

Episode 042-Juzan's Rematch

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(the episode begins in Headmaster Ozana's box overlooking the ring)

Musa: It's time for the semi-finals. The next match is Hanzo vs. Juzan. Fighters, please head to the ring.

(both Hanzo and Juzan look confident in the waiting room, Hanzo starts heading to the ring)

Ms. Hancock: This should be interesting.

Lock: Do your best, Juzan. I know you can beat him if you just focus and keep your guard up. Watch out for his submission holds too.

Breta: We're all rooting for you.

Juzan: Thanks, I won't disappoint.

(as he and Hanzo walk to the ring the cheerleaders are cheering Juzan and booing Hanzo)

Hanzo: (thinking while it shows a flashback of them fighting before) The first time I faced Juzan he was dangerously overconfident. He expected an easy win and got floored for his arrogance. (it shows Hanzo warp away from Juzan's punch and kick him over) I won't make the same mistake he made, I know Juzan's powerful and I know not to underestimate him.

Juzan: (thinking) Alright, Hanzo may have caught me off guard before, but now I know what he can do. This time he'll face everything I've got and then some. I've got more than a few curveballs up my sleeve.

Lock: Juzan was holding back the whole time he fought Tino. Somehow I think he's not going to give Hanzo the same treatment.

Tino: What!? I fought Juzan with everything I had and couldn't even touch him! Are you saying that whole time he wasn't even trying?

Lock: Afraid so.

(Hanzo and Juzan get into stances in the ring, both charge their auras)

Breta: This could get rough.

Musa: Begin!

(Juzan wastes no time and instantly charges Hanzo with a punch. Hanzo dodges it and tries to punch Juzan back but that is blocked as well. The two trade blows for a second before Hanzo grabs Juzan's attempted kick and throws him into the air. Hanzo follows him up and the two trade blows again at a fast pace in mid-air as everyone watches on in awe.)

Tino: Wow look at them go.

Maxi: Go Juzan! You're the best!

Cheerleader 2: Come on, punch him!

Cheerleader 3: That a way!

(the two continue to fight at a fast pace in mid-air until Hanzo punches Juzan back to the ring, Hanzo tries to follow up with an attack but strikes an after image. He turns to see Juzan standing a good distance away from him.)

Cheerleaders: Juzan, Juzan, he's the man! If he can't do it no one can!

Hanzo: Shut up.

(he turns to them and fires a small blast to make them scatter. While his head is turned Juzan attacks and kicks Hanzo into the air before warping behind him and punching him down to the ring. Hanzo lands on his feet and recovers just in time to dodge Juzan's kick as Juzan skids into a landing.)

Breta: That's odd. I thought those cheerleaders would be more of a distraction for Juzan, not Hanzo.

Lock: Juzan's completely focused on winning. He was so embarrassed after their last fight that I think he's even going to put showing off in front of girls on hold for the sake of this fight.

Breta: I don't know. Juzan usually can't go five minutes without making a pass at the nearest girl.

Tino: Even Juzan wouldn't flirt *during* a fight.

Breta: Last year when I had a match against him he flirted with me the whole time!

(Lock, Breta, and Tino laugh as Hanzo and Juzan charge each other again, Juzan tries a punch but Hanzo ducks it and grabs Juzan's arm. Hanzo pivots into a standing armbar before back-kicking Juzan in the face, knocking him over. Juzan jumps to his feet and the two exchange blows again for a bit. Juzan tries a kick but Hanzo grabs it and rolls through into a leg-lock, Juzan yells in pain as Hanzo continues to arch the leg back.)

Maxi: Oh no!

Musa: Nice move.

Ms. Hancock: This is the first time Juzan has ever fought against a fighter with strong submission skills.

Musa: All more good experience for the grand tournament.

Headmaster Ozana: (still eating) Maybe I should hire him as my chiropractor, my neck has been sore ever since Ms. Hancock accidentally dropped a pile of books on my head.

Ms. Hancock: Yes...accidentally.

(Hanzo continues to pull Juzan's leg back and Juzan looks to be in a great deal of pain, Hanzo is smirking)

Hanzo: Tap out you fool. I'll snap this leg completely if I have to!

