

Chapter 7: He Calls Himself Zepia

The next day, Utan wakes up and Caster was still asleep. He goes downstairs to see what the others are doing.

Utan: (sees Ryougi and Touko.) Huh? (runs away and accidentally bumps into Akiha. He was rolling down the stairs.) Why are you two here? If you want my sword, then too bad; you're not getting it.

Touko: You can keep it. Where's Maiya Uzuki?

Utan: Why do you want her? You're not going to kill her aren't you?

Touko: No.

Utan: (he senses the tataru nearby.) It's here.

Akiha: What? Who's here?

Utan: The tataru. (he turns on the TV and sees that this is being televised.) How - - - What?

Satsuki: Huh, we're on television?

Utan: Does anyone have the remote control? (he uses it to change the channel.) It's on channel 90. (he finds out that the channels happen to be camera angles. He changes the channel and it was on digital channel 90-006 and see that the living room was being televised. On Digital Channel 90-007, he sees that the camera was focused on Utan and the people behind him. On Digital Channel 90-008 the camera was focused on Utan was seeing.)

Komane: Huh? What's this?

Utan: I thought so. Someone's here. (he uses the gems to be in his astral form so he can track the person who's recording this.)

Satsuki: Utan!

Caster: it's alright; he's tracking who's here. (sees him on television. It was on Digital Channel 90-008).

Utan: (then, he hears someone laughing.) Ok, come out. (he dodges the stakes being thrown at him and grabs the chain to bring out the tataru form of Rider and stabs her. he breaks the chains and threw the dagger straight to Zepia's head.) So, it was you. I want you to stop this broadcast.

The other people watching this on television were unable to see him. They saw another version of Utan on the screen.

Zepia: I'm afraid I can't do that. Besides, you're ruining the fun.

Utan: My life isn't something you can invade. (He feels Sion within him.) You mean to tell me that you have - -

Zepia: Of course. (he attacks Utan with his nail extension attack. But he was able to escape a critical hit.) You should be grateful that I'm in this form. Hopefully, this isn't the last time we'll meet. (leaves laughing.)

Utan returns to his body. He sees that the TV was smiling at him.

Satsuki: Utan!!

Utan: Great. This guy had to destroy a nice summer here. (turns off the television.)

Komane: What happened?

Utan: I was attacked by him. I can barely tell if he's strong or not. (he goes upstairs to see Maiya Uzuki. But she was there.)

Maiya: Utan. (she sees Touko and Ryougi.)

Touko: I want to know how you were able to bring her back to life.

Utan: The hell if I know. Other than that, I have - - - (Ryougi throws her knife at him.) Hey, you be careful with that.

Ryougi: Sorry.

Utan: You did that on purpose, didn't you? (becoming annoyed by her attitude.)

Maiya: Who are these two?

Utan: Just a couple of grumpy old women. (goes to the kitchen and gets his signature sandwich out to eat. He found out that someone ate the last two. It was Arcueid and Satsuki.)

Satsuki: I'm sorry.

Utan: It's alright. How I was able to bring her back? It may be one of the gems I have.

Ryougi: What?

Utan: All your questions about what just happened today have been answered. (gets the knife off the wall and throws it outside broke the window. He got another official from the MageCorps.)

Utan sees that it was a dummy.

Utan: Whose idea was this? (gets Ryougi's knife.)

Utan heads back inside. Duodon's plan almost worked, he was able to see that he had Touko, Ryougi, Akiha, Satsuki, Komane, and Arcueid on his side. He was surprised to see the True Ancestor along with him but she was asleep. Duodon decides to scout the people at Shirou's house.

Duodon: Perfect. This would an excellent place to stage our next attack. Luckily, Utan isn't here.

He sees someone coming out of the house. It was Rin, Saber, Sakura, and the soul containment unit. He follows them by using a cloaking device to himself and his aura. Then, Utan appears.

Utan: Thank you for calling.

Rin: So, what is it, Utan?

