

Chapter 9: Utan's Heartful Stand Against Arcueid

Today's Monday. At 8:00 am, Utan receives a note from Mr. H.

Utan: (he opens it and discovers that it was a questionnaire.) WHAT?!!! This must be some sort of a joke!

Kohaku: Hey, Utan.

She scared Utan again.

Utan: Kohaku!

Kohaku: (giggles.) What's this you got?

Utan: It's a message from Mr. H.

Kohaku: Who's Mr. H?

Utan: My buddy. It's been a long time since I've seen him. He's been constantly traveling the world. Instead, he's been giving me questionnaires about - - -

Kohaku: About what?

Utan: Nothing that interests you; this is for men: Football, video games, beer, and sex.

Kohaku: Video games? Were you able to get that questionnaire?

Utan: No, I got something else. He wants me to do a questionnaire about what I find appealing about females.

Kohaku:

Utan: I was hoping you didn't like it. That was an indication. I have to go into my room and complete it.

After 2 and 1/2 hours, he completes it. The test was on the females here in Fuyuki City and Misaki Town. On the questionnaire, 16 of 30 people that Mr. H mentioned he likes, 8 of the people he felt indifferent upon, and 5 of the 30 he had mixed feelings, 1 that he dislikes. He was surprised when he saw an "I" (indifferent sign) on Arcueid. He puts it in an envelope and goes out into the city to mail it. Then, he heads back Kohaku's boiler room to see some more recordings of his last fight against Luvia.

Utan: (gets out a can of Sprite and drinks it.) So, have you found anything yet?

Komane: No.

Utan: (becoming upset. He sees someone hiding in the bushes other than Dudley, it was W-Len again.) Her again?

Michaelis: Who's that?

Utan: White Len.

Michaelis: Is that - - -

Utan: Not even close. Yes, they have the abilities to manipulate dreams and nightmares. The same way the Gemini Brothers can be able to manipulate people's bodies. You're lucky you even have resistance against that type of magic.

Michaelis: It's luck. I was raised into a rare breed of sorcery thanks to my father.

Utan: Ah, Fat Albert. I still haven't forgiven him for what put me through the past seven years. His death was just unfair.

Michaelis: I'm sorry, but you should be thanking him for giving you knowledge about this gauntlet.

Utan: (feels unmoved by what he said.) I do. So, where's Ivan?

Michaelis: He went out to get something to eat. Why are you acting like a jerk?

Utan: Duh, summer's a bitch. I feel unlucky whenever I'm around these females, especially Arcueid. She's definitely that person I should be a close eye on now that Uugoh's here.

Komane: You're still doing volunteer work here?

Utan: Of course, I've - - -

Komane: Let's do volleyball. Today's the first day of summer.

Utan: No, I have a better idea. We will try to relax for today due to these events.

Komane: So, where are we going to do this?

Utan: The waterfront. Where else?

Twenty minutes had passed; Utan and the others were able to make it to the waterfront. Utan gets a can of root beer, sits down next to Arcueid, and takes her shade from the sun.

Utan: Hi, Arc.

Arcueid: Utan?

Utan: Uhh, I didn't know what you were doing. Sorry.

Arcueid: It's alright. Can you see I'm lounging?

Utan: No. Is something wrong? (she was silent as she puts on her sunglasses.)

Utan notices that there was something wrong with her. He wanted to compliment how neat her two-piece sarong looked on her, but declines. He lets her relax.

Utan: (thinking silently.) I could have sworn that this is what I needed to calm my nerves against the tatari. I don't think it's a threat but I could be concerned what may come out. (drinks his canned root beer, thinking about what happened Friday when he killed D-Sakura. Then, he looks at Arcueid.) Even she has her way of making a person feel holsum.

Someone splashes water on Utan in the pool. It was no other than Haruki.

Utan: Hey.

Haruki: What's the matter, Utan? Come inside the pool with us.

Utan: Alright, let me finish this first. (finishes drinking and jumps in.) CANNONBALL!!!

Then, Maiya sits next to her, wearing a gray coverup with her one-piece swimsuit, carrying two glasses of Bloody Marys.

Arcueid: What are you doing?

Maiya: I came to sit down and drink; is that a problem?

Arcueid: No.

Maiya: I thought so. Is something bothering you?

Arcueid: Why should I be bothered? I'm relaxing.

Maiya: Sure you are. (drinks her Bloody Mary and looking at Utan playing in the pool with Haruki, Komane, and Satsuki.) He's such a shallow young man.