Lock: Juzan, don't give in!

Tino: Come on, you can do it!

(Juzan creates an energy blast in one hand and shoots Hanzo in the face. That knocks Hanzo off him, Juzan limps to his feet and shakes his leg a bit while Hanzo gets back up.)

Hanzo: You should have quit when you had the chance!

(Hanzo attacks Juzan, who tries to elbow him. Hanzo easily warps behind him though and when Juzan spins around to face him, Hanzo warps away again.)

Juzan: Damn, where'd he go?

Hanzo: Over here.

(Juzan turns around again to see Hanzo fire a bunch of energy blasts at him. Juzan tries to get out of the way but with his hurt leg he moves slowly and just narrowly avoids being hit...only to find Hanzo warp in front of him.)

Hanzo: (smirking) Something wrong? You seem a bit sluggish.

(Hanzo hits him multiple times and sends him flying across the ring with an uppercut, Juzan lands hard)

Maxi: Juzan!

Cheerleader 2: Don't give up!

Breta: He's in trouble.

(Juzan gets to his feet and spits out blood)

Juzan: (thinking) I can't continue to fight him on the ground with my leg still sore. I've got to take this fight to the air so I don't have to rely on running.

(Juzan creates an energy blast in each hand. He fires one into the ground and brings it up right underneath Hanzo, who warps into the air to avoid the hit. When Hanzo reappears Juzan fires the second blast and it hits Hanzo dead on. Juzan flies into the air and gets into stance.)

Breta: Yeah! Nice shot!

Tino: He's smart to take that fight into the air with his leg hurting his mobility on the ground.

Lock: Yeah.

Juzan: Don't think you've beaten me yet.

Hanzo: I'll get you eventually. I'm faster and stronger than you.

Juzan: Maybe, but how are you supposed to hit what you can't see?

Hanzo: Hmm?

Juzan: (shutting his eyes) Solar Eclipse!

Hanzo: What?

(Juzan's aura turns into an extremely bright light that forces everyone to cover their eyes. After the effect wears off, Hanzo and just about every other person in the arena are holding their eyes, temporarily blinded by the light.)

Juzan: Didn't see that one coming now did you?

Hanzo: (holding his eyes) Why you!

(Juzan attacks and punches Hanzo multiple times)

Musa: That was close, he almost got me with that one.

Ms. Hancock: Me too.

Headmaster Ozana: Ahh! My eyes! This is horrible, now I can't see my precious pile of food!

(he blindly reaches around and ends up chewing on a napkin, Ms. Hancock is about to tell him but just shrugs and goes back to watching the match)

Breta: (holding her eyes) What happened? That spirit energy was so bright! I can't see a thing.

Lock: (holding his eyes) Me either, but I've got a feeling Juzan's in control of the fight now.

(Juzan continues to punch Hanzo, who tries to fight back but just swings wildly and misses badly every time. Juzan warps above him and fires a large two-handed blast that sends Hanzo crashing down to the ring.)

Musa: Juzan's very impressive. Earlier I wasn't sure if he had the ability to defeat Hanzo but now I'm starting to second-guess myself.

Ms. Hancock: Juzan defeated a fighter with a higher aura level than him last year in the grand tournament so I don't think it will come as a huge surprise if he wins.

Juzan: (landing) It's too bad the Solar Eclipse affects everyone in the arena. I wish they could all watch me now as I beat on Hanzo. I need to hurry though, I doubt that trick will work a second time on him and the effect will wear off soon.

(Juzan charges his aura and flies at Hanzo who fires a one-handed blast that Juzan deflects and stops his attack)

Juzan: Okay, I guess that means he can see out of those pitch black eyes again.

Hanzo: Did you really think that second-rate trick would be enough to finish me off?

Juzan: Don't worry, there's plenty more where that came from. Now try this one...Plasma Wave!

Hanzo: (thinking) Finally.

(Juzan fires the Plasma Wave at Hanzo who charges his aura in the defensive stance while smirking)

Lock: Yeah, Juzan! Keep it up!

