

Chapter 13: The Andromeda Strain/Shinji's Last Stand

Meanwhile at the mansion, Utan was awake.

Komane: I've been worried about you.

Utan: I'm free. But I can't beat the Angra Maniyu the way that I am now.

Komane: Can I help?

Utan: Sure.

Komane and Utan go outside to get some logs for their training session to use the Halcyon Gandr.

Utan: Are you ready?

Komane: Yes.

The halcyon throwing knives and stars are so sharp that it can cut thorough any substance like butter. However, that wasn't the case for Berserker. Utan and Komane were able to get some firewood from the trees at the Tohno mansion. Then he tests out the Kaihou no Akiha. (Red Wave Armor) He enters the pool. He was surprised to see that Akiha, Arcueid, and Ciel were in there with Shiki. He was generating enough heat to turn this room into a spa room. His body was turning red.

Shiki: What's happening to Utan?

The water in the pool was evaporating.

Utan: Oops.

Now, he was ready for the final test, generating the Jeweled Axe Sword. Komane, Rin and the Eizenberns were watching.

Komane: Are you sure you want to do this?

Utan: Yes, this is for all the tea in china. I suggest you back off.

Utan puts his hand on the blade and slices it so that blood will be on it. After eight seconds, the weapon he was holding transformed into the Jeweled Axe Sword. When he was successful in generating that weapon, a giant airwave came from his sword and aimed it at the sky. (Tenchi no Kuuga - Cloud Fang of the Heavens and Earth) Everyone felt that surge coming from Utan's attack. Then, a rainbow appears.

Utan: I did it. (He passes out.)

Komane: Utan!

Utan was out.

Tenchi no Kuuga (The Cloud Fang of the Heavens and Earth) this happens to be one of Utan's special attacks with the Jeweled Axe Sword. All the essences of the wielders of the gems and Utan's blood are concentrated into that attack. Its power is rivaled with Saber's Excalibur.

Utan has found out the main reason why he was unable to generate the Jeweled Axe Sword consistently. A few hours passed, Utan awakens.

Utan: (looks at his right hand.) So that's what it was. However, I do have a limit for this weapon.

Utan heads to the dojo to see if anyone was around. Then he sees a vision of Shirou getting a phone call from Shinji. He realizes that it was a trap. He heads to the area where Shirou was.

Utan: He's gone. (He notices that Saber, Rin, Komane and the Eizenberns were nowhere to be found.) Great.

Utan heads to find Rin and the others. Then, some people appear to stop Utan. They happen to be corrupted by Ms. Heart's dark magic. In thirty seconds, Utan was able to defeat them. He uses the power gauntlet to locate Rin and Saber; he heads in their direction. After a few miles, he sees that they're fighting some people corrupted by the Angra Maniyu spawns and Ms. Heart's dark magic. Meanwhile at the school, Shirou was shocked to see Ayako down on the ground. He wasn't aware that he was inside the Blood Fort Andromeda.

Shirou: What's this? (sees Ayako down on the ground and rushes to her aid.) Who did this?

Ayako: It was him. Please, help me.

Shirou: No, Ayako. (Ayako's dead. Then, he hears someone laughing.) Who's there?

Back to where Utan was. After a few miles, some more people appear to slow Utan and the others to aid Shirou.

Utan: I'll take care of them, go on ahead and help Shirou.

Komane: But - - -

Utan: Go ahead; I'll catch up with you. (He sees the females from Shinji's school were here. Most of them had weapons. Becoming angry at them.)

Back to where Shirou was, he was slowly becoming angered by what Shinji just did to all the people in his school.

Shirou: Shinji?

Shinji: Why are you so surprised to see me? Utan knew that this day was coming.

Shirou: Why are you attacking these innocent people?

Shinji: Why? I've been humiliated in front of Utan. Not only that, he's damaged my reputation, he took my sister away from me, and now he wants to kill me.

Shirou: These people don't have to feel your pain. Shinji let me help you.

Shinji: No, it's too late for that now. I want you and Rin to suffer for not joining me.

Shirou: (sees Fujimura on the ground.) And what did you do to her?

Shinji: Who her? She was begging for mercy when I released the blood fort. You had to be there when I stomped on her beautiful face.

Shirou: (becoming angry.) Utan was right about you. Your reputation is more important than your life.

Shinji: SHUT UP ABOUT UTAN! I'LL SEND YOU TO HELL WITH HIM!!!! (fires a shadowball at Shirou. He was able to cut that attack in half.) That's impossible, how?

Shirou: Utan told me everything about that attack you just used. (he rushes to Shinji.)

