



Once upon a time...

The Elemental Alliance arrived at the Gou Community Capital, Packe, on their Elemental Dragons. The samurais stationed there started firing arrows at the Elemental Alliance. Ahimsa dove on her Conflagrator and froze the platoon. They raced above the streets where artillery units began firing grape shots at them. Samurai began firing bolos from launchers. One entrapped Blaze's Burning-Burner. He crashed to the ground. Samurai with pole-swords surrounded him. He pushed them away using spinjitzu. He ran over to his Chi Dragon, but it was entangled. Krispal shouted, "Turn your dragon off then back on again!"

Blaze stated, "I knew that."

He did as advised and was soon free. Falco, on the back of Bamf's Puffer-wing, pointed them to the Temple of Rhythm, which Kresovy had shown him on a map. They turned off their Chi Dragons and entered. They searched the Temple but couldn't find anyone else inside, so they barricaded the doors. Zoro asked, "What are we doing here?"

Falco lied, "I was told the Cult of the Master of Sound headquarters was located here."

Zoro asked, "You mean you have a cult?"

Wu explained, "Each Elemental Master has a cult. They are designed to carry wisdom from the preceding Elemental Master to the succeeding Elemental Master of that element."

Krispal commented, "I hate to be the bearer of bad tidings, but this temple is empty."

"You love to be the bearer of bad tidings," Sarcea argued. Krispal justified himself by saying, "And I also like to lie."

Zoro said, "Maybe we need to activate the temple somehow. The temple must have a security system if it is surviving right in the middle of Packe."

Falco pointed at the dust covered floor. He wiped some dust away to reveal an emblem for the Master of Shadow below. Krispal exclaimed, "Cool, I play a part in the magic security system."

He stood on top of his emblem. They swept away more dust to reveal the emblems for fire, metal, light, gravity, water, earth, and lightning. Fremt was going to be a problem. He couldn't send his element to the center if he was unconscious. Wu asked, "How do we wake him up?"

Zoro suggested, "The reason why anyone gets up every morning. They have something they want to accomplish. We just need to light a fire under him."

Bamf cried, "You mean I get to kiss Isabelle?"

Zoro clarified, "I meant Blaze."

Blaze asked, "I don't want to kiss Isabelle. I want to stay hot and single."

Zoro sighed and explained, "I meant make Fremt almost on fire, so he wakes up in fear."

Krispal looked thunderstruck. He said, "What the? Sleep ends when there is a fire under you, both out of having a nightmare and wanting to accomplish something."

Blaze lit his fist on fire and knelt beside Fremt, who was laying down. Blaze brought the fire closer and closer to Fremt so he slowly awoke. The alien murmured, "Just kill me already."

Blaze asked, "Come on, where is your inner fire?"

Fremt complained, "It met a watery demise."

The alien began to transform. He didn't enter his human form first. He went straight into his monster form, a three-foot-tall monkey. He had light tan fur and large round eyes, a tiny pink nose, and a tail. Zoro said, "You just need time to rekindle and this time you will burn cleaner."

Bamf said, "Stop it."

The monkey asked, "What?"

Bamf exclaimed, "There is a reason Isabelle turned against you. You loved her too much and didn't love what was right enough. I've been sitting quiet letting you and Isabelle go at each other since the night I ran away. I was so afraid of hurting your feelings, but I am beginning to think there is a reason why she left you. It is because you lied, let her be placed under a possession, and when it comes time to fight to win her back you quit! My father disowned me and I can still find it in my heart for him to want to re-own me. It isn't too late."

Ahimsa added, "Bamf is right. It only takes one spark of hope to ignite, well actually, a fire."

Fremt complained, "I need to learn to let go, not facts."

Blaze added, "Bamf is right. The figure who gets up one more time than he is knocked down is still standing."

Isabelle asked, "Are you willing to fight for the woman that you love?"

Fremt complained, "But, I don't see how this is fight for you."

Sarcea argued, "Ninjago is counting on you- not just Isabelle."

