

Magic System in a Parallel World

Chapter 121: Fiend Warrior(2)

Leo watched as his mana dropped by nearly 500 every second, then recovered 275 half a second later because of his mana regeneration and the high-quality mana potion.

'Please hurry up, Miss Camille! I can't hold on for much longer!' Leo cried inwardly as he could feel his body getting weaker with every passing second.

A few moments later, right as Leo was about to run out of mana, a massive magic circle suddenly appeared in the sky above the monsters.

This magic circle was golden and incredibly complex with thousands of symbols within it. Furthermore, it emanated a holy aura that made it seem as though a divine entity was descending.

Camille took a deep breath before muttering in a cold voice, "Even if God forgives you, I will not— Divine Punishment!"

Whoosh!

A massive golden sword suddenly emerged from the magic circle and smashed directly onto the Fiend Warrior, causing the entire Giants' Valley to tremble.

A powerful explosion occurred the moment of the impact, and a blinding light illuminated the whole area the following second, almost as though a flashbang the size of a nuke had been denoted.

Camille quickly descended from the sky and landed near Leo and Nina after unleashing the devastating attack, feeling incredibly weak due to mana fatigue.

Despite her massive mana pool, she'd just overcharged a Tier 7 magic spell to its limit, so it would be weird if she wasn't out of mana.

Leo rushed over to Camille to see her condition.

"Are you okay, Miss Camille?!"

"Lower your voice. I am fine..." She said.

"That was freaking amazing! How can you be a healer and unleash such powerful magic spells at the same time?! Or are all healers this powerful in this world?"

"You think that was powerful? That was pathetically weak for a Tier 7 magic spell. If it were any other magic affinity, it would've been enough to destroy a whole mountain," she sighed.

"Is that so... Even if that's—"

"LEO! TO YOUR RIGHT!" Lilith suddenly shouted at him.

Leo turned to look over his right shoulder to see the Fiend Warrior climbing out of the large crater caused by Camille's magic spell.

"It's not dead even after taking that magic spell point blank?!" Leo exclaimed.

However, even though the Fiend Warrior had managed to survive Camille's Divine Punishment, it had only barely managed to survive. It was in a horrible condition with its body covered in its own blood, and it was even missing one of its arms.

"Leo! Get out of here! I will deal with it!" Camille quickly said to him.

Leo turned to look at her and smiled, "What can you do in that condition? You can barely stand up, much less fight the Fiend Warrior. Don't worry, it's heavily injured. I should be able to handle it in that state. Leave this to me."

"Nina! Take care of Miss Camille! I'm going to finish off the boss!"

"Y-Yes!" Nina quickly rushed over to take his place.

Meanwhile, Leo retrieved his red sword and approached the Fiend Warrior that could barely stand still.

The Fiend Warrior released a beastly roar as it suddenly raised its left arm before swinging its cleaver down.

Leo quickly cast Feather Step before dodging the attack.

"Lilith! Is there anybody else nearby?! I want to use magic!" Leo suddenly asked her.

"Give me a moment!" Lilith flew into the air and began scanning the area while continuously dodging the Fiend Warrior's slow but heavy attacks.

"Leo! I can see Valery's team in the distance! They're approaching this place! If you want to use magic, you need to hurry up and defeat the Fiend Warrior! Valery and her team will arrive in a minute!"

"I understand. Thanks."

Without needing to worry about being seen using magic, Leo immediately began throwing Void Spears at the Fiend Warrior.

'I don't have much mana left. I'm going to use as many Void Spears as I can before I finish it off with my sword!' Leo thought to himself.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Leo threw Void Spears after Void Spears at the Fiend Warrior, further weakening it.

About a minute later, Lilith shouted, "Leo! Valery and her team will be here any moment!"

"Alright!"

Leo overcharged his last Void Spear as much as possible before throwing it in the Fiend Warrior's face.

BOOM!

The attack was strong enough to stun the Fiend Warrior for a moment and bring it down to its knees.

When he saw this opportunity, Leo tightened his grip on the sword and jumped on top of the Fiend Warrior's shoulder.

And right as Leo raised his sword into the air, Valery and her team arrived at the scene to witness the moment Leo swung his sword down.

"Haaaa!"

Leo released a loud war cry right before swinging down his sword, decapitating the Fiend Warrior's thick neck in one swift movement.

Dong!

The Fiend Warrior's large head fell to the ground a second later, causing the ground to shake slightly.

<You have been awarded 10,000 Magic Points for slaying the Wilderness Boss 'Fiend Warrior'>

<You have been awarded 150,000 Magic Experience and 5,000 Magic Points for clearing 'Giants' Valley'>

"A-Am I seeing things, or did Leo just kill that Fiend Warrior...?" Kevin mumbled in a dazed voice.

"I don't want to believe it, but the evidence is right before my eyes..." Jennifer swallowed nervously.

"..." Valery and the others silently stared at Leo's figure with wide eyes.

After killing the Fiend Warrior, Leo went to remove its mana core, which was twice as large as the Black Wyvern's mana core.

He acted as though he didn't notice Valery and her team and went back to Camille and Nina's side a moment later.

"Here you go, Miss Camille. Since you did most of the work, this mana core belongs to you." Leo handed the mana core to her with a bright smile on his face.

"..."

Camille was left speechless by his actions.

"What you did was very reckless... but I'm glad that you did it." Camille said with a slight smile on her face a moment later.

"That mana core, you can keep it. Consider it a reward for your bravery."

"Really? Then I won't be humble! Thanks, Miss Camille!" Now with an even brighter smile on his face, Leo tossed the mana core into his Spatial Ring.

Chapter 122: End of the Wilderness Training Course

"Miss Camille! What happened here?" Valery and her team approached them shortly after Leo killed the Fiend Warrior.

"Huh? When did you guys get here?" Leo asked them, pretending to not know of their presence.

"We just got here... Right when you decapitated that Fiend Warrior." Conan said.

"Is that so." Leo mumbled before ignoring them and turning to look at Camille, "Now that the boss of the Giants' Valley is slain, the monsters here should stop respawning endlessly. I'm going to spend the last few days cleaning up the leftovers in this place."

"Alright. I will report this news to the Adventurers' Guild as well as the Headmistress." Camille nodded.

"Let's go. Nina. We only have a few more days left in this training course!" Leo said to her as he left the scene.

"Leo! Come to the infirmary after the results! We have a lot to talk about!" Camille shouted at him as he left.

"Okay!" He shouted back.

Once Leo and Nina disappeared into the distance, Valery and her team turned to look at Camille.

"Miss Camille... Did Leo really solo that Fiend Warrior?" Kevin asked her.

"..."

Camille pondered for a moment before speaking, "No, I helped him. I ran out of mana trying to kill it, so he stepped in to finish the monster for me. If you're going to make a complaint that a teacher had helped him gain points, you can do so at the end of the training course."

Camille didn't lie to them because they most likely saw her using Divine Punishment.

