Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

Chapter 121

'While Leon was busy blaming himself for Gisela's misfortune

William threw her away and jumped to attack Leon. At the same time

Leon felt his body moving toward him. That caught him by surprise

but using earth magic

he counter-attacked whatever was making his body move.'

'Leon put the fireball in front of himself

and the flames engulfed William. However

much to Leon's surprise

William crossed the flames almost unscathed and tried to grab Leon's neck... only to get hit by a massive block of earth that sent him flying to the streets of New York.'

"... How can he endure the flames that can melt steel?"

'Little by little

Leon's body started to feel heavy. Then he noticed

that was Alisson's works

she was pointing her black ring toward him. With his magic

once again

he endured those weird effects

but William returned. Leon didn't know how

but William managed to jump forty meters upward. The bastard tried to hit Leon

but he used the block of earth to stop him again. He avoided the direct hit

but not because Leon stopped William

but because William suddenly slowed down and changed the direction in midair... as if he was flying.'

"What the... Ah... It is Alisson's work."

'Leon immediately understood what those rings could do; one could emulate telekinesis

while the other could emulate gravity. Now that Leon cooled down his head

he noticed that the few wounds that William received from the fireball were long gone... the gloves had the power to heal him pretty fast

and he himself had some sort of skill that decreased magic damage.'

"I see... William is the main attacker

Alisson gives him support with telekinesis and gravity. Meanwhile

Sanchez protects Alisson since she could help William and stop the enemies at the same time... a very interesting formation."

'The chances of that shield having the power to endure Leon's magic attacks were rather high

so he wouldn't be able to overpower them. However

that much was fine since defeating them using brute strength alone could make him end up killing them. Makoto would be the one who would have the pleasure to do it.'

'l eon's fireball was useless

so he shot it toward the middle of the main building. Thanks to that

the building started to collapse

so Sanchez and Alisson jumped from the building toward the streets while William covered for them. They thought Leon wanted to distract them

but he used that opportunity to recover Sarah and Gisela. Using two earth platforms

he made them fly upward several meters where they wouldn't be attacked.'

'Leon could only control six objects at the same time

that also meant that he could only create six objects at the same time. Using two platforms to protect Sarah and Gisela

he could only attack with three projectiles since he was using one to fly. So

Leon decided to make good use of them. In no time

he created three steel spears and decided to attack their weak link... Alisson.'

'William was strong and resilient

but without the help of Alisson's skills

he was just a mad bull. So

Leon decided to get rid of her first. After creating three spears

William jumped to attack him once again. Leon fired the three spears

one toward William and the other two toward Alisson.'

'She made Leon's body get heavier again

and at the same time

she slowed down Leon's spears

giving Sanchez enough time to block both. Meanwhile

William tried to punch the spear who flew toward himself to the distance

but he failed. The weight and the momentum of spear stopped him even from reaching Leon... that being said

he slowly was being pushed down due to Alisson's gravity powers.'

"Let's see what you can do against this."

'Leon made two spears attack Sanchez and Alisson from the front and the back

William was still landing after his leap

so he could only observe. However

since William wasn't attacking

Alisson didn't feel the need to keep using gravity magic on Leon. So

he used both of her powers to slow down one spear and make the other fall with a thud. That surprised Leon; it looked like her powers suddenly got more efficient...'

"... I see

the closer an object is to her

the more she can affect them with gravity and telekinesis."

'Leon tried to use his third spear to attack her

but William was back and blocked the projectile. Leon clicked his tongue

conserving his mana wasn't an option. He had to keep Sarah and Gisela away from the battlefield

but they would die if he dies anyway. So

Leon had to be more assertive.'

'When William jumped to attack Leon one more time

he let him get as close as he could before he tried to intercept him. Instead of blocking his attack

Leon made his spear spin and attacked him by behind when William almost punched him. Leon's spinning spear could cut the dragon's flesh

yet only caused a minor would on William's back. That was troublesome

but it didn't matter

because William failed in causing damage since Leon flew to the side. Alisson was too busy keeping Leon's spears in check to help William

so Leon had a few seconds before he could be attacked again.'

'Leon fired an Ice Pillar

and the thunderous sound of the impact caused by Sanchez shield when it blocked the attack made that part of the city tremble. Little by little

the Ice Pillar got absorbed by the shield

and now Leon knew what that thing could do. However

that was just a diversion

Leon shot several Ice Arrows toward Alisson's head since the Ice Pillar blocked their field of vision. The attacks landed and pierced her skin

but not as much as Leon had planned. For some reason

Sanchez also received some wounds on his face... that was their plan B in case something unexpected like that happens.'

"How troublesome..."

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'The same tactic wouldn't work twice

so Leon started to work on his next plan.'

"They probably don't know how I defeated Betty's underlings

so I guess a surprised attack to damage their spine is the best option. The problem is

I can't aim perfectly from afar. If I fail

it won't work again. Not only that

but Alisson's powers also become more powerful the closer I get to her..."

'Although they were quite confident of their victory

William

Sanchez

and Alisson didn't mess around with their tactics and formation. They were confident

but they didn't drop their guards

and by the look of things

they had a lot of experience fighting together against human targets

and Leon's expertise was lacking in that aspect.'

"Regardless... the fact that they work so well together also means that they needed each other to become a threat. If Sanchez is willing to go to the point to receive half of the damage Alisson receives

they are probably nothing alone."

'Causing damage until they collapse would be too troublesome

Leon could always find a way to cut Sanchez and Alisson's oxygen by imprisoning them in a prison of fire or ice since they didn't look like they have the power to destroy one. However

that would cost a lot of mana

and that probably wouldn't work on William.'

'Before Leon could decide his next plan of action

William tried to attack again. However

this time he made sure to use the walls of the buildings nearby in order to attack Leon more times. That being said

his attacks were still obvious

so Leon only had to move a little to escape from them. The buildings trembled

and little by little got damaged every time William used them to move horizontally in midair.'

