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"Can you lift your shirt up?" Nina asked him shortly after he agreed to let her inspect his body.

Leo took a deep breath and released it before lifting his shirt halfway, revealing his pristine six-pack abs.

Nina swallowed nervously and said, "A-A little higher. Lift it above your chest."

Leo didn't say anything and lifted his shirt until his entire body was exposed.

Nina tipped her toes to its limits and placed her hand on his chest, where his heart was located.

She closed her eyes and began inspecting Leo's body with some unknown magic.

Lilith watched Nina's every movement just in case she planned on doing something funny to Leo's body.

'There's nothing wrong with his heart...'

'His blood also appears to be healthy...'

'There's a hint of black magic in his body, but nothing that suggests he was resurrected from the dead. The mana is too weak.'

Half a minute later, Nina removed her hand from his body and mumbled in a dumbfounded voice, "You're not a reanimated corpse..."

Leo immediately pulled his shirt back down and said, "Thanks, captain obvious. I told you that I wasn't resurrected from the dead, but you don't want to believe me."

"Why do you even care if I am a reanimated corpse or not?" He then asked.

"Necromancy is my specialty. It's only natural that I would be interested in someone who supposedly came back from the dead." Nina said.

"Anyways, I was wrong about you. Goodbye."

Nina turned around and disappeared into the shadow shortly after.

"Unbelievable... She didn't even bother apologizing!" Leo muttered in a dumbfounded voice.

"At least her personality matches the rumors." Lilith chuckled.

Leo shook his head and continued to make his way back to the dorm.

Meanwhile, after her inspection on Leo, Nina Wraith returned to the main school building and went straight to the infirmary.

Despite the lights being turned off inside the infirmary, Nina opened the door that should've been locked after school hours and entered the room.

Inside the infirmary, Nina could see a tall and mature figure standing by the window.

"I have inspected Leo's body just like you'd asked, Miss Camille." Nina said after closing the door behind her.

"Thank you. I could only rely on you since you're the only person in this school who can tell if someone is an animated corpse. What were the results?"

"Before I tell you the results, do you remember our agreement? I didn't do this out of charity."

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"Of course. I have it here with me." Miss Camille showed Nina the item in her hand.

"Necklace of the Dead. It's a B-Grade magic artifact that boosts all necromancy magic. Tell me the result and it's yours."

Nina took a deep breath and spoke, "Leo's not a reanimated corpse. His body is perfectly alive."

"Are you sure?" Miss Camille frowned slightly.

"One hundred percent. However, there was a slight discrepancy in his body."

"What is it?"

"There were traces of dark magic inside his body, so he either used dark magic recently or he'd been struck by dark magic. With that being said, the amount of mana in his body could not be the result of resurrection magic, so you don't have to worry about that."

Miss Camille pondered Nina's intel.

'Traces of dark magic... Could it be caused by the test earlier today? It would make sense since he has a Magic Affinity for dark magic.'

"Do you have anything else?" Miss Camille asked a moment later.

"No, that's all the information I have."

Miss Camille narrowed her eyes on Nina.

"If I find out that you're lying to me or withheld intel, I will come back for you, do you understand?"

Nina showed a cold smile on her delicate face, "Aren't you forgetting another thing? That I am not allowed to tell anyone about our agreement?"

Miss Camille snorted before tossing the Necklace of the Dead into the air towards Nina's direction.

Nina quickly went to catch the magic artifact.

"Hey! That was dangerous—"

Nina tried to complain, but like a ghost, Miss Camille suddenly disappeared from the room.

'Leo, huh? Why does she care so much about him? To think she'd be willing to part with a B-Grade magic artifact just to confirm that he's not a reanimated corpse... How surprising.' Nina did not linger around the infirmary and left shortly after.

Back at the old dorm, Leo laid on his bed and prepared to go to sleep.

'What if I wake up and find myself back in my old world tomorrow? What if this is all just a really long dream?' He couldn't help but have these thoughts.

Despite only being in this world for less than a day, he was already getting fond of it.

"By the way, I really hope you're not going to watch me sleep for the entire night." Leo looked at Lilith, who was hovering directly above him and staring at his face.

"Why not? You're pretty handsome for a human and just my type," she said in a teasing voice.

"For a human?" Leo raised an eyebrow.

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"Why are you talking as if you're not a human? I mean, you're a ghost right now, but you're technically still human, right?"

However, Lilith didn't respond to him, as she was too busy staring at him with wide eyes.

"You're not aware?" She asked him after a moment of silence.

"Aware of what?"

Then Lilith realized something and mumbled, "Oh, right. You're from another world, and vampires don't exist in that world."

"Huh? Vampire?"

When Lilith mentioned vampires, Leo suddenly recalled what Miss Camille had told him earlier today.

'Vampires look exactly like humans, but they have white hair and red eyes.'

"Y-You're a vampire?"

Because Lilith resembled a human so much, whether it be her appearance or attitude, he subconsciously treated her as a fellow human despite her unique features.

Lilith nodded with a prideful smile, "That's right. I'm a vampire. But to think that you weren't aware of it until now."

"Miss Camille told me, but I kind of forgot..." Leo scratched his head.

"Forgot? Even though your memory is amazing enough to instantly memorize magic spells? I don't believe it."

"Even if I have perfect memory, it is inevitable that I will forget some minor things! I have also been thinking about a lot of things today, so my head is a little overwhelmed at this moment."

"Is that so?"

Lilith proceeded to stare at his face in silence and with a pondering expression.

"What is it?" Leo decided to ask her.

"Now that you know I am a vampire... Are you scared of me? Do you hate me? Are you going to stop being friends with me?" She asked him with a worried look in her gaze.

Leo pondered for a moment before speaking, "After hearing about you guys from Miss Camille, I thought vampires would be much scarier. In any case, I am not scared of you. Even if you may be a vampire, in my eyes, you're just a perverted ghost who enjoys peeking at people in the shower. Hell, even Nina Wraith, who looks like a child, is scarier than you."

Lilith couldn't help but smile after hearing Leo's words, and she spoke, "Once again, I am not a ghost!"

"Whatever. I'm going to sleep." Leo said after yawning.

He closed his eyes and tucked himself comfortably in bed the very next moment.

"Good night, Leo."

"Night."

Leo quickly fell asleep within seconds due to how exhausted he was.

As for Lilith, she would go on to spend the entire night silently staring at Leo's sleeping face with a gentle smile on her face.

'I wonder if he would be able to say the same words just now if he knew my true identity...' She sighed inwardly.

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Chapter 11: Magic Artifact

Leo woke up the following morning with aching pain all over his body, especially around the shoulder and arms.

"Good morning, Leo." Lilith greeted him the moment he opened his eyes.

"Ah... I haven't been this sore since I first started working out..." He mumbled in a painful voice.

"It might hurt, but if you don't wake up soon, you will be late for school." Lilith said.

"What? What time is it right now?"

"Seven on the dot."

Leo sighed. After spending a few seconds to resolve himself, he got off the bed and went to wash his face.

Five minutes later, he got dressed and left the dorm.

"Did you know that you like to sleep talk?" Lilith suddenly asked him as he made his way towards his homeroom.

"Really? What was I saying?" Leo was curious.

"You were dreaming about using magic, right? You were shouting 'Black Bullet!' and 'Black Flame!' out loud throughout the whole night." Lilith chuckled at him.

Sometime later, Leo arrived at his classroom three minutes before homeroom started.

"Good morning, Leo!" His classmates greeted him with bright smiles the moment he walked through the door.

"Good morning, everybody." Leo greeted them back with a stiff smile, which felt really awkward since he's never had to return his classmates' greetings in his old world.

"Did you sleep well last night, Leo?" One of the students asked him.

"Yes, I slept like a log." He nodded.

"Good for you. I know I won't be able to sleep properly knowing that I will be fighting Kayn in a month."

'Damn it, why must you bring up such an unpleasant topic so early in the morning?' Leo cried inwardly.

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"You're fighting Kayn in a month? What a surprise. You don't strike me as the fighting type." Lilith said after hearing about his challenge with Kayn for the first time.

"I know you're talented, but even with your talent, you'll need to practice hard if you want to defeat someone like Kayn in a month. He's someone with over 15 years of experience with magic and combat while you just started yesterday."

"I had no choice. I will have to fight him whether I accept his challenge or not. The only difference is when I have to fight him. If I refused, he would've fought me there and then." Leo sighed in a low voice.

"Don't worry. As long as you have me as your teacher, you will be able to defeat Kayn in a month!" Lilith said in a confident manner.

'Even though you're teaching me magic and I cannot use magic in public?' Leo shook his head inwardly.

After homeroom, Professor Jasmine started their first class.

"Leo, can you solve this?" Jasmine picked Leo for their first question of the day.

"I can."

Leo stood up and walked to the board.

He returned to his seat a few moments later after leaving behind a perfect answer on the board.

'As I thought... His performance yesterday wasn't just a fluke! He's somehow turned smart!' Jasmine cheered inside her heart.

Despite not being smart in class before, Leo still managed to become her favorite student. Now that he's smart, her impression of him increased several folds!

Time passed very quickly, and before Leo realized, it was already time to go home.

"The weekend starts tomorrow. If you're planning on leaving the school premises, make sure to notify the school and check out at the school entrance. Have fun." Jasmine said to the students before leaving the classroom.

"What are you going to do for the weekends, Leo?" The students asked him.

"You wanna hang out? I know a great place near our academy."

"Sorry, but I already have plans with Miss Camille." Leo said to them with an apologetic smile.

"Huh? The school nurse? Why?"

"She's in charge of my recovery," Leo gave them a random but understandable excuse.

"And I also have to prepare for my fight with Kayn."

"I see... Then we'll bother you another time. Good luck, Leo!" The students no longer bothered him.

Leo did not linger in the classroom and immediately headed for the training center, where Miss Camille was waiting.

"How do you feel?" Miss Camille asked him.

"Sore."

"Good. That means you're growing."

Leo followed her to a private training room shortly after.

"Since we trained your upper body yesterday, we'll train your lower body today. I want you to sprint around the room until you cannot lift your legs anymore. This will help you quickly gain more endurance."

