



## Once upon a time...

Inside the Metaphysical Realm Kresovy was looking for a specific block. Falco pointed the Sword of Invincibility at Kresovy. Kresovy pulled out the familiar big pencil. It was whole again! Across the middle was a big band-aid holding the two halves together. It lacked in grandeur for such a sacred object. Wu said, "Oh, no. He has the Pencil of Symbolism back, he now has the greater power."

Falco screamed, "Take the sword!"

He tossed it down on the glass floor. Garmadon glanced at Wu, who, again, was closer to the sword. Nobody dared to try and take the sword. Kresovy flipped the Pencil of Symbolism to the eraser side. He tapped the glass and zoomed into a brick with a snake on it. He erased the line linking it to the word morals, one labeled intolerance, and then another line linking it to the word hypocrisy. The three blocks that were clicked onto the snake brick were severed. Then he flipped the Pencil of Symbolism back to the charcoal tip. He drew a line linking it to a brick with the words, "Follow Tsar Kresovy."

That brick clicked onto the snake brick. Falco picked up the Sword of Invincibility. Kresovy ordered, "Kill the Elemental Alliance!"

Falco started walking toward Isabelle. Zoro shouted, "Falco, no! I trusted you."

She thought, "Even though we have a sword that made us invisible, we still haven't found the source without a source."

Falco slowly slid the Sword of Invincibility down at Isabelle's neck. Fremt yelled, "If you kill us, then Kresovy will just kill you when he gets the chance. You are just a pawn."

Falco froze. He pulled the sword away from Isabelle's neck. He thought, "The meaning of life is to serve Kresovy. If I don't serve him my life is pointless."

He flashed into his monster form of the snake-falcon, with the Sword of Invincibility wrapped in his snake body. He knew if he didn't kill Kresovy, Kresovy would just kill him eventually. No, I must follow what I believe in. The snake-falcon's muscles twitched with the sword held by the snake body. He was unable to commit to either option. He didn't know if he should kill his god or die himself. The snake-falcon pulled the sword backwards and got ready to swing and slice off Isabelle's head. She tried to back away but he couldn't move, due to the Sword of Invincibility's power. He had a flashback of the crocodile when he was three years old. His muscles twitched out of the swinging position unsure what to do. Ahimsa cried, "Falco!"

The monkey, Fremt, knew what he had to do. He took out the shell phone Obsessa-Anahata given him. He said into it, "Obsessa-Muladhara, bring Obsessa-Anahata with you. I want to make another pact with you."

Soon Obsessa-Muladhara and Obsessa-Anahata flashed into the realm. Obsessa-Muladhara asked, "What deal do you want to make?"

Fremt offered, "I want Muladhara to possess Falco for the next ten minutes."

Obsessa-Muladhara asked, "Why would I do that?"

Fremt offered, "If you do, I will let Anahata possess me for the next year."

Isabelle cried, "No, Fremt! You will be a monster and you will be obsessed over someone! Your grief, envy, and pity will be unimaginable."

Sarcea ordered, "He has to or Ninjago will fall."

Bamf argued, "But evil will grow inside of him and he might turn on us."

"Sorry, I have to or Kresovy will have Falco kill Isabelle." the monkey cried. He then said to Isabelle, "I love you, and I want you in my life no matter what."

Obsessa-Muladhara took out a piece of paper. He explained, "This is a Laws-of-Nature Contract. It is not bound by laws made by figures, it is bound by the laws of the universe."

They both agreed on the terms as Falco flew still twitching, he was looking wildly between Kresovy and Isabelle. The terms were: Obsessa-Muladhara would possess Falco for the next ten minutes then him leave and Obsessa-Anahata would possess Fremt for the next year then leave him. All of this would be bound by the universe. Obsessa-Muladhara and Obsessa-Anahata signed their names. Fremt then signed his. Isabelle, who was unable to move, was still crying, because she remembered the pain Obsessa-Anahata had brought her. Obsessa-Muladhara entered Falco and Obsessa-Anahata entered Fremt. The snake-falcon, Falco, flew toward Kresovy. Falco realized if he didn't kill Kresovy before the Sword of Invincibility disappeared he would die. The jaws would close. This would be his last chapter and then he would soon close his eyes and enter an eternity of dreamless sleep, a forever of nothing. Out of the snake-falcon were flowing tears, for he was a monster who was going to kill his god. Kresovy tried to back away but he couldn't move, because of the Sword of Invincibility's power.

