

Chapter 2: The Perfect Game

Utan arrives early at a soccer field before everyone else and sets up some possible materials ready to introduce American football. He couldn't have prepared a perfect time to introduce this new sport in this area. It wasn't as popular as soccer, but he was determined to show them how Americans enjoyed this sport. He was wearing a personalized Oakland Raiders Jersey with the #8.

Utan: I always wanted to play football.

He practices throwing long, short, and moderate passes throughout the field. Then, he hears someone in the bushes.

Utan: Who's there? (He continues.)

Then, everyone enters.

Utan: How nice of you to join me today. (He throws the football a far as he could all the way to the other side of the soccer net.)

Haruki: That's amazing, how were you able to do that?

Utan: It's easy; practice equals perfection. Why won't we go inside and see what this sport has to offer.

As soon as everyone went inside the facility to see what this sport has to offer, a young lady appears out of the bushes. (Miyako Arima)

Miyako: I finally found you, Shiki.

Inside, Utan was showing everyone some videos what American football is. Right after everyone got through watching the video, Naoko Inoue was not impressed with what she saw.

Naoko Inoue - She has long violet hair, blue-green eyes and 3 inches shorter than Utan.

Utan: So, do you like it? (he sees most of the people having mixed feelings.) I thought so. Anyway, let's introduce - - -

Naoko: Why?

Utan: Excuse me, is there a problem?

Naoko: Yes. Why do you want to introduce that sport to us? Soccer has that.

Utan: Soccer has that. (laughs.) No, it doesn't. This version of football requires full use of hands and feet; your version of football is too limited. You can use your feet to score a field goal or otherwise known as a soccer goal, as you just saw on the screen. In order for you to pass or throw the football, hands are required.

Naoko: And this is supposed to be better than our football?

Utan: (feeling upset.) No, it isn't.

Otoyo: Oh, come on. World football's better than that sport.

Utan: That's very disrespectful of you. In open arms, you showed me how you play soccer, baseball, and even volleyball. I have to admit, you've played these sports better than we have. (feeling upset.) At least give this sport a chance. I'm introducing this sport in open arms, just like you.

Otoyo: Yeah right, your nose must be feeling a bit sore after what happened yesterday.

Haruki: (felt sympathy from Utan.) He's right. You have to be ashamed of yourself, Otoyo. Don't forget that he saved us all from the Angra Maniyu, six months ago.

The people were looking at Otoyoy. He felt invisibly guilty. However, when Len looked at him, he becomes scared.

Otoyoy: I didn't know that; my mistake.

Utan: Thank you very much. Now, let me introduce route running and ways to throw the football. Route running improves speed and agility, throwing the football requires strength, power, and focus.

Saber: Aren't these skill sets any different from fighting?

Utan: Of course not, but it is recreational. Let me show you how to throw the football. There are two ways to throw the football: over and side. The side throw presents a perfect spiral mainly used by QBs who prefer to throw conservatively and accurately. The over throws is used by QBs who throw with power. I happen to be a balanced QB by what you just saw earlier.

Rin: Balanced?! You just threw that ball 120 yards from the field; that's supposed to be balanced?!

Utan: No, but I do have a golden arm. (gives her a thumbs up.) Now, onto the routes; starting with the slant.

He demonstrates how to run and use the quick slant and the middle slant on the PS3 playing Madden '10 by using the Oakland Raiders.

Utan: Do you see that point within the slant? That's when you quickly roll your ankles and follow the line. For throwing a quick slant when you reach that point, expect the ball to be thrown at that area. This challenges the secondary. This almost does and doesn't work. Pending upon how slow or fast it develops; it could be an interception or an instant TD. Other than screens, this motion is great for bailing out QBs who wish gain chunks of yards while prolonging crucial drives and maintaining their offensive tempo.

Akiha: Are you finished?

Utan: Of course not. Now, it's time to introduce the streak route to you. As you just saw earlier, I was testing my arm strength; the route runner has to test its speed. This route is used to challenge the secondary's speed. This is what defines a QB in this sport; the ability to throw deep with the game on the line. That's what I'm introducing to you.

Ryutoma: So, are we going to throw bombs at people?