Utan: Remember that person I wanted you four to see. She's at the mansion; let me take you there.

Utan was able to get Rin, Sakura, Saber, and the soul containment unit of Shirou within his inner circle and teleports them to the mansion.

Duodon: (shocked to see Utan teleport them.) Huh? SINCE HOW WAS HE ABLE TO DO THAT?!!

Dudley: Surprised? You have no idea what power gauntlet is capable of with him as the user, do you?

Duodon: No.

Dudley: Let's head back. Hopefully, Vindicator can analyze your results on people we're fighting against.

Back to Utan, he introduced them to Touko.

Touko: Who are these people you've brought in?

Utan: These people were able to help me defeat the Angra Maniyu, six months ago.

Touko: They need help?

Utan: No. (points at the soul containment unit.) He does.

Touko: A soul containment unit? Who's in it?

Rin: Emiya Shirou. His real body was destroyed in the process of helping Utan defeat the Angra Maniyu, six months ago.

Utan: I was able to make it along with Kohaku. We were wondering if you could lend us one of your mannequins to help him out.

Touko: Do you actually think that I'm going to do this without payment?

Utan: (tries to be calm.) In fact, yes. (he sees Ryougi's forearm was missing. It was cut by Idris.)

Utan uses his power gauntlet to regenerate her arm by putting his hand on the mutilated area and pulls out a replica of her own forearm.

Utan: So, are you convinced? (he sees that Touko wasn't surprised at all.) I thought so. Other than that person that you saw on TV, we could be fighting against the Angra Maniyu. I suggest you agree to my plea. (leaves.)

Satsuki: Wait, Utan!

Utan was becoming really upset at Touko's penny-pinching attitude after he healed Ryougi. He heads to the spa room to release the tension he has between her. He was also rebuffing his red wave armor. He evaporated all the water that was in the pool. After he was done in the spa room, he gets dressed and goes out into the city to see Nathan.

Nathan: Utan. How nice it is to see you today. Need something?

Utan: Yes. I was wondering if you got some chicken, bacon, and hamburger buns that I can use to dinner tonight.

Nathan: Yes, I do. These are the last ones.

Utan: Uh, yeah. Who bought these?

Nathan: I saw two maids here today.

Utan: Huh? Ok, I'd like to put these back; I'll see you tomorrow.

Nathan: Be careful out there.

Utan: I will.

Utan heads back home, until he sees some people from MageCorps attack Luvia; he quickly comes to her aid. The sixth infantry retreated as soon as they saw him.

Utan: Are you alright, young lady?

Luvia: I'm fine, thank you.

Utan: I'm glad to hear it. Have a nice day. (he leaves without knowing who she was. She fired her Gandr, but it missed him by an inch. Then she grabs and takes him down with a suplex.) So, you must be working for MageCorps, aren't you?

Luvia: Of course not; you are.

Utan: You're pretty much more of a hit-n-run type of fighter. I'll take my time with you.

Luvia: You actually think that I'm a pushover, huh?

Utan notices that her Gandr was somewhat similar but powerful than Rin's. Utan was able to knock it away. Then, she begins to fire at him while she was running straight for him. Utan quickly got her off as soon as he was pinned down and rolled away from her.

Utan: Yes! Are you done teasing me? I got something even powerful than that pitiful Gandr of yours. (he uses the Hououdan. But, it was a warning shot.) I suggest you give up while you have the chance.

Luvia: (she was laughing at him.) In your dreams.

Utan: Why you - -

She kicks Utan in the face as she dodged Utan's punch. Utan tries to attack her again; she dodges Utan's attack and was caught in a flying triangle. He was trying to prevent Luvia from crushing his neck with her legs.

Utan: (tries to break free from her grasp. Thinking silently.) Are all these people from the Mage Association like this? Why am I struggling to break free from her? (senses a negative surge from the reality gem. Thinking silently.) She's using one of my gems.

Luvia: Just die already.

