

Episode 051-Lock's Dilemma

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(the episode begins with the crowd cheering)

Larina: That last victory by Tribourn puts Drakon School ahead of Ozana School five wins to three.

Targon: Ozana needs to win the final two matches of the first round just to make everything even.

Larina: It's going to be difficult for them to accomplish that because the next match features Drakon's former school champion and the defending grand champion, Rondo.

Targon: Would the next two fighters please enter the ring?

Rondo: I'll make this one quick, I don't want Lock or the others to see any of my new techniques until it's their turn.

Drakon: That's fine, but just make sure to inflict a lot of damage on that fighter, send a message to the rest of Ozana's fighters reminding them of just who you are.

Rondo: No problem.

(he and the Ozana student head to the ring)

Juzan: Great, now Rondo's fighting. Drakon has so many good fighters I almost forgot about him.

Lock: Believe me, I haven't forgotten about Rondo.

Breta: It's hard to imagine that he's not the strongest fighter on Drakon's team anymore.

Juzan: That just goes to show how much the deck is stacked against us this year.

(in the ring Rondo and the student charge their auras and get into stances. Rondo has a red aura and the Ozana student has a green aura.)

Targon: Let the match begin!

(the Ozana student attacks with a punch, Rondo just stands there and takes the punch to the face, not even flinching from the hit as he just smirks)

Rondo: Strike one.

(the student tries a side kick that does no damage)

Rondo: Strike two...guess what happens after strike three?

Breta: He's even stronger than last year.

Lock: A lot stronger.

Hanzo: Heh.

(the student looks nervous and flies up, he charges his aura then flies down, hitting Rondo with a double axe-handle, the hit moves Rondo's face down, and after the Ozana student lands Rondo lifts his head up and smirks.)

Rondo: Strike three!

(he instantly warps in front of the student and pummels him relentlessly, knocking the student over)

Drakon: There we go.

Larina: A strong combination from the reigning grand champion has floored his opponent. He has until the count of ten to make it to his feet. Let's start the count. One...two...three...four...five...six...seven...eight...nine...

(the student is somehow able to get to his feet, which only makes Rondo smile)

Rondo: Good, that would have been too easy, and I haven't even gotten a chance to warm-up yet.

Tino: A nine count already!?

Student: Take this!

(the Ozana student fires multiple blasts at once at Rondo, who effortlessly ripples the wind around him and forces them all back at the student, who is hit multiple times. Lock and the others are very surprised to see that. Rondo then makes the Serpent's Fist and flies at the student)

Rondo: Serpent's Fist!

(he punches the student in the chest, sending him flying out of the ring, crashing into the wall next to Ozana's waiting area. Rondo and Lock have a stare-down.)

Musa: Someone go help that student, he probably has broken ribs.

(Breta, Tino, and some other students run over and help him)

Rondo: (to Lock) You're going to be the next victim of my Serpent's Fist.

Lock: We'll see.

Targon: The winner by ring-out, Rondo!

Rondo: I guess that was a good enough warm-up.

(he heads back to Drakon's waiting area as his opponent is helped to the infirmary by some Ozana students, Breta and Tino return to the waiting area)

Juzan: Great, his aura has changed to red as well. Now when he uses the Serpent's Fist he can punch with the strength of a silver aura, I mean that's Ms. Hancock's level!

Lock: Something was different about his techniques too, they're completely changed from last year.

(it shows a quick flashback of Rondo reversing the energy blasts back on the Ozana student)

Lock: That wasn't spirit energy he used to deflect those energy blasts back...it was the wind.

Musa: It's a different style of advanced martial arts he's learned. That defensive maneuver you're talking about was accomplished through elemental energy.

Juzan: Elemental energy?

Musa: Where spirit energy focuses on the inner development of each person, elemental energy gives a fighter the ability to manipulate fire, water, earth, and air.

Tino: So you're saying Rondo changed the air around him to fire the blasts back at his opponent?

Musa: Exactly.

Breta: So in addition to spirit energy there's also elemental energy? Are there any more kinds?

Musa: There are three different kinds of energy. Psychic energy is the third but don't worry about it.

Lock: So how come you never taught us elemental or psychic energy Master Musa?

Musa: The last time I tried teaching a class elemental energy they nearly burned the school down practicing the fire techniques.

Lock: You don't trust us?

(he tries a little wind technique and the air moves around his hands a bit)

Musa: Lock, look over there at Hanzo. (they both look at Hanzo who is looking evil as always) Can you honestly tell me you want him to learn how to set things on fire?

Lock: I see your point.

Musa: Besides Lock, you're probably at the point where you could teach yourself techniques, you have a strong knowledge of spirit energy and how to manipulate it. Remember, spirit energy is the first step in any technique, it's part of your life force and can be used to create and control the other elements.

Lock: I know what I'd do once I learned elemental energy. (he does an evil laugh)

(Lock imagines himself light a small flame on his finger, he then bends over in front of everyone and puts the flame in front of his butt)

Lock: Okay guys, get ready cause this is gonna be great!

