

Episode 043-Secret Revealed

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(the episode begins in the waiting area, Breta is standing there a bit taken back as Lock walks to the ring)

(in flashback)

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.

(flashback ends)

Breta: (thinking) What did he mean by that? Surely he doesn't think I won't be a challenge for him. I know Lock's amazingly powerful but I'm only one aura class behind him. This whole time I was planning to put up a good fight with the hope that he would notice me more if I did.

Juzan: Breta, you're on.

(Breta realizes that everyone is waiting for her, Lock is already in the ring)

Breta: Oh yeah, sorry.

(Breta heads to the ring and looks at Lock as she does, he gives her a friendly smile and she smiles back)

Tino: Hey, is it just me or is Lock acting a bit strange?

Juzan: What do you mean?

Tino: Every time Lock goes into a fight, he gets into like a zone of something where he looks completely focused. But he's not like that right now, it's weird. He looks extremely relaxed.

(Breta gets into the ring and into stance, Lock just stands there)

Tino: I mean look, he's not even in stance.

Juzan: Yeah, that is strange.

(everyone in the waiting area watches on closely)

Hanzo: (thinking) Finally a match that will challenge Lock. This will be a perfect opportunity to find a weakness in his abilities.

Ms. Hancock: This is an interesting match-up. Even though Lock is the odds on favorite I still think Breta has a decent chance to win.

Musa: I agree. They have roughly the same speed, Lock has the edge in power, but Breta is cleverer than he is.

Ms. Hancock: By far.

Headmaster Ozana: I don't know, men are usually cleverer than women.

(Ms. Hancock and Musa glare at him)

Ms. Hancock: Um, excuse me sir?

Headmaster Ozana: All I'm saying is I've never met a woman who could outwit me.

(Ms. Hancock and Musa look at each other bewildered)

Musa: (thinking) What is he talking about? I've never seen him outwit *anyone* before in his life.

Ms. Hancock: (under her breath) An idiot says what?

Headmaster Ozana: What?

Ms. Hancock: My point exactly.

Headmaster Ozana: What's your point? I'm confused.

Ms. Hancock: (under her breath) No surprise there.

Musa: Um, maybe we should just start the next match.

Headmaster Ozana: What?

Musa: (shaking her head) Never mind. (to the crowd) It's now time for the second match of the semi-finals between Lock and Breta.

(the crowd cheers in anticipation)

Student 1: That last match between Juzan and Hanzo was amazing, I can't wait to see this one!

Student 2: Yeah, I know what you mean. Since Lock's the defending school champion I'm sure any fight he's in will be really good.

Musa: Begin!

Breta: (thinking) I'll let him make the first move, maybe that will give me some indication to what he meant.

(Breta waits for Lock to attack but he doesn't, students in the stands start getting restless)

Student 1: Come on! Do something!

Student 2: Someone make a move!

Student 3: What's going on?!

Musa: Um...I said you two can start.

Hanzo: (thinking) What is Lock doing? Why hasn't he attacked her?

Breta: (thinking) I guess he's waiting for me to start. Alright, this is my big chance to impress him, I can't hold anything back. There's no room for mistakes.

(Breta charges her aura and flies at Lock but he holds out his hand to stop her)

Lock: Hold on Breta.

Breta: What is it Lock? Are you okay?

Lock: Yeah, I'm fine. I just don't want to fight you.

Breta: (getting out of stance) Well, I don't really want to fight you either.

Juzan: Is there going to be any action here or not?

Tino: No idea, I don't get it.

Breta: Just curious, why don't you want to fight. I mean you live for this stuff, it's not because we're friends or anything is it?

Lock: No, I've fought friends in the tournament before.

Breta: It's not because I'm a girl then, is it?

Lock: Of course not. I spar with Master Musa and Ms. Hancock all the time. Besides, I know you're stronger than just about every guy in the school anyway.

Breta: Then what is it?

Lock: (sighing) I can't fight against you...(he starts to blush a bit) because I think I'm falling in love with you.

Breta: (surprised) What?

Lock: Listen, I know it was you who sent me those love letters. You're the secret admirer.

Breta: (thinking) He knows?!

Tino: Uh oh, the cat's out of the bag.

Juzan: Now this could get interesting.

