

## Chapter 4: Thunder and Lightning

Hours passed since Utan fought against Juri Haran, Yugri's student. It was 7 AM and Utan was becoming concerned about the executioners' random attacks on him and his allies. But he knew he had to find them before they could do more damage to them. Before he could do that, he had to take Fujino and Zenith to the Asagami Women's Academy.

Utan: I'll see you later, mom. I'm taking Fujino and Zenith to the academy.

Maiya: Ok, go on ahead. Be careful out there.

Utan, along with Jasper, Nemo Uga, Fujino and Zenith, drove off to the academy. But when they arrived near the academy, Utan had to stop half a mile near the academy's grounds.

Utan: Ok. We're here. Be careful out there.

Fujino: We will. Thank you, Utan.

Fujino and Zenith got out of Utan's SUV; then Utan drove off into the city. Nemo Uga was wondering why Utan did that.

Nemo Uga: Utan, why did you do that?

Utan: Did what?

Jasper: To Fujino and Zenith. It should be obvious, Nemo Uga. That place is only for women, not for us.

Nemo Uga: I see; but still, you could have at least dropped them off at the academy's gates.

Utan: And what? I'm not a rule breaker; I'm a man of integrity.

Then, Utan came to a complete stop when he almost ran over some gangsters. They were going after another schoolgirl. (Miaki "Miki" Moriya)

Gang Leader: Hey? What the hell is your problem?!!

Utan honks the horn when the gang leader tried to damage his car.

Utan: Stay in the car, Nemo Uga. Let's get them, Jasper.

Jasper: Ok.

Then Utan and Jasper fight the gang. After two minutes, they were able to beat them and forced them to flee.

Utan: Are you alright, young lady?

Miki: I'm fine. Why did you help me? I had those guys right where I wanted them.

Utan: Are you a member of the Steel Blossoms?

Miki: How did you know?

Utan: Rex told me everything about you. I see that you're a really mischievous schoolgirl; you get into so many fights against men. Why is it?

Miki: I was trying to get back at those monsters that attacked Kei.

Utan: I see, but you're going about it the wrong way. Do you want me to carry you somewhere?

Miki: I would rather walk home.

Utan: Come on, Miki. I'm just trying to help you out.

Miki: Alright; if you wish to taking me home, just be cautious of my mother. She doesn't like men like you.

Utan: Alright. I sure hope you'll like Nemo Uga in the back seat with you.

Nemo Uga: . . . . .

Utan and the others drove off to Miki's house which was a store filled with fragrances, bath oils and other convenient things for skincare. When they arrived, they saw Kilitia and Samari getting some bath oils.

Kilitia: Oh, hi.

Utan: Kilitia and Samari. What are you doing here?

Samari: It should be obvious. (sees Miki.)

Utan: I was able to rescue her from some very bad people. Anyway, I would like to see the owner of this place.

Samari: Why?

Utan: I was wondering why she doesn't like men. Is she a lesbian?

Kilitia: Utan! That's very disrespectful of you to say that!

Utan: I'm sorry.

Then, Akane and Mitsuho appear.

Akane: So would you like to buy anything? (sees Utan and Jasper.) Who are these people?

Kilitia: They're my friends.

Akane: Get out, you two. You know that this shop is only for women instead for men.

Utan: What? That's just plain bias. Come on; I just saved Miaki from a group of evildoers and this is how you repay me?

Akane: That makes it even worse.

Mitsuho: (sees that Utan was getting annoyed and angry at Akane.) Ok, Akane. That's enough. So do you want to buy anything here?

Akane: We don't have anything for guys. You're going to have to go somewhere else.

Utan: I go on ahead and pay for my sisters' bath oils. How much are they?

Akane: Six yens each.

Kilitia: You don't have to worry about paying for us. I'll take care of it.

Kilitia paid for the bath oils and they left the shop. Utan was really upset with Akane.

Kilitia: I'm sorry for what happened at the shop.

Utan: It's alright. Let's just go home.

Utan drove off to the mansion. When he got back he was tired as hell.

Kohaku: Hi, Utan. Are you alright?

Utan: I'm fine; I just need to rest, that's all.

Kohaku: Alright.

Nemo Uga: Hey, where are you going? Don't you have to pick up Fujino and Zenith?

Utan: I'll pick them up later. I need to rest.

Nemo Uga: Hey. (Utan leaves him.) Hey.

Maiya: What's wrong?

Nemo Uga: Nothing. Utan was under the ropes with that woman that fought against him, this morning. Who was that girl?

Maiya: Juri Haran. She was Yugri's disciple; she doesn't have any magic powers but her hand-to-hand combat is superb.

Nemo Uga: I wish I could be as powerful as her.

Maiya: You can. You just need to know your limits when fighting people like that - including Utan.

Nemo Uga was lying down on the hammock looking at the clouds and trying to think of how he could be as powerful as Utan.

Nemo Uga: I wish I could be like the clouds. Maiya's definitely not telling on how I can become as powerful as Utan. I'm just tired of being a crutch to him. (he sees Makoto and Naoko walking on the sidewalk.) Well, isn't this a surprise.

Nemo Uga follows the Inoue sisters a few miles before them. The Inoue sisters were unaware the he was following them. After an hour, Utan hears his iPhone ring; it was Touko.

Utan: Touko? What a surprise. (speaks to her on the iPhone.) Hello, Utan speaking. How did you get this phone number?

Touko: Zepia was kind enough to give me your phone number.

