

chapter 19: einal Battle

### INT. THE WORLD BELT ARENA

# MONTAGE - ZANOM FIGHTS IN THE WORLD BELT TOURNAMENT

- 1. Zanom registers for the tournament upon arrival at Baldur.
- 2. Aizen fights Carrot in the quarter-final round of the tournament.
- 3. Zanom swings Ky Himura out of the ring during the semi-final round of the tournament.
- 3. Aizen nearly pushes Rynan Dorvid out of the ring during the final round of the tournament.
- 5. Aizen becomes Ikarin during the attack and attacks Rynan.
- 6. Ikarin calms down and reverts back to Zanom.

#### NARRATOR

It's been a bumpy ride at the World Belt Tournament on Chronic Boom! After making it to the final round, Aizen nearly won it all before a terrorist attack triggered a fight-or-flight regression into Ikarin. But thanks to quick action from Sora and Runa, Zanom was able to overtake Ikarin for control of his emotions. This is the moment we've all been waiting for! Who will win the World Belt Tournament on Baldur? Find out today! The epic conclusion to the World Belt Tournament begins now on Chronic Boom!

### INT. THE WORLD BELT ARENA - RING - NIGHT

Two moons - a larger waning gibbous moon and a smaller half moon - shine down upon Zanom's and Rynan's heads.

Gene Stratos stands by with three officers. Sora stands next to Ken and Halo, nearby. Runa stands with Foxtrot and Ky.

Jarod nods to Jravirtz, who flips a switch, and the safety shields reactivate at normal power.

#### **JRAVIRTZ**

All right, you guys're all set! Call it, Jarod.

JAROD

Right! Uh, guys? Try not to destroy any more of this stadium, huh?

ZANOM

Sorry...

**JAROD** 

I've been scared out of my mind enough today.

RUNA

Just restart the damn match, already!

**JAROD** 

(CLEARS THROAT)

Final Round...

Zanom braces himself in his fighting stance. He breathes heavily.

Rynan prepares to attack. He shows little signs of fatigue.

**JAROD** 

Resume!

Jarod scurries away from the ring.

RYNAN

You used up a lot of energy today.

ZANOM

So, what if I did? Don't tell me you didn't, either.

RYNAN

You almost won earlier. That won't happen again, today.

ZANOM

What?

Rynan appears instantly behind Zanom with a hard elbow to his spine.

Zanom stumbles forward.

RYNAN

Wow. I think I could hear that one!

ZANOM

Damn you!

KEN

This isn't good.

RUNA

Why isn't he fighting back?

HALO

He is. He's just too tired to be any good at it, right now. Take a look.

Runa looks at Zanom. He swings wildly at Rynan, but his attacks are too slow. Rynan attacks quickly and precisely as Zanom stumbles around, too weak and tired to defend himself.

Sora bites down on her scarf. She winces and holds her stomach. Her knees almost buckle under her.

KEN

Are you okay?

SORA

Yeah...

Sora winces again.

SORA

Yeah, I... I'm...

(LOUD GUTTERAL SCREAM)

RUNA

Oh, no... Not here... Not now...

Ken and Halo gently sit Sora on a piece of rubble.

SORA

Someone mind telling me what's happening to my stomach? I feel like I'm about to pop!

Gene radios for assistance.

GENE

We need an ambulance at the Baldur World Belt Arena, STAT! I have a woman about to give birth by the ring!

Sora yanks Gene down to her level.

SORA

I'm not going anywhere until I watch my son defeat this guy. Do you understand me, General?

**GENE** 

Please let go of my hand. I think you broke my pinky.

SORA

Do you?

Gene nearly doubles over in pain before getting back on the radio.

**GENE** 

Scr... Scratch the... the
ambulance! Just br... bring para...
m...medics!

Sora lets go of Gene's hand, and he collapses.

ZANOM

Mom? Mom! What's going on? Is she okay?

Rynan capitalizes on the distraction to knock Zanom to the ground.

RYNAN

Keeps your eyes on the prize if you wanna win, Zanom!

Zanom starts to climb back up but Rynan kicks him in the side of the head. Zanom falls back down, unconscious.

SORA

Zanom! No!

RYNAN

Start the count.

(internal)

I'm sorry I had to do that, Zanom. You needed to fail to push you harder in the future.

Ky's eye glints.

ΚY

(internal)

So, that's your game, Rynan...

FOXTROT

He still lost.

ΚY

Oh, I can see it, too.

RUNA

What do you mean?

FOXTROT

Just watch...

**JAROD** 

Five... Six...

Rynan starts to walk away.

RYNAN

He's not waking up any time soon after all that.

**JAROD** 

Seven...

Zanom twitches.

**JAROD** 

Huh?

Zanom starts to climb back up again.

Rynan stops and turns around.

RYNAN

Don't stop! Quick! Keep counting before he gets back up!

**JAROD** 

Oh, right! Eight...

As Zanom gets back on his feet, his friends and family cheer.

RYNAN

AUGH!

