

Chapter 13: Issues

Utan comes out of the Church for his sins against them. His suffering would have been a lot worse if he didn't accept. 36 hours had passed. At 8:00 am after he left the church, he sees Komane.

Komane: Utan. (He walks right past her.) Where are you going?

Utan: Home.

Komane: Why?

Utan: I'm tired.

His penance at the church was so soul-crushing that he couldn't do anything today.

Komane: I'm sorry for seeing that from you.

Utan: It's alright; it was unavoidable. I just need to get some rest so I can return to fighting form.

Utan walks home. More people from MageCorps appear to detain him.

Utan: More?

???: There he is; get him.

Utan: Enough of this bullshit!!!

Utan wasted no time but to blow them away with his Kuuga. But one young soldier was still alive; he was just about to pull out a gun.

Utan: Don't even try it. Just do the smart thing and go away; your life isn't worth throwing away.

???: (runs away.)

Utan returns to the mansion in his room. He went to sleep all day. At like about 10:30 am the next day, he wakes up and goes into the living room to get something to drink. He opened the refrigerator and sees that his canned Sprites were gone.

Utan: Great, now I have to go get some more.

Utan leaves the mansion to go to Nathan's. But before he could go to Nathan's, he saw Miyako drinking Sprite. As he walked past her, she threw her can at Utan and hit him in the head.

Utan: Why did you do that? You do realize the trashcan's at Nathan's front door.

Miyako: Sorry! (smiles at him.)

Utan: That wasn't funny. You better watch yourself. (picks up the can and puts it in the trash.)

Miyako: Wait!! I would like to ask you a question.

Utan: What is it?

Miyako: Do you happen to know where Shiki is?

Utan: There's a multitude of Shikis roaming around here. Which one?

Miyako: Tohno.

Utan: Tohno? Why do you want him?

Miyako: I was just wondering if you knew where he is.

Utan: I'm sorry; you're going to have to find him yourself. (he was able to dodge Miyako's attack.) For someone your age, you're not a good listener.

Miyako: If you're not going to tell me where he is, I just have to beat it out of you.

Utan: Whoa. Whoa. Whoa. Hold it right there, sweetheart. I know you're not fighting against me, are you? (he sees that it's Miyako.) It's you.

Miyako: It seems like you remember me. You're that jerk from Hawaii!

Utan: Hmm. I don't remember being a jerk; who are you speaking to me or someone else? Who told you that?

Miyako: I doesn't matter; I've been waiting three years to fight against you.

Utan: Well, you're just wasting your time.

Miyako and Utan fight for two minutes. He was able to gain a slight edge against Miyako by counterattacking her aggression by a bunch of throws. Utan was able to punch her in the stomach as she tried to kick him in the face.

Utan: Have you cooled off yet? Or do you still want more?

Miyako gets back up.

Utan: You don't know when to give up, do you? You've lost; I won. It's over!! (sees that Miyako wasn't scared of him.) I admire your courage, Miyako; you're out of my league.

Miyako: You're not going anywhere. FIGHT ME!!!

She attacks Utan from behind again. He was able to block her attack and knocked her out with a forearm to the face. With one hit, she was down. He tried not to use enough force to hurt her but to knock her out, but he felt a surge from the Power gem from her attack, forcing him to use a bit more force than he wanted.

Utan: I'm sorry. (heads to get some more water.)

As Utan was going into the store, Otoyo came out of the bushes after he was finished recording this fight.

Otoyo: Wait until these people on the YouTube get a load of this; this will definitely put Utan to shame.

Haruki: What are you doing, Otoyo? (sees Miyako down on the ground.) Is that - - -

Otoyo: Get lost. Your master's in for it now; he beat the crap out of that girl and I caught it all on tape.

Haruki: So you're planning to defame Master Utan with that?

Otoyo: What are you going to do about it, shorty?

Meanwhile in the store, Utan was getting some water from the store.

Nathan: Hi, what would you like to buy here?

Utan: Water.

Nathan: Ok. Is she alright?

Utan: Yes. Thank you.

Nathan: You're welcome.

Then after he comes out of the store, He sees Haruki trying to take Otoyō's camera away from him. He sees that camera was red.

