

## Chapter 8: Maintaining Stability

Today was Friday, the 5th day. Utan was trying to seek and destroy any possible materials that Shinji could use to augment the Angra Maniyu's power and increase its numbers. He's now gaining slow relief from Iris's poison special thanks to Rin. However, the effects from her poison were becoming a lot worse. Normally, the human body would have been decayed with that amount of poison. The power gauntlet's saving him. It was best for him to rest for two or three days before he could fight; otherwise, he would end re-aggravating the poison.

At 7:00 a.m., Utan decides to take a stroll around the area. He sees Shinji coming out of a caged house.

Utan: (Thinking silently.) Is that Shinji? What was he doing there? I'm guessing this must be his house.

Without any thinking, as soon as Shinji was out of his sight he enters the caged area. He hides on top of the tree. He waits to see if one of his servants will come out of the house. He doesn't know that this happens to be Sakura's house.

Utan: (sees someone come out, it was Sakura. Thinking silently in complete shock.) That's - - -

Utan was so enticed by her beauty that the branch he was on, broke. He quickly teleports out of the caged house and reappeared in Rin's backyard.

Utan: Damn, that was close. (He lies down.)

Rin: What are you doing outside?

Utan: I'm exercising. Care to join?

Rin: No, I have to go to school today.

Utan: Well, I'm guessing Shinji maybe lurking around the corner. I'll try to rest here for a while, be careful of Shinji while you're out.

Rin: I will. (leaves.)

Then 10 minutes later after Rin left to go to school, Utan senses someone nearby.

Utan: Ok. Whoever you are, come out.

Utan sees a human servant in blue. (Seven)

Utan: (lowers his guard.) Hey there, are you lost?

Seven: No.

Utan: What are you doing here anyway?

Seven: (giggles.)

Utan: Why are you giggling? (He gets knocked out from behind and sees that was Ciel. He passes out.)

Seven: He didn't seem harmful.

Ciel: Believe me, this is the least of my problems. Help me carry Utan to my house.

Seven: Sure.

It was 2:30 p.m.; Utan wakes up and see that he's tied up in the kitchen in Ciel's house.

Utan: This place, I'm not at Rin's house.

Seven: That's because you aren't. You've been knocked out for a very long time; it's 2:30 p.m.

Utan: 2:30?!! You. . . why did you attack me?

Seven: It wasn't me; it was my master.

Utan: Who's your master?

Seven: Ciel.

Utan: Ciel?!! Where's she at?!!

Seven: She's at school. If you want to speak to her about anything, you're going to have to wait until she returns.

Utan: (Thinking silently.) I'm guessing she's going to bring Shiki and Akiha along with her. (speaks.) So, is she going to bring Shiki and Akiha with her?

Seven: Maybe.

Utan: Maybe? I was just about to tell them that I found some new allies.

Seven senses Ciel's presence.

Utan: Well what are you waiting for? Don't leave me here tied up, I would like to tell Ciel the good news.

Seven: Unfortunately, I was about to get a major reward today. Maybe you should try eating carrots; it's good for your eyes.

Utan: What are you talking about? My eyes aren't that bad.

Ciel: Good.

Utan: Ciel.

Ciel: Roaming around in these streets is dangerous. I'm surprised that you're even alive.

Utan: I'm sorry for not telling you. I also found out that Shinji was planning to use the energy from the grail to increase the population of the Angra Maniyu.

Ciel: So, was he able to do that?

Utan: No, I was in the right place at the right time to make sure that he didn't - and I was poisoned in the process.

Ciel: By whom?

Utan: The attacker had a servant and I found some people that will be willing to help.

Ciel: Who are they?

Utan: I was at that person's house, until you decided to attack me from behind.

Ciel: Sure, show us.

Utan sees Akiha and Shiki at the exit. To Utan, he wasn't surprised to see Akiha.

Utan: (looks at Akiha and back at Ciel.) Why is she here?

Akiha: I'm just making sure that Shiki comes back in one piece, that's all.

Ciel: Oh, never mind. Well, Utan, show us where these new allies are at.

Utan: Ok, but give me some ice water.

Ciel: Why?

Utan: It's Akiha. I need something to cool off before I show you.

Akiha: Hmm, I wonder why? It seems like I'm having an effect on you.

Utan: Yes, you are. Summers here are very hot - having you around makes it even hotter.

Akiha: (glares at Utan.) What was that? Was that sarcasm coming from you?

Utan: (glares at Akiha.) Yeah, got a problem?

Akiha and Utan glare at each other, the room temperature was at 85 degrees.