Arcueid: (looks disgusted seeing Utan enjoying himself.) He maybe too shallow; that guy's a jerk. (gets up and walks away from Maiya.)

Meanwhile the Geminis were trying to find a way to weaken Utan. So, they can fight against the others.

Duodon: I was thinking about poisoning Utan internally.

Dudley: No; due to the power of that gauntlet, he can instantly heal himself.

Duodon: There has to be something we can use. Clearly, he isn't invincible.

???: He isn't.

Duodon: Who's there? (sees that it was W-Len wearing a white one-piece swimsuit.) Ohhh.

Dudley: What do you want? Are you Utan's friend?

W-Len: No, I want him out of the way as much as you do.

Duodon: Well, we have something in common. What's that idiot's weakness?

W-Len: I was able to witness that he had to go with Rider to capture Shinji, but he was unable to focus on the mission due to how enticing Rider's body was. He was slowly becoming too fond of her and left the house.

Duodon: That's his weakness? I was considering using my body manipulation spell to use one of those girls against him or for my amusement. Oh well; guess I'll befriend one of them. (eyes on Arcueid.) Starting with her. (licks his lips.) She has a delicious body.

W-Len: (becoming disgusted with Duodon.) Alright. Do you want me to come along?

Duodon: No, I handle this - - - personally. (leaves.)

W-Len: Are you sure?

Dudley: Yes, Duodon will be fine. You'll definitely be some use to us.

W-Len: No thank you.

Duodon decides to enter and gets Utan's attention. He trips Akira.

Duodon: Are you alright?

Akira: Huh? You tripped me.

Duodon: Sorry. (laughs.)

Akira: That wasn't funny.

Duodon: Ok, this time I'm sorry. Here, let me help you up.

Then, Saber appears.

Saber: What are you doing?

Duodon: Nothing; I'm just lending a helping hand.

Saber: (senses something in Duodon's eyes, she knew he was trouble.) I'm going to have to ask you to leave.

Duodon: No, I think I'll stay. (he tries to attack her and got punched by her straight in the nose.) Ahh!!

Saber: Now, I won't ask you again to leave.

Duodon: Take your best shot, blondie. (runs away from Saber.)

He runs away from Saber. As he made to the pool, Shiki accidentally knocked him into the pool.

Utan: (sees Duodon get out of the pool as he was knocking away Shiki's hands away from him and comes to Arcueid.) Great, this guy.

Utan decides to go along to see what he's doing near Arcueid.

Utan: Oh, hi Duodon.

Duodon: Utan? Just call me Donald. OK?!

Utan: Whatever. So why are you here?

Duodon: Just enjoying the view and discussing some things with your new friend. Why aren't you?

Utan: I got some issues with her. So, where's your brother?

Duodon: He's at home. I wouldn't mind taking her home with me.

Duodon touches Arcueid that showed displeasure in Shiki. Utan was seeing through his mischief and holds Shiki back.

Utan: Hold it. (speaks to Duodon.) If you're looking for trouble, you came to the wrong place. I suggest you get your hands off her and leave.

Saber: That's my line, Utan.

Duodon: Huh? I thought you were the ones looking for trouble here. (Saber grabs his hand.) Ow! Hey man, let go of my hand.

Saber: (speaks only to Duodon. Gives him a warning.) Watch yourself. You have another thing coming if you plan to use her as a weapon.

Duodon: (speaks only to Saber.) I like to see you try that. (speaks.) Okay then, I'll leave. Ha! You sure do know how to screw things up here. (spits his piece of gum and missed Utan.)

Utan: (punches him in the stomach and grabs him.) Apologize right now.

Duodon: Screw you, Denzel.

Utan: (twists his arm.) Arcueid is off limits. She's already in a bad mood; you're making us even angrier.

Arcueid: (kicks both Duodon and Utan.) We're angry? Don't make me laugh.

Utan was becoming angry at Arcueid. His fist dug deep into the ground in frustration and missed Duodon by a couple of inches from his face, he ran away.

Utan: You should feel lucky. (Duodon's piece of gum was on his foot and threw it at her breasts.) You're mean!!

Arcueid and Utan were staring at each other. Utan was angry but Arcueid was calm.

Maiya: Utan!!

Utan: It's alright; I'm going inside to cool off.

Utan wasn't finished with Arcueid. If Maiya wasn't near her, it would have escalated into a huge fight. Utan tried to calm himself down. Then, he sees a man leaving the spa room. (Antony Villa)

Antony Villa - He is Utan's secondary informant behind Nicholas. If there's anything that involves royalty, he's his main man for information. He's an inch taller than Utan and fat, has black hair and gray-blue eyes. He was a defensive lineman for the Indianapolis Colts from 1998 to 2003.