Breta: (blushing) Who told you that? It was Hanzo wasn't it? I knew he would blurt it out, I'm gonna kill him.

Lock: (laughing) Don't worry, no one told me. I figured it out on my own.

Breta: Really?

Lock: Yeah...(Breta looks like she doesn't believe him)...what?

Breta: Nothing, I just thought I was a little bit more discrete, that's all. (she pauses for a second) Wait, you figured it out, no help?

Lock: Yes! Why is that so hard to believe? Anyway though, the point isn't how I found out, it's that I *did* find out.

Breta: You're right. I'm sorry for keeping it a secret for so long. The truth is, my feelings for you have always gone beyond friendship. I would have said something earlier, but you always seemed so focused on your training, you never seemed interested in dating anyone.

Lock: Honestly, I probably was too focused on training to notice your feelings. But those months I spent healing in the infirmary allowed me to see things clearly.

Breta: That explains a lot. I'm so embarrassed, I wanted you to know, but not like this.

Lock: (stepping up close to Breta) One of the days I was healing in the infirmary you made me promise I'd heal in time for the tournament. On that day I gave you my word, and on this day I'm giving you my heart. I love you.

(Lock and Breta slowly get closer until they kiss, which makes everyone in the stadium go "Aww". Headmaster Ozana is weeping and uses his mustache to wipe his tears.)

Headmaster Ozana: (crying) It's just so beautiful.

Female Student 1: That's so sweet.

Maxi: How romantic.

Cheerleader 2: Totally.

Hanzo: What a pansy.

(Lock and Breta stop and realize everyone was just watching them)

Lock: Oh yeah, maybe this wasn't the best place to have this conversation.

Breta: So, what do we do now?

Lock: Well, I said I won't fight you and I'm sticking by that. I'd never forgive myself for striking you. And I think the only way to prove that is by forfeiting this match.

Breta: What? You can't do that! You've worked so hard to be here, you can't just stop because of me.

Lock: I have to, it's the honorable thing to do. I'd much rather lose my place as school champion than fight against you.

(he starts to leave the ring)

Breta: (grabbing his arm) Wait, don't go. You deserve to be in the finals much more than I do. I'll forfeit this match.

Lock: No, I can't ask you to do that.

Breta: You never did. I'm too flustered to continue fighting anyway, I've waited for this moment for so long and need to sit down and let things sink in. I hate to admit it but Hanzo would probably tear me apart if I fought him right now. You have to be the one to face him Lock, you're the only one who can beat him. (turning to Headmaster Ozana's box) Master Musa, I forfeit this match.

(people are surprised to hear that)

Musa: Alright, if that is your decision. Hanzo will meet Lock in the finals to determine the school champion.

Tino: She's giving up!?

Hanzo: (thinking) Good, Lock is the one I've wanted to fight all along. Once I defeat him, no one will be able to doubt that I am the strongest fighter in this school. Even though I

didn't get a chance to develop a strategy against him...there's no way he'll be able to break through my force-field.

Juzan: Lock definitely owes Breta one for doing that.

Tino: Yeah.

Headmaster Ozana: There will be a brief intermission before the finals. The tournament will resume in ten minutes.

Musa: Why the intermission, sir?

Headmaster Ozana: I'm out of food. Ms. Hancock, I need you to go to the cafeteria and get some more.

(Ms. Hancock grumbles and heads out as Lock and Breta head back to the waiting area together)

Headmaster Ozana: This intermission will give me an opportunity to serenade those two lovebirds. I have a fantastic singing voice you know.

Musa: Oh no. Sir, I don't think that's-

(Headmaster Ozana stands up on his chair and starts to sing...to the horror of everyone else)

Musa: Um, I think I'll go help Ms. Hancock with your food. (under her breath) Hopefully we can find some tranquilizer pills to put in it.

(she runs out as Headmaster Ozana continues to sing, everyone is covering their ears)

Student 1: I can't take it anymore!

Student 2: Let's get out of here!

(all the students start piling over each other trying to get out)

Breta: I think that's our fault.

Lock: It's worth it...as long as he doesn't sing *that* much longer.

(they both laugh and continue walking back to the waiting area)

Juzan: Even though there was no fight, you two were more entertaining than most of the other people I've seen out there today.