Shiki: Akiha!!

Utan and Akiha calmed down.

Ciel: Utan was right about one thing. However, you two make summers here even hotter here than it should be.

Utan: Ok, now I'm ready to show you the allies that I've mentioned.

Utan and the others leave to head to Rin's house.

Utan: Here we are.

Shiki: She just happens to be three blocks away from your house, Ciel.

Rin: Utan, what are you doing?

Utan: I brought some people that want to help us with this new threat.

Shiki: He told Ciel about you.

Utan: Well - - - He's right.

Rin: I see. Come inside.

Meanwhile at a restaurant at 6:40 pm, the transfer students that were attacked by Utan were at a restaurant. Erik begins to spit out his favorite food because he drank too much sake.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): Damnit, what's with this?

Luis (Schoolboy #2): Want to know why? You drank two liters of sake and you're drunk.

Wally (Schoolboy #3): Yeah, I think you should lay off that stuff, man.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): I have a young body; I know what I'm doing.

Wally (Schoolboy #3): It looks like you don't.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): Sake isn't harmful. To me, this guy's born drunk.

Wally was feeling uneasy about the killings here recently.

Wally (Schoolboy #3): (gets up.) I'm done here.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): Hey, wait up! Why are you leaving?

Wally (Schoolboy #3): Are you done fooling around here? We should be at home; you do realize what's been going on here recently?

Erik (Schoolboy #1): People being killed? You're listening to more of Utan's bullshit.

Wally (Schoolboy #3): No.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): You think we're stupid or something? You can go home and cry for all I care. We're staying here.

Wally (Schoolboy #3): Fine.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): Get outta here!!!

Erik (Schoolboy #1): Yeah, ya bitch. (laughs and becomes intoxicated.)

Then, a woman enters the restaurant. She was wearing white ruffled shirt with medium-sleeve length, a tight black skirt, a red sash, black boots and glasses. They stopped laughing at Wally.

Wally (Schoolboy #3): (Thinking silently.) That's all these motherfuckers have time for every Friday, beer and sex. (Speaks.) Have a nice night. (Leaves the restaurant.)

Bartender: Hey wait, you haven't paid yet.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): Leave him alone. We'll pay fo his stuff. U mind getting us sum mo sake?

Bartender: (disgusted.) Sure. (thinking silently.) Insensitive jerk.

Owner: Ok. (looks at the woman.) Welcome. What would you like here?

???: I would like some red wine.

Erik was enticed by that woman's body. You know that the obvious was about to happen. Unfortunately, that woman happens to be Rider.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): Ohh.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): Come on man.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): What are you talking about? How kuld u possibly deny an invigorating body like that?

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): Easy.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): (slaps Luiz in the back of his head.) Ur an idiot. Look at her closely.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): And you know all this because - - -

Erik (Schoolboy #1): I know all this cuz I go out more often. Unlike u, u never even asked a single girl out.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): What was that? That's some big talk coming from you.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): I kuld say the same.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): Take that back.

They glare at each other

Erik (Schoolboy #1): Alright then, let's play a game to settle dis.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): A game? What game could possibly settle this?

Erik (Schoolboy #1): Let's play Rock-Papar-Cissors. The winner will get to have sex with her.

Luiz won.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): See, I told u. Ur better than me in this game.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): Come on. You weren't even trying.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): I'm giving u an opportunity. Besides, u need to know wat it's like to be a real man. I get a piece of the action when I feel she's too much for u to handle.

Luiz (Schoolboy #2): (sweating.) She is.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): Get up there.

Meanwhile back at Ciel's House at 7:15 pm. Utan was silent after the discussion he had with Rin and the others about the attacks of the Angra Maniyu outside of Japan. He didn't have anything for breakfast or lunch today. Thanks to Akiha's heat wave, Utan lost 10 pounds.

Utan: Hey, Ciel.

Ciel: Yes, what is it?

Utan: I was wondering if you have anything to eat here.

Ciel: Yes I do and I'd bet you'll like it.

Utan follows Ciel into the kitchen.

Utan: It's cold. (He sees that it's curry.)

Ciel: Hmm, I notice something different about you, Utan.

Utan: Oh, you do. Thanks to Akiha, I lost 10 pounds due to her heat wave.

Ciel: . . .

Utan: Well - -

The food in Ciel's microwave was ready to eat. When he ate the food (which happened to be Meixian Curry), he was beginning to feel fiery effects. It looked like someone added extra spices into that curry dish.

Ciel: Utan? Are you alright?

