



Once upon a time...

Diptidulla, Sage, and Flowious were in the dungeon being hung by their ankles when the torturer was greeted by another warrior whispering quickly. They heard an explosion and the sound of a building collapsing. The torturer, as well as the guard, left, leaving them free to discuss escape. Flowious asked, "Are we going to try and escape?"

Diptidulla argued, "I would rather die in a fight than live as a coward."

Flowious agreed, "I can't stop worrying about Ahimsa. I can't picture what the world would be like without her."

Diptidulla explained, "I can't imagine years of my life going away in this dungeon while Ninjago needs the Master of Wind to help protect it."

Flowious stated, "I live for Ahimsa."

Diptidulla replied, "And I live to be a hero."

Sage advised, "Death is nothing to those who know why they live."

Flowious said, "I know the Master Writers, who live in the Cloud Kingdom, wrote me into life to love Ahimsa. Being her boyfriend isn't a title, it is a calling."

Sage advised, "Monks on a rack are at peace. Inexhaustible purpose in life leads to happiness, not freedom. Not even venge-stone can temper wings."

Soon large wings grew out of Flowious's back; they looked like they were made from not only white feathers, but also energy. Flowious, scared, asked, "What's happening?"

Sage said, "You have found your Calling Wings. You can fly to the Cloud Kingdom and see for yourself the scripture of your importance to their work."

Flowious flew over the ceiling of the cell. He wrapped his chains in the web of chains suspended there until a knot had been tied. He flew at top speed at the chain between the knot and where his chain had been mounted to the ceiling. His leg didn't get ripped off due to the knot; instead, the chain was ripped from the wall. He undid the knot and flew around the dungeon until he found the keys. He unlocked the three of them and grabbed Diptidulla and Sage. He tried to fly, but they were too heavy for him alone. Sage said, "Diptidulla, find your wings. Know why you are a part of the world."

Diptidulla knew why she had been born and what role she played. She was a monk; her duty was to treat others with respect. Soon wings came out of her, too. They flew out of the dungeon, weaving around Richmond Nacl's soldiers, until they were over the fortress. They saw Central Shoguntu Samurai, as well as Gou Community Samurai trying to scale the golden

walls. The Central Shoguntu Samurai wore red straps around their fore-heads, showing they had deserted the Central Shoguntu ranks. From off in the distance they saw a group of Maa Shoguntu Samurai riding on horseback across the desert, out of formation. Diptidulla asked, "What is going on, why are all of these enemies working together?"

Flowious said, "Maybe Tsar Kresovy proved he has the Sources Stone. Gou Community units are the only ones that look organized."

Flowious then pointed toward the building called, "The Lobby." Silch Levi's quarters, made from sheet metal, had a smoldering cannon ball hole in it. They flew into the hole. They entered a bedroom filled with books, mostly fiction but a few non-fiction. They went through a door to another room. This one was a living room, also filled with books. Silch Levi was looking out the rivet hole observing the attack. Diptidulla yelled, "Levi, we are busting you out!"

Levi insisted, "There is a spell on my quarters, if I leave I will die."

Diptidulla said, "Then we will bring our parents to you."

Levi revealed, "No, I am going to leave."

Diptidulla asked, "But why, you will die?"

Levi explained, "For twenty-five years my choices to live have allowed a warlord to grow in power. Everyday I would wake up knowing I could stop his gain in power if I would just die. Every night I would go to bed knowing I didn't. I knew what I was doing was wrong, but day after day I never stopped. But now that I see you kids, I have found something worth dying for."

Diptidulla exclaimed, "But Levi, we are part of a ninja clan. A ninja is one who serves Ninjago. You are part of Ninjago. We will come back with the full clan and bring every building, except this one to the ground."

She took off the ring her mother had given her and put it on the tea table. Flowious took out the badge and did the same thing. Diptidulla said, "We are giving you our parents most treasured items as a promise we will return."

