

Chapter 4 - The Queen of Hearts

It was 7:30. After losing to Ivan, Utan and his family sat down and ate dinner.

Komane: You haven't even touched your food. Are you going to eat?

Utan: (becoming angered.) There, I touched it.

Samari: What's wrong with you?

Utan: I had that guy right where I wanted. I just couldn't get any of my weapons to penetrate through his reinforcement ability.

Maiya: You shouldn't feel too bad about that. You're showing me that you need to train more.

Utan: I haven't had time to. I don't know why I lost to him; there just wasn't anything great about his power. He hasn't displayed any kind of magic techs or abilities for me to be scared of him.

Maiya: But you did give in to that rage. Why did you let him get in your head?

Utan: (feeling upset.) I prefer not to answer. (gets up.)

Maiya: Where do you think you are going?

Utan: I'm going to sleep.

Maiya: Finish your food first.

Utan:

Komane: Please, Utan. Fighting my aunt is that last thing you should think about. Just listen to her.

Utan: Could have crossed my mind that this was going to happen.

Maiya: Are you contesting my patience?

Utan: Oh, I doing more than just that. I'm challenging you to a fight. What happened against Ivan was a fluke and I want to show you how powerful I really am.

Kilitia: Please, Utan. You should be grateful that mom saved you from that hulk.

Utan: Shut up! Outside now! (goes outside.)

Maiya: I guess this can't be helped.

Kilitia: Please don't hurt him.

Maiya: Don't worry. I won't hurt him too much; I may end up hurting his pride.

Utan and Maiya fight. Unfortunately for Utan, she was able to dodge a majority of his attacks. This was making Utan angry but not as angry when he was fighting Ivan.

Utan: How long are you going to play chicken against me? You may fast but that speed of yours won't save you for long.

Maiya: Well, it's taking its toll on you. You haven't even touched me.

They continue. After Utan was able to get a hit on Maiya, he got kicked in the stomach and got punched and slapped in face.

Utan: (sees her stance. thinking silently.) That stance. Is that Wing Chun?

Maiya: What's wrong? Is this how powerful you are?

Utan: No, you've forced my hand.

Utan tries to adapt to Maiya's Wing Chun punches; unlucky for him his Asian boxing style is no match for her. After a few seconds, he was down on the ground catching his breath.

Maiya: I'm guessing your boxing style isn't good enough for me.

Utan: You're wrong; I can still win. (generates a kodachi.)

Kilitia: No. Stop it.

Utan: Stay out of this!

Then, Maiya quickly runs to him and kicks his weapon off his hand. Before he could attack her, Maiya had her foot three inches near Utan's nose as she stopped herself from what could have been an instant kill. He was stunned.

Maiya: Are you satisfied now? This comes to show how weak you really are.

Komane, Samari and Kilitia came to Utan to see if she was alright.

Komane: Are you alright, Utan?

Utan: Does it look like I am?

Maiya: Please try to refrain from fighting for the next two weeks. As you are right now you're too weak to fight against Ivan. (leaves.)

Utan: I lost again.

Komane: It wasn't your fault; just go ahead and rest.

Utan goes to sleep.

Utan: (shocked to see a wyrm in his hair.) What the fuck? (gets up and throws it outside.)

Komane: (wakes up.) Utan, what is it?

Utan: Just some worm. (goes back to sleep.)

Outside, the wyrm took shape into a young woman with long blonde hair. She was naked. (Michelle Heart) Then some of the MageCorps' soldiers appear, one elite, one scouter and two footsoldiers. They were just about to target Utan until they have spotted Michelle lying down on the ground.

Mage Corps Soldier #3: What's this?

Mage Corps Soldier #2: I'm guessing she's a mage. You want me to analyze her?

Mage Corps Elite Soldier: Yes, go on ahead. This woman would make an exceptional recruit to MageCorps.

The MageCorps scouter was having a difficult time tracking her level of power.

Mage Corps Elite Soldier: What's wrong?

MageCorps Soldier #2: My scouter's acting up. I'm afraid we are going to have to check her out.

Soldiers #1 and #3 checks to see if Michelle was alive. But Soldier #2's scouter was able to pick up her vital signs and B-ranked energy from her.