Utan: (spits it out.) Hahhhh!! Ahhhhhhh!!!! MY TONGUE!!

Ciel: Utan!!!

Utan: Oh, my god. Ciel, excuse me. (goes into Ciel's refrigerator and rinses his tongue with milk.)

Ciel: Sorry, that was Meixian Curry.

Utan: Curry?!! That curry was tooooo spicy!! (upset.) Never mind, I'm going out to eat. I'll come back. (leaves.)

Ciel: No wait - - -

Meanwhile back at the restaurant, Luiz was actually enjoying himself with Rider. She took him into the ladies' room. The bartender and owner were checking how much money they were able to receive. They were the only customers.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): (starting to become jealous of Luiz.) Ok, I think I took dis a little bit too far. That was unexpected of her to do that. (Gets up and goes inside. Shocked to see that was sucking Luiz's blood and was lying there unconscious.) What the hell? I'm getting out of here.

Rider: (uses her eyes to immobilize him.) No, please stay.

Erik (Schoolboy #1): (Becoming scared of Rider's fangs.) No, don't come near me. Nooooooo!!! (It was too late; Rider sucked his blood as well.)

Rider: How troublesome. Their blood and souls didn't satisfy me at all. (leaves the bathroom.)

Meanwhile where Utan was, he was just about to head to a convenience store.

Utan: I knew I should have brought my food along with me. (Sees Wally down on the ground with his eyes open and rushes to him.) He's out. (hears bells, thinking silently.) It's that sound again. (Speaks.) Ok, if you're the one that did this, you better show yourself.

A young lady appears out of the alley. She happens to look exactly like the other Len, but it was white. (W-Len)

Utan: Oh, it's you. Guess I should be going.

W-Len: Wait.

Utan: (surprised and pleased to hear her speak.) What was that? You actually spoke?

W-Len: Yes. I'm guessing that you've seen my other half.

Utan: Well, at least you're not a problem.

W-Len: Oh, really? Let me show you what I'm made of. (she uses her dreamcast.)

Utan: Where am I? (sees W-Len with a popsicle.) Ha, this is the best you can do. A popsicle?

W-Len: You really need to chill out. That stress may kill you, if I won't. (licks the popsicle.)

Utan: (feels his right cheek slowly melting.) Huh!! Voodoo?!

W-Len: Yes, this happens to be my favorite dreamcast I like to use. (bites the left arm of the popsicle.)

Utan: Ahhhhhh!! (holding his left arm in pain.)

W-Len: See, told you so.

Utan: Why are you doing this? Can we just talk about this for a minute?

W-Len: Unlucky for you, I doubt that the popsicle will last a minute before you melt. Oh well.

Just when she was about to take a bite of Utan's head, out of nowhere, the Black Len appears. She was able to get Utan out of W-Len's dreamcast.

She stares with a mean look at W-Len.

W-Len: Whoa, what's with the scary face? I thought I was the one being emotional.

Len looks at the person she just killed.

W-Len: Unfortunately, I wanted to this man to join him. Well, it's been a pleasure seeing you, Utan.

Utan: (points at W-Len when she mispronounced his name.) My name's Utan. Don't ever forget that.

W-Len: Luck must be on your side tonight. (eyes on Len.) Please try to stay alive. Ciao.

Utan: Next time, you won't be so lucky to catch me off guard like that again.

W-Len disappears.

Utan: Thank you, Len. I'll see you later.

Len looks at Utan with conviction and concern.

Utan: Why are you staring at me like that? You thought I was going to kill her, weren't you?

Len nods her heads "yes".

Utan: I thought so. Well you have reason to fear her life. You are on the side of good, aren't you?

Arcueid: That depends on which side you're talking about. (jumps down the 3-story building.)

Utan: Arcueid? What are you doing here?

Arcueid: I was just about to ask Shiki out; instead, Len felt your presence nearby.

Utan: You do realize that there was another Len?

Arcueid: Well duh.

Utan: Do you happen to know who that White Len belonged to?

Len nods her head "no".

Arcueid: Well, there you have it. I think you should head back home.

Utan: No, wait Arcueid. I want to get something to eat.

Arcueid: Why?

Utan: I ate some Meixian Curry, which I happened to be ultra spicy for that kind of curry.

Arcueid laughs.

Utan: I don't know why you're laughing; my tongue was on fire upon eating that.

Arcueid: And is that all? To be honest, Friday happens to be patrol night for Akiha. I doubt you want to see her again.

Utan: Akiha?!!! (Thinking silently.) Man, that's the last thing I need to recover. Thanksgiving must be coming pretty early.