Utan (feels his neck being crushed by her thighs and was slowly losing consciousness.) I - - - never - - - die. (used his Goshi Yume Dan on her left thigh and breaks free from her grasp. He was gasping to air.) You are going to tell me where the Geminis are hiding.

Luvia: I'm impressed. (laughs.) If you knew I was in distress, they wouldn't even be here.

Utan: (becoming angered.) Do you realize the situation you're in? Uugoh may kill you for what you just did.

Luvia: I know, but I'm used to it.

Utan sees that she was getting up. He senses Dudley's presence nearby; he used his control magic to nullifying Utan's spellcast. Utan caught Luvia's leg as he tried to kick him in the nuts. He was able to block another kick but got kicked straight in the face.

Luvia: (puts her heel on Utan's chest.) Do you think so? You're a soft as a marshmallow; no wonder why Rin likes you.

Luvia was grinding Utan's chest with the heel of her shoe. Until, someone fires a Gandr. It was Rin. Utan stopped himself from using the Tsuiho-Ha (Negative Expulsion Wave) against Luvia. He was able to control himself; his fist was like a few inches from her chest. That missed attack left her shirt a little burnt as it revealed her bra. Dudley and Luvia escapes.

Rin: Utan!! Why did you let her go?

Utan: I'm sorry but she's not my enemy.

Rin: Why?

Utan: I felt something inside her that I just couldn't kill.

Rin: What? (felt disgusted.) Now, do you like her?

Utan: No.

Utan was silent. He heads back to the mansion. Meanwhile where Commander Uugoh location, he's made it to Misaki Town along with Rex-VII.

Rex Navarre III: Co-Commander and Head Advisor of Mage Corps/Co-Founder of the MH2 Labs – a factory that produces meta-humans. He had one of his arms corrupted due a freak accident by one of those test subjects. Now, he has the Golden Arm of Sheba. One of the Elites' items he possesses; other than Uugoh's Jeweled Eye and Utan's Power Gauntlet. Its name says a lot. It grants the user the shevites' knowledge and strength + multiple arms.

Marty: So, do you have the 411 on the strongest fighters here?

Rex: Other than Utan and Bazett, the strongest fighters that are available in this area are Arcueid, Ciel, and Nero.

Marty: Nero and Arcueid? They happen to be the dead apostles. No wonder why my men are afraid of this place; it's called the "no man's land" to Westerners like us.

Rex: I see. So, when are you going to attack Utan and the others?

Marty: Until one of the strongest fighters in that area, are dead. You are going to fight them, aren't you?

Rex: If necessary.

Vindicator: I have one of my scouters out to track anyone within a 50-mile radius. (gets out another scouter.) That should do it.

Marty: Good. Let's go.

Marty, Rex-VII, and Vindicator head in the middle of Fuyuki/Misaki scout this entire area in Sion's old hideout - the waterfront. Then, they receive a call from the Geminis - - - before they could enter.

Rex: It's the Geminis.

Marty: What? Were they able to find him?

Rex: Yes. They were also able to find an ally to help you defeat him.

Marty: Me; I thought you were going to join us to defeat him.

Rex: I told you I'll fight if necessary. Just leave it at that; I'll heal the ally they were able to bring in.

Marty: Fine.

Rex-VII heads to the Geminis' location. At their location, Duodon was tending to Luvia.

Dudley: How serious is that ailment of hers?

Duodon: It's not bad, but it could have been a lot worse. If Utan didn't hold back, this would have taken months to heal.

Luvia: It's not like he wanted to kill me in the first place. This would have been a national incident if he did.

Dudley: He never uses his powers to kill, especially against females. I expected more from him; he hasn't changed at all.

Duodon: It's almost like he's King Kong; even he's dumb enough to let females get lucky against him. Who am I kidding? I gave it away right there!

Dudley: You're getting cocky; don't underestimate him.

Duodon: Shut up! They're nothing more than a bunch of wimps. (looks at Luvia.) Perhaps, I should say the same about you. (he got kneed in the face by Luvia when he tried to lift her skirt.)