MageCorps Soldier #2: Get away from her, you guys!!

But it was too late. Michelle stabs Soldier #1 and #3 in the stomach and absorbs their essence.

MageCorps Soldier #2: What's that?

Mage Corps Elite Soldier: Go on ahead and return back to headquarters. I deal with her.

MageCorps Soldier #2: But what about you? You know don't stand a chance versus this girl.

Mage Corps Elite Soldier: Just go on and report this to Commander Ugoh.

Ms. Heart: Ugoh?

Soldier #2 was blasted by Ms. Heart's shadow ball. This attack was used by the soldiers' stolen essences.

Mage Corps Elite Soldier: A shadow-magic user?

Ms. Heart: It seems like you have no knowledge about this type of magic.

Mage Corps Elite Soldier: What do you want with our commander?

Ms. Heart: That's none of your concern.

Ms. Heart kills the elite soldier. His scream woke up Utan. He was shocked to see Ms. Heart and quickly generated a tanto.

Utan: Who the hell are you?

Ms. Heart: (laughs.)

Utan rushes straight to Ms. Heart and his weapon broke as soon as he attacked her.

Ms. Heart: What's the matter, Utan?

Utan: What are you? You're not human, aren't you?

Ms Heart: (leaves.)

Utan: Don't you run away from me, you coward.

Then, Ms. Heart vanishes into Utan's body and knocks him out by absorbing some of his mana.

Ms. Heart: How pathetic. It seems like you're no match for me as you are right now. (leaves.)

Utan: Wait. (passes out.)

The next day, Utan woke up with a cat licking his face.

Utan: Get off me, you stupid cat. (sees that it was black.) Oops.

Then, Kilitia appears.

Kilitia: Utan, what are you doing outside?

Utan: Just ran into someone last night. I'm guessing that person may show up again.

Kilitia: Who was it?

Utan: I have no idea. Anyway, she was using some weird ass magic and did all my dirty work effortlessly. I definitely need to work on my magic resistance.

Kilitia: That's a perfect opportunity you to come along with us to train.

Utan: Sorry, I don't do Pilates.

Kilitia: It isn't. Akisora's giving us special training.

Utan: She is? (thinking silently.) I don't like the sound of that. Thinking about if Kilitia's going to be in her aerobic uniform, this may end up amplifying some of MageCorps soldiers to do something horrible. (speaks.) Ok. But I need to make sure that I've received any calls while I was asleep. (leaves.)

Kilitia: Coward. (the cat licks her calf.)

Utan checks the caller ID on the home phone and see that Lionel Heyward Mason called him a few hours ago. He calls him back.

Mr. H: Hello.

Utan: Yes. Mr. H, do you have any jobs available?

Mr. H: What? You got fired from your job?

Utan: Uh, yes.

Mr. Well, at least you lasted a year since you were discharged from MageCorps. Let's see. . . how about working part-time as a restaurant vendor?

Utan: A what? Are you serious?!

Mr. H: Dead on it. I'll bring someone over to your house. Make sure you tell Mike and Nick about this as well. I'll see you at four this evening for instructions on which park you will be attending.

Utan: Ok. Bye.

Utan was happy that he got another job but upset that he had to postpone his visit with his sisters meeting Akisora.

Samari: What's wrong?

Utan: I got a job as a restaurant vendor at an amusement park. I'm kind of upset that I'm going to have limited time with training with Akisora.

Samari: What? Kilitia wants you to join us? Look it's not worth it; we need this training.

Utan: It's alright. I'll see if I can take some time to get stronger along with you two.

Maiya: So, were you able to find some work?

Utan: Yes, Mr. H has me working as a restaurant vendor.

Maiya: That's good. How long are you going to work?

Utan: I have to see him at four this evening to find out.

A few hours later after Utan and his sisters met with Akisora, he heads to Rosso's household to see if Nicholas and Michaelis were there. But instead he sees a young boy wearing a cap with a crescent moon giving out flyers to certain households. (Nemo Uga)

Uga: Oh, Hi, Utan.

Utan: Let me guess, Mr. H sent you out here for me?

Uga: No.

Utan: Do you know where he is now?