Utan: No, we're not throwing real bombs; I'm testing your arm strength. I like to see that from everyone and we'll call it a day so we can watch our teams play in the World Cup.

Utan and the others go outside to the soccer field. Utan went first and he throws the ball at the 5-yard line at the other side of the field.

Utan: Ok, I like you to beat that. Start at the 20-yard line and throw the ball once you reach the 30-yard line. You can try again if you go past the 30-yard line.

Akiha: You want us to throw that far?!

Utan: I'm just testing your arm strength, that's all. You don't have to throw it that far.

Everyone tried to reach Utan's distance. Rider and Saber almost did. Everyone went except Akiha and Arcueid.

Utan: Ok, Akiha. Go!

Utan tried not to laugh at how Akiha threw the football. She threw the ball like about 25 yards with two hands. He tries to help her, while keeping a straight face.

Utan: That was good. I'm positive I showed you how to throw a football. You don't need two hands. (senses that Akiha was feeling upset.) It's alright.

Arcueid: Ok, it's my turn.

Utan: Uh, yeah. Here you go, Arc. Go! (sees that she wasn't moving.) Go!!

Arcueid: I don't need to run. (She throws the football like a bullet and breaks the soccer net. Everyone was shocked to see that from her.) Looks like I won.

Utan: (amazed and upset.) Yes, you did. Good job!! It looks like we have another Warren Moon in the works, ladies and gentlemen.

Right after Utan finished the Golden Arm Challenge; Utan looked at his results and decides whether to give American football another shot next week.

Utan: (thinking silently.) It actually worked; I really need to work on my throwing accuracy. I'll give this another shot again next week.

Sion: You think so?

He sees Sion and Satsuki. He was surprised to see them both, especially Satsuki – in a orange and white summer dress.

Utan: Sion, what are you doing here?

Sion: Just seeing what you were doing. Is that a problem?

Utan: No. This summer camp's going great, according to plans. We had a few minor setbacks; so far, we're enjoying every moment of it. (becomes tired.)

Satsuki: What's wrong?

Utan: I'm thirsty. I'm heading over to Nathan's convenience store.

Satsuki: Convenience store? What's that?

Utan: Besides me being the only Westerner here, Nathan Wedgewood came here a couple of months ago. He runs a convenience store in this town.

Satsuki: Really?

Utan: Would you like to go see him?

Satsuki: Yes, I'd be delighted to.

Utan: That's the spirit. Let's go.

Utan and the others head over to Nathan's convenience store only to see some people from the MageCorps beat him up. Colonel Marvel St. White and his men were there.

White: Where's Utan at?

Nathan: I - - - I don't know where he is now.

White: Wrong answer.

He was just about to kill him, until Utan arrived in time.

Utan: HEY!! Why don't you pick on someone your own size?!

White: You must be Utan. (sees Sion.) You even brought an alchemist along with you.

Utan: Of course. Why are you here anyway?

Colonel White: We're here to kill you. It seems like Nicholas couldn't seal the deal. (sees Satsuki.) Kill her as well; civilians aren't allowed to see our operations here.

One of his soldiers throws a halcyon star at her; luckily, Utan was able catch that and throws it back at him and hits his left arm.

Utan: You're making a big mistake coming here. So, I suggest you run home to your master, fag. I'd hate to kill you.

Colonel White: How dare you? I'm getting sick of your arrogance; kill him.

The infantry of Col. White uses the Halcyon Gandr against Utan. He was able to knock them all away with his Zankuu-Ha (Wind Cutting Barrier)

Utan: How boring. It seems like I'm going to have to kill you the old-fashioned way.

He was able to defeat the infantry along with Sion and Sastuki. Col. White was the only person left; he gets out his whip to attack Utan. It was made of the same steel of his halcyon weapons. However, he was able to catch his whip.

White: That's impossible. How?

Utan: Easy, you're underestimating us. (shows Col. White the gems he got on his gauntlet.)

White: Oh, shit. I didn't you had all those gems. (in shock as he was being pulled in by Utan.) No wait. You can't.

He uses the Goshi Souryuu-Zan to cut Colonel White's head.

Satsuki: Are you alright?

Nathan: Yes, I'm fine. (sees Sasuki and Sion.) Who are those fine women you got?

