



zanom squares off
against Flash in an
attempt to blockade sol
from the crystal
dragons.

EXT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - TEMPLE GATES - NIGHT

Zanom stands by the collapsed temple gates. The police cruiser closes in on him.

NARRATOR

Zanom's been framed for the crimes committed by the Crystal Dragons. Worse yet, Vayelan may be in on it. Stared down by the Galactic Police Force and the Central Galactic Military Unit, Zanom has a choice to make...

ZANOM

(internal)

Think, Zanom. Think! If you don't do something fast, your friends and family are going to die, and you'll be too imprisoned to stop the Crystal Dragons from destroying everything!

Zanom teleports into the Temple and runs further inside.

GENE STRATOS (O.S.)

(over loud speaker)

Stay where you are, or we will fire at you!

I/E. POLICE CRUISER

Shadows obscure Gene's face, as he flicks a switch and picks up a comlink.

GENE STRATOS

Okay, guys! It's all you. Oh, and Clive? Try not to destroy the Temple; we have multiple civilians in there.

CLIVE (O.S.)

Aww! You're no fun!

GENE STRATOS

By the book! We don't want another incident like EGO.

CLIVE (O.S.)

Yeah, yeah... Whatever...

GENE STRATOS
 Tom, go with him. Zanom Danvers
 won't be easy to bring down.

TOM (O.S.)
 Right.

EXT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - TEMPLE GATES - MOMENTS LATER

Two armored soldiers fly into the Temple after Zanom.

One of them, TOM BAKER, 27, wears a black suit of armor with the insignia of the Federal Democracy emblazoned across it.

The other, CLIVE BAXTER, 19, wears more generic, silver armor without a helmet. He has short, dark hair and wears what looks like a holographic Google Glass lens over both eyes.

GENE STRATOS (O.S.)
 All units stand by! This could get
 ugly.

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - INNER HALL - NIGHT

Zanom catches up to Ruby and Onyx and prepares to attack.

ZANOM
 Dragons!

RUBY
 Uh-oh. Looks like Topaz screwed up
 again.

Ruby dodges as Zanom crashes into the ground beneath her feet, leaving a sizable crater in the floor.

Flash Shumway steps out of the Aura Room.

FLASH
 Ladies and Gentlemen, I report to
 you live from the Diamonten Temple
 of Sol, where a fight has broken
 out between the murderous Zanom
 Danvers and the heroic Crystal
 Dragons. Just moments ago, Zanom
 attacked the dragon, forcing her to
 defend herself.

ZANOM
 That's horse shit, and you know it!

FLASH

Maybe...

ZANOM

(stunned)

No!

FLASH

Nothing gets by you, Zanom.

ZANOM

I should've known you were the creature everybody reported seeing that day on Baldur! How could I have missed that one?

FLASH

Doesn't matter now...

Flash transforms into a large, dark Semi-Dragon, similar to Ruby's form, only taller and with black scales. This is ONYX.

ONYX

You'll die soon enough.

ZANOM

Why? What do you get out of all this?

ONYX

The universe and the destruction of the Kamis.

Clive and Tom enter the Inner Hall.

TOM

The hell is that thing?

CLIVE

(over comlink)

Uh... Guys? I think we're going to need back-up. We found that black creature that was killing everybody at the World Belt Tournament...

GENE STRATOS (O.S.)

Then kill it! Oh my god! What's the big deal with you tonight?

TOM

(over comlink)

Maybe you haven't noticed because you can't see the giant, black dragon over here, but I think having that back-up ready at any given moment is a good idea.

CLIVE

So... Do we still arrest Danvers?

Onyx lunges at Tom and Clive. Tom and Clive begin shooting at him almost immediately, failing to impede his attack.

CLIVE

Whoa! Shit!

Zanom grabs Onyx by the tail and swings him around through an adjacent wall.

CLIVE

Um... Thanks? Seriously, though? Do we still arrest you?

ZANOM

The Crystal Dragons can shape-shift and probably used my appearance to slay them. This guy...

Zanom fires off an energy blast to buy a few more moments.

ZANOM

...takes the form of Flash Shumway. One of them killed Mezu and assumed her identity. We have to warn Vayelan!

TOM

(over comlink)

Gene, did you catch all that?

GENE STRATOS (O.S.)