"What's the matter? Are you already out of options?" William asked when he stopped on the terrace of a certain building.'

'It looked like William wanted to taunt Leon; he could only frown at that. Despite having to deal with so many problems caused by a single person

he still tried to look as if he was enjoying himself. Leon didn't let the blood rush to his head

but couldn't let that bastard do what he wanted. So

Leon decided to make him taste a bit of his own poison.'

'Leon threw away his spears for a moment and looked at Sanchez and Alisson; after that

he created two magma arrows and prepared to shot. However

William got in the way. But Leon was hoping for that; he even let William grab his neck with both hands. Leon shot the magma arrows toward his eyes and then activated Mana Reinforcement in his body and let the Rage control his body for a while. The power of William's grip decreased

and Leon grabbed his sword when William started to scream.'

"Let me make you taste the same pain you made Gisela feel

"Leon said and tried to chop off William's arms."

'Leon's strength nearly doubled thanks to Mana Reinforcement and Rage

but it hadn't been enough to cut William's arms off. However

he managed to damage the muscles and see his wounds healing at a fearsome pace. It was the power of the gloves.'

'Alisson tried to make Leon get away from William

but without controlling the extra spears

he had plenty of leisure to counter-attack her magic. Since she probably couldn't affect something she couldn't see

Leon kicked William until he hit the main building and entered one of the test rooms. Without wasting time

Leon followed him. William finally managed to get rid of the magma that corroded his eyes. However

the damage was already done. William was blind.'

"So

how do you feel?" Leon asked.'

"You bastard! I will kill you!" William shouted. "But before that

I will torment that bitch slowly in front of your eyes until she begs for her death and then..."

'William talked so much that Leon had time to shot a magma ball toward his mouth and make him eat it. In the end

even those three underestimated him thinking that he couldn't take a few hits or could only attack using magic. Leon deactivated Mana Reinforcement and calmed down to stop Rage. In just a few seconds

he used enough mana to cast a magma spear

but it was the only way to become physically strong enough to damage someone like William.'

'Although the bastard had eaten a magma ball

he wasn't dying. The gloves were healing his wounds

and with the sole exception of his eyes

his face was back to normal. Since William's elemental resistance was also powerful

eventually

the magma ball stopped causing him pain

and he stopped from contorting in pain on the floor.'

"I guess your interior isn't as strong as your exterior..." Leon smirked.'

'Just by listening to Leon's tone

William noticed what he intended to do. So

he covered his mouth like a scared child.'

"You don't need to cover your mouth

"Leon laughed. "It is not like I need to use the holes of your body; I can create as many holes in your body as I want.""

'William froze when he heard that

even in such a state

he was smart enough to understand that his only option was to run away and regroup. He raised his fists to break the floor

but Leon covered his whole body on earth to stop his movements. That being said

William was strong

so Leon had to cover his entire body with earth and then transformed the earth into steel. William lost the ability to move; the only thing he could do was to breathe because Leon didn't cover his nose.'

'Using telekinesis

Sanchez and Alisson flew and reached the test room where Leon and William were. Soon

they flew to escape at a fearsome speed when they saw William utterly defeated.'

"I guess they hesitated in approaching... they could have saved you

but they didn't because they are cowards

just like you

" Leon said to William.'

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'When Leon left the building

he noticed a few soldiers that were about to enter. He shot the Ice Pillar at the entrance to warn them

if they try to get in his way

they will suffer. Leon couldn't control the platforms where Sarah and Gisela were from a big distance

so he decided to leave them on the top of a random building. While he was doing that

Sanchez and Alisson disappeared in the darkness of the night. However

he knew what they were planning just by looking at the direction they went. They wanted to use a chopper to escape.'

'Using earth magic and wind magic to increase his speed

Leon flew to the choppers' hangar. He couldn't let them reach those choppers by any means; even himself wouldn't be able to find them once they become invisible. Thanks to the combination of skills

Leon moved much faster than usual. It wasn't a speed he was used to moving

so he faced burned a little due to the friction against the air. However

he managed to reach the hangar in ten seconds and see Sanchez and Alisson destroying the entrance of the hangar.'

"Tch... I can't let them go

but I can't destroy the choppers either."

'Leon didn't have much mana left

soon he would recovery one-third of it

but he still couldn't use all his power because those choppers will be used to bring back the soldiers who were left on that island.'

'Leon grabbed his sword with his right hand and pointed his left hand toward Sanchez and Alisson. He could see them

but he still couldn't use magic because if they dodge the attack

Leon will damage more than a few choppers.'

"It can't be helped..."

'Leon charged forward and increased his related physical status using Mana Reinforcement and Rage. Despite that

Alisson still managed to slow him down with gravity and telekinesis. Sanchez tried to smash him with the golden shield

but Leon blocked the attack with his sword. He kicked the shield with all his might

but Sanchez barely moved. He wouldn't be able to defeat them so close to Alisson

where her powers were so effective.'

'Leon deactivated Mana Reinforcement and calmed down his nerves. Thanks to it

his body got pushed down to the ground due to Alisson's skills. Sanchez decided to join the fray

but he stopped when earth started to cover his body. He tried to get rid of it

and even Alisson tried to help

but in the end

they failed because even Alisson's body got covered by earth. As much as Leon wanted to turn the earth into a steal

he couldn't. He used all his remaining mana to chase and to stop them. So

he stayed like that on the floor

barely conscious until he recovered one-third of his mana. Instead of getting up

Leon just sat down and sighed.'

"Hah... you guys sure made a mess of things

"Leon said. "Still... where in the hell you guys found such useful equipment?"

'Although Leon wanted an answer

he wouldn't get because he covered their mouths too. Regardless

before covering their bodies with steel

Leon took their items.'

