

Chapter 12: Penance from Utan's Past

It was 8:00 pm. Utan was unhappy that Akiha was going to sell that facility to Uugoh. Utan created a petition to stop Uugoh's from taking the facility. However, she's refusing to sign it.

Utan: I can't believe you lied to me, Akiha. Why did you decide to sell that place to him? After everything we were able to accomplish this summer, how could you?

Akiha: How could I? How could you? You knew that this was going to be an experiment. (feeling upset.) I don't like what you're doing.

Utan: You don't like it?! In case you forgot, WE made this for the people here. We didn't have to do this, but we did. For once, we were able to make this place likable for not only them but also other tourists and travelers outside of Japan to come here and realize how great this place really is.

Michaelis: Utan's right; do you have any shame for what you just did? He was just being right for this community.

Akiha: I never thought of that. But, that's a problem. How long are you going to continue this?

Utan: What?

Akiha: I've made my decision; I'm selling that place, tomorrow.

Utan: You're not going anywhere. Until you re-sign this, this discussion will continue. You too, Kohaku. (hears her giggle. Becoming angered.) What? I know you're not laughing at this; you helped me create this place.

Kohaku: Sorry.

Utan: It's alright. (looks at Akiha.) Sign this. I got a pen you can use, sign it. (he becomes angry and smashes her teacup.) SIGN IT!!

Akiha: (reduced the petition to ashes.) There. How's that?

Utan: You idiot! Why did you do that? We made all this happen for them; for what you just did, you stabbed them in the back.

Akiha: Take that back, Utan. (her hair turns red as Utan was scowling at her.) TAKE THAT BACK!!!!

Both Shiki Tohno and Michaelis had to hold Utan and Akiha back. After fifteen seconds, they calmed down.

Shiki: That's enough. Just because we're selling that place to Uugoh doesn't mean you have to act like him.

Utan: I'm helping them recover; he intends to take that sense of security away from them. I'm nothing like him.

Caster: You're not? If that's true, then, why did you use that attack? Why are you dishonoring Akiha's decision to sell that place to Uugoh? Isn't that something that your commander would have done?

Utan: You're wrong. I - - I'm fighting for them.

Caster: Ok. If you're truly fighting for them, do wish to help Uugoh as well?

Utan was speechless.

Maiya: It's your decision. Choose wisely.

Utan: (thinking silently.) Why can't I have a say in this? I worked hard to make this place likable for them; why is everyone disagreeing? I put the people first in everything I've accomplished here; now, I'm going to have to put them under my wing once again. (speaks.) Ok, Akiha. You win. (leaves and heads to his room.)

Michaelis: He made a difficult choice between the Ugoh hurting people and helping the people recover. Akiha - - - why?

Akiha: He'll get over it. (went to her room.)

Hisui: No, he won't. (cries.)

Komane: Why?

Hisui: He chose to help us fight them rather than to help the people recover. That was devastating for him.

Michaelis: It's alright.

Utan goes up on the rooftop to see the moon. It was a waning crescent.

Utan: Ugoh just had to be here. What have I done to deserve this? (lies down in frustration. calms down as he watches the moon clear his guilt.)

Utan sees Maiya.

Maiya: What are you doing?

Utan: Looking at the moon. Akiha and Caster forced my hand; I realized that they weren't as weak as suspected. It's almost like this place is still recovering from a massive hurricane.

Maiya: I can tell you're upset.

Utan: I wanted to do something recreational for the people here, without anyone dying in the process.

Maiya: Your ever-distant utopia?

Utan: Yes. I will never go there until there's justice against all the evils in this world. I hope that we can go there together.

Maiya: I understand.

Utan and Maiya look at the moon together and fall asleep. At 9:00 am, Utan wakes up and sees that Maiya was gone. He goes inside the house to see she was there. He wasn't surprised to see Touko here, with a cast on her arm and dressed up as if it was someone's funeral.

Utan: I'm guessing what Ugoh did yesterday wasn't good enough for you?

