

## Chapter 5: Too Many Questions, So Little Answers

Utan awakens and he finds himself in a bed. He was surprised how he managed to survive that last attack against Satsuki. He looks out the window and discovers he was in a mansion, and looks at a poster with the woman in white that saved him, along with three other females. One of those people that were on the poster, looked like Arcueid. The names of the people were Phantasmoon Eclipse, Kaliedo Ruby, Magical Kohaku, and Saber Lily.

Utan: Phantasmoon Eclipse?!!! (he sees the door opening. He quickly goes to the bed and pretends to go to sleep.)

The girl that opened the door was none other than Hishui. She's one of the maids in this mansion; she has green-blue eyes and short pink hair and was carrying a glass of tea and a magazine with her. As she approached Utan, he got out of bed and quickly went outside the room and locked her inside.

Utan: (generates an electric key and put it in the lock.) Sucker. (sees a shadow of another maid approaching. He runs quickly in another room. Unaware that he was inside Kohaku's room.) Safe. Huh, what's this? There's like about a battalion of these mega maids!!!

Hishui: (tries to open the door and get electrocuted.) AHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!

Kohaku: Hishui!!! Utan must be awake!! (looks at the door knob.) A key? (tries to gets it off and get electrocuted.) AHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!

Meanwhile in Kohaku's room, Utan was curious about this place.

Utan: (in amazement.) Damn, no wonder SHIKI's having a difficult time trying to get this mansion. (He trips on some scrambled wires and activated the intruder emergency alarm.) Uh-oh!!!!

???: WARNING: INTRUDER ALERT!! INTRUDER ALERT!!

Her room closes.

Utan: (bangs on the door.) Oh no!! No!! NO!! LET ME OUT!! HELP!!!

He hears another door open inside Kohaku's room and out comes one of the metal maids that looked exactly like Hishui. (Mech-Hishui)

Mech-Hishui: INTRUDER DETECTED, YOU HAVE 20 SECONDS TO LEAVE THIS AREA.

Utan: If I could. I accidentally locked myself in.

Mech-Hishui: 15 SECONDS.

Utan: Ahh!!! (Runs over to the locked door and bangs harder.) HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kohaku: Huh. Oh no, he must be in my room.

Mech-Hishui shot Utan in his head with her laser eye beam as he generated the monoshizao. Utan woke up when Mech-Hishui approached him. He cuts Mech-Hishui's arms and head with his monoshizao.

Utan: (enraged.) AHHHHHH!!!

Mech-Hishui: INTRUDER ALERT!!! INTRUDER ALERT!!! INTRUDER ALERT!!! INTRUDER ALERT!!!

More Mech-Hishuis appear to subdue Utan. He was able to defeat 8 of them.

Kohaku: Hey!! Hey!! LET ME IN!!!

The mechanical units stopped approaching Utan after hearing Kohaku's voice. She enters and has same hair color as Hishui but her eye color was amber.

Utan: Huh.

Kohaku: You!! You definitely have some nerve coming in here!!

Utan: Uh-huh!!! I do. So are you working with Zoukenou?

Kohaku: Zou-ken-ou? Whose that supposed to be?

Utan: (frustrated invisibly.) You don't know who that person is, either?

Kohaku: No, I don't.

Utan: Anyway - - -

Then, Shiki Tohno appears.

Shiki: I - - (sees Utan.) You're - - -

Utan: (grabs Kohaku.) Don't move!!

Kohaku: No! Let me go!!!

Shiki: Utan let her go.

Utan: I'm afraid I can't do that. You are going to help me find Zoukenou or else!!!!

Shiki: Very well, have it your way. (He pulls out a knife.)

Utan: (He's surprised and insulted.) A kitchen knife? Quit fooling me.

Shiki's eyes changed ocean blue when he took off his glasses. Utan was in a stupor state when his eyes changed colors and let Kohaku go. When he lets her go, Shiki cut the line of his right arm. Utan was screaming in pain.

Kohaku: Shiki, why did you - - -

Shiki: Why else? He was planning to take you hostage. (eyes on Utan.) If you're planning to use any women here as hostages, you'll have no mercy. (puts his glasses back on.)

Utan: My mistake. It seems like you have no knowledge of the whereabouts of Zoukenou.

Shiki: Huh? Who is he?

Utan: He's the main reason why I'm in this area. (sees that his right arm was gone.) And you would have to damage my arm.

Shiki: Huh? Sorry.

Utan: It's ok. Let me show you a magic trick.

