



vayelan reveals the
deepest, darkest burden
he's carried for
centuries.

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - VAYELAN'S QUARTERS - MORNING

Zanom still lies sleeping on Vayelan's bed. His skin is pale, and he appears to have been bleeding out all night.

His hand twitching as Sapphire's venom wears off is the only sign that he's still alive.

NARRATOR

Last time on Chronic Boom, the Crystal Dragons captured Kari and gravely wounded Zanom. As the others are unaware of the imposters in their midst, the Crystal Dragons prepare for their final battle.

The door opens. Vayelan stands at the doorway, watching Zanom bleed on his bed.

Vayelan looks around and enters, closing the door behind him.

VAYELAN

(aside)

Must've been some wound, eh?

Vayelan places his hands over the wound.

VAYELAN

(aside)

Wow, she really did a number on you, didn't she? Let's do something about that...

EXT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - TRAINING GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

Gene Stratos takes statements from the group, while Clive Baxter and Tom Baker patrol the area on guard duty.

CLIVE

Man, this blows. He's out there getting that chick's number, and we're out here on the chopping block.

TOM

Clive, you joined IDCON. What the hell did you think you were signing up for?

CLIVE

Hey! I was led to believe I was signing up to test out cool new gadgets and shit.

TOM

Clive, just... Every time I think you can't sound any dumber, you find a new way to prove me wro...

ANGLE: JAINA WALKS OUT TO THE TRAINING GROUNDS.

TOM

Who's that?

CLIVE

You see? If it weren't for guard duty, you'd be able to chat her up, right now.

A beat.

TOM

I don't know whether I hate you or agree with you, right now. I think I'm actually impressed with that.

CLIVE

You ETCON chumps are boring as holy fucking hell, man.

TOM

Says the goat-man who sleeps with a fox spirit every night...

CLIVE

She... Uh... Um... We're kinda taking sort of a break, at the moment.

TOM

You gave her the fur coat, didn't you?

CLIVE

How was I supposed to know it was made from her mother?

TOM

Wait. What?

ANGLE: AN IMMENSE POWER EXPLODES FROM WITHIN THE TEMPLE.

CLIVE

Shit! I suppose we have to be the ones to deal with that, don't we?

TOM

Shut up and come with me!

Clive and Tom race over to the source of the explosion.

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - VAYELAN'S QUARTERS - MOMENTS LATER

Vayelan is almost finished healing Zanom's wounds.

VAYELAN

No! C'mon, just a little more time...

Zanom regains the color in his skin and begins to stir.

VAYELAN

Just a little more...

Zanom's wounds completely disappear.

VAYELAN

That should do it...

ZANOM

Kari!

Zanom jumps up in a cold sweat.

ZANOM

What happened? How did I get here?

Zanom notices Vayelan cowering before him.

ZANOM

You!

Zanom transforms into Aizen.

VAYELAN

Now, now... I know what you're thinking, and the answer may surprise you...

AIZEN

Traitor!

VAYELAN

Hey! I just saved your life. You can at least hear me out.

AIZEN
You have ten seconds to start
talking.

Vayelan sits down on the bed next to where Zanom slept the
night before.

VAYELAN
I suppose you'll want to know why
I've betrayed you.

AIZEN
That's a start.

VAYELAN
It goes back to Aquamarine.

AIZEN
The Dragon you defeated.

Vayelan hangs his head in shame.

AIZEN
...Or didn't defeat.

VAYELAN
It was all staged to cover my
tracks as a Crystal Dragon. I was
to gather intel on how to defeat
the Kamis, but I reneged on my part
of the deal and Aquamarine returned
to finish the job.

AIZEN
And that's when your son fought
him.

VAYELAN
I don't know what came over me,
but... If I hadn't run... Maybe,
just maybe... He might have...

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - OUTER HALL - CONTINUOUS

Clive and Tom investigate the Outer Hall with their weapons
loaded and ready to fire. Tom deploys his energy shield.

Clive follows behind Tom.

CLIVE

I'm just saying. Dave's a total dick. If it weren't for me, he wouldn't have even known about Roswellgate.

TOM

You set off an alien beacon that triggered a full-scale assault on Earth.

CLIVE

Yeah, but you guys handled it pretty well.

TOM

Just shut up and focus on those explosions coming from the Altar Room, would ya?

CLIVE

I'm trying not to focus on the thing that's going to try to kill me. It's probably going to succeed at this point.

TOM

And you said ETCON soldiers were pathetic...

CLIVE

Hey, man! You didn't get body-thrown by that thing! It hurts!

EMERALD (O.S.)

His name is Master Onyx!

An emerald shard flies through the Outer Hall and ricochets off of Tom's shield.

TOM

Tell me you got a lock on where that came from.

CLIVE

He's heading toward the Altar Room.

TOM

Figures. C'mon! We can't let him get away!

