

Chapter 3: The Ridicule of Steel

After taking Michaelis and Nicholas home after work, Utan heads back to his house along with Komane Uzuki, who happens to be related to his mother. As you can tell, Utan was baffled that he had another relative.

Utan: Do you know her, mom?

Maiya: Of course. She happens to be your cousin from Japan.

Utan: She is?

Samari: I can see the resemblance. How could you not notice this, Utan?

Utan: (still in disbelief.) I don't understand.

Kilitia: (speaks only to Samari.) Let's not forget, he did go to Japan with Zouken for our safety. Something happened to his memory while he was there.

Maiya: You'll fully understand once you sleep tonight with her.

Utan: What?!! Sorry, my room is full; why can she sleep with you?

Maiya: My room is full, too.

Utan: . . .

Maiya: Trust me, you won't be disappointed by having her around.

Utan: Alright. I going to get some bloodwork done tomorrow; I guess I'll take her along with me.

Utan goes to sleep along with Komane. At like about 3 AM, the presence of the mages' battle aura woke Utan up.

Utan: Great; MageCorps again. (sees Ivan outside.) And he would have to be here.

Utan had no other choice but to stay put and deal with Ivan and the Geminis tomorrow. The next day, Utan was ready to go to the doctor to get his blood examine.

Utan: I'm going to the doctor's office.

Kilitia: Be careful out there.

A few blocks away from Utan's house, Ivan and the Geminis spy on Utan and Komane.

Duodon: There he is. Let go up there and kill him

Dudley: You're just wasting your time, Donald. Your magic powers are still under development.

Duodon: And yours isn't? Come on; now our chance.

Dudley: In case you've forgot, Utan's hand-to-hand combat is greater than ours. You'll end up like those soldiers that fought against him yesterday. If there's anyone that has a chance versus him, it's Ivan.

Ivan: I know my way around guys like that. His style of fighting is pretty good, but he lacks the power and strength to fight someone like me.

Duodon: Are you saying that you'll kill him?

Ivan: It's pending, whether or not he generates an actual weapon.

Meanwhile at the hospital, Utan was waiting for Dr. Joy Belmont to examine his blood. He was becoming a bit nervous of how they were going to examine him.

Komane: Why are you feeling nervous?

Utan: Isn't it obvious? I forgot that those nurses are going to use needles to examine my blood; Other than magnums, needles scare the hell out of me.

Komane: (sees that he's not scared.) You sure don't seem scared to me; what's with that attitude of yours?

Utan: I guess I must be hanging around Albert too much.

Komane: Albert?

Utan: Albert Rosso, the only magician here in Hawaii; I have been learning a couple of magic techs from him.

Komane: What are those?

Utan: Reinforcement and generating weapons. I can only generate weapons for at least 2 minutes.

Then, Dr. Joy Belmont along with her assistant, Grace Herman comes in with a bunch of needles.

Joy: Good afternoon, Utan.

Utan: (shocked to see a steel needle.) Whoa!

Grace: Why are you surprised to see those?

Utan: I have an odd thing when it comes to see those types of needles; are you using that steel needle?

Grace: Of course. (laughs.)

Joy: No, we're not. We just got through using that on another patient.

Komane: You're mean.

Grace: What's it to you? After what just happened yesterday, he should be feeling happy that those soldiers got injured to piss off Ugoh.

Utan: That isn't going to help much. Ugoh's blood pressure is bad enough; it'll be a shame if I didn't force him to retire early.

Joy: If you don't mind, we've wasted enough time dealing with a troublesome patient. I would like to analyze your blood samples. We are checking to see if there are any abnormalities.

Utan: From my mom? I shouldn't have any.

Joy: You could never be too sure. But before we begin, have you eaten anything?

Utan: No.

Joy: Very well; I'll take a short vial of your blood. You better not freak out.

Utan: (as he got shot, he didn't even look at Joy or the needle. normally spoke.) Ow.

After a few seconds, Joy was able to get his blood samples.