Rynan fires a chi blast at Zanom, piercing him through the chest and knocking him back down. A piece of tile explodes behind him.

RYNAN

I win.

Foxtrot and Ky shake their heads.

ΚY

Come on. This is over.

FOXTROT

Yup. Don't wanna be around when this hits the fan...

KEN

Now, listen here, pal...

Foxtrot and Ky keep walking.

RUNA

How rude!

HALO

Hey! Aren't you at least going to watch the end?

Rynan turns to walk away again. Jarod looks at Zanom's body on the ground, then at Rynan. When he turns back to look at Zanom again, Zanom's body is missing.

**JAROD** 

Uh... Where'd he go?

Jarod looks around frantically before looking up.

Above the ring, Zanom speeds down at Rynan's head. A blue aura surrounds him.

Zanom loses consciousness for a moment before his eyes reopen with a deep blue glow. Zanom's trajectory speeds up.

JAROD

Nope. Not surprised anymore. Not by this.

Rynan turns around just in time to be struck on the forehead by Zanom's thick skull.

Zanom bounces backward, landing in the ring on his back.

Rynan falls backward, landing unconscious outside of the ring.

**JAROD** 

Ring out! Zanom Danvers of Roma is the winner!

Jravirtz drops the safety shields as Ken and Halo run to Zanom's side.

Jarod runs over to Rynan, prodding him with his foot.

JAROD

Hey. Wake up, buddy. You lost. I don't care where you sleep, but you can't sleep here.

Rynan GROANS, trying to collect himself off the arena floor.

KEN

You okay, Zanom? You did it! You won! You're the new Strongest in the Galaxy! Hey! Did you hear me? I said you won!

Zanom barely manages to lift a thumbs-up.

HALO

Let him rest. He's more than earned it, I'd say.

Zanom tries to sit up.

KEN

Whoa! Easy there, big guy! You have a hole in your chest, remember?

ZANOM

My head hurts...

HALO

Let's get you fixed up. Your mom's going into labor.

The paramedics arrive and start to place Sora on a stretcher.

Gene walks up to Zanom, Ken, and Halo.

**GENE** 

About that information I tried to give you before...

HALO

You're going to tell us now? At a moment like this?

**GENE** 

Early witness reports indicate Ikarin didn't kill those spectators in the concession stands.

KEN

That's a good thing, right?

Gene shoots a serious look at Ken.

KEN

That's a bad thing.

Gene nods.

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - ALTAR ROOM

Vayelan abruptly wakes up from his meditation.

Gozu and Mezu run into the altar room and to his side.

GOZU

Master Vayelan!

MEZU

You're finally awake! How good to have you back in this plane!

VAYELAN

They're here! They're back!

GOZU

You don't mean...

VAYELAN

Yes, and they've already drawn their first blood. We must alert the Kamis at once.

EXT. THE WORLD BELT ARENA - PARKING LOT - NIGHT

The last of the angry mob is transported out in squad ships as an ambulance arrives.

Ken and Halo help Zanom hobble out of the arena. Gene follows close behind.

GENE

Are you sure you don't want an ambulance?

ZANOM

I'm half-Demon; I'll be fine by morning.

KEN

That is a pretty bad wound in your chest, dude.

ZANOM

Nothing I can't handle.

HALO

If what Gene says is true, than we really don't have much time to train, do we?

RYNAN (O.S.)

Perhaps, I may be of some assistance with that...

Gene turns around and sees Rynan walking up behind them.

RYNAN

I suppose I deserved that ending after the way I treated you in the ring... I tried to teach you about humility, but it's clear I still have some lessons left to learn, myself.

ZANOM

Why are you helping us?

RYNAN

We had a deal, right? Shamanic Code, and all that?

Zanom CHUCKLES.

ZANOM

You were playing me the whole time, weren't you?

RYNAN

You have no idea what we're up against. Go tend to your family, and we'll talk later.

Zanom turns to watch Runa climb into the ambulance after the paramedics haul Sora in on the stretcher. Sora screams at the paramedics.

ZANOM

Yeah. That might be more important, right now.

RYNAN

Where are the other two Kamis?

ZANOM

Huh?

RYNAN

Three of us are here and a I can sense a fourth on that ambulance. Where are the other two?

HALO

Oh, Godor! I've completely forgotten about Kari and Jaina. I wonder how their training is going by now?

RYNAN

Well, once you find them, come find Ky, Foxtrot, and I. You're going to need everything you've got to take down the Crystal Dragons.

ZANOM

Why don't you come with us?

RYNAN

Tempting, but we've got another mission we need to work on first. Catch ya later.

Rynan teleports away.

KEN

Later.

The ambulance with Runa and Sora pulls away and disappears into the atmosphere.

# NARRATOR

The World Belt Tournament of Baldur is over! Zanom Danvers of Roma has emerged the victor! What did Gene Stratos mean by his statements about the witness reports? Why is the calm, serene Vayelan so flustered all of a sudden? Stay tuned, next time, to Chronic Boom for a very special occasion: the Danvers family welcomes a new member to the world!

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