Shinji: Stay back! Stay back!!

As soon as he approaches Shinji, his servant appears and kicks Shirou in the face.

Shinji: Good job. Don't hold anything back; I want you to tear this guy in half.

Meanwhile at Utan's location, he uses his Yume Dan (Dream Bullets) to expel the dark magic within the mob and knocks them out. He hurries up to aid the others.

After a mile, He sees a vision of True Assassin taking off Saber's head. Back to where Shirou was, Rider's attacks weren't able to damage him, despite that she had Utan's blood augmenting her strength. Unfortunately, his reinforcement of his body was at its limit.

Shinji: Why isn't he bleeding?

Rider: (thinking silently.) So, he's reinforced his body?

Shinji: What are you waiting for? Kill him!!

Rider kicks Shirou from the school building. Saber was able to rescue him.

Shirou: There's no time. I - - -

Saber: I understand; Utan told me about this. I will help you.

Shirou: Thank you.

Then out of nowhere, True Assassin appears to take off Saber's head. Then, Utan appears and punches him straight in the eye.

Shirou: Utan?

Utan: I knew this was going to happen. I was hoping that he was able to put this behind him. I was wrong. (generates Tsukiyomi and throws it at where Shirou was knocked out.) See you at the top.

Shinji: (sees Utan.) Great, this idiot had to show up. (he attempts to slow down Utan by firing a couple of shadowballs.)

Utan: (sees that the chains were about to break.) Time for plan b. (runs up to where Shirou was knocked out of. He shatters the windows and drop kicks Shinji to a wall.)

Shinji: Why don't you just die? (fires a shadowball at him. He cuts it in half.)

Utan: That trick is getting so old. (Rider tries to suck his blood. Saber was able to get her off him on time.) Ohh. (He was able to stop both Rider's attack with the Zankuu-Ha and kicks Rider away from him.)

Zankuu-Ha (Cutting Wind Barrier) - Special thanks to Saber and Caster, he can now use the wind to slow down enemies within a fist's range from him.

Meanwhile outside, Komane and the others were fighting against True Assassin. Then, corrupted humans appear to help True Assassin out.

Komane: Great, they're here. Stand your ground, guys. (Pulls out some halcyon daggers.)

Ciel appears and throws a black key at one of the corrupted humans.

Shinji was shocked to see this happen. Everyone that was allied with Utan appeared to destroy the remaining humans corrupted by the Angra Maniyu.

Utan: You thought you going to have your way with these people here, weren't you? The tables have turned Shinji. Give up.

Shinji: No. This is going to work. DIE!!!!!! (fires a shadowball, Utan was able to dodge it and it hits Rider.)

Utan: (becoming angry at him.) Hey, that wasn't nice of you to attack your servant. (runs to him.)

Shinji: (runs away.) Rider, help!

Utan attacks him. He was knocked back to a wall.

Utan: (grabs Shinji.) Turn off the blood fort, Shinji.

Shinji: I wish I could.

Utan: You better. I'm not as merciful as Shirou. Are you willing to throw your life away due to your reputation? (he gets him outside the window.) I am going to let you fall if you don't.

Shinji: Ok, you win! You win!!

Shinji asks Rider to turn off the blood fort. Outside the Angra Maniyu spawns had disappeared. He brings him back inside.

Shinji: There, satisfied now?

Shirou: Ok, hand over the book you possess.

Shinji: No way. I'm controlling Rider with that book, I can't hand it to you. She'll - - -

Utan: No, she won't; she will be with us. I know that Ms. Heart was supplying you with those creatures, where is she?

Shinji: I don't know where she is.

Utan: (angered.) Quit lying to me. I saw you with her.

Then the infinity daggers were thrown at Utan's direction and he ducks under Rider's kick.

Saber: (senses a surge coming from Rider.) It can't be.

Utan: You just don't know when to give up do you?

Rider: No.

Utan: Alright! That's the spirit! Let's go! (he was becoming excited.)

Saber: Get out of there, Utan. She's about to use her Noble Phantasm.

Utan: Noble what?

Rider slit her neck.

Utan: She killed herself; that's noble? (sees blood spewing out of Rider's neck.) Huh?!!

Shirou: Utan, get out of there!!

Utan was shocked to see this from her. Her scream was becoming head splittingly loud; it was over 120 decibels.

Utan: My ears!!

Then, he sees a flash of light coming from her. It was so fast that Utan had no time to react. All the windows from the third story were shattered by her attack.

Komane: Utan!!

True Assassin: Some luck we have. (disappears.)

Saber: Shirou, are you alright?

