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Episode 3: Christopher's Real Test
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Christopher got dressed so he can learn from Iris and Maxelle how to control and activate his Raiken powers. What happened to the demons that attacked him and Lisa was a cause of concern. He knew his powers were becoming dangerous the more he got angry.

Christopher: Ok, Lisa; it's time to go. (sees that she was in her bedtime attire.) Lisa, didn't you get some more clothes from Maxelle?

Lisa: No. They gave me this.

Christopher: I see. I'm quite positive there's going to be some guys at the gym becoming snoopish of your physique.

Lisa: That's the main reason why Maxelle and Iris are at the gym. Those two know how to fight those guys.

Christopher: Ok, I guess I have to get your clothing after we're done at the gym.

Lisa: I can already tell that Maxelle and Iris are going to give you a hard time; just be careful not to hurt them.

Christopher: Why should I hurt them? I got my Raiken powers under control.

Lisa:

Christopher: Ok, Lisa. I understand.

Christopher and Lisa drove off to the Rockefeller Gym to train alongside with Maxelle and Iris. When they got there, Christopher was shocked to see that he was the only guy at the gym.

Christopher: What's this? I thought this was a gym for guys.

Lisa: Well, I guess that's a relief.

Christopher: Ok, now to search for Maxelle and Iris.

Christopher and Lisa were searching for Maxelle and Iris. But they see Sophie Cage hanging on some handlebars in a two-colored, sleeveless high leg leotard.

Sophie: Hi.

Christopher: Sophie?!

Lisa: You know her?

Christopher: She was my cook at work; now, she's a stripper at Eugene's restaurant.

Sophie: Hey, I'm still a cook. Didn't Eugene tell you that he's only having these events on Fridays and Saturdays?

Christopher: Yeah, he did. Anyway, why are you here?

Sophie: Strengthening my arms and legs. I can already tell that those guys are attracted to finely, ripped girls like me.

Christopher: Sure. Where's Maxelle and Iris?

Sophie: They're in Room 3.

Christopher: Ok. Thanks, Sophie. (leaves and looks the other way in disgust.)

Christopher and Lisa head to Room 3.

Maxelle: You're here early.

Christopher: I am? What were you guys doing on Sunday?

Maxelle: We informed the leader of the Council about your Raiken powers.

Christopher: Who is he?

Maxelle: Our leader is a woman.

Christopher: Could have fooled me. Anyway, how long are we going to be training here? I got a lot of stuff to take care of this week.

Maxelle: At least three hours.

Christopher: For real?! Wow! How are we going to start?

Maxelle: Try fighting against Iris.

Christopher: Are you serious? Look, I'm not going to fight women; who do you think I am?

Iris: What's the matter, Christopher? Chicken?

Christopher: It's been a while since I fought somebody like you; I'll try not to use my Raiken powers against you.

Iris: You don't have to use your powers; I'm just testing your physicality, that's all.

Christopher and Iris fight for two minutes. As you can see, Iris can see where Christopher's attacks were going to land; he was using his fists to breakthrough Iris's defense. But his punches had no effect on Iris. When Christopher was able to hit Iris, he gets caught in a flying triangle choke. He tries to break free from that attack.

Iris: What's wrong, Christopher? Are you ready to give up?

Christopher: Fuck no!

Maxelle: (senses that Christopher was slowly getting angry with Iris.) Ok, Iris. That's enough.

Iris releases Christopher. He was gasping for air.

Christopher: Why did you stop? I could have broken free.

Maxelle: No. Iris is a lot stronger than you; you would have been killed if you tried to break free from that hold.

Christopher: (feeling upset.)

Lisa: (comforts him.) It's alright, Christopher.

Maxelle: I guess we're going to have to bring Sophie in here.

Christopher: Sophie? Is she a demon hunter, too?

Maxelle: No, she's a demon detector. You have a five-minute recess; go on ahead and get something to drink.

Christopher: Ok.