"I understand." Leo said without complaining.

"Before you start, wear these around your wrists and ankles."

Miss Camille handed him four metallic green bracelets.

"What are these?" He asked.

"They're F-Grade magic artifacts that will boost your endurance and stamina, allowing you to train for longer."

"Isn't this cheating? I am artificially boosting my stamina, after all."

"No, it's not. It's a hassle explaining it, so I won't bother. However, I will say that this is a very common training method used by everyone that can afford these artifacts."

"How much do they cost?" Leo asked out of curiosity.

"20,000 dollars each." Miss Camille casually said.

"What?! So I am going to train with 80,000 dollars on me?! If I trip and accidentally break them during training, you better not expect me to pay for them!"

"I won't. The school has plenty of them, anyways."

"That's not the issue here..." Leo sighed.

As someone who was born in a common household, 80,000 dollars is a huge amount of money that would take him years of working and saving to collect, yet he will be wearing equipment worth that much just for training. It was simply incomprehensible.

"If you don't want to use them and make things harder on yourself, by all means." Miss Camille said as she gestured for him to return the artifacts.

"W-Who said anything about not using them?" Leo quickly wore all four artifacts, one on each limb, and he started running laps around the room at full speed.

An hour later, Leo was surprised to see that he was still running without running out of breath.

Normally, he would run out of breath after a few minutes of sprinting at his full speed, yet he was able to run an entire hour without much trouble.

'These magic artifacts are amazing! I feel like I can run around the world as long as I have them on me!' Leo became even more motivated to train with these new toys.

After sprinting for another two hours, Leo finally collapsed on the floor when he exhausted all of his stamina.

"Three hours, huh? Not bad for your first time." Miss Camille approached him.

She proceeded to retrieve something from her spatial storage and placed it on the floor before Leo.

"What is this?" He asked her after seeing the item, which was a clear glass bottle with about three ounces of green liquid inside.

"It's a stamina potion. It will increase your stamina recovery rate. You should be back to full energy in 15 minutes after drinking it." Miss Camille explained.

"My god! This world is amazing! No wonder why everyone is so strong! As long as I have this stamina potion, I can train all day and not run out of energy!"

However, Miss Camille shook her head and said, "Your body is too weak right now, so you'll only be able to drink one of these every 12 hours."

"Even so, that's still three extra hours of work out every day!" Leo immediately drank the stamina potion and waited for his stamina to recover.

Fifteen minutes later, he was back to running laps around the room for another three hours.

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Meanwhile, Miss Camille resumed reading her book near the door while she waited for him to finish.

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Chapter 12: One Percent

After six total hours of intense training, Leo collapsed on the floor gasping for air.

"I have never worked out so much in my life before... I feel like I am dying..." He could feel his heart beating like war drums.

Seeing that he was done, Miss Camille closed her book, tossed it inside her spatial storage, and she approached him.

"Here, eat this." She tossed what appeared to be a piece of candy at him.

"Why are you giving me candy?" Leo raised an eyebrow.

"It's a performance boosting medicine. It'll make it so that your body will gain more benefit from your training today," she explained.

Leo looked at the candy and can't help but feel like he's taking drugs and steroids to improve his strength at a rapid rate.

'This is a magic world, so things are different here... probably...' He thought to himself.

Once Leo could stand up again, Miss Camille suddenly said to him, "Strip."

"Again?"

This is his second day in this world and Miss Camille's already stripped him twice.

However, he didn't complain and stripped his top and bottom until he was only in his underwear.

"Hehe..."

Leo could hear Lilith chuckling behind him and feel her gaze ogling at his body, but he pretended to not notice.

Meanwhile, Miss Camille paced around him while staring at his body.

She would also use her hand to squeeze his muscles every once in a while.

'His body is improving at a good rate, and it seems to have a lot of potential. Maybe he will be able to achieve Leo's strength if given enough time.'

A few moments later, Miss Camille spoke, "If you continue training at this rate for a month, you will acquire strength that is about 1 percent of what the previous Leo had achieved."

"Only one percent?! Isn't that a bit too low? How will I beat Kayn like that?" Leo asked with wide eyes.

"One percent of Sword Emperor Leo's strength is more than enough to defeat someone like Kayn."

"No way... Just how ridiculously powerful was this old Leo?"

"Extremely powerful," she calmly responded.

'And someone like that somehow died? This world is more dangerous than I thought...'
Leo swallowed nervously.

"It's getting late. We'll stop here for today. Come back here tomorrow morning at 9 and don't be late." Miss Camille said a moment later.

"Oh! Miss Camille, do you mind if I borrow these magic artifacts for times when I work out by myself?"

"I don't mind, but if you break or lose them without my supervision, you'll be responsible for paying the bill."

Leo swallowed nervously, and he said, "T-Then I will just borrow one of them for now."

It was easier to manage one than four, significantly lowering the risk of breaking or losing it.

"Sure."

After getting back the other three magic artifacts, Miss Camille left the training center.

"How do you feel?" Lilith asked him once they were alone again.

"I can barely walk straight..." He sighed as he limped his way back to the old dorm.

After a quick shower, Leo hopped straight into bed without even bothering to eat dinner.

"Hey, Lilith, I have a question."

"How can I increase a magic spell's mastery level? Do I just keep using it?"

"Pretty much," she said.

"I see..." Leo fell asleep moments later.

Unbeknownst to Leo, while he slept, his body started to transform.

His muscles and bones grew stronger, his blood healthier, and his body more refined.

The following morning, Leo woke up with his lower body aching in pain, but to his surprise, it wasn't as bad as he thought it would be.

After washing his face and getting dressed, he went to the cafeteria for breakfast.

Unsurprisingly, the cafeteria was quite empty this time, mostly because it was the weekend and most students slept in, or they preferred eating outside the school premises.

Because of this, Leo was able to have a slow and peaceful breakfast.

When it was almost nine, Leo made his way to the training area to meet up with Miss Camille for another day of training.

"Is it sword training today?" Leo asked her.

"Yes." Miss Camille nodded her head as she pulled out a sword from her spatial storage.

'The sword looks different from the last one I used.' Leo immediately noticed this detail.

"Careful, this sword weighs 10kg. It's five times heavier than the last sword," she warned him as she handed the sword to him.

"10kg?! Why are you increasing the weight already?"

"The lasting session was only to get you used to holding and swinging a sword. The real training starts today. We'll be working on your arm muscles first. Once you can comfortably swing around a 30kg sword, we'll begin working on your technique."

"30kg?! That's ridiculous! What kind of sword weighs that much?!"

"30kg is nothing. The previous Leo can swing 300kgs easily. And for your question, most magic swords will weigh above 50kg."

After handing Leo the sword, Miss Camille handed him three bracelets.

"Hm? Is there a reason why two have a different color?" Leo asked her.

"The red ones will increase your strength, and the green ones will increase your stamina. Wear the strength bracelets around your wrist and the stamina bracelet around your ankles."

After wearing the bracelets, Leo found it much easier to hold the 10kg sword.

"The bracelets are only to train your muscles right now. Your real goal is to wield a 30kg sword without the bracelets."

"I see... By the way, what if someone decides to wear more than four bracelets? Isn't that a little too overpowered?" Leo suddenly asked.

"You can, but these magic artifacts have greatly diminished effects after the fourth one, so there's really no point."

Sometime later, Leo started swinging the sword like last time.

Once Leo was out of stamina about three hours later, Miss Camille handed him a stamina potion.

"Before you continue, let me add something." Miss Camille said as she proceeded to pull out a weird-looking object that Leo has never seen before out of her spatial storage.

This object was as tall as an adult human, and it had the shape of a human mannequin. However, the material it was made out of was what baffled Leo.

"What is this thing? It's like it's made out of jelly..." Leo said.

"This is a Slime Dummy. It's near indestructible as long as you hit it with physical attacks. Give it a try."

He nodded and swung the sword at the dummy, slicing half of its body but not managing to cut it entirely in half. After pulling his sword out of the dummy, it restored the damage almost immediately.

"You'll be swinging your sword at this dummy starting now. This will help you train your precision with the sword as well. If you don't hit the dummy properly and with enough strength, you won't be able to cut it, and your goal is to cut it completely with every swing."

"I understand." Leo nodded, and he started to swing at the dummy.

A few swings later, Miss Camille suddenly said, "Since we have plenty of time today, I don't mind teaching you magic later if you train hard enough with the sword."

"I'm looking forward to it!" Leo became more motivated after hearing her words, and he started swinging at the Slime Dummy with even more strength and speed.

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Chapter 13: Magic Power

After spending two hours swinging his sword at the Slime Dummy, Leo was out of breath and stamina even though he lasted three hours before.

"Here, eat this." Miss Camille handed him another candy.

Afterward, Leo asked her, "Are you going to teach me magic now?"

She shook her head and said, "We'll do it after you get some rest and I get some lunch. I will see you back here in an hour."

"All right." Leo nodded.

Leo returned to his room to take a quick shower before making his way to the cafeteria again.

Once his stomach was full, he returned to the training center with 15 minutes to spare.

'This place is nothing like the gymnasium I know, and it's also a lot bigger. Let's take a look around.'

With that in mind, Leo started wandering the training center.

The interior of the building consisted mostly of hallways and private training rooms, so Leo didn't bother with it. Instead, he checked out the area behind the training center, where an out-door training field existed.

There, he could see both ordinary students and magic students doing their own things. The ordinary students were practicing their weapon techniques on Slime Dummies and other objects while the magic students trained their magic spells on dummies that appeared to be made out of crystal.

Leo focused on the magic students since they were the most interesting to him.

"Fireball!" A young man pointed his palms at the crystal dummy 10 meters in front of him and shouted out loud.

A ball of flame the size of a fist appeared before the magic student before flying at the crystal dummy

However, the crystal dummy suddenly emitted a subtle colorless light, absorbing the ball of fire before it could be damaged.

A moment after it absorbed the magic, the crystal dummy pulsed with a green light.

"What's happening?" Leo asked Lilith.