Shirou: Yes, I'm fine. (sees that Utan wasn't here.) Utan.

Utan: (hanging on the window that Shirou was knocked out from.) A little help here?

Shirou and Saber help him up.

Utan: Thank you.

Shirou: How - - - How were you able to - - -

Utan: I was able to escape just in time. (sees Ayako and Fujimura was lying there and carries those two along with him.) Let's go to the mansion before the authorities show up.

A few hours had passed. At 5 o'clock at the Tohno mansion, Rin and Komane were tending to Shirou's injuries. Utan was outside the mansion feeling really upset for what happened to Ayako and the others. Iris tries to comfort him.

Iris: What's wrong, Utan?

Utan: Nothing. I was just admiring the color of the sky. (feels guilty.) No, you're right, Iris. So many innocent lives were taken today. I'm feeling a bit uneasy by taking those lives.

Iris: I'm sorry to hear that from you.

Utan: It seems like this gauntlet has been bringing death to me. The strong shouldn't use their powers to destroy innocent people but to help them.

Iris: No. As it seems, some of the people here can only receive that from you; not all of them. It's alright.

Then, Komane appears.

Komane: It's complete.

Utan: So, how did it go?

Komane: We were able to save Fujimura from death, but not Ayako.

Utan: (upset at Ayako's death.) Fair enough.

Komane: Oh and one more thing, Saber would like to see you.

Utan: (surprised.) Me? I'm quite positive she should see Shirou after what happened today.

Komane: You sure?

Utan: (senses sarcasm from her voice.) Alright.

Utan heads to see Saber.

Utan: So, what do you - - - (Saber slaps Utan with her metal glove. He was holding his jaw.) Why did you do that for?

Saber: You underestimated Rider again.

Utan: What? I'm afraid that wasn't necessary. Aren't you even glad that I'm alive?

Saber: No.

Utan: I was hoping you would say that.

Saber attacks and misses, but it cut Utan's right wrist.

Utan: (holds his wrist.) If you wanted to test my skills, all had to you do was ask. (generates a tanto.) I may have Shirou's ability to generate weapons, but I'm not Shirou.

Saber and Utan fight. After two minutes, Utan's weapon was broken and was knocked back by her attack. He threw his broken weapon at her and used the Sanshi Souryuu Zan on Saber. He was able to stop himself from reaching her. It broke her breastplate and Utan had a scar on his left cheek. It all ended in a draw.

Utan: See? I know what you're trying to do, Saber. If you want to give me some backbone, give it to Shirou.

Saber: You're too soft. Your leniency towards females may be your downfall. What happened to Rider was an indication.

Utan: You're wrong. It may be my biggest weakness, but it's also my biggest strength. Even kings have something other than power to rely on. Just keep that in consideration, Artoria.

Feeling bitter, Utan leaves while holding his right wrist in pain.

Utan: That's the last time I'm fighting her.

Komane: Are you alright?

Utan: No. I just got through fighting Saber. I was able to get out of the dojo in one piece. That wasn't a real fight - - that was a joke. It's a good thing I even have this gauntlet.

Komane: Do you want me to come along with you tonight?

Utan: No. Make sure that Shirou stays put here; we can't afford another loss. I'm taking his place tonight as we try to stop Shinji.

Komane: But - - -

Utan: No buts, it's been settled by that fight we just had. I'll call you for backup if needed. Hopefully during that time period, he'll recover.

A few hours passed, Utan, Rin, and Saber began the search of Shinji. Utan was feeling a bit uneasy after what happened at the dojo. Saber's presence was becoming stifling to Utan, fearing that Ms. Heart may target her.

Rin: What's wrong Utan?

Utan: Nothing. (thinking silently.) Who am I kidding, I just happen to have a bad feeling something terrible might happen to Saber and Rin. (After a few miles, he spots Shinji.) There he is.

Utan runs quickly to Shinji and punches him.

Utan: (generates a monoshizao.) Stand up. It's all over for you.

Shinji: And you thought I came here empty handed?

Utan feels the presence of the Angra Maniyu nearby. Utan tries to attack Shinji again, out of nowhere he sees Rider's stakes thrown at his direction. He was able to dodge it, and Satsuki appears out of nowhere and scratches his back.

Utan: Ahhhh!!!!

Rin: Utan!

Utan sees Ms. Heart comes to Shinji's aid. But it wasn't Shinji, it was Zouken.

Utan: You.

Zouken: I knew you and the others would fall into my trap. Let's see, who to corrupt? (he eyes on Saber.)

