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COBRA KAI

Episode 00

"Lightning in the Desert"

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EXT. ALL VALLEY TOURNAMENT - DAY - FLASHBACK

SUPERIMPOSE: **ALL VALLEY, 1987**

DANIEL (18), using a spinning back kick, is victorious against his OPPONENT (18) at All Valley Tournament. The crowd rushes to the center of the arena.

Daniel goes to his sensei MR. MYAGI (54)

The two of them are cheered on and rushed by the crowd who swarm around Daniel in an excited frenzy.

Daniel and Myagi get followed by a lingering crowd, as they exit their way out of the All Valley Tournament.

They are walking through the large convention hall with the posse of fans.

Something causes Daniel to stop. CATCHES HIS EYE.

"LIGHTNING IN THE DESERT: KARATE TOURNAMENT IN PAHRUMP, NEVADA. ALL AGES" on a graphic poster advertising the tournament.

Daniel is reading this poster and makes it apparent to Myagi. He looks very intrigued.

MYAGI

No, Daniel-San. Pahrump too far.

Daniel looks perplexed.

DANIEL

Too far, Sensei? But we've high tailed it all the way to Okinawa together.

MYAGI

You already won tournament, All Valley. No need to prove anything in another tournament.

Daniel can tell his Sensei is deflecting to avoid something.

DANIEL

Come on Mr. Myagi. Not this again. Why not? I could save up and get my own car, I mean if you don't want to take one of yours. If that's what it is.

MYAGI

I never go to that tournament. It does not matter, Daniel San.

Daniel looks discouraged.

MYAGI (cont'd)

Even All Valley. It never mattered. What matters is to be where you are. Where life takes you where needed. It is sometimes better that you no be there. In a fight. Same way as in life.

DANIEL

This is another tournament though. Not a regular fight. I'm not trying to defend anything other than to prove that I can do it. That I can be the best and win there tournament as well.

MYAGI

You need prove nothing. Remember. It is better always to no be there. This is last tournament, Daniel-San. We never fight together again. I can no fight with you forever. I teach you, Daniel-San. Not just in fighting but -

DANIEL

-But in life, right. I know. I can't believe this, Sensei. I went to Japan with you. I was almost killed by that psycho, Chozen. Over a situation you put me in and you can't come to this other tournament with me?

Daniel appears to be seeing Mr. Myagi in a new, unflattering light. He's looking at him like a disgruntled teenager does when they are told "no" to something.

Mr. Myagi looks at Daniel with stern glare of discipline. Daniel stares back at him. They lock eyes, intensely.

TRIBAL DRUMS swell and the-

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- titles go up.

END FLASHBACK:

EXT. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY - SANTA MONICA - PRESENT DAY

JOHNNY LAWRENCE and son ROBBY are parked along the Pacific Coast Highway, overlooking the ocean. Johnny holds a beer. He's drinking in the parked car. His son sits with him.

JOHNNY

Play some music.

Robby starts playing "Raining Blood" by Slayer on the radio.

JOHNNY

What the hell do you think you're doing?!

ROBBY

I thought you loved metal? This is Slayer!

JOHNNY

All that angsty thrasher shit is what killed metal.

ROBBY

Blasphemy.

Robby begrudgingly turns it to some Guns N' Roses.

JOHNNY

That's more like it.

Robby shakes his head.

ROBBY

You make no sense. They're both from your golden era, you know? Your decade? The 80's.

Johnny zones out rocking to Guns n Roses, ignoring his son. Robby seems to enjoy the compromise.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEVADA DESERT - DAY

DANIEL LARUSSO and daughter SAMANTHA are driving the 1947 FORD DE LUXE together across the desert. They are out on a huge stretch of highway with no other cars around and just desert, with the Nevada mountains in the distance.

INT. DANIEL/MYAGI'S 1947 DE LUXE - CONTINUOUS

Sam looks contemplative. Like she is troubled by something. Daniel tries to perk her up with his demeanor.

DANIEL
Couldn't leave the long face back in
the Valley, huh?

SAMANTHA
It's not that I couldn't, I just
didn't.

DANIEL
Well, I thought you would be excited
for this?

SAMANTHA
I realized now how this seems. A
tournament in the middle of the
desert, away from all my friends,
without any of the rest of our dojo?
It doesn't feel right.

DANIEL
You and I will have a great time,
Sam. Trust me.

Sam says nothing and sips a drink she has in the cup holder and looks out the window.

Pan over to see Daniel's son, ANTHONY, sleeping in the backseat.

CUT TO:

EXT. MIYAGI-DO - DAY

ELI, DEMETRI, CHRIS, NATHANIEL and OTHER MYAGI-DO KARATE STUDENTS are outside in the backyard of the dojo trying to maintain productivity while their sensei, Daniel is away. Demetri is wearing a MYAGI-DO T-SHIRT.

DEMETRI
Check it out, you guys. Yasmine made
these.

The Bonsai Tree logo for the dojo is displayed alongside the words MYAGI-DO KARATE.

Everyone responds excitedly at the new merch. Demetri carries in a box of T-shirts into the backyard.

Everyone is jeering, except Eli. Somber and forlorn looking. Everyone seems to not notice Eli is acting differently.

CHRIS

Man, these are sick. We got to start selling these.

NATHANIEL

Yeah! We could afford so much new equipment with the funds.

DEMETRI

I for some reason don't think that will sit well with Sensei LaRusso.

CHRIS

Oh, whatever. I didn't know you spoke for Mr. LaRusso. Besides, Cobra Kai has their stupid ass gear. They probably make a killing off of all that.

ELI

They'll always kick our ass when it comes to marketing. Like the announcer guy said at the all valley tournament, Cobra Kai is "the most bad ass name for a dojo."

CUT TO:

EXT. NEVADA DESERT - DAY

TERRY SILVER and his pupil, TORY NICHOLS travel across the desert of Nevada as well. The signs show they are about to arrive to Pahrump, Nevada. There's also signs for the tournament "Lightning in the Desert"

Tory looks weary of Silver though. His pupils are dilated and he stares out at the rode, obsessively.

