

## Chapter 14: Utan's Character Assassination

At the next day at 10 am, Utan was resting outside along with the others. Komane was practicing. Utan felt airwaves she was generating with those attacks. One of those airwaves hit Utan's hammock and falls out of a tree.

Utan: (gets up.) She definitely needs to work on her accuracy. (teleports in her direction and gets kicked in the face.)

Komane: I'm sorry. Are you alright?!

Utan: Does it look like I am? (holds his nose and sees blood. he tries to heal himself; then someone threw a box of Kleenex tissue to Utan; it was Antony.)

Antony: I think it'll be a lot better if you used this to clean your nose. If you don't mind, I would like to see Utan alone.

Utan: Antony? Why are you here?

Antony: Why else. Colonel Rouge is here as well.

Utan: What? Are they going to attack Nathan again?

Antony: Maybe. Whoever this person is definitely has you and the True Ancestor's number.

Utan: When will they attack?

Antony: Somewhere around 9 to 10 pm, tonight. Oh, and tell Arcueid I said hi.

Utan: I'll do that; you be careful out there, Antony.

Antony leaves.

Komane: What did Antony say to you?

Utan: He informed me of their next attack.

Komane: Are they going to attack tonight? Who was the person?

Utan: It maybe Ugoh.

Komane: He did say where they're attacking, didn't he?

Utan: No, I wouldn't be surprised to see them at the movies. I swear that troops are like a bunch of flies. It doesn't matter how hard you swat them, more and more of them will show up.

Komane: Should you tell the others?

Utan: I'm quite positive we can handle this; but knowing that the True Ancestor's involved, it wouldn't hurt to bring the others along. Let's go inside.

Utan and Komane went back inside the mansion. He was surprised to see Shiki Tohno.

Utan: Shiki? So were you able to find Araya?

Shiki: No.

Utan: (thinking about what Antony said about the people that are after Utan and Arcueid.) It maybe them.

Shiki: Huh?

Utan: Souren Araya. That's what Antony was talking about.

Touko gets up and leaves the mansion.

Utan: Hey, wait.

Ivan: Did you just say Antony?

Utan: Yes, why? Is there something wrong?

Ivan: No; I'm going out into the city.

Ivan goes outside.

Utan was surprised to see his canned sprite in the refrigerator. He gets a can and his bacon chicken sandwich and sits at the round table, he happens to be the only man sitting at the table - 13 to 1. Kohaku hands Utan a parfait made by Len.

Kohaku: You mind if I - - -

Utan: No thanks.

Akiha: Why don't you try that?

Utan: I don't like it.

Akiha: Why would you say that if you don't like it?

Utan: I don't like it because - - -

Rin: Because what?

Komane: Tell us why, we won't be offended.

Utan: Because I have an ill taste for those types of desserts. Chick food doesn't suit me. (sees that most of them were offended.)

Rin: Why do you say that?

Utan: (sees a giant cake along with 13 parfaits made by her.) Take that for example. Some of those parfaits that are on this table just aren't fitting for my taste. Unlike the Hawaiian Tigers, I created that team for my liking. That's different from making parfaits. They have character; I just can't eat it. Some are sour, salty, bitter and sweet. My apologies to you all. (opens up his canned Sprite.)

Komane: What? Is that all?

Utan: Yes. Hopefully, I can rest easy now that Touko's gone.

Ryugi: You don't have to worry too much about her.

Utan: I'm becoming suspicious of her actions. You know her better than I do; I've never felt any hostility towards any female like that. It almost seems like I'm Akiha.

Akiha: (becomes insulted.)

Utan: Who am I kidding? (Thinking silently as he was looking at Maiya. He senses a similarity between her mother and Arcueid. Looks at the gems glowing. It was only visible to him.)

Kohaku: What's wrong, Utan?

Utan: Nothing.

Meanwhile at Uugoh's location, some soliders from MageCorps were interfering with Araya's meditation.

Footsoldier #2: What are you doing? (Araya was silent.) Hey, I'm talking to you.

Araya cuts off the guard's arm.

Footsoldier #3: Can't you see that he's busy?

Then, Vindicator shows up with her assistant.

Vindicator: What happened to him?

Footsoldier #3: He was lollygagging around; no wonder why we have to stay here and do nothing - - it's because of rookies like him. I'll carry this idiot over to Rex for healing.