'Shield of Dawn'

'It decreases the damage of physical and magic attacks by 50%. Endurance +80

Mentality +80'

'Ring of Telekinesis'

'It grants the user the skill Telekinesis Lv 50

Intelligence +100

Mana +300'

'Cost: 05 mana per second'

'Ring of Gravity'

'It grants the user the skill Gravity Lv 50

Intelligence +100

Mana +300'

'Cost: 05 mana per second'

"What the hell... where did you get those?" Leon frowned. "Those are way too powerful..."

'Angelic Bow and the Grim Reaper Scyther couldn't even compare to those. Regardless

even though Leon wanted to interrogate them

he didn't have time. Although Leon was exhausted

he had to return to Las Vegas.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sleep Resistance.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon wondered when that would happen

but he finally learned that skill... he just had to stay awake for five days straight... Leon returned to the main building

and there he grabbed William and his gloves.'

'Gloves of Regeneration'

'It grants the user the skill Regeneration Lv 50. Endurance +80

Mentality +80'

'Leon almost laughed when he saw that information; it was crazy. No wonder William was a sturdy son of a bitch

those items were stupidly powerful. Leon's worries increased

but when he saw a group of survivors in front of the main building

he calmed down. He went to the top of the main building

and there he used his gloves to heal Sarah and Gisela. In just a few minutes

they were almost completely healed

but the mental trauma...'

"I'm sorry

Master... I'm sorry for..." Gisela sniffed and almost cried

but she lost even that ability.'

"Don't say that... it's my fault." Leon said. "Don't worry; everything will be just fine. You should rest for a while

I have some things to solve in Las Vegas

but I will return soon."

'While Leon was talking with Gisela

Sarah was looking at him with dubious eyes. It looked like she tried to protect Gisela because she was tired of seeing her suffer

not because she believed in Leon.'

"So

you also think that I'm a spy." Leon frowned. " Unfortunately

I don't have the skills nor the patience to be one. Anyway

you will solve things while I'm away

send the choppers to that island to rescue the guys who tried to ambush me."

""You didn't kill them?" Sarah asked

surprised.'

"No... I gave them one to chance to get out my way after I defeated them

and they obeyed." Leon explained. "Anyway

look after Gisela while I'm away

if you can

you should send some survivors to help Las Vegas. Although I don't think they will arrive on time... the demons are attacking the city as we speak. So

I will go back."

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"What? They already reached Las Vegas?" Sarah asked. "Where's your scythe? Did you get the bow?"

"My sister is using them; Betty is also there to offer support

"Leon answered. "But a single person can only do so much. Anyway

let's go to the entrance of the building. I have to give some warnings before I leave."

'Sarah nodded

and they headed to the entrance of the building. After showing what Leon did with the three most powerful survivors of that city

a lot of people trembled like leaves when he said he would do the same to anyone who tries to cause problems in the future. He also explained that the survivors and the soldiers would choose the new leader or leaders

but they had to wait for the guys on the island. After that

Leon carried Gisela to his apartment and let her sleep there. It was better to sleep in a place she was used to

after all. In any case

without wasting time

he returned to Las Vegas.'

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'Since Leon had a lot of luggage

he only arrived in the middle of the afternoon of the next day. Even from afar

he could see that things weren't looking good

several places in the city were burning

and Leon finally saw them... the demons. Leon thought that they were called demons due to their crazy behavior

but no. They did look like demons; some of them had humanoid forms

horns

and dark wings. While the others had many shapes and sizes

birds

wolves

black smiles... However

the ones who had humanoid forms were the most dangerous and vicious. They were crazy enough to fly toward a group of survivors while being hit by magic projectiles only to pick a single survivor and slowly split them in half.'

"Monstrous bastards... I will make you taste a little of your own poison."

'Although Leon wanted

he refrained from doing so. Those monsters were destroying his sister's city

but he didn't have time to waste with them. Leon had to eliminate them as fast as possible.'

"Let's see... destroy their brains and hearts."

'Leon had no idea where his sister was

but the first place he was to check was her house. So

he killed those demons who could fly using his Earth Arrows. Some of them were fast enough to dodge Leon's attacks

but not fast enough to keep avoiding forever and reach him. In no time

Leon made dead demons rain over the city while he flew toward Amanda's home.'

'When he reached his destination

he saw her garden on fire. The house was mostly intact

but Leon saw several dark slimes inside of it. Those couldn't use magic

but they could spit acid that could melt stone walls instantly. Despite that

they froze and broke into pieces when Leon used Ice Arrows.'

'Suddenly

Leon heard Maya's cry. He hurried to her room

only to find Sasha protecting her against several dark slimes. Her skin had burn marks in several places

but she was still fighting vigorously using two short swords. Leon killed them using several Ice Arrows

and Sasha sighed in relief when she saw an ally.'

"Le-Leon!" Sasha said."

"Use this; it should protect your arms and heal your wounds." Leon passed the gloves to Sasha.'

'While Sasha's mouth was wide open looking at the information of those gloves

Leon hugged Maya and patted her head to calm her down. It looked like

despite the plans

things didn't work well. Leon didn't see a single soldier nearby Amanda's house.'

"Where is my sister?" Leon asked.'

"She is probably fighting near the central plaza

"Sasha explained. "Most of the demons and monsters came from the south

so our forces fought there. However

this morning

they also came from all sides. Amanda and Hector probably decided to retreat slowly in order to keep the formation."

"Got it

I will keep an eye on things around for a while and then offer them some support

" Leon said. " By the way

keep an eye those three and don't let anyone or anything touch them."

'Leon didn't want to let the steel balls

which were William

Sanchez

and Alisson

in Maya's room

but it couldn't be helped. He couldn't fight while keeping them around and he also couldn't let them in an unguarded place.'