Utan: So, it was you. (he goes after him. Then, he grabs him.) Are you sending this Touko?

Otoyō: I'm doing this all by myself.

Utan: Why? You actually think this was my idea. What the hell's wrong with you?

Otoyō: I - - - I thought this was supposed to be for her.

Utan: I got news for you. (slaps him in the head and knocked off his hat.) THERE ARE NO LEGENDARY FIGHTERS!!!! THEY'RE ALL DEAD!!!!

Haruki: Utan, calm down.

Utan: Calm down? I can't believe you tricked her into thinking that we were getting powerful and she wasn't and you even intended to defame me.

Otoyō: . . .

Utan: That's the main reason why I held summer camp here. This was supposed to teach you the true meaning of what it means to be winners. Ugoh shouldn't overshadow it.

Otoyō: Do you actually think I'm like your commander? I hate you and your stupid western influence. You should have just left us alone.

Utan: (becoming upset.) No, you need to stop this mischievous behavior. Otherwise, you are going to cause others here a lot of trouble.

Haruki: Utan, I'm sorry.

Utan: You have no need to apologize, Haruki. (looks at Otoyō.) As for you, Otoyō, just stay at home; your ignorance is the main reason why I've decided to come here.

Utan heads back to the mansion after he helps Miyako. He heads to the garden and senses that someone is here. It was Kohaku.

Utan: Kohaku?

Kohaku: I'm sorry for scaring you like that.

Utan: Alright. Please don't do that again. Where's Komane?

Kohaku: Right here.

Utan: Ok. I also found out that you were inventing a secret weapon in the boiler room.

Kohaku: Secret weapon?

Utan: The Mech-Hisui Omega. Are you finished with it?

Kohaku: No.

Utan: You mind if I can see it? There isn't anyone around to notice.

Kohaku: . . .

Utan: I'm becoming concerned with that Mech-Hisui of yours. Didn't you bring to that to Ugoh?

Kohaku: I didn't.

Utan: Well, make sure that you don't; there's no telling what will happen if he gets his greedy hands on that unit.

Kohaku: He's still alive. You defeated him with that attack, didn't you?

Utan: Yes, but he's still alive after that attack.

Kohaku: . . .

Utan: I doubt he's working with Araya and Zepia. I doubt he may come after you and Hisui because of what you've created. He's nothing more than a tyrant; he would do anything to gain power regardless of how many people he's going to humiliate or even kill. Creating an advanced weapon like that makes you an easy target, but I'm not going to allow that. I'll make sure to put that man back in his place.

Kohaku: Uhh.

Utan: Well then, that makes us even. I'm sorry for scaring you like that. Have a nice day, Kohaku.

Kohaku: You too.

Utan leaves the garden and gets his PS3 and Madden Football/FIFA '10 for his final day of summer camp. He blew out the Jets as an introduction of what the people learned this week, now that USA and Japan were eliminated from the Knockout Round in the FIFA World Cup. However, some of the people were still watching it.

Ryutoma: You never even gave them a chance.

Utan: That's the whole point of playing any type of sports. However, it's important to show sportsmanship and respect regardless of the score. I outplayed them in every aspect offensively and defensively; you have to give them a hand for not giving up.

Rin and Azaka were insulted.

Utan: I suspected that from you two. It wasn't an insult to injury; it's the truth of playing sports with competition. You play to win. Hopefully, we can throw the fear of losing aside for one day and have fun.

Ryutoma: So, now what?

Utan: I would like you to play this game and try to beat my team.

Azaka: Are you serious?

Utan: Yes. I'll show you some leniency. As you can see, I even brought along some guests. (looks at Touko.) Due to what you guys saw on TV this week and what happened the other day, I invited her along for the final day.

Haruki: (was surprised to see Ivan.) Who's he?!

Utan: Ivan Duhamis. He used to play this game to the best of his abilities when he was a tight end with the Vikings for nine years. In the '98 season with the Vikings, he had an impressive rookie year.

Haruki: Ah, the Vikings? Like that team, but I like Cleveland.

Utan: (laughs.) For the meantime, let's get started; have fun. So, who wants to play? (looks at Rin and Azaka.) How about you two?

