

1 INT. THE PRELIMINARIES (A WING)- SUNSET

Cheyne and Jay are in their seats while Zay is in the preparation room. He has a tank top and purple shorts as opposed to his usual attire. He puts on a pair of gloves that cover his gauntlets.

The Cosmic Spark reveals herself to the entire crowd.

COSMIC SPARK

You've taken so many steps to get to this point, and yet, you're not even close to the end. You've seen the rules many times over, so I won't prolong the event!

An announcer steps onto the stage while Cosmic Spark sits down. The announcer is short and slim wearing a suit and a fancy and colorful hairstyle.

ANNOUNCER

First match, MacGregor DiMinuto versus Zaire Fowler!

Cheyne and Jay are silent, thinking about their next matches. Then, after throwing down his bracket booklet, he screams and cheers Zaire on.

CHEYNE

LET'S GO!

The surrounding crowd looks at Cheyne.

JERZEL

Way to make a scene.

COSMIC SPARK

Once the sound in the rear speakers goes off, you start! I want a clean match, alright?

ZAIRE

Alright!

The boxer doesn't speak. The Cosmic Spark whispers something in Zay's and Mac's ear.

The sound goes off. The boxer sprints towards Zay and goes for a dash attack. Zay catches the punch but forgets about

the other hand, and gets socked in the face, and the sound goes off. MacGregor wins.

ANNOUNCER

MacGregor wins, and moves on to Round 2!

CHEYNE

Holup. That... That's it?! We lose?

Zay walks off the stage with a smile on his face. Cheyne has a speechless look.

JERZEL

He's smiling... I don't get it!

ANNOUNCER

However!

Those who lose The Preliminaries still have a chance to earn a spot in the program.

CHEYNE

(lets out a heavy gasp)
Ohthankgoodness.

JERZEL

But even then, why would he purposely take an L like that?

Zaire shows back up in the bleachers.

CHEYNE

Well, that was fast.

ZAIRE

Before the round started, Cosmie told me that this tournament-type thing wasn't the only part. Soo...

CHEYNE

You purposely lost this round so that you had energy for the next event? That's... surprisingly smart of you.

JERZEL

"Cosmie"? You couldn't think of a better name?

The camera takes time to focus on everyone in the bleachers, filled with thousands of people. Some of whom are dressed in a purple athletic suit, watching from above. They have masks that hide their faces.

ZAIRE

Phew! I am **so tired!** Y'all wanna get some grub or something?

CHEYNE

My man, you were out there for, like, three seconds.

JERZEL

My match doesn't start until a few hours, I'm up.

ZAIRE

Nice! Good work, team! We deserve a well-earned meal!

CHEYNE

surefinewhatever.

The gang go to Sunny Sally, a food booth next to the stadium that sells cake.

ZAIRE

Three red velvet slices, thank you.

CHEYNE

Thanks, chief... but you already know I don't like red velvet.

JERZEL

Same here.

ZAIRE

No, no, these are for me. Y'all can take your order now.

CHEYNE

You're **seriously** gonna get diabetes, you know that?

CHEYNE

I'll have a medium-slice pound cake,
please.

JERZEL

Can I get a large-slice cheesecake?

SUNNY SALLY WORKER

No problem.

She turns around and goes into the bakery.

ZAIRE

Po-ten-tial. (nods eyes)

CHEYNE

Shut up.

JERZEL

Um, guys, does it seem a little... hot
to you?

CHEYNE

Coming from the fire user.

JERZEL

No... I'm legit! I smell smoke!

Cheyne and Zaire begin to smell it too. Smoke alarms go off,
and people start running. A loud thud is heard from the
stadium. Screams flood the area.

THE TIMESTOPPER

(via mic) **Attention everyone, this is
not a drill! I repeat, this is not a
drill! Everyone evacuate from the
premises NOW! Certified Heroes will
handle this situation!**

The Changers stand in the area, not running. One guy screams
to them to get going.

CIVILIAN

Heck do you think you're doing? We
need to ditch this joint NOW!

CHEYNE

(to Zaire and Jerzel) Are we really
bouta do this?

JERZEL

You applied for this program. Your choice.

Jay runs toward the stage where a huge crater is. Zaire walks, following suit. Cheyne stays stagnant. The stadium looks absolutely demolished and is crumbling even more. She sees the purple-suited individuals step out and stand in a circle, outlining the stage. Jerzel runs through the outline, in turn, picking a fight with the individuals. A group of them try to tackle Jay. Meanwhile, Zay is helping a crippled man escape. He then jumps to help Jay, but she breaks out of the tackle herself using explosive flames. They stand back to back, ready to fight.

ZAIRE

How lucky you are, able to use your powers anywhere. I ain't got nothin'.

JERZEL

More of a burden than you think. Now when is this man gonna get down here and help?!

ZAIRE

He's still thinking about this?

JERZEL

We'll take them on ourselves.

ZAIRE

He'll join in a second... trust me. It always takes a while for a hero to come to his senses during the birth of his career. Comic-Trope# 83.

They run toward some purple suits and knock them out. They continue to fight the others. Jay and Zay are fighting whilst talking.

ZAIRE

Where are Timeie and Cosmie?

JERZEL

Can you, like, stop calling them that?