Levi exclaimed, "What if one of you is needed to serve in an important battle and Nacl kills you in the battle to save me? I can't ask you to do that."

Diptidulla argued, "None of us will die and we can save you!"

Levi argued back, "My best friend was the Master of Wind. I know the Master of Wind wants to be the greatest Ninja, he didn't know how to fight dirty and neither do you."

Diptidulla barked, "I know how to fight dirty!"

Passing Diptidulla, Levi walked through the doorway to the bedroom. She asked, "Where are you going?"

Levi insisted, "I assure you I am not going to leave."

And then he left. He went through the cannonball hole and turned into sand outside of the building and blew away into the desert. Flowious asked, "Something is bothering me. He told us he would die if he left, why would he do that if he was planning on leaving?"

Diptidulla said, "Because, he may have left our life, but he left the door open for a Black Lion to enter."

They egressed from the fortress until they arrived at the Temple of White Tiger, which was being occupied by rebel samurai of the Central Shoguntu. Loyal samurai were trying to knock down the double doors at the top of the steps. A rebel samurai had a bow and arrow and shot a loyal samurai through the eye. One of the rebel samurai yelled, "Lieutenant Dayin Zhu, Tsar Kresovy is better than Shogun Honourous. Keep attacking and none of your brown noses will survive!"

One of the loyalist samurai yelled, "We don't want to fight you, Swayton, just turn yourself in before you kill us all!"

Soon the loyalist samurai rolled out a cannon. The rebel samurai started jumping out of the windows of the temple onto trees to break their fall. They scurried away from the cannon fire. Some of them didn't escape in time before the cannon fired and the building shifted. Flowious, Diptidulla, and Sage flew away under the cover of the cloud of smoke. Flowious said, "That was scary, seeing the building you called home being blown to bits like that."

Diptidulla commented, "I thought you weren't afraid of anything, now that you found your wings."

Flowious argued, "No, I am more afraid. If I die I can no longer do my duty."

Diptidulla replied, "Really, I don't feel that way."

Flowious barked, "Of course you don't."

Diptidulla asked, "What, what is it?"

Flowious exclaimed, "The whole reason we went to Richmond Nacl's fortress was because you ignored safety. We would have never been put in the dungeon if you weren't so reckless with your one and only life. You are going to get yourself or someone you love killed if you don't learn to refuse helping people."

Diptidulla yelled, "How could you say that? I was the brave one. I put my life on the line to help our parents, and this is the thanks I get!"

Flowious argued, "Put yourself in their shoes. Would they really want to lose you because they told you about something that was upsetting to them? When will you start thinking about someone other than yourself? You can't make yourself the lawful hero to everyone, Diptidulla. Those who wear the mask of hero are just trying to justify not being in the battles they refuse to fight. Learn to fight the battles you fear fighting the most, the ones against friends and family. Be brave like a lion. The Elemental Alliance needs us, and you let me leave. You didn't tell me I was being unhelpful- you told me I was being mean. I was proving I can be mean, I never wanted to prove I was being unhelpful. If you had just told me the problem with what I was doing instead of accusing me of breaking the rules, I probably would have stayed."

Diptidulla screamed, "Don't point fingers at me! It was your decision. What is the difference between being mean and being unhelpful?"

Flowious argued, "Stop talking about morals, they can have a lot of ambiguity. Start talking about the real issues, the rice and soy sauce issues. Ninjago is at war, for all we know both of us could have stopped it if we were with the rest of the Alliance. One of us could have changed the course of history if we spoke up at that meeting. Both of us wanted to be the hero and now we are the villains who let a war happen under our watch."

Diptidulla asked, "Fine, what do we do, mister grounded?"

Flowious said, "I don't know, but somebody in the Alliance must. We should find them. It was a mistake to leave them and now I need to fix it."

Diptidulla added, "No, we need to fix it."

Sage advised, "We need Diptidulla to be brave against enemies. We need Flowious to be brave against allies."