Utan puts his left hand on his right shoulder and pulls out his right arm. Shiki and Kohaku were in shock and surprise when managed to re-grow his arm.

Kohaku: Incredible.

Shiki: (stupor.) I managed to destroy your inability to gain use of your right arm. How? How were you able to that?!!

Utan: For a young man, you sure do ask too many questions. To be honest I don't know how I was able re-grow and regain use of any damaged areas of my body. I've been trying to ask that question last night. How was I able to survive being cut in half by that schoolgirl?!

Shiki: Schoolgirl? For your information, that "schoolgirl" happens to have a name!!

Utan: (Sarcastically.) Sure, she does!!

Utan and Shiki were staring at each other.

Kohaku: Shiki and Utan, please this isn't the time for you two to fight. Master Akiha's going to come home within 15 minutes. My sister is locked up in your room and my room is in shambles.

Utan: Don't worry about her. That key has my fingerprints on them; I'm the only person who can open it.

Shiki: Alright. Utan, please try not to break anything in here.

Utan: Sure. (Thinking silently.) As if he wouldn't? That guy cut my arm!!

Kohaku: Utan!!

Utan: Oh!! Okay, boss.

15 minutes pass, Akiha returns home.

Akiha: I'm home.

Hishui & Kohaku: Good evening, Master Akiha.

Akiha: Is Utan awake?

Shiki: Yes, he's awake. However, he's been in that room since last night.

Akiha: I see. Let's go in there to greet him.

Akiha and the others walk upstairs to greet Utan.

Utan: (hears the door open and sees Akiha.) Oh, good evening Master Akiha.

Akiha: (d.) There's no need for you to address me formally.

Utan: I apologize about what happened the other night between that schoolgirl - - - I meant who was that young lady that cut me in half?

Shiki: Satsuki Yumiduka.

Utan: Satsuki?

Kohaku: Shiki and she were classmates along with Akiha.

Utan: Ha! Ha! Ha!

Akiha: What's so funny, Utan? You have a lot to discuss about what you did to SHIKI the other night. He was supposed to die by my hands!!

Utan: (Sarcastically.) Please!! I was just doing you a favor and put that man out of his misery. He was going to devour an innocent woman along with me for dinner. Speaking of dinner, I guess I should get out my Bacon Chicken Sandwich.

Kohaku: Bacon Chicken Sandwich?

Utan: Yes, my bacon chicken sandwich.

Kohaku: ???

Utan: (groans.) This is my signature sandwich. Let's just say that "this" is equivalent to something from McDonald's Big Mac or Burger King's Whopper.

Kohaku: Wow, that's pretty crafty of you to bring your own food here.

Utan: Want to try some?

Akiha: Enough of this!! I want to know how you were able to defeat SHIKI.

Utan: That's already been answered. It is why I was able to defeat SHIKI. I'm guessing you don't approve of code of the samurai, do you?

Akiha: Okay, now you're really starting to agitate me.

Utan: You have no reason to be upset; I doubt you could even defeat him alone.

Shiki: Utan, please show Akiha some respect.

Utan: Respect? I had to earn it that hard way just like her, and I'm guessing you don't approve of that either.

Akiha: (becoming angry.) I'm warning you!

Utan: Oh, I'm so scared. What are you going to do about it? Huh? (He feels his body temperature rising as he looks at Akiha.) Huh?! Ohhh!! AHHHHHH!!!!

Shiki: (sees Utan's body turn red a little.) Oh, no. Akiha!! Stop!!

Akiha: (She calms down.) You should be grateful. If Shiki wasn't here, you're dead. (She leaves Utan's room.) Kohaku, come with me. Hishui, stay here and tend to Utan.

Hishui & Kohaku: Yes, Master.

Kohaku goes along with Akiha, Shiki and Hishui remain in Utan's room and sees if Utan is okay.

Hishui: Utan? (She touches Utan's right forearm.) Ahhhhh!!

Shiki: Hishui? Are you alright?

Hishui: Yes, I'm fine. Thank you.

Utan: Urrghh!!! What happened?

Shiki: Utan. (thinking silently.) He managed to survive Akiha's blood heat and my attack to impair his right arm. Who is this person?

Utan: Where's Akiha at?

Hishui: She's with Kohaku; she needed to calm her nerves after what she did to you.

Utan: Yeah. For some apparent reason, I felt my body temperature raise a couple of degrees when I passed out. Plus, what does she do to calm down whenever she does this?

Shiki: You don't want to know.

Utan: Why not? I at least want to know what she - - - I meant how she was able to do that.