With them in the backseat is KENNY, listening to headphones.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEVADA DESERT - DAY

The LaRusso's are seen passing the same signs, moments later, indicating their imminent arrival in Pahrump.

CUT TO:

EXT. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY - SANTA MONICA - DAY

Johnny and Robby are still seated in the car, overlooking the ocean.

ROBBY

What are we doing? I thought you wanted to look for Miguel in Mexico. Why are we at the beach?

Johnny cracks open another beer.

JOHNNY

I just wanted to drink a bud or two out here at Santa Monica before we make our journey. I told Vanessa already that I would make sure he's okay. She's worried about me looking for him. He's out there trying to look for his dad.

ROBBY

That's a good thing right?

JOHNNY

No. That's why I'm gonna go after Miguel and make sure he's alright.

ROBBY

I see.

JOHNNY

Problem is I don't know where to start. I just want to get away for awhile. His mom, Vanessa, is scared about me doing it but she says his dad's not a good guy. She doesn't know what to do, so I have to do something or Miguel could be in serious danger out there.

Johnny looks to be in serious thought. Like he's not sure what to do. Pensive.

ROBBY

I know that's urgent but with no leads we'd just be going out there completely blind.

Johnny sips his beer and thinks about the question.

JOHNNY

Yeah?

ROBBY

You said the LaRusso's are at a
Karate tournament in Vegas right?

JOHNNY

No, it's Pahrump, Nevada.

Robby looks contemplative.

JOHNNY (cont'd)

LaRusso says it's called Thunder Down
in the Desert or something.

ROBBY

I want to help you make sure Miguel
is safe and find him. Though don't
you think we should be out there
supporting the Myagi-Do's? I could
sign up too as Eagle Fang. I'll bet
Kreese and Silver brought Cobra Kai
out there if they know about it.
Eagle Fang can have another shot at
taking them down.

Johnny thinks for a moment.

Suddenly the two are strapped into the car and peel off into
the setting sun.

EXT. MIYAGI-DO - DAY

The Myagi-Do students are still gathered with the box of T-
shirts, discussing things.

CHRIS

What makes you so sure sensei LaRusso
won't let us sell these T-shirts?

DEMETRI

Uh, I don't know. Maybe the fact that
he doesn't charge any of us for
Karate and made a point of it in his
advertisement he put out when all
this first started.

ELI

Hella sus, huh, that Cobra Kai always
have money? Makes me wonder about
that Terry Silver guy. Dudes rich.
Like super rich. Before he came back
and rejoined Cobra Kai, I don't know.
Kreese had some military backing or
something.

(MORE)

ELI (cont'd)

That's what it seemed like when I was at Cobra Kai because they were never short on funding even though we had like 9 students and some of them Kreese wouldn't even make pay.

DEMETRI

So one of them presumably has endless military backing and the other ones Lex Luthor?

ELI

Why is everything Batman with you?

DEMETRI

Lex Luthor is Superman's nemesis. Though he definitely works well as and has been a foe for the Dark Knight.

Eli shakes his head at Demetri.

ELI

I wonder what Kreese and Silver have planned next.

DEMETRI

What are WE going to do next? The Cobra Kai's won the All Valley tournament. Daniel and sensei Johnny made an agreement to Kreese and Silver. To not teach anymore Karate.

Eli scoffs.

ELI

You think they're gonna honor that agreement?

Demetri looks confused.

DEMETRI

Well, as honorable men I would think so.

Eli looks annoyed at Demetri.

ELI

Think about who Daniel and Johnny made the agreement with, Demetri?

CUT TO:

INT. FEDERAL PRISON - DAY

JOHN KREESE in a prison cell, looking motivated by pure hatred.

A MONTAGE:

Kreese does a series of; pushups, sit ups and pull ups in his cell.

CUT TO:

EXT. PAHRUMP, NEVADA - DAY

The LaRusso's Ford De Luxe is seen pulling up to a motel with a view of the convention center where the Karate tournament is located.

Daniel, Samantha and Anthony park, get out of the car with their luggage. They all head into the motel lobby.

INT. MOTEL/INN - DAY

The LaRusso's walk through the lobby. They head for the counter when Terry Silver, Tory and Kenny suddenly appear and they immediately all see each other. The LaRusso's are startled. The Cobra Kai's seem almost like they knew they were coming, bearing sinister grins. Except for Tory who just stares daggers at Sam.

TERRY

Hey, Daniel!

Terry still smiles maliciously but his voice is deceptively warm and friendly.

DANIEL

You again. Where's your ball and chain, Kreese?

TERRY

Kreese is living at his new residence at the San Luis Obispo Men's Colony, serving 20 to life for battery assault and attempted murder.

DANIEL

What?!

TERRY

That's right. Stingray.

CUT TO:

INT. COBRA KAI DOJO - NIGHT - FLASHBACK

Shots from the previous season are shown of a drunken Terry Silver brutally beating STINGRAY within an inch of his life, laughing while doing so, mocking him.

TERRY

You wanna be Cobra Kai? Haha, all you have to do is say it was Kreese who did this this, you hear me?

BACK TO:

INT. MOTEL/INN

Terry's still speaking to Daniel.

TERRY

A vicious beating. So tragic, really. Poor fool couldn't defend himself against a master like Kreese.

DANIEL

Guess it doesn't surprise me. That psycho.

TERRY

You on the other hand, Daniel.

DANIEL

What?

TERRY

We had an agreement, remember? Unless you and your lovely family are out here to enjoy the beautiful scenery, you guys aren't supposed to be doing Karate.

DANIEL

I'm not gonna agree to the terms of cheaters.

TERRY

Come on, Daniel. Why can't we be friends after all this time? You wanna insult me, okay good. I'll give you an option here. Tournaments all ages.

(MORE)

TERRY (cont'd)

How about you sign up in the adult division and if you win, the conditions of the previous agreement become null and void? I already will be competing, myself.

Daniel stares at Silver angrily, like he's going to say yes but against his will. His kids look at him worried.

DANIEL

And what if you win?

Silver grins at Daniel.

