

Episode 041-A New Champion?

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(the episode begins with Musa and the advanced class in the waiting area of Ozana School's stadium)

Musa: Alright everyone, as you all know today we begin our annual school tournament. This is as close to the real thing as it gets so do your best, but also use it as a learning experience.

Lock: I can't wait for this to start, I'm so excited!

Tino: With only ten fighters how is this going to work?

Musa: That was my next point. Because we only have the ten of you left in class the bracket is a bit messed up. (she points to the bracket and fighter arrangements) One fighter on each side will have a bye in the first two rounds. Basically we tried to arrange it as fair as possible given the uneven numbers.

Hanzo: So, Lock and I are on opposite sides? That's convenient.

Musa: There's nothing convenient about it Hanzo. This is not the grand tournament where Drakon controls fighter's starting positions. We drew names at random from a hat to determine placements.

Lock: Hey, how come people always use a hat to draw names? I mean why not just use a cup or a bowl or something?

(everyone just gives him a weird look)

Lock: What?

Musa: (shaking her head) Let's just move on.

Lock: No, seriously, how come it's always a hat and never anything else? Think about it.

Musa: Try to focus on the tournament Lock.

Lock: Oh yeah, I almost forgot.

(everyone looks at him bewildered)

Juzan: (sarcastically) Yes folks, he's our defending school champion.

Musa: I need to head over to Headmaster Ozana's box, the tournament will begin momentarily so all of you do any final preparations now.

(she leaves as the students break off and stretch or talk among themselves, Lock, Juzan, Breta, and Tino are together talking, Hanzo is sitting alone reading)

Juzan: I can't wait for this to start.

Lock: I know, being in bed for so long I've got a lot of energy to burn off.

Juzan: The cheerleaders even promised to do my special cheer during all my fights.

Breta: Well they're going to have to wait, you've got a bye in the first round.

Lock: Same with me.

Tino: Lucky.

Lock: I wish I didn't, I want all the training I can get before the grand tournament.

Breta: It's probably a good thing you and Juzan don't have to fight this round. Since you two were the finalists last year I'm sure you'd win your matches. This way some of the other students have a chance of advancing farther in the tournament.

Tino: That's a good point.

(meanwhile in Headmaster Ozana's box overlooking the ring)

Musa: Should we begin?

Headmaster Ozana: No, we can't until I'm ready.

Musa: What do you mean?

(Ms. Hancock enters, looking annoyed and carrying a huge tray of food)

Ms. Hancock: Where do you want this?

Headmaster Ozana: Ah Ms. Hancock, perfect timing. Just set it over here. You can start the tournament now, I'm ready.

Musa: Good morning everyone, Ozana School's annual tournament begins today. At this point we request (some student) and Hanzo in the ring.

Hanzo: Finally.

(he books his book down and heads to the ring along with the other student)

Headmaster Ozana: (eating food) Who do you two think will win this match?

Musa: I'd say Hanzo in under three minutes.

Ms. Hancock: Three minutes if he doesn't attack for two minutes and fifty-nine seconds.

Breta: What's that book Hanzo's been reading?

Juzan: No idea. I've always wondered though because Hanzo doesn't seem like the "book type" to me.

Lock: Yeah, he'd need thick glasses...like Tino.

(Tino glares at Lock as Hanzo and his opponent get into stances in the ring)

Hanzo: (thinking) This fool doesn't even deserve to be in the ring at the same time as me. I certainly won't waste any of my techniques on him.

(Juzan picks up the book and looks inside, pictures of martial arts submissions are shown)

Juzan: Huh? Submission holds? Has he been trying to learn *jujitsu*?

(the four heroes turn to watch the match)

Musa: Begin!

(the student charges his aura and attacks a smirking Hanzo with everything he has, trying to punch him, after blocking the first few hits Hanzo grabs the student's arm and bring him to the ground in an arm-bar. The student cries in pain and taps out almost instantly.)

Musa: That's enough, the winner is Hanzo.

Hanzo: What a joke.

(he walks back to the waiting area)

Ms. Hancock: (to Musa) I didn't know you also taught submissions.

Musa: I don't. My classes always focus more on striking and moves that use spirit energy. Hanzo must have acquired that skill on his own.

Headmaster Ozana: That was too fast, I couldn't even finish chewing before it was over.

