

Episode 006-Hard Work Pays Off

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(the episode opens with Lock and Musa eating dinner)

Musa: I'm impressed with how much improvement you have made this far.

Lock: Thanks, I can see a difference too.

Musa: Your father would be proud.

Lock: So you really haven't seen him in the last ten years? It would be great if he could watch me in the upcoming tournaments.

Musa: I don't think that's possible, just know that he wouldn't have left you without a reason. And I have a feeling he still keeps tabs on you.

Lock: Master Musa, what was it like the year he won the world tournament?

Musa: (smiling) That was many years ago, Drakon had just eliminated me in the semi-finals and it looked like Ozana was going to lose once again in the tournament. But Aldar surprised the world by defeating Drakon and becoming the grand champion. It was one of the greatest days in the history of Ozana School. He and Ms. Hancock are the only champions from our school in the last thirty years, we have lost every other time. I hope you will help us break that streak. (laughing) Headmaster Ozana even had a full head of hair back then.

(Lock and Musa laugh)

Lock: So, if Drakon used to be a fighter, who owned the school before him?

Musa: Drakon's father ruled before him, and his father before that. Their school has passed through the family for as long as I can remember. They have always been a

larger school both physically and financially, but I try preaching to my students it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.

Lock: That's what my father always said to me too.

Musa: I took you aside from the other students because I firmly believe you can make a difference this year for our school if trained to reach your full potential.

Lock: I won't let you down.

(the next day, Lock and Musa are sparring, Lock is still wearing the blindfold. Lock is doing much better than before and is able to deflect Musa's attacks as she moves around him and fires energy blasts.)

Musa: Keep it up, stay focused.

(she teleports around, Lock is able to find her when she re-appears and they continue to spar, Musa teleports behind him and tries a heel-kick but Lock blocks it)

Musa: Good.

(back at the school, Juzan is sparring with Ms. Hancock, Breta is sparring with Tino, and the rest of the class are doing the same)

Ms. Hancock: I hate to admit it Juzan but you're getting better.

Juzan: Well I've never been pushed this hard in my life. I'm sweating harder than Tino talking to a pretty girl.

Ms. Hancock: This is nothing, just wait.

(as the class continues to spar, Headmaster Ozana pokes his head into the room)

Headmaster Ozana: Ms. Hancock, I need your help.

Ms. Hancock: What is it, sir?

Headmaster Ozana: We ran out of donuts in the faculty lounge, I need you to go get more.

Ms. Hancock: Um, isn't there someone else who could do that?

Headmaster Ozana: Nonsense, I would only trust such an important mission to you. Now here, let me give you some money.

(up until that point, only his head was visible, and when he steps out to hand her the cash...he's naked, everyone in the room screams and covers their eyes)

Ms. Hancock: (covering her eyes) Sir, could you put some clothes on!?

Headmaster Ozana: If I didn't listen when the dentist said that what makes you think I'll listen now?

(back at Musa's house)

Musa: I think it's time for me to start sparring with you at a higher level.

Lock: (taking the blindfold off) What? What do you mean?

Musa: Well, you're starting to get a good grasp of things, I don't want my training to ever become easy so now I'll use my true power when we spar.

Lock: How much aura power were you using before?

Musa: Somewhere around twenty-five percent.

Lock: Twenty-five percent! That's all? I thought I was getting stronger, but I guess I was wrong.

Musa: Don't worry about it Lock, you have made great improvements so far, I just want to keep pushing you.

(she charges her aura)

Musa: Now, let's go again. But this time you can fight without the blindfold until I think you're good enough to wear it against me at this level.

(Lock attacks but once again cannot land a blow. Musa is easily able to knock him down.)

Musa: Is that all the spirit energy you really have? I think you're ready to break through to the next level.

Lock: The next level?

Musa: Your aura, you should have blue by now instead of green. Charge your aura to its maximum and then try to push further beyond that.

Lock: Alright, I'll try.

(he charges his green aura and begins to expand it)

Musa: That's it, push.