Joy: There; that didn't hurt too much?

Utan: Needles are soul-piercing materials. What did you expect?

Grace: You're lucky this girl was here. Otherwise, this would have ended ugly for you.

Komane: Hey, watch it. If you keep harassing patients, you'll have your face remodeled.

Grace: What was that?

Joy: That's it; just go home. This is supposed to be a place of solitude, not a heckler's paradise.

Grace: Fine.

Joy: I'll go on ahead and analyze the results of your blood. You can go home now.

Meanwhile, Nicholas went to the store to get some accessories for the PS3.

Nicholas: Great. If I should have known this was going to cost too much, I shouldn't have sold the PlayStation 2.

Duodon: Hey, Nicholas. Nice peripherals.

Nicholas: Duodon: What are you doing here?

Duodon: It's Donald, idiot.

Nicholas: If it's Utan you want, you're wasting your time. I got better things to do other than dealing with you.

Then, Dudley appears.

Dudley: I can fix that.

Nicholas: Why are you two after Utan? Are you seriously trying to break MageCorps?

Dudley: No. You're the one that's about to be broken.

Nicholas was able to dodge Dudley's attack and was able to attack Donald. but unfortunately for him, Ivan was able to protect him.

Nicholas: This guy. Why are you working for MageCorps? I thought you were in the NFL!

Ivan: I'm happily retired; it's such a shame it ended early for me due to their drug policies.

Nicholas: You're taking steroids? That's all MageCorps needs right now, an ugly, pumped-up jock to do their dirty work.

Ivan rushed straight at him and punched him in the stomach. Luckily, he didn't use too much force but Nicholas was gasping for air.

Ivan: You better watch your mouth, shrimp. My orders weren't to kill you, it's Utan I want. (sees him try to get up.) It seems like you still want more despite our difference in power.

Nicholas: Shut up!!!

Nicholas punches him, but he ended up hurting his hand. Ivan quickly grabbed his hand where he punched him and squeezes it slowly. Then Michaelis appears and fires a cloud bullet straight at Ivan to force him to release Nicholas.

Michaelis: Run Nicholas. Run

Then, Michaelis uses a smokebomb so they can escape. After a few hours of eating lunch, Utan and Komane returns back to Albert's house shocked to see Nicholas hurt.

Utan: What happened to him? Who did this?

Michaelis: It was those people from MageCorps; it's looks like they've brought the big guns at us.

Utan: Let me guess - - - it's no surprise that the Geminis aren't capable of doing that to him. So, it has to be Ivan.

Michaelis: Ivan?

Utan: I saw him the other night along with a couple of soldiers killing off the Mages stationed here. Where's Albert at?

Michaelis: He had to go take care of some personal business back at the hospital.

Utan: I'm going after them.

Michaelis: Are you insane? Ivan isn't like the rest of the people from MageCorps; I think you should stay here until my dad gets back.

Utan: And what? End up like Nicholas? I doing him a great favor to put an end this war for good. (leaves.)

Michaelis: No wait. (feeling upset.) This is bad; Utan doesn't even stand a chance versus that guy.

Komane: Who's Ivan?

Michaelis: A former football player who played with the Vikings and the Steelers from 1998 to 2006. He was tested positive for performance enhancing drugs when he joined the Steelers and was suspended for the remainder of the season. As the end result, he retired after Super Bowl 40. Somehow MageCorps picked him up; he has advanced reinforcement 10 times stronger than Utan's.

Komane: That's all? Utan shouldn't have a problem versus him.

Michaelis: It gets worse. (looks at Nicholas's hand. it was bruised.) I had to rescue Nicholas after he decided to attack him head on with brute force. My cloud bullets were like cottonballs due to his ability; we were able to escape.

Komane: He's only interested in Utan?

Nicholas: Looks like it. I'm afraid they may try to gang rape him; make sure that they don't attack him.

Utan goes to find Ivan and Geminis - - - unaware that he walking into a trap. Komane tries to stop him.

