

PYTHOR'S REVENGE

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Chapter 1



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as I right, or was
I right?" Cole smiled triumphantly as he guided the other ninja into the courtyard of the Temple of Airjitzu. He and his friends all held softly glowing Day of the Departed lanterns.

"I told you guys," Cole continued. "This will be the perfect place for us to train!"

The friends admired the nighttime beauty of the ancient temple. It had been returned to its former glory in the wake of their battle against Master Yang. Now its towers rose tall



and pristine against the starry night sky — a vision of how it had been long ago.

Cole smiled and glanced up to one of the temple towers. He caught a glimpse of Master Yang smiling from a window. Only Cole knew that the master's spirit remained inside. But Yang was no longer vengeful. Cole had set him free from that fate. Now Yang's spirit would remain as a guide, watching students practice the Airjitzu fighting style he had invented many years ago. Yang was not forgotten with time. Instead, he was cherished.

Yang winked at Cole, and Cole winked back.

“Happy Day of the Departed, ninja,” said Master Wu.

“Happy Day of the Departed, Master,” they replied. Then they yawned and stretched.

“I don't know about you guys,” said Kai, “but I could use a good night's sleep. All this battling has gotten me drained, departed-style.”



“I agree,” said Zane. “A full night’s rest would be restorative.”

“Let’s head back to the *Bounty*,” said Lloyd. “We can start packing up everything to move into the temple tomorrow.”

“Ugh, *tomorrow*?” groaned Jay. “Can’t we take a day to relax?”

“What did you have in mind?” asked Nya.

“I don’t know,” said Jay. “A video game tournament. Maybe eat my way through all the Day of the Departed candy I collected. Ooh, ooh, guys, I’ll bet my mom still has some crumb cake left —”

Just then, Lloyd’s cell phone buzzed. “Huh,” said Lloyd. “I just got a text from Dareth.”

“What’s it say?” asked Kai.

Lloyd read from his phone. “*‘Do u guys (plus grl) have plans 4 tmrw? Have something fun in mind.’*”

“See?!” Jay exclaimed. “Even Dareth knows we could use some fun!”