"We're not going to complain. Even if he didn't fight the Fiend Warrior by himself, it is still a fact that he'd landed the finishing blow." Kevin said.

"Right, everyone?" He turned to look at the others, who had perplexed expressions on their faces.

"..."

"Don't tell me you guys are actually going to complain?" Kevin asked them with raised eyebrows.

"I mean, that was Wilderness Boss, and an A-Rank monster at that! Do you have any idea how many points that is worth?! What if he overtakes us because of this?! That wouldn't be fair at all!" Erik said.

"I'm not going to complain because I don't really care." Conan shrugged.

"If Valery is fine with it, so am I." Jennifer said.

"What do you think, Valery?" John asked her, "What is your take on this situation?"

After pondering for a moment, Valery spoke, "Even if the Fiend Warrior was weakened by Miss Camille, I don't think it would've been an easy fight— at least I wouldn't have the confidence to defeat it. Since Leo managed to kill it, I think he deserves the points."

"You heard her, Erik. If you're going to complain, you'll be doing it alone." Kevin said to him.

"Che." Erik sucked his teeth in a frustrated manner.

"Anyways, we still have several days to catch up to whoever is ranked one. Let's go." Valery said to them before making her leave.

Camille retrieved her phone and called Headmistress Eve to tell her about the situation.

"What?! You fought with a Fiend Warrior and Leo finished it off?!" Eve was greatly surprised by the news.

"Yes, so someone might complain about it later. Well, even if we deducted the points for the Fiend Warrior, I have a feeling that Leo would still take first place."

"Wait a minute. Leo is in first place? Are you for real?" Eve asked in a voice of disbelief.

"I don't know how he'd managed to do it but it's real. I saw his watch a few days ago." Camille said.

"Anyways, I'm going to contact the Adventurers' Guild to let them know about the Giants' Valley so that they could send reinforcements to clean up the remaining monsters in a few days after the training course."

Camille hung up on Eve and called the Adventurers' Guild afterward.

Meanwhile, Leo and Nina continued to hunt monsters inside the Giants' Valley, and since there were only a few days left in the training course, they decided to push through it and not rest until the end.

Leo also had nearly 20 thousand Magic Points, but he decided to wait until after the training course before spending them since he didn't need any upgrades at the moment, and he wanted to sit down and have plenty of time to think about it.

Time passed in a flash, and before everyone was aware, the Wilderness Training Course had come to an end.

Di. Di. Di.

Di. Di. Di.

Di. Di. Di.

Leo and Nina stopped their movements when both of their watches started going off at the same time.

"Looks like the training course has ended. Any kills after this point will no longer count. Let's head back to the city now." Nina said while looking at Leo, who nodded.

"Do we have to get back in a certain time? I'd like to get some rest before we go back." Leo asked.

"We have 14 days to get back before the announcement. We're about eight days away from Stellar City, so we have plenty of time." Nina said.

"Great. Then let's get some rest."

Leo set up the tent shortly after.

After resting for a whole day, Leo and Nina left the Giants' Valley and started making their way back to the city.

While they moved, Nina said to him, "Leo, here are my points. As promised, I will give them all to you."

"Eh? I thought our points were shared." Leo said.

"As a team, it is. However, besides the team ranking, there is also a whole separate ranking for individual performance. Although it isn't as important as the team ranking, you'll still receive some rewards for it."

"If that's the case, you can just keep it. After all, I killed most of the monsters that we encountered." Leo said.

Indeed, since Leo had to kill the monsters for his quest for progress, he ended up doing most of the finishing blows.

Nina checked her individual points for the first time, and sure enough, she only had a small portion of their total points.

"Even if I only had a single point, a promise is a promise. Here, take it." Nina said before transferring all of her points to Leo.

"Thanks..." Leo mumbled.

Chapter 123: End of the Wilderness Training Course(2)

Over the next several days, Leo and Nina would take their time traveling back to Stellar City. They would move during the day when there were fewer monsters and rest during the night when the Wilderness was packed with monsters.

And since he ate less than what he'd anticipated, Leo had plenty of spare high-quality MREs. In fact, even if they ate three meals a day until they returned to the city, he would still have some leftovers.

On their way back, they would encounter other students from the same academy, and the majority of them looked beat up with their clothes in shambles and their hair all dirty and tangled, almost as though they'd tumbled down a mountain or something.

Compared to the other students' appearance, Leo and Nina looked completely fine, as if they had taken a stroll in the park while the others had gone through hell and back.

When they were only a few hours away from returning to Stellar City, Leo asked Nina, "Hey, Nina, are you really going to leave the academy after this? Or have you changed your mind?"

"I'm going to leave. In fact, after spending the past four weeks in the Wilderness with you and experiencing firsthand what it feels like to be an Adventurer, I have become even more eager to become a full-time Adventurer."

"Is that so...?" Leo mumbled.

Nina raised an eyebrow when she saw his dejected look, "What's wrong, Leo? Don't tell me that you want me to stay in the academy?"

He nodded, "Although we've only known each other for a bit and our first impression with each other wasn't the best, you're still the first person that I can consider as a true friend in the whole academy since I've returned, and we've experienced so much together in the last month, so it's only natural that I am going to miss you."

Nina's face became slightly rosy after hearing his words, and she spoke in a low voice, "I'm really flattered that you consider someone like me as your friend, especially after what I had forced you to go through. You're also the first person that I can truly trust and call a friend since I came to the academy many years ago."

"Unfortunately, there is really nothing left for me to do at the academy. My only purpose there was to learn about magic and hopefully resurrect my mother, but that didn't work out. Besides you, I don't have any friends or another purpose for staying there. I'm sure the other students will also be glad that someone like me will be gone."

"With that being said, if you become my boyfriend, I don't mind staying in the academy for a little longer because then I will have a reason to stay." Nina suddenly said with an embarrassed expression on her face.

"T-That's..." Leo was speechless and taken aback by her words, as this is the first time that someone has said such a thing to him.

"I-I'm just joking with you!" Nina said with a bashful smile on her face.

Both Leo and Nina would remain silent for the rest of their way back to the academy.

Once they could see the city walls, Nina finally broke the awkward silence and said, "Look! We're finally back!"

When they arrived at the city walls, they could see Headmistress Eve and other teachers gathered at the gate and collecting the students' watches and recorders.

"Return your watches and recorders here! Once you have handed them in, you may rest until the 15th, when we will announce the results in the academy's auditorium!" The teachers there repeated to the students.

Leo and Nina handed their watches and recorders to one of the teachers, but someone else showed up to take their equipment.

"I will handle this team's watches and recorder."

"Headmistress! Here you go."

Without any hesitation, the teacher handed their watches and recorders to Headmistress Eve, who had to make sure that neither Leo or Nina had recorded anything that they shouldn't have.

After all, they might have accidentally left the recorder on when Leo used magic.

"Leo, Camille wants to see you at the infirmary tomorrow at 11 AM. Nina Wraith, you'll see me in my office tomorrow at the same time." Eve said to them.

"I understand." They responded simultaneously.

