

Disention And Death! Mikor's First Strike

Tien awoke in a dizzy haze. Something stood blurred above him. He tried to stand, but found it impossible. Tien's body was completely trashed from the Kaioken and all the fighting before he used it.

"So what do you think?" Vindem finally said. "There's only one left and we've still got another battle coming up."

"I don't think we have a choice," Sojin answered. "If he was able to beat Kira and Kiser combined he must be fairly strong. He could be a great help later on."

Sojin reached for something and threw it down to the ground. Tien reached for it and found that it was one of the Cordis Beans. Slowly bringing it to his mouth, Tien ate it and felt his strength slowly returning and his vision clear. Within minutes he was able to stand at full strength.

"There goes our last one. Can't believe Talra lost one of them. We might as well just turn around and go back home. We don't stand a chance with just us three," Vindem said as he began walking away.

"I've been taking it from you for a while, but now I've had enough," Tien suddenly lashed out. "The whole time we've been out here you've gone against everything I say. Now you don't even believe I'm strong enough after I defeated Kira and Kiser. What is your problem?"

"Let's get something straight," Vindem yelled back. "You're not my leader. You can't just show up and start telling people what they should do when you have no idea of who we are."

"And if you're supposed to be so great then why didn't you help Kito?" Vindem suddenly changed his tone. "Or is it that you choose when you want to save people?"

Tien realized what Vindem meant right away. Kito was dead. Kiser must have broken his neck before Tien could reach him. Talra must have been too late to save him.

"I'd say I'm more of a necessity than you," Tien shot back. "Without me you would have all been dead when you fought Sira."

"Then I'll just take care of you for him," Vindem yelled and charged at Tien. Surprised, Tien caught a punch to the face and stumbled backwards. Vindem continued to charge forward with a barrage of punches.

Tien was now aware of what was happening and blocked quickly. When he grew tired of this he fired a blast into the ground. The rising cloud blinded Vindem.

When he was able to see again, Vindem saw Tien's hand inches from his face. It didn't take him long to figure out Tien was powering up to fire at him.

"If you want to continue fighting we can. You'll most likely die if you do," Tien said calmly.

Vindem dropped his hands and stared at Tien for a minute. Finally turning away, Vindem began to walk slowly in the opposite direction.

"I'm not going to stay around and get killed because of Tien. I'm...," but the sentence wouldn't be completed. Out of nowhere a large spike of Ki had been driven through Vindem's back and out through his chest.

Sojin and Tien looked on in shock as Vindem fell lifelessly to the ground. The spike of Ki disappeared and left a large hole that blood fled from like a river. The realization finally set in, Vindem was dead.

Looking around they both saw a tall figure fall from the sky and land several yards away. The figure turned and looked right at them. The first thing Tien noticed was the armor.

"No way," Tien mumbled softly. "Saiya-jin Armor? He can't be one of them."

"Is that what this is," their enemy said. "I found this a long time ago on a remote planet before I destroyed it. I never thought it would be Saiya-jin Armor."

Tien relaxed a little, but was still nervous. If this was their leader he wouldn't just be another normal fighter. The fact that he also had the ability to destroy planets proved to be another problem.

"You must be fairly impressed with how easily your friend was killed. Merely another victim of Mikor's wrath. Soon I will add two more names to my death list."

Before Tien had a chance to think any more, Sojin ran forward and began attacking with everything he had. Mikor knocked away his attacks effortlessly. Sojin continued to attack blindly, slowly draining away his energy. When Sojin's attacks started becoming weaker, Mikor began his own attack.

Mikor quickly came forward and drove his knee into Sojin's stomach, causing him to fall over. Mikor brought his elbow down onto the back of Sojin's head, sending him to the ground.

Sojin sprung up quickly and went into the air. Stopping suddenly he began raining down blasts at Mikor. It was long before he was tired and had to stop. Looking down, Sojin saw Mikor standing on the ground not hurt at all.