"That's a Magic Absorbing Dummy. It will absorb all magic spells and evaluate the magic power of that magic spell," she explained.

"Magic power above 100 and below 500 will emit a green light. 500 to 1,000 will emit a blue light. 1,000 to 2,000 will emit a purple light. 2,000 to 3,000 will emit an orange light. 3,000 to 5,000 will emit a red light with 5,000 being the limit."

Leo pondered for a moment before speaking, "I understand the function of the dummy and the purpose of it, but I don't understand the magic power part."

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"Then let me give you some examples." Lilith said.

And she continued, "It's hard to evaluate magic power because of many variables, but this is the gist of it. Magic power around 500 is usually strong enough to break bones. Around 1,000 is strong enough to blow a hole in your body if you don't have any protection. Magic power around 2,000 is strong enough to destroy entire buildings."

Leo raised an eyebrow and asked, "How much magic power do you think someone like Kayn has?"

"Well, it depends on what kind of magic spell he uses, but he should be able to output at least 1,000 magic power with any Tier 2 magic spell."

Leo swallowed nervously after hearing this, and then he asked, "W-What about me? My Black Bullet was able to put a hole in the wall. That should be at least 500, right?"

"Yes, that's right." Lilith nodded.

And she thought inwardly, 'Normally, Tier 1 magic used by newbies like him would only have around 100 magic power, but because of his high magic affinity, he was able to output at least 500 on his first try... What terrifying talents...'

After watching for a few more minutes, Leo went inside the building and waited for Miss Camille to return.

When she arrived, he quickly went to greet her with a smile, "Welcome back, Miss Camille!"

"I know you're eager to use magic, Leo, but I must warn you. Even if I teach you magic today, there's no guarantee that you can use them immediately. Before using magic, you need to memorize magic circles, and that alone can take hours if not days."

"It's just memorizing some magic circles, how hard can it be? I'll have you know that I have a pretty good memory." Leo smiled, pretending to know nothing.

Miss Camille decided to not explain it to him so that he could experience it first-hand how hard it was to memorize magic circles.

"Since you have a magic affinity for dark magic, I have picked out two Tier 1 dark magic spells for you."

Miss Camille retrieved a laptop and opened two video files.

"The first magic spell is called 'Black Bullet'. It's like shooting a bullet from a gun, but in this case, the bullet is magic and the gun is your hand."

Miss Camille opened the first video file, which showed a middle-aged man using Black Bullet.

"The second magic spell is called 'Dark Barrier'. It's a defensive magic spell that creates a barrier around you, protecting you from harm. However, it can only be used when there are shadows around you, and the more darkness there is, the stronger the barrier will become, so this magic spell is the most powerful at night."

After showing him the second video of the magic spell being used, she asked him, "Which magic spell do you want to learn first?"

"Dark Barrier!" Leo answered without hesitation, which surprised Miss Camille, who was sure that he'd pick Black Bullet first.

"Why did you pick Dark Barrier? I was sure that you'd pick Black Bullet." She decided to ask him.

"Huh? Isn't it obvious? My safety comes first. With this magic spell, I will feel a lot safer in this dangerous world." Leo immediately responded.

Although he wasn't lying about wanting to feel safer, it wasn't the entire truth. However, there was no way that he could tell her that he'd already learned Black Bullet from a vampire spirit.

"Furthermore, since I cannot use magic publicly, there's no reason for me to learn an offensive magic spell such as Black Bullet for now." He continued giving logical excuses.

'This guy... How unexpected...' Miss Camille thought to herself.

"All right. Here's the magic circle for Dark Barrier. I will give you the magic circle for Black Bullet once you can use Dark Barrier," she handed him a piece of paper with the magic circle perfectly drawn on it.

Leo accepted the paper, took one good look at the magic circle, and proceeded to hand the paper back to Miss Camille.

<You have learned the Magic Spell: Dark Barrier>

[Dark Barrier]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 1]

[Mana: 50]

[Mastery Rank: F]

"What are you doing?" Seeing his actions, she asked him with her eyebrows raised in a puzzled manner.

"I have already memorized it," he calmly responded.

"What? There's no way that you could've memorized it so quickly." Miss Camille immediately doubted him.

"But it's true."

"Memorizing magic circles is nothing like memorizing words on a book. It's more like memorizing every little detail on a deeply detailed piece of art with a complex design. If you miss even the slightest detail, you will not be able to use the magic properly, and magic circles are naturally hard to memorize. Even a magic prodigy will require an hour or two to memorize this magic circle."

"I don't know what to tell you, Miss Camille. I really memorized it." Leo shrugged.

"If that's true, then you should be able to use the magic spell right now."

Miss Camille went to shut down half of the lights in the room and said to him, "Have the magic circle you 'memorized' appear in your head and activate your mana."

"Umm... How do I activate my mana?" Leo pretended to not know again to avoid suspicion.

Miss Camille approached him, placed her palm on his chest, and poured some of her mana into his body.

"Do you feel it?"

"Yes, I do. It's a very refreshing feeling."

"Good. Memorize this feeling."

Leo closed his eyes, and a few moments later, the shadow in this room suddenly began gathering around his body.

Miss Camille removed her palm and took a few steps back from him, her eyes wide with surprise.

'No way... He really managed to memorize the magic circle in such a short time...'

Miss Camille was in disbelief as she stared at the Dark Barrier that encompassed Leo's body like a ball.

"How is it? Did it work?" Leo asked her a moment later despite the answer being clear, as he wanted to rub it in her.

After snapping out of her daze, Miss Camille handed him another paper, which had the magic circle for Black Bullet on it.

"This is the magic circle for Black Bullet. I want you to memorize it and use it."

Leo nodded, and he calmly accepted the paper.

However, since he'd already learned the magic spell, he pretended to study it.

"Okay, I am done."

"Aim it at the wall. Don't worry, it won't do any damage to the wall."

After handing the paper back to Miss Camille, Leo pointed at the wall and proceeded to use Black Bullet.

A small black bullet appeared on the tip of his finger before it flew at the wall in the distance.

The sound of someone smacking a metal wall with a blunt object resounded when the Black Bullet struck the wall and disappeared without leaving even a dent on the wall.

"Unbelievable..." Miss Camille mumbled in a dazed voice as she stared at the proud smile on Leo's handsome face with a baffled face herself.

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Chapter 14: Mana Fatigue

'This guy... Not only did he manage to learn the magic spells in seconds, he can even Silent Cast them on his first try! His magic talent is ridiculously high!' Miss Camille cried inwardly after realizing what Leo had just done.

"I'm pretty good with magic, right? How about we ditch the sword and start focusing on my magic?" Leo smiled at the dazed Miss Camille.

"D-Don't get ahead of yourself." Miss Camille frowned after snapping out of her daze.

And she continued, "You may have some talent when it comes to learning magic, but you're focusing on swordsmanship right now."

"I understand that I must keep up my appearances as 'Leo', but won't that be a waste of my magic talents?" Leo complained.

"..."

After a moment of silence, she spoke, "Listen up, Leo. I admit that you're very talented with magic. However, that doesn't mean you should ignore everything else. Just because you can train your mana doesn't mean you should not train your body, and just because you can wield magic does not mean you won't need to wield a weapon."

"There will be situations where you won't be able to cast your magic, and there will be times when you have to use your body to defend. In these situations, a mage that can wield a weapon and has a strong body will prevail over those who focused only on their magic."

Miss Camille couldn't deny the fact that Leo was a magic genius, but she didn't agree with the statement that it would be a waste of his talents.

And she continued, "How about this? You can focus on training your magic once you defeat Kayn using only swordsmanship. You're already 10 years late when it comes to learning magic, anyway. Another month won't mean anything."

"You're right, Miss Camille. It's important to have a sturdy body and know other combat styles even if I can use magic. Sorry, the excitement of being able to learn magic must've affected my train of thoughts." Leo sighed.

"I will continue to train the sword and my body diligently even after I defeat Kayn."

"Good. Then let's continue your training." Miss Camille nodded.

Sometime later, Miss Camille retrieved another dummy from her spatial storage and placed it a few meters away from Leo.

"That's a Magic Absorbing Dummy that evaluates one's magic power, right? I watched some of the magic students train with them right before coming here." Leo recognized the dummy made of crystal.

"Yes, that's right. Since you already know about it, we can skip the explanation and go straight into training. I want you to hit the dummy with as many Black Bullets as you can use. You can stop once you feel start feeling lightheaded."

"Okay."

Leo pointed his finger at the dummy and started firing off Black Bullets every few seconds, feeling incredibly refreshed to finally be able to let loose and use magic to his heart's content.

However, after his 5th Black Bullet, Leo suddenly started feeling lightheaded.

"W-What is happening to me? I suddenly feel super fatigued..." Leo quickly took a seat on the floor and started rubbing his eyes.

"What you're experiencing is called Mana Fatigue; it's basically your body telling you to stop using magic. This is what happens when you're low on mana. If you continue using magic while in that state, you will lose consciousness, and that is the best-case scenario."

"What's the worst-case scenario?" Leo asked out of curiosity.

"You die."

Leo swallowed nervously, and he made a mental note to never use magic whenever he's experiencing Mana Fatigue, unless it was a live-or-die situation.

"Here, drink this. It's a mana potion." Miss Camille handed him a bottle of blue liquid.

After consuming the mana potion, Leo could feel his fatigue disappearing within moments.

'Taste like sparkling water...' He thought to himself afterward.

"How often can I drink these?" He then asked.

"Although you can drink mana potions every hour, it is recommended that you drink them every two to three hours to lower the risk of mana overdose, where you acquire too much mana in too short of a time."

"Every hour? Why is there such a big difference in cooldown between stamina potions and mana potions?" Leo asked.

"There are a couple of reasons. The first being that mana naturally regenerates faster than stamina. Secondly, mana potions are far more advanced than stamina potions due to how much the world relies on mana. One more reason is that mana potions contain actual mana, which will directly recover our mana like filling an empty glass with water. However, you cannot do that with stamina."

"I see... That actually makes a lot of sense."