Once they returned to the city, Leo and Nina shared the taxi back to the academy, where they went their separate ways.

"Even though we were in a lot of dangerous situations, I had a lot of fun for this year's training course, Leo. I'm really glad that I got to experience all of that before I left the academy. We should do it again in the future." Nina said to him before leaving.

"Yes... I also had a lot of fun." Leo didn't know what else to say, so he could only say such bland words.

Leo returned to his own room shortly after, and after taking a long shower, he would spend the rest of the day lying on the bed.

"Even though we've only been away for a month, it feels like much longer has passed." Lilith said as she floated around the room.

"Really? It actually felt quite short for me, though."

"That's probably because you're always fighting and focused. Time flows faster when you're focused."

"..."

"What's wrong? You seem to be bothered by something for a while now. Is it about Nina? Don't tell me you actually fell for her and don't want her to leave the academy." Lilith stared at him with a teasing smile on her face.

"Huh? Don't be silly. That's not it. Nina wants to be a full-fledged Adventurer, but when I look at her childish appearance, I cannot help but feel worried, especially when she..." Leo suddenly halted his sentence.

"Especially when she... what?" Lilith urged him to continue.

Leo took a deep breath and sighed, "Nina... She reminds me of my sister, and when I think about her, I wonder if my family still exists in this world as well."

"Why wouldn't they exist? If they existed in your world, then they should also—"

"Because in my world, my family is dead." Leo suddenly interrupted.

"Huh?" Lilith's eyes widened with surprise, unsure of what to say after hearing such a thing.

Chapter 124: Artifact Grading System

After a moment of silence, Lilith spoke, "I'm sorry to hear that... But you never know. Since this is a different world, your family might still be alive."

"That would be quite comical if that was the case. In my world, I am alive and my family is dead, but in this world, I am dead and my family is well and alive." Leo said with a bittersweet smile on his face.

"With that being said, even if they are alive, I don't know if I want to meet them. After all, they are not really my family, and I am not their Leo."

"Don't be like that, Leo. While it may be true that you're from another world, it doesn't change the fact that you are still Leo. You can't just shove everything that is related to you away because they're not the same people you knew."

"Easy for you to say since you're not in my shoes. You have no idea how it feels to live in the shoes of another person and pretend to be that person." Leo sighed.

"So you're just going to act like you don't have a family in this world? You know, even if you don't look for them, they will come looking for you once they realize that you're still alive." Lilith said.

"That probably won't happen for a long while since I wasn't born in this city. I came to this city when my family died many years ago. Anyways, I'm going to sleep."

The following morning, after eating some food in the cafeteria that couldn't compare to his high-quality MREs, Leo made his way to the infirmary, where Camille was waiting for him.

"Good morning, Miss Camille."

She turned to look at him and said, "You have a lot of explaining to do today."

"Why does it sound like I am in trouble?" He showed a bittersweet smile.

"The other teachers are already making a scene after they saw your points. Many of them couldn't believe that two people had managed to acquire that many points." She sighed.

"Is it really that unbelievable?" Leo raised an eyebrow.

"Did you even look at your own score at the end of the training course? The academy hasn't seen such a high score like that in years."

Leo shrugged, "So what? Unbelievable things can happen sometimes. My very existence is proof of that."

"Anyways, you're not really in trouble. I'm just letting you know that there may be some complications in the near future. Now that is out of the way, tell me about your experience in the training course and how you acquired that artifact."

Leo nodded and proceeded to recall his month-long journey in the Wilderness with Nina.

"Y-You encountered the Elder's Legacy?!" Camille was greatly shocked after hearing this.

"Do you have any idea how groundbreaking this discovery is?! Many people believed that the Elder had left behind his legacy before he died, but nobody was able to find it despite spending hundreds of years looking for it, and they are still looking to this day! If news of the Elder's Legacy gets out, you will be in grave danger!"

"And about that cave you entered with Nina... It's not a secret location. In fact, it's already been explored before. However, none of them encountered the Elder or partook in his trial even though they have been to that same room you went."

"Really? Because the Elder's hologram showed up shortly after we entered the place." Leo said.

Camille pondered for a moment before mumbling, "Maybe there's a certain requirement, and unless the conditions are met, the event would not trigger. For example, only someone who came from another world could trigger it..."

"I see... That would make sense."

"Anyways, what are you going to do? Are you going to chase after the Edler's legacy?" Camille asked him a moment later.

"You're not going to stop me?" He asked in a surprised voice, as he was certain that she was going to try to talk him out of it.

"Why would I?"

"I mean... I thought everyone in this world hated Otherworlders and would rather not get involved with them, and it seems dangerous." Leo said.

"While it's true that most people fear Otherworlders and treat them as some kind of evil god, these people still covet the treasures left behind by these Otherworlders, as a single one of them could change their entire life."

"Your Elder's Orb of Restraint is one of these treasures that people would kill to acquire. Make sure you keep it a secret and hidden when you use it."

"That was my intention from the start." He nodded.

Camille sighed, "To be honest, I want to get your artifact graded to see just how much it's worth, but if we do that, the whole world will question where you had acquired it."

"There's no need for it to be graded since I already know it's an S-Grade artifact." Leo said.

"I'm not talking about that kind of grading. There's a whole different grading system for artifacts." Camille shook her head, and she continued, "For example, F-Grade artifacts will have a score between 100 and 200. The artifacts with a score that is closer to 200 are worth way more than the artifacts with a grade closer to 100. This is how we compare artifacts of a similar grade because not all artifacts are created equal, and this is especially true for S-Grade artifacts that can vary greatly."

"Is that so... This is my first time hearing about such a grading system."

Camille nodded, "I have already told you about F-Grades, so I will give you a general number for the others. E-Grade artifacts are graded between 201 and 500. D-Grade artifacts are graded between 501 and 1,000. C-Grade artifacts are graded between 1,001 and 2,000. B-Grade artifacts are graded between 2,001 and 5,000. A-Grade artifacts are graded between 5,001 and 10,000, and anything above 10,000 are considered S-Grade artifacts."

"I see..." Leo mumbled as he digested this information.

Chapter 125: Until Graduation

"By the way, what grade are the Elder's rings?" Leo asked her a moment later.

"Around 15,000," she said, and she continued, "They would be two to three times higher if I had the whole set, though."

"I see..." Leo mumbled.

"Anyways, I will speak with the Headmistress about your situation and see if she can assist you in any way regarding the Elder's legacy. The results for the training course won't be announced for another 14 days, so you can just relax until then. You deserve a good rest after all that." Camille said to him a moment later.

However, Leo shook his head, "No, I am going to practice my magic. I had plenty of rest on my way back to the city."

Leo left the infirmary shortly after and made his way to the Training Center. Meanwhile, Camille went to look for Eve in her office.

"And that's all I have to say." Nina had just finished recalling her experience in the Wilderness Training Course for Headmistress Eve.

