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Episode 23: Playing A Dangerous Game  
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It has been a week since Christopher and his allies were able to defeat Suija, the Sea Demon in a heartfelt stand. Now Christopher, along with Lisa, is in Japan to see a friendly NFL exhibition featuring the New England Patriots playing against the Oakland Raiders. As you can see, Christopher was being hyped up for the Patriots and the attendees were wondering what was wrong with him.

Christopher: This is a great vacation. Do you think so, Lisa?

Lisa: Uh, yeah. I think you need to chill out; this is only an exhibition, not a real game.

Christopher: As if. The Raiders and the Patriots have been butting heads and talking trash last week to get themselves amped up for this moment. I think it's good marketing for Japan to re-introduce American football in this big island.

Lisa: You think so? I think that the Raiders are going to win in a close game.

Christopher: Why are you switching sides? You know damn well that the Patriots have a super-elite offense and - - -

Lisa: What about their defense? Your team's defense gives up a lot of points; that's the only glaring weakness of your team. Everyone knows that offense wins you games but defense brings you championships.

Christopher: (feeling annoyed.) Whatever; anyway, let's go see if you're wrong about your ill-advised prediction.

Christopher arrived at the ticket gate along with Lisa. As you can see, the people around him were looking at him in a strange way.

Lisa: They're looking at us; I'm starting to become concerned.

Christopher: And that's bugging you? Come now, Lisa. (looks at the ticket vendor.) Here's your two tickets, sir.

Ticket Vendor: Ok, you are cleared to enter. (opens the railbar of the entryway.)

Christopher and Lisa entered the stadium to see the Patriots and the Raiders play the exhibition game. Meanwhile back in Providence, Maxelle, Iris, Leo, Ruth and Hanna were doing some intense training. In the treasurer's office, Christine and Mina received a phone call from Rachael Loews. Christine answered the phone.

Mina Covington – a rookie for the Council of Demon Hunters. She uses shadow binding magic and she's serving as a second treasury member behind Christine Hendricks.

Christine Hendricks – she's serving as a lead treasurer for the Council Of Demon Hunters. She's an elite knife master and her hand-to-hand combat is really good.

Christine: Hello, Christine speaking.

Rachael: It's been a long time, Christine.

Christine: Why did you call me? What's wrong?

Rachael: Christopher and Lisa are in Tokyo. I think they are in trouble.

Christine: What?! What are they doing there?

Rachael: They are watching an NFL exhibition game between the Raiders and the Patriots.

Christine: They are?! I can't believe this; anyway, keep a close eye on them, Rachael. I'll go on ahead and inform the Council about this.

Rachael: Thank you. (hangs up the phone.)

Mina: Who was it?

Christine: It was Rachael Loews; Christopher and Lisa are in trouble. I can't believe that they entered Japan without a paddle.

Mina: And that's bugging you? You worry too much; if you keep that up, you'll have a heart attack.

Christine: Do you know something about Fujino? That's the demon that resides there.

Mina: Ok, I stand corrected. I guess it wouldn't hurt to inform the others about this.

Christine and Mina entered in the front room to inform the others about Fujino in Tokyo.

Leo: Hey, ladies. You want to train with us?

Christine: Uh, no thanks. I want to tell you that Christopher and Lisa are in trouble in Tokyo.

Leo: They are? What happened?

Christine: Fujino's coming after them; they entered Tokyo without a paddle.

Leo: Great. I'm quite positive they can beat them without our help, but it wouldn't hurt to bring some help.

Mina: You want me to go along with them, Leo?

Leo: No, just stay here with Christine and Ed.

Maxelle: What's wrong?

Leo: Christopher and Lisa are in trouble. Go on with your squad to aid him.

Maxelle: But what about you?

Leo: I'm going to go destroy some demon hideouts in Vermont along with Adonis and his crew.

Maxelle: I see; anyway, we'll try to bring Christopher back in one piece.

Meanwhile at Japan, the game was over. The Raiders beat the Patriots, 44-38. Christopher was not amused but he was proud to see that it was a good game they've played.

Lisa: What's wrong, Christopher?

Christopher: Nothing. I guess you were right about the Raiders winning the game, but hey; it was nice to see how my Patriots are doing without Brady. That rookie was getting a chance to show his worth to the team.

Lisa: Who was that quarterback for the Patriots?

Christopher: Beats me. Anyway, let's return back to Providence. (felt an unearthly presence.) What was that? Lisa, did you feel that?

Lisa: Yes. It's a demonic energy; I'm not sure where it's coming from.

Christopher: Let's get out of the stadium before someone gets hurt.

Christopher and Lisa left the stadium and headed to the back alley to get some room to fight off the demon. They were able to catch their breath.

Christopher: That was a close one. Are you able to feel that demonic energy now, Lisa?

Lisa: Yes.

Lisa sees a woman behind him. It was Ryoko Hisamitsu, one of the demons affiliated with Fujino.

Lisa: Christopher, look out!!

Christopher was able to dodge a critical hit from Ryoko. For some reason, he was feeling tired.

Christopher: Who are you, demon?

Ryoko: . . . . .

Christopher: I asked you a question, idiot.

Christopher tried to rush her but she was able to dodge his attack and she elbowed him in the face.

Lisa: Christopher!

Then, Ryoko tried to approach Lisa until Christopher held onto her legs to stop her from attacking Lisa.

Ryoko: Let go of me, you freak.

Christopher: Never. Lisa, get out of here.

Lisa: I'm not leaving you behind.

Then, Ryoko kicked Christopher in the face. She almost stomps on Christopher. But before he could get up, Ryoko kicks him in the stomach; it was a critical hit. Christopher was unable to get up because she kicked his spleen. Lisa couldn't do anything because she was struck with fear.

Ryoko: What's the matter? Scared, bitch?

Lisa: Don't take another step, demon.

Ryoko: You really are scared, aren't you, westerner? That's good.

Lisa: (sees that Ryoko was approaching her and she was backing off.) I'm warning you!!

But before Ryoko could attack her, somebody was able to come to Lisa's defense by blasting water at Ryoko. It was Natsuki Amakumara.

Ryoko: It's you. Why are you defending these westerners?

Natsuki: That's none of your concern. I suggest you leave immediately before I drown you.

Ryoko: Why you - - - you're going to regret this. (leaves.)

Natsuki: Come with me, Lisa, if you want to live.

Lisa: Why? Who are you anyway?

Natsuki: I'm Natsuki Amakumara, a Suiken. It seems to me like your partner's a Raiken.

Lisa: I'm actually his familiar.

Natsuki: It sure doesn't look like it. (she picks up Christopher.) Follow me, please. This area is filled with demons.

Lisa: Ok.

Lisa follows Natsuki to her home. She was concerned about Christopher and trusting Natsuki.