'Sasha frowned when she saw that three human beings were there

but soon she nodded. If those dark slimes could melt walls

the only thing Leon could do was to eliminate all of them before he joins Amanda... and so he did. He couldn't defeat all monsters

but he could attract them

and then the pile of corpses would lead them out of that part of the city. Leon created a huge fireball to reveal his position

so it didn't take long before the monsters and demons flew toward him like moths to a flame. Since they were stupid enough to attack Leon head-on

he burned them to a crisp and used the Ice Arrows to kill the dark slimes.'

'There were a few demons here and there

but their numbers were small

and Leon couldn't see others coming in the distance. He had done enough in that part of the city

so Leon flew toward the central plaza where a massive battle of humans against demons was happening.'

"Come on

Leon... you can do it. After this

you can take a break for the rest of your life."

'Leon said to himself in order to make himself feel a little less tired.'

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'Leon never had any military training; the only thing he knew about the war was what he saw in movies. However

when he reached the central plaza

the only way he could describe what he was seeing was using the word war. A horde of never-ending monsters was wiping out the few survivors that were still alive. Leon saw several arrows of light flying and making demons disintegrate

but soon the arrows stopped. Amanda was an archer who uses mana

but she didn't have enough mana to stop so many demons.'

'To make things a bit more efficient

Leon created his steel spears. Without running out of mana

he could only control six

but it was better than nothing. He killed the monsters and demons which were trying to surround the survivors in the central plaza and opened a path for him to reach them. Carrying the golden shield was a pain

so he had to lend that to someone.'

'Thanks to the fact that Leon's spears were spinning

a rain of blood started to fell

making the survivors frown. Seeing a human covered in blood approaching them made the survivors feel indescribable despair

they had to kill another of their friends... However

three of those survivors sighed in relief when they recognized that figure killing demons and monsters alike as if he was a tank. Those three were Amanda

Hector

and Betty.'

"Leon!" Amanda smiled.'

"More killing

less talking... why I'm saying this to my little sister?" Leon frowned. "Here use this. It is a loan

so don't damage it."'

'Leon passed the golden shield to Hector. Although he liked to fight using his spear alone

he was only using that to protect Amanda. With a shield

he would be able to do that more efficiently and protect many more people.'

"Where in the hell..." Hector frowned.'

"We will talk later

"Leon said."

'Leon used his spear to kill three demons that approached him. The horde of monsters was still coming from the south

and Leon couldn't see the end of that battle. Maybe it was a better idea to use Hail and decrease the pressure for the survivors

but Leon had another idea. Instead of slowing them down

Leon decided to stop them using the ring of gravity. When he put the ring and decided to use it

half of the demons and monsters around fell to the ground and had their bodies almost crushed thanks to the pressure. However

Leon lost one-third of his mana.'

"Ugh... it is hard to control." Leon said.'

'The survivors around him frowned when they saw that

he did something unbelievable. However

they didn't lose time thinking about; they used that chance to decimate the monsters.'

"Leon

can you do that again?" Hector asked.'

"Only two more times

" Leon answered.'

"Then use it to open a path for us to retreat

"Hector said. "We created a stock of mana potions to use in case something like this happened

but the team who was supposed to transport stopped coming."

"They probably got wiped out; some monsters invaded the city for the other directions

" Leon said.'

"What? Then our home... Maya is..." Amanda became pale.'

"Relax

their numbers weren't big

and Sasha protected Maya

"Leon explained. "She suffered some injuries

but I gave her something that will help her. Besides

I also killed most of the monsters nearby the house."

'Amanda and Hector sighed in relief

and the Leon prepared to knock down all the monsters blocking the path to retreat

when the creatures fell

all the survivors ran toward the warehouse where they stored the potions. Fortunately

the building was nearby

and it hadn't been destroyed. The door was locked

but Leon destroyed it and then saw thousands of potions

he took a shower of mana potions and then in no time his mana was full again.'

"I guess I will focus on stopping the monsters

" Leon said.' "Yeah keep an eye on things "Hector said. "We already lost too many people." 'It wasn't the best place to stay but they decided to fight around the warehouse that being said every time a monster approached Leon made the beast fall and a survivor killed it. Now that Amanda also had access to a crazy supply of mana potions the number of demons she killed increased exponentially.' 'Things got incredibly easy after that without worrying about mana Leon managed to stop the demons and monsters before they could even scratch the survivors. It took a long while but in the end the beasts stopped coming. After using 80% of the supply of mana potions the battle ended on the morning of the next day. They saved the city; despite that the survivors didn't feel like celebrating; only fifty of them were left and they lost 150 soldiers and they didn't try to count the dead among the civilians.' 'Leon fell on his butt; he was exhausted. So

exhausted that the moment the tension left his body

he fell asleep. It didn't matter that he was surrounded by corpses; he felt so comfortable like never before because he finally completed his mission.'

'Health: 75 +'

'Mana: 1782 +'

'Stamina: 70 +'

'Strength: 66 +'

'Dexterity: 10 +'

'Speed: 42 +'

'Intelligence: 281 +'

'Endurance: 84 +'

'Control: 117 +'

'Mentality: 97 +'

'Luck: 01 +'

'Recovery: 600 +'

'Willpower: 75 +'

'Coins: 625471'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Earth Manipulation Lv 61

Water Manipulation Lv 36

Wind Manipulation Lv 33

Fire Manipulation Lv 35

Earth Transformation Lv 38

Water Transformation Lv 28

Wind Transformation Lv 33

Fire Transformation Lv 32

Earth Creation Lv 41

Water Creation Lv 36

Wind Creation Lv 30

Fire Creation Lv 35

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'Mana Reinforcement Lv 33

Ice Arrow Lv 13

Telekinesis Lv 50

Gravity Lv 50.'