Rin: Huh? Me?

Utan: Yes. You're not going to see the same results of the last game. (shows her his PS3 controller.) I know that you're not used to playing with this complex device. You like it if you at least try to hold it in your hand.

He was playing with his team against the Texans. After Utan made a big throw to Theodore "Teddy" Higgins, his star receiver on his created team, Rin quits.

Utan: Aw, come on. We didn't even finish the 1st quarter. (sees that she's upset.) At least I gave you a chance to score; good game.

He was just about to exit out of the game vs. the Texans, until Kohaku enters.

Kohaku: Do you mind if I play?

Utan: Are you sure? Normally, this isn't the type of sport where comebacks are made too often.

Kohaku: Well, that can be arranged. (giggles.)

Utan: Alright.

Then, Kohaku caught Utan offguard. She was able to beat him with the Texans; the rest of the games against her were close. Kohaku gave Utan some great games; especially some offensive fireworks with the Redskins, Raiders, Chargers and Vikings. The total amount of points scored between them in those four games almost reached 400 points. Both of them were playing the same type of offense - Run N' Gun.

Against the Seahawks, played by Michaelis, he chose Seneca Wallace over Matt Hasslebeck to combat Christopher Hawthorne. Both QB's were evenly matched. Because the Seahawks didn't have a running back that can overpower the Tigers' run defense forced Michaelis to throw more often.

He had two blowouts against the Chiefs and Bengals. Especially that game versus the Bengals; Arcueid was playing with them. As Utan expected from her, she was able to throw bombs and get a fair share of touchdowns and interceptions. Too much continuity with Utan's team, he forced her hand to throw too much special thanks to his defense and special teams taking advantage of her miscues. Shiki gave him an average game. It was what Utan came to expect from the Chiefs.

Against the Patriots, Sion was playing that team. Utan had a fair share of touchdowns and interceptions like Arcueid, but he didn't have to throw the ball as much as her and had a high completion percentage. This was going to be another overtime game, until Tarek Cosby from the Tigers sealed another victory with a game winning kickoff return.

Against the Ravens, Maiya gave him fits. Running the football was very difficult; none of his key running backs had a 100-yard game. Turnovers were the main cause of his loss thanks to Ray Lewis and Ed Reed. He had a fair share of touchdowns and interceptions.

He had defensive struggles against the Broncos, Jaguars, Steelers, and Colts. The game versus the Broncos was distracting for Utan because of who was playing with that team; Rider. But he was able to beat her thanks to Tarek Cosby, his star kickoff specialist. But versus the Steelers, which was played by Ivan; it was his worst offensive outing. He was held below 300 yards of total offense; his defense was able to back him up. He almost beat him, but an interception cost Utan the game. The next game was against Jaguars once again this is what he expected from this team and the way that person was playing with them; the player was Len. It was a defensive struggle through the remaining 3 quarters, but he was able to get a few lucky breaks from her and capitalize from them. Komane played with the Colts. Utan was unable to score in the first half because of a shoulder injury to the main quarterback. His backup, Ed Leaf, almost brought the Tigers back from a fourteen-point deficit; but Peyton Manning was just too much for them.

He had some silly games, as well, against the Lions, Falcons, and 49ers. Utan was even dumb enough to give Saber a safety near the end of the game. At the 49ers game, Ryougi missed crucial extra points and had one blocked. It was a defensive struggle that ended ugly for her. The game versus the Falcons was a blowout; which was played by Hisui.

Touko beat Utan with the Eagles in a great and close game that went down to the wire. His star QB received a big hit and fumbled the football and she ended it with a field goal.

Then, he plays against the Saints, alone. He was unable to stop the Saints' passing attack. So, he decided to play at their level. The Saints were able to end the third quarter with a field goal. He hears someone knocking on the door. The Saints were in the lead, 38-35. He pauses the game to see who it was.

Utan: Come in.

He sees that it's Saber and Rin.

Utan: Rin.

Saber: Who's this you're playing against?

Utan: The New Orleans Saints. They're winning, 38-35. You need any help with anything around here?