Arcueid: Plus, I also got you something to eat in case you didn't like Ciel's curry. (gets out a box of grilled chicken.) Tada!

Utan: What's this, grilled chicken? (He looked insulted by the chicken. She was lucky it wasn't fried.)

Arcueid: Yes, it's a lot better than Ciel's curry dishes.

Utan: Thank you again.

Arcueid: Oh, one more thing I forgot to mention, Utan.

Utan: What?

Arcueid: This weekend, try to recover from the poison. If it won't kill you, someone else will.

Utan: Ok, I'll keep that in mind. Goodnight, Arcueid.

Utan, Arcueid, and Len depart. Len watches Utan leave.

Utan arrives at Ciel's house and enters.

Utan: Huh, where is she? Oh well. (Jumps on Ciel's bed.) Chicken! (eats the chicken.) Yes, Arcueid was right. This happens to be a hell of a lot better than cur - ry (senses Ciel's presence.)

Ciel: And just what do think you're doing?

Utan: Ha-ah!! Sorry to startle you, I brought you some chicken and - - -

Ciel: (kicks Utan in the face.) What were you thinking going out there? You do realize what's been going on, haven't you?

Utan: What was that for? You got some nerve. (sees Ciel's eye expression changed from concern to confrontive. He becomes a little scared of her.) There's no need for you to look at me like that; I'm sorry.

Ciel: (calms down.) I understand. Why are you in my room eating?

Utan: Well, I'm sorry. I'll go upfront and eat.

Ciel: No, you can stay here. If you make a mess here, remember to clean it up. Seven will throw your trash away.

Utan: Ok.

Utan continues eats the grilled chicken. Ciel lies on the bed on the other side of Utan, reading a book. Utan was slowly eating his chicken, becoming enticed by Ciel's hips. She was wearing her school clothes that were the same as Satsuki's.

Ciel: What's wrong? Aren't you going to finish your chicken?

Utan: Uhh, no. I'll finish it tomorrow.

Ciel: Ok.

Utan: No need to call Seven; I'll just put it in the fridge. (He goes to the kitchen and spits excess saliva into the sink and washes it away.)

Ciel: Hmm. (sees the black halcyon. she opens it and sees Maiya, Utan's mother, who happens to look like to Akiha.) Who's this? Maiya Uzuki? (hears footsteps, puts the halcyon in her shirt.)

Utan: (enters.) Ok, I'm going to sleep.

Ciel: Yes, but before you do that, I also found out about your gauntlet that you have on with this book I'm reading.

Utan: What?!!

Ciel: That happens to be one of the Elite's lost treasures that you possess.

Utan: An elite's accessory? Boy, am I lucky to have this.

Ciel: However, this gauntlet does have a weakness. It happens to be Arcueid.

Utan: Huh?

Ciel: She happens to be the holder of the red gem, right?

Utan: Yes. Why?

Ciel: The person that happens to be that holder of the that gem can kill you and unlock the gauntlet from you.

Utan: I doubt she would try to kill me to obtain this gauntlet. However, I don't see her like that. That was courteous of her to give me that grilled chicken. I've never even tasted it while I was back in Hawaii.

Ciel: Did Arcueid gave you that?

Utan: Yes. I was wondering why you don't like Arcueid.

Ciel: (pauses.) Alright, try not to think too hard about this.

A few hours passed. It was 10:30 p.m.

Ciel: (yawns.) Well then, I guess we should be sleeping.

Utan: Alright.

Ciel: Oh and one more thing Utan.

Utan: Yes.

Ciel: About Maiya? (hands Utan his halcyon pendant of her.) She looked like Akiha. Is she that special to you?

Utan: Yes. My father was killed in the Persian Gulf War. He was even more special to me as much as her.

Ciel: That's sad for you.

Utan: My family deserved better than this. However, stuff like this happens to us till the end of time.

Ciel: I see. Oh and one more thing, Utan.

Utan: Yes?

Ciel: Don't try anything funny while I'm asleep.

Utan: I won't; good night.

Utan and Ciel go to sleep. Somewhere outside of Tokyo, Komane was busy destroying the rest of the Angra Maniyu spawns that was ravaging the area.

Komane: Talk about desolation. I was able to find some survivors. I'm heading to where Utan is, if I know where he's at.

???: Utan?

Komane: (draws her throwing knives.) Who's there?

Sion: Don't be alarmed.

Komane: Why shouldn't I be? (sees a gun.) Wait, you're - - -

Sion draws the gun a shoots at Komane. Luckily, she was able to dodge the bullet.