Christopher and Lisa got something to drink. Christopher got himself and Lisa some Gatorade Frost.

Christopher: Here you go, Lisa.

Lisa: What's this? Gatorade Frost?

Christopher: What? Do you like it? It gives you electrolytes.

Christopher drinks the Gatorade and Lisa's hair began to rise.

Lisa: My hair!

Christopher: Oops. I didn't see that coming. (senses that his Raiken powers were invigorated by that drink. thinking silently.) So, that's how these Raiken powers are fueled by - electrolytes. Could be good and it could be bad. (speaks.) Ok, let's go on back to Maxelle and Iris.

Lisa: Ok. (fixes her hair.)

Christopher returns to Maxelle and Iris. As time went by, Christopher had to take on Maxelle and Iris on a 2-on-1 fight and then he had to do pushups while Sophie was sitting on him; he did 20 pushups. He completed his three hour workout and he was feeling tired when he got to his apartment.

Christopher: What a day this is. I didn't know that those women had a brutal workout routine. Why didn't you do anything?

Lisa: I'm a magic user. Fighting is something I don't do.

Christopher: I see. I'll go on ahead and make lunch.

Christopher opens the fridge and sees that he had two swordfish filets left.

Christopher: Lisa, do you like swordfish?

Lisa: I do.

Christopher: I'll go on ahead and make us some sandwiches with the last two filets. I go on and get some more this evening. Would you like to come with me?

Lisa: Yes.

Christopher: Good.

Hours passed. At the evening, Christopher and Lisa head downtown Providence's city limits to a butcher shop to get some swordfish filets and chicken breasts. The name of that butcher shop was Salaam's Prime Butchery. There were three people in the shop; Allison Mayberry, Jasmine Salaam and Abdul Salaam. Jasmine and Allison were taking orders; while Abdul was cutting meat. Allison was 4 months pregnant.

Allison: Hi, Christopher.

Christopher: Hello.

Allison: What would you like to order?

Christopher: Six swordfish filets and six chicken breasts.

Allison: Ok. Will that be all?

Christopher: Yes.

Allison: That will be \$55.15.

Christopher hands Allison sixty dollars and receives four dollars and eighty-five cents as change

Christopher: How long do I have to wait?

Jasmine: At least ten minutes.

Christopher: Ok.

Christopher has a seat waiting for Abdul to make his order. But before he could have a seat, he hears someone screaming.

Christopher: What was that?

Lisa: (senses some demonic energy.) Demons, Christopher. They're in the back alley.

Christopher: OK, let's go, Lisa.

Christopher and Lisa heads into the back alley and stumble upon some three low-level demons. They had a woman surrounded; it was Koya Hamatsu.

Low-Level Demon Boss: Well, well, well. What do we have here?

Koya: What do you want from me?

Low-Level Demon Boss: Other than those double-ds, we would like to feast on your soul.

Low-Level Demon #1: Nah, we would rather feast on those double-ds instead, boss.

Low-Level Demon Boss: Hey, who's side on you on anyway?

Christopher: You ain't feasting on anyone.

Koya: Christopher. What are you doing here?

Christopher: I'm here to rescue you from these demons. (speaks to the demons.) I suggest you walk away from her, if you wish to live.

Low-Level Demon Boss: (laughs.) Who are you supposed to be? Some traveling clown?

The demons were laughing at him but Christopher became angry with them, activating his Raiken powers. But it fizzled out.

Low-Level Demon Boss: (senses that power.) Oh, that idiot's a Raiken. I don't know who you are, but you picked the wrong demons to impose your will upon. Get him.

Then, Abdul appears before them before the low-level demon #2 could attack Christopher. He ended up cutting off his right arm.

Low-Level Demon Boss: Get them both.

Abdul defeated all the demons. The boss of those demons tried to flee, but he cuts off his head. Christopher was shocked to see that from Abdul but he was upset that he failed to activate his Raiken to protect Koya and Lisa.

Abdul: What's wrong, Christopher?