Utan: Meet Satsuki and Sion.

Nathan: Hi.

They go inside to cool off for a moment.

Utan: Nathan, those people who attacked you were from the MageCorps. Was anyone else here harmed?

Nathan: A few were, but no casualties. I saw someone dressed like an agent the other night.

Sion: Who was it?

Nathan: Who knows, maybe this person's from the Mage Association, from what I've heard. Kind of like a he-she.

Sion: He-She? Was that person a man?

Nathan: I could barely even tell the difference.

Utan: Fair enough. Thank you once again.

Nathan: No problem. You three be careful out there.

Utan, Sion, and Satsuki leave. After a few minutes, a woman wearing a red coat walks past Utan. (Ryougi Shiki). A few hours had

passed; it was almost 8:00 pm. The Geminis were taking a scouting mission into Japan. Commander Ugoh ordered it. Duodon was becoming really scared of this mission.

Dudley: What's wrong? Having second thoughts about this mission?

Duodon: No, it's the wind here. It gives me the creeps.

Dudley: Well then, you'd better get used to it. Otherwise, you'll be dead in an instant by Utan, Bazett, and the other people here.

Duodon: He was able to rupture your neck the last time we fought against him. So, is it ok?

Dudley: (having that flashback. Utan used the Goshi Yume Dan on the back of his right side of his neck. Luckily, that attack was incomplete.) No, but I got over it.

Duodon: I thought so. It still hurts when he actually did it to you in the past and it's still scarred you to this day.

Dudley was silent. He and Duodon continue to search for Utan. Meanwhile at Utan's location, he was on the hammock watching the moon; it was a half moon. Then, some noise startles him in the bushes.

Utan: Who's there? (generates a sword.) Who's there?!

???: Go to the garden quietly and we'll show you.

Utan heads to the garden. It was none other than Michaelis Rosso and Ivan Duhamis.

Utan: Michaelis? Ivan? What are you two doing here? (sees someone coming.)

It was no other than Kohaku.

Utan: You scared me to death.

Kohaku: I was just seeing what you were doing, that's all. Who are these people?

Utan: They're not dangerous. Come on out.

Michaelis and Ivan appear before Kohaku. Ivan was a giant; with black hair, eyes that are as blue as the ocean, and a muscular body wearing the number 44 vintage '98 Minnesota Vikings jersey with some moderate-dark denim jeans.

Michaelis: Where's Komane?

Utan: She's asleep. So, were you able to find out where Martellus's going to attack?

Michaelis: Currently, they're searching for a female mage by the name of Bazett.

Kohaku: Bazett? Who is she?

Ivan: She happens to be the last battle mage.

Utan: (thinking silently.) I'm guessing that was the person Nathan was talking about. (speaks.) So, where's she at now?

Michaelis: We don't know.

Utan: I was hoping you would say that. Anyway, let's see if there are any people from the MageCorps nearby.

Kohaku: I would like to come.

Utan: Ok, let's go.

Utan and the others head to see if there was anyone from MageCorps attacking, but Utan was surprised to see dead bodies lying on the ground.

Michaelis: This again.

Then, they heard someone screaming in pain.

Utan: Let's go.

Utan and the others rushed to the person's aid. But, it was too late. Utan was surprised to see another Shiki here. However, that person had blonde hair and red eyes. (Leo Aragami)

Utan: (thinking silently.) Another Shiki? Just how many of them are there? (sees his knife covered in blood and becomes enraged.) You never learn do you?

Leo: What's it to you? (licks the blood of his knife. laughs.)

Utan attacks him, but he disappears and cuts Utan from behind.

Michaelis: Utan!!

He was just about to kill Utan; until they see some more people from MageCorps try to capture Utan. Michaelis throws a flash grenade, it was a perfect time for Ivan and Michaelis to rescue Utan and bring him back to safety. After a few miles away from him, Ivan puts Utan down.

Kohaku: Your wound.

Utan: Don't worry I'm fine. (He heals himself.) Where is she?

Michaelis: Who?

Utan: The female Shiki I fought against, where is she?

Michaelis: The people from MageCorps were trying to capture you. We ran away as far as we could.

Utan: Great. The death toll here is increasing by every minute.