Vindicator: Hey, I wouldn't consider him an idiot, he happens to be a bit curious. For the meantime, let's see how Utan's sisters are doing.

Vindicator's Assisant: Yes.

Vindicator and the guard went to go check on Utan's sisters. Then, Thrasher, the MageCorps prison guard, left the room after he got through beating them.

Thrasher: Back again? Quit wasting your time; those bruises are going to be back tomorrow.

Vindicator: I see; don't go too far. Zepia needs them to confirm his permanent arrival.

Thrasher ignored her and went to the showers. Vindicator's assistant was shocked to see what Thrasher did to Kilitia. He was only able to get a single bruise on Kilitia thanks to her reinforcement.

Vindicator's Assistant: God damn!!

Vindicator examines Kilitia's bruises and gets some samples of her blood. She injects her left thigh.

Vindicator's Assisant: What are you doing?

Vindicator: Getting some samples of their blood. These two inherit something rare demon powers.

Vindicator's Assistant: Demons? She doesn't look like one. Anyway, aren't they supposed to be dead?

Vindicator: She isn't. Unfortunately, they happen to be daywalkers like Utan. This is what separates them from being full-fledged demons is their human emotions.

Vindicator's Assistant: Daywalkers? Vindicator, you mean to tell me that Utan is - - -

Vindicator: He's one of them. His mother, Maiya Uzuki, who happened to be like them as well, inherited it. They are the last ones remaining.

Vindicator's Assistant: They are?

Vindicator: Yes, but Utan has found a way to increase their population. By using his blood along with some alchemy, he was able to make the daywalker serum.

Vindicator's Assistant: Who did he use it on?

Vindicator: He used it on a female by the name of Satsuki Yumizuka. I'm going to the lab to examine these. Would you like to come with me?

Vindicator's Assistant: No.

After he was done sitting and enjoying Akiha's tea party, Utan goes along with Michaelis and Ivan into the city to search for Antony. They were just about to head to Nathan's to ask him about the whereabouts of Antony. But before they could do that, someone hurls a trident at Utan's direction. He had his right hand cut.

Michaelis: Utan!

Utan: I'm fine. (heals his hand.)

Then, Rouge appears - the captain of Ugoh's Color Guard. She happens to be 3 inches shorter than him, has long black hair and maroon eyes.

Michaelis: Rouge?

Utan: (thinking silently.) That's who Antony warned me about. (speaks.) Why did you come here?

Rouge: To kill you of course. Unlike all the other low-level colonels you've faced, I'm stronger than them. (gets her trident back.)

Utan: You're wasting your time against me. I suggest you run away, if you wish to live.

Rouge: You're after Antony aren't you?

Ivan: Yeah, you'd better tell us where he went.

Rouge: That's none of your business. (eyes in on Utan and licks his blood on her trident.)

Utan: (disgusted with her.) Go on ahead and see if Nathan's been captured again. I'll take care of her.

Michaelis: But, Utan - - - (sees that Utan was becoming annoyed.) Ok. (heads to find Nathan.)

Utan: My blood isn't made for the likes of you. You better spit it out.

Rouge: Why don't you come here and make me.

Utan was aware that he created that weapon along with Rex-VII. The Millennium Trident, this weapon was made out of the same metal from the halcyon throwing knives. He fights against Rouge using his Trailblazer.

Utan: You're an idiot to think that I'm going to go easy on you; you're in my way of finding Antony.

Utan and Colonel Rouge fight. Michaelis was unable to find Nathan; he was surprised to see Dudley. He was blasted out of the Nathan's store.

Utan: Michaelis! (he was cut by Col. Rouge's Trident. He was able to evade a critical hit from her.) That was dirty, Rouge. (sees Mikiya Kokuto.)

Mikiya: You've just now noticed it? Why aren't you surprised?

Utan: I'm surprised that you're not as powerful as Shiki. I guess killing you wouldn't be a hassle. (he tries to attack Mikiya. He was immobilized by him.)

Mikiya: How does it feel to be reshackled, Utan?

Utan: You're an idiot. You actually think something like this is going to stop me? (he's overpowering his binding magic and breaks free from it.)

Mikiya: That's impossible.

Utan: (Col. Rouge attacks him from behind, he was able to block it and blows her away with his airblast.) I can do the impossible.