(Lock tries as hard as he can and his green aura explodes to reveal a blue aura)

Lock: (exhausted) I...I did it!

Musa: I knew you could. Just remember that Drakon has many students with auras stronger than that.

Lock: Yeah, I know, that one guy had an orange one. Is that higher than blue? Keeping track of all these colors can get confusing.

Musa: The weakest aura is white, next is purple, then green, then blue where you are, after that is orange, like that student you were talking about. Red comes next, and silver is beyond that, which is the level Ms. Hancock is at. There are rumors that a gold aura is possible but no fighter in the history of either Drakon or Ozana has ever reached that level in a world tournament.

Lock: So, if my aura is blue, and Drakon has students with orange, do I stand a chance against them?

Musa: Upsets are always possible, but I'm hoping that by the end of my training you will be at the same level with Drakon's best students. But that's enough rest for now, lets just see if that new aura helps now.

(they both charge their auras and continue to spar. Back at Ozana School, the students are still sparring, Ms. Hancock knocks Juzan down with a kick)

Ms. Hancock: Everyone stop, go grab a quick lunch and get back here. And if anyone is late, I'll make sure they're sorry.

(all the students except for Breta walk out)

Breta: Um, Ms. Hancock, can I talk to you for a second?

Ms. Hancock: Make it quick.

Breta: I think I need a new sparring partner, I mean Tino is good, but it's just not a challenge for me to beat him, I don't think I'm improving much facing him.

Ms. Hancock: Hmm, I see. What you should do when sparring against him is try to never let him land a single blow. Instead of just trying to stay ahead of him, challenge yourself to never get hit, it should keep you on your toes.

Breta: That's a good idea, I'm not sure I could last against him for a whole day without getting hit once.

Ms. Hancock: That sounds like a good challenge then. Now go get something to eat so you're not late when class resumes.

Breta: I will, thanks.

Ms. Hancock: Oh and by the way, I'll make sure Tino has extra motivation against you when class resumes.

Breta: What do you mean?

Ms. Hancock: You'll see...it's just a little something I've noticed about him.

(Breta leaves and joins Tino and Juzan in the cafeteria)

Tino: I wonder how Lock is doing with Musa.

Juzan: No clue, but him leaving better be worth all the abuse we're taking from the dictator Musa left as our substitute.

Breta: I hope he comes back soon, things just aren't the same without him around.

Juzan: Sounds like you have a crush on him.

Breta: (blushing) Shut up. Like you don't have a thing for Ms. Hancock.

Juzan: Hey, that's not true...I have a thing for *every* hot girl.

(Breta and Tino just roll their eyes and shake their heads)

Juzan: Besides, I could never be interested in a girl that could beat me up.

Breta: Good, I guess I'm in the clear then.

Juzan: Haha, you wish. As much as I hate how hard of a teacher Ms. Hancock is, I've never been in this kind of shape in my whole life. I can't wait to see Lock's reaction when he realizes I've become even stronger than he is.

(after lunch the students are back in the training room)

Ms. Hancock: Okay everyone, lets get back to work. Continue to spar with your partner.

(all the students pair up again)

Ms. Hancock: Oh, and Tino, Breta said if you can land at least one blow on her today, she'll give you a kiss on the lips.

Breta: (shocked and horrified) WHAT?

Tino: (shocked and ecstatic) REALLY?

Ms. Hancock: I told you I'd motivate him.

Juzan: Hey, can I spar with Breta instead?

(Ms. Hancock just attacks Juzan and the rest of the others spar too. Tino charges his aura and goes after Breta with everything he has. And she does her best to avoid getting hit.)

Breta: (thinking) I guess she was right about this keeping me on my toes.

(the class continues to spar as the scene changes back to Musa's house)

Musa: You're doing well Lock.

Lock: What do you mean Master Musa? I haven't even hit you yet?

Musa: Yes, but now it's a challenge for me to parry your attacks.

Lock: Oh, I see.

Musa: Let's continue.

Lock: Sure.

(they continue to spar, Lock seems to get better as the fight goes on and eventually he is able to land a hit on her)

Musa: Excellent, if you keep this up I think you will be Ozana's champion for sure. Try with the blindfold on again.

