

Chapter 15: Fighting For a Lost Cause

A few hours had passed it was 7:00 in the morning. Utan's power gauntlet was feeling cold.

Utan: Great. (He gets off the roof and enters the mansion to see how Akiha and Shiki's recovery was going. He was surprised that Akiha was still up.) Akiha? How's your recovery going?

Akiha: Fine.

Utan: (senses a quiver from Akiha, gives her encouragement.) That's good news I'd like to hear, Akiha. I'm going to get some breakfast. Want anything?

Akiha: No.

Utan: (upset.) I was hoping you would say that. You're going to have to eat something. (leaves.)

He heads to McDonald's to get a sausage biscuit. After he was done with that, he heads back to the Tohno Mansion. He was feeling a bit uneasy about Akiha's recovery.

Utan: That person in my dreams had to be her. Sakura, 7 wonders of the world. Whose blood that is as pure as the oceans of the world. Its serenity, those who are envied by its beauty, those that are succumbed by greed and vanity to take it as one of their own, and others that will risk their lives to protect and preserve it for many years to come. Yet all the other planets in the universe are in awe that we were able to create a perfect being. All the people in this world wish have that serenity and beauty for themselves. Not this one, there isn't any living thing that could pale to comparison - - - there can only be one. (Then, he hears someone applauding. He sees a woman wearing sunglasses.) I saw you at the bar a couple of days ago. Who are you? (takes off her hat. He notices that her hair was red and as long as Rider.) Rider?

It was Aoko Aozoki – a female sorcerer. She looked like Rider but hair was red and her eyes were teal.

Aoko: Rider? I'm not her.

Utan: Who are you?

Aoko: I'm not your friend or your enemy. Besides that, I wanted to give you something you'd really like. (she gets out a sword and the sheath was red.)

Utan: (opens it and sees that's his favorite weapon, the monoshizao. But it had two blades.) How did you - - -

Aoko: You're the only person who can defeat the Angra Maniyu. I'm handing this sword to you, Utan.

Utan: Well, thanks. Wait, I didn't get your name. Who are you?

Aoko: Just as I told you, I'm not your friend or your enemy. Good-bye.

Utan's upset that she could have been another asset for defeating the Angra Maniyu. He heads back to the Tohno Mansion. At 10:00 am, everyone was awake. Utan was testing out his magic abilities, his Red Wave armor was getting stronger. He spent twenty minutes training that move. Then, Komane appears.

Komane: Hey, Utan.

Utan: Komane, what is it?

Komane: I was just seeing what you were doing, that's all.

Utan: I was rebuffering my Red Wave Armor. It may be useful to combat Akiha's Vermillion Armor. (he evaporated the water in the pool.) Now, I'm finished.

Komane: I see.

Utan: But using that Red Wave Armor makes me thirsty.

Utan goes upfront in the living room to go get something to drink, sitting at a table along with Kohaku. Kohaku sees his new sword.

Kohaku: Where did you get that sword?

Utan: Someone gave it to me.

Kohaku: Aren't going to show it to me?

Utan: No.

Hishui: Tea, sir?

Utan: Yes, two. (sighs.) I doubt we could even defeat them. I've been raising people's eyebrows here by what happened the other night.

Kohaku: I don't think so. You were able to save Akiha and Shiki from death, why are you concerned?

Utan: (looks at Akiha.) Your master. I'm not so sure whether or not we can allow her to go out there and fight. I'm afraid she might reduce us to ashes by that anger.

Kohaku: What? You - - - you're wrong.

Utan: Obviously, you need to control your emotions to fight efficiently and effectively. Fighting without having any control equals death.

Komane: Can you control it like her?

Utan: Of course. Unlike Akiha, it has to reach a certain point for me to lose myself. The only difference is that I don't need blood to calm myself down when I'm in that state.

Kohaku: That's all? You're no better than she is.

Utan: (becoming upset at her and bangs the table.) I've been here for fifteen days to understand her ways and yours. Don't tell me that I'm no better than she is! (calms down.) Sorry for scaring you, Hishui.

