

Episode 011-School Champion

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(the episode starts off with Juzan and Lock, still winded and battered from their ongoing fight, on opposite sides of the ring, in stances. Juzan thinks about the blast Lock just hit him with.)

Juzan: (thinking) He almost took me out with that last attack. I've got to use all the other techniques Ms. Hancock taught me before it's too late.

Lock: (thinking) I can't believe Juzan's still able to fight. I was counting on that move to finish him off, it took a ton of my spirit energy to teleport while maintaining control over an energy blast of that magnitude. I don't think I even have more spirit energy left than he does at this point. Well, I guess there's only one way to test how much power he has left.

(Lock flies at Juzan and the two lock arms in the middle of the ring, everything is even)

Headmaster Ozana: Who do you see winning in the end?

Musa: Lock will come out on top.

Ms. Hancock: I say Juzan.

Headmaster Ozana: Well that doesn't help me at all, I need a tiebreaker.

(the old cleaning lady walks by)

Headmaster Ozana: Helga, pick a winner.

(Musa and Ms. Hancock roll their eyes as Helga walks over)

Helga: Juzan! He's so sexy.

Headmaster Ozana: Thanks...now I'm going to throw up.

(he walks off...meanwhile back in the ring both fighters release their grip and fight at a furious pace for a while until they punch each other in the face and separate)

Juzan: You're stronger than I expected.

Lock: You too, I never thought this fight would be so difficult.

Juzan: Ready to continue?

Lock: Bring it on.

Juzan: Here's another technique Ms. Hancock taught me.

(Juzan charges his aura then raises one hand and creates a vertical energy disk)

Lock: (thinking) Great, I wonder what he's up to this time?

Juzan: Windmill attack!

(the energy disk begins to spin with great speed, and little shards of it fire at Lock, who tries to fly from the attacks. Juzan keeps his hand behind the disk and turns it to keep up with Lock's speed. After a few seconds Lock is hit in mid-air and falls. The disk continues to shoot him while he's on the ground until it wears out.)

Breta: Juzan's got a million moves. I wonder why he was holding them back during our match? Maybe I wasn't as much of a challenge for him as I thought?

Tino: I doubt that, you've got such good speed that he probably didn't have a chance to set them up properly.

(in the ring Lock wearily gets to his feet)

Lock: Darn, I couldn't outrun it.

Juzan: So, you've still got some fight left. Well if one windmill attack didn't do the job then I guess I'll have to use two!

(Juzan makes one energy disk in each hand)

Juzan: Double windmill attack!

(Juzan fires both at Lock, who flies away from them. Juzan continues to fire Lock and just misses as Lock warps away from the blasts...which barley miss hitting Ms. Hancock in the head.)

Ms. Hancock: Watch it Juzan!

(Lock reappears behind Juzan and tries a punch, only to get kicked in the face. As Lock is knocked upwards by the kick, Juzan does another one that knocks him down. Just as Lock gets up he is hit by both windmill attacks and is pushed to the edge of the ring. The energy disks wear out and Lock seems to be losing his balance on the edge of the ring.)

Breta: Oh no, Lock!

Juzan: I've got you now!

(Juzan flies at Lock with a charged fist)

Musa: Lock move!

(Tino and Breta watch on in horror as Juzan is about to hit Lock)

Juzan: (thinking) You're finished Lock.

(Juzan's punch strikes an after-image)

Juzan: What!?

(Lock reappears in the middle of the ring as an annoyed Juzan turns to face him)

Lock: Sorry, but I'm not going to lose so easily.

(in the waiting arena, Breta and Tino breathe a sign of relief)

Breta: Thank God.

Tino: I know, I thought Lock was finished.

Musa: That was a close one.

(both fighters attack and trade very strong blows, they continue to both hit each other at the same time, first with a punch to each other's stomach and then face, the two then blast each other which separates them for a second. Lock and Juzan instantly charge back at each other and continue to fight at a fast pace, the exchange ends with both fighters kicking each other in the gut, they separate again and slowly get back into stances.)

Breta: If they keep going at this rate, they'll end up killing each other.

Tino: Watch them fight so hard they injure themselves and can't heal in time for the tournament.

(Breta smacks him over the head)

Breta: Don't say things like that! You may jinx it.

Tino: (thinking) I really need to start watching what I say around her, this is two slips in one day.

(Juzan attacks Lock, but Lock blocks his punches and head-butts Juzan in the face. Juzan staggers back and Lock attacks, punching him many times, Juzan swings and misses, and Lock kicks him hard almost sending him out of the ring, Juzan is only able to stop falling out at the last second and flies back into the ring.)

Juzan: (thinking) Too close.

Musa: Juzan almost fell out, if he had I would be the winner of our little bet.