Utan was angry with her for not helping Shirou out the last time they met. To make it even worse, she was smiling at him while lighting up her cigarette.

Utan: (takes her cigarette and throws it outside.) No smoking!

Akiha: Utan.

Utan: I still haven't forgiven you for what you just did. I want you to apologize.

Touko: Why should I?

Utan was becoming angry with Touko. He calms down.

Utan: (he goes into the refrigerator and gets his can of sweet tea.) So, where are Michaelis and Ivan?

Akiha: They're staying at Nathan's to ensure his safety. He happens to be a witness to all of things that have been happening here at this moment.

Utan: He is. Who told you that?

Touko: I did.

Utan: (spits it out the sweet tea.) You?! Since when - - - you don't even know anything about Nathan Wedgewood.

Touko: Oh, I also like you to look at this, Utan. (hands Utan a folder with the pertaining evidence.)

Utan: (he was shocked to see this was from the Church. Featuring Omega-3, who looked exactly like him.) Omega-3? Who the hell is this person?

Touko: I sure hope that got your attention. Would you mind telling us who this is?

Utan: I don't know who this is. (he was becoming suspicious of Touko's actions as he saw his face on the pictures.) Did you put my face on that person hoping that these people would turn against me? How were you able to get these?

Touko: I have my sources. You happen to be this person.

Utan: (looks closely at the picture and she was right. Ciel was becoming suspicious of this. He knew he had to disorient them immediately.) No, I happen to be a lot younger than this person is. What makes you think that I'm him? You're too quick to judge people on how they look physically instead of mentally.

Touko: Maybe. Do you have the mark of the omega?

Utan: (annoyed.) Ok, I would like you to leave.

Akiha: She's been here for like ten minutes and - - -

Utan: She's trouble, Akiha; I can see it in her eyes. This is an outrage for you to bring her here after what happened and now you're actually going to believe a single word she just said about Omega-3?

Touko: No, they don't have to believe me; I'm just convincing them. That's all.

Utan: Fine then, I'll convince you that this man's dead.

Utan knew that this was being televised. So, he gets the folder of Omega-3 and tears it up and throws it at Touko.

Ciel: Those were archives from the Church.

Utan: I have evolved from that person. (looks at Touko.) I'm going to have to ask you to leave, now.

Touko: No, I think I'll stay.

Utan: I'm not in the mood for your shenanigans. I'm already in the hot seat, but your presence here is making it rise.

Touko: That's your loss.

Utan becomes angry with her when she said "your loss". He comes to her and throws Touko outside. Her cast on her arm came off when he threw her. She shot Utan as he tried to throw her.

Satsuki: Utan - - -

Utan: I'm not going to allow this. (goes outside to confront Touko.)

Maiya: Utan! Stop!

Utan: Stay where you are. You may think she's not bad, but that attitude of hers is. I'm going to teach her a lesson. If I have to kill her just to make my point, then I will.

Utan and Touko fight. After a minute, he was gaining an advantage. When he was able to breakthrough Touko's prism beam, he rushed straight to her and knocks out her glasses when he punched her.

Utan: Serves you right; I suggest you apologize to me right now. Maybe, I'll start showing you some mercy.

Touko: Mercy? (gets up and laughs at him.)

Utan: You may not be concerned about your life. Do you actually think for one second that I'm going to allow you screw around with mine?!?! I'll put an end to your misery right here, you old hag!!

Touko: You're too soft. (her eyes changed color.) I'll do that for you.

Utan feels a strange aura coming from that Touko's cigar. It turns into a box.

Utan: I guessing my fist wasn't good enough for you. So, what's inside that box of yours?

Touko: Death. (Utan was insulted. smiles.) Don't feel too bad; it'll be quick for you to even notice.

Maiya: I'm sensing something unearthly coming within that box of hers. Utan, get out of there.

Utan: (he wasn't looking at Maiya. adamant.) I'm not going anywhere. I said that I was going to teach her a lesson and I meant that.

