

## Battle for the Triclids! Tien's Greatest Stand

Tien powered up to fly down at Mikor, but before he could, Mikor was in front of him in the air. With a quick punch to the stomach and another to his back, Mikor sent Tien falling towards the ground.

Before he hit the ground Tien regained control of himself and lowered to the ground.

"Let's see if he can handle this," Tien said and put both hands up. "If I can do four, I can do eight. Octa-Dodonpa!" Tien sent eight beams of energy from his fingers at Mikor. He made no attempt to move and each shot hit.

Tien looked up at where Mikor had been and saw that he was no longer there.

"Couldn't be that easy. He must be somewhere," Tien said to himself. He turned around and caught an elbow in the face. The elbow of Mikor. Tien scrambled backwards to avoid any further hits.

"Stupid Triclids," Mikor said. "Even your strongest fighter is a weakling. You actually thought fighting me would do any good? You've just quickened your death!"

"I'm not weak and I'll never die!" Tien yelled and charged at Mikor with a barrage of punches and kicks. Mikor knocked away all of Tien's attempts and once again began his own assault.

He ducked one of Tien's punches and jamed his fist into Tien's stomach. With Tien crouching over and holding his stomach, Mikor kicked him in the face and began punching at him.

With such quick movements, Tien could do nothing except attempt to knock some of them away. He could only block one or two and took several hits.

Mikor stopped his attack and brought his leg back for one big kick. This opening gave Tien the opportunity to jump backwards. Mikor suddenly appeared behind Tien and elbowed him in the back. Tien fell forward, blood running from his mouth.

Mikor picked Tien up off the ground by the neck and held him in the air. Mikor punched at Tien as he hung helplessly in front of him.

When Mikor grew tired of punching, he threw Tien onto the ground several yards forward.

"I told you that you wouldn't win," Mikor gloated. "Now I'll just kill you like the others." Mikor created a spike of Ki and walked towards Tien.

As Mikor was walking towards him, Tien saw, through blood stained eyes, Sojin standing up slowly on Mikor's right. Sojin put one hand out with his fingers curled and the other hand on his forearm.

"Dragon Beam!" Sojin yelled, releasing a large beam of energy at Mikor. Mikor turned just as it ran into him, sending him out of Tien's sight.

Tien rose from the ground and flew over to where Sojin had collapsed onto the ground.

"That took all of the energy I had left," Sojin said weakly, blood still running from him. "I'm sure he's not dead, but you can finish him. I've known it since we fought Sira. Don't hold back the strength I know is inside you. You're the only hope this planet has. Destroy him for me." Sojin closed his three eyes, and with a final breath, died.

"I can't believe such a weak attack like that could actually even move me. I'm almost ashamed." Tien turned from Sojin and saw that Mikor was back, strong as ever.

"With that annoyance out of the way, are you ready to die now?" asked Mikor as he walked slowly towards Tien.

"I said I wouldn't do it, but I have no choice," Tien said to himself. "Kaioken times five!"

Mikor watched on as Tien's body was covered in a massive red aura. Tien struggled to control the sudden jump in power. Within seconds, Tien was ready for another round.

"Another puny power-up from the weak Triclid. I don't even..."

"I'm tired of hearing your stupid ramblings," Tien interrupted. "If we're going to fight, let's do it now."

Mikor gave little thought to the words and flew forward to hit Tien, finding only empty air. Tien appeared behind Mikor and drove an elbow into his back. Mikor stumbled forwards and

was sent backwards again by a quick punch to the face from Tien.

The new speed and strength caused Mikor to lose his balance, allowing Tien the chance to punch away at him.

Noticing that Tien was now stronger, Mikor flew up into the air away from him. He was surprised when Tien appeared in front of him.

Mikor turned and began flyin the other way. When Tien apeared in front of him this time, he was ready. Mikor shot a Ki blast into Tien's face. The blast blinded Tien and left him open for attacks.

Now that he had the advantage, Mikor began pummeling Tien. His punches were quick and strong, but barely seemed to harm Tien.

Tien's vision returned right as Mikor threw a ball of Ki at him. He quickly dodged it and watched as it fell to the ground. Suddenly realizing his mistake, Tien phased away. The spike that Mikor had thrown just narrowly missed him.

"I guess you're not as dumb as the other one," Mikor said. He then fired a large beam from both hands that headed right at Tien. A strong swipe of his hand knocked the beam safely away from himself and the planet.

Tien flew forward and was about to hit Mikor when another surge went through his body. Using the advantage, Mikor gave Tien a punch that sent him back to where he'd just come from.

"My body is really starting to give out," Tien thought to himself. "If I don't finish this quick he'll figure it out and beat me."

Mikor flew down at Tien and threw a strong punch, but Tien grabbed his arm before it hit. Mikor tried the other arm, but it was caught, too. Mikor dug his hands into Tien's wrists and held on tight. Both fighters charged up their bodies. Mikor and Tien stood inches apart in a colossal power struggle.

With his power greater than ever, Tien brought his knee up through Mikor's arms and into his chin. Tien flew up above Mikor and fired a beam into his body. The beam and Mikor hit the ground hard, causing a large hole.