Hishui: It's alright.

Komane: So, what are you going to do?

Utan: What else, I'm going to tell her my opinions of what she did. She may like it; she may not. I hope it'll work. (He gets up and speaks to Akiha.) Akiha, I'd like to have a word with you.

Akiha: What is it?

Utan: Are you sure your recovery's going according to plans?

Akiha: Yes, why?

Utan: It doesn't look like you're feeling well after what happened to Shiki, last night.

Akiha: What?

Utan: You did hear what I just said. You're not feeling well after what happened to Shiki the other night.

Akiha: No. That isn't true.

Utan: Well, what is it?! Why is it taking you a long time to recover?

Shiki: (senses anger coming from Utan's voice.) That's enough, Utan.

Utan: No, it isn't. You were almost dead last night all because you wanted to see him again and you've ignored my warning.

Akiha: What? How could you say that? I - - -

Utan: No. It's not just that - - - if you were to go out there to fight, you could end up helping Zoukenou by that hothead of yours. Obviously, we can but can't fight along with you the way you've acting so far.

Akiha was slowly becoming angry at him.

Utan: In other words - - - as you are right now, you're in OUR way.

Komane: What? Utan - - -

Utan: SHUT UP!!! We had Ms. Heart in our hands; instead, you just had to screw everything up. You two should have died, last night.

Utan was transformed his opinions about Akiha's actions last night into chastisement.

Akiha: You're lying, Utan.

Utan: No, I'm not; I'm speaking the truth. You ignored my warning about Shiki and you're in the same level of guilt as he is.

Arcueid: You deserve some of the blame. You saw this coming and you didn't do anything to prevent this from happening.

Utan: Yes, I was aware.

Ciel: I hate to admit it, but she's right. How could you throw us into your misfortunes?

Utan: Why are you disagreeing? (eyes in on Shiki.) You actually care about him that much, that you'll consider me as an enemy if I intend to kill him?

Satsuki: You wouldn't.

Ciel: Utan!

Akiha: You leave Shiki out of this.

Utan: Make me! (calms down.) Ok, let's see if you're good as advertised. If you can reduce me to ashes, you can go out there and get yourself killed.

Komane: Utan!!

Rin: Are you out of your mind?

Utan: No, I am going break through that hothead of yours. Because it's about time you showed ME some respect.

That look on Utan angered Akiha that she reached a boiling point with Utan and used her heat wave to reduce him to ashes. That attack had absolutely no effect on Utan. She becomes tired.

Akiha: That's impossible.

Utan: See, what did just tell you? I'm not going to allow you to get yourself killed out there. So - - -

He generates a monoshizao and strikes Akiha in the head but the sword and her hairband broke. It was almost like Akiha was hit by an icicle. As you can see, Utan can't use his weapons to kill the wielders of the gems. Everyone in the living room was shocked. Shiki tried to attack him. He was able to disappear in a split-second against Shiki's attack and elbowed him in the middle of his back. (Seitei Ken - Static Fist)

Shiki: Why you - - - (gets up.) I can't move.

Arcueid: Shiki?

Ciel: Utan, what did you just do him? (gets out a black key.)

Utan: He's alright. If you agree to my terms, I can undo the spell. If you don't, I will activate it and his muscles on his back will stretch until his spine breaks in half. I'm not going to allow this to become a distraction; if you push me too far, I will. If you don't want him to die dishonorably, lower your weapons. (gets angry.) Lower your weapons!!

Ciel: Ok, you win.

Utan: Thank you. (he undoes the curse.) I'm sorry Akiha; it was the only way I could deliver my statement by that hardhead of yours. (eyes on Shiki.) If you weren't going to do that to her, I knew I had to. (leaves.)

Komane: Wait, Utan.

Caster: Let him go.

Komane: Why?

Caster: He just needs to be alone.

Komane: But - - -

Meanwhile at Ms. Heart's location.

Shinji: Where's Ms. Heart? This is taking a bit too long.

W-Len: Relax, she'll show up.

After a few minutes, Ms. Heart appears in black.