Christopher: Nothing. Thanks for saving us.

Abdul: Try not to make this a habit, Christopher.

Christopher: How were you able to know that I'm a Raiken?

Abdul: My daughter's a demon detector. Too bad that I'm happily retired as a demon hunter.

Christopher: That's fine.

Abdul: I was able to complete your order; do you want it?

Christopher: Yes.

Abdul: OK. (heads back to the shop.)

Christopher: I'm sorry, Koya and Lisa. It seems like I have a lot to learn about these Raiken powers; I almost had you guys killed.

Koya: It's alright. You did something very brave to stand up against those demons. (sees Lisa.) Who's this?

Lisa: I'm Lisa Mason. It's a pleasure to meet you.

Christopher: Well, I guess we have to get home. I'll see you tomorrow.

Christopher and Lisa leave to get their order and return home. The next day, Christopher got up at 6 AM and went to the gym without Lisa, Maxelle and Iris noticing. When he got there, he went to Room 3 and meditate for ten minutes - trying to control his Raiken powers. He was listening to "Mirage" by The Rippingtons. After he was done with that, he got some Gatorade to get a boost for his Raiken powers.

Christopher: I'm quite that these Raiken powers should be easy to control, but this power has to be used to help people rather than to hurt them.

???: It isn't but you're making progress on trying to control it.

Christopher: Who said that?

He sees that it's Leo Mason, Christopher's big brother.

Christopher: Leo?!

Leo: What's wrong? You did receive my message, didn't you?

Christopher: Yeah. Anyway, I'm having a difficult time trying to activate my Raiken powers. I'm trying not to be a crutch towards others.

Leo: I see, but you're going the wrong way with trying to activate it.

Christopher: How were you able to activate your Raiken powers?

Leo: As you can see, a Raiken's power is highly driven by emotions. I can freely use my powers without any problems; I can even control how much voltage I use on my attacks. It seems like your powers have been polished from Maxelle and Iris but it's still incomplete.

Christopher: What can I do to improve it?

Leo: Harden your resolve, Christopher. As you are right now, your powers are just sporadic in defeating Ogra.

Christopher: Ogra? Who's that? Another demon?

Leo: Those demons that tried to attack Koya yesterday are affiliated with them. The leader of the Council classified him as an "A-ranked" demon; he's also the Fire and Earth Demon.

Christopher was shocked to hear that from Leo.

Christopher: Were you able to find him in New England?

Leo: No. We were destroying his hideouts here.

Christopher: Isn't there anything I can do to help you out, at least?

Leo: No, just focus on the low-level demons residing in Providence. I'll handle the high-ranked demons here. Bye. (leaves.)

Christopher: Leo.

Christopher heads back to his apartment. But before he could, he encounters some low-level demons in the back alley. He was able to run away from them but one got in front of him and almost struck Christopher's heart. As you can see, Christopher's Raiken powers almost activated and he was able to vanquish the demon that almost struck his heart. Christopher tries to run away from them but he reaches a dead end. He was trapped.

Low-Level Demon #3: Where do you think you're going?

Christopher: Stay away from me. (sees that they were approaching him.) I'M WARNING YOU!!

Then out of anger, Christopher vanquishes the rest of the demon with his signature Raiken attack. (Liberation Lightning Wave) Somehow, he was able to stand and head back to his apartment. When he got home, Lisa was shocked to see him battered and bruised.

Lisa: Oh my god! Christopher, what happened to you?

Christopher: I killed some demons; they were low-leveled. (he falls out.)

Lisa: Let me heal you.

Maxelle knew that there was something different about Christopher's resolve. It was hardened when he encountered those demons that he destroyed.

Maxelle: (thinking silently.) So, he met his brother? Good job, Leo.

Iris: So what's with him?

Maxelle: He's got a word of encouragement from his big brother. It seems like he finally has his Raiken powers under control.

Iris: I sure hope it's a good thing for him and Lisa.