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The set is vibrant, bathed in pastel colors with a massive screen in the background displaying the COMBAT QUEENS 1: DREAMS poster.

HOST 1 (KENJI):
(Speaking Japanese, high energy)
Welcome back! Today, the Tokyo Dome is preparing for a historic event. The strongest women in the world are gathering for Combat Queens! And we have the Queen of them all right here in the studio!

HOST 2 (MAI):
(Clapping excitedly)
She is undefeated! Thirteen wins, zero losses! She knocked out the legendary Zhang Weili in two rounds! Please welcome the Combat Queens Flyweight Champion... SADE “BOOMSLANG” MERCERRRRR!

[MUSIC: A high-energy remix of Sade’s walkout music plays.]

SADE MERCER walks onto the set. She looks effortlessly cool in a sleek Combat Queens tracksuit, her gold Flyweight belt slung casually over one shoulder. She waves to the camera and gives a small, polite bow to the hosts.

SADE
(Smiling)
Konnichiwa. Thank you for having me.

KENJI
(Bowing deeply)
Konnichiwa! The aura! Mai-chan, look at the aura! It’s incredible. Sade-san, welcome to Japan. You are fighting Angela Lee this Sunday. How are you feeling?

SADE

I feel dangerous. I love Tokyo. The fans here respect the art of fighting. But Angela Lee... she thinks this is her homecoming. It's not. I'm the champion. I'm the one who slept Zhang Weili in less time than it takes to cook instant noodles.

[Sound Effect: "EHHHHHH?!" crowd reaction sound]
[On-Screen Text (Telop): 26 SECONDS?!]

MAI

(Hand over mouth)

Twenty-six seconds of round 2! That kick was scary! Are you planning another head kick for Angela-san?

SADE

(Smirks, tapping the belt)

I have many weapons. Angela is a legend, yes. But legends are old stories. I am the current news. I'm going to send her into retirement.

KENJI

So confident! We love it. Now, Sade-san, we know you are a terrifying fighter... but our researchers heard a rumor.

SADE

(Raising an eyebrow)

Oh? What rumour is that?

KENJI

We heard that despite being the "Boomslang," you are actually... an anime fan?

SADE

(Laughs, breaking her stone-faced character slightly)

Okay, you got me. Yeah. I grew up watching it. Fighters love anime. It's all about powering up and overcoming the odds, right?

MAI

(Clapping)
Sugoi! So, we prepared a special game just for you!

[GRAPHIC TRANSITION: "SADE'S BLIND RANKING DOJO!"]

KENJI
Here is the game. We have five famous Anime titles hidden on cards. We will reveal them one by one. You have to rank them from 1 to 5. But! You don't know what the next card is. Once you pick a spot, you cannot change it!

SADE
High stakes. I like it. Let's go.

MAI
Okay! First card!

(Mai peels a sticker off a board to reveal an image)

MAI
DEMON SLAYER (Kimetsu no Yaiba)!

SADE
Ooh. Okay. Strong start. The animation is beautiful. Tanjiro never gives up, even when his bones are broken. That's a fighter's spirit. But... is it my number one?

KENJI
It is very popular right now! Where do you put it? 1 is best, 5 is worst.

SADE
I'm going to play it safe. I'll put Demon Slayer at Number 3. It's great, but there are some classics out there.

(Mai sticks Demon Slayer in the #3 slot)

KENJI
Okay, Number 3! Next card!

(Kenji peels the sticker)

KENJI
DRAGON BALL Z!

SADE
(Her eyes light up)
Come on! That's the grandfather! That's the reason half the roster started training. We all want to go Super Saiyan.

MAI
Is it Number 1? Or Number 2?

SADE
(Thinking)
If I put it at 1, I block myself if something crazy comes up. But if I put it at 2, and the next card is bad... ah, this is harder than fighting. Okay. Dragon Ball Z... I'm putting it at Number 2. Respect to Goku, but the pacing is a little slow sometimes!

[Sound Effect: Shocked gasp]
[On-Screen Text: GOKU AT #2?!]

MAI
Okay, Number 2! Next one!

(Mai peels the sticker)

MAI
ATTACK ON TITAN!

SADE
(Nods slowly)
Brutal. Violent. People getting eaten. It's very... realistic about war. I like that. It's not a happy show.

KENJI

You have slots 1, 4, and 5 left.

SADE

It's definitely not 4 or 5. But is it better than Dragon Ball? Story-wise... yes. But cultural impact? No. Man. I have to put this at Number 4 because I already filled the middle spots! That hurts my heart. Attack on Titan at 4. I'm sorry, Eren!

(Mai places it at #4. The board is now: 1. Empty, 2. DBZ, 3. Demon Slayer, 4. AoT, 5. Empty)

KENJI

This is getting dangerous! You only have the Top Spot and the Bottom Spot left! Next card!

(Kenji peels the sticker with a dramatic flourish)

KENJI

NARUTO!

SADE

(Leans back in her chair)

Wow. Naruto. Okay. This is the ultimate underdog story. The guy has a demon inside him. I feel that. When I step into the cage, I have a demon inside me too.