Shinji: I've been waiting here for hours. Where have you been?

Ms. Heart: I was able to bring in the Holy Grail by using Shiki to turn Akiha, Arcueid, and Ciel against Utan.

Shinji: Is he dead?

Ms. Heart: No.

Shinji: So why have you brought me here? If you want to kill Utan, you're going to have to do it yourself. I can't continue to be held back by your foiled attempts to kill him.

Ms. Heart: Very well. Bring out Sakura.

???: Yes.

A human corrupted by Ms. Heart's dark magic appears with a knife. He tears up Sakura's shirt and points the knife to Sakura's chest.

Shinji: No, what are you doing?

Ms. Heart: What do you think? I'm going to kill Sakura. You actually think your sister's life is more important than yours? I'll eat her heart.

Shinji: No! Leave her alone!!!

Shinji rushes over to save Sakura. Then out of nowhere, Nanaya fatally stabs Shinji in the back four times.

Meanwhile at Utan's location, he was sitting on the bench in the park thinking about what he did to Akiha. He felt like a "pineapple" listening to the wind clearing his guilt.

Utan: I feel like odd man out by this ordeal. (He sees his hands and forgot that he had the power gauntlet and Caster by his side.) How could I've forgotten all about these? With these, I'm never alone. (Then, he sees Hanei come at his direction.) Oh, hi Hanei.

Somewhere within ten miles from where Utan was, Shiki Nanaya and W-Len were in the trees - - - ten minutes after killing Shinji.

Nanaya: You had to show up. So, what do you want?

W-Len: I came here to accompany you. Why are you here?

Nanaya: It's Shiki Tohno; thanks to Ms. Heart, I can finally put an end to this.

W-Len: Yeah right. You and I are the same.

Nanaya: No, we're not.

W-Len: (becoming angered by what he just said.) . . .

Nanaya: Unlike you, the other Len needs you to return to her body. That isn't the case; I had my fair share of victories and losses between him. Now, he's becoming powerful due to the people that he wishes to protect. Some of them happen to be close to him, the others aren't. We're becoming stronger due to our standards of fighting. I killed many people to satisfy the pleasure, the thrills and the anguish when they see my eyes. Then those two arrived at a perfect time, I can take full control of his body and utilize his potential and intent of being a killer. (looks at W-Len.) I might even kill you to test it out.

W-Len: What?!! You wouldn't dare.

Nanaya: Gotcha!! (laughs.)

W-Len: How dare you. (looks at him in a strange way.) I just don't understand you at all.

Nanaya: It's not that you can't understand me, you never will. (feels Utan's presence nearby.) It's him; try not to get killed out there while you're at it.

W-Len: I won't. Why him?

Nanaya: Other than that other Westerner that's allied with us, he's standing in my way to accomplish this feat.

Nanaya and W-Len head to Utan's direction. Meanwhile back at his location, Hanei's feeling uneasy.

Hanei: Utan.

Utan: I am sorry; I was too busy with searching for the Angra Maniyu. Are you upset that I couldn't be with you?

Hanei: No.

Utan: So much as happened all in one day; it is just so frustrating, only I can endure these troubles. (sees Hanei sits next to him on the bench.)

Hanei: You are not alone.

Utan: It all comes from the heart and soul. Instead Arcueid, Ciel, and Akiha's excessive love for Shiki Tohno is really starting become a factor of me not beating the Angra Maniyu in the first place.

Hanei: How could you say that love is evil? It's not.

Utan: I was afraid that their fight over him was going get out of hand. I also forgot - - - they do have control over their powers. No, you're right; I was wrong to attack Akiha, but I wasn't going to allow her to die out there or help Zoukenou defeat us.

Hanei: Akiha, is she all right?

Utan: Yeah, I didn't have it in my heart to hurt her. Let's go see if she's alright.

Meanwhile at Utan's location, he was just about to head home along with Hanei to see if Akiha is ok. Someone threw a dagger at Hanei. Utan was able to catch the dagger and threw it back at him.

Utan: (feels Nanaya's presence.) You!!

