

Episode 037-The War of Schools

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(the episode begins with Lock holding Musa in his arms, as he and the other heroes face off with Drakon and his students)

Drakon: What took so long, Lock? After all these days I was beginning to think you weren't coming.

Lock: What are you talking about?

Drakon: You fool, you still don't get it do you? I laid the trap and you walked right into it.

Lock: You mean you-

Drakon: That's right. I knew if we held Musa long enough Hanzo would lead you right to us, but I never expected he would bring me all of Ozana's best fighters, this is too good to be true, hahaha.

Tino: I knew it! I knew you were in league with Drakon this whole time, Hanzo!

Hanzo: Shut up you fool. I'm not on his side. Those days are over.

Drakon: Yes, Hanzo was formerly a member of my fine academy, but in the end he's just not Drakon material.

Hanzo: Ha, I left your stupid school of my own accord. There's no way I'll ever call a mullet-haired freak my master.

Drakon: Ah Hanzo, have you truly fallen so far? And to think I once considered you to be one of my brightest pupils. But I must thank you for bringing everyone here, now once we've taken all of you out, there will be no hope for Ozana in the next grand tournament.

Lock: Well I hope you've got something better planned than those two henchmen you sent after me during the summer.

Drakon: (laughing) You should have let them take you out back then Lock. Believe me this is going to be much more painful. (he raises his hand and all of his students get into stances) All I have to do is give the signal and my entire school attacks.

Lock: Breta, take Musa and bring her back to Ozana.

Breta: No way, I'm not going to leave you guys here.

Lock: Please listen to me Breta, you've probably got the best speed here so it has to be you. Just take Musa and get her medical help. I'm counting on you.

Breta: Fine, but the second after I drop her off I'm flying right back here.

Lock: No, I'm not sure what's going to go down, but if something happens to us, you'll be the only hope left for Ozana. I need you to be the second line of defense. Promise me you'll wait for us back at the school. I don't want to see anything happen to you.

Breta: (sighing) Alright, but you all better return in one piece.

Lock: We will. (he hands Musa over to her) Godspeed.

Breta: Same to you. I'll be waiting for you all.

Lock: Right.

(Breta flies off)

Breta: (thinking as she looks back) I hope Lock knows what he's doing.

Rondo: Do you really think we'll just let her leave so easily?

(Rondo fires a blast at her but Lock fires one of his own that deflects Rondo's)

Lock: Your fight is with me, Rondo.

Rondo: Should I fly after her and take her out Master Drakon?

Drakon: No, never mind her, she can go. I don't foresee her being a threat in the next tournament.

Braun: Let's get this party started!

(Lock, Juzan, Tino, and Hanzo all get in stances and prepare for the onslaught)

Lock: I never thought I'd fight you again so soon, Rondo.

Hanzo: Who says you get to fight him? You had your chance before, it's my turn now.

Lock: I have unfinished business with him.

Hanzo: So do I, you have no idea.

Rondo: Hmm, now whom do I want to destroy first? Lock or Hanzo?

Hanzo: Try me you fool, I'll annihilate you. (smirking) Besides, don't you need the tournament committee to fight Lock?

Rondo: (angered) Fine, you want me Hanzo? You got it. I should have done this when you first turned your back on us!

Hanzo: I'm surprised you didn't, after all, you are the kind of fighter who loves attacking while your opponent's back is turned.

(Rondo gets upset and charges his aura, Lock, Hanzo, Juzan, and Tino charge their auras as well...as does Drakon's entire school.)

Tino: There must be at least a hundred students against us.

Lock: We have to stick together, it's our only chance.

Hanzo: Shut up, I don't want any of you getting in my way.

Juzan: Put your ego aside for once, Hanzo.

Drakon: Students...attack!

(all of Drakon's students attack the four main heroes. Lock blocks Braun's punch and elbows him in the face, knocking him into a few of Drakon's students. Hanzo jumps and does a split-kick on two students that attacked him before getting an uppercut from Rondo, the two warp into the air and trade fast blows. Juzan spin-kicks three students over before Braun warps next to him, trying a double axe-handle, Juzan dodges it and trades blows with Braun evenly as Lock knocks two students down then warps into the air and does a circle blast that hits a bunch of students. Tino trades blows with two students before being knocked over from behind.)

Lock: Tino!

(Lock flies down and quickly takes down all the students around Tino and helps him to his feet)

Lock: You okay?

Tino: (sarcastically) Never better.

(the two fight back to back against a pile of students, Lock punches and kicks a bunch of them away and Tino fires a large blast that also hits many students as Rondo and Hanzo continue to fight in the air, Hanzo punches Rondo hard, who responds by kicking Hanzo down a bit, but Hanzo fires a blast while falling that hits Rondo in the face and follows by warping behind him and kicking him)

Hanzo: (smirking) Something wrong?