Falco ordered, "Iron sharpens iron. Bring forth your iron. Send your element forward not backwards into you. Give us your facet."

Zoro agreed, "Fine, Fremt, you must walk the path only you can walk."

Krispal commented, "I like it when figures let me walk the path only I can walk- which is evil."

Zoro pointed up at an inscription on the temple wall. She read, "It says, 'The Cult of the Master of Sound has always been about, faith, sabbath, and acceptance.'" She went on to say, "You need to rest and heal, not fight and slash your katana with a weak inside."

Falco, amazed this temple had something to do with the Cult of the Master of Sound, argued, "No, he needs to help me unlock the security system."

Zoro argued back, "No, Falco. Your pure, unbridled faith is weak. This is the wisdom your predecessors left for you. I can sense your chi is weak. Once you learn to have strong faith, it will not need to be supplemented by charisma based faith, even the charisma you supply to yourself to give life some spice."

Falco admitted, "I have something to tell you."

They all turned to him. He was about to tell them what Kresovy convinced him to do, then he remembered the value of sabbath. Lying was his sabbath. He said, "Nothing, nothing at all."

Ahimsa asked, "Are you sure?"

Falco said, "Ahimsa, Wu, and Garmadon leave. Your elements are not part of this Leaders Forge."

Ahimsa, Wu, and Garmadon left the innermost chamber. Herold said to Fremt, "If you not fight for girl. Fight for brother."

To this Fremt agreed, "Fine, I will do it."

Zoro argued, "You need rest. You..."

Her voice was shut off. Falco used his element to take away her voice. He said, "That, that is enough. We are about to do this."

Fremt hobbled over to his emblem. He struggled to his feet while weak. He would do anything for Herold. Zoro, Falco, Herold, Blaze, Isabelle, Krispal, Bamf, and Sarcea stood on their emblems. They sent all of their elements to the center. Nothing happened. Falco said, "What, what is going on?"

Zoro said, "This is the Temple of Rhythm, not Power. We need not look to our own elements alone, but rather fuse our elements with sound. We must root ourselves to what we believe in."

Falco began, "I believe in the joy of having something to believe in."

Bamf said, "I believe in simplicity."

Herold said, "I believe in actions having consequences."

Krispal said, "I believe in the peace of mind open mindedness brings."

Sarcea said, "I believe in what my stepmother believes in."

Fremt said, "I believe in the power of happiness."

Blaze said, "I believe in myself."

Zoro said, "I don't believe. I am scientific."

Falco asked, "Why?"

Zoro justified herself by saying, "Because science has been scientifically proven."

Falco advised, "You must accept you believe in something. My grandfather once said, 'Denial leads to arrogance.'"

Zoro agreed, "Fine." She disrespectfully mocked, "I believe in the power of being scientific."

Soon a portal opened on the floor. Canisters dropped from the ceiling and from them leaked purple gas. The purple gas knocked out the Elemental Alliance. They were barely conscious when they saw, from a hidden trapdoor Kresovy, and others, in dive masks, which blocked them from the purple cloud, enter the chamber and go through the portal.

Wu was shaking Falco when he woke up. Wu asked, "What happened? Did opening the portal knock you guys and gals out?"

Falco said, "I can't believe this."

Once everyone had been woken up, except Fremt, who was too weak with his injury and the gas combined, Falco explained, "During our Day of the Departed vacations, I was tricked by a charisma into believing in Tsar Kresovy."

Krispal asked, "What is a charisma?"

Zoro explained, "Charismas are spirits that direct figures beliefs."

Wu asked, "How could you keep this from us?"

Falco explained, "I like having purpose in my life."

He then went on to say, "When I went missing once we came to the Gou Community and I met with Kresovy. He convinced me to help open a portal to the Metaphysical Realm."

Krispal asked, "Metaphysical Realm?"

Falco explained, "He said, 'it was the realm where symbolism is made.'"

Sarcea declared, "We have to follow him."

Sarcea made the sleeping Fremt levitate and the Elemental Alliance ran into the portal.