CUT TO:

INT. JOHNNY'S CAR - DAY

Johnny and Robby are making their way to the Nevada tournament driving through desert. Johnny is blasting some 80's hair metal to Robby's dismay.

JOHNNY

Only about another hour an' a half or so.

Robby shakes his head at the music.

ROBBY

That's great.
(towards the music))
Don't you ever get tired of this shit?

JOHNNY

If I wasn't going 90 right now I'd slam on my brakes.

BACK TO:

INT. MOTEL/INN - DAY

Daniel and his family are still talking to Terry and his Cobra Kai pupils.

DANIEL

Lemme guess; you not only want me to stop teaching Karate but you wanna take over Myagi-Do and all my students, is that it?

TERRY

Daniel, you think too small. Won't I wanna take all your car dealerships too? What else can I take from you in this wager.

DANIEL

Forget it. You can't make me agree to your sadistic crap. What makes you think I'd put all that on the line when I'm not even willing to stop teaching my students?!

Daniel is getting heated. Terry activates Daniel's PTSD, in particular.

TERRY

Fine. What can I expect from a former champion, who's sensei, who was a cowardly old fool, only taught him defense. Come on, gang. We'll have plenty of time with these ones at the tournament tomorrow. The prodigies of LaRusso.

Kenny smirks mockingly at Anthony and Tory mad-dogs Sam as they walk away with their sensei.

Daniel is left to check in with his family at the motel front counter after that ordeal.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEVADA DESERT - NIGHT

Daniel is walking around the small desert town when he runs into Silver.

TERRY

You're signing up to fight in the adult division tomorrow, LaRusso.

DANIEL

How about this? Screw you, Terry. I'll be coaching my kids from the sidelines. They'll be fighting as Myagi-Do, not me.

TERRY

Wrong, Daniel!

DANIEL

Look, I think we've already well established that if I'm not gonna stop teaching my kids then-

Terry erupts in anger.

TERRY

You think I can't make you do what I want?! Huh?!

Terry pulls out his phone.

TERRY (cont'd)

How's about this, LaRusso. I'm a very rich man, right? You think I give a shit about your auto-dealerships? It's about this! It's me showing you that you don't get to do what you want here. I got guys on the phone right now, back in Encino Hills that'll pay a visit to your wife. It's not about "you not teaching karate" Daniel. It never was. It's about control. You had your chance to lay down. Cobra Kai doesn't need Myagi-Do do go defunct. I can manipulate everything. You could of had it so easy, Daniel.

Daniel looks dumbfounded.

DANIEL

I-I'm not gonna sign up in the tournament.

TERRY

Your wife's all alone, Daniel.

Daniel looks pissed off.

TERRY (cont'd)

She wouldn't happen to know Karate, would she?

DANIEL

Actually, I have shown her a few things.

Terry laughs.

TERRY

Look, you do what you want, Daniel. Sign up or not. its your call.

(MORE)

TERRY (cont'd)

By the the way you might want to have somebody check on your wife.

DANIEL

Oh, you're so subtle in your threat, Silver. I almost couldn't tell what you're implying.

Terry starts to walk off.

TERRY

That's right, Daniel. Relish that anger. You'll always have that little bit of Cobra Kai still in you. I taught you.

Daniel walks away as well, hesitant about letting Terry walk away, unscathed.

CUT TO:

EXT. CONVENTION CENTER - THE NEXT DAY

Tons of fighters and their respective coaches as well as spectators are showing up to fill the convention center for the karate tournament.

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - DAY

Daniel, Anthony and Samantha enter the convention hall. Spot Johnny Lawrence with Robby. Johnny looks like he's relieved. Sam looks surprised but happy to see Robby.

JOHNNY

Finally meeting up at the tournament with the LaRusso's.

DANIEL

What are you doing here, Johnny? I thought you would of been on the trail of Miguel by now. Have you heard from him? How's he doing?

JOHNNY

Unfortunately, no. He still hasn't communicated with his mother or me.

Johnny looks at Robby.

JOHNNY (cont'd)

Enjoying the pleasure of bonding with my son really for the first time here and in all his wisdom he suggested we join you guys at this tournament and kick a little Cobra Kai ass.

Daniel looks surprised.

SAMANTHA

You know they're here?

ROBBY

Call it an educated guess.

JOHNNY

So what do you say, LaRusso? We signing up in the adult division?

Daniel looks chagrined.

DANIEL

Hah, guess I'll have to.

Johnny chuckles, obliviously.

Johnny and Daniel walk over to the adult sign up table. They fill out the entry waivers.

Silver, Tory and Kenny all appear behind them in their Cobra Kai uniforms, heading for the ring.

DANIEL (cont'd)

There's something I gotta tell you about Silver, Johnny.

EXT. ARENA - DAY

There are several different fights happening at once at this tournament. The three divisions all compete at the same time on different sides of the arena, separate rings.

The adult fighters are shown. Terry Silver versus A JAPANESE KARATE MASTER (30-40's). A clear match for Silver.

CUT TO:

Tory Nichols stands ready to fight her opponent at the girls division ring. She is up against A PRETEEN GIRL (12-13) who looks super confident to be going up against an older opponent. Tory looks confident but somewhat surprised.

BACK TO:

Referee prepares the adult fighters.

REF

Okay, standard rules apply; penalties for all illegal contact could result in disqualification. Bow to each other.

Terry and his opponent bow.

REF (cont'd)

Begin!

CUT TO:

Tory starts fighting 13 year old girl, initially underestimating her. She proves to be really fast but can't land any of her high kicks. Tory is unable to land any strikes either, before increasing her own speed. Tory is much faster than this girl.

She already knows to strike hard, strike first. Now Tory's striking fast. Faster than she's ever had to in a fight before, possibly.

Tory overwhelms the girl making her evade punches and then knocks the girl down on the mat with a sidekick. Point Tory.

BACK TO:

The match between silver and his opponent begins. Terry is sends a high kick directly to his opponents head and lands a point. They start in their fighting stance again.