"Enough of your pathetic tricks. Time to die," Mikor said as he began to gather energy for an attack. He produced a small ball of Ki from his hand and threw it at Sojin. Sojin quickly put up his hands to block it.

"Don't touch it, Sojin!" Tien yelled from the ground. Sojin phased to the side, narrowly missing the attack.

Sojin turned and watched as the ball fell to the ground and created a giant explosion. Suddenly, he felt a pain in his back and through to his stomach. Reaching down, he felt blood gushing from a wound. Mikor had gotten him just like Vindem. He tried to stay in the air, but the wound had drained Sojin's energy too much. He slowly fell to the ground and lay there, not moving.

Tien ran over to where he was and noticed a faint breathing. Sojin was still alive, but wouldn't be for long.

"That was hardly a decent warm-up. It will have to do, though," Mikor gloated. "Now, let's see what you've got!"

Mikor ran at Tien and did one of his strongest punches and hit only air. Tien had flown into the air and away from the attack.

"This guy must be incredibly strong to defeat Sojin so quickly," Tien said aloud. "I don't think my body will hold out long enough to defeat him. But it's better than knowing I stand no chance! Kaioken."

"Wait!" a voice suddenly broke through the air. "I won't let you do this again. There's no way you can fight him with the Kaioken. It would tear you apart just like last time."

"Kaio, I know what I'm doing," Tien replied. "Without it I would surely die. Just trust me on this. I promise you won't be disappointed."

"People from Earth never know when to listen," Kaio remarked. "If you want to try it, fine. Don't blame me for not warning you."

"Alright," Tien said to himself. "Kaioken times three!"

With a quick burst of power, Tien's body became engulfed in a red aura. He flew down at Mikor and began attacking.

Mikor was surprised by the sudden quickness of Tien and took several shots. Using the advantage, Tien punched him in the stomach several times then kicked him in the face, causing Mikor to fly backwards.

When Mikor touched the ground with his feet he immediately flew up into the air. He created another ball of energy and threw it at Tien, barely missing as Tien phased away.

Tien appeared behind Mikor and gave him several punches to the back. One final strong punch sent Mikor several feet forwards. Tien phased in front of Mikor before he could gain control and slammed a knee into his face.

As Mikor put his hands up to his face, Tien began punching at his stomach. Several cuts and bruises appeared before he was able to knock Tien away with a fierce kick. Mikor took this break to return to the ground.

Putting up one hand, Mikor fired a blast directly at Tien. With one quick sweep of his hand, Tien knocked it away. Turning quickly, Tien caught Mikor trying to sneak up on him and fired a blast into his stomach. Mikor flew back for a while before knocking the blast to the

ground. Just as he did this, Tien came flying at him.

Mikor put up his arms and barely blocked as a fist came straight at his head. Tien suddenly felt a twitch in his body that made him stop his attack. Mikor looked puzzled for a second as he awaited further attacks. Seeing an opening, Mikor took several shots at Tien. Able to recover in time, Tien blocked each attempt.

Phasing quickly, Tien appeared behind Mikor and drove an elbow into his back. Mikor's back bent and he moved forward as Tien went up higher and gave him a hard kick to the top of his head. The attack caused Mikor to fall hastily to the ground. Mikor laid down for a minute before getting up nonchalantly..

"I am somewhat impressed," Mikor said up to Tien. "I never expected such a power increase. It was all a waste of time, though. You never had a chance. Now I'll show you real power!" That being said, Mikor began to power up.

"Should have known he could increase his power," Tien thought. "He shouldn't be able to make it rise enough to be stronger."

As Mikor continued his power up, his body began to change, too. His muscles began to increase in size and he became several inches taller. Even his hair seemed to increase along with his power.

Tien started to become worried when Mikor's power didn't stop increasing. He sensed it going beyond his own and not showing signs of stopping any time soon.

After several minutes of charging, Mikor did stop. Tien could sense that his power had grown tremendously, but couldn't judge how much. As Tien hung in the air, he began thinking of what to do. No plan was coming to mind. He would have to fight him head to head.