Sometime later, Miss Camille said, "Your mana should have fully recovered now. Go ahead and repeat what you were doing before. This will tell us the state of your current mana capacity right now."

Leo nodded and started shooting Black Bullets at the dummy again, making the dummy pulsate a pale blue light every time.

About a minute and ten Black Bullets later, Leo started experiencing Mana Fatigue again.

"Ten Black Bullets, huh? Considering that you'd just started using magic today, you're above average when it comes to mana capacity, I guess." Miss Camille said.

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'Since each Black Bullet uses at least 10 mana, I should have around 100 total mana right now, huh? It would be nice if the system showed me exactly how much mana I have...' Leo thought to himself.

The following moment—

<Calculating host's total mana>

<Calculation completed>

[Mana: 9/125]

'How convenient...' Leo was surprised by the Magic System's response to his desires, and he wondered if there was anything else he could make the system do.

"Miss Camille, I have a question. Let's say a Black Bullet uses 10 mana and I have 100 total mana. Can I use all 100 mana on a single Black Bullet?" He asked her a moment later.

"Yes, that's what we call Overcharge— when you use more mana than necessary to strengthen the magic spell. However, there is a limit to how much you can Overcharge a magic spell. Every magic spell will have a minimum mana usage. For example, if you only use 5 mana to activate Black Bullet which requires 10 mana, it will not activate."

"As for its limit, that will depend on your mastery of that magic spell and your magic affinity."

"It's very common for people to Overcharge their magic spells, but that doesn't mean it's not dangerous. If you try to Overcharge a magic spell past its limit, the magic spell will explode in your face."

"I-I see..."

Leo made another mental note to never Overcharge his magic spells past their limit.

"By the way, how can I tell if I am near its limit?"

"When it starts getting hard to pour more mana into the magic spell. You'll feel a resisting force. It's very obvious, so you won't miss it," she explained.

Sometime later, Leo started swinging the sword again while he waited for his mana to naturally recover.

Although he cannot use magic while he has Mana Fatigue, he could still use his own stamina to train his body.

Of course, this required Leo to get past his mental weakness caused by the Mana Fatigue, which was easier said than done.

Once it was starting to get dark outside, Miss Camille said to him, "Go get dinner. I will see you back here in an hour."

"Huh? We're still going to train today?"

"Do you have classes tomorrow?" Miss Camille calmly asked him.

"No, I don't think so."

"Then you'll be training with me. In fact, I don't plan on letting you sleep tonight."

Leo's eyes widened with shock after hearing her words.

'If only those words mean what I want them to mean...' Leo felt an urge to cry after hearing her last few words.

"Why are you looking at me like that? If you want to defeat Kayn, you will need to put at least this much effort." Miss Camille said.

And she continued, "You might not realize this yet, but your match with Kayn is much more important than you think. I would even say that it will decide whether you live or die in this academy."

"W-What do you mean?" He asked for clarification.

"There are many people— students that have a grudge against the previous Leo, and they are all waiting for the result of your fight with Kayn."

"If you lose to Kayn, they will undoubtedly flood you with challenges, and if you refuse, they will bully you to your death."

"However, if you win, there will not be as many challengers, and the better your result, the less likely they will try to mess with you."

"Seriously?! Just how many students did the previous Leo offend?!"

"A good majority of magic students hate him." Miss Camille grinned.

"No way..."

After standing there in a daze for a couple of moments, Leo snapped back to reality and spoke in a resolute voice, "I'm not hungry! Let's continue training!"

However, Miss Camille started walking towards the exit and said, "If you want to starve, you can do it by yourself. I'm going to eat."

"Also, you are forbidden from training with magic if I am not here with you because I don't trust you with magic yet."

"I understand." Leo nodded, and he continued to train with the sword while Miss Camille disappeared from the room.

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Chapter 15: Magic Shop

"She's working you to the bones, Leo." Lilith said to him shortly after Miss Camille left.

"It can't be helped. I am too weak right now, and Miss Camille is only doing what's the best for me."

"How can you be so sure about that? You just came to this world, right? Why do you trust her this much?"

"Because that's the Miss Camille I know," he calmly said.

"That makes no sense. The Camille in this world is not the one you knew in your old world. You can't really say that you know her."

"I understand, and I agree with you, but she's the first person to help me in this world, so I had no choice but to trust her. Without her help, I can't even begin to imagine what my situation would be like right now. And while it's true that this Miss Camille is not the one I know, she doesn't feel any different from the one I know, so I subconsciously treat her the same."

"If you say so. However, you shouldn't trust people so easily in this world. You never know what they may be thinking." Lilith said in a solemn voice.

"People like you?" Leo said with a teasing smile.

"I-I am an exception!" She hastily responded.

Miss Camille returned to the training room about an hour and half later.

"How long does it normally take for one to recover their mana naturally?" Leo asked her when she returned.

"That really depends on how much mana you have. The bigger your mana capacity the more mana you will recover. At your current level, you'll need around four hours to recover your mana completely."

"Then how does one increase their mana capacity?"

"Keep using magic. Your mana capacity will naturally increase. With that being said, don't expect it to happen overnight."

"I'm not." Leo smiled.

Leo continued to train his magic now that Miss Camille was there to supervise him.

After shooting about 7 Black Bullets, Leo consumed a mana potion and continued to shoot another ten.

The system appeared at the end of his training.

<Your Mastery Rank for Black Bullet has increased to 'E'>

Ding!

<You have completed a Quest>

[+400 Magic Experience, +2 Magic Point]

<You have received a Quest from the Magic System>

[Quest: Learn 3x Magic Spell]

[Description: Learn 3x Tier 1 or above Magic Spell]

[Time Limit: 7 days]

[Reward: 600 Magic Experience, 3 Magic Point]

Ding!

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<You have completed a Quest>

[+600 Magic Experience, +3 Magic Points]

<You have received a Quest from the Magic System>

[Quest: Increase Master Rank]

[Description: Increase any 2x Magic Spell to Mastery Rank 'D']

[Time Limit: 14 days]

[Reward: 1,000 Magic Experience, 5 Magic Points]

<Magic System has leveled up>

<Magic Shop has been unlocked>

{Magic System}

[System Level: 2]

[Magic Talent: EX+]

[Dark Magic Affinity: S]

[Magic Experience: 200/50,000]

[Magic Points: 6]

'Magic Shop? I'll have to take a look at that later when I have the time.' Leo thought to himself as he read the system notifications.

Once he was out of mana, Leo started training his body, and he would continue this until it was midnight.

"I can't remember the last time I stayed up this late, even on the weekend. I'm not only exhausted, but I'm sleepy as well..." Leo said to Miss Camille, who seemed completely fine as she read her book.

"Here." Miss Camille retrieved a potion from her spatial storage and handed it to him without looking away from her book.

"Let me guess, this will make it so that I don't need to sleep." Leo said.

"Yes, you're right. It's an energy potion. You'll feel refreshed immediately, like you'd just woken up from a good nap."

"Why am I not surprised? It's like there's a potion for almost everything in this world. By the way, how much do these potions even cost? You have been handing them to me like they're water for a while now." Leo asked her about the value of these potions, something he immediately regretted.

"Well, it depends on the quality. If you're just asking about the ones I have been giving you, mana potions cost around a thousand dollars each. Stamina recovery potions cost around five hundred, and these energy potions cost about two hundred each."

"What! That's insanely expensive! Where'd you get the money to spend so lavishly?"

"Who said I paid for them? These are all supplied by the academy. The Headmaster has given me the permission to use the school's supply to help you 'recover' your strength."

"I-I see... That makes a lot more sense." Leo mumbled.

After learning that he wasn't using up Miss Camille's resources, Leo felt less guilty about the money being spent on him, as he was aware of how ridiculously rich the academy was.

Sometime later, Leo resumed his training after all of his drowsiness was washed away by the energy potion, and he would continue this all night.

The following morning, Miss Camille said to him, "Go get breakfast. I'll see you back here in two hours."

"Yes..."

Leo returned to his room to take a steaming hot shower first.

"She actually kept me up all night..." He sighed.

A few moments later, Leo decided to check out the recently unlocked Magic Shop.

'How do I open the system? Do I just command it? Let's give it a try. Open Magic Shop!' He commanded inwardly.

Ding!

The system answered his request the very next moment.

{Magic Shop}

[Shop Level: 1]

[Awaken Random Affinity: 10 MP]

[Increase Mana Capacity: 5 MP]

[Increase Magic Power: 5 MP]

[Improve Magic Affinity: ?]

[Total MP: 6]

[Shop Experience: 0/100]

'Wow, this is pretty neat... MP... So I can use the Magic Points acquired from Quests in this Magic Shop. Everything in this shop seems so useful, and they're pretty cheap for now.'

Leo was pleasantly surprised by what the Magic Shop had in store for him.

'Awaken Random Affinity... Does this mean I can acquire a new magic affinity? And it only costs 10 MP? This is a no-brainer!'

The other options were self-explanatory.

'Improve Magic Affinity, why is the price a question mark?'

Ding!

{Improve Magic Affinity}

[Dark Affinity(S → S+): 100,000 MP]

"100,000 Magic Points?!" Leo subconsciously exclaimed after seeing the ludicrous price.

"What are you shouting about in there? Do you need me to come in there to check up on you?" Lilith's voice resounded from outside the bathroom since Leo forbade her from entering.

"No! Stay out of the bathroom!" Leo immediately responded.

"Che. How boring." Lilith complained.

'I only need 4 more MP before I can acquire a new magic affinity, so I just need to complete the current quest and I will be able to afford it.'

After exiting the shower, Leo went to grab breakfast at the cafeteria before returning to the training center.

There were still 30 minutes until Miss Camille would return, so Leo decided to just lie on the floor to rest.

When Miss Camille returned, Leo would start training on his magic first since it was easier for him to run out of mana than stamina.

Although he wasn't aware, every time he reaches Mana Fatigue, his mana capacity would increase by a little.

At the end of the day, his total mana had increased to 170, allowing Leo to shoot over 15 Black Bullets with ease. Furthermore, his Black Bullets started causing the magic dummy to pulsate with a dark blue light, meaning that it was getting close to 1,000 in magic power.