"It seems to me that you have skipped over a substantial amount of details, Nina. You're telling me to believe that you'd managed to acquire this many points just from clearing a monster's nest and spending a few days inside some cave?" Eve asked her with a serious frown on her face.

"That is correct." Nina calmly nodded.

Besides what transpired inside the cave— how they discovered the Elder's legacy, Nina told Eve about everything else.

"One more question. Why do you have zero points?" Eve then asked her.

"I gave them all to Leo at the end of the training course."

"Why would you do something like that? You know that if your individual ranking is low enough, it could affect your academy scores."

"Something like that won't matter to me because I will be leaving the academy."

Eve's eyes widened after hearing her words, "What? Why do you want to leave the academy so suddenly? Did something happen?"

Besides Leo, Nina was the only dark magic user in the whole academy, and she was a witch, so it would be a huge loss to the academy if she left.

"I have my own reasons for leaving the academy, and it has nothing to do with the academy or the people in it."

"You only have 3 years left in the academy before your graduation. Can't you reconsider and stay for a little longer? It makes no sense why you would spend so much effort and time in the academy just to leave 3 years before your graduation. You've been a student in this academy since you were 13 years old, right? If there's anything we can do to help you..."

"I want to become a full-time Adventurer." Nina suddenly said.

"Adventurer? Most of the students in the academy are Adventurers as well. You don't need to leave the academy just to become an Adventurer."

"I am well aware of that, but I wish to travel the world and improve my own strength as fast as possible, as I'd realized just how weak I truly am during the training course."

"If you wish to get stronger, we have plenty of qualified and experienced instructors to help you."

"It's not the same, Headmistress. The difference between training in a safe environment and out in the Wilderness where you can die at any moment is completely different. I'm sure you already know this, or else we wouldn't have the Wilderness Training Course."

Eve couldn't argue with Nina's logic, as what she said was true. Those that risk their lives in the Wilderness will naturally grow much faster than those that trained inside a city where one doesn't need to worry about being swarmed by monsters.

"Please don't make it harder for me to leave, Headmistress. I am already having second thoughts." Nina sighed a moment later with a bittersweet smile on her face.

Eve raised an eyebrow at her words.

After pondering for a moment, Eve spoke, "How about this? You can become a full-time Adventurer and stop attending school as though you're no longer a student, but I want

you to remain as a student in papers, so in three years, you'll still be able to graduate. This also means you'll keep your current benefits as a student of this academy."

"Huh? Why would you do that for me? The academy won't benefit from doing such a thing." Nina asked with a tilted head.

"Are you sure about that? If you become a renowned Adventurer, our academy will definitely benefit from it since you're our student." Eve said with a smile on her face.

"Plus, even if you are planning on leaving the academy, it doesn't mean the academy should stop supporting you. Do you know how many people that have left or graduated from the academy still request assistance from us? As long as you weren't kicked out of the academy for doing something bad, we will always be by your side."

"Anyways, when do you plan on leaving the academy?" Eve then asked.

Nina responded in a low voice that was barely audible.

"I see... If that is your decision, then best of luck to you, Nina." Eve mumbled.

Sometime later, Camille knocked on the door.

"It's me."

"Come inside."

Camille opened the door to see Nina sitting on the couch across from Eve.

"Should I come back later?"

"It's fine, Miss Camille. I was just about to leave." Nina said as she stood up.

She bowed to Eve and said, "Thank you for everything, Headmistress."

"I am merely doing my job." She smiled.

"Miss Camille, thank you for everything as well." Nina gave her a polite bow before leaving the office.

"..." Camille could sense a lonely feeling coming from Nina's back, and she couldn't quite understand why.

After closing the door and locking it, Camille sat where Nina just sat on the couch and said, "I just spoke with Leo. You're going to want to listen to this."

"Wait." Eve sealed the room with magic to make sure their conversation wouldn't be leaked.

"Alright, go ahead."

Camille nodded, and she proceeded to recall everything that Leo had told her to Eve, whose face would become more dazed as she listened to the shocking details of Leo's adventure with Nina.

"Elder's legacy, huh... To think they'd discover something so groundbreaking..." Eve rubbed her eyes and sighed after hearing the whole story.

"I'm confident that Leo won't run his mouth about the Elder's legacy to anyone, but I'm not so sure about Nina Wraith..." Camille said.

Eve smiled and said, "If you're worried about her telling anyone, you don't need to."

"Why do you seem so confident about that?" Camille raised an eyebrow.

"Because she didn't say anything about it when I pressured her to tell me everything about her experience. She mentioned the cave, but she never once mentioned anything about the Elder's legacy. Also, as weird as this may sound, Nina is a good girl. I trust her."

"If you say so... Anyways, what should we do about the Elder's legacy and Leo?" Camille then asked.

"Well... What did Leo say he wants to do?" Eve asked.

"He said he wants to chase after it."

"If that's his decision, then I guess we can only assist him to the best of our abilities. After all, it's not like we can convince him to not covet the Elder's treasures when we would do the same if we were in his shoes." Eve smiled.

And she continued, "With that being said, he's still too weak to do anything right now, much less chase after the Elder's legacy that will surely be filled with danger. Therefore, until he graduates in three years, I will be helping him prepare through training."

"Of course, you can also help if you want. I don't want you to think that I am trying to steal your Leo from you." Eve chuckled with a teasing look on her face.

"What nonsense are you saying? Leo is just a student, and he's 7 years younger than me." Camille frowned.

"It's only 7 years. There are plenty of couples out there that are 20 years apart." Eve shrugged.

"Regardless, I don't see Leo like that."

"Whatever you say, Camille. Anyways, what is Leo doing right now?" Eve asked her a second later.

"He said he's going to practice his magic, so he should be in the Training Center."

"How diligent. I guess I can give him a few days of rest before we start our training."

"What are you going to do about the training course? The teachers are questioning his points." Camille suddenly asked.

"Let them question it. If they truly have a problem with it, they will come to me, and I will deal with it then." Eve casually shrugged.

"You're always so carefree..." Camille sighed.

Meanwhile, Leo was lying on his bed inside his room, his gaze fixated on the Magic System as he pondered what he should spend his nearly 20,000 Magic Points on.

'Since I have 20,000 Magic Points, I'm going to increase my mana regeneration, which will allow me to spam magic spells more often. Unless I need to, I won't increase my mana capacity since it will naturally increase as I use magic. As for my magic power... I guess it doesn't hurt to have more.'

'After buying these two options for 12,000 Magic Points, I will need 4 thousand more to increase the level of my Magic Shop, which will hopefully unlock more options. Maybe I should just gamble these points on passive skills...'

Sometime later, Leo purchased Increase Mana Regeneration and Increase Magic Power from the Magic Shop.

Chapter 126: Magic Shop Level 3

<Confirm purchase 'Increase Mana Regeneration' for 7,000 Magic Points>

<Confirm purchase 'Increase Magic Power' for 5,000 Magic Points>

"Confirm."

<Your mana regeneration has increased by 1,500>

<Your magic power has significantly increased>

"1,500 mana regeneration!" Leo exclaimed after acquiring this massive upgrade.