Nanaya: Why aren't surprised to see me? (smiles.)

Utan: (pulls out his weapon.) Stay back. (rushes to Nanaya.)

Utan and Nanaya fight. Meanwhile in the Eizenbern Castle, the corrupted humans take Shinji's mutilated body outside for burial. Sakura was becoming angered at Ms. Heart for what he did, but was upset to what Utan told her about Ms. Heart.

Sakura: Why? Why did you do that?

Ms. Heart: To save you the trouble; clearly, you weren't going put him out of his misery. I also want to unlock that power you possess; so that Utan and Shirou will never hurt you again.

Sakura: Why? They didn't do anything wrong.

Ms. Heart: Don't let your heart fool your eyes. Take your brother for example; he was watching you suffer. Your body was being eaten up by that dark power that you're holding back. Utan was going to kill you without any hesitation if it did.

Sakura: . . .

Ms. Heart: Those marks on your body are proof for what they did to you. They said they wanted to protect you with their lives on the line; that's all lies. (Innocence.) I just want the best for you, Sakura. Don't make the same mistake twice. (she moves her hand away from Sakura as she was just about to bite her.)

Sakura: What about you? Utan told me what happened back at his home. Utan wasn't evil; he wanted to save his family from being killed by you. Most of all, he wanted to save you from being taken into the darkness. How could betray him?

Ms. Heart: (slaps her.) Shut up!! It's because you betrayed Zouken and most importantly - - - you betrayed yourself. He thought you had the potential of harvesting these creatures so this place will become a wasteland for your amusement. Instead, you would rather be with Shirou; your so called "hero of justice" and your pathetic friends!

Sakura: No, you're wrong. (cries.) What you're doing is unforgiveable.

Ms. Heart: No, it isn't. I'm cleansing the world from its own wrath. You've grown so much; I'll make you unleash that power of yours.

What Ms. Heart is doing to Sakura is abhorrent to explain, Zouken was watching every minute of what she was doing and enjoying himself. Sakura was agonizing in humiliation and ecstasy from Ms. Heart, trying to unseal that dark power. Back to where Utan was, he was gaining an advantage over Nanaya. In two minutes, W-Len tries to slow Utan down by using her dreamcast. The dreamcast got Utan and blinded him. He was unable to see him. Utan followed the wind to anticipate where he would end up. He attacks him successfully and W-Len's dreamcast wore off.

Utan: (sees W-Len.) You coward!! (he fires a Hououdan at her, she was able to dodge that.)

Then, Utan gave Nanaya a clean hit on his right arm - - - forcing him to back off.

Utan: Come on. You're going to have to do better than that, if you two wish to defeat me.

Nanaya: It seems like I've underestimated you, Utan. It's time to show you my special attack.

Utan: Huh? And what's that?

Nanaya: You'll see.

Nanaya uses the seventeen dissections against Utan; it was too fast for Utan to see coming. He was able to hold himself together, thanks to the power gauntlet. But he was unable to get up after the gauntlet reacted violently to Nanaya's attack, forcing his entire body to lock up.

Nanaya: Oh, I didn't kill him? (eyes on Hanei.)

Hanei: (She tries to protect Utan.) Please don't hurt him, I beg of you.

Nanaya: That's not an option. If you're willing to join him, why didn't you ask?

Utan: Nanaya, no. (tries to get up.) Don't do it.

It was too late. Nanaya killed Hanei in front of him. She lies next to Utan, face up. Back at the Eizenbern castle, Sakura sees Zouken come to her and use the Rule Breaker to unleash the dark side of her.

Zouken: Hehehehe!!!

Utan & Sakura: NO!!!!!!!

Back to Utan's location, he was becoming angered by Hanei's death.

Utan: Hanei! Nanaya, how could you? Do you have any shame for what you just did?

Nanaya: Not one bit. You'll be joining Akiha and the others soon enough. Hahahahaha!! (leaves.)

Utan: Wait!! (he gets up after he broke through the gauntlet's aftereffects by releasing the gems.) Hanei, are you alright?