(Lock smiles thinking about that)

Juzan: I know what I'd do once I learned elemental energy. (he does an evil laugh)

(Juzan imagines a girl walking by and then Juzan manipulates the wind to make the girl's skirt fly up, Juzan smiles thinking about that)

Breta: I know what I'd do once I learned elemental energy. (she does an evil laugh)

(Breta imagines a clothing shop called "The Sultry Shopper" on fire, Breta then manipulates water from a nearby river to stop the fire)

Store Owner: You saved my store! Take whatever clothes you want, free of charge!

(Breta smiles thinking about that)

Tino: I know what I'd do once I learned elemental energy. (he does an evil laugh)

(Tino imagines himself reading and then manipulating the wind to make the pages turn, he smiles thinking about that)

Hanzo: I know what I'd do once I learned elemental energy. (he does his normal evil laugh)

(Hanzo imagines himself shooting lightning out of his fingertips at Drakon, Ms. Hancock, Lock, Juzan, Breta, and Tino, he smiles thinking about that. After his dream ends it shows Lock, Juzan, Breta, Tino, and Hanzo all looking into the air smiling about their dreams.)

All of them: Ahh...that would be so sweet.

Targon: It's time for the last match of the first round to begin. Would the next two fighters please enter the ring?

Lock: Alright, it's finally my turn.

Breta: They just wanted to save the best for last. Good luck.

(she kisses him on the cheek and then he heads to the ring)

Juzan: It's gonna be interesting to see who Drakon matched up against Lock.

(Lock's opponent is seen, and it's a girl)

Juzan: (shocked) That's his opponent!?

Tino: Why would Drakon make this match-up?

Lock: (thinking) Oh man, I don't want to fight a girl. Sparring against a female is one thing, I mean no one gets hurt, but I don't know about this. I can't hit a girl.

Targon: Like last year, Lock is still the school champion from Ozana.

Larina: For those of you who may not know, Lock is the son of former grand champion Aldar.

Targon: I remember Aldar, he was certainly one of the strongest fighters to ever come from Ozana School and it appears as though his son is following in his footsteps.

Larina: I wonder if Aldar is somewhere in the crowd watching his son?

(Lock and his opponent charge their auras and get into stances. Lock's opponent has a blue aura.)

Tino: She only has a blue aura? That's strange considering how powerful everyone else on Drakon's team is.

Hanzo: That was probably the best Drakon could get to replace me on short notice. Remember, I was originally on Drakon's team and would have taken her place in the tournament if I had stayed there.

Juzan: Oh yeah that's right. I forgot about that.

Tino: Good thing Lock gets to fight her in the first round instead of Hanzo.

Lock: (thinking) I've got to think up a way out of this before it's too late.

Targon: Begin!

(the girl instantly attacks Lock, who blocks all the hits but does not counter-attack, he looks distracted)

Drakon: It's just like I thought, Lock can't hit a girl. And if he won't fight back he won't win.

Larina: Wow, this is amazing, despite being the weakest member on Drakon's team, she has Ozana's champion on the ropes!

Juzan: What is Lock doing out there? He should have won this match in a heartbeat, I mean her aura is two levels behind his.

(Lock continues to block her attacks, she tries a charged kick but Lock warps away from it and reappears behind her, he looks about to punch her but suddenly stops, he can't bring himself to do it. And his opponent instantly goes back on the offensive, hitting him with a punch before Lock goes back to blocking the rest of her hits.)

Musa: Lock's too honorable to strike a girl. He's going to have to find another way to win.

Breta: He's such a gentlemen.

Hanzo: I'd slug that girl right in the face and knock her petit butt straight out of the ring.

Breta: Chauvinist.

Hanzo: Hey, Lock's the chauvinist, I'm the one who would treat that girl just like a male opponent.

Breta: That actually makes some sense...but you're still wrong and Lock's still right.

(back in the ring Lock is still blocking every hit his opponent tries but he still does not counter-attack)

Ms. Hancock: She's really giving him trouble out there.

Headmaster Ozana: This is a disgrace, our champion should have won this easily. I'd go down there right now and lecture him if I could remember his name.

Ms. Hancock: His name is Lock, sir. Why don't you ever remember that?

Headmaster Ozana: Remember what?

Ms. Hancock: Lock's name.

Headmaster Ozana: Who?

(Ms. Hancock shakes her head as the scene goes back to the ring, Lock is still on the defensive)

Lock: (thinking) I've got to think up something, there must be a way to win without hurting her.

Drakon: Lock is playing right into my hands just like I knew he would. Either he doesn't fight back and eventually loses or he does fight back but suffers the mental defeat of compromising his values.

Rondo: I hope it's the latter, Lock would face me in the second round, and if he's not thinking clearly I'll beat him so bad he'll never heal!