After his upgrades, Lilith could sense a drastic change in Leo's aura.

'With this much mana regeneration, I won't have to worry about running out of mana unless I am using the Elder's Orb of Restraints!' Leo was all smiles after seeing his improvements.

However, he wasn't done just yet, as he still had 4 thousand Magic Points left to spend on passive skills.

After pondering for some time, Leo decided to purchase 10 F-Rank Passive Skills. Even if most of them don't benefit him at the moment, they might benefit him in the future.

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Weak Wind Resistance>

[Description: Increases your resistance to wind damage by 5%]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Minor Energy Boost>

[Description: Increases your energy]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Weak Water Resistance>

[Description: Increases your resistance to water damage by 5%]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Hunting Expertise>

[Description: Increases your hunting experience]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Survival Expertise>

[Description: Increases your survival experience]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Weak Earth Resistance>

[Description: Increases your resistance to earth damage by 5%]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Minor Damage Mitigation>

[Description: Decreases all damage received by 5%]

When Leo purchased his seventh F-Rank passive skill and tried to purchase his eighth one, he realized that the option for it in the Magic Shop had disappeared.

<You have purchased all available F-Rank Passive Skills>

'As I thought, there's a limit to the amount of passive skills available.' Leo thought to himself.

Since he could no longer purchase F-Rank passive skills, he moved onto E-Rank Passive Skills, purchasing three of them.

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Decent Damage Mitigation>

[Description: Decrease all damage received by 10%]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Magic Cast Speed Boost>

[Description: Increases your magic casting speed]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Soundless Footwork>

[Description: A profound movement technique that will allow you to move around without making a sound]

When he saw the third E-Rank passive skill, Leo decided to test it out by walking around the room.

Lilith's eyes widened when she quickly noticed that no sound was coming from Leo's movements.

"How are you doing that?" she asked him.

"A new skill I got from the system," Leo said with a smile on his face as he started running in circles around the room without making even the slightest sound.

Sometime later, he looked at the Shop Experience for the Magic Shop.

[Shop Experience: 18,410/20,000]

'I just need to spend a little more and the Magic Shop will upgrade to level 3. However, should I purchase 4 E-Rank passive skills or 2 D-Rank?'

After pondering for a moment, he decided to purchase 2 D-Rank passive skills.

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Mana Recovery>

[Description: You will recover a small portion of your mana back every time you inflict damage on an enemy]

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Monster Slayer>

[Description: Increases all damage dealt to normal monsters by 30%]

Ding!

<Magic Shop has leveled up>

{Magic Shop}

[Magic Shop Level: 3]

[Awaken Random Affinity: 6,000 MP]

[Increase Mana Capacity: 3,000 MP]

[Increase Magic Power: 50,000 MP]

[Improve Magic Affinity: ?]

[Increase Mana Regeneration: 100,000 MP]

[Magic Points Hunter: 1,000 MP]

[Awaken Random E-Rank Passive Skill: 500 MP]

[Awaken Random D-Rank Passive Skill: 1,000 MP]

[Awaken Random C-Rank Passive Skill: 5,000 MP]

[Awaken Random B-Rank Passive Skill: 20,000 MP]

[Shop Experience: 410/1,000,000]

Leo swallowed nervously after seeing the new options for the Magic Shop as well as the required experience to reach the next level.

'100,000 Magic Points for the next mana regeneration purchase, and I need a million freaking points to reach level 4... It's probably going to take months if not years before that happens...' Leo sighed inwardly.

'Hmm?'

Leo suddenly narrowed his eyes on 'Magic Points Hunter'.

'What the hell is a Magic Points Hunter?' He wondered inwardly.

He really wanted to sooth his curiosity by buying it, but it costs 1,000 Magic Points, and he was almost running out of Magic Points again.

After pondering for some time, he decided to buy it, as the words 'Magic Points' in its name were simply too specific and desirable.

<Confirm purchase 'Magic Points Hunter' for 1,000 Magic Points>

"Confirm!"

Ding!

<You have acquired the Unique Passive Skill: Magic Points Hunter>

[Description: You will acquire Magic Points for every enemy you kill. Stronger enemies will grant more Magic Points.]

Leo's eyes widened with shock after seeing this new unique passive skill.

"Holy fuck! This is perfect!" Leo exclaimed out loud, feeling relief and glad at the same time—relieved that he didn't waste his points and glad that the Magic System had this kind of passive skill, as it will allow him to farm Magic Points more consistently even without completely quests.

"What's got you shouting like a child before an amusement park?" Lilith asked him with a curious look on her face.

He smiled and said, "Let's just say that my life has gotten a lot more convenient just now."

"I don't get it." Lilith raised an eyebrow in a puzzled manner.

"You won't get it unless you have the Magic System. Anyways, I'm going to the Training Hall now to test out all of my new upgrades!" Leo quickly got dressed and rushed to the Training Hall while disguised.

While inside the Training Center, Leo would spend the rest of the day testing out his new passive skills as well as improving his magic spells. Now that he had over 1,500 mana regeneration, he could spam his current magic spells as much as he wanted without worrying about mana fatigue.

Chapter 127: Elite Monsters

After arriving in the Training Center in his disguise, Leo set up the Magic Absorbing Dummy.

'I didn't have the time to fully test this passive skill out in the Wilderness, but now that I am back, I can test it as much as I want.'

Leo started off throwing a single Void Spear at the dummy, which immediately pulsed with a dark red light, suggesting the Void Spear was far above 5,000 magic power.

Then he threw another Void Spear.

And another.

On his fourth try, the moment he released his mana, one Void Spear appeared, then came another almost instantly after. However, Leo didn't multicast.

When he saw this, Leo immediately turned to look at his mana.

'Only 200 mana was used just now even though two Void Spears had happened. This means that Double Cast doesn't consume more mana when it activates. This is great news.' Leo smiled to himself after confirming this.

And in order to make sure he wasn't mistaken, he would repeat this several more times until he was absolutely certain.

Leo turned to look at Lilith and asked her, "What do you think of my casting speed?"

"Huh? What about it?" She asked.

"Is it noticeably faster than before?"

"Do it a few more times."

Leo proceeded to throw several more Void Spears with barely any pauses in-between.

"What do you think?" He looked at her again.

"Hmmm..." Lilith rubbed her chin with a pondering look on her face.

"It's hard to tell since it's just a Tier 2 magic spell, and as far as I'm aware, you've always been this fast. Why don't you try something different? Instead of throwing Void Spears, try overcharging it. Your cast speed also affects your overcharging rate."

"Alright, I'll try it now."

After taking a deep breath, Leo began overcharging his Void Spear until he could no longer do so, and in less than ten seconds, he'd managed to fully charge the Void Spear.

He casually tossed the overcharged Void Spear at the Magic Absorbing Dummy.

"Ah! Don't do that—" Lilith suddenly panicked for some reason.

However, it was too late, as the Void Spear had already left Leo's grasp.

BOOM!