Miss Camille stopped his training and said, "You can go home and get some rest. We'll continue this tomorrow after school."

"I understand. By the way, thank you for spending your precious time with me even though it was the weekend."

"I usually stay at home and read books, anyway. This isn't that much different except for the scenery," she calmly said.

Leo returned home shortly after, falling asleep seconds after closing his eyes.

Meanwhile, Miss Camille reviewed Leo's progress in her bedroom.

"His progress with the sword is by no means slow, but compared to his magic talents, it's miles behind."

"In just two days, he's progressed what would normally take even talented magic students two whole months to achieve."

Seeing how frightening Leo's magic potential was, she was beginning to believe that he was truly from another world.

The following morning, Leo woke up late for class.

"Damn it! Homeroom started half an hour ago! Why didn't you wake me up, Lilith?!" Leo cried out loud as he quickly prepared for the day.

"Hey, don't blame me. First of all, I am not your alarm clock. Secondly, I did try to wake you up. However, you wouldn't wake up no matter how loud I shouted at you."

"This is my first time being late to class in over 10 years! I can't believe it!"

After arriving at his destination, Leo swallowed nervously before entering the classroom.

"S-Sorry for being late, Jasmine!" He apologized as he walked into the classroom, causing everyone there to look at him.

"Are you okay?" Jasmine asked him.

"Yes, I just overslept. I had training with Miss Camille over the weekend, and she even kept me up all night on Saturday."

"K-Kept you up all night?" Jasmine looked at him with a dumbfounded face.

Some of the female students in the class could be seen blushing a moment later.

"A-Anyways, it's not that big of a deal. I heard from Camille that you're still recovering from some injuries and that she's helping you with physical therapy."

"Thank you. I will try my best to not be late again." Leo went to his seat shortly after.

'How surprising. The old Leo never cared about being late and would rarely come to class towards the end.' Jasmine thought to herself before she continued her class.

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Chapter 16: Monsters

After spending 7 long and slow hours in school, Leo prepared to leave the classroom to go to the training center for another day of training.

However, before he could go anywhere, Professor Jasmine approached him and said, "Hey, Leo."

"Yes?"

"You probably don't know this since you have amnesia, but we are having our lessons at the Coliseum tomorrow."

"Excuse me? At the what?" Leo doubted his ears.

They have a coliseum in the academy?

"The Coliseum. It's right behind the Training Center. We go there every Tuesday to practice swordsmanship, and there will even be instructors to guide you." Jasmine explained.

"I see... I understand. I will be there tomorrow morning."

"I don't expect you to participate due to your injuries, but since we're training with swords, you might remember a thing or two," she said.

Leo nodded despite knowing full well that he wouldn't remember anything.

After leaving the school building, he made his way to the Training Center and started his training with Miss Camille.

"Does everyone in school train in swordsmanship?" Leo suddenly asked Miss Camille towards the end of their training.

"Not everyone, but the majority of knights do."

"So is non-magic student a knight in this school?"

"Yes, that's right."

"Why are you suddenly asking these questions?" Miss Camille was curious.

"Well, we're supposed to have our classes at the Coliseum tomorrow, and the students will be training in swordsmanship according to Professor Jasmine."

"Oh, you're right. I forgot about that." Miss Camille suddenly frowned.

"What's the matter?" Leo asked her after seeing her expression.

"You'll probably have to spar with students from other classes tomorrow."

"What the hell? I thought we're only there to practice."

"Yes, and sparring with other students is considered practice. In fact, it's very common. Although nobody would dare to spar with the previous Leo, there might be some students that wish to test your current level."

"And to be completely honest, I don't want you sparring with other students yet."

"I know. I'm not powerful enough, right?" Leo said.

"No, that's not it. I don't want the other teachers to be suspicious of you. That's all."

"Don't worry, I have no intentions of fighting anyone until I am strong enough."

"Good."

The following morning, Leo made his way to the Coliseum, which was about a five minute walk from the Training Center.

"Holy, this place is much more massive than I'd anticipated..." Leo muttered in a surprised voice after arriving at the Coliseum, which was the size of at least three football stadiums together.

After spending a moment admiring the building, Leo followed the dozens of students there inside.

Once inside the Coliseum, Leo looked around the open field for Professor Jasmine. Fortunately, she was easy to spot due to her unique appearance.

Sometime later, he grouped up with Jasmine and the rest of the students in his class.

"Are all the students here for training? I can even see magic students here." Leo asked.

"Yes. The knights practice on the left side of the field and the magic students practice on the right side of the field. If you wish to spar with them, you just need to walk up to them and challenge them." Jasmine nodded.

"Yeah... I don't think so..."

When all of the students for their class arrived, Professor Jasmine said, "Take ten minutes to warm up, then we'll start practice."

"Yes!"

All of the students there brought their own swords, so they immediately started warming up by swinging the sword at the empty air in front of them.

Only Leo there was empty-handed.

"Sorry, I didn't know we needed to bring our own sword." Leo said.

"Don't worry about it. I already told you that I don't expect you to train with us today."

"I know, but I still want to train at my own pace. Do you have a sword I can borrow?"

Jasmine pointed at the weapon rack in the distance and said, "You can use one of those."

"I'll be right back."

Leo ran to the weapon rack and started looking through the swords there.

All of the swords were organized by weight, so it didn't take long before Leo found what he was looking for— a 15kg sword.

Furthermore, 15kg was the lightest sword in the rack.

After spending the entire weekend with Miss Camille, his arm strength increased to the point where he could swing swords at that weight without any artifacts.

Now that he also had a sword, Leo started warming up with the other students by swinging his sword.

"Why is Leo swinging around such a light sword? That's like swinging around a feather for someone like him." His classmates mumbled to each other.

After all, even though Leo has lost his memories, amnesia has nothing to do with one's strength.

"It must be due to his injuries."

"His injuries must be very serious for him to lose so much strength, yet he's still coming to class as usual. How admirable."

"I wonder what really happened to him."

"We can only guess for now since even he doesn't know."

Ten minutes passed in the blink of an eye while the students warmed up their bodies and muscles.

"Now that everyone is warmed up, it's time for practice."

Professor Jasmine retrieved a box from a spatial storage just like Miss Camille while the students lined up in front of her.

The students proceeded to put their hands into this box before pulling out a piece of paper that had a number written on it.

"Those that picked the same number will be sparring with each other. If you wish to challenge someone, you can do so after your first fight." Jasmine said to them.

And for the next two hours, the students from Leo's class would spar with each other in the open field.

Of course, the other classes were doing the same thing but at different locations in the open field.

"What do you think? Do you remember anything?" Jasmine approached Leo about half an hour into their training and asked him.

"Sorry, I don't." Leo shook his head.

"I see... Well, you have plenty of time to remember now that you're back at the academy where it's safe and sound."

"I wouldn't call this place safe..." Leo showed her a bittersweet smile.

"I guess I can't argue that, but trust me, it's hell of a lot better than outside the city, where vampires and monsters roam freely."

"Huh? Monsters? I know about vampires, but there are monsters too?" This was Leo's first time hearing about monsters.

"Of course. Vampires are actually quite rare compared to monsters, but they're also much more powerful than monsters, mostly due to their intelligence and knowledge."

"I see..." Leo subconsciously glanced at Lilith, who was flying around the open field and watching the other students.

Once all of the students fought at least once, Jasmine said to them, "You can now go challenge the other classes if you want."

After getting her approval, most of the students in the class left to find opponents from the other classes.

However, they only dared to approach the other ordinary students.

Leo remained with Jasmine and watched from a distance. However, he was quickly becoming bored of just standing around, so he started training by himself again.

When the students from other classes noticed Leo training by himself, a few of them approached him.

"Hey, Leo, let's have a spar." A bulky student that was a head taller than Leo said to him.

"Sorry, but I'm not in the condition to spar with others." Leo immediately rejected the challenge.

"Hah! Are you scared? You're the last person I expected to refuse a fight!" The bulky student taunted him.

Leo stopped swinging his sword and glanced at the student.

"If you want to fight, I'll fight you all you want after I deal with Kayn. What's your name? If you don't come looking for me, I will come looking for you."

The bulky student swallowed nervously after hearing Leo's words.

"I-I'll come back after your challenge with Kayn then..." The bulky student quickly turned around and walked away.

Several more students from other classes approached Leo for a spar, but they were all shut down.

"Leo's really changed. Not even daring to fight with the ordinary students— he's turned into a coward."

The magic students at the other side of the Coliseum had been paying attention to Leo, as they were looking forward to seeing him spar. However, that no longer seems to be possible.

Sometime later, someone there shouted while pointing at a certain person, "L-Look over there!"

"Holy shit, what is she doing here? She has never shown up to training before!"

The magic students there watched as a red-haired student approached the unaware Leo.

"LEO!" The red-haired student shouted his name once she was close enough.

"Huh?" Leo quickly turned around to see a beautiful young girl walking towards him with an angry expression on her pretty face.

'Who's this chick?' Leo wondered inwardly.

"Sorry, but if you're looking to spar with me, I will have to refuse." He said to her a moment later.

However, the young girl ignored his words and pointed her sword at him.

"You promised that you'd fight me! However, you 'died' the day before our fight! I have waited three months for this moment!"

"I'm sorry, but I don't even remember who you are. If you want to fight me, I don't mind, but there's a line of people waiting to fight me. Please wait your turn." Leo shook his head.

"FIGHT ME!"

The red-haired student suddenly brandished her sword at Leo.

However, she stopped her movement right before her blade touched his neck.

"I see... So this is how you want to play, huh?" She retrieved her sword and sighed.

And without any explanations, she turned around and walked away.

'W-What the hell? I couldn't even see her movements just now!' Leo snapped out of his daze and cried inwardly.

The only reason he didn't try to dodge her strike was simply because he couldn't react to it!

Once the red-haired student was gone, he asked Jasmine, "Who was that student just now?"

"That was the Crimson Witch's younger sister, Tia Barnett. She has a habit of challenging the strong." Jasmine said.