(Lock's opponent fires a blast that Lock easily warps from)

Lock: (thinking) What should I do?

(all of a sudden a small Breta with angel wings and a halo appears on his right shoulder)

Breta Image: Don't compensate your values. You'll find the way if you just stay on the right path.

(then a small Hanzo with devil horns and a pitchfork appears on his left shoulder)

Hanzo Image: Strike the girl down!

Lock: Hmm.

(Lock has lost his concentration and his opponent warps to his side, Lock then gets kicked in the face, knocking him back a few steps)

Opponent: You're not that tough.

Targon: Lock seems to be off to a slow start this year. Ozana School will be at a tremendous disadvantage if they lose their school champion in the first round.

Larina: Perhaps Lock is choking under the pressure, he's got a lot to live up to if he wants to be like his father.

Lock: (thinking) My father...that's it, I just need to find what he would do in this situation.

(the girl keeps on the attack and Lock is pushed back while he blocks)

Lock: (thinking) Dad would find some technique that would win the match and prevent her from getting injured, but I'm not sure if there are any spirit energy techniques that fit the bill...

(flashback)

Musa: Elemental energy gives a fighter the ability to manipulate fire, water, earth, and air.

(it then shows Rondo using wind to redirect the energy blasts as the flashback ends)

Lock: That's it!

(he warps away from another kick, and lands in the middle of the ring, his opponent skids into a halt before flying back at him)

Lock: Here we go.

(Lock concentrates deeply and using his hands he makes a massive windstorm that surrounds the girl and sweeps her out of the ring, landing softly outside. Everyone is stunned that Lock was just able to perform an elemental technique.)

Juzan: Unbelievable!

Breta: He won!

Hanzo: How...how did he?

Larina: Wow, where did that come from? Oh well, there you have it folks, the winner of the match by ring out, Lock!

Musa: Amazing, he just preformed an elemental wind technique flawlessly! And it was his first time!

Drakon: Impossible!

Rondo: What the!?

Lock: (to Drakon and Rondo) You see, underestimating me is a costly mistake. And next round I will finally have my vengeance, Rondo.

(Lock and Rondo have another stare-down, in the corner Dredson is smirking)

Dredsor: (thinking) Good.

(Lock heads back to Ozana's waiting room)

Breta: That was amazing Lock!

Tino: Yeah, how did you do that? You manipulated the wind like Rondo.

Lock: Actually I really don't know, that was my first time ever trying an elemental technique. I just thought of what my dad would do if he was in my situation.

Hanzo: Beginners luck.

Lock: Jealous Hanzo?

Hanzo: Shut up.

Musa: That was still incredible, Lock. Instead of Drakon going into the second round with momentum and a mental edge, your performance just rattled him, believe me.

Lock: Right, and this is only the beginning, this tournament we're taking back the championship for Ozana!

(Ozana's students cheer)

Drakon: There's no way I'm going to allow Lock's little victory provide any morale for his team, I have to nip this in the bud before anything else happens.

(he leaves his waiting area)

Larina: It's now time for grand martial arts tournament between Drakon School and Ozana School to continue.

Targon: We start the second round with Drakon School leading six wins to four.

Larina: I think this will be the make or break round for Ozana School.

Targon: I agree, since Ozana only has four of its ten fighters left it's really do or die for them this round.

Larina: The next match features two fighters from Drakon School, Dredsor and Nissa.

Targon: This is good news for Ozana School, since no matter who advances Drakon will still lose a fighter.

(meanwhile Drakon is whispering something to the tournament committee)

Lock: Uh oh, Drakon is over by the tournament committee again.

Breta: This is never good.

(Drakon heads back to his waiting area as one of the members stands up with a microphone)

Member: There will be a change in the bracket before the next round begins. Since this tournament is focused on Drakon School and Ozana School's students facing each other, the second round match-ups have been changed to accommodate that. Therefore, Dredsor and Tribourn will receive a bye. The next match will instead be Nissa vs. Juzan.

(the new bracket is shown, the second round matches are Juzan/Nissa, Breta/Rilos, Hanzo/Saben, and Lock/Rondo)

Drakon: (thinking) There, now Dredsor and Tribourn, my two strongest fighters, will be fresh for the third round while all of Ozana's remaining students will continue to be worn down.

Breta: Come on! I was supposed to get the bye this round! Now I have to fight another strong opponent?

Tino: Great, just when I thought our team was going to have some luck they pull this.

Musa: I'm not surprised, I knew Drakon would do this.

Lock: I don't care, as long as I get my rematch with Rondo this round I'm happy.

Larina: Wow, a surprising ruling has now adjusted the bracket so that all of Ozana's remaining students have to fight this round.

Targon: Ozana School was already at a disadvantage only having four fighters against Drakon's six. And now two of Drakon's top fighters will be completely rested in case any Ozana students make it to the third round.

Larina: In any case, it's now time for the second round to begin!

(the episode ends with the crowd cheering as it shows the new bracket)