For the first time ever, the Magic Absorbing Dummy did not absorb the impact, and the Void Spear caused a pretty big explosion that shook the entire room.

When the explosion subsided, Leo looked at the Magic Absorbing Dummy, but it looked completely different— like it was burnt. Indeed, the Magic Absorbing Dummy had suddenly turned completely black, almost as though it had spent a day in the cremator.

"What happened?" Leo asked Lilith, who seemed to know it was going to happen before he even threw the Void Spear.

"This quality of Magic Absorbing Dummy can only absorb so much mana at once. If you overload its capacity, it will break," she said.

"Oh... I never had this problem before, so I didn't really think about it." Leo mumbled after realizing the truth.

"The limit is probably around 20,000 to 25,000 magic power." Lilith then said.

"I see... Anyways, it took me 9 seconds to fully charge the Void Spear just now, which is twice as fast as previously, not to mention that my magic power had increased significantly since then, so it's actually much faster than that." Leo said a moment later.

"That's pretty good." Lilith agreed.

Sometime later, Leo stopped his experiments and started practicing for real.

Since his mana regeneration is so high now, it was almost impossible to experience mana fatigue no matter how many times he spammed his magic spells.

Eventually, Leo gave up on casting Void Spears and started focusing on increasing his skeleton summon skills.

Since he needed 5,000 mana to summon 50 skeleton warriors and 2,500 magic to summon 5 skeleton mages, he would summon as many skeleton servants as he could before deactivating them and summoning them again, and every time he did this he would lose 7,500 mana, which was more than his mana regeneration could handle. Of course, since his Double Cast works on all magic spells, some of his summons wouldn't cost mana at times, but it wasn't consistent enough to let his mana regeneration fully recover his mana.

After training in this manner for several hours, his Summon Skeleton Warriors reached Mastery Rank B, and his Summon Skeleton Mages reached Mastery Rank C.

[Summon Skeleton Warriors]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 3]

[Mana: 100]

[Mastery Rank: B]

[Summon Limit: 200]

[Summon Skeleton Mages]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 4]

[Mana: 500]

[Mastery Rank: C]

[Summon Limit: 20]

Not only did his Mastery Ranks increase, but he also completed a quest for spending 1,000,000 mana.

[+150 Magic Points]

[+150 Magic Points]

[+150 Magic Points]

In fact, he'd used over 3,000,000 mana in just a few hours, so he finished the quest three times, reaching its limit.

His quest upgraded after his 3rd completion.

[Use 50,000,000 Mana: 50 MP]

[Reward: 1500 MP]

[Limit: 1/3]

Furthermore, since he's completed enough quests, his Quest Shop also leveled up.

<Quest Shop has leveled up>

{Quest Shop}

[Quest Shop Level: 2]

[Defeat an F-Rank Adventurer: 1 MP]

[Reward: 10 MP]

[Completed: 1/3]

[Use 50,000,000 Mana: 50 MP]

[Reward: 1500 MP]

[Completed: 0/3]

[Kill 5,000 Monsters: 500 MP]

[Reward: 15,000 MP]

[Completed: 0/3]

[Explore F-Rank Labyrinth: 20 MP]

[Reward: 300 MP]

[Completed: 0/1]

[Learn Tier 6 Magic Spell: 1,000 MP]

[Reward: 5,000 MP]

[Completed: 0/1]

[Kill 1 F-Rank Boss Monster: 50 MP]

[Reward: 5,000 MP]

[Completed: 0/1]

[Clear 1 F-Rank Monster Nest: 50 MP]

[Reward: 10,000 MP]

[Completed: 0/1]

[Kill 1 Elite Monster: 100 MP]

[Reward: 50,000 MP]

[Completed: 0/1]

[Quest Completed: 1/20]

'Hmm? Elite Monster?' Leo raised an eyebrow after seeing this new quest.

He decided to ask Lilith.

"Hey, Lilith. What's an elite monster?"

"An elite monster? They're basically mutated monsters. They're exceptionally rare as well as incredibly powerful. For example, an elite monster of an F-Rank monster could be as powerful as a C-Rank monster. Furthermore, their mana cores contain a special kind of mana that is widely sought after."

"Mutated monsters? Can any monster out there become an elite monster?" Leo then asked.

"Yes. Any kind of monster can spawn as an elite monster, but as I said, they're exceptionally rare. Perhaps one out of a million monsters will be an elite monster."

"One out of a million...?" Leo swallowed nervously. He's killed hundreds of monsters with Nina during the training course, yet they haven't encountered an elite monster.

Sometime later, Leo returned the broken Magic Absorbing Dummy to one of the workers there.

"...Seriously?" The worker looked back and forth between Leo and the burnt dummy.

"Sorry... I didn't know it had a limit and accidentally broke it."

'He accidentally broke a Magic Absorbing Dummy?! These dummies can absorb up to 20,000 magic power with ease, and he accidentally broke it?! Even an Elite Student would need to deliberately try to break it if they want to damage it! Just who is this student? How come I don't recognize someone with such talents?' The worker wondered to himself with a dazed look on his face.

Chapter 128: Dark Mist

"Umm... Sorry if this somehow offends you, but I don't recognize you, and I have worked here for a decade now. Are you a new student here?" The worker suddenly asked Leo, whose body froze the moment he heard such a question.

"Y-Yes... I only recently arrived at this school. My name is, uhh, Theo— Theo Scarlet."

Leo subconsciously blurted out a random name, and he accidentally gave himself the Scarlet surname for some reason.

"Scarlet...? Don't tell me you're from that famous..." The worker also noticed it.

"No, I have no connections to that Scarlet Family." Leo quickly said.

"Anyways, is there anything I need to do for this damaged Magic Absorbing Dummy? Am I going to have to pay for it?"

"No, you don't have to pay for it since this is just an accident and your first offense. However, if you continue breaking them deliberately, you'll have to start paying for them." The worker said with a smile.

"I understand. Thank you."

Leo left the Training Center after handing over the broken dummy and returned to his room.

He would return the following day to continue practicing his magic.

"Lilith, what is the max Mastery Rank for magic spells?" He asked her before he began.

"That would be S-Rank."

"What about EX-Rank?" He then asked.

"I mean, it exists, but only as a legend. Nobody has ever achieved EX-Rank before, that's all." She shook her head.

"I see..."

"Who knows, maybe you'll be the first with your ridiculous talents." Lilith stared at him with a slight smile on her face.

Leo started practicing his magic shortly after, further increasing his Mastery Rank for Summon Skeleton Warrior and Summon Skeleton Mages.

[Summon Skeleton Warriors]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 3]

[Mana: 100]

[Mastery Rank: A]

[Summon Limit: 300]

[Summon Skeleton Mages]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 4]

[Mana: 500]

[Mastery Rank: B]

[Summon Limit: 30]

<You have completed a quest>

[+1,500 Magic Points]

"Phew. Another day of good progress." Leo wiped the sweat off his forehead with his sleeves before leaving the Training Center.