"Crimson Witch?" Leo raised his eyebrows.

"Yes, she has the highest magic affinity for fire in this entire academy, and she's also one of the most powerful students."

"With that being said, her younger sister, Tia Barnett, isn't as talented, hence why she keeps on challenging the strong as a way to prove her strength to others. Just ignore her, Leo. She'll stop bothering you after a while."

"That's exactly what I intend on doing," he said.

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Chapter 17: Missing Package

After training by himself for another half an hour, Jasmine dismissed the class three hours earlier than normal.

"See you tomorrow, Leo."

"Of course."

Leo rushed to the training area after class. Even though Miss Camille wasn't there yet, he decided to start training early.

"You're more motivated than usual. Did being challenged so many times today affect you?" Lilith asked him.

"No, that has nothing to do with it. After watching the other students spar, I realized truly how weak I am compared to them. And it's not just a difference in our strength. I wouldn't have lasted even three seconds if I fought with them. I still have a lot of work to do." Leo sighed.

"That's only true if you're using a sword. If you're allowed to use magic, you're already stronger than most of the people at training today." Lilith said.

"Even if that is true, I cannot use magic until I am strong enough." He sighed.

By the time Miss Camille arrived at the Training Center, Leo had already exhausted his stamina, so he started training with magic.

At the end of the day, Leo asked, "I have been swinging the sword aimlessly for many days now. When am I going to learn some sword techniques?"

"Just focus on your foundation for now and forget about the others. We will get there when we get there." Miss Camille said.

And she continued, "Most things in this world require a foundation. If the foundation is weak, so is everything else after it."

"Also, I am not qualified to teach you real swordsmanship. I will have to find you another teacher for that, preferably someone that doesn't know the old Leo."

"I understand." Leo nodded.

Time passed quickly as Leo focused on his studies in the morning and training in the afternoon, and before he was aware, an entire week had passed.

During this time, his Black Bullet's Mastery Rank increased to 'D', and his Dark Barrier increased to 'E'.

Since he can only use magic that Miss Camille taught him, Leo was unable to practice with Black Flames at all.

Furthermore, his mana capacity has increased to 300, and his magic power reached over a thousand with only Tier 1 magic spells.

As for his training with the sword, he has finally managed to acquire enough strength to wield a 30kg sword with ease.

Although his swordsmanship cannot compare to his magic, it was still progressing faster than Miss Camille's expectations.

Such growth wouldn't have been possible in Leo's old world, but with the assistance of magic potions and artifacts, it became a reality.

"Now that you have sufficient strength, we can start working on your sword techniques so that you can finally start fighting for real. Since it's the weekend tomorrow, meet me here at nine."

"Okay."

After returning to the dorm, Leo went to find Hank, the dorm manager.

"Hey, it's been a while since you mentioned my personal items, but I still haven't received them." Leo said to him.

"Huh? Really? Let me call them right now."

Hank picked up the phone and dialed a number.

A few moments later, Hank explained the situation to the person on the other side of the phone.

"Leo, right? Let me check the database..."

"Here we go... Leo... Hm?"

"What happened?" Hank asked.

"It says here that Leo's items had been delivered three days ago."

"What?" Hank raised his eyebrows.

He turned to look at Leo and said, "They said the items have been delivered to you three days ago."

"What? That's impossible. Did they leave it in front of my door and mark it 'delivered'? What if someone stole it?"

"Leo said that he didn't receive his items."

"Let me contact the person who delivered it."

A few minutes later, the person called back and said, "The person who delivered the package said that he'd personally handed it to Leo."

"Umm... Leo, are you sure you didn't receive anything? The deliverer said that he'd handed it to you... personally."

"That's nonsense! I am rarely in my room nowadays, and when I return, I go straight to sleep! I have never received anything!" Leo exclaimed.

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"You heard Leo."

"Then I will have to open up an investigation. This could take weeks if not months."

"I understand. I will let him know."

After hanging up, Hank explained the situation to Leo.

"Unbelievable... I only wanted some extra clothes and uniforms. And if you don't believe me, you can check my room. It's empty in there except for the clothes you gave me."

"No need, I believe you." Hank shook his head.

"However, since we don't know what happened to your package, we can only wait for them to finish the investigation."

"What was inside my items, anyway? Since someone went out of their way to steal it, there must've been something valuable inside."

"As far as I am aware, artifacts and valuables are given to the academy once their owner is officially dead, so besides clothes and miscellaneous items, it is highly unlikely that your package had anything valuable." Hank said.

"Why in the world would anybody steal my clothes? That's utterly ridiculous!"

"Well... If you really want some new clothes, you can just ask the academy. The uniforms are free. And since you're famous, the academy might even give you some money to buy more clothes."

"Where do I go to get these free uniforms?"

Hank pointed at the large map on the wall and said, "That's a map of the academy. Find the Administration Hall and order your uniforms there."

Leo looked at the map intensively for a couple of moments, memorizing the map and all of its details.

"All right, I know where to go. Thank you for your help." Leo left the dorm shortly after to order some uniforms at the Administration Hall.

Once there, Leo spoke to one of the workers there for help.

Fortunately, since Leo's information was still in the academy's database, they were able to give him four sets of uniforms on the spot.

"Anything else I can help you with?"

"Well... To tell you the truth, all of my clothes have been stolen recently, so besides these uniforms, I don't have anything else to wear— not even pajamas. Fortunately, I was told that I could receive some financial help here."

"I see... Actually, while we do give financial help to our students, you probably won't be needing that."

"Huh? Why not? I have no money right now."

"You see, when you died, the academy had seized all of your wealth— which is a normal practice by the way. However, since you didn't actually die, you can naturally take back what originally belonged to you, and this includes your artifacts and whatnot."

"I'm pretty sure the academy is already in the process of doing so since you're popular. Would you like me to check?"

"Please!" Leo answered, his voice filled with anticipation.

"All right, give me a moment..."

The worker proceeded to type some stuff in his computer.

A few moments later, he spoke, "So the academy has already returned all of your money. However, your artifacts will require a little longer due to some complications."

"I see... So how do I access my money?"

"The academy has its own banking system that is used by most of its students. According to your information, your money is also in this bank. In order to access it, you just need to visit the bank. However, it's already closed for the day, so you'll have to go tomorrow when it opens at 7 in the morning."

"I understand. Thank you for taking the time to help me."

Leo returned to his room shortly after.

"Man, I cannot wait to visit the bank tomorrow! Since the old Leo was very strong, he should have plenty of money!" Leo entered the bed filled with excitement for tomorrow.

"I wouldn't count too much on it..." Lilith suddenly said.

"Huh? What makes you say that?"

"While it's true that the old Leo was very wealthy from hunting monsters and vampires, he would use most of his wealth to improve himself, so I wouldn't be surprised if there isn't much money left."

"Truly wealthy people won't be broke no matter how much money they spend!"

Lilith chuckled, "You'd be surprised at how easy it is to spend all of your money on artifacts. Even E-Rank artifacts can easily cost up to six digits."

"I get it, so stop ruining my excitement. We'll just have to see for ourselves tomorrow if I can afford new clothes with the old Leo's money."

Leo went to sleep shortly after.

The following morning, Leo left the dorm and headed to the bank fifteen minutes before they even opened.

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Chapter 18: A Common Trope

After waiting outside the bank for 15 minutes, Leo became the first student to enter the bank that day.

"I'm here to access my bank account." Leo said in a confident manner.

The worker there looked at him and said, "Go ahead and press your hand against the scanner in front of you. We'll need to confirm your identity first."

"Huh?"

Leo's eyes widened with shock.

'My hand? Don't tell me they require fingerprints?! Damn! I didn't think it would come to this!' Leo cried inwardly.

"Looks like it won't be as easy as you thought, huh?" Lilith chuckled.

Leo glanced at her with narrowed eyes.

'This vampire ghost! She definitely knew about this beforehand, yet she didn't even bother warning me!'

"What's wrong?" The worker behind the desk asked Leo when he only stood there in silence.

"Y-You see, I have amnesia, so I don't remember how things work here."

"Amnesia? Then you must be Sword Emperor Leo. I have heard about you." The worker said with a smile.

And he continued, "In order to access your bank information and withdraw or deposit money, we must verify your identity even if we know your face. After all, we cannot just rely on a person's face in a world where people can disguise themselves with magic, right?"

"Huh? Such a magic spell exists?" Leo was speechless.

"Of course. Although they're quite rare, there are magic artifacts with the ability to change a person's appearance out there."

Leo suddenly recalled what happened with his stolen package and wondered if someone had accepted his package using his face.

"If they can change their appearance, won't that apply to their fingerprints and such?" Leo then asked.

"Haha... Of course not. There are no magic artifacts out there with such power and accuracy. The best they can do is change their face, voice, and their body. Things such as their fingerprints and their blood type cannot be altered."

"I see..."

Leo swallowed nervously.

'Since I am technically Leo, that means I should have the same fingerprints as the Leo of this world, right?' Leo thought to himself.

'What will happen if my fingerprints don't match? That would be problematic... However, they would be suspicious of me if I just turn around now...'

Under such a dilemma, Leo decided to just hope for the best and pressed his hand onto the scanner in front of him.

Leo could feel his heart throbbing like drums as he waited for the scanner to scan his fingerprints.

A moment later—

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"Okay, I have confirmed your identity, Leo. You may now access your bank account." The worker said to him.

'It worked!' Leo cried out in relief inwardly.

Leo proceeded to take a look at his bank account.

"500,000 dollars?!" Leo was ecstatic when he saw the amount of digits in his bank account.

In his previous world, 500,000 dollars was enough to buy an entire house, and a pretty good one in some places!

"Wow... It's worse than I thought..."

However, Lilith appeared to be disappointed by the result.

And she continued, "That's barely enough to buy a normal D-Rank artifact..."

"I'm not going to buy any artifacts! I just need some money for clothes!" Leo responded to her inside his head.

Sometime later, Leo asked, "By the way, do you guys offer debit cards?"

"Yes, we do."

"Can they be used outside of the academy?"

"Of course. Would you like one?"