Utan cuts off Zouken's head. Then the Angra Maniyu spawns appear surrounding Utan. He managed to destroy all of them. But one was left and it attacks Saber. Before he could save her, Satsuki and Roa detain Utan.

Utan: You idiots, let me go!!

Saber was able to destroy the Angra Maniyu spawn. But from behind, another spawn attacked her.

Utan: (felt a dark surge coming from Saber.) Oh no. (Utan was under panic by that dark surge.) Rin, run.

True Assassin attacked Rin; she was knocked out. Utan uses the red wave armor to get Satsuki and Roa off him. He runs away from them.

Roa: After him.

After a few miles, he waited until he was within 10 feet from away from her and clotheslined Satsuki. As soon as she got up, he uses the Sanshi Yume-Dan to put her to sleep. It wasn't having any effect on her due to the intensity of Roa's bloodlust.

Utan: Great. (falls back and throws a halcyon star straight to her forehead. He was surprised to see her regenerate that wound.)

Satsuki tries to attack Utan, but out of nowhere, someone shoots Satsuki. It was no other than Sion. Utan wasted no time to hurry up and call Shirou and the others. Meanwhile at Ms. Heart's location, she was just about ready to head to Zouken.

Ms. Heart: I haven't seen you two before.

Caster: This charade's gone on long enough; we're here to stop you.

Ms. Heart: Oh really? (She was impaled by Lancer's spear from behind. She summons some lesser/least Angra Maniyu spawns to make Lancer retreat.)

Hours later at Shinji's location, Rin was shackled by Rider. Shinji, True Assassin, and the people corrupted by Ms. Heart were intending to torture her.

Shinji: I'm giving you one more chance to join me, Rin.

Rin: The answer's still no.

???: I knew you would say that. That's the main reason why you're shackled.

???: How about a game before you die? Assassin, hand us some throwing knives.

Rin: What are you doing?

???: What do you think? We're doing target practice so we can fight against Utan and the others effectively. Don't worry; we'll leave your heart remaining.

Shinji throws a throwing knife at Rin's left shoulder. Meanwhile at Komane's location, she's becoming worried about Utan.

Komane: (she hears her signal beacon beep.) It must be him. (opens the signal beacon.)

Utan: It was an ambush; Rin has been kidnapped.

Komane: What? When did this happen?

Utan: Nevermind, I need you and the others here immediately. I'll help Rin.

Shirou: Rin? Wait Utan, w- - - (he hung up.)

Komane: We have to go up there and help him.

Kohaku: We'd like to come with you.

Shirou: It's too dangerous for you and Hishui to go out.

Sakura: I'll go.

Komane & Shirou: What?!!

Sakura: This is my brother. We have to help Shinji before it's too late.

Shirou: Sakura.

Komane: It's settled. Let's go.

Komane and the others head to Utan's location. Meanwhile at Utan's location, he was stalling for the others show up and he was waiting for a perfect time to ambush them.

???: Aw, I bet that must have hurt. (approaches Rin to get the dagger from her shoulder.) You must feel a bit bitter for Utan leaving you. (he slowly lifts up her skirt and got kneed in the nose and bleeds.) You. You broke my nose.

Utan arrives just in time to stop him by using his Halcyon star.

Shinji: Who's there?

Utan kicks Rider from the tree and Rin was unshackled.

Shinji: Oh shit!! (He runs to True Assassin to shield himself and sees that Komane and the others arrive to stop him.)

Komane: This is the end of the road for you.

Sakura: Please Shinji. Enough is enough.

Shirou: We don't want to hurt you. Please, let us help you.

Shinji: That isn't an option. Kill them.

Utan punches True Assassin in the eye again and grabs Rider's hair to bring her back to him.

Utan: (generates his monoshizao.) Your fight's with me, Rider.

Rider licks Utan's blood on one of those stakes. Meanwhile at Roa's location.

Roa: This is excessively easy. (sees some black keys being thrown at his direction. he sees Ciel.) Why am I not surprised to see you?

The battle royale begins. Utan fights Rider alone. Komane, Len, Sakura, and Shirou fight against Shinji, True Assassin, and the corrupted humans. Arcueid, Ciel, and Akiha fight against Roa and won thanks to Utan's misfired Caladbolg II. Caster and Lancer face Ms. Heart. After twenty minutes of fighting, Utan was able to gain an edge against Rider and knocked off her blindfold when she missed her attack against him.

Utan: What's wrong? If that's all that you're made of, I'll destroy you without breaking a sweat.

Rider: (her blindfold breaks on her left side.) You asked for it.

Utan shields his eyes as Rider's noble phantasm appears; the bridle of chivalry, Bellerophon. Utan was surprised and shocked in amazement that she was able to have that, a Pegasus.