He looked terrified into the katana. The snake-falcon swung himself and the sword followed. Falco stabbed Kresovy through the heart, the blade came out the backside of him.

After Kresovy stopped breathing, the Sword of Invincibility flashed away. Sage picked up the Pencil of Symbolism. He erased the line connecting snake to serving Tsar Kresovy and restored it back to morals, intolerance, and hypocrisy. Obsessa-Muladhara left Falco, he turned back into his human form. He looked like he now understood the darkness inside of him.

Falco sobbed, "I am an animal. There is a void inside of me caused by fear from which evil thrives."

Falco thought of what his dad would think and how ashamed he would be. Then he thought about how understanding his grandfather would be. For the first time he could recall he felt grateful for his grandfather. Isabelle ran over to Fremt. He looked panicked, like he wasn't good enough. Isabelle said, "I love you."

Fremt said, "I love you too."

When he hugged Fremt didn't turn back into his spirit alien form, for he lacked too much confidence, nor did he stay in his monster form, for he was too confident, but he turned into his human form. He was a short boy with curly red hair and paper white skin. Isabelle realized he sacrificed his healing for her. To her, he was the most beautiful prince she had ever seen.

After Sage finished reverting all the symbolism to its original form they left for the far south to go tell Harmonel the good news. Harmonel advised the broken Falco, "Here in Chima we are part beast and part human. Here, pure animals are seen as legends, not demonic. Beasts are

amazing and wonderful creatures. Alone they can self-regulate nature. When forced to obey people who push them to extremes they destroy harmony. The nature inside of us can pull us together, it doesn't just push us apart."

Falco realized now what motivated him was having meaning in his life. He was ready to form his Chi Dragon. He formed it and then another Chi Dragon came out of him. One was a puffer-wing, like Bamf's, and the other was something he didn't recognize. Zoro explained, "Your second dragon is a wyvern. The puffer-wing has to do with your varying amount of fear. The wyvern is known for good obedience to the rider despite not being very intelligent. Just as you have two animals combined for your beast form, you have two Chi Dragons."

The wyvern looked like it had recently lost his outer shell as flesh without scales was exposed. The Puffer-wing was chewing granite scales. Harmonel advised, "Everyone is allowed to have an inner-dragon, we are not winter samurai sent from the cosmos. Your beast killed a powerful foe. You may be a fanatic, but today your zealot was killed."

Sage advised, "It is time for your spiritual journey to begin."

He then announced, "We will burn the Pencil of Symbolism, so nobody can use to rearrange the lore of the world again. The power over belief is too great for anyone to control. At that ceremony we will also grant one of us the rank of Ninja for his sacrifice. On the day of his birth he was the Master of Lightning but today he becomes the Ninja of Lightning."

Fremt, confused, asked, "Me?"

At the ceremony Fremt was handed the Pencil of Symbolism before a fire. The Elemental Alliance cheered for him. He tossed the pencil into the fire and it exploded in flames. Sage handed him his Ninja Rank Gi. Sage explained, "The Ninja of Lightning has an unyielding possessive and protective love. The Ninja of Lightning truly has a monster heart."

Afterwards the human Fremt was looking over the Sanctuary Forest. The sunlight was intense. Where the sunlight hit was too bright and where the leaves blocked it was too dark. The contrast made the white trunks and the green leaves of the trees intense. It was not majestic, but it was an oasis. It was muted and still a fair temperature. Isabelle walked up to him and asked, "Do you still think kissing me would look trashy?"

Fremt replied, "Maybe a little forced."

They leaned into each other and kissed. As they slowly continued their hearts fluttered and a crocus opened upon the forest floor.