Tino: How did you find out Lock?

Lock: All the clues were right there in front of me, it just took a situation like resting in the infirmary where I had time to think about it instead of always concentrating on my training.

Tino: Wow, and here I thought someone told you. I was just about to ask if it was Hanzo or something.

Juzan: Yeah, I'm surprised you found out on your own too.

Lock: Why does everyone keep saying that?

Tino: You know what's strange, if we had never got injured at Drakon School, you may have never found out.

Juzan: Hey you know what they say, love hurts.

Lock: Yeah, that is weird to think about. Oh well, if taking that beating led to this, than I think it was worth it.

Breta: That's so sweet of you, Lock.

(all of a sudden they hear Hanzo snickering and turn to see him, arms crossed, leaning against a wall a few feet away from them)

Hanzo: (snickering) How sweet indeed, you see, this sentimental downpour is actually benefiting me more than anyone else, Lock. Your mind should be on our upcoming fight rather than your newfound relationship. I'm going to dissect you out there and leave you in worse shape than Drakon did. (to Breta) I'd take a good picture of him now, because once I'm finished with him he's going to be unrecognizable.

Lock: We'll see Hanzo, I've never lost a fight in this arena.

Hanzo: You think that's something to be proud of? I've never lost a fight period. I am undefeated in one-on-one matches.

Breta: What about that time against Ms. Hancock?

Hanzo: We never got to finish, she walked out. If that fight had gone on I would have eventually emerged the victor, just like I always do. No one has seen my full power, not even you Juzan.

Lock: Well there's always a first time for everything. And if you think I'm not focused on our fight, you're in for a rude awakening. I've got a few techniques I've never shown anyone either.

Hanzo: Heh, right. I'm going to leave you in a pool of your own blood Lock...and I'm going to enjoy doing it.

(Hanzo heads to the ring, meanwhile Musa and Ms. Hancock come back with Headmaster Ozana's food)

Musa: We've got your food, sir. You can stop singing now.

Headmaster Ozana: But you two missed my singing! It was really moving!

Musa: Seeing how there aren't any people left in the stands I'd say that's a good description.

Headmaster Ozana: Go tell all the students the intermission is over...it's time to conclude the tournament.

Ms. Hancock: Yes sir.

(they both leave and he starts to eat as the scene goes to the waiting room)

Tino: Good luck Lock, he won't make it easy.

Lock: I know.

Tino: I'd try to come up with a plan now.

Lock: Good idea Tino. You fought against him Juzan, do you have any suggestions?

Juzan: Yeah, make sure to really snap your punches and kicks, he'll be looking to go for submissions so keep them tight and crisp. If you throw just one lazy punch or kick he's going to have you, trust me on that.

Lock: Thanks, I'll keep my guard up.

Juzan: That force-field of his is annoying as well, be careful of it.

(Lock nods, practically everyone is back in the arena taking their seats)

Musa: It's now time for the final match of Ozana School's tournament. There are only two fighters left, the winner will become this year's school champion. Finalists, please report to the ring.

(Hanzo is already there)

Breta: Here's a little good luck. (she kisses him)

Lock: (blushing) I could have used that last tournament. Alright, I'm ready now. Let's do this.

(Lock steps out of the waiting room and pauses, closing his eyes as he raises his head up)

Lock: (thinking) This one's for you, dad.

(he opens his eyes and looks very determined and heads to the ring)

Juzan: This is gonna be a battle.

Tino: I think war is a better description.

Breta: (thinking) Be careful, Lock.

(Lock enters the ring, he and Hanzo face off, staring the other down as everyone watches on closely)

Musa: Fighters...ready...

(Lock and Hanzo charge their auras and get into stances, both are confident)

Juzan: Look at that...their stances are exactly the same.

Tino: I have a feeling we're about to see a fight like we've never seen before.

Breta: Good luck Lock!

Tino: You can do it!

Musa: Begin!

(Lock instantly vanishes and appears behind Hanzo. Lock punches but Hanzo vanishes and reappears a good distance away from him. Lock then vanishes and appears behind Hanzo again, trying a kick. Hanzo grabs his leg and tosses him. Lock regains his balance however, and almost instantly after touching down he goes on the attack. He and Hanzo trade blows for a bit before they punch each other in the face. The two separate for a second before Hanzo attacks, the two fight but each are able to dodge the other's moves before Lock warps away from a Hanzo kick and reappears back where he started.)