Inside Kresovy was holding a big pencil. It had a charcoal tip and a rubber tree eraser at the end. The Metaphysical Realm was only twenty feet wide, by twenty feet deep, by twenty feet tall where they could get to. The cube was made of glass. It had three doors. The one they entered from, one across from it, and one to the left of the one they entered. Outside of the cube were millions of tiny bricks visible through the glass. There were some deep black abysses in places of gaps between bricks. The samurai drew their swords. The Elemental Alliance drew their weapons. The samurai backed away in fear when Herold turned to metal and their blades did nothing. Kresovy was looking for a certain brick. He kept putting two fingers on the glass and moving them apart, making the bricks closer and larger. At last he found the brick he was looking for. It had the word dragon written on it. It was clicked together with a brick that said, "ambition" and another one that said, "power", and a final one that said, "divinity." He used

the eraser end of the pencil to erase the connection that the dragon brick had with its neighbors. He then flipped the pencil around and used the writing end to draw a line connecting it with a brick labeled "Support Kresovy." The samurai' fear ran out. One of them, who had a tetsubo, clubbed Herold, whom was knocked back. Falco announced, "Kresovy made the most sacred creature synonymous with supporting him."

The samurai fought more bravely now. They still feared death, but the meaning of their life was now serving Kresovy. Falco ran at a pole-sword yielding samurai. He jumped onto the pole-sword then used it ricochet up over the samurai. He was motivated and focused; this was the best he had ever fought. He slashed his sai and the pencil was split in two. Kresovy backed away. A samurai came to his Tsar's protection. Kresovy picked up the two halves of the pencil. They made their way to the door they and the Elemental Alliance entered from. Soon Kresovy and the samurai were gone. The Elemental Alliance followed them. When they appeared back in the Temple of Rhythm there was a massive cannon pointed at them. Wu ordered, "Herold, put a tracking spell on Kresovy."

Kresovy stood ready to light the cannon. He lit it. They ran back through the portal while Herold put the spell on Kresovy. Herold barely made it through the portal by the time the cannon fired. They got out of the way of the doorway. It came in through the Ninjago Realm door and exited through the opposite door. Bamf said, "I don't know about the rest of you, but I want to avoid going back there."

They went through the door t the left.

This portal led them to a forest of tall trees with white trunks. It was daytime and around sixty degrees, which made it very pleasant. It was so peaceful compared to the cannon fire just through two doorways. They turned around and saw they had exited a tree with an ethereal divide passageway portal on it. They wandered around the forest for about an hour before they came to a dwelling up in the trees. It was made of tons of leaves, branches, and pine needles.

Wu shouted up to it, "Hello!"

Soon a figure climbed down from a rope ladder. He had the body pieces of a human but they had fur printing on them. His head was a unique mold. He looked half lion and half human, like a serpentine, or a tortoisetine. The lion said, "Hello. I am Lagravis."

Best they could tell he was in his teen years. Wu said, "Hello, I am Wu. We are new to this realm. Could you help us? Our realm is in danger."

Lagravis said, "I can't think of anyone wiser to speak to than Harmonel." He yelled up to the nest, "Harmonel. Visitors from another realm seek wisdom."

Soon a figure emerged from the nest. He ran around the outside of the tree moving downward to the base. He too was part human, part beast. He had the same body pieces that were human mold, but also had fur printing, and a unique head mold. He resembled a squirrel. Harmonel said, "Interesting. You look familiar."

Wu and Garmadon looked at each other. Wu said, "Who, us? You might know our father, he made the Realm Crystal."

Harmonel said, "The balance has sent me some interdimensional visitors. Ask any question you want."

Wu asked, "What realm is this?"

Harmonel explained, "This is Chima. How did you get here?"

Wu said, "We came from Ninjago, through the Metaphysical Realm. But we know too little about it."

Harmonel explained, "Ninjago is the far east, Chima is the far south, and some other realm is the far west. The Holy Land is in the center. The Metaphysical Realm is the Holy Land. What happens on Holy Land becomes holy."

Ahimsa asked, "What is the far north? A big dog?"

Falco said, "I can't believe what I have done."