



Once upon a time...

The Elemental Alliance was still in the Sanctuary Forest. If they wanted to rendezvous with Flowious, Diptidulla, and Sage, it would be more likely in the Ninjago Realm. They said their goodbyes to Harmonel and left for the portal in the ancient tree. Sarcea still levitated Fremt, in his monkey form, behind her. Kresovy was no longer in the Metaphysical Realm as he couldn't manipulate the lore without the Pencil of Symbolism. Zoro turned them invisible before entering the Temple of Rhythm. In Packe as they walked down the streets invisible they saw Shogun Honourous in chains being dragged around by his own samurai. He looked like he still had his dignity as he solemnly raised a brow over the guillotine that had just been built, successfully masking any fear he felt. Behind him also chained was his son, Prince Enamous. He was in his mid-twenties and had straight black hair in a bun with the crown prince hairpiece. Next, they saw Sultan Goughes. He had a big wavy dark grey beard and clothing that was puffed out like he was a balloon. Behind him was a serious looking teenage boy. The face printing lines on him made his face skinny and he had silk-like black hair. Isabelle said, "That is my brother Kong-que."

They saw two objects flying in the distance. They realized it was Flowious, who was carrying Sage, and Diptidulla, both with wings on their backs. The town was abuzz with figures pointing up at them and speaking. Soon arrows started firing at them. Ahimsa walked out of the invisibility bubble. She didn't want Flowious to get hurt. She formed her chi dragon and shot into the sky. She made a wall of ice to protect them and then pushed it with her dragon into the unit of archers. The four landed near the bubble. Ahimsa turned off her chi dragon and Diptidulla and Flowious turned off their Calling Wings. Zoro expanded the bubble to include them. Ahimsa and Flowious hugged. Ahimsa asked, "How was your adventure?"

Falco asked, "Do the rest of us get wings soon?"

Flowious said, "Yes, once you find your purpose in life. We found Silch Levi, he is a Charon, and we couldn't save him. The Gou Army is everywhere in Nihon, not to mention defective Central Shoguntu samurai."

Bamf asked, "What about the Viking Islands?"

Flowious replied, "I don't think so. The Gous don't have much of a navy game compared to the Vikings."

Isabelle asked, "What about Ninjara? We didn't see him with Honourous, the Central Shoguntu Prince, Sultan Goughes, and Prince Kon-que."

Flowious said, "As far as I know he has gone into hiding. He is strong, he will survive."

Flowious then asked, "What happened to allow Kresovy to gain so much support?"

Bamf looked at Falco. Blaze blurted out, "Falco was tricked into tricking us to open a portal to a realm where symbolic meanings are assigned. Kresovy has aligned the dragon to mean service to Kresvy, and everybody loves dragons."

Falco glanced down in shame. Diptidulla commented, "That seems uncharacteristic of him."

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

Ahimsa said, "What is done is done, we need to focus on stopping Kresovy before he takes over Ninjago."

Sage advised, "What is done should not have been done. The best way to not regret anything, is to not have anything to regret."

Bamf argued, "Hey, we are trying to make Falco feel better."

Falco said, "No, he is right. Ninjago is going to be taken over for something as small as me wanting a little excitement in my life."

Sage advised, "As is the nature of the lofty and spirited. The grounded and the beastly are always wiser. The beast is the key to the power to defeat Kresovy. When we become rooted and focused and touch our foot pads to the ground and perceive the senses around us, the secrets of the world become simple as rocks."

Wu commented, "Well, that didn't lack poetry."

Zoro stated, "Another needlessly encrypted metaphor. I know the answer though, it is Fremt."

Isabelle said, "No, not that monster. When he wakes up I am going to knock him unconscious again."

Wu argued, "I think he was going to tell me he regrets it."

A group of samurai ran past the invisibility bubble. Zoro said, "Here is not the place to discuss this."

Blaze said, "Let's find some healing tea."

They walked through the streets until they found a mystical tea shop. Surprisingly, it was vacant, which was to their convenience. They went down stairs to the cool, dark, and dry basement where the leaves were stored. They searched for the Healing Tea until they found some. Blaze and Isabelle made boiling water and added it to a kettle. They searched in Fremt's bag until they found his cup. After a few minutes they poured the healing tea in. Flowious propped Fremt up and Ahimsa touched the cup to his lips and slowly poured the tea into his mouth. They waited many hours for Fremt to become more and more conscious. Fremt dreamed about the time Sage told him, "Iron sharpens iron." He then dreamed about the clan training. Each of them held a sword in their right hand and a honing steel in their left, except