Utan: Komane, what are you doing here?

Then, Duodon appears to grab Komane.

Duodon: Boo, motherfu - - - (got punched in the face by Utan and kicked in the nuts by Komane.)

Utan: (grabs him and punches him in the stomach.) Where's Ivan at?

Duodon: You got some nerve ratting us out, traitor.

Komane: (pulls out her knife and threatens him with it.) I'll make you talk.

Duodon: It seems like your friend's not playing by your rules.

Utan: Put the knife away.

Komane: How can you be fair? I thought you said you were going to put an end to this war?

Utan: Not like this.

Then, Duodon headbutts him while he was distracted by Komane. But before he could escape, Utan caught his collar from the back of his shirt. Then, he tries to kick Utan while he was downed.

Utan: It's no use, Duodon. If you value your life, I suggest you give up right now.

Duodon: I think you should. Ugoh's going to - - -

Then, Dudley and Ivan appear.

Dudley: That's enough, Donald.

Utan: Dudley? (laughs.) So, Ugoh's sent you to clean up our dirty laundry?

Dudley: No, we're here to clear it up. No wonder why you're so weak; you're still fighting a bunch low-level soliders from our organization.

Utan: Your organization? Since when did you have ownership of a control freak's establishment?

Dudley:

Utan: Where's Ivan? He's going to pay for what he did to Nicholas.

Duodon: So, you're eager to fight against him? Clearly, your levels of power don't match his.

Utan: Enough of this bullshit; let's fight, already. (he punches Ivan in the stomach. he slightly hurt his right hand.) Ow.

Ivan: When are you going use a weapon? Your boxing is exceptional, but it's no match for me.

Komane: Utan.

Utan: I guess I underestimated you. (he tries to generate a weapon, but it broke right after he attacked Ivan.) What?

Ivan: What's wrong? Here i was thinking that you were going to be a challenge, you're another waste of my time.

Utan: I'll show you.

Utan fights Ivan. As you can see, Ivan's toying with him - using his emotions against him. After a minute,

Ivan gave him a clean hit in the stomach and kicked him straight to a tree near his house.

Duodon: It's good; 3 points for us. (laughs.) They don't call him the Steel Curtain for nothing.

Komane: Why you - - - (goes after Duodon, but was stopped by Ivan. she tries to kick Ivan in the face, but he caught her leg and threw her straight to Utan.)

Ivan: And these are supposed the people who gave these footsoldiers a hard time? Heh, they're hardly even worth it.

Duodon: Yes, they are. Go on ahead and kill them.

Ivan: Sorry. I didn't join this group to fight against weaklings; I'm heading back to headquarters.

Dudley: Alright. (pulls out his knife.) I'll do it, then.

???: That's enough.

Maiya Uzuki appears to help Utan and Komane.

Utan: (felt ashamed.) Mom.

Duodon: Oh, your mother wants to join the fight? (she wasn't responding.) Silent, huh? I'll take my time with you.

Maiya kicked Duodon in the face just as he was about to attack her. Dudley tries to immobilize her with his magic, but was trapped by her retractable whip from her veins. (Arteria)

Dudley: What the hell is this?

Ivan: So, you're a mage?

Dudley: No, Ivan. She's a vampire.

Duodon: Whoa! A vamp here - - - in Hawaii?!

Maiya: I suggest you leave right now - - - if you know what's good for you.

Ivan: This was unexpected; we have no other choice but to retreat for now.

Duodon: Already? (feeling frustrated. frees Dudley from Maiya's whip.) You lucky bastards; the next time you continue attacking our soldiers, Ivan will kill you.

Ivan and the Geminis returns back to MageCorps headquarters.

Maiya: Are you two alright?

Utan: It isn't what it looks like; those people attacked one of my friends. I had to do something.

Maiya:

Komane: Utan, I think she's mad at you.

Utan: (looks at her. she had a slightly mean glare.) Oh, no.

Maiya: I'll deal with you tonight.