(Rondo gets upset and the two continue to fight at a fast pace. Lock and Tino continue to fight off many students back to back. Lock is fine but Tino is easily beaten by a few students as one warps behind him and grabs him in a full nelson hold and the other punches him. Lock kicks a student over and notices Tino. Lock warps in front of him and blocks the Drakon student's punch and sends him flying with a kick then elbows the student holding Tino.)

Drakon: (thinking) Hmm, Lock is far stronger than I expected him to be at this point. If he is allowed to escape and train for the grand tournament he would be a big threat, even to my new team.

(Juzan is fighting alone and fires multiple blasts that hit a bunch of students before Braun fires a huge blast at him. Juzan warps into the air to avoid the hit and fires one of his own at Braun, who deflects it. That distraction allows Juzan to knock him over with a kick before being knocked over from behind by another student.)

Juzan: (thinking) Darn it, there are just too many of them.

(he gets back up and continues to fight, spin-kicking a student that was flying at him away then blasting another. Juzan turns his head only to get head butted by Braun.)

Braun: Rhino's Charge!

(Braun tries his follow-up punch but Juzan shoots a continual energy blast into the ground)

Juzan: Entanglement Technique!

(Juzan's energy beam comes up and wraps around Braun's punch. Juzan maintains his hold on the energy blast and pulls it backwards, slamming Braun headfirst into the ground.)

Juzan: You're too slow for me, Braun.

(Juzan continues to fight against some students as Tino gets overpowered and many Drakon students start to beat him, Lock turns to help but a host of students jump on him and try to contain him.)

Lock: (thinking) I won't give up!

(with a large explosion Lock forces them all off, sending them all flying. As the heroes continue to fight, the scene switches to Breta who is watching nurses attend to Musa, Breta looks at clock and seems impatient as the seconds slowly tick by.)

Breta: (thinking) I wonder how everyone's holding out? I hate this, standing around doing nothing is much harder than actually fighting. I should be with my friends right now.

(the scene goes back to the battle, Hanzo warps around in the air, hitting multiple Drakon students as Rondo fires blasts at him, Hanzo warps in front of Rondo and elbows him in the face, then grabbing his leg and throwing him into one of the buildings. Two fighters attack Lock and he easily blasts them both back. Hanzo lands next to Lock and gets into stance as Juzan warps over to them. The four heroes are back-to-back again as the rest of Drakon's students surround them once again.)

Drakon: So, it looks like you've improved quite a bit since last year, Lock. Musa must have been training you very hard over the summer, I didn't expect to see you with a red aura so soon.

Lock: Happy to disappoint you.

(Rondo gets back up and takes his place at Drakon's side)

Hanzo: Your champion is nothing, Drakon.

Drakon: Whoever said Rondo was still the champion of my school?

Lock: Huh?

Drakon: You see, while you were busy training over the summer Lock, I was hard at work too. I've gathered a brand new team of fighters. This little skirmish was just to let them watch your moves and observe how weak you all are. In short, I have assembled the greatest fighters in the world and I'll use them all to destroy you!

(Drakon's new fighters are seen standing on top of a building looking at the heroes, however, the sun is directly behind them so they only appear as black figures standing there)

Lock: What? You mean Rondo's not your best fighter anymore?

Drakon: See for yourself. Meet my new champion...(calling) Dredsor!

(when Drakon calls his name all his students cheer and Dredsor flies down and lands next to Drakon)

Dredsor: Is it my turn yet?

Drakon: Yes. Do whatever you like to them.

(Dredsor turns to face the heroes and shows his red aura)

Drakon: Don't let the red aura fool you, he's much stronger than all of you.

Hanzo: We'll see about that!

(Hanzo charges his aura in the offensive stance and flies at Dredsor and tries to punch him, but Dredsor easily dodges the hit and gives Hanzo a one-handed blast/throw that sends him flying into a building. The others are shocked, Lock charges his aura and attacks Dredsor too, warping around before trying a spin-kick that Dredsor easily

catches in one hand, he then flips Lock back and blasts him in the air, and Lock lands hard.)

Tino: (helping Lock up) You alright Lock?

Lock: Yeah.

Drakon: Now, time for round two. Destroy them!

Dredson: Lock's mine, I can take him alone.

(Dredson smirks and walks towards Lock at a fast pace)

Juzan: We're here with you, Lock.

(Lock attacks Dredson and tries to punch him, but Dredson grabs his fist and fires a blast from his mouth that sends Lock flying. Juzan and Tino instantly attack him but he clotheslines both of them down to the ground and flies after Lock, who regains his balance and warps behind Dredson. Lock goes on the attack but all of his moves are blocked and he is quickly punched down.)