Luvia: I suggest you listen to him. Not only you're underestimating him, you're underestimating me.

Duodon: Ow! You - - - (sees blood coming out of his nose.) Why you - - -

Then, Rex-VII appears and uses one of his arms to subdue Duodon.

Rex: And just what do you think you're doing?

Duodon: (scared to death.) Nothing! Put me down!

Rex: Put you down? Why should I do that; you were planning to attack Luvia, weren't you?

Duodon: No, it was an accident; it won't happen again. I promise! Please, put me down!

Rex: Good. If you lay a finger on her, I'll put you down - - - permanently.

Duodon: Yes, sir.

Rex throws Duodon outside.

Rex: You don't have to worry about that guy bothering you again. I'll help you recover from his ailment.

Luvia: It wasn't like he was going to do anything to me. Thank you.

Rex: Ok, Dudley. You can stop now.

Luvia felt the effects of Utan's Goshi Yume Dan; it was making her left thigh fall asleep. Rex heals her.

Luvia: What did Utan use against me?

Rex: Due to his powers, he was able to put your muscles on that thigh asleep. You were able to dodge a bullet from that attack.

Luvia: Tell me something I don't know. You have one of the Elites' items; can't you defeat him?

Rex: I can, but he's not my enemy. I came here just to see what he's been doing; I heard he was able to find a cure for vampirism, thanks to you. (finishes healing her.) There, how's your leg?

Luvia: Fine. That Donald guy's a coward, unlike Utan. (sighs.) How long will my recovery last?

Rex: Two days. In the meantime, Dudley and I will discipline his actions against you. Rest easy, Luvia.

Rex and the others leave. At Utan's location, he returns to the mansion to see if Touko was going to accept his offer. They left. He was still unhappy by what she just did. He decides to go to the garden and rest on the hammock.

Utan: I did the best I could possible do to please her. She's absolutely no better than Uugoh.

Hisui: You're wrong. Utan, why are you feeling upset?

Utan: I was able to look into her eyes. She happened to fight alongside with Ryougi in the past. I was able to heal her out of the goodness in my heart. She damaged that by refusing my offer and stabbed us in the back. That was heartless of her to do that.

Hisui: Heartless? I think you're taking her rejection too seriously.

Utan: Maybe. I have strong opinions about women these days. I'm not a sexist; I was trying to be a Samaritan, but I'm not that kind of person to treat people like her that way. There's something about her ambition that infuriates me.

Hisui: . . .

Utan: I'm sorry, Hisui. I sure hope someday your sister would stop fighting over Shiki's heart and work together. (goes to the mansion.)

Hisui: . . . Utan.

Utan was upset that Touko refused his offer. He wanted to come to her studio and steal one of her mannequins so he could bring back Shirou, but he couldn't. That would be dishonorable for him. Then, Sion appears.

Sion: What's wrong?

Utan: Nothing. I guess lady luck wasn't on my side today. (he takes off his shoes.) So, were you able to know who Zepia is?

Sion: (shocked.) Zepia?

Utan: I just got through fighting him and it was televised. How could you not notice?

Sion: . . .

Utan: Is this Zepia a threat or not? You sounded surprised when I said his or whoever that person is.

Sion: It's more than a threat; (feeling guilty.) He represents my bloodline.

Utan: I didn't know.

Sion: Utan, why didn't you kill him?

Utan: I couldn't. (he felt chills from Sion and hugs her.) Don't feel guilty; my mom had someone similar to him but she calmed it down. She wasn't as scary as he was.

Sion: He is.

Utan: (becoming angry at the innocent version of Sion.) Just stop being scared; you're a lot stronger than that. (calms down.)

Then, Hisui enters.

Hisui: Utan.

Utan: What is it, Hisui?

Hisui: I've just received a phone call from someone regarding Uugoh's next attack.

Utan: What?!! Who has the nerve to call me at a time like this? (speaks.) Hello. Utan speaking.

