

## Chapter 8: Fighting Arcueid

Hours passed since Utan and his allies defeated Juri Haran and Fuchsia. The next morning Utan was becoming concerned about Arcueid – whether she was alright. Then, Maiya Uzuki appears.

Maiya: What's wrong, Utan?

Utan: I'm trying to locate Arcueid but all I'm sensing is air.

Maiya: It shouldn't be that hard to locate her with that gauntlet on. Why are you having difficulties using the gauntlet?

Utan: I guess it must have been my fight against Juri Haran; I was forced to expel the Space gem just so I could defeat her. That's why I'm having a rough time finding her.

Maiya: . . . . .

Utan: I guess I have to search for her by foot; I'm sure that she'll be back within the next hour.

Maiya: Careful, Utan.

Utan leaves the Tohno mansion to search for Arcueid; he was unaware the Mount Hermes and five minor members of Omega-3's faction were nearby. The minor members were just as powerful as Rin. Meanwhile near the Fuyuki and Misaki border, Utan sees Jinrei.

Utan: Where's Arcueid?

Jinrei: Do you want to know where she is? She's far from your reach; so, why won't you get lost, punk.

Utan: Not without Arcueid.

Jinrei and Utan fight for two minutes. After Utan was overpowering Jinrei, Arcueid came to her defense.

Utan: (shocked.) Arcueid! What did you do to her?

Jinrei: Our lady put her under hypnosis. I think it's fitting for her to be our slave; she was a big fool challenging Omega-3's power.

Utan: Is your lady named Kaguya? Why is she involved with the Omega-3 faction?

Jinrei: How were you able to notice?

Utan: I was able to feel my body being a lightning rod for what you did to Arcueid. Now, it's time to free her.

Jinrei: As if. Arcueid, attack Utan.

Utan and Arcueid fight. After a minute, Arcueid was overpowering Utan; he had no other choice but to retreat – fearing that he was going to kill her. Meanwhile at the Tohno mansion, Maiya Uzuki felt the presence of Jinrai and ten members of Omega-3 faction near the gates. Unfortunately, they didn't trigger Kohaku's security alarm.

Nemo Uga: What is it, Maiya?

Maiya: Intruders.

Maiya sees that it was Jinrai.

Jinrai: After them, but leave Fujino alive.

Maiya: Safeguard Fujino, Nemo Uga. I'll keep the opponents at bay.

Maiya was able to defeat the members of Omega-3's faction, but it was a diversion. They had ten more members from behind the mansion to capture Fujino. Nemo Uga, Samari, Shiki Tohno, Azaka and Miyako tried to protect them but they were overpowered by the group; Azaka was still standing. She tried to rescue Fujino but she was punched in the stomach lightly by Jinrai; she was gasping for air.

Nemo Uga: Azaka!

Jinrai and the remaining members of Omega-3's faction left the mansion. After they left, Utan arrived shocked to see his allies in the mansion down on the ground.

Utan: What happened? Are you alright?

Nemo Uga: I am. I can't believe those bastards captured Fujino.

Utan: They did? This is not good.

Azaka: What are we going to do now, Utan?

Utan: For starters, we're going to have to heal everybody; then after that, we need to locate them immediately.

Maiya Uzuki and Len were able to heal everyone in the mansion. Meanwhile at another temple where Omega-3 is, he sees that the members were able to bring in Fujino.

Hermes: We got Fujino, my lord. Are you ready to begin phase one of our operations?

Omega-3: Yes, go on ahead and make some small vials of their blood.

Hermes: Yes, my lord.

Meanwhile at Utan's location, he and the others were trying to find Omega-3. Utan was able to sense his presence in another temple. His crew consists of The Rosso Brothers, Nemo Uga, Shirou, Ciel, Saber, Sakura, Komane, Rin, Satsuki, Azaka, Ryougi Shiki and Shiki Tohno.

Utan: Omega-3's nearby. Let's head up to the temple.

Nemo Uga: Do you know where?

Rin: It should be obvious.

Utan and the others were able to make it to the temple; he was shocked to see Caren and Fujino chained up as if they were crucified. They were still alive.

Nemo Uga: Those bastards.

Utan: (sees Nemo Uga run up to rescue them but was knocked back by Jinrei.) Nemo Uga!

Then, Kaguya, Mount Hermes, Jinrai and Arcueid appear.

Kaguya: Well, isn't this a surprise. I didn't know you idiots are determined to get killed tonight.

Utan: You're a fool; you're the one that's going to die tonight.

Hermes: You seem cocky. Ok, Arcueid; deal with these idiots.

Utan: (tries to speak to Arcueid.) I know you're a lot stronger than this; you have to breakthrough this hypnosis.

Arcueid: Why should I? You should feel proud that you made it this far only to be killed by me.

Utan: Arcueid, please.

Ciel: It's no use; we have to fight her. I'm sure you can breakthrough her hypnosis; you're going to have to put the world on your shoulders.

Utan: Ok.

Hermes: What a waste of time. The world on one man's shoulders? Don't make me laugh!

Michaelis and Rin fired at Mount Hermes and Saber came to their defense. Utan, Ciel, Satsuki, Shiki Tohno and Shirou fought against Arcueid. Nicholas, Azaka and Komane fight against Jinrei. Ryougi Shiki and Nemo Uga fought against Jinrai. They were able to defeat Jinrei and Jinrai, but Utan was struggling against Arcueid. He was getting pummeled by her; so he held onto her.

Utan: Enough, Arcueid! I don't want to hurt you! STOP!!

Arcueid was able to break free from Utan and she lunged at Utan; he was able reinforce his gauntlet, blocked her attack and punched her in the face. He had the world on his shoulders when he attacked her; Arcueid was freed from Kaguya's hypnosis.

Arcueid: What happened? Where am I?

Utan: Isn't it obvious, Arcueid? Kaguya almost got us killed by hypnotizing you.

Arcueid: Kaguya? (sees that it was her. got mad.) . . . . .

Kaguya: Why are you looking at me like that?

Arcueid: Where's Omega-3?

Kaguya: He's far from your reach. Here's your going away present!!

Kaguya used her forbidden elemental attack against everyone. Luckily, Arcueid was able to divert the attack into the sky. (Kaminari Honryu - Thunder and Lightning Torrent)

Kaguya: Hermes, let's retreat.

Hermes: What? Already?

Ryougi was able to cut through Hermes's reinforced body, forcing him to retreat with Garen and Fujino. Kaguya teleported Garen, Fujino and Mount Hermes to safety. Utan rushed over to see if Arcueid was alright.

Utan: Are you alright, Arcueid?

Arcueid: I'm ok.

Utan: I'm sorry for doing that to you.

Arcueid: It's fine; I just need to rest. (falls out.)

Utan: Arcueid!! We have to take her over to Rex for healing.