Over the next few days, Leo would improve all of his magic spells to Mastery Rank A.

[Summon Skeleton Mages]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 4]

[Mana: 500]

[Mastery Rank: A]

[Summon Limit: 50]

<You have completed a quest>

[+1,500 Magic Points]

<You have completed a quest>

[+1,500 Magic Points]

<You have a new Quest>

[Use 250,000,000 Mana: 100 MP]

[Reward: 5,000 MP]

[Completed: 0/3]

"Hey, Lilith, isn't it about time you teach me some new magic spells? I know 10 magic spells right now, and I have increased all of their Mastery Rank to A. It seems like it will take a while before I can increase them to S, too."

She nodded, "You're right. You should have enough experience to learn more magic spells now."

"The question now is... What kind of magic user do you want to become? You can be a necromancer and command an army of undead like Nina, or you can become a pure damage dealer whose only goal is to dish out devastating magic spells from the backline. If you wish to be more of a support, you can become a debuffer and weaken the enemy with your curses, allowing your teammates to have an easier time. Most people only choose one or two paths because they are limited by the amount of magic spells they can learn."

Leo pondered for a moment before speaking, "With the Magic System, I will definitely be able to learn many more magic spells than others. Since this is the case, I'd like to learn spells from different roles, as this will not only give me more options during battles, but I will also be able to traverse the Wilderness by myself since I can play all roles."

Upon hearing Leo's decision, Lilith suddenly started laughing, "You want to learn magic spells from different roles so that you won't have to rely on a team in the Wilderness? That's the most selfish yet brilliant thing I've heard in a long time! I like it! If you're truly capable of that, then I want to see it for myself— what a magic user that can play all roles by himself would look like on the battlefield!"

"Now then, this is the first magic spell that I will teach you— Dark Mist. It's a Tier 5 dark magic spell that will cover the battlefield with a special mist. Enemies within the Dark Mist will have reduced attack, obstructed vision, and they won't be able to cast their magic spells as easily because of the Dark Mist's special effect— Mana Corruption."

Leo's eyes widened upon hearing about this new magic spell.

"Compared to Tier 4 magic spells and below, Tier 5 magic spells are truly in a league of its own..." He swallowed nervously.

"Of course." Lilith said. "With that being said, although Dark Mist has a lot of debuff effects, it won't directly damage the enemies, so you'll still need to damage them using other means."

"Anyways, let me know whenever you're ready to learn this new magic—"

"I'm ready!" Leo eagerly said.

"Alright then. Feast your eyes upon this majestic magic spell!" Lilith showed him a complex magic circle that had 5 rings that encircled each other, almost like the rings inside of a tree trunk that determines their age.

"I didn't notice this before, but these rings... Is that what determines their tiers?" Leo asked after noticing this.

"That's right. Tier 1 magic spells will only have a single ring while Tier 2 magic spells will have two rings— an outer ring and an inner ring, each ring consisting of their own runes and symbols."

Leo proceeded to spend half an hour staring at the magic circle.

<You have learned the Magic Spell: Dark Mist>

[Dark Mist]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 5]

[Mana: 5,000]

[Mastery Rank: F]

[Description: Unleashes a powerful mist around you that will weaken all enemies trapped within the mist. Enemies within Dark Mist will be inflicted with Weak Attack, Blindness, and Mana Corruption. Consumes 500 mana every second after activation.]

[Weak Attack: Reduces attack by 15%]

[Blindness: Obstructs vision]

[Mana Corruption: Magic spells will have a 30% chance to fail. Loses 1% of mana every second.]

Chapter 129: Lilith's Request

After learning Dark Mist, Leo had the irresistible urge to test it out.

He closed his eyes and took a deep breath.

The following moment, his body would discharge these black-colored mist that would quickly fill the entire training room within seconds.

Leo was surprised by how quickly the room filled up and said, "This will definitely obstruct the enemies' vision, but won't this affect my own vision as well as my teammates if I had any?"

"You don't have to worry about that. You can't tell right now because there are no enemies, but you will be able to sense and locate any enemy within the Dark Mist even with your eyes closed, almost as if they are all dancing in your palms. The same goes for your teammates."

"I see..."

After letting Leo play with his new magic spell for a few minutes, Lilith said, "Alright, let's move onto your next magic spell."

"I'm ready!" Leo eagerly said.

"Since you just learned a debuff magic spell, it's time to learn one that buffs instead." Lilith said as she showed him another magic circle, but this one had an additional ring, making it six rings in total.

"Six magic rings... Tier 6 magic spell?" Leo swallowed nervously.

"That's right. You've been wanting to learn one for a while now, right?"

He nodded, "Wait a minute."

He then opened up the Quest Shop and purchased the quest that requires him to learn a Tier 6 magic spell for 1,000 Magic Points.

<You have a new Quest>

[Learn Tier 6 Magic Spell]

[Reward: 5,000 Magic Points]

"Alright."

He began trying to memorize the magic circle afterward.

An hour and half later.

<You have learned the Magic Spell: Dark Aura>

[+5,000 Magic Points]

[Dark Aura]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 6]

[Mana: 20,000]

[Mastery Rank: F]

[Description: While affected by Dark Aura, increase Magic Power by 50%, Cast Speed by 10%, Magic Resistance by 15%, and Immunity to Dark Debuffs. Consumes 1,000 mana every second after activation.]

[Limit: 1]

"Dark Aura is a very powerful buff that will increase your combat prowess by a significant amount as long as it's active, and the buff effect will increase as you level up its Mastery Rank." Lilith explained to him.

"It needs 20,000 mana to cast and another 1,000 mana every second afterward, which is quite heavy on the mana consumption. By the way, can I give this buff to others?" Leo asked.

"You can buff yourself or others. Just know that there is a limit to how many people you can buff at a time. Of course, that number increases as you increase its Mastery Rank."

Leo turned to look at his total mana.

[Mana: 27,019/27,019]

'Looks like I might need that increase mana capacity sooner than I anticipated...' He thought to himself.

Sometime later, Lilith said, "Now that you have a buffing and debuffing magic spell, let's learn one for utility."

She showed him another Tier 6 magic circle.

Sometime later—

<You have learned the Magic Spell: Shadow Clone>

[Shadow Clone]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 6]

[Mana: 25,000]

[Mastery Rank: F]

[Description: Summons a Shadow Clone of yourself that will repeat all of your dark magic spells, dealing 50% of your damage. Lasts 30 seconds.]

[Limit: 1]

"Shadow Clone, huh?"

"That's right! Shadow Clone will create a clone of yourself and repeat any magic spells that you cast. The higher the Mastery Rank, the more powerful your clone will be, and you could even summon more than one at a time. The only downside is that it will only work for dark magic." Lilith said.

"Even if it's just dark magic, it's plenty powerful." Leo said.

He summoned his Shadow Clone a moment later.

"Wow, this is really neat." Leo walked around the Shadow Clone as it stood there menacingly.

He tested it out by casting several magic spells like Black Bullet and Void Spear, and the Shadow Clone would repeat all of his magic spells a second later.

