but they couldn't. Bamf asked, "We just lost our greatest ability?"

Fremt ordered, "We are Elemental Masters. We have inner dragons. Bamf, push me up the cliffside."

Bamf rumbled the ground and Fremt went flying up to the top of the waterfall. He said, "This is my fault. I will give you time to escape."

He jumped into the waterfall and fell into the shallow pool at the bottom. There was a deafening *crack*; he had broken multiple bones. Isabelle moved him out of the water using her elemental ability. He was conscious but in terrible pain. The azure dragon let out a barrage of azure, blasting at Fremt. He fell unconscious. Bamf said, "The healing dragon drained the energy of Fremt using reverse healing."

Isabelle exclaimed, "No!"

She turned to the azure dragon. She knew what she needed to do. She ran over to the fusion blade and clutched it. Minion Bufu's chi dragon shot azure blasts at Bamf and Isabelle who then were encased in a cocoon of growth. The small azure dragon struggled to load the three defeated Elemental Masters onto his back but eventually took off skyward. Inside the cocoon, Isabelle felt terrible. She felt like she was in her most raw state. Her breathing was not labored but the air felt cold and painful. She could feel her heartbeat and felt vulnerable. Bamf kept

struggling to muscle his way out of the cocoon. He tried to force it so hard he blacked out from overexertion. The azure dragon arrived to where the others were. Another dragon was an incredible opponent for Blaze and Krispal. Blaze would slice one of its heads with his fire but then two more smaller heads would grow in its place. He suggested, "Maybe if I cut off every head in one move."

He did an elaborate move which shot fire at every one of the chi dragon's necks. The chi dragon of intimidation could survive this. Two more heads grew in each of their places. Krispal said, "That's it. I give up at life."

Zoro advised, "The way to defeat the Master of Intimidation is to not cut off any heads without freezing the wound."

Ahimsa volunteered by saying, "I can do that."

Blaze sliced off a head. Ahimsa froze the wound and another head didn't grow in its place. The azure dragon blew a blast at Blaze. When it collided with him it did not take his life force; instead it amplified it. An energy field grew out of him and from it emerged a chi dragon bursting with flames. Minion Bufu said, "You feel so little pain with healing that it only makes you stronger."

Distal, the Master of Intimidation, turned off the chi dragon and just became a figure. She pulled a trident and tossed it at Zoro. Zoro dodged it, drew her hook swords, and turned invisible. Distal pulled the chain attached to the trident and it returned to her. She tossed it and hit Zoro, which became apparent when Zoro became visible again. Distal said, "My Yong-Jing trident can see you when you think you are invisible."

A chi dragon was dashing around Herold, who was in his metal form. Herold thought he would get a blow on the dasher-slasher, but the dragon would be onto the next strike before Herold could react. This was the chi dragon of the Master of Speed. Herold, despite being made from metal, was starting to get scratch marks, from the knife-like talons. Herold began backing up until he lured the dasher-slasher into the cave. Krispal disappeared into the shadow and reappeared on the dragon's back. He struck his nunchucks against the rider's head, who became dazed just long enough for Herold to strike him with a solid metal punch. The Master of Speed, Shi-Shi Kimono, fell to the ground and spit out blood. Minion Bufu rushed to his comrade. Sarcea was struggling with a lava shooting chi dragon. Despite her being able to fly, the dragon could shoot large amounts of lava from almost any body part. She was barely able to weave around the blasts from Station Dragon's chi dragon, which was the Jee-Dongie species. The chi dragon was small, but Station Dragon put little effort into training it so he still often lost control. Wu and Garmadon were fighting a many-footed chi dragon with seemingly endless rows of teeth. Fispima, the Master of Potential, couldn't blast anything with his chi dragon so he had to keep returning to Wu and Garmadon. If it stabbed them with its feet, it would drain them of the potential energy inside of them. Garmadon used his titan katana and Wu his bo staff but they spent most of their time dodging the skillful teeth and many feet. After all, they were fighting a dragon. Blaze came with his chi dragon and tackled Fispima's chi dragon. The two chi dragons began circling each other in the air at an increasing speed. Blaze shoot a torrent of fire and Fispima yielded. Isabelle saw this whole fight through a hole in her cocoon. Minion Bufu didn't take away Blaze's chi dragon. Isabelle concluded it couldn't drain health, only give it. She thought, "Fremt must be unconscious because he is healing!" Station