Silvers opponent does a flying kick but Terry parries this move and throws the other fighter to the ground. Terry's opponent gets up quickly but immediately receives a punch to the chest by Terry, who gets a 2nd point from it.

The two of them start again and Terry and the opponent are evenly matched.

CUT TO:

The boys division is commencing. Kenny and BLUE PYTHON MARTIAL ARTIST prepare to fight.

Kenny looks like he's trying to maintain confidence but seemingly is cautious of this opponent.

REF (cont'd)

Begin!

Kenny and his opponent start fighting. The younger kid cheats and throws a punch directly to his face.

REF (cont'd)
Penalty, to Blue Python Karate.

KENNY
Hey, no fair!

The Blue Python Kid grins at Kenny.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.)
It looks like one of Cobra Kai's own was just dealt an illegal hit to the face. Their sensei is unable to coach them, as they're competing in the adult league. This makes for an interesting ordeal. Blue Python receives a penalty instead of a point.

The other kid looks cocky and Kenny appears enraged.

They start to prepare to fight again and the Blue Python leans in.

BLUE PYTHON KID
I know Cobra Kai, kid.

He smiles. Kenny looks scared.

CUT TO:

Tory is still engaged in her fight. She delivers a kick to the chest and scores a final point knocking the younger girl back. Crowd goes wild.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.)
Cobra Kai has just got a win in the girls division.

CUT TO:

Back at the adult league Terry and the other Karate Master start competing. The Japanese Karate fighter unleashes an intensely focused series of strikes that almost land. Sending Terry back in defense. Leading him out of bounds.

REF
Out of bounds! Point, Desert Oni Karate!

Tory walks over to spectate and looks concerned at her sensei. Terry simply looks back at Tory with a confident grin.

They start to fight again. Terry does a series of Taekwondoe influenced kicks, landing a legal one to the head. The other Karate Master looks dazed from the blow to the head.

REF (cont'd)
Point, Cobra Kai!

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - DAY

Samantha, Daniel, Robby and Johnny are all standing in the convention hall. Robby and Johnny in Eagle Fang uniforms and Daniel and his daughter in Myagi-Do uniform.

JOHNNY
So he just threatened to send some goons to your place? This doesn't make any sense.

ROBBY
Yeah, to what ends? Silver's decided that he's going to expand Cobra Kai. It must have to do with that and could end with him finally taking over Myagi-Do. Trying to send your life spiraling into chaos.

DANIEL
Exactly. To be in control. I'm gonna call Chozen to help us out.

Daniel gets on the phone and calls CHOZEN.

CUT TO:

INT. JAPANESE STYLE HOME - CHOZEN - DAY

He answers his call from Daniel.

CHOZEN
Yes, Daniel-San.

DANIEL (O.S.)
I need you to pay a visit to my household in the valley.
(MORE)

DANIEL (O.S.) (cont'd)
I have some threats from Cobra Kai
that could be life altering and I'm
here at this tournament in Nevada-

CHOZEN
Say no more, Daniel-San. I will be
there.

CUT TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - NEVADA - DAY

ROBBY
He's got Tory completely wrapped
around his finger. I'm gonna try to
talk her into quitting and joining
us.

Samantha looks at Robby, bitter and jealous. She's also
looking to imply that what he said was "stupid"

SAM
Yeah, good luck with trying to reform
her. She's completely blinded by her
hatred to ever be good.

ROBBY
You don't even know her like that,
Sam.

SAM
I know what type of a person she is,
Robby.

DANIEL
Alright, kids, don't argue. If Robby
thinks he has a chance at winning
over Tory to our side then it would
just benefit us in the end, right?
Anyways, lets focus on the topic at
hand, Samantha. Your mother is being
threatened by this Silver guy.

SAM
Why don't we send Eli and the rest of
the Myagi-Do's over to our place?

JOHNNY
Yeah, your students can be Amanda's
own personal body guards and Chozen.
Probably even better that way.

Daniel calls up Eli.

CUT TO:

INT. ELI'S PARENTS HOME - SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - DAY

Eli picks up the cell phone, seeing its SENSEI LARUSSO calling.

ELI
Sensei! How's it going out in Nevada?

DANIEL (O.S.) (O.C.)
Don't worry about that. I need you
and Demetri and the rest of the
Myagi-Do's to go to my place, right
now!

Eli looks concerned.

ELI
What's going on?

CUT TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - DAY

AMANDA LARUSSO opens the door to see Eli, Demetri and the rest of the MYAGI-DO'S. They vaguely look like secret service agents or something, sporting sunglasses and suits.

AMANDA
What are you guys, Reservoir Dogs?
Okay, I just got off the phone with
Daniel. Come in.

The crew look at each other then follow Amanda inside.

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - DAY

The Myagi-Dos settle in the kitchen and Amanda offers them some refreshments.

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER

Terry Silver has just defeated the Desert Oni Karate Sensei with an unmatched combo of strikes. Tory looks on impressed at her sensei.

REF

Another win for Cobra Kai, this time in the Adult Men's division.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.)

What an impressive victory. Next up is Johnny Lawrence representing his own dojo, Eagle Fang Karate versus...

CUT TO:

Johnny, Daniel, Samantha and Robby still are in the lobby.

JOHNNY

Guess I'm up.

DANIEL

You got this, Johnny!

The two firmly shake hands and hug. Johnny goes to the tournament floor.

CUT TO:

Johnny is standing in the ring. His opponent enters. A TATTOOED MARTIAL ARTIST (30's).

COMMENTATOR (O.S.)

... also representing Desert Oni Karate...

The other fighter and Johnny take their stances.

REF

Bow and begin.

The two commence. Johnny throws his strikes and lands a couple. The tattooed martial artist lands a punch to Johnny's unguarded chest as hes attempting to connect a kick.

REF (cont'd)

Point, Desert Oni.

Johnny looks pissed off.

CUT TO:

Kenny and the Blue Python Karate kid are locked in combat. Kenny kicks him in upper torso. Ref gives him a point. They are tied now.

CUT TO:

Sam is preparing to fight her opponent. It's Robby. Both of them look at each other confused.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.)