Tom runs ahead after Emerald.

CLIVE

Aw, man!

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - VAYELAN'S QUARTERS

Aizen stands across from Vayelan, who has begun sobbing by now.

AIZEN

You... You let your own son die,
fighting your battle?

VAYELAN

I'm a coward. I should've been
there. I should've...

AIZEN

Enough!

Vayelan looks up at Aizen. Aizen stares him down firmly.

AIZEN

You should've done a lot of things
in the past, and I do mean a lot.
If you want to honor the memory of
your son, now's the time to do it.
Help us find a way to defeat Onyx,
once and for all. Running away from
this will only make it worse.

VAYELAN

There is no way. Not even the Kami
Pearls are enough to stop Onyx now.
Don't you understand?

AIZEN

So what are you suggesting? We just
let him destroy everything? I can't
abide by that. It's not Shamanic.

VAYELAN

You share my son's name. It would
seem you've also inherited his
courage in the face of
foolhardiness.

AIZEN

It's only foolhardy if they win. I
don't intend to let that happen.

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - ALTAR ROOM - LATER

Tom and Clive enter the Altar Room. It has been completely taken over by emerald shards.

CLIVE

Tom, I don't think we're in the
Diamonten Temple anymore.

TOM

Not now, Clive.

Clive transforms into Tydra Clive.

TOM

I don't think I'm ever going to get
used to that...

Tydra Clive pushes Tom out of the way of falling emerald shards.

TYDRA CLIVE

Look out!

Tydra Clive smashes the shards with a single punch. EMERALD,
APPEARING TO BE 20, descends before them.

Emerald's Semi-Dragon form is similar in appearance to the
other Dragons', only his scales are a dark green color and
he sports yellow-green eyes.

EMERALD

Hmm... I guess I should take you
out first. Topaz! Focus your
efforts on this one.

Topaz teleports behind Tom. Tom turns around, but Topaz
knocks him aside.

TOM

(AUGH!)

Shit!

A status light on a modular unit on Tom's armor begins
blinking.

TOM

Hmm?

The modular unit BEEPS and CLICKS.

TOM

Well, it's worth a shot...

Tom stands up and cups his hands in front of him.

TOM
Core Unit Duo! Now! RAILGUN!

Tom's armor fires off a powerful burst of concentrated electricity at Topaz. Emerald sees this and jumps in the way.

EMERALD
Foolish Mortal! You think your
parlor tricks will work on us?

Emerald swats the beam of electricity away from him, but it ricochets off the emerald shards on the walls behind him and hits its intended target.

The electricity fries Topaz. Clive punches him across the room. In his weakened state, Topaz disintegrates as he flies through the air.

TYDRA CLIVE
Do that again!

TOM
I can't.

TYDRA CLIVE
Why the hell not?

TOM
Core Unit Duo has to recharge after
attacks like that.

TYDRA CLIVE
You gotta be shitting me!

EMERALD
How unfortunate for you... You
won't get a second chance. If you
think I'll let you do that again,
you're sadly mistaken.

TOM
Shit...

INT. DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - VAYELAN'S QUARTERS

Vayelan sits on his bed with his arms crossed like a small child.

AIZEN
There has to be a way!

VAYELAN
There isn't one!

AIZEN
Listen, the people of Sol will
listen to you more than they'll
listen to me at this point. Have
them evacuate the planet
immediately.

VAYELAN
Aizen...

AIZEN
No. Hear me out. If you're not
going to give us any helpful
information that can be used to
stop them...

VAYELAN
Well...

AIZEN
So, there is something...

VAYELAN
It's not much of a something, but
it might be of a little assistance.

AIZEN
What? What is it? You have to tell
us!

VAYELAN
To be frank, it's a long shot, but
there is something Onyx has been
guarding for centuries. Perhaps, if
you can destroy it, it may weaken
him considerably.

AIZEN
I'll do my best.

VAYELAN
You know he won't make it easy for
you.

AIZEN
It's the best chance we've got.
What is it?

VAYELAN

We need to go to the others with this. They deserve to know, too.

AIZEN

You know you're testifying to all this after this is all said and done, right?

VAYELAN

If you are successful, I should have no retaliation to fear, so that is reasonable.

AIZEN

You promise?

VAYELAN

I promise.

Aizen gives Vayelan a skeptical look, but the two ultimately shake hands on it.

AIZEN

If you don't mind me asking, what is this object?

VAYELAN

Have you ever wondered whatever happened to the Golden Pearl of Kagejuro?

NARRATOR

One Dragon has been defeated, only five more to go! Will Tom and Tydra Clive be able to defeat Emerald without the use of Tom's Core Unit Duo device? And what is this Golden Pearl of Kagejuro, and how is it tied to Onyx's master plan? Find out what the Kamis will do next time on Chronic Boom!

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