Uga: He's at his office in the city, right next to the park you're going to do your work.

Michaelis: Utan.

Utan: I was able to find work with Mr. H. Do you want to come along with your brother?

Michaelis: Of course.

An hour later, Ms. Heart was searching for some suitable clothing so she could meet up with Commander Ugoh. But two gang members from the Royal Flush Gang appear. They were Mr. Club and Wild 10.

Wild 10: Well, what do we have here? Looks like we got ourselves a lost girl.

Ms. Heart: What do you perverts want?

Mr. Club: It seems like you don't know your way around this island. Are you a foreigner from Europe?

Wild 10: She sure doesn't look like from Europe. Anyway, let me show you some real magic.

Then, Kilitia appears.

Kilitia: Stop right there.

Mr. Club: Who are you? Oh. You must be Utan's little sister. (licks his lips as he was staring at her body.) You sure are blossoming into a real figure.

Kilitia: You wish, freak.

Wild 10: Hey, I thought I was the freaky one.

Mr. Club: Save that for someone who cares. Let's do this shit.

Kilitia and Mr. Club fight. After a minute, Kilitia was gaining the upper hand until Wild 10 started grabbing her legs.

Kilitia: Eww, get off me, you pervert.

Wild 10: Now, Club.

Mr. Club rushed at Kilitia with some hidden claws. Luckily, she was able to break free from Wild 10's grasp and kicks Mr. Club at his right ear.

Wild 10: CLUB!! (shocked to see that his ear was bruised.) Holy shit, girl. What the hell you be eating?

Kilitia: Are you alright?

Ms. Heart: I'm fine. Thank you.

Wild 10: Don't ignore me; I'm talking to you, idiot. (he rushed to Kilitia but she kicked him straight to Mr. Club.)

Kilitia: I sure hope you learned your lesson you two. (sees that Ms. Heart left.) Now where did she go?

After few more hours, Utan and the others wer able to make it into the city to see Mr. H.

Nicholas: Is this the place? Wild N' Wet Waterpark?

Utan: Looks like it; let's go find his office so I can go home and rest.

Michaelis: What? Already? What happened to today with you?

Utan: I just got through doing some intense training with Akisora and my sisters. It could have been a lot worse for me due to the fact that I'm a boxer getting kicked a lot.

???: Hi, guys.

Utan: (sees Komane. shocked to see her in a two-piece swimsuit.) Komane! What are you doing here?

Akisora: Well, hello.

Uga: (shocked to see Akisora in a dark blue and white one-piece swimsuit. then, blood starts running down his nose.)

Michaelis: (thinking silently.) I should have known that this guy was a pervert. (speaks.) Hey guys, aren't we supposed to be meeting Mr. H about the vendor job?

Utan: Oh yeah that's right. I'll catch up with you guys later.

They go inside Mr. H's office.

Mr. H: You're here early. So, are you interesting for working for us?

Utan: Yes. The people from MageCorps keeps attacking random mages in every shop we've been working at.

Mr. H: You don't have to worry about that too often here. The security here is excellent.

Nicholas: Really? Hearing that is going to be a relief. So, when do we work?

Mr. H: I'll have you three along with my boy, Nemo Uga, work Mondays to Saturdays from eleven AM to four PM. You will be selling lunch to a couple of hungry people in this waterpark.

Uga: Oh boy. This going to be so cool; I'm going to work with Utan.

Utan: I have a question, Mr. H. Are we allowed to go swimming during our shifts?

Mr. H: No. But feel free to after you've completed your work at four PM.

Michaelis: How much do we get paid?

Mr. H: It depends. Hey Jasper. Show them this park.

Jasper: Okie-Doh. Ok, boys; let's go.

Utan: That guy's really big. Why do keep running into football players?

Jasper: I'm a boxer.

Utan: Figures.

Meanwhile at the desolated warehouse, the King of the Royal Flush Gang was angry that Mr. Club got his ear busted.

King: I can't believe you let her do that to you. Why are you even in this group if you can't bring in a woman fitting to be the queen of our gang?

Diamond: I can do it.

King: You're not worthy. It has to be someone I can relate to.

Then, Ms. Heart appears.

Ms. Heart: It's been a long time, Jason.