Saber: Not at the moment. (Looks at the logo of the Saints.) The Saints?

Utan: Don't worry; it's a football team.

Rin: (sees the uniforms for Utan's created team. It was like the Dallas Cowboys' uniforms but it was black and white. They were wearing the away team uniforms.) Those are some ugly uniforms.

Utan: (visibly insulted.) Yeah, thanks for your opinion. Let me finish this game. Would you like to see me beat this team?

Saber: No.

Utan: How about you, Rin?

Rin: No.

Utan: (visibly upset.) Ok, have a nice day you two.

Utan was running a two-minute drill. With 1 minute remaining in the game, he was down 48-45 at the opponent's 45 yd-line; 1st and 10. He chooses to use Teddy Higgins option-route pass play from the Shotgun with four wide receivers. He hiked the ball and he was ready to throw to Higgins' direction, but someone was knocking on the door and accidentally pressed R1 and threw it to Riley Castillo's direction. Jonathan Vilma from the Saints intercepted it. The game was over. The Saints beat the Tigers 48-45. He sees that it was Arcueid.

Utan: Arcueid?

Arcueid: Why are you surprised to see me?

Utan: I'm not.

Arcueid: Sorry. I knew that was the team you hated to play as and against.

Utan: It's alright. So, what is it you want? You want to play against me?

Arcueid: No. I just came here to rest.

Utan: (visibly upset.) Thought so.

Arcueid: But I don't blame you for losing against them. They're your symbol of hope.

Utan was upset with Arcueid. If it wasn't for her blood being within him, he wouldn't have survived the penance. The fact he had to stay there for days really made him feel Ciel's tears of joy and pain. He turns off the PS3 and heads downstairs to see what the others were doing.

Maiya: Utan.

Utan: Yes, what is it?

Maiya: I think you need to take a break from this.

Utan: What?!! No way, I'm not - - -

Maiya: Utan!

Utan: Alright.

Touko: I'm not impressed. Obviously, you need to do a lot more than just sit here.

Utan: (senses sarcasm from the tone of her voice.) Touko, shut up! You're lucky I'm not - - - (He was just about to lose it. slowly calms down.) I've heard enough of your smart-ass remarks, Barbie. I suggest you put a zipper on your mouth; you're really starting to drive me over the edge.

Touko: Is that a good thing?

Utan: Both. So, you better watch yourself. (sits down away from Touko.)

Satsuki: Utan.

Utan: It's alright. Were there any major attacks while I was gone?

Komane: No.

Utan: (surprised.) What? (he was insulted by this.) What were they doing?

Touko: Wouldn't you like to know? It's so obvious; even a caveman would be able to figure that out.

Satsuki: Caveman? Touko, he - - -

Touko: I wasn't talking to you, idiot.

Utan: (When she called Satsuki an idiot, he was mad.) That's it. Get out!

Touko: What? Obviously, you're not the master of this house.

Utan: (he comes over to her and pokes her left shoulder with his index finger.) I don't like stingy carpetbaggers like you in my presence. If you continue, I'll drag you to the exit and throw you out myself.

Komane: Please, Utan! Leave her alone.

Utan: I've had it with you. No wonder why Ryougi stopped working for you; you're an ungrateful bitch!!

Everyone was shocked to hear that from him. Sakura was hurt.

Touko: An ungrateful bitch? You actually said that?

Utan: (looks at Touko.) Yes, I did. It's all fun and games to you.

Touko: You'd say the same thing about Arcueid - - - if she was awake.

He became angry with her when she mentioned Arcueid. Utan has never displayed any type of hostility towards a female like Touko; she was pushing it. However, he was able to control himself.

Utan: You're an idiot to actually think that. Of all the people, why would I even attempt to stab her in the back? Yes, it's true; I fought her only to make a stand - - - I wouldn't even attempt to kill her.

Touko: Why can't you? Don't tell me you happen to have a soft spot for her?

Utan: (becoming angry and upset.) I don't.

Touko: Quit teasing me. I can see it your eyes; your affection for her has only made you weak. That's the only major defect of your power. You're a saint blinded by a female's weak-willed ambitions.