Utan: I see. Well, anyway, this better be good; if not, I'll hang up the phone.

Touko: It's about the executioners. You have to find them immediately.

Utan: That's what I'm doing. For all I know, they could be all over Japan; what do you want me to do for you?

Touko: I want you to find the leader of this group and kill him.

Utan: What is his name?

Touko: Judas Kaman. He's leading this group; not to mention, these executioners are a lot stronger than you. I want you to be careful on battling them alone.

Utan: Wow, this is a change. Well, I was under the ropes with Yugri's former student, Juri Haran. I could have won that fight, but I was too weak to take her on - even with the Power Gauntlet.

Touko: Let me guess; is it the auxiliary currents within your Power Gauntlet – by the space gem?

Utan: Yes. How were you able to notice?

Touko: Just a guess, I suppose. Just go on ahead and find them.

Utan: Ok, I'll do it. Not because you want to get back at your little sister; I just know these executioners are after us and they're just as ruthless as I was back in the day.

Touko: I see, but anyway it's only a matter of time when they find out where you are.

Utan: I'm sorry I have to go now; I'll have this discussion tomorrow with you. (hangs up the phone.)

Then, Satsuki appears.

Satsuki: Who were you speaking to?

Utan: Just a grumpy old woman, Touko Aozaki.

Satsuki: What did she want?

Utan: She was able to find the leader of the executioners that attacked us.

Satsuki: Who?

Utan: Judas Kaman. That's the leader of these executioners.

Meanwhile outside the Inoue household, Nemo Uga was climbing on the tree to see Makoto and Naoko getting undressed. Nemo Uga was feeling exalted to see their bodies, but then Jinrei appears behind him.

Nemo Uga: (screams.) Who the hell are you?

Jinrei: You got some nerve, boy.

Nemo Uga kicks Jinrei off the tree and they began to fight. After two minutes, Nemo Uga was able to overpower Jinrei. But before he could deliver the final blow, Jinrai comes to her defense.

Nemo Uga: Who the hell are you guys?

Jinrei: That's none of your business.

Back at the mansion, Utan felt an abnormal surge from the Reality gem – Nemo Uga was in trouble.

Utan: Great. Nemo Uga is in trouble.

Satsuki: Do you want me to come along with you?

Utan: Yes. Hold still so we can teleport to his location.

Satsuki: Ok.

Back at Nemo Uga's location, he was fighting Jinrai. As you can see, his attacks were having no effect on Jinrai. After 30 seconds, Nemo Uga was catching his breath right after Jinrai punched him in the stomach.

Jinrai: You call yourself a warrior? You're a joke.

Jinrei: Aren't you going to kill him? Lady Kaguya is going to be mad if we let this idiot go free.

But before Jinrai could kill him, Utan arrives and punches him in the face. Jinrei was shocked to see that from him.

Jinrei: Jinrai! You bastard!

Utan: Who are you guys? Are you working with Judas Kaman?

Jinrai: That's none of your concern. Come, Jinrei; I can't believe I wasted my energy on this weakling.

Jinrei and Jinrai teleport away from Utan and Nemo Uga. As you can see, Utan was upset with Nemo Uga.

Nemo Uga: I'm sorry, Utan.

Utan: You damn right you are. What the hell is your problem? You just couldn't wait for me to wake up – – – you even went so low to look at the Inoue sisters getting undressed.

Naoko: And what's wrong with that? Stop treating Nemo Uga like a child.

Utan: What do you know about this boy? (sees that Makoto and Naoko were upset with him treating him that way.) I'm sorry; I keep forgetting that this isn't America myself.

Makoto: It's alright; you just need to know that Nemo Uga isn't a child anymore.

Utan: Alright, let's head back to the mansion, you guys.

Utan, Satsuki and Nemo Uga teleported back into the Tohno mansion. Hours passed since Utan fought off Jinrei and Jinrai. It was 11 PM. At Touko's studios, she was able to sense some intruders. It was Mount Hermes and Judas Kaman.

Hermes: Knock, knock. Is anybody home?

Touko: Great, they're here.

Hermes broke the door to the studio.

Judas: Well, well, well. If it isn't the traitor; it's a surprise seeing you here.

Touko: What do you want for me? My lunch money?

Hermes: A comedian, huh? This isn't a laughing matter; where's Utan?

Touko: He's too smart for you. If you want to kill me, go on ahead; you'll never find him.

Judas: Fine. Hermes, do your worst to her.

Hermes: Okay, boss. (cracks his knuckles.)

Touko knew that Mount Hermes was strong; she feels an unearthly aura surrounding him. She and Hermes fought for three minutes. Touko's attacks weren't having an effect on him; she was forced to use her dolls to subdue him so she could awaken her demon-in-a-box. Somehow, Mount Hermes broke free from the dolls' grasp and destroyed the demon that came out of the box, effortlessly. Touko was shocked to see this. Then, Mount Hermes punched Touko in the face straight into a wall and threw her out of the studio. She was unable to get up.

Judas: Now with her out of the way, let's go get some dolls so we can make our squad along with my grandfather.

Hermes: Are you serious, Judas? We're resurrecting Benjamin Kaman, your grandfather?!

Judas: Yes, do you have a problem with it?

Hermes: No, no problem at all.

Judas: Ok, get 21 of those dolls so we can make our elite squad.

Meanwhile at the Tohno mansion, Utan felt an abnormal surge from his Reality gem; it was Touko's lifeforce fading away.

Utan: (shocked and stunned.) . . . . .