ZAIRE

Everyone knows the heroes-in-training need help from the big guys at the

start of their journey. It's Comic-Trope #257! They should be coming right about...

Cosmic Spark jumps in from the opening in the roof to take out the goons.

COSMIC SPARK

Who invited you? This is an urgent situation, certified heroes and government officials only!

JERZEL

Heroes? Why do you think we applied to this thing in the first place?

Cosmic Spark's eyes lit up.

COSMIC SPARK

(in thoughts) They get it... I-I didn't actually think someone would-

(to Timestopper via communicator)
We've got help over in this wing.

THE TIMESTOPPER

(to Cosmic Spark via communicator)
Less intruders over here. I'll handle this area alone.

She puts her hands in a blocking position.

COSMIC SPARK

Hit my palm.

JERZEL

I-I'm sorry, wha-

COSMIC SPARK

Now!

Jerzel punches Cosmic Spark's hand using explosive full force (even more powerful than she used against the bear in Pilot).

Cosmic Spark's eyes glow green and she emits a beautiful colorful aura.

ZAIRE

Oh-ho-ho-ho! During the beginning of a superhero's journey, they always need a showcase of what the big guys can do. Comic-Trope #68-

JERZEL

Stop that!

ZAIRE

Always funny how life parallels fiction sometimes.

COSMIC SPARK

We're taking these guys down, not out, so let's make it quick.

The remaining army slowly walks towards our heroes.

ZAIRE

Where is he? He was supposed to be here by now! Have... has my comic trope been proven wrong?

JERZEL

Quit it already!

COSMIC SPARK

Who's this "he" you talk about?

JERZEL

We have a third friend. Too scared to come down.

Jay puts down more goons.

JERZEL

Y'know, I tried. I **tried** getting him to his senses, telling him that we can do something most people don't have the guts to! Kick butt!

ZAIRE

...and y'know, save lives. Don't forget that, too.

...is it really just gonna be Duos Tarantinos, without the last amigo?

COSMIC SPARK
This kid must be conflicted in his
thoughts. But he'll come. He'll come.

JERZEL
you sure, Ms. Spark?

Cosmic Spark says nothing and neutralizes all the remaining
enemies in spectacular fashion.

JERZEL
Why couldn't you just do that from the
start?

COSMIC SPARK
I just wanted to make you guys feel
accomplished. I didn't actually figure
any heroes in training would actually
help.

ZAIRE
See? Comic Trope #68. So again,
where's Timie- uh, *Timestopper*.

COSMIC SPARK
He's in the other wing of the
building. Now...

Cosmic Spark bends down and examines one of the intruders.
They have an emblem painted on the back of their suit, which
is armed with weapons. The face is covered by a mechanical
mask. Cosmic Spark draws the details of the emblem and the
mask in a notepad. Zaire is writing her actions down in a
notepad of his own. Cosmic Spark and Jay look over, and
Cosmic Spark grins.

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THE TIMESTOPPER

(to Cosmic Spark via communicator)
I've neutralized all of them. I'll
meet with you in the A Wing to go to
the Investigation Base. The FEDs're
taking care of these guys.

ZAIRE

(heard through communicator)
Investigation Base?

A group of mysterious figures are seen spying from the roof of the stadium. One, who looks like a leader, is armed with handcuffs strung together with tasered electricity. One of them jumps down, straight at Timestopper, ready to strike down with a sword. It's immediately revealed to be Amanda, wearing the same garb as the other intruders. Timestopper has no time to react, but Cheyne (wearing his disguise from episode 4) suddenly jumps in the way and pushes Amanda out of his field. He doesn't know that it's her, and vice versa.

CHEYNE

It's pretty apparent these guys want
your and Cosmic's head! I'll take this
goon down, and you go!

THE TIMESTOPPER

Kid, you crazy? I'm the certified hero
here. The pro.

He pushes Cheyne behind him and starts dodging sword swings from Amanda. He grabs her wrists to prevent any further attack.

THE TIMESTOPPER

I value your life more than mine. I'm
a hero, and I'd put my life on the
line for anyone I need to-

Amanda kicks Timestopper straight in the face, sending him to the ground. Cheyne goes and attempts to take Amanda out. He goes for a basic punch, but hers hits first. He backs up, and sets his arms out.

CHEYNE

Don't make me use this!

He waves his arms in an attempt to use his powers, but it doesn't work and he gets kicked in the face just like Timestopper. She punches and kicks him repeatedly. Cheyne tries to defend, but he's just too slow. Barely able to stand, Cheyne can't do anything but watch as Amanda uses her sword to neutralize his movement. As she's about to deliver the final kick, Timestopper steps in and blocks the foot with his bare hands. However, this leaves him vulnerable, and the rest of the group swoop down and capture him using the tasered cuffs. He's knocked out cold with a simple chop to the neck.

Amanda looks to be using a communicator to contact Origami, who is in an unknown location. She now has a more sinister diction to her voice than anything before.

AMANDA

Timestopper contained. Just as you asked, Father.

ORIGAMI

Good. Now exterminate the witness and meet me at Base.

AMANDA

Yes, Father.

CHEYNE

no....no.....

She breaks the communicator, grabs Cheyne by the shoulder and punches him square in the face, knocking him out for good.

The episode ends.