Out of nowhere, a figure in white attacked Mikiya from behind. Utan was able to back away from him at the last second, he was wondering who that person was. It was Riesbyfe Stridenberg.

Utan: (he sees that weapon she has was the same weapon he used to save Hanei.) That weapon. How - -

She throws Mikiya's dead body over to him and attacks Utan. He was able to block her attack with the Trailblazer.

Riesbyfe: . . . (leaves.)

Dudley: She would have to show up. Let's retreat.

Utan: Wait.

Dudley and Rouge retreat. Mikiya's body disappears; Utan was able to get his glasses.

Utan: Let's see if Kohaku can examine this.

Michaelis: Are you alright?

Utan: Yes.

Ivan: Who was that person, you were shocked to see her.

Utan: I have no idea. Anyway, have you heard anything from Sion?

Michaelis: No.

Utan: Has Nathan been captured again?

Michaelis: Seems like it. Now what are we going to do about this?

Utan: Get some more fast-food leftovers.

Michaelis: Huh?

Utan: You two can go back and eat some parfaits Len made for us. I don't like it.

Ivan: I wonder why?

Utan: (becoming embarrassed by what Ivan was thinking.) It's not what it looks like. It's a perfect food for women to eat.

Michaelis: You haven't even tasted a parfait, why don't you like eating it?

Utan: I have an ill taste for them. I doubt you two can eat it.

Ivan: Utan, it's just food; it's not different from McDonald's.

Utan: Yes it is. They treat their parfaits like trash; Len's parfaits are state of the art.

Utan heads to Burger King to get chicken sandwiches.

Ivan: You've could've at least got us some Whoppers.

Utan: I don't have enough money to get Whoppers or the calories. This had to do.

Michaelis: How much money you've got in that card?

Utan: In U.S. Dollars, I have almost \$300 left. Hopefully, I can contact Mr. H and check on my status.

Michaelis: Mr. H?

Utan: Yes. Other than you being my right hand man, he happens to be my - - - left hand man.

Michaelis: Is he here in Japan?

Utan: No. Currently, he's in South Africa watching the FIFA World Cup. The Americans could have won it this year; maybe we could have made it to - - - at least the finals. Hopefully in August, we'll see the U.S. and Japan play in an exhibition match.

Ivan: Maybe.

Utan sees Luvia and Ryougi on opposite sidewalks at the intersection.

Utan: Speaking of parfaits, these two are definitely bittersweet. (thinking silently.) Who to go after? (speaks.) Let's go after Luvia.

Utan and the others follow Luvia, unaware that he was heading into a trap. After a few miles, he was able to run in front of her.

Utan: Where do you think you're going?

Utan was able to stop Luvia's punch and crushes her hand.

Utan: I suggest that you tell us where Nathan Wedgewood is. I know you working for him.

Luvia: So what? Let me go.

Then, some throwing stars were thrown to his direction; he missed them by a couple of feet. It was Utari captured along with Asaka.

Utan: You?

Utan was focused on Utari that Luvia was able to break free from his grasp by punching him straight in the face and uses a suplex, facing her. He was able to escape a critical hit from her throw by kneeing her in the stomach; it was a light nudge. She points her finger straight at Utan as she pinned him down.

Utari: Finish him off, Luvia.

Michaelis: Let her go. (he fires his crystal bullet at Utari. It was absorbed by his Shroud of Magdala with Asaka, but she was unscathed by his attack.)

Utari: You'd better be lucky I was able to modify this shroud. Otherwise, she would have been a nice frozen berry.

Asaka: That's just plain dirty of you. Using me as a shield.

Utari: (squeezes her a bit and brings her closer to him.) I suggest you watch your tongue, bitch.

He was just about to launch Asaka into the air, until Len threw a halcyon star at his right forearm and cut it off.

Utari: Huh, what just happened?

Utan & Utari: (they see Len.) You.

Utan was able to get Luvia off her. Utan was able to vanish a split-second when Luvia came within a fist's range between him and reappears to elbow Luvia behind. (Seitei-Ken) Unfortunately, he accidentally used force on Luvia to immobilize her. He felt yet another surge from one of his gems.

Utan: I'm terribly sorry.

Luvia: Hey, I can't move. What did you just do?

Utan: I used my Static Fist to limit your movements. So I suggest you tell us where Commander Uugoh is, if you wish to live.

Luvia: What about him?