Hishui: She drinks her blood to calm her exciting and enraging demeanor when she's in that state.

Utan: (in a stupor state.) BLOOD?!!!

Hishui: Don't worry; she's a vampire. However, she can drink blood without going berserk like Satsuki.

Utan: That I definitely disagree with. You're supposed to be allowing this - - -

A doorbell rings.

Shiki: A visitor?

Hishui: I'll go see who that is.

Utan: Wait, I'm not finished with what I ha - - oh, never mind.

Hishui: What is it?

Utan: I keep forgetting I'm not the master of this house.

Shiki: You can't be like this, here. You do realize you're not in America anymore.

Utan: Ok, you're right. I'm sorry for questioning you or your master.

Shiki, Utan, and Hishui go upfront to see the visitors. They see that it's Arcueid and Ciel.

Arcueid: Hi, Shiki.

Shiki: Arcueid? Ciel?

Ciel: We - - I meant I came here to see your visitor. (looks at Utan.) It seems like he's fully recovered after what happened last night. However, Arcueid came here to see you. It's unfitting for Akiha to invite us here.

Arcueid: You watch it, curry. I didn't come to argue with you in front of our guest.

Utan: Curry? Isn't her name Ciel?

Arcueid: Of course, she keeps calling me an idiot.

Ciel: That's who you are, aren't you?

Hishui: Please stop fighting. Akiha should be ready to come out now. I'll go check on her.

Shiki: Are you sure?

Utan: Yes. Go ahead.

Shiki: Ok.

Arcueid: (eyes on Utan.) And who might you be?

Shiki: He's - -

Utan: Let me handle this. My name is Utan Enhada; it is an honor to see you young ladies here tonight. (He holds his right hand out to shake.)

Arcueid: Well, you seem like a nice person.

Ciel: (She eyes on Utan's right hand seeing 3 gems and thinking silently.) Gems? Where did they come from?

Utan: You have a fine grip.

Arcueid: You too.

Ciel: Excuse me, Utan.

Utan: Yes, what is it?

Ciel: Where did you get those gems from?

Utan: Gems? What gems?

Ciel: Look at your right hand; those gems.

Utan: (He looks at his right hand and sees 3 gems colored: aqua, dark blue, and red.) I have no idea how that got on me. (He tries to get the aqua-colored gem on his pinkie finger off.) It looks like it's glued on there.

Shiki: Gems? I don't see them on Utan.

Utan: Oh, that's what I used to defeat SHIKI last night, along with my other weapon.

Shiki: What other weapon?

Utan: Ok, let me generate it.

Ciel: Generate?

Utan: Yes. (He gets ready to generate the jeweled axe-sword. However, he happened to generate an axe-sword.) (Thinking silently.) Huh? What happened? I wanted to generate that jeweled axe sword the other night.

Ciel: That sword!!!!

Shiki: What, you know that sword, Ciel?

Ciel: Yes. That sword, it's an unidentified axe-sword used by the berserkers of ancient history.

Arcueid: And he was able to generate that?

Utan: Of course. I wanted to project the Jeweled Axe-Sword; I've noticed how much you ladies like gems.

Ciel: Yeah right. You do realize that you've projected something that requires years of training and control.

Utan: Yes, it took me 6 months to master.

Ciel: Impossible.

Shiki: Looks like it's impossible. I managed to destroy his right arm; he was to able regenerate and regain full use of it.

Utan: For your information, anything's possible.

Meanwhile in Akiha's room, she was shocked to see gems on her right hand.

Akiha: (screams.) What is this on my hand?

Kohaku: Gems. Cool!!

Akiha: This is serious; get them off.

Kohaku: Wait, this gem on your pinkie matches your eyes, Akiha. I'm not sure about the others.

Akiha: So?

Hishui enters the room.

Hishui: Master Akiha, Arcueid and Ciel are here to see Utan.

Akiha: Not now, I have gems on my fingers - - - What?

Hishui: Utan's keeping watch on them and Shiki. (sees gems on Akiha's hand.) How did those gems get on her?

Kohaku: I'm not sure how it got on her. It may be Utan.

Akiha: How did he - - - Never mind, let's go upfront and ask him about all of this.

Hishui, Kohaku, and Akiha go upfront to see Utan and the others.

In the front room, Utan was showing some of his inventions. That electric key he used to trap Hishui.

Utan: This electric key that I managed to generate when I locked Hishui, produces 4 volts of electricity when I - - -

Arcueid: Hey, let me see that.

Shiki: No, wait Arcueid. Give him that key back.