Utan: Antony? What are you doing here?

Antony: I'm on vacation just like you are. (sees Arcueid.) I wonder who that is.

Utan: I suggest you stay away from her.

Antony: Have you been eating anything? That could be the main reason why you're having issues with her.

Utan: I don't; the food here sucks.

Antony: I can see your tension between her. Starving yourself isn't going to cut it.

Utan: You have no idea who she really is. To be honest, she isn't the girl next door that's easy to get; Duodon learned that the hard way.

Antony: I see. There's something about blonde-haired women being kryptonite to guys like us. I guess I should be going. (leaves.)

Utan: Goodbye.

Then, Utan goes inside the spa room to relax, unaware that Touko and Ryougi were here. Rider and Len massage him. It was like Rider was dulling Utan's tension and Len was melting it all away.

Utan: Summer happens to be a cursed season for me. There's bad luck roaming around every corner. (lies down on the mat face down.)

Rider: Please, don't feel too badly about it.

Utan: (feels some kinks on his back. He grimaces a little.) It's easy for you to say. I got nothing against Arcueid, better yet everybody this summer. Hopefully; in the next hour, she'll have a short memory about what just happened.

???: Is that so?

Utan: Huh? (sees that it's Touko with rocks on her back.) Touko, why are you here?

Touko: I came here to relax. You sure are a glutton for punishment, are you?

Utan: Yeah right. What's it to you? I think you should just use that money to buy a bunch of copies of Scarface.

Touko: Uhh, that's not my type of movie.

Utan: Sure it isn't. (grimaces in pain.)

Rider: I guess I'm finished. (leaves. Then, Len massages him.)

Touko: I was wondering - - - why do you hold a grudge against Arcueid?

Utan: I don't, it's just - - - I have no idea what it is. It maybe you that's invigorating my grudge against her or it may be Ryougi. (Ryougi was insulted.)

Touko: I wonder who else is involved, Sakura?

Utan: (visibly in denial.) She's partially involved. You had be there to able to witness what happened that night when she tortured me and my decision not to destroy her to ensure the world's safety and its people. Instead, you don't what it's like to be human.

Touko: I don't understand? Utan - - -

Utan: I'm not holding anything against you; I'm just saying that you need to consider my emotions and feelings.

Utan was silent as Len was releasing his tense demeanor towards them. A few hours had passed, they returned to the mansion. Utan was still upset at Duodon's attempt to befriend Arcueid. Maiya enters to see how Utan was doing.

Maiya: Are feeling ok?

Utan: No, I'm screwed now. I wish I could do something about Arcueid.

Maiya: I understand what you just did.

Utan: No!! They're - - - they're still fighting over Shiki. (becomes angry.) I won't stand for it!!!!

Maiya: Wait! Utan, stop!! (sighs.) Here we go.

Utan heads to the living room to confront Arcueid.

Arcueid: You got some nerve showing up here.

Utan: Yes, I do. Arcueid, you've been acting like a jerk ever since I've defeated Chaos. You actually think I'm going to just going to sit here and let this continue?

Shiki: No. Leave Arcueid alone.

Utan: You saw what she just did to me at the waterfront. I'm going to teach this idiot vampire a lesson.

Arcueid: I'd like to see you try that.

Utan throws Arcueid outside.

Shiki: Utan!

Arcueid and Utan fight. Utan and Arcueid were evenly matched. However, neither Arcueid nor Utan were gaining an edge. Until, Utan punches Arcueid straight in the nose while he was downed. She was bleeding.

Utan: I suggest you give up. Otherwise, I'll show you what it's like being humiliated.

Arcueid: Ow, that hurt. Was that even necessary? (she sees her own blood on her hand where she was holding her nose.)

Arcueid generates a red wave and cuts Utan's left shoulder. (Akitsuuga) Utan saw that her eyes red all over.

Ciel: No. not again.

Satsuki: (throws him his sword.) Utan, catch!

So, Utan and Arcueid cut through each other. The fight ended at a draw. Komane comes to see if they're alright. Utan was moderately wounded. Arcueid fell down on the ground.

Utan: I guess it was. (his left shoulder blew out of socket and passes out.)

Akitsuuga (Red Lunar Fang) – A huge upgrade of Utan's Goshi Souryu Zan. Concentrating heat, he generates a crescent red wave with fixed damage.