(Lock puts it on and they continue to train as the scene changes back to Ozana school, everyone is still sparring, Juzan is struggling as always, and Tino is going at Breta with everything he has, while she uses everything she has to avoid getting hit)

Ms. Hancock: (thinking, still sparring) I guess that really was good motivation for Tino, although I probably could have said that same thing to any boy in this class and gotten a similar result.

(Ms. Hancock is momentarily distracted by watching Breta and Tino, and Juzan is able to use the teleportation technique to get a good shot in that knocks her over)

Juzan: I did it! This is the first sparring session I actually hit her with a good shot!

Ms. Hancock: (getting up) Congratulations, I didn't think you were that strong.

Juzan: How about giving me a kiss?

Ms. Hancock: Close your eyes.

Juzan: Sure! (he closes them)

Ms. Hancock: Never drop you guard in the middle of a fight!

(she punches him hard and he goes flying in the direction of Breta and Tino, he is about to smack into Breta until she dodges out of the way, which is all the distraction Tino needs to land a blow on her)

Breta: No!

(all the other students stop to see what she does, Juzan gets up as well to watch)

Breta: (blushing heavily) Alright, fine.

(she begins to kiss him, and Tino's glasses fog up, about a second before her lips touch his, he faints. All the students laugh.)

Breta: Phew.

Juzan: How about I take his place?

(she just elbows him in the gut, meanwhile back at Musa's house)

Musa: Lock, tomorrow we return to Ozana. I believe you have made significant progress so far, but I need you to continue to work this hard when we get back.

Lock: I will, you have my word.

Musa: I'm very interested to see how much the others have improved. And I'm sure they'll all be surprised to see you with a blue aura after only three months.

Lock: Honestly, I think I'm better than a blue aura now.

Musa: What?

Lock: Yeah, I've been training with a blue aura for a while now, I can feel inside me a power beyond that.

Musa: Show me this power.

(Lock charges his aura and Musa is very surprised to see something, but the camera is on her face so the audience does not know what Lock has just done. The next day at Ozana School, Juzan is sitting in his room watching an Adam West Batman style show.)

Tv: And now back to "Action Man"!

Action Man: I've never seen anything like this in my whole life, all these innocent people losing their place in their books.

Sidekick Boy: Curse that blasted bookmarker. What a vile villain.

Action Man: Yes, quite diabolical indeed.

Sidekick Boy: Perhaps we should call for backup?

Action Man: (rubbing his chin) Perhaps...perhaps.

(a long silence, and a tumbleweed blows by)

Sidekick Boy: So...is that a yes?

Action Man: (rubbing his chin) Maybe it is kid...maybe it is.

(another long pause)

Sidekick Boy: (in a dull tone) I'll call the backup.

(he pulls out his call book, but from behind the bookmarker emerges and grabs the bookmark out)

Bookmarker: Yoink. Hahahahahaha.

Sidekick Boy: No!!!

Action Man: After him!

(a really cheesy chase scene begins with music similar to the old batman. All of a sudden there is a knock on Juzan's door.)

Juzan: If you're a male, leave. If you're a female, come on in.

(Breta and Tino enter, Juzan quickly changes the channel so they don't know he was watching such a corny show)

Breta: Were you just watching Action Man?

Juzan: No, of course not, that's a kids show, I'm just flipping around.

(Breta and Tino sit down too, the channel Juzan flipped to is a commercial)

Voice: Ladies, need some romance in your lives? Tired of pointless dates with losers that never go anywhere? Call the number on your screen to meet the best looking men available. Go from dating this (a picture of a loser is shown...it looks just like Tino) to this (a picture of a muscular model is shown).

Juzan: Hey, the loser looks just like Tino!

(Juzan and Breta laugh hysterically, Tino just grabs the remote and changes the channel to a new commercial)

Voice: Hungry? Come on down to "Fat Jack's Outdoor Shack" for the best all you can eat outdoor dining. Try our gluttonous grilled cheese, or our cubby chicken patty. Whatever you desire, we'll have it for you. And if we don't, we'll hunt it down and add it to the menu. So come on down to "Fat Jack's Outdoor Shack", and remember, the only thing bigger than our customers, are our portions!