Drakon: I want all of these fighters out of commission, all of you, take care of it now.

(Juzan and Tino are attacked by Drakon's students as they try to get up. Tino is instantly pummeled by the students, but Juzan is able to hold his own for a bit before being knocked down as well. Hanzo is still lying on the ground and a bunch of Drakon students are standing over him.)

Student 1: I think this guy's ko'd.

Student 2: (smacking his fist into his palm) Yeah, now injuring him will be wicked easy.

(from the ground Hanzo smirks then jumps to his feet and blasts all the students)

Hanzo: I can't believe they fell for that one, they're even dumber than Lock.

(Rondo lands in front of him and the two stare each other down)

Rondo: Let's take this up a notch...(he charges the Serpent's Fist)

Hanzo: Fine by me. (he charges the Dragon's Claw)

(the two fly at each other)

Rondo: Serpent's Fist!

Hanzo: Dragon's Claw!

(when the two hit there is a huge explosion and the two are locked in a power struggle, Hanzo is gripping Rondo's fist. Hanzo begins to force Rondo back until Braun warps behind him and grabs him in a bearhug. Rondo scores a punch on Hanzo's face that makes him spit out blood. Juzan kicks down two students then blasts a bunch of them off Tino and helps him up. As Juzan and Tino continue to struggle, a weary Lock gets up and charges Dredsor who fires blasts at him, Lock shields his face as he runs through the blasts and trades blows with Dredsor for a bit before being uppercut, sending him high into the air. Dredsor warps behind him and gives him a double axe-handle that sends him crashing down to the ground, which makes Drakon smile.)

Rondo: See, you're nothing after all, Hanzo. Hold him tight Braun, this one's gonna be good.

(Rondo backs off and concentrates more energy on his Serpent's Fist before flying at Hanzo. Just moments before Rondo's fist connects, Hanzo uses his Dragon's Claw to stab Braun in the leg, breaking out of the bearhug, Hanzo then kicks Rondo in the face knocking him back a few steps. Hanzo and Rondo lock arms but soon some other students blast him in the back and Rondo kicks him back a few steps before hitting him again with the Serpent's Fist.)

Dredsor: Had enough, Lock?

(Lock gets to his feet again and with a determined look charges his aura again. He's about to attack Dredsor again but notices Tino getting creamed and flies over to help. Dredsor smirks when he sees this and flies after Lock. One Drakon student has Tino by the throat and is about to fire a blast at his face when Lock warps in front of him and turns the student's hand around so he is hit by his own blast. Lock quickly takes out the other students around Tino before turning around to see Dredsor flying at him. Dredsor kicks Lock and sends him flying, then turning to Tino, he gives him a hard punch that knocks him over. Dredsor charges a large blast and is about to shoot Tino when Lock grabs him from behind and pulls him back so the blast fires up. Dredsor quickly elbows Lock and punches him repeatedly. Juzan knocks two students down and turns his gaze to Drakon.)

Juzan: You coward. You're just hiding behind your underlings. Why not face me?

Drakon: Fool, I'll teach you some respect.

(Drakon charges his red aura and in a flash he warps in front of Juzan and gives him a charged palm strike that sends him flying back. Juzan is stunned and instantly a bunch of students attack him on the ground before he can recover. Tino gets up and flies at Dredsor, who effortlessly blasts him away, Tino tries to get up again but falls unconscious as Drakon watches on.)

Drakon: Heh, so much for the shrimp. Although I have to admit I'm surprised he lasted this long.

(Hanzo is getting pummeled by Rondo, Braun, and many other students)

Hanzo: (thinking) Darn it, I can't charge my defense technique with so many people attacking me at once!

(Hanzo tries warping into the air to escape but Rondo warps behind him and hits him in the face, sending him crashing down to the ground. Braun and the other students fly up

with Rondo and they all fire blasts at Hanzo on the ground. Drakon creates the Serpent's Fist and many student hold Juzan up so Drakon can punch him in the face.)

Juzan: You won't get away with this, I'll be back stronger than ever!

Drakon: No you won't Juzan...I'm going to make sure of it.

(Drakon punches Juzan in the face with the Serpent's Fist and when Juzan hits the ground he is knocked out)

Drakon: That takes care of Juzan too. (he looks over and sees Hanzo on the ground being hit by hundreds of blasts) And Hanzo won't last much longer either, so now it's just Lock.

(Lock and Dredson charge each other again and Lock warps in front of him and knees him in the jaw, but Dredson just smiles and headbutts Lock down to the ground then blasts him. Lock coughs up some blood as he looks over and sees Juzan and Tino knocked down. He then sees Rondo, Braun and the others all fire huge blasts that knock Hanzo out. Lock struggles to get up and is badly hurt.)

Lock: (thinking) No, I have to get my friends out of here.