"Please." Leo nodded.

"Give me a minute."

The worker went away for a few minutes before returning with a red card.

"You'll have to set a new pin for that card. Insert that card in the slot beside the scanner and type your desired pin when it appears on the screen."

Leo followed the instructions.

"All done. You may now use that card as you see fit."

"Thank you!"

Leo left the bank shortly after with a blissful look on his face.

"You know, you're technically stealing a dead person's money with identity fraud?" Lilith reminded him.

"S-Shut up... It's not like I am going to spend it all. I am merely spending just enough to get some clothes."

"What are you going to do, get a job? Students are not allowed to have jobs in case you didn't know." Lilith said.

"I know. This was also the case back in my world. With that being said, students could earn money through exams in my old world. Meaning the better your test results, the more money you can receive. Does it work like that in this place as well?"

"Sort of. However, instead of tests, you'll get paid a fixed amount based on your school ranking."

"School ranking? How does that work?"

"It's quite simple, actually. You just have to fight, and if you defeat someone with a higher rank than you, you'll get to take that rank and push everyone below you back one rank."

"I figured it would be something like that. It's a magic school, after all." Leo sighed.

"By the way, what was Leo's rank before?"

"This might surprise you, but Leo was only ranked 69."

"Huh? I thought he was one of the strongest in the academy." Leo raised an eyebrow after hearing this information.

"He was, but you can only take someone's rank through official matches. If you win an unauthorized fight, you won't take their rank, and Leo was someone who mostly fought in unauthorized matches, meaning that his rank would rarely rise, not that he cared about it anyway. After all, he earned most of his money hunting monsters and vampires as an Adventurer."

"Adventurer? This kind of profession exists in this world, too?" Leo mumbled in surprise.

"Yes, and it's a very popular one at that since students are allowed to be Adventurers."

"Let me guess, there are also Adventurers' Guilds and such."

"You seem very knowledgeable in this aspect." Lilith said.

"Well... It's a very common trope in my world. They exist in almost every fantasy fiction in existence."

"Anyways, tell me more about the Adventurers in this world."

"Sure."

Lilith proceeded to explain to him about the Adventurers of this world while Leo went to get some breakfast before heading to the Training Center.

At nine, Leo met up with Miss Camille outside the Training Center.

"Why are you dressed like that? I rarely see you without your white coat." Leo asked Miss Camille, who was dressed casually, almost like she was going on a date.

"I didn't tell you? We'll be spending our time outside the academy today."

"You did not..." Leo sighed.

"Well now you know. Go change into something that's not your school uniform. I don't want people to recognize you," she then said.

"Unfortunately, I don't have any casual clothes. Besides my school uniforms and some workout clothes that I got for free, I don't have anything else. Some bastard stole my—the old Leo's stuff."

Miss Camille sighed, "Fine, let's go buy you some clothes. There's a shopping mall in the academy that we can go to."

"All right." Leo nodded.

There was also a shopping mall in his old world so he was quite familiar with it.

Sometime later, they arrived at the mall, but it looked nothing like the one in Leo's memories.

"Let's be quick with your shopping. We don't have unlimited time because we actually have an appointment with someone."

"I understand. I'll go grab something really quick."

"Wait. Do you even have any money?" Miss Camille suddenly asked him.

Leo smiled and said in a prideful voice, "Don't worry, I can pay for my own stuff."

"Aren't you embarrassed of saying that when it's not even your money?" Lilith suddenly said.

"Aren't you being awfully snarky today?" Leo mumbled in a low voice.

"You do remember that I cannot leave the school premise, right? That means I won't be able to be by your side!" She reminded him.

"Oh, right. But there's nothing I can do about that, and it's not like I can refuse Miss Camille, so you'll have to wait until I come back."

"You better tell me everything when you come back! Every last detail!" Lilith exclaimed.

"If I remember them, sure."

Sometime later, Leo entered the nearest clothing store he could find and quickly picked a plain black t-shirt as well as a pair of black sweatpants. After paying for them, he immediately changed into his new clothes in the changing room.

"Let's go now." Miss Camille said to him afterward.

"What about my school uniform?"

"Just throw it out. It's all worn out, and uniforms are free," she casually said.

"What? But it's the only thing I brought with me from my old world! There's no way I can throw it out!"

"How bothersome. Give them to me." Miss Camille gestured for them.

Leo handed them to her the next moment, and she proceeded to throw it inside her spatial storage.

"There. Let's go now or we'll really be late."

Leo nodded and followed Miss Camille to the school entrance.

Although teachers aren't required to sign out whenever they leave the school premises, Leo had to do so because he was still a student.

Once that was all done, Miss Camille took Leo to her personal car.

"You own the same car as the 'you' from my world." Leo said to her as he casually took a seat beside the driver's seat in a single smooth action, almost as though he's done this many times before.

Miss Camille narrowed her eyes at Leo for a brief moment, but she didn't say anything.

Once they were on the road, Leo asked, "So... Where are we going?"

"The Adventurers' Guild," she calmly responded.

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Chapter 19: Adventurers' Guild

"The Adventurers' Guild? Why are we going there?" Leo asked.

"Oh? You know of the Adventurers' Guild? Did they exist in your world as well?"

"Only in fantasy novels and such. I learned about their existence here not long ago."

"You want to become strong fast, right? Becoming an Adventurer will help you achieve that."

"Are you telling me to fight monsters? I can't even fight with the humans in this world, and you're already throwing me at monsters?! There should be a limit to how fast we do certain things!"

"Fighting monsters is a lot easier than fighting humans. You'll learn that very soon. Unlike humans, most monsters have little to zero intelligence, so they operate merely on instincts, which will limit their movements and actions."

"Also, it's not like I am going to make you fight monsters right away. You still need some experience. The real reason we're going to the Adventurers' Guild today is to meet with a certain Adventurer. He's known as Sword King Khrome, and he's an A-Rank Adventurer. He will also be your teacher for today and tomorrow."

Half an hour later, Miss Camille parked the car.

"Before we enter the Adventurers' Guild, I want you to wear this necklace." Miss Camille suddenly handed him a silver necklace.

"What's this?"

"It's a D-Rank artifact that changes your face and voice. You'll be known as Leon outside the academy. This way, you can train without constantly worrying about others. I have already created a face for you, so you just need to activate it with your mana."

Leo swallowed nervously before asking her, "Miss Camille, I won't be angry, so can you tell me the truth? Were you the one who stole my package using my face?"

Thud!

Miss Camille suddenly bonked his head with her fists.

"What am I going to do with your clothes? Are you mocking me?"

"I-I was only joking with you! God, that really hurts... What if you'd damaged my brain just now?"

Leo activated the artifact a moment later.

"What the heck? I look like a freaking playboy with this face and hairstyle!" Leo said after taking a look at his new face in the mirror.

His slick black hair had turned dark blonde, and his eyes became hazel.

"Hell, even my voice sounds so weird! Is this the type of man you're into, Miss Camille?"

"I picked that because I knew you would hate it. Now stop complaining and get out of the car. We're already two minutes late to the appointment."

Leo sighed and left the car.

Sometime later, he followed Miss Camille into this large building that looked nothing like the Adventurers' Guild in the fantasy stories he would always read about. Compared to the tavern-like buildings in his imagination, the Adventurers' Guild in this world looked more like office buildings.

"I have an appointment with Sword King Khrome."

"W-Welcome to our humble Guild, Saintess!" The person at the reception seemed to recognize Miss Camille.

'Did he just call her Saintess?' Leo doubted his ears.

"Sword King Khrome is already waiting for you in room three!"

"I understand."

"Let's go," she said while looking at Leo.

A few minutes later, they entered a room where a tall and bulky man could be seen standing by the window, silently staring outside with an intensive gaze.

"I apologize for the lateness despite being the one who arranged this meeting." Miss Camille said after entering the room.

The bulky man turned around and stared at them with a serious look on his face.

Leo swallowed nervously, wondering if he was going to start yelling at them.

However, to his surprise, the man suddenly showed a humble and friendly smile, "Don't worry about it! Since it's the Saintess who summoned me, I don't mind waiting even a few more hours! Hahaha!"

He then looked at Leo and continued, "Is this pipsqueak the one you want me to train?"

"Yes, his name is Leon, and I want you to teach him how to use the sword."

"Leon, huh? Nice to meet you, pipsqueak. You can just call me Khrome. I'm the best swordsman in the city. Since the Saintess has asked me to train you, I will make sure that you become the second best swordsman in the city, only below me!"

"About the payment, I will definitely compensate you for your time and effort." Miss Camille suddenly said.

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"I don't care about money! If you promise to have dinner with me, I will teach him for free!"

"Then that wouldn't be free. And I'd rather pay you the money." Miss Camille said, instantly shooting him down without any hesitation.

"You're still as cold as ever, I see." Khrome laughed out loud.

"Anyways, let's start training now. Follow me, Leon." Khrome said to him.

Leo nodded and followed him to a training room that was located underneath the Guild.

"How much experience do you have with the sword?" Khrome suddenly asked him.

"Not much if any at all. I've only been swinging the sword aimlessly to increase my strength for the past week."

"Is that so? Give this sword a swing for me." Khrome suddenly tossed him a steel sword.

Leo subconsciously went to catch the sword, but he immediately regretted his actions, as the sword weighed around 50kgs, which was more than he could handle.

"Huh?" Khrome stared at Leo with wide eyes.

"His maximum is 40kgs, and he started training only a week ago," Miss Camille said.

"No way... He's weaker than I thought. Looks like we have a lot of work to do, pipsqueak."

"Here, use this instead." Miss Camille handed Leo the sword that he trained with.

Now that he has a sword that he can actually swing, Leo swung the sword a couple of times for Khrome.

"All right, you can stop now." Khrome said a few moments later.

And he continued, "Your form isn't bad for someone who just started a week ago. You must have spent a lot of time swinging the sword."

"You have no idea..." Leo sighed.

"However, while your form is good, you lack every other aspect. Your sword swings feel empty. It lacks emotion and experience. And worse of all— it feels so damn weak."