She opens the box and this time, a giant demon, looking like a lion, appears to devour Utan. Luckily, he was able to escape it just in time.

Utan: What was that?

Touko: Scared you, didn't it? Obviously, this spirit happens to be fond of mice like you.

Utan: I'm flattered, but that isn't going to get you anywhere against me. (he readies his stance with both of his fists closed.) I'll stop that demon with this. I dare you to bring it to me.

Touko: Huh? You're challenging my power? Foolish.

The demon attacks Utan.

Komane: Utan!!

Special thanks to the gauntlet, Utan was able to stop its attack by grabbing its mouth. It was as if he was trying to stop a bear trap from closing. As you can see, everyone that was watching this was in shock.

Komane: That's impossible. How was he able to do that?

Touko: He was able to stop that. It doesn't matter; you're still going to die.

The demon's power was slowly increasing; it puts Utan down on his knees. Then, Utan's fists turned red.

Utan: I'm not going to die that easily. (becoming angered and his eyes turned red all over.) I REFUSE TO DIE!!!

Utan uses all of his power to tear open the spirit's mouth and uses the Tsuiho-Ha to destroy it. After he was done with that, he teleports to Touko, and blows a giant hole in her stomach as he punched her. He was just about to kill her with his monoshizao, but something in his heart stopped him.

Touko: Why didn't you kill me?

Utan: I can't. You may not be human, but even live dolls have hearts. That's something I could never destroy, even if your attitude is abhorrent.

Touko: I'm not surprised. How do you intend to defeat him over something trivial than my heart?

Utan: It isn't, but my freedom isn't trivial to anyone. I'm sorry that I had to use my power the wrong way, again, to make you understand. I'll help you recover.

Komane: Are you out of your mind, Utan? She almost killed you and you're - - -

Maiya: No, he's doing the right thing. Many people have died; he did not intend to hurt her by his honesty.

Maiya senses another presence, it was him. (Araya) He attacks Utan and Touko. He was able to escape his attack along with Touko.

Utan: Huh? It's you.

Araya:

Touko: Araya, why are you here?

Araya: True knowledge.

Touko: Where are you going to find it?

Araya: Only within myself. (eyes on Utan.) It seems like you have it within you as well. However, it oblivious by nature by these people you care about. Especially her.

Utan: Do you actually think that I'm going to allow you to hurt these people, in order to find true knowledge? If you are, you came at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Araya: If necessary. (readies his fighting stance.)

Utan: (angered by the words "if necessary.") If you're in a hurry to die, then so be it!! (gets out his monoshizao and attack him.)

Maiya: No, Utan.

Araya stabbed Utan in the gut, as he knocked his sword away from him. He was just about to tear him to shreds, until Satsuki defended Utan by scratching his back. Her shoulder was severely injured Araya 's attack as she fights Araya along with Utan. He ended up kicking them both; but Utan was able to shield Satsuki.

Araya: What a waste of time. (eyes on Touko.)

Utan gets up and cuts his arm. As he tries to cut Araya again, he was kicked in the face.

Araya: You're still alive?

Utan: I'm not going to die that easily. (quickly heals his injury.) Let's go.

Araya: (sees that he has the power gauntlet.) Looks like I'm done here.

Utan: Yes you are!!! (his attack missed him and he disappears.)

Utan: Now where did he go? Great!! (checks on Satsuki to see if she was alright.) Satsuki, are you alright?

Satsuki: Yes, I'm fine. (tries to get up.)

Shiki: It's alright. We'll help you up. (looks at Utan.) Utan, give me a hand.

Utan and the others go inside. He was upset that they had to see him fight against Touko. Utan and Caster were healing Satsuki and Touko.

Tsuiho-Ha (Expulsion Wave) Special thanks to Arcueid and Akiha, he can literally maim an opponent's parts of the body. If he strikes the heart, the opponent will be blown up.

Caster: I'm really disappointed in you, Utan.

Utan: You have every right to be. There's nothing pretty about it; she went too far trying to defame me.