MAI

It must be Number 1 or Number 5!

SADE

I cannot put Naruto at 5. I'd lose fans! I'd have people booing me at the Tokyo Dome!

KENJI

So that means...

SADE

Number 1. Naruto takes the gold. Believe it.

(Crowd cheers. Mai places Naruto at #1)

MAI
That leaves one card... and only the Number 5 spot! Oh no! What is it?

(Mai peels the final sticker)

MAI
ONE PIECE!

SADE
(Facepalms)
No! Oh my god. No!

KENJI
(Laughing hysterically)
One Piece is last?!

SADE
(Looking at the camera, hands up in defense)
Japan, please don't hate me! I love Luffy! It’s the blind ranking! I didn't know! One Piece is a masterpiece, it doesn't belong at Number 5!

KENJI
(Wiping a tear)
The Blind Ranking is cruel! But Sade-san, you must accept your fate!

SADE
Okay, look. One Piece is at 5 on this board. But on Sunday? When I fight Angela Lee? I’m going to be the Pirate King. I’m finding the treasure. And the treasure is her jaw lodged in my foot.

KENJI
(Clapping)
Perfect recovery!

The anime ranking board is wheeled away by a production assistant. KENJI and MAI turn back to SADE, who is still chuckling about putting One Piece in last place.

KENJI
Okay, Sade-san, you survived the Anime Ranking... barely! The internet is already talking about it!

SADE
(Smiling, shrugging)
Hey, I said what I said. Naruto is king.

MAI
Now, we want to test your reflexes! You have the fastest kicks in the Flyweight division, but do you have the fastest mind?

KENJI
It is time for... "SADE'S 3-SECOND KNOCKOUT WORD MATCH!"

[GRAPHIC TRANSITION: Flashing lights, a boxing bell rings. On-screen text: "INSTANT IMPRESSION!"]

KENJI
The rules are simple. We show you a picture of a fighter on the Combat Queens card. You have three seconds to say the first word that comes to your head. No thinking! Just instinct!

SADE
(Cracks knuckles)
I'm ready. Let's do it.

MAI
Okay! First fighter!

[Screen displays: STAMP FAIRTEX (Strawweight Champion)]

SADE
(Without hesitation)
Violence.

MAI
(Gasps)

Violence! Because of the knees?

SADE
She smiles while she hurts people. That's a special kind of scary. She's violent.

KENJI
Okay, next one! Her opponent!

[Screen displays: ROSE NAMAJUNAS]

SADE
Zen.

KENJI
Zen? Like meditation?

SADE
She's quiet. She's weird. You never know if she's going to meditate or kick your head off. Very Zen.

MAI
Interesting! Next one! The Japanese superstar fighting for the Atomweight title!

[Screen displays: SEIKA IZAWA]

SADE
Future.

MAI
(Clapping)
Sugoi! The future of Japan!

SADE
She's young, she's undefeated. She reminds me of... well, me.

KENJI
(Laughs)

Of course! Okay, next one. You fought her at UFC 42!

[Screen displays: NORA ZHOU]

SADE
Leftovers.

[Sound Effect: "EHHHHHH?!" crowd reaction]
[On-Screen Text: LEFTOVERS?!]

KENJI
(Sweating/Laughing)
Sade-san! That is harsh!

SADE
I already ate. She was delicious, but I'm done with that meal. Next.

MAI
(Fanning herself)
So cool... okay, next one! The Bantamweight Champion!

[Screen displays: ASHLEY SNYDER]

SADE
(Pauses for a split second, eyes narrow slightly)
Target.

KENJI
(Leans in)
Target? Does that mean... you want to fight her? Champion vs. Champion?

SADE
(Smirks)
It's all respect. I'm a big fan of Ashley. I think Ashley is the best. But I also think I'm the only one that can beat her. I have a belt. She has a belt. Eventually, there's only room for one Queen. I'm just saying... 135 pounds isn't that far away.

[On-Screen Text: DOUBLE CHAMPION DECLARATION?!]

MAI
Oh my goodness! Breaking news right here! Okay, final picture! Your opponent this Sunday!

[Screen displays: ANGELA LEE]

SADE
(Face goes stone cold. No smile.)
Retirement.

[Studio goes quiet for a second, then a 'gong' sound effect plays]

KENJI
(Nervous laugh)
"Retirement." You are that confident?

SADE
(Leaning forward, looking directly into the camera lens)
She’s had a great career. She’s a legend. But Sunday night is her retirement party. I’m going to send her home to be a mom. She doesn't belong in the cage with me anymore.

MAI
(Shivers)
Goosebumps! The confidence is terrifying!

KENJI
Well, there you have it! From Naruto to Retirement parties, Sade Mercer is ready for the Tokyo Dome!

SADE
(Standing up, throwing a peace sign)
Tune in. Don't blink. Or you’ll miss the knockout.

KENJI & MAI

(Waving)

Combat Queens 1: DREAMS! This Sunday! See you there! #CQ1

[Camera zooms in on Sade's face as she winks. Fade to commercial with the Combat Queens logo spinning.]