Due to an unforeseen amount of sign ups, the youth divisions have been fused into one league.

CUT TO:

Johnny is continuing his fight with the tattooed martial artist. He is struggling but in great form.

BACK TO:

Sam and Robby start fighting. Sam throws a series of high kicks and lands one to Robby's shoulder scoring a point. He clearly gets a rise out of this, angering him.

CUT TO:

Kenny sweeps the Blue Python kids leg and wins. The opponent starts to walk away. Kenny peruses him.

KENNY

Hey,

He grabs the kid by the shoulder and leans in.

KENNY (cont'd)

How do you know Cobra Kai?

The Blue Python kid looks at Kenny, secretively.

CUT TO:

Robby throws a series of aggressive punches, sending Sam back in defense. She blocks one and tries to knee Robby in the gut but he evades it. He grabs her and rolls her to the ground, kicking her off of him, landing a point.

Samantha looks injured, slightly. Limping back to position.

She does THE CRANE.

Robby looks immediately intimidated. She lands a kick directly to the neck. Robby falls back.

REF
Point, Myagi-Do!

They prepare to fight again. Samantha takes the same crane stance. This time kicking Robby just below the neck. Sam wins.

BACK TO:

Johnny is still fighting his opponent. He does a sliding kick, knocking the tattooed opponent to the ground. Getting a point. They start to fight again. Johnny gets a final point, landing a punch.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.) (O.C.)
Johnny Lawrence of Eagle Fang moves
on to the next round!

The next round commences. Johnny is up against Terry. They stare each other down.

CUT TO:

Samantha and Daniel are talking outside the ring. Robby defeated walks away.

DANIEL
I hope Robby's okay.

SAM
This is horrible. This tournament is
driving us crazy.

DANIEL
We can do this, Sam. I'm sorry you
had to fight Robby. Winning this
tournament out here will mean so much
for Myagi-Do. We have to prove that
our way-

TORY
Works? Or that Myagi-Do is the
correct way?

Tory looks at Daniel and Sam who look back at her startled. Robby is beside her and has brought her over to talk.

SAM
What does she think she's trying to
do, Robby?

TORY

Look I just want to talk. There were some things at the last tournament, the All Valley, that we have to talk about.

DANIEL

Come on, Sam. Let us hear her out.

TORY

Well, first of all I saw your mom at the All Valley tournament before you and I fought there and her and I talked. She said to end the beef between us. You know what I said? "that's never gonna happen" She wanted us to end all the bad blood between us after the tournament-

SAM

Right.

TORY

-but then after the tournament I saw Terry bribe the ref.

Robby shakes his head in acknowledgement. She already told him, clearly. Daniel looks stunned.

DANIEL

I didn't think he would be reduced to simple bribery to get his way. Or who am I kidding? This guys a nightmare.

TORY

You guys should know that, at least. I believed in what we were doing as Cobra Kai. Sincerely.

SAM

Yeah, we know.

Sam looks at Tory coldly, who looks slightly ashamed.

CUT TO:

Johnny and Terry have started their fight. They exchange kicks. Throwing punches as well, they are evenly matched. Terry punches Johnny in the chest, landing a point.

Tory, Sam, Daniel and Robby walk over and are seen watching.

TORY
(to Daniel)
Terry's losing his mind, Daniel.

DANIEL
You're telling me.

Terry notices them talking from the ring and looks at them. Johnny and Terry start fighting again.

DANIEL (cont'd)
How do we know this guys not gonna bribe the ref again at this tournament?

TORY
He probably has that lined up already.

They keep watching Johnny and Terry's fight. Johnny is trying his hardest Terry is vicious in his tactics. Getting a win to no points from Johnny who looks defeated.

CUT TO:

Kenny and the kid from Blue Python dojo are talking.

BLUE PYTHON KID
Your sensei's, Terry and John have been trying to franchise Cobra Kai for years. They started by training different dojos throughout the southwest, teaching the different Karate places out here Cobra Kai. Hence Blue Python Karate was born out here.

KENNY
I can't believe they didn't tell us. This is getting crazy.

BLUE PYTHON KID
I know it goes so deep, apparently.

CUT TO:

Terry walks over to Tory talking to the LaRusso's.

TORY
I saw you bribe the ref.

TERRY
What?

TORY

That's right. At the All Valley tournament. I told these guys what's going on.

DANIEL

You really are a cheater, Silver. You've proved once and for all Cobra Kai has no honor.

TERRY

No honor? You're the one here trying to poach my students from me! That's it, I'm sending those goons to your place for this, LaRusso!

DANIEL

Go ahead. Now I have witnesses to your threat!

Daniel steps towards Terry but Samantha notices and steps in between.

TERRY

You better be ready, Daniel. Your on soon. You saw what I just did when it was me and Johnny.

(on the phone now)

Hey, you remember that address I gave you? I need you and your guys to head there, right away.

Daniel immediately pulls out his cell phone and calls Eli.

DANIEL

Yes, hey are you guys at my place? You might want to call the cops. Silver just sent some people to my house to do god knows what.

CUT TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - CONTINUOUS

Eli is on the phone, alerted by the news Daniel is telling him.

ELI

You want us to call the cops?

Everyone in the house looks concerned.

DANIEL (O.S.) (O.C.)
You need to.

ELI
Do we really?

Everyone in the Myagi-Do group chuckles, except Demetri.

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - CONTINUOUS

DANIEL
That doesn't matter. You have to call
the authorities to help you deal with
this, okay?

CUT TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE

Eli and the gang look excited by this despite Daniels
concerns.

ELI
Okay, Daniel. As you wish.

Eli hangs up but has a devilish grin.

AMANDA
That's it, I'm calling the police.

The gang all looks amused.

ELI
Okay, Amanda. That would be for the
best.

DEMETRI
You guys are crazy.

The group all looks eager for the upcoming action.

KNOCK at the door. The Myagi Do's answer it. It is CHOZEN
TOGUCHI.

CHOZEN
I have come to defend the household
of Daniel son.

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - DAY

Daniel is now in the ring with Johnny. Daniel and Johnny fight evenly at first.