Loud and clear. Vayelan claimed to witness you doing it, though... Any ideas why he'd say that?

Zanom fires off another blast, but Onyx plows right through it.

As Zanom braces himself for impact, Clive steps forward and drops his gear.

CLIVE
Step back, kids. Let a pro handle
this one.

Clive cracks his knuckles and transforms into a large, blue goat-like creature with scales. This is his TYDRA CLIVE form.

TYDRA CLIVE
Bring the thunder, bitch!

Tydra Clive tries for a punch to Onyx's face, but Onyx grabs his fist and throws him aside like a rag doll.

ONYX
Consider the thunder brought.

Clive gets up and goes for a flying kick to Onyx's groin.

TYDRA CLIVE
We have a Code Red-B! Taking
defensive action!

Clive successfully lands his kick. Onyx clutches his groin and falls to the ground.

TYDRA CLIVE
Quick! Everybody run! Now!

ZANOM
Not a chance!

Zanom transforms into Aizen and aims for the final blow.

AIZEN
We have him right where we want
him!

ONYX
That's what you think...

Aizen fires off the blast, but Onyx retreats and teleports away just in time.

TYDRA CLIVE
Well, now that that's over with...

AIZEN
It's not. Ruby is on her way to
kill the others. They think she's
Mezu.

TYDRA CLIVE
Well... At least it can't get any
worse than that if we stop her,
right?

AIZEN
Clive, was it?

TYDRA CLIVE
Yeah?

AIZEN
(exasperated)
Shut the hell up.

Aizen darts off after Ruby.

TOM
You know, I think I like that guy,
already...

Tydra Clive just stares and blinks at Tom a beat. Then, he
lowers his head with a SOFT WHIMPER.

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - ALTAR ROOM - LATER

Vayelan enters the altar room with a worried look on his
face.

VAYELAN
Jaina, you must come with me,
immediately!

JAINA
What's wrong? What's going on out
there?

VAYELAN
It's Zanom...

Jaina's eyes begin to widen with fear.

EXT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - TRAINING GROUNDS - NIGHT

Vayelan leads Jaina to the sparring ring at the training
grounds.

JAINA
Elder Vayelan, what's going on? You
said something about Zanom, but you
never specified what.

MEZU (O.S.)
Zanom is dead.

Jaina turns around to find Mezu descending from nearby shadows.

JAINA
What do you mean, Zanom is dead?

MEZU
We killed him. Now it's your turn.

JAINA
Wait! Wha...

Mezu transforms back into Ruby's Semi-Dragon form.

RUBY
Isn't this fun, Demon?

JAINA
I knew you weren't the real Mezu!
You didn't act or speak like her. I
bet you don't even fight like her
either.

RUBY
Nope. I fight better.

Ruby kicks Jaina in the face. Jaina stumbles back a few steps.

Ruby follows up with a mean right-hook to the gut. Jaina falls to one knee.

RUBY
That's right. Bow to Master Onyx.

Ruby begins to transform into her Full-Dragon form, but Kari's Spirit Arrow attack forces her to dodge, ending the transformation.

Ruby looks over to see Kari lunging toward her in battle. Aizen teleports in and tends to Jaina.

AIZEN
You all right?

JAINA
Yeah. I'm fine.

AIZEN

Good. I've got a score to settle with this one.

KARI

What did you do with Mezu?

RUBY

What do you think?

AIZEN

She killed her, as well as the other five Zannojas.

RUBY

Duh!

JAINA

I don't like your attitude!

Jaina stands and begins to power up.

AIZEN

No! This one's mine!

Jaina whips around and glares at Aizen, berating him.

JAINA

You already have dibs on Onyx! I'm the one killing this bitch!

RUBY

Big words coming from such a small build.

A beat.

JAINA

Oh no, she didn't...

Aizen snaps.

RUBY

Quite frankly, I've always found other girls more enjoyable to play with. Not quite as enjoyable as Master Onyx, but...

JAINA

Play with this, skank!

Jaina launches a powerful energy ball.

JAINA
G-FORCE BOMB!

The G-Force Bomb attack hits its target dead on, as it attempts to collapse Ruby into itself like a black hole.

AIZEN
Kari! Get out of there, now!

Kari launches another Spirit Arrow into the black hole, but Ruby powers up and breaks free.

