



zanom's battle with onyx
takes its next
unexpected casualty.

EXT. PLANET SOL - NIGHT

Onyx transforms into his Full-Dragon state while Zanom watches.

NARRATOR

Last time on Chronic Boom, Zanom managed to destroy the power source of Onyx's master plan. Taking no prisoners, Onyx launches his counterassault in his Full-Dragon state! Does Zanom have what it takes to defeat a full-powered Crystal Dragon and survive? The final battle takes its next turn now, on Chronic Boom!

ZANOM

C'mon! Hurry it up! I don't have all night!

A beat.

ZANOM

(internally)

That power, though. Mistakes may have been made...

Onyx completes his transformation and lunges directly at Zanom. Zanom can barely dodge in time.

ZANOM

WHOA!

(internally)

Guess that means tying him up in a knot is out...

ONYX

What's the matter? Didn't you want me to hurry it up?

Zanom GROWLS.

ONYX

You wanted to die here, and so you shall, impudent little...

ZANOM

Come on, I know you can be more creative than calling me a whelp.

ONYX
I'll call you whatever-the-hell I
damn well please!

A beat.

ONYX
You... You... Stinky doody-head!

Zanom barely dodges Onyx's swift attacks. Some falling rocks and small boulders from impacted volcanoes brush Zanom's shoulder.

ZANOM
Dude... I expected a lot better
than that from you. Not so creative
after you kill your team of
writers, are you?

ONYX
Shut up and die!

Onyx whips his tail at Zanom. Zanom tries to absorb the blow, but can't. He flies through three volcanoes before the ground breaks his fall.

ZANOM
That's gonna leave a mark...

Onyx breathes a chi blast at Zanom, hitting its target head-on. Zanom tries to brace himself the best he can.

ONYX
I think I've toyed with you long
enough, Zanom. Now, satiate my
hunger for mortal flesh!

Onyx swoops in for the kill, but Zanom barely dodges; his chest bleeding, his clothes tattered, and his right shoulder dislocated.

ZANOM
UNGH! Dammit!

ONYX
So, this is how the great Zanom
Danvers goes out. Not with one of
his trademark smart-ass quips or
bravado-filled remarks, but with a
whimper. Look at you. You're done,
Zanom. It's over.

ANGLE: VAYELAN AND RYNAN TELEPORT IN NEARBY.

RYNAN

Are you sure you want to do this?

VAYELAN

I could ask you the same question.

RYNAN

Typical...

Vayelan transforms into his Full-Dragon state.

VAYELAN

Help Zanom. I'll hold off Onyx.

RYNAN

Right.

Onyx hovers over Zanom. Zanom writhes on the ground, barely conscious and gasping for air.

ONYX

Here lies the god of Seigoku,
broken, beaten...

Onyx bares his teeth.

ONYX

Defeated. Any last words before you
die?

ZANOM

Seigo-fuck-yourself!

ONYX

I'll make sure your loved ones
suffer extra for that one-liner.

Onyx lunges to deal the final blow, but he's intercepted by the Diamond Dragon.

DIAMOND

Remember what I've taught you,
Zanom! You can still finish this!

ONYX

Diamond. I should have known.

ZANOM

Vayelan?

Rynan teleports in and grabs Zanom. The two teleport out.

EXT. THE DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - CONTINUOUS

Rynan and Zanom reappear outside the Diamonten Temple gates. Rynan wastes no time restoring Zanom's stamina and energy.

Zanom jumps up and socks Rynan in the face. Rynan falls back into a Temple wall.

ZANOM

I thought I told you not to interfere!

RYNAN

If we hadn't, you'd be dead!

ZANOM

That's my choice to make!

RYNAN

I think there's somebody back on Roma who'd follow you wherever you go, even in death. Is that what you want? Hasn't that girl suffered enough?

Zanom freezes a beat.

RYNAN

Now listen to me with that thick head of yours for just once in your short, miserable life! Vayelan's putting his life on the line just so that we can grab some ancient staff he said he told you about.

ZANOM

Wait! Vayelan's here, too?

RYNAN

Focus! Do you remember what he's talking about?

Zanom stops to think a beat.

ZANOM

He must be talking about Aizen's Lighting Rod.

RYNAN

What?

ZANOM

His son, Aizen Vayelan had a weapon that he used during the battle with Rahab. Rahab was the Aquamarine Dragon. After the battle, Vaye kept the staff as a reminder to himself of his personal shame. That's gotta be what he meant!

RYNAN

We don't have much time. Get in there and find it. Hurry!

Zanom disappears into the Temple.

RYNAN

(internally)

I sense we don't have too much longer...

EXT. PLANET SOL - MOMENTS LATER

Onyx seems to have a clear upper hand over Diamond. Both Dragons breathe their respective crystals at each other in a crystallized beam struggle.

ONYX

What's the matter? I thought your Kami powers granted you more strength than whatever this is.

DIAMOND

I know I can't kill you Onyx, but I know who can.