Luvia: Hello, Utan.

Utan: It's you. How did you get this phone number?

Luvia: That isn't important. I was able to find Uugoh; he's at the Schwein Hotel.

Utan: He's at the Schwein Hotel? Why are you calling me?

Luvia hung up the phone. But it wasn't Luvia; it was Aoko that was using Idris's invention to make her sound like Luvia.

Aoko: Wow! That actually worked. Thanks.

Idris: No problem. I also brought you this. (it was a camera.)

Aoko: A camera?

Idris: It's not just any camera; it has a masking agent within it to make sure that the others won't help Utan. I have to go now.

Back to the mansion, Utan was able to pinpoint Uugoh's location at the Schwein Hotel.

Utan: We found him. He's staging his attack at Schwein Hotel.

Sion: (feels a jolt from the phone.) Utan, it's a trap.

Utan: I don't care if it's a trap or not, we will go up there to deal with this. By the way, have you seen Akiha and the others?

Hisui: No, I haven't.

Utan: I thought you would say that.

Ivan: Utan, let's go.

Utan, Ivan, Sion, and Michaelis head to the Schwein Hotel. Utan gets out his scouter on his iPhone to see if that energy was coming from Zepia. He felt a dark aura coming from the hotel. Then, some creatures came out the hotel. They were able to defeat all of them, but something wasn't right. He was hoping that the others would feel his energy by defeating them. Someone was masking their aura. Utan was able to generate the Red Wave Armor to its maximum. Aoko freaked out when her aura-masking device was blown up; she had no other choice but to retreat. After that, he gets out his jeweled axe sword and tears a hole in the shadow surrounding the hotel.

Meanwhile, Shiki was able to sense Utan's surge. He was inside a restaurant.

Shiki: Not again. (gets up and leaves.)

Azaka: Hey, where are you going?

Shiki: Something just came up. I'll be back tomorrow.

Back to Utan's location, he was inside the Schwein Hotel finding Chaos.

Utan: Nero, where are you? (sees an bull approach to him and kills it.)

Chaos: (appears.) I'm surprised that you're the only one here.

Utan: You're not fighting Arcueid; you're fighting me now.

Chaos: When will you ever learn?

Utan: Until you're destroyed, literally.

Nvsngr Chaos chuckles and giant unidentified monster tries to eat Utan. It was a gigantic gator. He was able to stop the monster's attack when it opened its mouth and uses the Kuuga to cut it in half.

Utan: Come on, you're going to have to do better than that.

Chaos: Oh, do you think you can keep killing my spawns without the True Ancestor's help?

Utan: Yes. (thinking silently.) I'm stalling so that the others can come here. I can defeat this guy, He's different from Arcueid. I doubt if I can get any closer, he'll tear me apart. I'm not taking any chances.

He uses the Shinryuu-Ha to incinerate Chaos. But, it was nullified due to the amount of mana used to generate the Jeweled Axe Sword. He and Chaos fight for two minutes. Outside, Sion, Michaelis and Ivan were killing more of Nero's monsters to stop them from approaching the city. Then, Maiya and Komane arrive along with Len, Shiki, Akiha, Ciel, Rin and Saber.

Komane: Where's Utan?

Shiki: He's fighting Nero?

Ciel: He must be using his reality marble.

Komane: (sees Len entering the hotel.) Len, come back.

Ivan: Go in there and help him; we'll take care of these guys.

Len and the others enter to help Utan. They were surprised to see Utan cut through Nero.

Utan: (points his sword to him.) Give up, Nero.

Chaos: You actually think you can stop me? (sees Shiki and the others.) I'll devour you and this hotel along with your friends.

Utan: Huh? (feels a surge coming from Nero and backs off.) His power increased.

The others came to help him defeat Nero. After three minutes of fighting, Utan and the others were able to beat Nero. But, he's still alive.

Utan: Damn, I thought I had an iron will. This guy just won't go down.

Komane: That's impossible. Utan, what are we going to do now?