Breta: Push him right out of the ring with that shot!

Hanzo: Force-field!

(there is a huge explosion as the Plasma Wave hits Hanzo, there is a lot of smoke and no one can tell what happened, Juzan is winded)

Juzan: There, let's see you keep fighting now.

Tino: Did he get him?

Lock: I think so.

(as the smoke slowly clears Juzan sees the image of Hanzo still standing)

Juzan: What the?

(the smoke completely vanishes and Hanzo is smirking inside a barrier of his spirit energy, without a scratch on him. Everyone is stunned.)

Breta: What is that?

Lock: It's a shield of some kind!

Ms. Hancock: Musa, is that...

Musa: Yes, it's the force-field technique.

Hanzo: That's a pretty decent blast. If it hit me I'd probably be in trouble right now. Good thing it didn't, hahahahaha!

Juzan: Damn you.

Hanzo: This fight is over, you just expended all that spirit energy for nothing. Now you're too tired to keep going.

Juzan: What are you talking about? In order to block my attack you must have expended more spirit energy than I did!

Hanzo: (smirking) You're partially right. I did have to put more spirit energy into my force-field than you did into your attack...but the beauty of this technique is once I dispel the force-field the spirit energy is absorbed back into my body.

(he dispels the force-field and the spirit energy goes back into him, Juzan is concerned and Hanzo is smirking)

Juzan: This doesn't look good.

Hanzo: Now you're finished!

(he charges his aura and flies at a still winded Juzan, punching him hard in the face. Hanzo and Juzan trade blows but Juzan has a hard time defending himself and Hanzo scores many hits on him.)

Lock: Get out of there Juzan!

(Hanzo uppercuts Juzan high into the air. Juzan regains his composure though and charges his aura then creates a vertical energy disk)

Juzan: Windmill Attack!

Hanzo: Force-field!

(the shots from the Windmill Attack have no effect on the force-field)

Juzan: I'm not done yet!

(he flies down with a charged fist)

Juzan: Plasma Fist!

(he punches the force-field but again gets no result. Hanzo then dispels it and kicks Juzan across the ring.)

Lock: Juzan!

Tino: I don't get it. If Hanzo had such a strong defensive technique why did he wait to use it?

Lock: I think he was waiting until Juzan used a move that consumed a lot of his spirit energy. If Hanzo had used that barrier from the beginning on smaller attacks Juzan wouldn't be nearly as tired as he is now.

Breta: This is impossible, how's Juzan supposed to fight against that? Every time he attacks he'll lose some spirit energy and Hanzo will remain fresh. (thinking) I don't even know if Lock could win against that.

Hanzo: My turn.

(as Juzan is still flying back from the kick Hanzo charges his aura)

Hanzo: Burst Cannon!

(Juzan is hit directly on by Hanzo's Burst Cannon, and hundreds of small blasts hit him)

Breta: Oh no!

Tino: Juzan!

(Juzan is down hard in the ring, he's cut all over his body and looks knocked out)

Lock: Man, this isn't good.

Maxi: Oh no, Juzan needs help.

Cheerleader 2: I know, let's do our special cheer for him.

Maxi: Yeah, great idea.

Cheerleaders: Give me a "J" (all the students watching in the arena yell "J") , give me a "U" (same result), give me a "Z" (same result), give me an "A" (same result), give me an "N" (same result). What's that spell?

(all the students and cheerleaders yell Juzan and cheer him on as he wearily opens his eyes)

Maxi: Come on, Juzan! Please get up!

Breta: Get up Juzan I know you can beat him!

(as the students and cheerleaders continue to cheer him on, Juzan wearily gets back to his feet which turns Hanzo's smirk into an angered look. Juzan removes his tattered shirt and tosses it to Maxi. Juzan gets back into stance and looks very determined as he charges his aura.)

Musa: He's showing a lot of spirit by getting up from that.

Ms. Hancock: Definitely. Most people would be knocked unconscious from that one technique alone, not to mention all the other damage he's taken throughout this fight.

Hanzo: So you want some more punishment, Juzan?

Juzan: Just shut it and bring it...I'm taking you down once and for all!