Utan: (becomes angry when she said that.) SHUT UP!!!!!!! You're wrong. It maybe my weakness - - - but it's also my strength. That's why I hate that from you - - - ambition. It's all that I've been hearing from you.

He leaves.

Satsuki: Utan.

Saber: Don't go after him. You're just - - -

Satsuki: I'm just what? He saved me. (looks at Touko.) You have no shame; he freed me from Roa's control. And now drove him away?

Shiki: I understand he was able to free you; but you have to realize he isn't - - -

Satsuki: I heard enough of your lies. (she cries and goes outside.)

Ciel: He's a dead apostle. The true number #10 hidden underneath the color of war and blood of a woman's pain and anguish.

Shiki: You mean to tell me he felt Satsuki within him?

Ciel: Yes; her blood being spilled by Nanaya revealed his true nature.

Utan was sitting alone at the park. He was becoming slowly powerful that Sakura was visibly scared of him; he knew that she was out to get him. Then, Satsuki appears.

Satsuki: What's wrong, Utan?

Utan: Nothing. I was looking at the moon. (she looks him very angry.) That's main reason why I'm cursed this summer. I hate it; I hate the sight of blood.

Satsuki: No, you don't.

Utan: I didn't mean to scare you; she's becoming that crimson snake stabbing people in the back.

Satsuki: That's why I don't like her. However, you were wrong to call her that.

Utan: (he hugs her.) It's alright. It just came out; it was wrong but she knows where I come from. I don't take insults to innocent people.

Satsuki: (blushes.) You really are funny.

They head back home but before he could do that, Touko's vehicle was crashed into a tree. Satsuki was able to get her out of the car and see if she was alright. Satsuki feels an unearthly presence behind her. It was W-Len and Idris. Idris had her in a stranglehold.

Idris: Hello.

Utan: Father? Why are you here with that ugly white rat?

W-Len: (becoming angered.) How dare you!

Satsuki was able to break free from his grasp scratched his left shoulder. He was able to stop Idris's attack against Satsuki.

W-Len: Idris, you jerk. Now look what you just did!

Idris: That isn't the main objective. So, stay out of this.

Utan: I was hoping you would. Make sure that she stays back; I'd hate to see her get caught in our crossfire. (Idris was becoming angry at him.) What? I was just giving her a fair warning if I accidentally killed her - - - I know you're supposed to be dead.

Idris: You think I'm a fake. (gets out his Dillinger's Magnum MK-VIII. Utan was shocked to see that weapon.) Let's see what this baby can do.

Utan: Idris, how were you able to get that weapon?

Idris: Thanks to her, I'm back.

Utan: I was hoping that I didn't want to see that magnum again.

Utan has a flashback when he was four years old that a vampire was just about to devour him right after he knocked out Maiya. Idris had no other choice but to use that gun on him. There was a giant hole on vampire's left side, but it missed Utan by eight inches. Utan freaked out when his gun clicked.

Idris: Silly me, I have no bullets.

Utan: (was becoming really angry.) You idiot. Why did you scare us like that?!

Idris: It's not like I can use this magnum against you two.

Utan: You're not going to fight against me?

Idris: Of course not.

Utan: What? (senses someone behind him.)

It was Utari.

Utan: You.

Utari: Yes, me.

Satsuki: Two Utans? Why are you having Utan fighting himself?

Utan was becoming angry at W-Len. Idris and W-Len disappeared.

Utan: (thinking silently.) I didn't think for one second that he was going to go that low to humiliate me.

Utari: Oh really? You've been fighting against Arcueid way too much.

Utan: So, what's your point?

Utari: Nothing as it seems. You broke her heart so many times; I'll be happy to keep her company, along with these two.

Utan: You wish; they're occupied.

Utan fights against himself. Utan was stronger than his tatar form. After a minute, the fight was over. He destroys Utari by using the Kuuga.

Utan: You're going to have to do better than that if you wish to defeat me. I'll send you into the void along with Zepia.

Satsuki: He's still alive? But how?

Utan: Len! That cat - - - (he becomes mad.)

Touko: How were you to notice?

Utan: Nevermind; let's go back home.

Utan, Satsuki and Touko return back to the mansion.