Ms. Hancock: Yes, I haven't forgotten about that, but Juzan isn't finished yet. I taught him more than just the mirror image and windmill attack.

Juzan: (thinking) My attacks must be too predictable because Lock is defending himself well. He's not a thinking kind of fighter so if I attack in unorthodox ways it should work.

(Juzan charges a blast in one hand and Lock gets into a defensive stance. Juzan shoots the blast high over Lock's head though...which makes Lock confused. Juzan then immediately warps into the air and catches the blast, slamming it down on Lock. Juzan lands as Lock wearily gets back up.)

Juzan: (thinking) Looks like I was right, that little brain of his can't fathom what to do against an unorthodox attack.

(Lock flies at Juzan trying a punch. Juzan charges his aura and slams both hands to the ground, almost looking like he fired an energy blast into the ground)

Juzan: Entanglement technique!

(instantly a thin wave of spirit energy rises from the ground in front of Lock and wraps around his fist. Lock is again confused and Juzan is still maintaining his hold over the energy. Juzan then pulls up with both hands and that results in Lock being slammed to the ground. Juzan releases the hold and charges Lock who is just getting to his feet and cannot defend himself. Juzan knocks him into the air with a double axe-handle then

immediately fires a large blast into the ground which comes up right under Lock and hits him in mid-air.)

Breta: Lock!

(after being hit by the blast Lock falls back down to the ring and lands hard)

Lock: (thinking as he slowly gets up) Man, where did all of that come from? I couldn't predict any of those last attacks. I've got to get back on the offensive so he can't use any more tricks like that.

Juzan: Just a little more should finish him off.

(in the ring, Juzan charges a blast in his hand, and smirking, he fires it at the ground, Lock is confused)

Lock: (thinking) Darn it, was that a real attack or is he just trying to fake me out?

(all of a sudden the blast comes back up right underneath Lock and hits him in the chin, knocking him back a few steps. Juzan attacks, seeing his opportunity. Lock tries to punch him, but Juzan slides under his legs, grabbing Lock from behind and throwing him to the edge of the ring.)

Juzan: You're mine now!

(he flies at Lock, charging a blast and firing it, hoping it will knock Lock out of the ring. Lock deflects it back at Juzan who dodges out of the way. Juzan is surprised and all of a sudden Lock is on the attack again. The two fighters trade blows for a while and end by blasting each other, knocking each other to the edges of the ring. Lock is the first to get to his feet.)

Tino: Look, Lock's up first, maybe he's won.

Breta: No, not yet, Juzan's still in this fight, it's going to take a lot to put him down.

(Juzan gets back up)

Tino: Yeah, I see what you mean.

(in the ring both fighters attack and lock hands in the middle of the ring, Lock starts to push him back)

Juzan: (thinking) His strength grows every time we engage. This *is* his first day fighting with an orange aura, I wonder if he even knows his own limit yet. Somehow I have a feeling this fight is going to bring out his maximum one way or the other. I should try to end this match soon, the longer it drags on, the harder it will be to stay with him if his strength keeps growing.

(Lock continues to push Juzan back until they are getting close to the edge of the ring, at which point Juzan releases the hold and knees Lock. Juzan then warps behind him and tries to shove him out, but Lock elbows him in the face before he can. Lock tries to follow-up with a punch but Juzan takes to the air to escape.)

Juzan: (thinking) This is it! I've got to fight with everything I have.

(Juzan begins to charge his aura more, and shortly he is at his maximum)

Juzan: (thinking) I've charged all the spirit energy I have left into my aura. This is it, my aura won't increase any more beyond this so it's either do or die.

(Lock fires a one-handed blast at Juzan, who effortlessly knocks the blast away, only to find Lock has warped behind him. Lock tries to punch him, but Juzan blocks the hit and gives Lock a very hard punch backwards.)

Lock: (thinking) Okay, something's definitely different about him. I can sense his power is greater now that it has been at any other point in the fight. He must be using the maximum spirit energy that his aura can produce, that means I should do the same.

Although, I've never tried to reach my maximum with an orange aura before, I wonder how much I can push it?

(instead of engaging again, Lock backs off and lands on the ring floor. He begins to charge his aura.)

Juzan: (thinking) Oh no, I can't let him do that.

(Juzan attacks and Lock is caught by surprise and hit many times before being knocked to the ground. He gets up though, and the two trade blows for a time while everyone watches on. Both fighters take very strong blows from each other as they warp around the ring. Lock ends up kicking Juzan down, but Juzan jumps up and flies at Lock, who braces for the impact, but Juzan uses the after-image technique and his image goes right through Lock, who drops his guard, confused, only to have the real Juzan charge forward and punch him down.)

Headmaster Ozana: I wish they wouldn't move that fast, it's hard to watch sometimes.