Fremt didn't have a honing steel for he wasn't allowed one. Soon the Dragon Fighters attacked. The swords were too dull to cut the Dragons, except for his. Isabelle was entangled in Minion Bufu's cocoon and she couldn't cut through. He then was at the Temple of Rhythm, and everyone had honing steel and swords except for Flowious, Diptidulla and Ahimsa, who only had swords, because Falco didn't let them have honing steel. He saw the elements collide in the center, a large door rattle but not open, then cans drop down and fill the chamber with gas. Isabelle was swinging at him with a sword, then it became a honing steel. He blocked the honing steel with his sword and it became sharper. He slashed his sword and she was broken from Minion Bufu's cocoon. He woke up to the taste of tea so tasteless, he questioned if it was worth drinking. Isabelle clubbed him with the tea pot. He went back to the dream. The honing steel turned into swords. The entire Alliance was in a frenzy of swinging swords at each other. Flowious and Falco were fighting. Krispal and Sarcea were in a match. Diptidulla and Herold were also fighting each other. Then steak fell from the sky. The alliance swung the swords and strips of steak fell onto the big cast iron griddle. The Alliance circled around the griddle and merrily enjoyed the meal together. Fremt woke up. The Alliance hadn't eaten in days and Flowious and Diptidulla looked even worse. Fremt said, "I think I know what went wrong at the Temple of Rhythm. Falco prevented Ahimsa from using her element. Tsar Kresovy's real power was taking away the iron of those who challenged him. A great leader doesn't need to take away others' iron, for a great leader has the greatest iron."

Blaze advised, "You should never take away another's iron. Falco shouldn't have taken away Ahimsa's, Flowious's, and Diptidulla's."

Flowious commented, "I was so eager to find Silch Levi, really I was blocking out the rest of you telling me otherwise. In order to have others trust in you, you must not trust in others beyond just guidance."

Bamf added, "And when you find evidence in what others say, a wise figure allows a sliver of steel to be scrapped off."

Isabelle added, "For something as strong as iron, it is its weakness that makes it sharper. Just as for a good leader restraining from taking away iron makes him or her greater."

Blaze mentioned, "You know, we could fill the universe with all the useful things iron has brought. I never really realized that."

Falco said, "Enough with the symbolism. Let's stop agreeing and start disagreeing. What are we going to do?"

Zoro suggested, "It stands to reason, that if a Leaders Forge with unused iron didn't work, then using all of our facets will."

Wu commented, "But the Temple of Power is not just around the corner."

Falco argued, "We don't need the Temple of Power. Fancy buildings do nothing if the people who preside in them are Malgarsons. Kresovy seems like a good guy, but he isn't really."

Blaze added, "Just like a Malgarson wearing a Ninja gi."

Zoro stated, "Well, you're awfully agreeable today."

Blaze explained, "It is hard to turn and burn an old master."

Krispal remarked, "Really, I do it all the time."

Sarcea commented, "We are getting off topic."

Wu argued, "Yes, but it isn't useless."

The Elemental Alliance got into a circle. Wu, Garmadon and Sage stood to the side. Each of them sent their elements to the center. A ball of iron filled the room from where the elements collided. It was almost perfectly round. The sphere explained, "I am the Ninjigma. I am formed when all the Elements of the Alliance come together as one. Answer my riddle correctly and I will give you the means to victory. If you answer it incorrectly you will have to wait the length of a war before attempting again."

Bamf complained, "Not a war. Kresovy will kill all the other leaders before then, not to mention us. What is the question?"

The Ninjigma asked, "The answer is one word. What in the hands of bad will destroy good and in the hands of good will destroy bad?"

Zoro suggested, "Power."

Krispal suggests, "Malgarsonery."

Zoro argued, "If good has Malgarsonery it will be destroyed, but if bad has Malgarsonery it will not be destroyed."

Fremt suggested, "Strength."

Flowious adds, "But, wisdom can also do both of those things, as well as strength. Strength and wisdom are two words. The Ninjigma said, 'the answer is one word.'"

Zoro stated, "Strength and wisdom have power in common. They are both powerful. I'm telling you the answer is power."

Krispal disagreed and argued, "Power in the hands of one may not destroy the other. The power to breath is powerful, but it still may not be enough."

Fremt suggested, "Supremacy is one word and it means the same thing as ultimate power."

The Elemental Alliance shared glances at each other, wondering if anyone would disagree, nobody did. Bamf said, "Ninjigma. The answer is supremacy."

The Ninjigma revealed, "I will give you ten minutes with the Sword of Invincibility. Then it will be returned to the Departed Realm."

The Ninjigma melted into molten iron and drained into the basement floor. In the center where it once was, rested the Sword of Invincibility. Blaze asked, "Who can we trust with this weapon?"

Garmadon looked at Wu. This could be Garmadon's only opportunity to get the upper hand on Wu. Wu looked sternly at Garmadon. Neither were part of the circle, but Wu was closer. Garmadon didn't move. Ahimsa suggested, "Falco."

Flowious said, "You're the figure, Falco."

Falco asked, "Me?"

Diptidulla explained, "You go by your ideals above all else. You do not believe in killing members of a Ninja Clan. I see no one else I would rather trust."

Falco asked, "Is this what you all think?"

Sage advised, "Supremacy never corrupts, being void of spirit always corrupts."

The entire circle raised their hands. Falco walked to the center and picked up the Sword of Invincibility. He did not turn on anyone. Zoro said, "You are an idealist and your heart is pure. I am sorry I didn't trust you at first."

They followed Herold's tracking spell to the Temple of Rhythm and then through the portal.