"But don't worry, I will train you into a proper swordsman before the weekend ends! It's going to be difficult, but I won't let you quit even if you die! After all, my reputation is on the line here! I won't embarrass myself in front of the Saintess!"

"Then I will leave you boys alone. Leon, I will come pick you up tomorrow." Miss Camille said.

"Huh?" Leo looked at her with wide eyes.

Khrome suddenly patted his back and said, "Did you think you would be sleeping tonight? Sorry, but you're going to be sweating all night with me, pipsqueak!"

"You have got to be fucking kidding me..." Leo muttered in a dumbfounded voice.

Miss Camille smiled at the pain on his face and said, "Good luck. I'll see you tomorrow."

And without saying another word, she disappeared.

"Wow, I didn't think I would ever see the Saintess smile. What's your relationship with her?" Khrome asked him after she left.

"She's like my guardian... By the way, why do you keep calling her Saintess?" Leo finally got the chance to ask.

"Huh? You don't know?"

"Should I know?" Leo raised an eyebrow.

"Unbelievable..." Khrome shook his head.

"Anyways, I would love to tell you about her, but we don't have the time. If I'm going to turn you into a proper swordsman in a day and half, we'll need every minute we can get."

"I am now going to show you the basics of swordsmanship. Watch and learn."

Khrome started dancing around the training room with a sword in his hand.

Leo watched him intently.

A few minutes later, Khrome stopped his movements and said, "What you just witnessed is a sword technique called 'Formless Sword Dance'. It's one of the easiest sword techniques to learn but also the hardest to master."

"There are a total of ninety nine different combos in this technique, but you will only be learning the first ten, which is more than enough to qualify you as a swordsman."

"Here, wear these." Khrome handed Leo two stamina and two strength bracelets.

Once Leo wore the artifacts, Khrome officially started his hellish training, something that Leo will remember for the rest of his life.

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Chapter 20: Intense Training

Less than two hours into training, Leo already collapsed three times.

"W-Wait... Let me take a breath. I'm exhausted..." Leo gasped for air as he laid on the cold, metal floor.

"Sure. Go ahead and take as long as you need. However, just know that for every minute you take, I will increase the intensity of the training by another level!" Khrome said in a cold voice.

Compared to the friendly and humble character before training started, the current Khrome is like a beast who tortures humans for fun.

When he heard such threatening words, Leo reluctantly forced himself back onto his feet and started swinging his sword again.

However, a moments later—

"Wrong! Your elbow should be higher! Your sword's position is wrong!" Khrome corrected Leo every time he made a mistake, even smacking him with a wooden sword for every single mistake.

'Shit! It feels like I am being whipped with steel chains even though he's clearly using a wooden sword! What kind of training is this?! Even worse, he's not letting me drink any stamina potions when I am clearly exhausted! Why did I even agree to do this again?!

"Ah!" Leo screamed after being struck again.

"Clear your mind of unnecessary thoughts and focus on your sword and your movements!" Khrome shouted afterward.

Once Leo had truly exhausted the last drop of energy in his body an hour later, Khrome handed him a stamina potion and said, "Drink and stand back up."

After chugging down the stamina potion in one motion, Leo stood back up and continued to train without waiting for his stamina to fully recover.

This made Leo feel as though he was constantly exhausted— like he was always on the verge of collapsing.

'This pipsqueak... He has some amazing mental fortitude to endure all of this for so long.' Khrome thought to himself, as he'd expected for Leo to give up an hour into their training.

'It's already been five hours since we started, yet he hasn't complained once. When my teacher used this training method on me for the first time, I gave up within half an hour and complained constantly.'

Once it was around 5PM, Khrome stopped Leo's training and said, "Hey, it's break time. Go get yourself something to eat, but don't eat too much, or you'll just throw everything up when you start training again."

"I'm too tired to move, and I'd rather just lie here and rest."

"Suit yourself. I'll be back in an hour." Khrome said to him before leaving.

Meanwhile, Leo closed his eyes and fell asleep on the spot.

An hour passed in the blink of an eye.

When Khrome returned to the training room, he woke Leo from his nap, which felt like it'd lasted only for a couple of seconds.

The training resumed after that.

Once Leo mastered all ten combos by midnight, Khrome said to him, "Looks like you have some talent with the sword. I didn't think you'd learn all 10 combos so quickly. Since this is the case, I'll add five more combos for the heck of it!"

Leo wanted to complain, but he could feel himself improving, so he decided to keep his mouth shut.

At three in the morning, when Leo mastered five more combos, Khrome handed him another stamina potion.

"Before we start the next phase of training, I want you to recover fully." Khrome said.

Leo almost cried after hearing these wonderful words.

While Leo recovered, Khrome spoke to him, "So you want to know why Camille is known as the Saintess, right?"

"Yes."

"That's because she is one of the strongest healers in this country. Her magic affinity for the light element is also insanely high. Before she became a nurse at the Four Witches Academy, she was an S-Rank Adventurer who has amassed a good amount of reputation and achievements."

"I don't know why she decided to become a nurse at that school, but she used to be a renowned Adventurer before her retirement."

"Seriously?" Leo listened to all of this information with a wide mouth.

"Isn't Miss Camille still in her twenties? How can she have achieved so much at such a young age?"

"She's what most would call a prodigy. Some would even call her a monster. She also started her career as an Adventurer at 11 years old."

"Wow... I see her in a new light now."

Sometime later, Khrome picked up his sword again and said, "All right. Break time is over. Let's start the second phase of your training."

He pointed the sword at Leo and continued, "Although you may have mastered the 15 combos, you haven't truly perfected them yet. There's a difference between memorizing

it and utilizing it. And in order for you to truly master it, you must gain experience through real combat. Therefore, you're going to be fighting me for the rest of your time here."

"And if you're thinking it's going to be easier than phase one, I have some bad news for you."

Khrome suddenly emitted a powerful aura from his body, one that caused Leo to freeze in fear.

"W-What is this feeling? My instincts are telling me to run!" Leo trembled nonstop.

"Why are you standing there?! Training has already started! Come at me if you don't want to die!"

Khrome suddenly roared as he rushed at Leo.

Leo subconsciously swung the sword at Khrome, but it was easily blocked.

"What the fuck was that lousy swing just now, huh?! Did you already forget about everything you've learned today?! Strike and defend with the Formless Sword Dance!"

"Yes!"

Leo gritted his teeth and tried his best to resist Khrome's pressure while also trying to use the Formless Sword Dance, but it was much easier said than done.

Leo would not make any progress for half an hour, but he eventually got used to Khrome's pressure.

"Good! Come at me like you want to kill me! I can see it in your eyes— killing intent! Hahaha!" Khrome appeared to be enjoying his training with Leo.

Even though Leo was nowhere near strong enough to make him fight seriously, he admired Leo's persistence and dedication, something even many high-ranking Adventurers lack.

While Leo trained with Khrome, Miss Camille wandered the city for her own business.

"Welcome to Potion Haven, Saintess. Are you here for more potions?" The shopkeeper asked Miss Camille, almost as though she was a frequent customer.

"Yes, but give me 10 times the usual."

"T-Ten times? Do you plan on leaving the city?"

"Sort of."

"I understand. Please give me a few minutes to prepare."

While Miss Camille waited for the shopkeeper to return, she looked around the shop to see if there was anything else she needed.

Once the shopkeeper returned, Miss Camille paid for the potions that ended up costing her a million dollars.

"Thank you for your business as usual, Saintess. I hope this means that you're going to leave retirement and return to being an Adventurer." The shopkeeper said.

"What I am currently involved in is much more dangerous than being an Adventurer," she suddenly said.

"Huh?" The shopkeeper stared at her with wide eyes.

"See you later." However, Miss Camille left without explaining any further.

Sometime later, Miss Camille entered another building, and this one looked much more luxurious than the potion store.

"Welcome back to the Mirage Auction House, Saintess." A man in a black suit greeted Miss Camille shortly after she entered the building.

"Anything decent today?" She asked him in a calm voice.

"Here is a list of today's artifacts. We have an A-Rank artifact being auctioned in about an hour." The man handed her a pamphlet.

After a quick glance at the artifacts, Miss Camille turned around and walked out without saying another word.

"See you next time, Saintess." The man didn't mind her actions at all and even bowed to her.

The following day, Miss Camille went to check up on Leo two hours before the end of his training.

'He's probably no better than a corpse right now...!' She thought to herself as she made her way to their training room.

After entering the room, Miss Camille's eyes widened with surprise when she saw the scenery inside.

'He's actually keeping up with Khrome's training?!' She cried inwardly when she saw that Leo was sparring with Khrome.

Not wanting to disturb them, Miss Camille stood at the door and waited for them to finish.

After two hours of nonstop fighting, Khrome said, "All right, we're done with training. You can stop now."

However, almost as though he didn't hear Khrome, Leo continued to swing his sword.

"Wake up!" Khrome bonked Leo on the head with the wooden sword, knocking him down.

After getting knocked down, Leo did not get back up.

"Oh shit..." Khrome quickly went to check on Leo.

"Good, he's still alive..." He sighed in relief.

"What happened here?" Miss Camille approached them and asked.

Khrome looked at her and smiled, "You bought me one hell of a monster. And I am not talking about his strength or talents. He actually endured the whole training. If he can continue to endure my training, he'll easily reach my level within a few months."

"So you think he's talented with the sword?"

"Although he's no prodigy like you, he's got good potential."

Miss Camille couldn't help but smile after hearing Khrome's words, and she said, "He might not seem like it now, but he's definitely a prodigy, perhaps even a monster."

"Huh?" Khrome raised his eyebrows in a questioning manner.

"You'll find out soon. I plan on making him an Adventurer in two weeks."

"An Adventurer, huh?"

After pondering for a moment, Khrome spoke, "Hey, Saintess. I know our agreement only lasts until today, but I would like to continue training him for the next two weeks if you don't mind. I won't ask for any payments."

"Your reasoning?" She asked.

"This pipsqueak has piqued my interest." He smiled.

"I won't say anything. Leon can decide for himself once he wakes up."

"All right." Khrome nodded.