Breta: That might be the single dumbest thing I've ever seen. And that's saying a lot.

Tino: Yeah.

(Juzan looks out the window and sees Lock and Musa returning)

Juzan: Hey, Lock and Musa are back.

Breta: Where?

(she knocks Tino and Juzan over to look out the window)

Breta: Come on, turn off the tv and let's go greet them.

(Breta and Tino leave, Juzan begins to but instead flips back on Action Man and sits down, the bookmarker has been caught)

Action Man: Crime never wins, now we can return these bookmarks to their rightful owners.

Bookmarker: Curse, foiled again. But I'll be back, and when I am, no books will ever be safe again, hahahahaha.

Action Man: Take him away boys.

Police: Hey, I thought I told you to stop calling us boys.

Breta: (entering again) Are you coming?

(Juzan is caught watching Action Man)

Breta: Ah-ha, I knew it!

Juzan: I'll give you five bucks to keep your mouth shut about this.

Breta: Make it ten.

Juzan: No way.

Breta: I wonder what all the girls in this school will think when they know you watch a children's show?

Juzan: Alright, alright, you win.

(he hands her the cash and the two leave, meanwhile outside the school)

Lock: That sure was a quick three months.

Musa: I can't wait to see how much the other students have improved since we've been away. And I'm sure you can't wait to show everyone the level you reached last night.

Lock: I know, I can't wait to see their reaction, my mind's going at light speed just thinking about it. (it then shows inside Lock's mind, and a tumbleweed blows by an open field)

(Breta and Tino, followed by Juzan come out of the school and approach Lock and Musa)

Breta: Hey Lock!

Tino: Welcome back Lock.

Lock: Hey guys, I miss anything?

Juzan: Just wait until we spar again, you'll see.

Lock: That sounds like you have a surprise in store for me.

Juzan: More than one.

Lock: Well I learned a few new tricks too.

Musa: Ozana's annual tournament begins tomorrow, you'll have time to show each other any progress then.

Breta: I thought the tournament was in one month?

Musa: The world tournament against Drakon is in one month, but before that our school always has our own tournament to practice and to determine our school champion.

Lock: I'm going to bed, I need a good sleep for tomorrow.

Breta: You sure you don't want to train through the night instead?

Lock: Very funny, I've learned from that. Besides, I don't think I need to prepare any more, just wait until the matches start.

(Lock heads inside)

Tino: Well he seemed different, he looks physically stronger, but I couldn't sense much increase in his spirit energy.

Breta: We'll just have to wait until tomorrow I guess.

(Lock is shown sleeping in his bed, snoring. Juzan is struggling to fall asleep with Lock's snoring, he tries covering his ears with his pillow and blanket before putting on earmuffs)

to block the noise out. The next day, it shows the bracket for the tournament, Tino and Breta are looking at the placements for the fighters.)

Tino: This is great, we're all in separate corners. this way I may just have a chance.

Breta: You're going to have to face one of us sometime.

Tino: Not necessarily, I'm hoping you're all going to eliminate each other at some point.

Breta: I see. Let's go tell Lock and Juzan about the bracket.

(in Juzan and Lock's room, Lock is nowhere to be seen, and Juzan is sitting with a pretty girl having a romantic moment)

Juzan: Did anyone ever tell you your eyes sparkle like the heavens?

Girl: Oh Juzan, your so sweet.

Juzan: (putting his arm around her) Just wait until you get to know me better.

Girl: I'm looking forward to it.

(they seem about to kiss until they hear a toilet flush and Lock comes out of the bathroom, not knowing that Juzan was with a girl at the time)

Lock: (laughing) Phew, I'd stay out of there for a few hours. Man, I think I'm about five pounds lighter. I guess that's what happens when I try to eat the cafeteria food again.