The repelled energy from Jaina's attack blows Kari into a nearby wall, knocking her unconscious. Blood starts trickling down the back of her neck.

AIZEN
Kari!

RUBY
That was too close!

Jaina prepares another G-Force Bomb, but Ruby teleports away to safety.

JAINA
Dammit! She got away!

Aizen walks up to Jaina and sucker punches her across the face.

Jaina falls down and rubs her cheek.

JAINA
The fuck is wrong with you?

AIZEN
You almost killed Kari! Next time you try to kill everyone, take it down a notch!

JAINA
Wait. I thought you two weren't even dating anymore.

AIZEN
We're still friends, dammit! It doesn't mean I want my half-sister to try to kill her!

JAINA
Oh my Godor! You still have a hard-on for her!

Aizen extends his palm and prepares to fire an energy blast at Jaina.

AIZEN
Knock it off. Now.

JAINA
Shouldn't you at least help your
"ex" inside?

Aizen puts down his hand and walks over to Kari.

AIZEN
Just help me get her to safety,
would y...

Aizen reverts back into Zanom and clutches the back of his neck.

Jaina pulls her nail out of his neck; a purple fluid drips from the wound.

ZANOM
What the...

JAINA
I'm venomous. Sorry, bro, but this
one's all mine. You hog way too
much glory, anyway.

CUT TO:

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - VAYELAN'S QUARTERS - LATER

The lights are turned out, but through the cracks of light creeping in through the door, only a bed is vaguely visible.

Jaina places Kari on top of Zanom, on top of the bed. Jaina has patched up her head wound.

JAINA
(internal)
That should keep you company.

Zanom has his shirt off; the large wound from his fight with Rynan during the World Belt Tournament still hasn't completely healed over.

JAINA
(internal)
Now, that gives me an idea...

Jaina runs her claws through Zanom's scar.

JAINA
 (internal)
 Now if you wake up, you really
 won't be able to screw this up for
 me.

Jaina looks over at Kari.

JAINA
 (internal)
 But if she wakes up... Better get
 some rope.

Kari GROANS and starts to stir.

JAINA
 (internal)
 Shit, shit, shit...

KARI
 What happened...

Jaina pricks Kari's neck with her venomous nail, and Kari
 falls right back to sleep.

JAINA
 (internal)
 Now for that rope.

EXT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - MOMENTS LATER

Ruby reports back to Onyx a safe distance from the Temple.
 They stand aboard a defunct hover station.

ONYX
 Ah, Ruby, my love. How did it go?

RUBY
 Topaz fucked up, but I think they
 bought my part. With any luck,
 Sapphire may actually capture the
 green one just like we did with the
 purple one.

ONYX
 That's great news. They'll never
 suspect a thing...

Jaina appears carrying an unconscious, bound Kari. Jaina
 instantly transforms into SAPPHIRE, SEMI-DRAGON FORM,
 APPEARS TO BE IN HER 20s.

Sapphire is a medium sized Crystal Dragon with bright blue

eyes. Her scales are a deeper shade of blue. She appears to be adult-sized, unlike Ruby, who, despite her age, appears to be a small child.

SAPPHIRE

Kidnapping Kamis is so much fun. I even incapacitated Zanom, and with any luck, might've actually killed him, too.

ONYX

That displeases me, Sapphire. You know I wanted to be the one to kill him and that traitor, Diamond.

Sapphire panics; Ruby sticks out her tongue at her.

SAPPHIRE

I... I'm sorry, Master Onyx! Please forgive me! I only left him unconscious and wounded. For all I know he may even survive!

ONYX

Very well. Put her with the other girl. It's their move, now.

SAPPHIRE

Yes, sir!

Sapphire teleports away with Kari.

RUBY

I don't like her at all. Why do you even keep her around?

ONYX

You know why.

RUBY

But I want you all to myself!

ONYX

What kind of leader would I be if I didn't make myself available to everyone who needs me? Keep your eye on the prize, my dear. First we take over the Cosmos, rebuild it in our image, then we can do whatever we want!

NARRATOR

Even as tensions are brewing
between the Crystal Dragons,
themselves, the Kamis are being
divided from within. Will Jaina and
Kari escape from their captors in
time to warn the others? Or will
the Crystal Dragons' deception
bring down the Cosmos? Will Zanom
recover in time to help? Find out
on the next Chronic Boom!

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