Hanei: I'm sorry.

Utan: No, it wasn't your fault. You've protected me, please don't die.

Hanei: (cries.) It's in your heart, Utan. Please defeat him from our hearts.

Utan: No, not like this. Not like this, Hanei. Please, live. (cries.) You didn't do anything wrong; please don't die on me. (It was too late, Hanei dies in his arms.)

Then, Ciel, Rin, Sion, Satsuki, Rider, Len, and Arcueid appear behind Utan. They were shocked to see Utan holding Hanei in his arms, in their own blood. He gets Caren's shroud off her ankle and wraps it around his red-sheathed blade. He was becoming angry with Ciel and Arcueid.

Ciel: Utan, what happened here?

Utan: What do you think, Ciel? Nanaya did this and he's heading up to the Tohno mansion to do the same thing. (clears his tears.) I should just leave Akiha there at the mansion to die. However, I'm not that kind of person. (puts his blade in his sheath, reloads his gems into his gauntlet and looks at Hanei.) Shiki has to die.

Satsuki: No.

Utan: Ohh, it's too late for that, sweetheart. This is YOUR entire fault. If you could stop fighting each other over Shiki, this wouldn't have happened. Now, I have to kill Nanaya and him to ensure that he won't kill any more innocent people again.

Ciel: You're making a mistake, Utan.

Utan: No, you did. I'm sorry, this has to be done. (He disappeared.)

Ciel: We have to stop him.

Arcueid: (thinking silently.) So, he used it? (speaks.) Let's go.

Satsuki: (sees that Sion was crying.) Sion, what's wrong?

Sion: I've never felt this from Utan. It almost as if Hanei's soul is within that blade he's carrying. Her death was personal to him.

Satsuki: (feeling upset and sees that Rider was feeling weak.) Rider?

Rider: Something's happening to Sakura. We have to stop Utan.

Ciel and the others go after Utan, Nanaya, and W-Len. Meanwhile at the Tohno Mansion in Akiha's room.

Hishui: I brought you some tea. Would you like some?

Akiha: No.

Hishui: (looks at her facial expression.) So, you're still thinking about what Utan said?

Akiha: Of course, he's wrong about me.

Hishui: You actually think so? Visibly, I can see into his feelings. I felt like he needs us a lot more to defeat the Angra Maniyu.

Akiha was silent.

Hishui: Try not to think too hard about it. Tomorrow, you'll recover.

Then the alarm sounds off. Komane and Shiki went outside to see who it was. W-Len appears and immobilizes Komane. Then, Shirou appears to attack W-Len, but Nanaya cut him.

Shiki: You. (becoming angered by his smile and attacks him. He was weakened by Ms. Heart's dark aura.)

Akiha: Shiki!

Nanaya: (kicks Shiki to her.) Surprised to see me? Hmm, I wonder where Utan and the others are. I guess they aren't here to witness this moment. You're all alone now.

Shiki tries to get up and fight him, but that dark aura was getting to him.

Komane: Shiki! (tries to come to his aid, but W-Len's dreamcast increased the weight on those cloth legwarmers she was wearing.) You bastard!! What have you done to Utan?

Nanaya: I killed him; the same thing I going to do to you once I take over Shiki.

Komane: You selfish bastard.

Nanaya: (kicks her in the stomach.) You watch yourself, Komane. It'll be a shame to kill you first. (laughs.)

Akiha: (angered by Nanaya.) You got some nerve coming here. That face of yours is so irritating.

Nanaya: Ha. If you keep that up, you'll bust an artery and die; if I won't do that for you.

Utan felt that surge coming from Akiha. He wasted no time but to head over there. Caster was able to breakthrough W-Len's magic on Komane bring her inside the mansion. Akiha's attack was like a tidal wave; its range was focused in on where Nanaya was. Everything was ravaged in flames, except the mansion. Nanaya was nowhere in sight.

Akiha: (her hair turned back to its normal color and falls down on her knees. She was able to absorb the heat.) It's over.

Shiki: Akiha, are you alright?