Ms. Hancock: Then perhaps you should finish now...instead of talking with your mouth full.

Headmaster Ozana: Hey, my school, my rules.

(Ms. Hancock shakes her head)

Musa: Let's keep this tournament going.

Tino: My turn now.

(Tino and his opponent get into stances)

Breta: Good luck Tino!

Lock: Do your best!

Musa: Begin!

Tino: Time to show what I can really do!

(he charges off camera at his opponent and a bunch of pummeling blows are heard...Tino then lands back in camera view with multiple bruises)

Tino: Okay...time for plan b.

(he starts runs away from his opponent and after he is a good distance away he pulls out his calculator)

Tino: Now, if I calculate how fast his attacks are times how powerful those hits are-

(Tino looks up to see his opponent flying at him)

Opponent: I've got you now!

Tino: According to my calculations my best move would be...oh the hell with it.

(he throws the calculator at his opponent, hitting him in the head and knocking him out as everyone watches on in disbelief)

Lock: What the?

Breta: I guess you could call that being resourceful.

Headmaster Ozana: What an ingenious move!

Musa: Um, Headmaster Ozana shouldn't you disqualify Tino? He's not supposed to use foreign objects.

Headmaster Ozana: It was entertaining...so I'll allow it.

(Musa glares at him and shakes her head)

Musa: The winner is Tino. Let's move on quickly and start the next match.

(Breta is in the ring facing off with her opponent in stances)

Lock: Let's go Breta!

Musa: Begin!

(Breta's opponent attacks her but she warps away from it and kicks him across the ring. Before he lands she teleports again and when he gets up on the edge of the ring he can't find her)

Tino: She's so fast now.

Lock: I know, I'm really impressed by her speed.

Juzan: That guy's making a huge mistake staying near the edge of the ring like that.

(in the ring as Breta's opponent looks around for her, she reappears in front of him and does a back-flip kick that knocks him out of the ring)

Lock: Yeah!

Musa: The winner is Breta.

(she heads back to the waiting area)

Musa: Would the next two fighters please head to the ring?

(the scene then shows one student punching the other out of the ring)

Musa: It's now time for the second round to begin. Hanzo has a bye in this round so the next match will be Tino vs. Juzan.

(as Tino and Juzan head to the ring, all the cheerleaders chant for Juzan and cheer him on)

Juzan: (thinking) Oh yeah, I've still got the crowd on my side. This match should be a good warm-up for facing Hanzo in the semis.

(Juzan and Tino get into stances)

Tino: Good luck.

Juzan: You too...you're gonna need it.

Musa: Begin!

Juzan: (turning to the cheerleaders) Hey ladies, watch this one-

(Tino runs at Juzan while his back is turned and although Juzan is caught off guard, he warps away from the punch and reappears where Tino started)

Juzan: Hey I wasn't ready yet!

Tino: Musa said to start, besides I need every advantage I can get since I'm so underpowered compared to you.

Juzan: Yeah, that's true. You are only a purple aura fighter after all.

Tino: Who said I was still at purple?

Juzan: Hmm?

(Tino smirks and charges his aura, showing a green aura, Juzan is surprised and Tino warps in front of him and punches him hard in the face, knocking Juzan back a few steps)

Breta: Yeah Tino! That a way!

Lock: Alright! He got a new aura level!

Hanzo: (thinking) Congratulations, Tino, you went from being extremely weak to very weak.

(in the ring Tino tries more attacks and he trades blows with Juzan, but Juzan gives him a kick that sends him flying back)

Juzan: Heh, good, but not good enough.

(Tino recovers in mid-air and handstand-springs himself back at Juzan who is again surprised by Tino's resilience. Tino tries another punch but Juzan does a bridge to avoid it and kicks Tino with both feet into the air before flying after him. Juzan tries to punch Tino but the hit ripples through Tino's image.)

Juzan: What? An after-image?

(the real Tino appears above Juzan and flies down at him with a charged punch)

Tino: Gotcha!

(Tino's punch however ripples through Juzan's image)

Tino: Oh no!

(Juzan appears behind him)

Juzan: Nice try.

(he kicks Tino back to the floor, Tino lands hard as all the cheerleaders go nuts for Juzan)

Breta: Wow, Juzan's really sharp out there. I don't think he's got any ring-rust left.