'Passive Skills: Rage Lv 25

Sleep Resistance Lv 11

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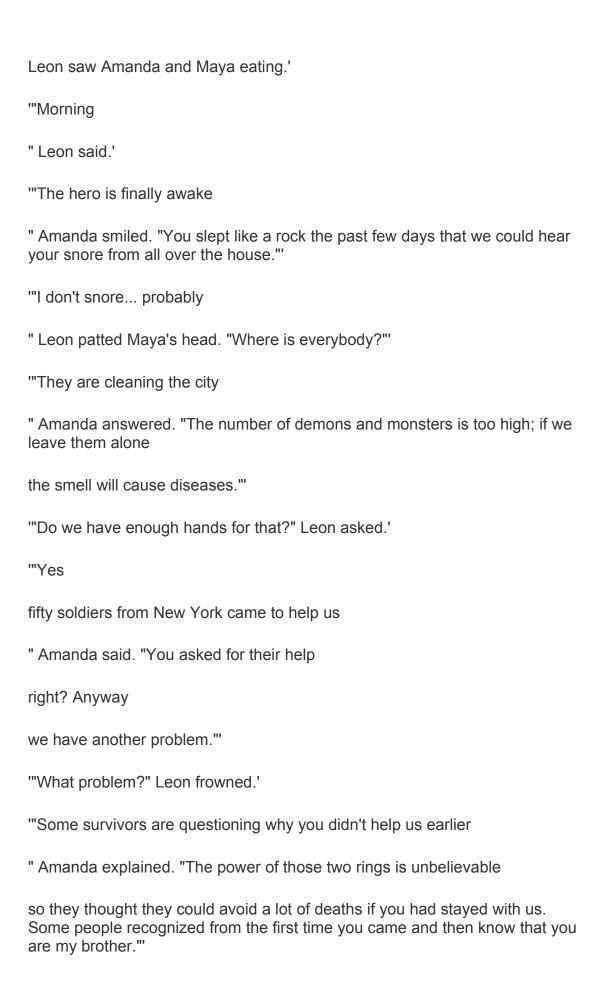
'Leon slept for three days straight

so when he woke up

he was starving. Luckily

it was time for breakfast

and he could smell Amanda's home cooking. In the kitchen



"That equipment I got from William

Sanchez

and Alisson

"Leon said. " If I had those before I would have let them in your hands."

"I know that

and that is why I explained that you left the Angelic Bow and the Grim Reaper Scythe when they heard that they calmed down a little since thanks to those we managed to buy a lot of time. Although I said that we have a problem

this situation should solve itself. The survivors are only upset because everyone lost some friends."

"I see... how many civilians died?" Leon asked.'

"Only seven

the fact that you are also the reason that most people here can use earth manipulation is helping to calm down the nerves

" Amanda explained. "Thanks to that kind of magic

people managed to create underground shelters under their homes. That is why we avoided a catastrophe."

"That's good

but that makes me wonder why you two didn't create one under your home

"Leon said. "Sasha had a hard time against the dark slimes."

"We should have done that

but in the last months

we didn't have time

" Amanda said. "Anyway

brother... can I ask why did you let the directors in that situation? We can't feed them

and we barely managed to give them water."

"That is more than enough; those guys are lucky to be alive

"Leon said. "They used two of my friends as hostages

and they also blinded one of them. I had a tough time controlling myself not to kill them while I was traveling.'

"I see... I don't remember seeing you so angry

" Amanda said. "So

I guess they deserve that."'

"Well

when Hector said that he had married you

I almost did the same to him

" Leon smirked.'

"Don't ever think of that..." Amanda warned.'

'Leon laughed and then started to eat. He stuffed his stomach until he got sick of it

even though Leon wanted to help

he had a few things to do. First of all

he needed to deliver the prisoners to Makoto

and after that

he had to check things in New York. Sarah sent help

but he still had to confirm things with his own eyes. Besides

he also was interested in how William managed to create magic items and choppers that used mana. That kind of information he would find in New York.'

'After breakfast

Leon went to San Diego to deliver the 'packages' to Makoto. Once again

he found the transporter in the middle of the day.'

"Those are?" The transporter asked.'

"William

Sanchez and Alisson

"Leon said. "The founders of the Allied Forces of North-America. You are already probably aware

but they managed to get their hands on some powerful equipment. I think before executing them

His Majesty should 'ask' them where they got those."

"Don't worry; we will." The transporter said. "His Majesty was quite pleased when I gave him the other six prisoners. However

he was quite troubled when I said that you wanted him to forgive someone. When do you intend to visit him?"

"In three or four days

I still have a few things to solve in New York

"Leon answered. "By the way... do you guys only collect information here? I don't think His Majesty would give the order to cause dungeon breaks

but is there a chance of some Japanese spy causing that even without orders?"

"... I can't deny that possibility

" The transporter closed his eyes. "However

if that kind of thing happened

it should end

at least from our hands. We have information that spies from other nations are causing dungeon breaks all over the world."

"Their identities..." Leon said."

"It is impossible to identify them since they cover their faces when they are working in the shadows." The transporter explained.'

"I suspected as much..." Leon said.'

'After that

Leon returned to Las Vegas to have lunch. He was still starving

and Amanda's food was much better than anything Leon ever made. Since Betty was probably helping Hector and the others

Leon decided to leave her behind. Besides

he would fly slower

transporting someone else.'

"Considering that I will have to bring her to Tokyo no matter what

I should let her rest as much as possible. There is also the matter that her friends betrayed her... she needs some time to think things through."

'Leon's job was about to end. However

he already knew a goal

and without a doubt

he will have a hard time reaching that goal. He would train to obtain the power to heal Gisela's eyes. That was the least he could do after causing her so much trouble.'

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'When Leon arrived in New York

everything looked pretty normal. That being said

it was midnight

so Leon couldn't say for sure that nothing suspicious occurred in the last few days. He had an easy time entering the building where his apartment was. There were no guards

and since few soldiers were living there

he didn't find a single one.'

'When Leon opened the door and turned on the lights

he saw Sarah holding one of the two knives Leon made to Gisela train.'