Hanzo: Fine, it's your funeral.

(Hanzo charges his aura and creates the Dragon's Claw, he and Juzan then fly at each other. Juzan appears to break into the mirror image technique as eight copies of himself appear.)

Hanzo: Amateur, the mirror image technique won't work on me. Dragon's Claw!

(Hanzo uses incredible speed to warp in front of each image and cut through them with the Dragon's Claw. Each hit just ripples through each image, making them all disappear but leaving no trace of the real Juzan, Hanzo is confused.)

Lock: Hey, I don't think that was the mirror image technique.

Juzan: (from off screen) Entanglement technique!

Hanzo: Wha-

(he is cut off as spirit energy comes out of the ground underneath him and wraps around him)

Juzan: Looking for me?

(Hanzo turns his head to see Juzan flying at him from behind with a charged fist, while the other holds the spirit energy for the entanglement technique)

Hanzo: But how? He can't do that from the mirror image technique!

Juzan: It was an after-image times eight!...Now you're finished Hanzo. Plasma Fist!

(Juzan punches Hanzo extremely hard in the face and sends him flying. It looks like Hanzo will land out of the ring as everyone cheers Juzan on. At the last second Hanzo regains his balance by doing a handplant on one of the cheerleaders' heads.)

Hanzo: Heh, about time you floosies became useful-

(one of them grabs him by the leg as he's hovering above them)

Cheerleader 2: I've got him girls! Let's pull him down to the floor so Juzan wins!

Maxi: Yeah!

Hanzo: What the!?

(all the cheerleaders start to grab his legs and they try to pull him to the ground. Hanzo flies up a bit and shakes them all off. One of the girls falls in front of Juzan who is watching from the ring, and from Juzan's vantage point he can see under her skirt which makes him blush and forget about Hanzo...who instantly takes advantage of the situation by flying back into the ring and punching Juzan hard, knocking him down.)

Ms. Hancock: That was an odd series of events.

Musa: But a brilliant attack by Juzan. Faking the mirror image with eight after images, just amazing.

(Juzan gets back up and into stance as Hanzo charges the Dragon's Claw again)

Hanzo: (angered) Alright Juzan you've lasted quite long enough! Your fight is over. This will be our last engagement, and this time you'll face the true wrath of a black dragon!

(both fighters fly at each other and engage in fast fighting, trading blows as they warp around the ring at a very fast pace)

Tino: They're moving so fast I can't keep up anymore.

Lock: It's a close fight at this point.

Breta: You can still see them?

Lock: Yes.

(in the ring Hanzo and Juzan continue to fight at a fast pace as they warp around both in the air and on the ring floor. Hanzo strikes with the Dragon's Claw at the same time Juzan strikes with the Plasma Fist. The blows hit at the same time and there is an explosion in the ring followed by someone being knocked out of the ring. When the

smoke clears from the explosion Hanzo is seen standing in the ring alone before the camera shows Juzan, knocked down outside. Everyone is speechless at the fight they just witnessed. Juzan gets up and punches a hole in the wall behind him in frustration.)

Musa: The winner by ring out...Hanzo.

Ms. Hancock: That was an amazing match. Juzan should keep his chin up even in defeat, he put up one heck of a fight.

Lock: Man, Hanzo's good. I didn't think he was gonna pull that one out but he did.

(Hanzo returns to the waiting room and Juzan does likewise as the crowd cheers him)

Lock: Hey, great fight Juzan.

Juzan: Yeah, but it would have been nice to get the win. Maybe next time though.

(Juzan looks over to Hanzo and the two meet eyes again. Hanzo gives him a little head nod before turning around)

Lock: Wow, I think you've earned his respect.

Tino: Yeah no kidding, that's probably the highest level of admiration he's ever shown someone.

Breta: It's gonna be a tough act to follow Lock. Our match is next.

Lock: (putting his hand on her shoulder) I don't think there's going to be a match, Breta.

(Breta looks confused)

Musa: The next match in the semi-finals is Lock vs. Breta.

(Lock heads to the ring as Breta stands there)

Breta: (thinking) What did he mean by that?

(end of the episode)