ONYX

Please... Don't make me laugh! You think sacrificing your power is going to give you an edge over me? That's ridiculous! It'd at least be worth a chuckle if your desperation weren't so pathetic.

DIAMOND

I had to eschew my Dragon powers in order to receive the Kami Pearl in the first place. I now understand I should have stood against you back then, as I am now. I may lose my entry to the Yugokan Codex in regressing to my Dragon powers, but I will do whatever I can to correct my mistakes. All of them.

ONYX

And why would you sacrifice yourself for these inferior creatures? Hmmm? Because you can? Spare me!

DIAMOND

No. Not because I can. I do it because I must!

The Diamond beam starts to overtake the Onyx beam.

ONYX

Those worthless mortals have clearly washed off on you. You must be punished for your betrayal! You are a Dragon; you will be held to such a standard. To stand against us is heresy at its most profane!

The Onyx beam completely overtakes the Diamond beam and knocks Diamond out of the sky in his Vayelan form. Vayelan is stone and lifeless.

Vayelan disintegrates in the wind long before he hits the ground.

ONYX

Ashes to ashes; dust to dust. You died just as useless as you were in life, Diamond.

EXT. THE DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - EARLY MORNING

Rynan meditates, as Onyx makes his way over to the Temple.

RYNAN

(telepathically)

He's coming. You find it yet?

INT. THE DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - VAYELAN'S QUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

Zanom struggles to pull a small weapon off of the wall outside Vayelan's bedroom.

ZANOM
(telepathically)
It's stuck on the wall. I'm having
trouble getting it down.

RYNAN (O.S.)
(telepathically)
Dammit! We're out of time!

ZANOM
((telepathically)
Then stall him long enough for me
to break this wall down!

EXT. THE DIAMONTEN TEMPLE - CONTINUOUS

Rynan stops meditating and braces himself for imminent fight with Onyx.

A giant Onyx shard flies through the air and strikes the front steps to the Temple.

The shard glows and self-destructs, taking the entire Diamonten Temple with him. Rynan dodges just in time.

RYNAN
Shit! No! We were so close!

Rynan's facial expression changes to emotional anguish, as he powers up to take Onyx on. Before he can finish powering up, Onyx swoops in and almost devours him whole.

ONYX
Oh, no you don't! There will be
none of that, today!

Onyx smacks Rynan with his tail, and bats him to the planet's surface, unconscious.

ONYX
Silly Kami! You were never close!
Don't think your parlor tricks work
on me...

Zanom teleports in and stabs Onyx in the back of the neck with the Lightning Rod Staff.

Onyx wriggles in severe pain. Zanom pole vaults off Onyx's neck and lands in front of Rynan.

ZANOM

Hey! I don't care you go, but you
can't sleep here!

Rynan starts to get up, but Onyx fires another ONYX BLAST at them.

Zanom tries to grab Rynan, but they can't get away in time.

When the dust settles, Rynan is holding a barrier over them before collapsing on his knees. Zanom is unconscious from the blast.

ONYX

That's right! On your knees where
you belong!

RYNAN

(broken and exhausted)
You'll... Never win...

Rynan collapses from sheer exhaustion.

A STRANGE VOICE calls out to Zanom.

VOICE

Get up! It's not over yet. It's not
your time. You need to get up and
finish your mission. Now, get up,
put on your big-boy pants, and beat
this jerk-off! Do I need to get
your mom on the line?

Zanom's eyes snap open and glow blue. He stands up and steps over Rynan's limp body.

Onyx looks intrigued by this.

ONYX

Ho? Not done yet, eh? I'll fix
that...

Onyx fires off another Onyx Blast at Zanom, but Zanom powers up into a blue Aura and dissipates it with his sheer willpower.

ONYX

The fuck was that all about?

Onyx fires off several smaller blasts at Zanom, but they all have about as much impact as the first one.

ZANOM

Die.

Onyx GROWLS at Zanom's audacity.

ONYX

You've certainly got the balls all
of a sudden...

Onyx charges up a massive Onyx Blast, but Zanom charges first, swiping the Lightning Rod Staff at Onyx's fang.

The fang snaps off, and Onyx reverts back to Flash Shumway. Flash holds his tooth; his eyes are bloodshot as they water up from the immense dental pain.

FLASH

You... You bastard! What have you
done? You will pay for this!

Flash spots the fang nearby, but as he takes a step toward it, Rynan lobbs a chi blast and destroys it.

Flash collapses to his knees, as Rynan stumbles up to Zanom.

FLASH

NO!

RYNAN

Now, it's over, Flash. Give it up.
You've been bested. It's done.

Flash's eye twitches.

NARRATOR

Zanom has once again tapped into that blue aura and seemingly defeated Onyx, the final Crystal Dragon! But who was that voice calling out to him, and what will Vayelan's fate be, now that he's eschewed his Aura and Zenkai for his old Dragon powers? Is this really the end of Onyx? Find out next time on Chronic Boom!