"Ah... it's you... don't scare me like that." Sarah sighed.'

"Is there a reason why you are so on edge?" Leon asked.'

"No

after you left

nothing weird happened

" Sarah explained. "Two days ago

Tom was elected to be the one who would represent the soldiers while I would represent the ordinary survivors. We are working to make things decent... but I have a feeling that some people won't like how I will do things."

"Maybe I can help you with that

" Leon said.'

"How? You don't intend to stay here

right?" Sarah asked.'

"It is simple; I just have to create a massive sword on the side of the main building

"Leon said. "That should keep the troublemakers in check."

"I guess that is a good idea..." Sarah said and then walked toward the bed where Gisela was sleeping. She had bandages covering the wound in her face. "She lost too much blood

she won't die

but she needs to rest."

"How did she react after that?" Leon asked.'

"... She has a thin appetite

and she doesn't talk much." Sarah explained. "She doesn't look depressed

but she doesn't have the energy to do anything. I come here every night to look after her

but I didn't see any signs of her leaving the bed during the day. Maybe she will cheer up a little with you here."

"I will heal her eyes; I will find a way..." Leon said. "Do you know someone who can heal wounds?"

"No

I have never heard of anyone who is capable of healing wounds

"Sarah answered. "There are items that increase the recovery rate

but isn't the same thing

right? The best thing that I saw that could heal wounds was that pair of gloves."

"But as you already know

it isn't enough

" Leon said. "However

those can give me a clue about how to learn the skill necessary to do that. I will study those."

"Well

if someone is capable of learning that type of magic I guess that someone is you " Sarah said. "I have an early day tomorrow so I will go to my home." "Sarah do you have access to the information that William and the others obtained?" Leon asked. "I'm interested in how they managed to create magic items and those choppers that use mana." "Yes we found those documents " Sarah said. "I will bring them to you tomorrow. I doubt that anyone would say anything against it." "Hahaha I'm not asking them for free." Leon laughed. "Just the copies should be enough; if you need help with something I can help you tomorrow all day. However we will leave the city the day after tomorrow." "All right " Sarah said.' 'After that

Sarah left the room

and Leon brought the armchair to the side of the bed. Leon put the gloves and grabbed the steel knife

until now

Leon refused the idea to cause self-warm.

with passion

but now to help a friend

he had to do it. His gloves could only heal wounds

and to understand the process

he had to see that with his own eyes.'

'Slowly

Leon made a point of the knife touch his skin. Although the blade was pretty sharp

Leon didn't felt anything

then he understood why. The gloves increased his endurance

and since the knives weren't magic weapons

it would have a hard time cutting the flesh. Leon had to strike without hesitation

and so he did it... because he wanted to help a friend.'

'Blood started to drip from the small wound

but after a few seconds stopped. Not to dirty the floor

Leon created an earth bucket and filled it with water. While he did that

he observed the wound closing at a fearsome speed. It didn't even leave a scar.'

"I see... the wound just heals a lot faster than it should. There are no shining lights causing a miracle... the mana just accelerates the natural healing process. I wonder if that is dangerous to the body."

'Although it was hard to be sure

Leon was quite certain that mana wasn't harmful even when it accelerates the natural healing of human flesh. That was because Leon used mana like a madman for the past four years

and until now

he didn't feel anything weird with his body. It was as if... mana was the purest and harmless font of energy in the universe.'

"So

I should just use my mana to make the cells heal faster?"

'To manipulate the basic elements

Leon had to infuse his mana in them

to strengthen them

he had to do that twice

and to create them

he had to change the properties of his mana. However

he couldn't imagine one of those steps making wounds heal faster.'

"I guess I have to do it again."

'Leon took off the gloves

and this time the knife pierced his skin quite easily. Leon tried to infuse his mana in the wound

but he failed again and again. Why? Because the injury was in his body

and his mana was in his body. He didn't have to infuse his mana... he had to make his mana inside his body heal the wound before the recovery heals it.'

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'Leon spent the whole night trying and failing numerous times

he couldn't control his mana to leave his body

and he could control it to strengthen his body with Mana Reinforcement. But

he couldn't control the mana of a single part of his body

because he couldn't feel the mana of a single part. He could feel the mana of a leg or an arm when he uses Mana Reinforcement

but only that wasn't enough

and Mana Reinforcement didn't heal wounds.'

'Regardless

Leon stopped when he noticed Gisela waking up. Leon could imagine how scary it would be to wake up and not seeing anything

so he held her hand.'

"Master?" Gisela asked.'

"I'm back

"Leon said. "How are you feeling?""

"I'm fine. Excuse me; I will make breakfast." Gisela tried to get up.'

"Nope

it is fine if you want to exercise a little

but you don't have to do anything else

"Leon said. "I'll solve a few things today here

and then I will return to where my sister is

do you want to come with me? The current me can't do it

but I'm trying to find a way to heal your eyes."

"Heal my eyes... is that possible?" Gisela asked.'

"Well

there is one way to find out

"Leon answered. "Learning that will be convenient for me

and it is also a way to apologize since my actions caused this. I promise you

while you try to obtain the strength to go to your home

I will learn how to heal your eyes

and I won't learn anything else until I succeed."

"... Thank you

master." Gisela showed a weak smile.'

"Don't worry about it

we are friends

so it's only obvious." Leon held Gisela's hand tightly.'

'It has been years since Leon walked holding the hands of a girl; despite that

he didn't feel anything. If anything

he felt like in the past

when he would take Amanda to school. Before doing anything

they ate some pancakes and drank juice in the market

and then they went to the main building. A lot of people recognized him

but they looked away soon after.'

"Very different from the time I was a just regular soldier..."