Mikor lay at the bottom unmoving, but he was laughing. Tien stood puzzled for a second until he felt another painful burst go through his body, lasting longer than ever. Tien had to lower to the ground as his energy was fading.

"You had no intention of hitting me. You just wanted me to use up my energy," Tien said out loud.

"I had you figured all wrong. I thought you were just another stupid, weak Triclid, much like the many others that I've had killed by my followers. You're different somehow. None of that matters now, though, as you're life is at it's end."

Mikor ran toward Tien and made a kick for his head. Tien ducked under it and swept his other leg, causing Mikor to slide across the ground. Tien flew up inot the air and started raining down blasts at where mikor was. After countless blasts, Tien stopped and put his hands in a triangle in front of him.

"Kikoho!" he yelled and fired a massive amount of energy down on Mikkor. The blast hit the ground making a large explosion.

Tien lowered himself to the ground quickly. As soon as he touched, he fell to his knees, breathing hard.

"It's finally over. I've beat him. Now I just need a rest." Tien fell forward and hit the ground hard. His body completely drained, Tien lay on the ground, unable to move.

"Now what kind of fiend would I be to die like that?" Tien heard a voice in the distance. "You can't honestly think somebody would defeat me, especially you." Mikor was back. He hadn't been killed after all.

"N-n-no!" Tien yelled. He tried to get up, but only made it a couple inches before falling back down.

"I'm afraid so," Mikor said back. "How many times do I have to tell you you're going to die? And with you out of the way, the planet is mine. I had expected much more."

Tien lifted his head and looked at Mikor as he powered up for a final attack that would

easily kill him.

"I've failed," Tien thought to himself. "These people trusted me for nothing. I just hope he makes it quick." Mikor finished his power up and prepared to fire at Tien. He put both hands in the air, palm up.

"Devil Flare!" yelled Mikor as he brought both hands down in front of his body, palms out. A large beam was released and headed straight for Tien.

A dark figure flew in front of Tien and in the way of the blast. The figure put their arms in an X in front of their body.

"Angel Wings!" the person yelled, creating a large barrier. Mikor's blast hit the barrier and stopped. Tien looked up to see who had saved him.

"Talra, what are you doing?" Tien asked weakly.

"Making up for earlier. I know I messed up before, but this should more than make up for it. This could help, too." Talra took something out of her pocket and threw it down to Tien. It was the missing Cordis Bean.

Tien stared at the bean that lay inches in front of him. He struggled to put a hand forward and reach it. His attention was diverted when Mikor stopped firing and Talra's barrier dropped. He tried to raise his head, but could only see their feet.

"Stupid girl! You'll pay for that!" Mikor flew at Talra with a large spike in his hand. Talra was so tired from holding up the barrier that she couldn't move.

Tien watched on in horror as Talra was about to be killed. Tien saw Mikor's feet only feet away from Talra's when another pair of feet appeared next to Mikor's. Mikor's feet disappeared from sight and the extra pair vanished as quickly as they had appeared.

Not wasting time, Talra bent down and put the Cordis Bean in Tien's mouth. Tien's energy began to come back slowly, but could only reach half way due to the extreme damage. Jumping up quickly, Tien looked around for Mikor, but couldn't see him.

"Talra, get out of here and find Miso. She should be somewhere around here. Take her back to the base and I'll be with you shortly," Tien commanded.

Talra took off slowly, still tired from the barrier. Now it was just Tien and Mikor, again. Tien turned and saw that Mikor had his hands in the air.

"Oh no. I shouldn't have wasted so much time," Tien thought to himself."

"Kaioken!" Tien yelled, once again being consumed by the fiery aura. He put his hands in the air and joined his wrists together creating a U with his hands.

Mikor put both his hands out and fired his blast again. This one just as strong as the last one.

Tien put his hands in front of him, still in a U. He continued gathering energy until Mikor's beam was about to hit him.

"Kaio-Cannon!" Tien yelled and fired a large red beam into Mikor's. Tien's blast was easily overpowering Mikor. With a quick burst, Mikor sent more energy at Tien. The blast was starting to come at Tien now.

"Here goes nothing," Tien said to himself. "Kaioken time three!" the new burst of energy sent Tien's beam through Mikor's and into him. When the blast hit, it created a giant explosion that sent Tien falling to the ground.

Tien slowly raised himself up and looked over to where Mikor was. He was lying on the ground barely hanging onto life. Tien flew over and looked down on him.

"P-p-please help m-me," Mikor stuttered, barely clinging to life. "I p-promise not to d-do anything to you." Tien knelt down and picked up Mikor by his shirt, holding Mikor in front of him.

"How does it feel to have this much pain?" Tien asked.

"It's the worst pain possible. A pain you could never imagine," Mikor coughed and blood flew from his mouth onto Tien.

"You don't know what pain is. Pain is losing your friends to a monster. Pain is being ashamed of by your own parents. The kind of pain I have you'll never know. Your physical pain will end now!"

Tien threw Mikor back down to the ground and powered up for one last blast.

"No! You can't!" Mikor yelled. His pleas fell on deaf ears as Tien blasted Mikor. The blast destroyed Mikor's body completely.

"I guess dieing really did help in the long run," Tien said, laughing slightly. "But now I have Kaio-Sama's sense of humor."