Musa: Both of them are fighting at a level higher than anyone else here can match.

Ms. Hancock: Anyone except us, Musa.

Musa: Right. They may not be on our level, but I would estimate their power to be about ten times what it was when they first started here.

Ms. Hancock: Yes, both increased their auras twice in the span of three months. That's certainly rare.

(back in the ring Lock and Juzan continue to trade blows, finally Lock kicks him down to the ground and then blasts Juzan while he is on the ground.)

Lock: (thinking) This is my chance. Time to see what kind of strength this aura can really give me.

(as Juzan recovers on the floor, Lock charges his aura, and just as Juzan makes it to his feet, a huge explosion occurs around Lock, when the smoke clears his aura has reached his maximum)

Juzan: Oh no! He's at his maximum aura power.

Breta: Can you feel the spirit energy from Lock? It's huge!

Tino: Yeah, I guess now we'll see what he can really do.

Breta: I think this will be the end of Juzan.

(in the ring Juzan fires a blast at Lock, it hits dead on, but when the smoke clears Lock is fine.)

Juzan: Damn it, this isn't good.

(Juzan fires a large blast and Lock warps out of its way, he re-appears behind Juzan. Juzan tries to kick Lock, but it is easily blocked. Lock, still holding Juzan's leg, throws him into the air. Lock follows and punches Juzan in the air, and follows with a kick that sends him to the ring floor before landing himself.)

Headmaster Ozana: What just happened? It was so fast I couldn't see it.

Musa: Juzan's in trouble, Lock is using his full power and Juzan can't match it.

(all the students watch on amazed by Lock's strength. Juzan wearily makes his way to his feet)

Juzan: (thinking) No, I've come too far to lose now. I'll finish him off yet, just one more attack, with everything I've got left in me.

(Juzan charges his aura as much as he can)

Lock: (thinking) He's putting all his spirit energy into something.

Breta: This is it, this is the end of the fight.

(Juzan charges a large, two handed blast and fires it at Lock, who counters by also firing a large blast, the two hit in the center of the ring. Both Juzan and Lock try to push their blast over the other's, but they appear to be dead even. The blasts are so big they cover over one half of the ring.)

Ms. Hancock: Whoever wins this power struggle will win the tournament.

Headmaster Ozana: Those energy blasts are huge, I don't want to think about the damage they'll inflict on my poor building. And then I'll have to spend more money repairing everything!

Musa: Look at it this way Headmaster Ozana, the strength behind those blasts will be our key to victory this year at the world tournament.

Headmaster Ozana: What tournament? And who are you again?

(Musa rolls her eyes at him, meanwhile back in the ring, Juzan's blast begins to push Lock back)

Breta: Hey, look, Juzan is winning.

Juzan: (thinking) Yes! I've got him. Just a little bit more.

(Juzan puts more energy into the blast and Lock gets pushed back more)

Juzan: You're finished!

Lock: Not yet.

Juzan: What's that?

(Lock holds up his other hand, revealing to Juzan he was maintaining his energy blast with only one hand)

Juzan: No! That's impossible! You've only been using one hand?!

(Lock then brings his other hand into the blast, and when he uses both hands his blast quickly overpowers Juzan's, sending him flying out of the ring, the crowd is dead silent as they cannot believe it.)

Tino: It's over! Lock won the tournament!

Breta: He's so strong.

Headmaster Ozana: That's it. We have a winner.

Musa: Looks like I win the bet.

Ms. Hancock. I know, I know.

Headmaster Ozana: Ladies and gentlemen, the winner of Ozana School's thirty-ninth annual school tournament is...um...(whispering to Musa) what's this guy's name again?

Musa: Lock.

Headmaster Ozana: Oh yes, right. Lock!

(the crowd cheers as Lock gets out of the ring to help Juzan up, both fighters are very tired)

Lock: Hey, great fight.

Juzan: Yeah, thanks. You too. It looks like the stronger fighter won after all.

Lock: I guess so, but to be honest I was worried on more than one occasion during our match.

Juzan: Well, just wait until the world championships. We still have another month to train. And after we finish Drakon's students, it's gonna be you and me in the finals to settle the score.

Lock: Sure, sounds good to me.

(Lock and Juzan head back to the waiting room together, the rest of the advanced class applauds them when they enter)

Tino: Congratulations, Lock.

Breta: Yeah, nice going out there. And that goes for both of you.

Lock: Thanks.

Juzan: Yeah.

(Musa enters)

Musa: First of all, congratulations, Lock. But I just wanted to remind you all that tomorrow our classes resume so everyone get a good rest tonight. Especially you two, Lock and Juzan. We have one month until the world tournament, keep pushing yourselves, and when the time comes, we'll show Drakon what we can really do.

(all the students cheer as the episode ends)