Nero: Nothing. I shall see that you're not leaving this place alive.

Utan and the others were knocked back by Nero's power surge. Then, he begins to suck up everything in this hotel. Utan generates a forcefield (Zankuu-Ha) to make sure he and the others aren't swallowed into the void of Chaos.

Komane: We're going to die. Can you guys do anything about this?

Saber: No. I could use Excalibur, but I may end up destroying everyone in the process.

Komane: What? Great!

Utan: I'm afraid that won't necessary. I got something to defeat him. (he sees that the gems on his gauntlet were glowing.) I'll use my Jeweled Axe Sword to send him back to where he belongs. Maiya, hold the forcefield for me.

Maiya: Ok.

Utan uses Ryougi's knife to cut his right hand to generate the Jeweled Axe sword.

Utan: (gets it out.) Come on!!! (he's holding the weapon with the blade on the opposite side and rushes to use the Tenchi no Ura Kuuga to stop Nero's reality marble. It hit.)

Nero: Ha, that didn't even work.

Komane: Way to go, Utan. Seriously - - - (sees that Utan was stopped being sucked in.)

Utan: You're already dead. (Puts his sword back up.)

Nero: Don't screw with me. This isn't over. (he felt that the darkness inside of him was sucking himself.) What? This is impossible.

Utan: That attack I just used happens to perfect for you. Right now, you're being consumed by your own darkness.

Nero: . . .

Utan: You've underestimated me. Now, regret your conceit into the void.

His own reality marble destroyed Nero. The hotel was being destroyed, Utan and the others got out of there in a hurry. The aftermath of the fight against Nero definitely raised some eyebrows. Then it started to rain.

Utan: (becomes tired after using that attack.) Hey, is everyone all right?

Arcueid: You don't look so good.

Utan: Arcueid? W - - - Man, she lied to me.

Komane: Who?

Utan: Luvia.

Rin: Luvia?!

Utan: She told me that Uugoh was going to appear here. Whatever, at least we were able to defeat a potential threat on finding him.

Arcueid: I wouldn't be too sure of that.

Utan: Huh?

Ciel: You're clearly underestimating them.

Utan: Huh, I'm underestimating the tatari? Come on, Ciel. This - - - whatever that tatari is, isn't any different from me fighting the Angra Maniyu. I'm going to destroy the tatari just like I destroyed the Angra Maniyu. How dare you question my power!!

Ciel and Utan were staring at each other.

Maiya: Save it. You may have become powerful, don't forget that there are other people to fight here other than the Tatari.

Utan: Fine. Let's go home.

Utan and the others head home. Meanwhile at Nathan's convenience store, the Geminis enter to kidnap him.

Nathan: Welcome to my store. Would you like anything?

Dudley: No, but our commander would like to see you.

Dudley immobilized Nathan as he tried to run away and Duodon knocks him out. They left the store and headed back to Luvia's house. At Utan's location, he and the others were able to make it home.

Utan: That was stupid of you to question my power.

Maiya: Utan.

Utan: No. I am going find this Zepia person and kill him, alone.

Shiki: You're not. Utan, you're still recovering - - -

Utan: No. I'm already at the boiling point with you, Ciel to question my power and its true potential.

Akiha: You haven't even shown it to us.

Utan: Didn't I show it to you when I killed Chaos - - - do I need to save it against a more meaningful enemy just to show you how powerful I am?!!!

Shiki: You don't have to.

Utan: (becomes guilty. but he sees Ciel look at him with that mean look, he becomes angry.) Quit staring at me like that!!!

Arcueid: It's amazing how you were able to turn so arrogant - - - fighting with a sheathed sword. Clearly; as you are right now, he will kill you.

Utan: Huh? You're still not convinced?

Ciel: No.

Then, someone knocks on the door.

Utan: I don't question your ways, don't question mine. I fight only to make a stand; I could care less about winning or losing. (he opens the door a see that it was Caren.) You? What are you doing here?

Caren: We need to talk.