Arcueid: Why? (The key activates and electrocutes Arcueid.) Ahhhhhhh!!!! (and that current knocked her out the front door.)

Ciel laughs.

Shiki: Arcueid!!

Utan: See. If you don't have my fingerprints, it produces the most powerful 25 volts of electricity. (He sees Arcueid destroyed the front door.) Sorry.

Ciel: Why are you apologizing?

Utan: I sure hope I didn't hurt her. (He goes outside to help Arcueid.) You alright, Arcueid?

Arcueid: Utan!!!

Arcueid punches Utan right in the face.

Utan: (He holds his jaw while staring at Arcueid.) Hey, I said I was sorry. (He watches her come closer to him.) Look I don't want any trouble here.

Arcueid: Too late.

Utan unconsciously blocked Arcueid's punch. He was in a stupor state when he managed to grab her fist.

Utan: What? (Lets go of Arcueid's hand and runs away from her.)

Arcueid: (runs after Utan.) Get back here.

Utan: You're crazy!! Leave me alone!!

He trips on a garden hoe and attacks Arcueid. The steel part broke when it touched her face without leaving a single scratch. Then he hits her with the wooden part but it broke and was punched in the face, again. He flew away the way into the rose bushes.

Utan: Guess I have no other choice.

He generates the monoshizao and prepares to attack Arcueid. As he attacked her, his weapon broke.

Utan: (He was looking at his broken sword when he attacked her.) What?!!!!!

While all this was happening, Utan was still in shock when his monoshizao broke when he attacked her. Arcueid sky uppercuts Utan. As he came down, he fell awkwardly on his back.

Shiki & Ciel: Utan!!!

Arcueid: Humph!! I'm impressed that you managed to block my fist with your bare hands.

Shiki: Arcueid, do you have any shame? That was - - - (sees Utan get up. He was in shock.)

Arcueid: (sees Utan repair his back.) What? How - - -

Utan: (looks at Arcueid.) Sorry to disappoint you, Arcueid. There's a lot more you need to see from me.

Utan gets ready to attack Arcueid. Until Akiha, Hishui, and Kohaku appear in front of the house.

Utan: Akiha.

Akiha: Utan, what do think you are doing?

Utan: Nothing, I was just defending myself. I didn't realize that we were taking it too far.

Arcueid: What? That's - - - (he was able to heal his left arm.)

Utan: I'm sorry for all the trouble that I've caused you, Akiha and rest of you. I must leave.

Akiha: Wait, U-Utan. You do realize that it's dangerous for you to be roaming these streets. You must remain here.

Utan: (he was insulted when she mispronounced his name.) So what? I'm here to seek and destroy the Angra Maniyu and cleanse the world from eternal darkness. Being medium-rare is not on the list.

Ciel: You do realize that you can't defeat all of them on your own? Better yet, you couldn't even defeat the True Ancestor.

Utan: What, the True Ancestor? (He looks at Arcueid, pointing at her in disbelief, shock, and surprise.) She's the True Ancestor?

Arcueid: You barely survived Akiha's attack; I'm guessing you couldn't even defeat me.

Utan: (in a stupor state.) YOU'RE THE TRUE ANCESTOR?!!! (Thinking silently.) My mother used to tell me stories about her; I thought that was a myth. Oh my god, what am I going to do - - - what the hell am I going to do now?!!!!

Akiha: We and Arcueid won't harm you unless you stay true to your word. Tell us how these gems got on our fingers.

Utan: I knew everything about the origin of this power. However, it's too long; I'm guessing you and your friends have free time to hear campfire stories from me.

Akiha: We don't mind, let's hear this story.

Utan: Thank you, Akiha.

Utan and the others go inside to explain this story of the gauntlet's power.

Utan: This is only a legend that I've heard from the natives. Are you sure you wish to hear this?

Akiha: I have no problem, go on.

Arcueid: I'm with her. Tell us.

Utan: Ok. This happened to be the greatest story never told about the history to the world. The power gauntlet is one of the most dangerous materials known to man. It has recorded many aspects of death from Abel's death to this day. This will grant any user the inability to die from anyone or anything. That wasn't the case with the last wielder.

Kohaku: The inability to die?

Ciel: Who was the last wielder?

Utan: The last wielder of this gauntlet became greedy with this power; he ended up killing the last king and other civilians who supported him. Unfortunately, there is a weakness with that gauntlet.

Kohaku: Oh, what's that?

Utan: It was created to slay the evils of mankind, but he couldn't kill female that held the reality gem; she was the one that was close to him.

