

Chapter 12: In The Face Of Adversity, Utan Rises

It's Tuesday; 9:15 in the morning. A flashback; thirty-five minutes after Utan was able to save the Eizenberns, Utan gets out his bag containing Halcyon daggers, throwing knives, and stars. Komane tries to reason with him - - - at least wait until someone pardons him from the reward. He had no time to waste.

Komane: No, Utan don't.

Utan: I have no other choice; this is for the world's sake. I have to do this, alone, to clear my name.

Komane: Utan.

Utan: I have my trust in you; just trust me for once.

Komane: Alright. (cries and hugs him.) If you die, I won't forgive you.

Utan: I don't intend to.

Utan was still upset by killing Sella in front of the Eizenberns, having Sakura watching him attempt to kill Shinji in front of her, and failing to relieve Satsuki from the bloodlust. He knew that Ms. Heart was going to corrupt the entire population of the Fuyuki City and Misaki Town. Only he can stop this madness. He's now searching for Ms. Heart and to put an end to this, by not putting Komane and the others in more danger than they are already in.

Utan: (sees some posters of himself, being wanted. He tears up the posters.) I'm not wanted anymore. (damages the power line that the poster was on.)

Utan hears someone scream and felt the presence of Ms. Heart nearby at the back alley. He ran as fast as he could to aid the person was being attacked by her.

Ms. Heart: Oh, hi Utan.

Utan was silent. They weren't able to sense Lancer and Caster watching this.

Ms. Heart: So, you're still angry at me for what happened to Sella?

When she said "Sella" he attacks Ms. Heart.

Ms. Heart: Hahahaha.

Utan: SHUT UP!! SHUT UP!!

For some reason, Utan attacks weren't having any effect on her. Ms. Heart was laughing at him.

Ms. Heart: Is that all the power you have for me? How could you possibly kill the Angra Maniyu if you can't kill me? Sella's death took a heavy toll on you, right?

Utan: No, you're wrong. I swear I will end this right here and now. (He tries to generate the Jeweled Axe Sword. He passes out.)

After he passed out, Ms. Heart corrupted and absorbed the bystander's essence. When she was through, she disappeared. After a few hours, he wakes up and sees a young lady in school clothes. (Seo Akira) She begins to run away from Utan.

Utan: (grabs her ankles.) Where do you think you're going?

Akira: Stop it. Just let me go.

Utan: You weren't planning to get the million-dollar bounty?

Akira: No, I wasn't.

Utan: (He sees a man with a handgun.) Get down!! (Without any hesitation, he threw the halcyon star and cuts off the man's hand.)

Akira runs away into the alley.

Utan: Wait; don't go back there. (The man tried to attack him with a knife. He was able to dodge the attack and punched him at the back of his neck; it broke in half.)

Utan went after Akira. There were some bounty hunters in this alley trying to kill him. He was able to get past them and out of the back alley.

Utan: Now where did she go? (He sees more people waiting for him to come out of the back alley. One of the people from the mob has Akira in his grasp.)

???: Kill him!!

The bounty hunters run away after seeing what happened to the others.

???: (gets out a knife.) Don't come any closer. (Utan walks up to him.) I'm warning you. I am going to get that million-dollar reward.

Utan: Do you think I'm actually worth that amount? Just do the smart thing and let her go.

???: Make me.

Utan quickly runs behind the person and chopped his neck with his right hand. He lets go Akira.

Utan: It's too dangerous for you to be here, now that I'm worth a million.

Akira was silent.

Utan: I have to go now; just try to stay out of trouble.

Akira was silent.

Utan: I'm glad to hear it from you. Good-bye. (leaves.)

After a few miles, Utan finds Hyo again from Shinji's fan club putting up wanted sign. Utan comes to him.

Utan: Do you happen to know where Shinji is?

The posterboy runs away to school. Utan was able to stop him.

Utan: Where's Shinji?

Hyo: He's at school.

Utan: (He ties up his hands and picks him up. He generates a monoshizao.) I will kill you if you try anything funny; take me to him.

Utan dragged the posterboy all the way to the school Shinji was at. Luckily, it was time for lunch. He saw Akiha, Ciel, and Shiki nearby along with some other students.

Hyo: Help!!

Utan: Shut up!!

Shiki: Let him go, Utan.

Utan: No! If you want to kill me along with this boy, I suggest you follow me. So many innocent lives have been taken due to this bounty. I want all of you to see that this reward is leading you to your own graves. (He speaks to the posterboy.) Go ahead.

After a few miles, Utan sees Shinji.

Shinji: Utan. Oh no. (runs away.)

Utan lets go of the posterboy and teleports in front of Shinji and grabs him.

Utan: I suggest you tell these good people that the reward is off.

Shinji: I can't.

Utan: (his grip on Shinji was becoming a bit stronger.) You better do it or else.

Shinji: No.

Utan: (becoming upset.) Is your reputation more valuable than your life? (sees that Sakura was watching him.) If you're not going to do this for me, at least do it for her.

Sakura: Please, Shinji.

Utan: Do it or I'll put you down permanently!

Shinji: Alright.

Utan: Go on. SAY IT!

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Shinji: You're free.

Utan Thank you. (lets go of him.)

Then on top of the balcony, lies a bounty hunter corrupted by the Angra Maniyu getting his silencer ready. It was an automatic rifle with a scope.

???: Who to kill? Who to kill? (aims it at Sakura.) If he isn't going to give me the bounty, I'll kill his subordinate. Hmm?!! (his eyes were succumbed with greed.) Hmmm!!!!!!

Utan sees a vision of Sakura being shot by that guy on top of the balcony, fatally in the right shoulder. He gets out a halcyon star and throws it at his forehead before he could do it. The man on the balcony falls down in shock. Utan was speechless. The reward was off and he heads back to the Tohno mansion as if this never even happened.

Akiha: Where are you going?

Utan heads back home without saying a single word.

Someone on top of the balcony appears and sees Utan walk home. It was a mature version of Len. It was wearing gray. (Maren)

Maren: . . .

At Shinji's house at 4 pm, he was dead silent knowing that he couldn't leave the house after that incident with Utan. But, he was able to get everything set for the "Blood Fort: Andromeda" at the school.

True Assassin: I knew we shouldn't have trusted her. Now, he's broken thanks to Utan.

Shinji was silent, gets up, and goes to his room.

Shinji: I'm done with him. Tomorrow, we're going to kill him along with the others.