"I'm starting to think Dark Magic is overpowered compared to other elements." Leo said afterward.

Lilith smiled and said, "There's a reason why vampires rule the majority of the world, you know."

"Yeah, yeah. Anyways, what's the next spell? There should still be one more, right? A damage dealing one." Leo then asked.

Lilith nodded, "Yes, there's still one more. However, before I give it to you, I'd like to make a request."

"What kind of request? As long as I can do it..."

"I would like to request for an increase in the mana supply you give me. I am currently taking about 100 mana from you every second, right? If you're willing to increase it to 200, I'd be over the moon." Lilith said.

"Increase your mana supply? I don't really mind since you've been really helpful, but what will that do? I thought 100 mana is enough to keep your soul healthy?" He asked.

She nodded, "It is enough. However, since I have the opportunity, I would like to increase the strength of my soul, which will increase the chances of me regaining my body when I have the opportunity. Furthermore, the stronger my soul, the more I can do to help you, which means more benefit. Of course, this is all up to you, and it is not like I am trying to bribe you or anything like that. Even if you refuse to increase the mana supply, I will still teach you the magic spell."

"I don't mind. How much do you want to increase it to?" Leo said after pondering for a moment.

Since he had plenty of mana regeneration, he could spare some for Lilith, who has been a massive help to him. And if helping Lilith strengthen her soul could benefit him as well, it only made sense to help her.

"I'm not asking for much. I'd like to receive 200 mana instead of 100, but if that's too much, 150 would do— Hell, even 125 would do." Lilith said.

Chapter 130: Plague of Destruction

"200 mana, right? I don't mind, but how do I give you more mana?" Leo said a moment later.

"Are you sure you want to increase the mana supply to 200? If so, I will request for it through the Slave Mark." Lilith said.

"Huh? You can do something like that?" Leo raised an eyebrow.

"Yes. Like this..."

<Soul Slave 'Lilith' requests for 100 additional mana to strengthen her soul>

"Accept." Leo calmly said.

Ding!

<In order to sustain Soul Slave 'Lilith', you will lose 200 mana every second>

[Mana Regeneration: 1625]

Now instead of recovering 1525 mana every second, he only recovers 1425 every second, which is still more than he really needed.

"Thank you, Leo!" Lilith was all smiles as she could feel more mana flowing into her soul.

"Hey, Lilith."

"What's up?"

"Let's increase the mana to 300 a second."

"Huh?" Lilith's eyes widened with surprise after hearing his words, not daring to believe her ears.

"Did you just say that you'll increase the mana supply to 300, or was I just hearing things?" She asked him for confirmation.

"You heard right. Three hundred."

"W-Why?"

He smiled and said, "As you'd said, the stronger your soul, the more you'll be able to assist me, right? Also, it's just an additional 100 mana. I have plenty of mana regeneration right now so it really won't affect me too much. Furthermore, this is my way of returning the favor to you, since these magic spells you're teaching me are probably worth a fortune, and losing a little mana regeneration is a cheap price to pay if it keeps you happy."

Lilith's mouth was slightly open after she listened to Leo's words.

After snapping out of her daze a moment later, a small but sweet smile appeared on her face.

"Thank you, Leo."

<Soul Slave 'Lilith' requests for 100 additional mana to strengthen her soul>

"Accept."

<In order to sustain Soul Slave 'Lilith', you will lose 300 mana every second>

"Leo!"

Lilith suddenly flew at him with her lips slightly pouted.

"Mua!"

Before Leo could even react, Lilith gave him a big kiss on the cheeks.

"Huh?" Leo's eyes widened with shock after the kiss, but it was not because Lilith suddenly decided to kiss him.

He gently touched the location Lilith had just kissed and looked at her with wide eyes.

"I... I felt that kiss just now... Albeit subtle, I felt the sensation of your lips on my cheeks... Was it just my imagination, or..."

Lilith nodded with a bright smile on her face, "It wasn't your imagination. As my soul grows stronger, which is my entire body that you're looking at right now, I will slowly regain my ability to touch you. With that being said, that kiss just now required a lot of mana and energy, so I won't be able to do it too often."

A smug suddenly appeared on her face, and she winked at him in a seductive manner, "When my soul is strong enough to touch you with ease, I will be able to give you all kinds of special service using my body, and we'll be able to fulfill any desire you may have... together!"

Leo looked at her with a weird expression.

"You want me to do that kind of stuff with a ghost? People will think I am insane!"

"How will people find out if you don't tell them?" Lilith chuckled.

Leo was speechless.

"E-Either way, I am not going to do that kind of stuff with you even if your soul is strong enough, so you can stop thinking about it. Why are we even talking about this? Let's get back on topic!" Leo said with a slightly rosy face, clearly embarrassed by the topic.

"How cute." Lilith chuckled at his reaction. "You may refuse me now, but once you realize my true charms, you'll beg me to do it every day!"

"Anyways, since you were so generous with the mana supply, I will go above and beyond with this next magic spell!"

Lilith showed him the next magic spell.

Leo quickly cleared his mind and began trying to memorize it.

Two hours later, Leo took a deep breath.

<You have learned the Magic Spell: Plague of Destruction>

[Plague of Destruction]

[Affinity: Dark]

[Tier: 6]

[Mana: 30,000]

[Mastery Rank: F]

[Description: Purge the battlefield with chaos. Enemies enveloped by the Plague of Destruction will be exposed to Greater Defense Down and Mana Erosion. Enemies will take damage every second they are within the Plague of Destruction]

[Greater Defense Down: Decreases defense by 50%]

[Mana Erosion: Decreases mana by 1% every second]

"Wow! This magic spell seems amazing!" Leo exclaimed after seeing its effects.

"The only thing is that I don't have enough mana to cast it. Actually, you know what? Since I have plenty of Magic Points, I'll increase my mana capacity right now."

<You have purchased 'Increase Mana Capacity' from the Magic Shop for 3,000 Magic Points>

<Your Mana Capacity has increased by 100,000!>

Leo's eyes widened after seeing the results.

'100,000 mana!'

With this new upgrade, his total mana increased to 127,019.

However, even though he had enough mana to cast Plague of Destruction, Leo didn't dare to actually release such a powerful magic spell inside the academy, so he could only save his excitement until a later date.

"What do you think of these new spells, Leo?" Lilith suddenly asked them.

"They're great." He said.

A mysterious smile suddenly appeared on Lilith's face, and she spoke, "I'm glad to hear that you enjoy your new magic spells, but I am not done yet, Leo. I still have one more magic spell that I want to teach you. However, I must warn you, this magic spell is unlike the others and is incredibly powerful and one-of-a-kind in our current world. Just like Mana Drain, it's not a magic spell that you can use publicly."

Leo swallowed nervously before asking, "What kind of magic is it?"

The smile on Lilith's face grew wider as she spoke in a calm yet chilling tone, "A magic spell that doesn't belong to any Tier— Ancient Magic."