'Leon didn't want to feel feared

but being alienated was quite troublesome. Anyway

since Leon destroyed a few floors of the main building

Sarah and Tom were using the building in front of it. Before going there

he created a massive steel sword. It was fifteen meters long and five wide

Leon made that just to scare the troublemakers

the spear's steel was rather thin so that it couldn't be used for combat. Fortunately

Leon and Gisela found Sarah in the lobby of that building.'

"I never thought you would come and with Gisela no less

" Sarah said.'

"She needs some exercise. Anyway

are the copies ready?" Leon asked.'

"Yeah... but there are some problems

" Sarah said.'

"Problems?" Leon frowned.'

"Follow me

" Sarah said.'

'The building Sarah was working was pretty big too

but a lot of things had to be done before it could be fully operational. For the time being

they were succeeding in sending troops to protect the city boundaries and clear dungeons

but they were having a hard time registering the data required to pay the soldiers '

'After reaching the last floor of that building

they entered an improvised meeting room. There Leon saw Tom reading a few pages and making a complicated expression when he occasionally looked at a certain box.'

"Oh

it's you." Tom got up and greeted Leon. "In the end you really did it

you kicked the asses of the directors alone."

"Is that what I think it is?" Leon asked.'

"Yes... the data the three directors had about how to create magic items and how to create the new engine of the choppers." Tom crossed his arms. "You were right

those three were doing some shady work

but that isn't everything."

'Leon didn't know what he meant by that

so he picked up the papers. There wasn't a single note of how to make the engines

and to create magic items

they had to use another magic item that was inside the box. The papers were just instructions on how to use that relic.'

"Is there some chance that they don't register the important information?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

" Sarah said. "However

considering that I tried to find those who produced the choppers and didn't find single information about them

it looks like the directors did that themselves

or... they received them from someone. We always thought that they had a science division to study how to use and how to create objects that use mana to help our new society. But there is no trace of them."

"I see... I guess they were only the tip of the iceberg." Leon said. "Betty said that she fought alongside William before the Allied Forces were formed

so I will ask her if she noticed someone suspicious approaching him."

"Well

we will try to make some individuals study the engines and the choppers to see if we can replicate them

"Sarah said. "What are you going to do with that?""

'By that

Sarah meant the relic inside the box. It was another ring that could capture souls from monsters and lock them in items. Unfortunately

with the instructions they had

they could only create cursed rings. So

it was almost useless to Leon.'

"You guys can study that too; my goal is to find a way to heal Gisela's eyes

"Leon said. "I won't try to learn anything else until she can see again."

"Okay

but I can't promise you anything

" Sarah said. "We thought the best chance to figure out how to use that item fully would be with a mage of your caliber

but we will see what we can do."'

"Master

please try to study the ring

" Gisela said. "Although survivors can find magic items and buy them in the dungeons

it isn't enough. If the master discovers how to produce magic items

you will save many lives."

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'If he had the chance

Leon would do his best to avoid deaths

but his main goal was still to live a good life with his family and friends. If he couldn't help a friend who was suffering due to his bad choices

he had no rights

nor did he have the will to help strangers. However

Gisela would feel guilty if he refuses that. If Leon manages to reproduce the effects of those gloves

at least a weak version of it

he really could save many lives.'

"All right... I'll see what I can do

but I don't promise anything." Leon said and picked the ring.'

'Ring of Sealing'

'Grants the user the skill Seal Lv 10'

'Cost: 100 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'By the look of things and since the cursed rings had limited effects

that ring couldn't create awesome magic items

but it was better than nothing

and Leon had a lead of how to learn that skill. Still

Leon now had to study the gloves

that ring

and the rings of telekinesis and gravity since he wanted to learn all those skills.'

"Well

I guess this is it

" Leon said.'

'After that

Leon added Tom and Sarah's contact addresses to his cellphone. He would use them

and they would do the same in case something happens. That being said

Leon was quite sure that he could use Makoto's spies to collect the information he needed. But it was better to ask him first.'

'Although not much

Tom and Sarah helped Leon

so it was his time to repay the favor. However

they only asked him to create some steel bows and arrows. Most soldiers had magic weapons

but those would be used to train the recruits

those who wanted to fight but didn't have the means and ended up creating the situation with maid and butlers. They could always retrieve those arrows since Leon made them quite sturdy

but he decided to spend the day and the night making a good stock just in case.'

'After packing the few things they had

Leon and Gisela left New York. She looked a bit better after doing some exercises

but Leon decided to hold back a little the speed of movement

so they only reached Las Vegas after traveling for forty hours. When they arrived it looked most of the city was clean again. So Leon and Gisela arrived on time to see Amanda Maya Hector Sasha and Betty having breakfast.' "Dude... can't you stop to catch a breath?" Hector asked.' "I'm a busy person... Anyway this is Gisela a friend and I guess I can call her a student even though considering myself a magician teacher makes my back feel itchy "Leon said. "I hope she can stay here with us for a while." "That is no problem; we have plenty of rooms." Amanda smiled. "I will help you to unpack your things but first let's eat. I imagined you would return today and since you have quite the appetite I ended up making a lot." 'After breakfast Amanda took Maya and guided Gisele to her new room. Meanwhile

the others stayed in the kitchen to talk.'

"Betty

did you see those three using this equipment before?" Leon asked.'

"No

I imagined you would ask that

so I tried to recall the information of the past

"Betty explained. "William and I fought alongside for several months when I went to the north. We more or less had the same power in terms of strength

but then one day he suddenly stopped fighting in front of others. If I remember correctly

it was around the time he met Sanchez and Alisson. As if it was only obvious

those three decided to clear a difficult dungeon together

and they did after a single try in just a few hours. After that

they became famous

and they decided to create the Allied Forces of North-America."

"Did you see someone suspect contacting them?" Leon asked.'

"No

a lot of people went to talk with them when they created the Allied Forces

"Betty answered. "But those only looked like small fries who wanted to benefit themselves by getting close to them."