The more Cobra Kai techniques Johnny employs the more Daniel uses Myagi's more devastating techniques. Johnny lands a point by aggressively putting Daniel in a corner with several blows, landing a hit which leads to a point.

CUT TO:

In the girls league Tory and Samantha are preparing to fight. They are set to begin.

Tory throws high kicks. Sam immediately sweeps the leg and punches Tory in the chest as she lays on the tournament mat. Point Myagi-Do. Sam is using Cobra Kai, taught to her by Johnny.

BACK TO:

Johnny delivers a palm strike to Daniel, hurdling him back and off balance.

Daniel finds his footing. He does the crane and kicks Johnny in the chest sending him back as well. He lands a point. He then goes heavily into the secretive Myagi techniques, stunning Johnny by attacking his arms. Disarmed, Johnny knows what Daniel is doing.

JOHNNY

No fair. You son of a bitch.

Johnny is practically paralyzed, momentarily. Unable to throw any strikes. Daniel just looks at Johnny with the most sympathy he can, then delivers a final point landing strike. Daniel has won his fight against Johnny.

Robby looks concerned. Johnny and Daniel walk back over to the sidelines. Johnny is limping and looks pissed off at Daniel.

CUT TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - THE VALLEY - DAY

Amanda walks up to the group of Myagi Do students.

AMANDA

Okay, I've spoken to the police. They are going to be on the street doing surveillance of the neighborhood. Said its the best they could do without them breaking and entering. Such bullshit.

ELI

You don't think we can take them?

AMANDA

This isn't funny.

ELI

I never said it was.

Amanda is fed up with the immaturity and flees to another part of the house. Chozen stands silently, watching.

DEMETRI

We have to take this serious, you guys.

ELI

Believe me, I am.

DEMETRI

No, you're not.

ELI

Okay, Demetri. I forgot you were the all knowing arbiter of all things in existence.

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - NEVADA - DAY

Johnny, still slightly injured is confronting Daniel.

JOHNNY

I can't believe you. What are you trying to prove?

DANIEL

I'm sorry, Johnny but it's crucial that I face Silver myself. I had to eliminate you. I will be even more indiscriminate with Silver, I promise you.

(MORE)

DANIEL (cont'd)
He's dead as far as we're concerned.
When I'm through with him we'll
finally be rid of him.

Robby, Anthony and Johnny look at Daniel like he's someone else.

BACK TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - THE VALLEY - CONTINUOUS

There is suddenly a breaking in of LaRusso's place. SIX THUGS in all black come kicking through the front door.

Amanda flees down the hall to another part of the house. She comes to a door and opens it. Its a PANIC ROOM.

Shes immediately locked in and has cameras surveying whats going on in her house.

Eli, Demetri and the rest of the Myagi-Do youth spring into action, getting into a fight with this group of house invaders.

The thugs armed clearly with some martial arts training as well. The house is getting torn up by the dozen or so people just all out brawling in the home.

DEMETRI
Great, what is this? Death Wish?

One of the thugs hits Chris with a chair. Eli does a flying kick sending the thug to the ground. The chair breaks apart from being dropped by the thug.

Chozen fights his way down the hall, taking out two thugs. He's on his way to Amanda in the panic room.

BACK TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - PANIC ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Amanda is still in the panic room watching from monitors. She is on the phone with the police as she watches.

AMANDA
Hello, this is Amanda LaRusso.
There's a break in at my home, 130
Woodlawn Drive.

911 OP (O.S.)

Okay, we have patrol officers already
in the area, were sending them right
over.

Chozen takes out multiple goons then heads to to check on
Amanda in the panic room.

Chozen knocks on the panic door. Amanda see's who it is and
lets him in.

CUT TO:

EXT. ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

Two patrol cars turns on their sirens and pull off towards
LaRusso's house.

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - DAY

Tory and Sam are continuing there fight. They are evenly
matched. Trading points at this point. They tie and go into
sudden death.

They go back to their starting positions. They come back out
throwing kicks and punches. Sam is using the full extent of
her Cobra Kai knowledge and Tory using the Myagi-Do she
learned from Robby.

Sam is breaking Tory's concentration though with her speed
but Tory maintains a defense that rivals the offense. Sam
eventually wares Tory down and lands the winning point.

Johnny is still talking to Daniel with angst and aggression.

JOHNNY

You crossed the line this time,
LaRusso. We're supposed to be working
together. How could you do this just
to win in this way?

DANIEL

Johnny, I'm sorry but I had to make
sure I was gonna be the one to face
Silver. He's actively tried to harm
my wife. I don't know what I'm going
to do to him but I can tell you this
much, I know that I'm going to win
the fight.

Johnny looks taken aback by Daniel's sternness.

JOHNNY

Jesus. I've never seen you like this, man. He really triggered something in you when he tried to use your wife against you.

DANIEL

Yeah, like a freaking chess piece. He's not gonna get away with this.

Sam, Tory and Robby walk over. All of them having a distraught look. Like this tournament has taken a toll on them.

JOHNNY

Are you guys holding up just as well as us old timers?

They all just shake their head. Fatigued.

ROBBY

I feel like some kind of vampire. Nothing about this is normal. All of our instincts and tendencies are being turned against us in this tournament.

DANIEL

That's what Silver wants it to feel like. He wants Cobra Kai supremacy, which we're putting a stop to once and for all here today. Even if it means I have to make sure Silver never moves again.

Everyone just looks at Daniel with the utmost seriousness.

The round is preparing to begin. Daniel is up against none other than Terry Silver.

CUT TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - THE VALLEY - NIGHT

The home invasion is taking place but the young Myagi-Do's give these thugs the fight of their lives.

Eli brutally pummels one of the thugs into submission.

Demetri is fighting one the thugs and uses some startling strong kicks and manages to knock out the thug he's fighting.

The other Myagi-Do's have held there own against these home invaders, defeating them. Just then the cops come storming through the place, pointing their guns.

POLICE
Hands up, all of you!

The Myagi-Do's all raise their arms. The home invaders have all been subdued and lay on the ground.