(Lock gets up but Dredson warps behind him and gives him a hard kick in the direction of Drakon. The other Drakon students carry over the bodies of Juzan, Tino, and Hanzo and drop them off near Drakon as well.)

Drakon: Take a look at your friends, Lock. You were helpless to protect them.

Lock: Why you!

(Lock tries to punch Drakon but Dredson grabs his punch from behind and puts him in a full nelson hold as Rondo steps up so the two are face to face)

Rondo: You're a loser, Lock. (he spits in Lock's face) And you'll always remain a loser.

(he charges the Serpent's Fist and punches Lock a bunch of times)

Braun: Come on Rondo, give me a piece of him.

(Braun steps up to Lock and hits him a bunch of times)

Lock: (weakly) Braun, how can you do this? I spared you last year.

(a flashback shows Lock holding Braun but releasing him before he delivered the final blow)

Braun: Mercy is for the weak!

(he continues to beat on Lock)

Drakon: That's enough for now Braun, give everyone else a turn.

(Dredson holds Lock as each Drakon student steps up to his face and yells at him/spits in his face/punches/kicks him, when they are done Lock is very bloody and Drakon steps up to him. He grabs Lock by the hair and lifts him up so the two are face to face.)

Drakon: Don't black out on us yet, Lock. The fun is just beginning. Rondo's shown you what the Serpent's Fist is, so now let me demonstrate what a double Serpent's Fist is like.

(he makes the Serpent's Fist in each hand and hits Lock repeatedly, leaving him a bloody mess)

Drakon: I think it's safe to say if Dredson weren't holding you up you'd be eating dirt right now. Your father could certainly take more punishment than you can, no wonder he abandoned you.

Lock: What did you say?

Drakon: Thought I didn't know? You see, in addition to recruiting new students over the summer I also did a little research on you, as it's always good to know your enemy. You can just imagine my surprise when I found out what a unique life you've lived. Your mother dying during your birth was certainly interesting, (laughing) I mean your first act in this world was killing your own mother!

Lock: That's not true!

Drakon: Isn't it? She was alive and well until you came. If you didn't kill her then what did? And here's another thing to ponder, when the doctors informed her she wouldn't survive, what do you think her dying thoughts were? If I had to guess I'd say she spent her last moments regretting ever having you. Your mother wished that you would die, not her.

Lock: (furious) Stop it, if my dad were here he'd teach you a lesson!

Drakon: But your father's not here, Lock. And he will *never* be here. He was probably so disgusted with you that he left the first chance he got. He abandoned you all those years ago because you were a failure then, and he'll never return because you're a failure now.

Lock: You don't know what you're talking about!

Drakon: You just don't want to hear the truth because it breaks your little heart doesn't it? You may think that you can salvage what's left of your life by becoming a martial artist like you dad, but at the end of the day you're just a reject boy who will never fill his dad's shoes.

(a few tears drop from Lock's eyes, he has nothing to say in response to Drakon. Drakon just smirks and punches Lock multiple times with the double Serpent's Fist, knocking Lock out. Dredson releases him and Lock falls at Drakon's feet and he grinds Lock's face into the mud for a bit before addressing his students.)

Drakon: Well done everyone, but we're not finished yet. Keep beating these weaklings even though they're knocked out. I want to hear bones snapping, if we do enough damage to them now, they'll be in the hospital so long they'll miss the tournament completely!

(Drakon's students cheer)

Rondo: Hanzo's coming to.

(Drakon walks over to Hanzo who is trying to get to his feet, many Drakon students kick and stomp him down and Rondo steps on his throat as Drakon speaks to him)

Drakon: Hanzo, you see what happens when you try to oppose me. I don't know why but I still see potential in you. If you swear your allegiance to me I'll allow you the privilege of rejoining us, so what do you say?

(Hanzo doesn't say anything)

Drakon: You do understand what will happen if you refuse my offer, don't you?

(Hanzo glances over at Lock, Juzan, and Tino and sees them being beaten)

Drakon: That's right. Now what's it going to be?

Hanzo: (weakly making a smile) Get a haircut you freak.

(Drakon gets very upset and snaps his fingers and instantly Rondo and the others beat him mercilessly, Hanzo's screams are heard as the scene changes to night in front of Ozana School, Drakon's voice is heard narrating as some of his students drop the heroes bodies off at Ozana's front gates.)

Drakon: (narrating) Bring their bodies back to Ozana School and leave them at the gates in a pool of their own blood as a warning. Let it be known that whoever stands in the way of Drakon will be destroyed no matter who they are (it shows Lock) or how strong they

claim to be (it shows Hanzo). Lock and his friends are finished now, they will be in the hospital for months. The grand tournament has already been won.

(the episode ends with the four heroes knocked out in front of Ozana's gates)