Utan: A Pegasus? How did you - - - how were able to summon that?

Rider: This is my noble phantasm, Utan. (she puts her arms around it and licks the Pegasus's ear.)

Utan: (was becoming distracted, he was able to keep a straight face.) Flattery isn't going to get you anywhere; I'm taking that unicorn down along with you.

Rider: Oh, you think so?

He dodges Rider's attack. He generates a Caladbolg II and uses that to combat her noble phantasm. He was having a difficult time getting a good shot on her. Right after she flew past him, he was finally able to get into perfect position and fired the Caladbolg II at her. It missed her by a couple of feet, but ends up hitting Roa miles away from him.

Utan: I missed; how could I miss?

He missed because of his appeal to her; he was distracted by Rider that the release of the bow was a few seconds late. Utan felt that surge from Rider's noble phantasm. Her noble phantasm ascends to the sky.

Utan: Great, I have nothing to combat her noble phantasm. I guess I have no other choice but to use my jeweled axe sword

He decided to release the gems on his gauntlet to generate the sword. Rider begins her descent to destroy Utan. Utan begins his ascension to destroy her noble phantasm. Both of their attacks did the same amount of damage and cancelled out. Utan's sword was broken and Rider's horse was destroyed. He saves Rider. Shinji's book was burned.

Shinji: No. No. No. My book.

Utan was feeling weak. Shinji runs away, Utan was able to stop him.

Utan: Where do you think you're going? (Shinji tries to run away, but he was able to grab him by the shirt.) For what you just did to Sakura, you're finished!!

Utan was just about to sky uppercut Shinji, until W-Len appears and immobilizes him.

W-Len: Not so fast, Utan.

Utan: You. Where are you taking him?

W-Len: I'm taking him to a place where you can't harm him. Sweet dreams. (giggles.)

Utan: No, wait. (It was too late. She disappeared.) Great. (then, he sees Caster badly beaten.) Caster. What happened?

Caster: Lancer and I fought against Ms. Heart. She became stronger.

Utan: Is Lancer dead?

Caster: Yes, he was able to destroy some of Ms. Heart's corrupted humans and the Angra Maniyu spawns.

Utan: So you want me to become your master?

Caster: Yes.

Utan and the others arrive to see how the other people at the aftermath of their fights were doing.

Utan: Is everyone alright?

Arcueid: What do you think?

Utan: Good, that's what I like to hear. (eyes on Satsuki.) How about her?

Shiki: She's ok. I was able to free her from the bloodlust.

Satsuki: Where am I? (sees Shiki.) Tohno, why are you here?

Shiki: You do remember what happened?

Satsuki: (sees Utan.) Huh, now I remember.

Utan: (senses Nanaya's presence.) Satsuki, look out!!

Nanaya: How pathetic. Here I thought you were going to put an end to her pitiful life. It seems like I have to do it myself. (attacks Satsuki.)

Shiki attacks Nanaya. Right after he dodged, he kicks the knife he was holding and impales him in the stomach.

Shiki: Haaaah!!!

Nanaya: Die! (kicks Shiki off the bridge.)

Everyone was in shock except Utan and Akiha.

Utan: You bastard!! (rushes over to attack Nanaya by using Akiha's heat wave to augment his strength. (Ryuusei Hakiri - Dragon Death Star Wave) But he feels Saber's presence and backed off.)

Nanaya: Ok, Saber they're yours. (Nanaya disappears.)

Utan: Get back here, you coward. (dodges Saber's attack. The surge from her attack scared him off a bit. He notices that there was something different about Saber.)

D-Saber: You're not underestimating me, I wonder why?

Utan was breathing heavily. He was becoming a bit tired from the fight against Rider. Then, he feels a surge coming Saber.

Utan: What are you doing?

D-Saber: Something I should have done the moment I saw you.

Utan: Oh no. (He sees a vision of D-Saber using the Excalibur.) Saber!! No!!

Utan retreats to shield the others. Special thanks to Caster, he was able to generate a forcefield. He had used reserved mana from her to generate it. Dark Saber's Excalibur was overpowering Utan's forcefield. Just at the nick of time, he was able to teleport himself and the others back to Tohno mansion.

Utan: That was close. Are you guys alright?

Akiha: What did you just do? We have to find Shiki.

Utan: After what just happened? AKIHA, WE'RE LUCKY THAT WE'RE EVEN ALIVE!!!! (he gets angry at her.)

Komane: That's enough, Utan.

Utan: No more arguments.

They carry Caster and Rider into the mansion.