Hanzo: (thinking) Hmm, not bad. Perhaps Lock will be more of a challenge than I expected? Maybe he'll even force me to use my full power.

Musa: I'm glad it came down to these two in the end.

Ms. Hancock: Yes, I've been waiting to see this match-up for a while now.

Lock: (thinking) I can tell he's reading my moves well. Hanzo's fighting style is defensive, he's waiting for me to make a mistake that he can capitalize on. There's no room for errors here, I've got to catch him off guard...I know what I can do.

(Lock makes one energy blast and aims it at Hanzo while he puts his other hand behind his back and aims a second blast at the ground. He fires both blasts at the same time so Hanzo doesn't see the second one go into the ground. Hanzo easily deflects the first one, but a smirking Lock brings the second one up underneath him, hitting him in the chin. Lock then flies at Hanzo but uses the after-image technique to send his image through Hanzo, who looks around him and spots Lock in the air.)

Hanzo: There you are!

(he fires an energy blast at Lock, but the shot ripples through the image as well)

Hanzo: What!? A second after image!?

Lock: Behind you.

(Lock appears behind Hanzo and as he turns around Lock uppercuts him into the air and charges a large blast)

Lock: Take this!

(Lock fires the blast at Hanzo, who charges his aura in the defensive stance while in the air)

Hanzo: Force-field!

(Hanzo creates his force-field as Lock's blast hits...and when the smoke clears he's fine)

Lock: I almost had him.

(a smirking Hanzo lands)

Hanzo: Is that the best you've got, Lock?

Lock: (thinking) That force-field technique could be a big problem. Let's test it out.

(Lock flies at Hanzo with a charged fist)

Hanzo: (smirking) Force-field!

(Lock's punch has no effect, but Lock doesn't give up and punches and kicks the force-field many times)

Ms. Hancock: It's still hard to believe that Hanzo can use that technique so well.

Musa: Yes. (thinking) Creating a basic shield of spirit energy is a simple task, even a novice can usually do it. What makes the force-field technique so difficult to master is

knowing exactly how much spirit energy to put into it at each moment, something that only comes through experience.

(she looks on as Lock continues to strike at it but gets no where)

Musa: (thinking) Usually it takes a fighter years and years before they can gauge the strength of their opponent's attacks during a real fight...and that leads me to wonder even more about Hanzo's past.

(Lock flips up and charges another fist, trying another punch. Hanzo just smirks as Lock strikes the force-field again but doesn't get anywhere. Lock jumps back and gets into stance.)

Lock: I can't even put a dent in it.

Hanzo: (dispelling the force-field) If Juzan's best technique didn't work, what makes you think normal punches will be enough?

Lock: I'll find some way to break through!

(he flies at Hanzo with a blast in each hand)

Lock: (thinking) Let's see if this works a little better.

(all of a sudden Hanzo warps in front of him and kicks him in the face then does a spinning elbow. Lock lands hard and his blasts disappear, but he instantly gets up.)

Hanzo: I'm not all defense you know.

Lock: That's fine with me. I love a good challenge.

(Lock flies at Hanzo but once again disappears. Hanzo turns around to see Lock coming at him from the side. Lock tries to take Hanzo's legs out with a sweep but Hanzo jumps over it and continues to fly. Lock skids to a halt and flies up as well. They trade blows for

a while before Lock warps from Hanzo's punch and kicks him down to the ring before landing himself.)

Tino: The way they move out there, it's hard to keep pace with them.

Breta: I know what you mean.

Hanzo: (noticing some blood on his lip from Lock's kick) Well, I suppose that will suffice for a warm-up, don't you think?

Lock: (stretching) Yeah, sure.

Tino: That was just the warm-up!?

Hanzo: Now Lock, your going to see something that not even Juzan could force me to bring out...my true power. Get ready, because this is a rare occurrence, and it will be your end.

Lock: I'm ready, let's see what you've got.

(Hanzo smirks and closes his eyes as he charges his aura heavily as the episode ends)