(the moment between Juzan and the girl has completely died)

Juzan: Hey, we're kinda in the middle of something here.

Girl: Maybe I should just leave. (she gets up and leaves)

Lock: Oh, sorry about that, I didn't know you were with someone.

Juzan: Yeah, yeah, nice to have you back in the room. Here, at least put this on.

(he sprays Lock with cologne all over. Breta and Tino enter)

Breta: Hey guys, they already posted the bracket for the tournament today.

Lock: Yea? Did you see where I was?

Tino: The four of us are separated, the earliest we would face each other would be in the final four.

Juzan: How many people are in the tournament?

Tino: It's all sixteen students from the advanced class.

Lock: I can't wait.

Breta: It's starting soon, I think you have the first match Juzan.

Juzan: What are we waiting for then, let's go.

(they all start to leave, Breta notices the cologne on Lock)

Breta: Lock, you smell nice, are you wearing cologne?

Lock: Yeah, it was Juzan's idea. I just hope it doesn't send the wrong signals when I'm fighting.

(the scene changes to the main arena. Headmaster Ozana, Musa, and Ms. Hancock are standing in the middle of the ring, the rest of the school are sitting in the stands, and the advanced class are separate from them, in a training/waiting room.)

Headmaster Ozana: Good morning everyone, today we continue with our annual tournament to see who will represent our school in the world championships. All of you younger martial artists watching today pay close attention, as this might be you some day if you are lucky enough to make the advanced class. Master Musa will call the names of those fighting.

Musa: The first match is (some student) vs. Juzan.

(Juzan and the student head to the ring as Headmaster Ozana, Musa, and Ms. Hancock take their seats, many of the girls in the audience cheer Juzan on)

Musa: (to Ms. Hancock) I heard the rest of the students talking about how hard you pushed them, I look forward to seeing how much they have all improved.

Ms. Hancock: They have all made improvements, but Juzan has been personally sparring with me for the last three months, he's far stronger now than he was when he first arrived here.

Headmaster Ozana: Begin!

(Juzan charges his aura, Lock is stunned to see him with a blue aura)

Lock: He went from purple to blue in three months?

Tino: Well he has been fighting Ms. Hancock every day that you and Musa were gone.

(in the ring the student attacks Juzan and is knocked out of the ring with one lightning fast kick, the students of the advanced class watch on with awe, the girls in the crowd go nuts and Juzan waves and blows kisses to them as he leaves the ring.)

Advanced Student 1: Man, Juzan is the best, I'm sure he's gonna be the school champion.

Advanced Student 2: Yeah, it looks like all that hard work paid off after all.

Musa: That was quick, I see what you mean about him being far stronger.

Headmaster Ozana: I hope they're all not that fast, if so we could be finished here in an hour.

Musa: I have a feeling that when the tournament gets into the later rounds, we'll be sitting here for a while.

Headmaster Ozana: I hope you're right, I have nothing else scheduled for the rest of the day, and I'm not about to let everyone have a day off.

Ms. Hancock: Perhaps we should start the next match?

(Musa calls more names and more and more students fight, after a while Breta is finally up)

Juzan: Good luck Breta.

Lock: Do your best.

Tino: We're all rooting for you.

Headmaster Ozana: Begin!

(the student runs at her, Breta charges her aura, now having a green aura. She dodges many attacks and hits the student, who lands near the edge of the ring. Breta fires a blast that knocks him out of the ring.)

Lock: She changed her aura too?

Tino: We all did, every student in the class improved while you were gone.

Lock: You all changed auras? This is great, just imagine the look on Drakon's students once the world tournament begins!

(Breta comes back)

Breta: Well that was a good warm-up.

(more matches go on, Tino also wins easily by ducking his opponents flying kick at the last moment which sends them out of the ring as Lock, Breta, and Juzan cheer him on, more and more matches continue for a while)

Musa: This is the last match of the first round, Lock and (some other student) let's see what you've got.

Lock: Here we go.

(Lock and the other student begin to enter the ring as the episode ends, Lock seems very confident and Juzan, Breta, and Tino watch on closely)