CUT TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - NEVADA - NIGHT

Daniel and Terry prepare to fight.

Johnny, Robby, Tory, Sam, Anthony and Kenny all watch from the sidelines intensely.

Terry and Daniel stand facing each other in the ring. They start fighting. Terry throws brutal kicks at Daniel.

Daniel centers himself and sends a palm strike sending Terry back, getting a point.

They keep fighting at an intense pace.

CUT TO:

The youth division is continuing. Kenny and Anthony are set to fight.

CUT TO:

INT. LOCKER ROOM - ALL VALLEY TOURNAMENT - FLASHBACK

A flashback to last season of Kenny beating up Anthony in the locker-room, during the All Valley Tournament.

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - NEVADA - NIGHT

Anthony and Kenny start fighting. Kenny looks confident and is moving faster than Anthony with the strikes he throws but Anthony's defense proves formidable.

ANTHONY

You're gonna pay this time, cobra stooge.

KENNY

You're not even worth what I could do to you. It would disqualify me.

Anthony and Kenny fight aggressively. Kenny lands a spinning kick scoring a point.

CUT TO:

Daniel and Silver continue fighting in the adult league of the tournament.

Silver kicks Daniel in the gut but he is not phased by it. Silver stares him down confidently. Silver got a point. They prepare to fight again.

CUT TO:

INT. COBRA KAI DOJO - FLASHBACK

Footage of Daniel (18) in *THE KARATE KID PART III*, being trained by Terry Silver. Silver looks maniacal as he pushes Daniel to break him.

BACK TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - DAY

Silver and Daniel continue to fight. Silver does a jumping spinning kick which Daniel dodges, only for Silver to connect another kick a second later. Point Terry.

Daniel goes into an intensely focused state and starts using his strongest attacks and defenses. Blocking all of Terry's strikes and then delivering a sweeping kick to the legs sending Terry to the ground. Point Daniel.

The fight continues.

CUT TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - THE VALLEY - NIGHT

Chozen is inside the panic room with Amanda.

CHOZEN

You haven't forsaken those that defended you, have you?

AMANDA

What?

CHOZEN

The Myagi Do's. They have put their life on the line.

AMANDA

Oh, I know. I really appreciate it. I really appreciate you coming too.

Amanda and Chozen notices the tension of the two of them in the panic room and respond to it semi-awkwardly.

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - THE VALLEY - NIGHT

The police start to apprehend everybody, including the Myagi-Do's

A COP puts Eli in an arm lock.

ELI

Hey, let me go, asshole!

The other Myagi- Dos are struggling with the cops while the group of home invaders are all dazed and knocked so they are more compliant.

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - PANIC ROOM - NIGHT

Amanda and Chozen look at each other. Beat

Amanda see's whats going on on the monitor breaking their tension between each other. Amanda responds concerned to the Myagi-DO students being apprehended.

AMANDA

Oh, shit! The cops are here. Lets go handle this.

Her and Chozen rush out of the panic room into the living room, together.

CUT TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - NEVADA - DAY

Anthony and Kenny are finishing their fight. Anthony being completely worn down by Kenny's Cobra Kai. Anthony being one of the few people left at this point who's only versed in one of the two styles.

Kenny has won the fight.

ANTHONY

You finally satisfied?

Kenny just smirks.

KENNY

Oh, yeah. I'm satisfied, alright.
LaPusso.

Tory walks up to Kenny and they both go back to spectate the Terry Silver and Daniel's fight, leaving Anthony.

Anthony looks ashamed and sulks alone. Beat.

Anthony walks over to watch as well.

Terry and Daniel keep fighting. It's completely tied.

While Terry goes to throw a high kick, Daniel delivers a spinning back kick to Terry's chest, knocking him down.

REF

Winner, Daniel LaRusso representing
Myagi- Do Karate! LaRusso is the new
champion of Pahrump, Nevada's
Lightning in the Desert tournament,
adult division!

Silver gets up and looks at Daniel, strangely confidently. He walks away. Kenny follows his master. Tory stays behind with the Myagi-Do's to his notice.

KENNY

Aren't you coming?

TORY

Tell Silver I'll meet up with you
guys later.

CUT TO:

Kenny is trying to catch up with Terry Silver who is ahead of him. He is almost about catch up when the ref and judges walk up and Silver pays them all. Indicating he bribed the tournament, again.

Kenny backs away and hides, unseen.

He hurries back over to the Cobra Kai's, Myagi Do-s and Eagle Fangs.

CUT TO:

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - THE VALLEY - NIGHT

Amanda and Chozen talk to the cops.

AMANDA
Hey, let them go!

Cops reacts surprised.

COP
These punks weren't part of it?

AMANDA
Nope. Just the ones that aren't conscious anymore are.

Cops look impressed.

COP
Right. You're the Karate family, huh?

AMANDA
You bet your ass.

COP
I bet that's why when you're husband is away you got Jet Li here to fulfill your needs.

The COP and his partner laugh.

COPS
Hahaha!

Amanda and Chozen look unimpressed.

CHOZEN
Good one, asshole. Now get out of here.

COP

What did you just say?

Amanda reacts.

AMANDA

This is my house, asshole... and you better listen.

Cops leave, taking the actual home invaders with them in cuffs.

Amanda and Chozen and the Myagi- Do's are left in peace.

CUT TO:

INT. CONVENTION CENTER - NEVADA - NIGHT

Daniel, Johnny, Robby, Tory, Sam, Kenny and Anthony are all gathered together.

KENNY

You guys, I hate to be the one to break it to you but I saw Terry bribe the ref-

TORY

Save it. I thought that he'd do that again. That's why I think I'm ready to join the Myagi Do's.

Kenny looks stunned.

KENNY

You can't be serious? You already knew about his bribery?

TORY

Your gonna stay with them after they've cheated?

DANIEL

Why would he bribe the judges to have me win?

JOHNNY

To throw us off somehow? But you're right. This-

Everyone looks contemplative.

JOHNNY (cont'd)

- doesn't make any sense.