Caster: Are you Omega-3?

Utan: I'm Utan Enhada. I have no idea who that person is.

Then, Shiki enters to see if Satsuki's ok.

Shiki: How is she?

Utan: It could have been a lot worse for her if I didn't stop Araya. She's ok; her injury will recover by tomorrow. I'm sorry.

Shiki: Look, it's alright. (Utan leaves.) Huh, where are you going?

Utan: I have to find Commander Ugoh.

Shiki: What? Utan - - - wait, shouldn't you be resting after your fight against Araya and Touko?

Utan: No, this madness has to stop.

Before he could leave the mansion, Priestess Caren shows up at the mansion's gates.

Utan: Caren? Why are you here?

Caren uses the Shroud of Magdala to bind Utan to render him unconscious.

Maiya: Where are you taking him?

Caren: Back to the church. Come, Ciel.

Komane: Utan! (she was stopped by Maiya.)

Maiya: Let them go.

Komane: Why?!

Maiya: Those archives Utan destroyed - - - Touko said something about him being Omega-3. In addition, if you were to follow them, you'll be hurting yourself more than him.

Ciel and Caren went to the church; Utan was out cold. He wakes up only to see himself shackled and surrounded by a couple of followers of Caren.

Utan: (sees that he's at the church and shackled with his shirt off.) What is this place? Why have you got me in chains?!

Caren: There's no need to be alarmed.

Utan: What do you want? If you want me to come back here, the answer is no.

Caren: You don't have to. If you wish to be free, you must receive your atonement from your sins.

Utan: What? My sins, I didn't do anything wrong.

As he looked into Ciel's eyes, he sees Omega-3's cause of his death in his vision. He killed all of Ciel's subordinates except Seven. He was actually Omega-3, as it was displayed on The World's Wrath.

Utan: What are you going to do to me?

Ciel: You must remain here for thirty-six hours. We're aware of your healing abilities, Utan.

Utan: And if I refuse?

Caren: Our strongest executioners, other than Ciel, will come after you.

Utan: (Thinking silently.) More executioners? Stronger than Ciel?! (he was invisibly scared, speaks.) Ok, I'll accept.

Ciel: Do you have anything to say before we get started? (gets out her black keys.)

Utan: Yes. I'm sorry Caren and Ciel for betraying you. (He was thinking about the True Ancestor.) Most of all, I'm sorry that betrayed her.

Utan was reliving what happened to Ciel here. Arcueid and Ciel's blood, along with his, made Utan's will even stronger - - - even in the face of death. Then, Meirei Solomon appears to speak with her.

Meirei: Who's this?

Caren: This is Omega-3. Otherwise known as Utan Enhada.

Meirei: Omega-3? I remember that name. Unfortunately, he was able to defeat the True Ancestor along with Ciel. But, he killed the members of Ciel's group, except Seven, because of their actions when he defeated her. They were becoming succumbed by his power in taking the role of the Executioner.

Caren: You want to kill him?

Meirei: No, he's free upon my release. Maybe, he could be some use to us after all. (leaves.)

22 hours had passed; Utan was soul-crushed. I don't want to explain fully what happened to Utan; he was tortured to death by Ciel and rest of members of the Church.

Utan: Mother Earth, if I've done anything horrible for you to look down upon me - - - I'm terribly sorry for what I've done.

Then Meirei appears.

Meirei: Mother Earth? You mean the Akitsuki?

Utan: Who's the Akitsuki?

Meirei: The strongest dead apostle on this earth. Why do you call her that?

Utan: My grandfather told me; he told me this before he died "as long as you look at the moon to clear your guilt on this earth, she will appear and grant you her blessing."

Meirei: . . .

Utan: What's wrong?

Meirei: Nothing. Are you still fighting against Arcueid?

Utan: I was - - - why?

Meirei: Be careful if you do manage to kill her.

Utan: Why?

Meirei: You thought that the Angra Maniyu was dangerous. She's no exception.

Meirei leaves Utan.