Sion: (innocence.) Please, I'd like for you to come quietly with me. I know where Utan is.

Komane: Utan? No thanks, I would rather look for him myself. I don't accompany myself with foot soldiers.

She throws her throwing knife at Sion. Sion shot at the halcyon knife. Komane quickly grabs Sion's arm where she was holding the gun and attempts to punch her. But before she could do that, Sion was able to dodge Komane's punch and kicks her in the face. Komane quickly recovered from Sion's attack and threw another halcyon throwing knife at her also using her Gandr. Sion was surprised by that combination and her gun was knocked out of her hand and frozen.

Sion: I'm impressed with what you're able to do.

Komane: Yes, you too. My throwing knives have the ability to cut through any type of metal and withstand extreme heat and cold.

Sion: Fair enough. Fighting me was a big mistake. (uses Utan's persona.)

Komane: What the hell are you blubbering about? And what's with that look?

Sion: You still have a long way to go to defeat me. I have many personas; you'll lose if you continue.

Komane: Yeah, I thought I happened to be crazy. You've definitely crossed the line.

Komane tries to attack Sion; she dodged her attack and kneed her in the stomach. She was able to recover from Sion's attack and managed to escape.

Sion: See? What did I tell you?

Komane: (felt Utan's presence within Sion.) Utan? Now, you're using his persona as well?

Sion: It's true. All thanks to an invisible mechanism known as the "Etherlite".

Komane: Etherlite. Why you!!

Sion: (innocence.) Please, I don't want to hurt you. This is for my dying friend.

Komane: Why?

Sion: I just want your blood to cure my friend's cure for vampirism.

Komane: I thought so. (uses the Halcyon Gandr. Sion was able to dodge her attack.) I'm currently trying to save the entire world from eternal darkness. You're in my way!!

Sion: (innocence.) You can join me.

Komane: I refuse. (Her vision's feeling blurry due to the etherlite.) If I leave here, the defense here will be weak. I'm not going to - - - allow you to - - - stop me.

Sion: I'm sorry. Please forgive me. (She gets a syringe out and injects Komane's left leg.) This is for my dying friend. I'm not going to be denied by you. (Utan.) But I'm not leaving you here to fight against the creatures on your own, either. You may be like me, but you aren't. You still have a long way to go. (She carries Komane.)

Meanwhile back in Zouken's house, White Len returns back to check on Zouken and Ms. Heart.

Aoko: Hi, Len.

W-Len: You!

Aoko: Surprised to see me?

W-Len: No, why are you here? You came here to badger me?

Aoko: No. I saw your scuffle between Utan.

W-Len: What? You have?

Aoko: Hey, this isn't our fight. I'm positive you know that. You were lucky to be alive right now. If you didn't leave, he would have squeezed you to death.

W-Len: I can't believe I'm stuck with you.

Aoko: It wouldn't be better if you were stuck on me. However, I couldn't have it either way for you.

W-Len: Whatever. (sees Ms. Heart.) How's Zouken, Ms. Heart?

Ms. Heart: I was able to use some of my mana to restore his ability to walk. He'll tap into his other powers with the next week.

Aoko: Oh and by the way, Ms. Heart. Do you happen to know Utan?

Ms. Heart: No, I don't. He happens to be dead to me, just like the rest of my members from the Royal Flush Gang. He managed to defeat them all.

W-Len: Is he that strong?

Ms. Heart: Now that he has the power gauntlet, he's a monster.

Aoko: Ooooh!! He has the power gauntlet, huh?

W-Len: Aoko. Obviously, you do realize - - -

Aoko: Yes, I do. That gauntlet he possesses, grants him immortality. It also happens to be one of the elite's lost treasures. I'm surprised that a young man like him could obtain that power. Boy, is he lucky or what?

Ms. Heart: You happen to know that's a dangerous power he's wielding, right?

Aoko: (gets ready to shoot Ms. Heart.) Other than your own?

Zouken: Did you just say Utan, Ms. Heart?

Ms. Heart: Yes. Do you remember him back from Hawaii?

Zouken: (invisibly remembers.) No? Who is he?

W-Len: He's here right now and says that he wants to kill you.

Zouken: Kill me? Hahahahahahaha!! (he coughs.) Oh, now I remember that guy; three years sure do fly fast. It looks like I'm in for a long night of recovery.

Aoko: (looks at Zouken with disgust.) Well, see you two lovebirds later. Let's go, Len.

Aoko and W-Len disappear from Zouken's house.