Kohaku: What happened to her?

Utan: She died.

Akiha, Ciel, and Arcueid were left speechless. They stare at Utan's power gauntlet.

Utan: See, I told you so.

Arcueid: Where did you get that gauntlet from, Utan?

Utan: Uh -- Uh -- Uh --

Ciel: Well tell us, Utan.

Utan: Uh -- Uh -- I don't know.

Akiha: Some nerve you got. I guessing you stole it.

Utan: Me, I'd never. I'm guessing I'm finished storytelling.

Akiha: You haven't answered my question about gems on our hands.

Utan: Oh, the gems. I only know about the legend. To be honest, I don't what the gems do for you people.

Ciel: What do you mean you don't know?

Utan: I don't know; the red gem happens to be mine. For your information, Akiha, all your questions have been answered about SHIKI to the Power Gauntlet and the gems. You got any more questions you'd like to ask? We'll be up all night.

Shiki: He's right. It's getting late.

Utan: I'm finished, good night.

Akiha: I'm not going anywhere. I'm still not finished with you, Utan.

Utan: I have a feeling you don't trust me. I told you everything I needed to tell you. Man, you're hard-headed.

Akiha: Hard-headed? You got some nerve calling me out of my name.

Utan: Yes, I do. With the amount energy you generate by your hostility towards me, you'd make Burger King disappear. That's a good one. (He laughs.)

Arcueid laughs along with Utan.

Akiha: (angered, stares at Arcueid.) As for you, Arcueid, you are to leave. You too, Ciel.

Utan: Akiha? You 6 saved me from that scho - - I meant Satsuki, at least let Arcueid and Ciel stay here for tonight. I am a guest here, am I?

Arcueid: Yeah, I'd agree. Do you, Shiki?

Akiha hair turned red as she was looking at Arcueid and Ciel. Utan becomes scared of her.

Utan: OK, I'm guessing that's not fine with you ladies? I'll just step outside until you all just chill out. (Thinking silently.) I was wrong about Burger King. Akiha - - - I swear that girl looks like my mother; at least she isn't like her, attitude-wise.

After a few minutes passed when Utan was outside, he hears a bell, coming from a black cat.

Utan: That. . . that's the black cat that was at the apartment strip.

That cat approaches Utan.

Utan: (in stupor as it turned into a human with the same eye color as Utan, but darker. (Len)) Huh? (He gets ready to generate a weapon.) Stay back!!

Arcueid: Wait!!!

Utan: Is that yours, Arcueid?

Arcueid: Yes, but she's Shiki familiar.

Utan: Uh, yeah. (Thinking silently.) And just how many of these females are attracted to this guy anyway? (speaks.) Is Akiha done blowing off some steam? I need a couple of electric fans if I want to think about coming back to the mansion.

Arcueid: Yes, she's calmed down. I'm leaving.

Utan: No wait, Arcueid. Don't leave let.

Arcueid: Why?

Utan: I would rather sleep outside. I'm guessing you don't have a place to sleep for the night. Just stay here, OK?

Arcueid: Uh, well - - - alright.

Arcueid, Utan, and Len head on top of the rooftop.

Utan: Ok, it's not usual for you ladies to be attracted to a young man like that. Is it his charisma or something that sets females on, or is it something else?

Arcueid: Why you ask that?

Utan: I'm just curious. Is he succumbed with greed upon having you and other women around him?

Arcueid: What? What are you talking about? Of course not; why did you even ask?

Utan: I'm confusing myself with that other Shiki.

Arcueid: Who, SHIKI Tohno?

Utan: Both of them. It feels somewhat bitter; I felt something strange about nerdy Shiki. I have a feeling he may use that power to become a killing machine. He may even kill you if you're not careful, Arcueid.

Arcueid: Yes, I see. What you just saw was a glimpse of Shiki's power. Believe me; you haven't seen the true extent of his power.

Utan: What's that?

Arcueid: The last time I fought against him, it didn't feel like I was fighting him. Someone or something took him over. Then, he used that attack. I was able to recover, just barely. The day after that Shiki forgot everything that happened to me; I wanted to fight against him again. Instead, he ran away.

Utan: You were going to kill him, weren't you?

Arcueid: I was but I saw the look in his eyes and declined.

Utan: Well, was that attack ever used from him again?

Arcueid: No. Just try not to think too hard about it, OK?

Utan: Well, if you say so. (Yawns, lies on Arcueid's lap.) Good night.

Arcueid: Eww, get off me.