"I see... it looks like someone secretly met and gave them those choppers

the ring to create magic weapons and the weapons they used." Leon said. "I thought that technology advanced a lot

but as expected

choppers that use mana aren't something that is supposed to exist after four years

we became able to use it."

"Do you have any idea where those things came from?" Hector asked.'

"I don't think they visited the megalodon's dungeon underwater

"Leon said. "I also don't think any monster I encountered so far could have dropped that... However

there is a lot of places that we explored very little. I guess the other side of the dungeons would be a good start."

"Do you intend to explore those alien worlds?" Betty frowned.'

"No

at least not for the time being

" Leon answered. "First

I'll talk with Makoto and see what he learned. By the way

you will have to come with me."

"Okay..." Betty seemed a bit tense.'

"Don't worry about it

Makoto won't hurt a friend of mine

"Leon said. "He already knows that I can help him a lot

so I bet he will overlook your past actions to obtain my favor. We will depart after lunch

so rest as long as you can. The vehicle we will use to cross the ocean isn't very comfortable."

'Betty could only frown after hearing that since she had no idea what vehicles the Japanese spies used.'

"By the way

how are the forces of this city holding up?" Leon asked.'

"It has been harsh; we don't have enough hands

" Hector answered. "I bet the demons are building their forces again

so we have to make preparations and find more soldiers. Amanda is building an army of skeletons

but she can't do that the whole day and the skeletons can only hold for so long."

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'That was a problem

so Leon started to think of what he could do to help. Leon was still in the early stages of how to make a golem. Besides

his golems had to be controlled manually

so he had to find another solution. In the end

he couldn't just create the workforce they needed.'

"... Those are the numbers of Sarah and Tom

the people who are in charge of New York." Leon said. "Tell them how to learn Earth Manipulation and also tell them that they can share that information with anyone. However

they also must tell that I can teach anyone how to use mana more effectively."

"I see... you want to attract more survivors to our city and make them protect and rebuild this place while they learn." Hector rubbed his chin. "Magic isn't something that can be learned so fast

so they will stay for quite a while

and some people are bound to decide to live here thanks to you.""

"It's just the best way to solve that problem. Besides

the more people know how to use magic

the easier we will be able to protect the city." Leon explained.'

"Hey

you will teach strangers before you will teach me?" Betty asked.'

"You already know the basics... but I guess I can teach you if you want." Leon answered. "Anyway

did you guys learned any spell?"

"Amanda did

she has a lot of mana

so she progressed far more than any of us

" Hector said. "Since things got hectic in the last months

we didn't progress all that much

but it shouldn't take long before we learn Earth Bullet."

'Leon nodded

even though Hector and Sasha showed ashamed expressions

Leon didn't think they should feel like that. He had a lot of time on the island to practice

and he only learned his first spell after almost a year on that island. Speaking of spells

Leon's arsenal was lacking in the number of options. However

it would stay like that for a while

since he had to learn many things... many complicated things.'

'After lunch

Leon created the weapons Gisela would use to train

that should keep her mind busy. He didn't intend to stay in Japan for long

but you never know when a problem will arise. Leon wondered how much time would he lose if he couldn't fly using earth platforms. Until now

he used that like there was no tomorrow to solve problems here and there. However

he was starting to regret a little

because he didn't have to wait for vehicles if Leon had to go somewhere

he could go by himself.'

'Six hours after leaving Las Vegas

Leon and Betty reached San Diego. Betty almost attacked the transporter's megalodon when it appeared

and as expected

she hesitated in entering the monster's mouth.'

"The trip will be long

right?" Betty asked after she got used to the humid place

which was a monster's mouth. " Teach me how to learn a spell.""

"... You sound like you think that you can learn one in just a few hours." Leon frowned. "To make things more efficient

you should meditate for a few days to raise your mana and intelligence."

"All right then

" Betty said

and then she started to meditate.'

'While she was doing that

Leon resumed his own training. He was still learning the basics of healing magic

but Leon thought that he could learn something if he talks with Makoto's daughter. Ren said that she could heal sickness

poisons

and curses

so he was pretty sure that was somewhat similar to what he was trying to learn. Regardless

it didn't take long for Betty to smell blood and frown while looking at Leon.'

"What the hell are you doing?" Betty asked.'

"I can't heal something that isn't wounded

" Leon said. "I don't like this either

but there is no other way. No pain

no gain."

"... Just don't get used to it." Betty said.'

'Leon could only shrug

he knew where Betty was coming from

but in the end

that was the only way. Besides

he could only do that while Gisela was away. Knowing that someone was getting hurt to find a way to heal her would make her depressed

anyway

after trying and failing for a few hours. Leon decided to stop; he didn��t sleep in the last three days. So

he decided to make good use of that free time.'

'Leon and Betty arrived at Tokyo the next morning

a few months have passed since Leon had been there

but nothing seemed different. Betty

who was already nervous about seeing the most important man of that country

jumped and screamed when two of Makoto's ninjas appeared.'

"... Sorry for startling you." The ninja said. "We're here to bring you two to the palace."

'As expected

those guys didn't have enough mana to move three people from a place to another. Leon nodded

and then those two touched their shoulders and moved them to the imperial palace/fortress. They appeared in the meeting room

and even though it was very early in the morning

Makoto was already working with his most prestigious advisors. Surprisingly

Ren was among them

and he smiled when he saw Leon. He also saw the slight angry expression on the baldie's face.'

"Leon

you have returned

" Makoto said and showed a small smile. "You really fulfilled the promise you made. I must thank you for giving me the chance to punish accordingly those who killed my son."

"It was nothing. Although I had a hard time controlling myself not to kill them." Leon said. "I hope you are satisfied with the outcome."

"Indeed

I'm mostly satisfied with the outcome..." Makoto looked at Betty

who slightly trembled. "However

I want to hear from your mouth why the leader of the spies who killed my son doesn't deserve the same fate of the others."