Komane was shocked to see that attack from her; she thought she won. But, Caster feels an unearthly presence outside.

Caster: Something's wrong; that was too easy. There's supposed to be some ashes of him at least.

Komane: From that magnitude of heat generated from her?!!! There's no way anyone could survive from something like that!! Not even, Nanaya or Utan!! She must be at her limit.

Caster: (senses Ms. Heart's presence.) Akiha, he's still alive.

Then, Ms. Heart appears along with Nanaya.

Akiha: How? Why?

Nanaya: I may not have abilities to see death approaching, but I'm beyond his fighting abilities - - - and I'm more resourceful than him.

Ms. Heart: Go ahead and kill those idiots. I'm heading back to the castle.

Komane: Wait! (goes outside to help the others. she takes off her legwarmers.)

Nanaya cuts Kohaku and Komane when they try to attack him. Shirou was able to come to their defense and was kicked by him. Akiha was feeling weakened by Ms. Heart's darkness. Nanaya was slowly approaching Akiha.

Hishui: (rushes to defend Akiha.) Stop!!!

Nanaya: Oh, this is unexpected of you.

Hishui: I won't allow you to hurt her; you're going to have to get past me.

Nanaya: So you want to join Akiha and Shiki? Why didn't you ask? (gets ready to attack Hishui.)

Akiha: Run away!

Hishui: No, I will protect you with my life.

Then, Utan arrives just in time to stop Nanaya's attack against Hishui and Akiha.

Shirou, Hishui, Nanaya, Komane and W-Len: Utan?!

Utan punches Nanaya away from Hishui.

Utan: Take Akiha and Shiki inside.

Hishui: But - - -

Utan: No buts, this is my fight now. Take them inside!

Hishui: I understand.

W-Len tries to stop Hishui but was immobilized by Caster. Hishui and Shirou were able to bring Kohaku, Shiki, and Akiha inside the mansion to safety.

Utan: (looks at Kohaku. Growing angered at Nanaya and W-Len.) You even attacked her?

Nanaya: What's it to you? You should have stayed out of this.

Nanaya tries to attack Utan. Before he could do that, he uses the red wave armor.

Nanaya: He has that?

Utan: You're not only fighting against me; you're also fighting against Akiha and all the other people that you killed. (gets out Aoko's monoshizao.) What you're doing is immoral; I'll destroy it all.

He rushes to attack Nanaya. After 2 minutes of fighting, W-Len tries to distract Utan by using a dreamcast to blind him once again. It worked. Just when Nanaya could deliver the final blow, Utan uses his millennium chains to bind Nanaya.

Komane throws Caster's Rule Breaker to make Nanaya and Shiki Tohno separate beings. It worked.

Nanaya: Huh, what happened?

Utan: You and Shiki are no longer one. Killing you will be easy now.

Nanaya: You actually think this can stop me? I'll return regardless.

Then, Satsuki appears.

Satsuki: Utan!!

Utan: No. Stay back, Satsuki.

Nanaya: (he rushes over and cuts Satsuki.) Idiot.

Utan: (Grabs Nanaya's arm where he has the knife and breaks it.) That's enough!! (His eyes were turning red.)

Utan punches a giant hole in Nanaya's stomach and sky uppercuts him to W-Len. After he was done with that, he looks at W-Len with his eyes turning red all over.

His reinforcement technique makes his fists as strong as steel. Nanaya's attitude enraged him; it was almost as if the king of death took him over. (Gokusatsu Tetsujin Hadouken – The Hell King's Steel Style Surge Fist) He used this strike fear into Nanaya and W-Len.

Now that he was free from Shiki Tohno, thanks to the Rule Breaker, he was going to take his freedom away from him and kill him along with W-Len.

W-Len: Stay away from me. (uses the dreamcast to stop Utan. It didn't work.)

Utan: You have the ability to make nightmares become reality. Now it's your turn to get a taste of our own medicine.

W-Len was just about to escape. Utan quickly grabs her by the throat.

Utan: I know you're working for Zoukenou. Where is he?

W-Len: I don't know who that person is. Please, don't hurt me.