Dragon's chi dragon crashed into Blaze's chi dragon. He went flying into the mountainside. He continued to emit the dragon of fire itself, but it melted the snow-capped peak. He tried to keep his dragon ablaze, but it was extinguished, by the ice it had melted uphill. Blaze slid down the mountainside in the avalanche. He tossed a ninja star at a tree with a rope tied to it and it became imbedded into the wood. Nobody could get to him as he began to slide down the rope. Isabelle made her move. She sliced out of her cocoon with the fusion blade. She jumped off of the back of Minion Bufu's chi dragon and landed on the ground. She made a gusher for Blaze to jump onto, which he did. Back on the ground, he tried to reform his chi dragon, but he couldn't. Wu asked, "You could escape that whole time? Was that planned?"

Isabelle replied, "Don't worry. I always had it planned that way."

Garmadon sliced his titan katana at recoiling Fispima, who dripped out blood where he had been slashed. Blaze said, "It is no use. The healing dragon will just heal him."

Garmadon said, "Not if I destroy him first. Death cannot be healed."

Garmadon put his hand on Fispima's neck and got ready to strangle him. Zoro used her hook sword to grab one of Garmadon's hands and pull it away. Wu insisted, "Please, Garmadon. All we know is that these Elemental Masters came out of the sky and started attacking us. We don't know if they are mistaken. Garmadon, I don't like the Master of Potential either, but all life is sacred."

Garmadon released his grip on Fispima, who fell to the ground. He then asked Fispima, "Who sent you?"

Fispima, almost breathless, whispered, "Superior Fuhrer Vagus."

Next, Wu asked, "And how did you find us?"

Fispima begged, "He was informed where you were by Obsessa-Mulidhara. Please spare me."

Distal tossed her trident at Wu. His hand got stuck in-between the prongs of the trident as it became lodged in a tree. The massive chi dragon of Fispima bit the tree and lifted it out of the ground. Wu went with it, dangling by his arm. Distal, Shi-Shi, and Fispima formed their chi

dragons and flew off with Fispima. Minion Bufu did the same, after dropping Fremt and Bamf.

Wu entered his Shinto form and phased through the Yong-Jing Trident. He floated away from the chi dragons. They shot blasts at him, all phased him. When Fispima tried to bite him, he got

scared and lost his spirit form and entered his human form. The Master of Potential's chi

dragon grabbed Wu in its feet. He watched as the Elemental Alliance disappeared into the

distance. He tried his hardest to reenter his Shinto form, but he was too worried about failure.

He was the sacred protector and he was almost defeated. He struck his bamboo bo staff

against the chi dragons leg, but it didn't yield. The other chi dragons followed Fispima, who

had Wu. The Elemental Alliance was left in the cave with their leader gone.

Garmadon sliced out Bamf from his cocoon. Zoro asked, "How did they find us?"

Fremt, who was weak on the cave ground said, "I told Obsessa-Anahata, where we were."

Herold asked, "And why Fremt do that?"

Fremt said, "So he would possess Isabelle and make her fall in love with me."

Obsessa-Anahata left Isabelle and became visible. The flying baby with the arrows said, "She is no longer in love with you."

He then teleported away. Isabelle turned away from Fremt and said, "You monster. Sage once said, 'A ninja prioritizes love underneath fire. Do not love someone obsessive enough to cause martial turmoil.'"

"At least we survived," Fremt sighed before fainting.

Ahimsa said, "Yeah, we did, but Wu might not."

Everyone looked at Zoro. She asked, "Why is everyone looking at me?"

Garmadon said, "We need a good idea to get Wu back."

Zoro said, "I know. I call it Operation Soaring Dragon."

Blaze asked, "What do you mean?"

Bamf mentioned, "We have some pruning to do before our Fusion Dragon can be used again."

Zoro said, "We stood a fighting chance when we had our own dragons. We just need to connect to our inner dragons."