ROBBY

That's right. Silver doesn't have anything tangible as his goal. It's all psychological. To confuse us. To lower our resolve. That's the point. To throw us off. So we won't realize what his intentions truly are.

DANIEL

And what are those?

The group is unsure of what to say.

Silver walks up.

TERRY

It's time to go, kids.

Tory and Kenny look at the rest of the group. They hesitantly go with Terry.

JOHNNY

This isn't gonna last, Silver. You're students are on to your ways.

Terry walks up to Johnny aggressively, who just stands stares him down.

TERRY

You better watch out, Johnny. I can do the same thing to your life that I can do to Daniel's.

DANIEL

You didn't succeed, Terry. I beat you AND my family is okay.

TERRY

Well, see for how long. You two are both on borrowed time at this point. Cobra Kai's, we're out of here.

Terry signals for Tory and Kenny who follow, forlornly.

Robby follows Tory.

ROBBY

Wait, Tory. Don't do this. Don't go with him.

TORY

I must. I have to go with Silver for now.

ROBBY

Why?

TORY

I choose to keep death close by. As though it were some means of comfort to me. Because keeping death close my whole life and using it is the only thing that's kept it from enveloping everything in its path.

ROBBY

You don't have to keep using it. You can choose life this time, Tory.

Tory just has a serious look and leaves with Terry and Kenny. Sam walks up behind Robby.

SAM

(sarcastic)

Well, that wasn't the most unhinged thing I've ever heard.

ROBBY

You don't understand, Samantha. You never will. You'll never know what its like to be torn between these two ideologies. Daniel and my dad both favor you and gladly taught you there respective styles and it never tore your whole life apart like it did mine. Now it's clearly doing that to Tory's.

Sam doesn't have any faith in his words and just turns from Robby, fed up with his rant.

The rest of the group looks on melancholically but still hold strong.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEVADA DESERT - NEXT DAY

Terry, Tory and Kenny getting into their car and taking off, leaving Pahrump, Nevada.

CUT TO:

Daniel is seen loading up the car with luggage and Sam and a tired Anthony entering their car.

CUT TO:

Johnny and Robby take off in Johnny's car into the rising sun, back towards LA.

INT. LARUSSO'S RESIDENCE - THE VALLEY - THE NEXT DAY

Daniel is sitting in his living room. His wife Amanda walks in.

Daniel perks up. Attentive.

DANIEL
Hey, is everything okay?

AMANDA
Yeah, it is now. Now that you're back.

DANIEL
(relieved)
Right.

AMANDA
Why was it so important anyways?

DANIEL
(aloof)
What?

AMANDA
The tournament in Nevada. I have a feeling it wasn't just about bonding with Sam and Anthony.

DANIEL
It goes back to Mr. Myagi and I at the final All Valley Tournament. The year after I had beaten Mike Barnes and dealt with Silver for first time.

AMANDA
What happened at that last tournament.

DANIEL
I won. Again. Cobra Kai wasn't there. They had been banned from the All Valley Tournament at that point. As we were leaving I saw a poster for the tournament in Nevada. I wanted to go. Myagi refused. I was so mad and I never understood. We never fought in another tournament again.

AMANDA

Well, did you prove yourself to Myagi's legacy or whatever.

DANIEL

No. I failed.

AMANDA

But didn't you win.

DANIEL

Yes, but I also lost myself.

Sam is seen eavesdropping.

Anthony appears as well.

DANIEL (cont'd)

... and I pushed our kids to the breaking point this time-

Sam and Anthony are listening to their father.

DANIEL (cont'd)

- and I let Anthony lose.

ANTHONY

It's okay, dad.

DANIEL

No, I was so blinded by my need to see Silver defeated I let it distract me. From everything that really matters.

AMANDA

Don't be so hard on yourself. This tournament sounded really important at the time.

DANIEL

Yeah, leading to a home invasion at our fucking house. How did Silver even get our address? Whatever, hopefully that nightmare is over. What really bothers me is like I said that I went against Myagi's teaching. Especially when I took Johnny out of the tournament.

CUT TO:

INT. COBRA KAI DOJO - DAY

Robby and Johnny show up at the Cobra Kai's dojo.

Terry Silver inside turns around and see's them. Confront each other.

TERRY

To what do I owe this displeasure?

JOHNNY

Spare us, Silver. You know we weren't gonna just let you manipulate your students into staying, when they don't want to.

ROBBY

Yeah. When they're forced to respect your wishes because you took them out of town. Taking advantage of your position as a guardian.

Tory walks up from the group of Cobra Kai students towards Terry, Johnny and Robby.

Silver tries to hold her back. Still staring at Johnny and Robby.

ROBBY (cont'd)

Come on, Tory. It's over for him. He can't keep you here against your will.

Tory looks at them seriously. Terry has a psychotic look in his eyes.

CUT TO:

EXT. CEMETERY - VALLEY - CONTINUOUS

Daniel has shown up at the grave of MR. MYAGI.

DANIEL

Hey, old friend. I know it feels like forever since we've talked. It always feels like that though. I wish you were here so bad, Myagi. I messed up. I didn't head your word. I got too prideful.

Daniel breaks down. Emotional.

DANIEL (cont'd)

I'm sorry, Mr. Myagi. You were right about the tournament. It never mattered. I forgot what was important and my family suffered for it. Because I didn't listen. I didn't believe in you. I was foolish and prideful. I was too young to understand and I resented you for it all these years and it took me all this time to finally learn this lesson. I'm truly sorry, Myagi. I failed you this time. I won't make the same mistake again.

INT. COBRA KAI DOJO - CONTINUOUS

Robby and Johnny are still confronting Terry Silver.

TERRY

This isn't gonna work, you two. Cobra Kai never dies. Remember?

JOHNNY

That's such bullshit. This brainwashing you and Kreese have been systematically doing to kids for years is finally coming to end. That's what this all about. Tory and anyone else who's trying to defect from these sociopaths, come forward now.

Tory stands and stares along with the rest of the Cobra Kai's.

Some look hesitant and unsure like Tory. Others look clearly opposed and stare Lawrence and his son down.

THE END.