Utan: I heard he has Zepia on his side, along the other mage. Where are those three? (Luvia was silent.) Fine, I'll just leave you here then. (he senses W-Len's presence. He gets out his sword.) Come out, Len.

He was able to locate her; she was sitting on a tree.

W-Len: I'll think I can sit here and watch you die. (giggles.)

Utan: (angered.) You still haven't learned your lesson?

W-Len: That can be arranged, it's time for me to teach you a lesson. (she uses her reality marble and sees D-Sakura and Berserker.)

Utan: Took you long enough. I was wondering whether you're giving me some competition here.

W-Len: What? This isn't good enough for you? Here. (sees Asaka and Luvia being gagged and chained up.) How's this? If you lose, Rider will kill these two.

Michaelis: You wouldn't.

W-Len: And I will! So, I suggest you agree to my terms.

Utan: So, it is true. It's amazing how much of a bigger pussy you've become.

W-Len: Why you - - - how dare you insult me? Kill him!!!

Utan, Michaelis and Ivan were able to defeat Berserker. Utari was becoming impatient with them.

Utari: (generates a giant butcher knife to kill Utan.) I guess I have to kill this idiot myself.

Utan was able to block D-Sakura and Utari's attacks then knocks them back.

Utan: Go after White Len.

Michaelis was binded by Utari.

Utari: You're not going anywhere.

Utan: Michaelis.

Then, D-Sakura grabs Utan from behind and tries to corrupt him.

Utan: Get off me. (he throws D-Sakura at Rider. It ended up breaking the chains on Luvia. He hurries to rescue her.) Oh shit.

Utari and Rider attacked Utan to stop him from saving Luvia. Then, she was stabbed in the heart and a red shroud was knocking Utari back. W-Len was shocked to see that Caren and Lancer was able to enter into her reality marble.

W-Len: How did they get in here?

Utan: Lancer? (he was becoming really angry at W-Len for what almost happened to Luvia.)

W-Len: I can't even defeat him here?

Utan: I suggest you give up.

Len becomes upset with W-Len.

W-Len: (becoming irate with her plea to return to her.) How long are you going to continue to ask me to return to you?

Len was becoming upset.

Utan: (he senses a crystal bullet being fired straight to W-Len) Len, look out.

W-Len was unable to evade that attack. She was knocked out of the tree and Utan was able to rescue her from falling, despite that fact she was her enemy.

W-Len: Get your hands off me.

Utan: Len.

W-Len: This doesn't change anything between us, Utan. I will return.

Her reality marble disappeared when she left. Utan heals Luvia.

Luvia: Why didn't you go after them?

Utan: I have no reason to. Anyway, are you working for Uugoh?

Luvia: No. I was able to find out that they were planning to use Bazett as a scapegoat for the Tatari's permanent host.

Utan: Huh, they are? Who told you this?

Luvia: Nathan.

Utan: (feeling suspicious of Nathan.) Why won't you come with us?

Luvia: . . .

Utan: I see. (Luvia leaves.)

Lancer: She was your enemy, why didn't stop her?

Utan: I had no reason to. Besides that, it's better to give than to receive. Michaelis, did you fire at White Len?

Michaelis: No, I didn't. It was someone else; I'm guessing someone was overseeing this fight.

Utan: So many things have been popping up. Every time I - - - we get closer to find Bazett, there's always someone or something that may be a potential threat or pushovers.

Ivan: Hopefully, Lancer and this young lady maybe able to help us cover more ground. This isn't an individual effort, Utan.

Utan: I know that. (he was becoming visibly angered listening to that from him. It was common knowledge to him.) Nevermind, that's what happens when you take things too personally; I forget that there are others willing to help. (calms down. He was just about to ask him "Where's your master?") Caren sent you here didn't she?

Caren: You have no reason to downgrade yourself; you've done an exceptional job of protecting them.

Utan: Yeah, I'm truly an idiot to actually think that I was going to find peace here this summer. If the heat isn't as bad, I have no idea what is.

Michaelis: Utan, what about Nathan?

Utan: What about him? He's unimportant at this time; we have to find Bazett before he does. Let's go to the mansion to inform the others. I didn't get your name.

Asaka: I'm Kokuto Asaka.

Utan: I'm sorry for what just happened the other day.

Asaka: It's alright.

Utan teleports to the mansion along with the others.