Lock: Yeah, no kidding.

Juzan: (landing) A good effort Tino, but you should have known it was only a matter of time before I won.

Tino: (thinking) Man he's strong. I don't have much fight left. I've got to give him one more attack with everything I've got left...but I just have to wait for the right opportunity to strike.

(Juzan gets into stance and looks ready to attack. Behind him the cheerleaders are going nuts cheering for him.)

Maxi: Juzan! If you win the tournament we're all throwing a party for you!

(Juzan instantly gets a huge grin on his face when he hears that and turns to the girls)

Juzan: Just as long as it's a pajama party!

Tino: Yes! He's distracted. Now's the time!

Juzan: Okay girls and just remember to-

(Tino charges his aura heavily and fires a huge blast at Juzan who can't believe it)

Lock: Wow look at the size of that!

Breta: He must be using all of his spirit energy.

Juzan: What the-!?

Musa: Nice move.

Hanzo: (thinking) What a fool, Juzan could have won this match ages ago but he's thinking about all those floosies instead of his opponent. If he does that against me I'll bury him.

Maxi: Oh no, Juzan!

Cheerleader 2: Look out!

Juzan: (thinking) Darn it, I didn't want to use this yet but I don't have a choice now.
Plasma Wave!

(he fires a massive blast so big it dwarfs Tino's completely, everyone in the arena is amazed by the blast)

Tino: Impossible!

(the blast goes right through Tino's and knocks him out of the ring)

Breta: Oh no.

Lock: What a shot!

Musa: Had Juzan not drained the spirit energy of that blast at the last second it would have left Tino in a lot worse shape.

Headmaster Ozana: And my poor arena.

Ms. Hancock: That was quite a move.

Hanzo: (thinking) Hmm, not bad.

Musa: Juzan is the winner by ring out.

(all the cheerleaders go nuts for him as he gets out of the ring and helps Tino up)

Tino: Thanks. What was that last move?

Juzan: Only my most powerful attack. (sarcastically) Thank you very much for putting up a decent fight and making me use it!

Tino: Hey I tried my best what else can I say?

(they return to the waiting room)

Lock: Hey nice going out there you guys.

Breta: Yeah good fight.

Juzan: I don't know, I was hoping to save the Plasma Wave for my match with Hanzo next round cause now he's going to know it's coming.

Hanzo: You put too much faith in your techniques Juzan. It doesn't matter if I knew it was coming or not, it still won't break through my defenses. I alone have the strength to win this tournament, I'll defeat you first and then dethrone Lock as the school champion!

Juzan: We'll see. If I were you I wouldn't be thinking about the finals right now since you have to face me next.

(Hanzo and Juzan have a stare-down)

Musa: Because Breta has a bye the next fight will be Lock vs. (some student).

Lock: Well, looks like I'm up.

Breta: Good luck Lock, I'll be rooting for you.

Lock: Thanks, Breta.

(Lock and Breta smile at each other for a second before he and his opponent head to the ring)

Juzan: (suspiciously) What was all that?

Breta: All what?

Juzan: That little exchange there, I saw that look in both your faces.

Breta: What look?

Juzan: There was a spark between you. Does he know you're the secret admirer?

Breta: No way, I'm sure he doesn't know. Why? Do you think he does?

Juzan: All I know is I've never seen you two look at each other like that before...that's all I'm saying.

Breta: You didn't tell him did you, Hanzo?

Hanzo: Like I'd really waste my time on something so trivial.

(Lock and his opponent are in stances)

Musa: Begin!

(the student charges him but Lock sends him flying out of the ring with one kick)

Tino: Well that was quick.

Juzan: What did you expect?

Musa: The winner by ring out is Lock.

(Lock heads back to the waiting area and helps his opponent up along the way)

Ms. Hancock: Well, so much for that fight being as entertaining as the previous one.

Musa: If you want action just take a look at who's fighting next.

(the bracket shows Hanzo and Juzan in the semi-finals)

Lock: Hanzo vs. Juzan, this should be good.

Breta: Definitely.

Hanzo: I'm going to enjoy this.

Juzan: Funny, I didn't think you enjoyed losing.

(Hanzo and Juzan stare each other down as the episode ends)