Utan: I suggest you better start talking. (becoming angered. His grip on W-Len was slowly becoming strong.) I am going to kill you regardless if you don't tell me where he is.

W-Len: I don't know.

Utan: Wrong answer. My grip will become stronger and stronger the more you continue to lie to me.

Then, Sion and the others made it in time.

Sion: Utan, stop!

Komane: She isn't worth killing. Utan, please.

Utan: Stay out of this. (Looks at W-Len.) Now I won't ask you again - - - (His grip on W-Len was making her suffocate.) WHERE'S ZOUKENOU?!!!!

W-Len: Eizen - - -

He was inches away from killing W-Len for saying that he's at the Eizenbern Castle until the other Len was able to use her dreamcast to transform into Hanei to calm Utan down.

Hanei: Please, Utan. Don't this. (cries.) I beg of you.

Utan: (becoming angered.) No, Nanaya killed you; I want her to suffer. (sheds tears. He was struggling within himself not to kill W-Len. After 20 seconds, he lets go of W-Len, and sees Len crying.)

W-Len: (breathing heavily and laughs at him.) For a moment, I thought you were going to kill me. Why didn't you put me out of my misery along with him?

Utan: No. I have my regrets for making Nanaya free from Shiki; go on ahead and leave.

W-Len: You think you've won? This doesn't change anything between us.

W-Len disappears along with Nanaya. Shiki was upset at Utan for letting W-Len go but he felt glad that he defeated him. Utan wanted to return the favor to him for what he just did to Hanei, Arihiko, and all the other people he's killed - - - if they fight again. He feels that Shiki Tohno won't hold anything back.

Utan: (comes to Satsuki's aid.) Satsuki? Are you alright?

Satsuki: Of course I am.

Utan: Good. Let's go inside and see how the others are.

Utan and the others head inside to see how Kohaku, Shiki, and Akiha were doing while carrying Satsuki.

Utan: So, how's Kohaku?

Caster: That wound she received from Nanaya could have been serious. Hopefully, with your healing powers, she'll be fine.

Utan: Ok. I'll return to heal her - - - but I need to see Akiha for a second.

Caster: Why?

Utan was silent and heads to her room. However, she was asleep.

Komane: Are you mad at her?

Utan: No. I wanted to apologize for being too hard on her.

Komane: Why?

Utan: I could have done something to prevent all of this. But what happened - - - happened for a reason.

Komane: She just generated heat, 900 degrees that almost killed me; she's not supposed to do that!

Utan: Caster saved you from dying out there; at least be grateful for that, Komane. I have my faith and total confidence in her and her abilities on the battlefield. (feeling upset.) It's just that outside the battlefield, she thinks that her past is only visible to her. We were like her; I became sober over my mother's death and became a father figure for Samari and Kilitia. They didn't like that; instead, I was downgraded of what others think of me as a human blending in. You've lost your mind when you lost your mother and father being killed by Berserker and you blamed Rin for their death; you were almost killed by her for not realizing that she was suffering as much as you were during that time. Akiha got humiliated as a little girl; as years went by, she became really dominant and distant upon her peers - - - forcing that respect and authority down people's throats wherever she goes. (becoming upset.) We deserved better than this. When we lost everything through chaos and despair, we got it all back from our hearts. We were able to forgive, we were able to forget, and we were able to free ourselves from all those to judge us.

Komane: I - - - (feeling guilty.) - - - I'm sorry, Utan.

Utan: No, I am; for even thinking that love is an evil in this world. (sees Akiha open her eyes.) Are you alright? I was able to defeat Nanaya - - - are you still upset that you wanted to kill him?

Akiha: Utan - - - Why? (she lies out on the bed, crying.)

Utan: I was wrong about you, once again. (touches Akiha's heart.) Beyond your ambitions lies a heart. Our hearts defeated Nanaya; I wasn't going to allow him to take that away from us.

Utan and Komane leave Akiha's room. Utan was staging his plan of attack to rescue Sakura and Illya and kill Zoukenou and Ms. Heart.