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'Leon learned the skills to heal burns

but since it was at a low-level

he had to use it several times before he could get rid of all burns in his body. However

he felt really refreshed after doing so.'

"Considering what you said

I can imagine that you don't know any Area of Effects spells

" Lennart said.'

"That's right... but how did you notice that?" Leon asked.'

"Because you didn't use such type of skill against my friends and me

" Lennart explained. "Nor did you

when you invaded Moscow. To learn an Area of Effect spell without a tome

you have to have pretty good control over your mana."

"Is that so?" Leon asked.'

'''Yes

since most of those spells last for a while

to learn them

you have to keep sending your mana to the phenomena you created

" Lennart explained. "To learn the spell Freezing Mist

I have to create the mist that could freeze most things and keep it activated for ten seconds."

'That didn't sound like something easy to do

but that gave Leon a hint. Regeneration was probably an area of effect spell

so

to learn the spell

he would have to keep healing several wounds at the same time for at least ten seconds. If he could obtain the stronger version of it

he would be able to regenerate his limbs and Gisela's eyes.'

"Thank you for the explanation; I will make sure to put that knowledge in good use

" Leon said.'

"It's fine to train and all

but make sure to pay attention where you make this thing fly

" Yuki said.'

'Now that Yuki said that

slowly but surely

Leon noticed that they were losing altitude. Dozen of monsters were chasing them behind

even flying monsters

so things could become dangerous if they approach the ground too much. Leon wasn't good at multi-tasking

but he had to try anyway. Looking at Leon scratching himself and soon making the scratches disappear

Yuki frowned.'

"It looks like you already discovered how to heal wounds... to some extent

"Yuki said. "Do you plan to teach me

as you promised?"

" I didn't master yet

but I guess it's fine

" Leon said. "Since you already used to this kind of meticulous work

you will probably learn faster than me."

"Do you want to let me hear that?" Lennart asked.'

"It's fine; you just gave me some good tips

" Leon said. "Besides

the more people know how to heal wounds

the better. By the way... do you only know Area of Effect spells?"

"I have some difficulty learning spells that can only hit a single enemy

" Lennart answered. "But I'm fine with that

instead of hitting one enemy at a time

I would rather kill or damage several of them before they approach my allies."

"I guess your logic is sound... it also looks like everyone has things they are good and things they are bad when it comes to magic..." Leon nodded.'

"It looks like you are serious about regenerating your limbs..." Lennart said. "I know that magic can do pretty much anything

but I'm having a hard time that such a thing is possible."

""Yeah

I'm serious... because this isn't just for me

this is also for your sister." Leon said.'

"... What do you mean by that?" Lennart frowned.'

"I decided to let you see for yourself... but now that I think about it

that isn't a good idea." Leon said. "Your sister suffered a lot in the past four years

so your reunion should be a happy one. Make sure to feel anger and sadness as you want right now

for your sister's sake ... "

'Lennart was just a kid

but he had the right to know what happened to his sister

so Leon told him everything. As expected

he got incredibly mad

but then when he discovered that those who caused his sister's suffering already died

he didn't know where to focus his anger. Leon reminded the moment when he saw Hector

and he told him everything. He acted in the same way

but Lennart didn't blame Leon... or perhaps he was waiting to hear his sister's story by her own mouth to reach his own conclusions.'

"I originally planned to learn how to heal destroyed body parts fo her sake

I guess I need such skill as much as her."

"I see... thank you for looking after my sister." Lennart said. "If you need help in some way to learn that skill

I will help you to the best of my ability. You need to learn that skill as fast as possible

not only for your or my sister's sake."

"What do you mean by that?" Leon frowned.'

"You are powerful

but if you want to make the Indians and Chineses allies

you will have to show such a skill to convince them without using brute force

" Lennart explained. " Sorry

to say this

but... they won't take seriously a man who's missing an arm and a leg."

"I imagined that..." Leon rubbed his chin. "By the way

how do the Russians plan to defend their territory?"

"They won't

they don't have the manpower to protect all their dungeons

" Lennart explained. "So they will leave those to India and China. They didn't say that openly

but they are hoping that you help them to solve that situation by negotiating with them."

"I'm not an ambassador of the Allied Forces of North-America..." Leon frowned. "But I guess I will do what I can. I won't lose anything by trying to become their allies. It will be better if we use our time to strengthen our forces rather than fighting against ourselves for resources. That being said... sparring is also a good way to train..."

'The number of things Leon had to do increased

but for some reason

he didn't feel burdened; he only felt the sense of trust that many people had on him.'

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'Although Leon could

he didn't fly for several days straight without stopping to rest. Even though they had camping gear that they could set in the earth platform to make the travel more comfortable

it wasn't enough. The cold wind against them didn't let them sleep while Leon was flying. Besides

they couldn't make a campfire on the earth platform. So

every night they stopped to rest. They could have borrowed one of the Russian choppers

but Leon could fly at almost the same speed. Besides

none of them could pilot

and there was also the matter about the fuel...'

'Anyway

stopping at night gave Leon more time to practice the healing process while teaching the same to Yuki. Just like he had expected

she had talent in that area. In just a few days

she reached the same level.'

"I'm happy with this much progress..." Yuki frowned. "But having to hurt me to practice is a little unsettling."

"I understand what you mean

" Leon said.'

'Leon also had planned to teach a few things to Lennart

but the kid was so eager to see his sister that he couldn't think about anything else. Leon concluded that it would be better if he lets the siblings teach each other. It was a first for Leon

but to repay the favor

Yuki also decided to give him a few pointers of how to heal a bigger area and faster since she eventually surpassed Leon in terms of progress. After five days

they finally were back in Japan

and on that same day

Leon finally learned the basic spell he wanted.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Heal.'

'Cost: 20 mana'

'Restores: 20 health'

'Cooldown time: 1 second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'As it turned out

Leon didn't have to heal a small wound in 0.2 seconds. He just had to do it in one second. Anyway

now he was one step closer to restore his limbs and Gisela's eyes. Yuki would also be able to help more people... but Leon couldn't see Yuki increasing her own workload. Although that wasn't a problem since that was something she enjoyed doing.'

'The next day they arrived in Tokyo

much to their surprise

the whole population greeted them happily. Leon wasn't much knowledgeable in Japanese culture

but he was pretty sure that the citizens only bent their knees to the emperor

so he frowned when they saw all of them doing that. Then again

perhaps some customs changed in the past four years

or maybe they were thankful for Yuki being alive... or

they acknowledged her as the new leader of the country.'

"This is making my back feels itchy..." Leon said. "Shall I let you walk to greet them?"

"There's no need

" Yuki said. "The advisors probably prepared a ceremony for my father's funeral today; we can't leave them waiting."

'Leon nodded

even though it was weird

he moved toward the imperial palace using the earth platform as fast as possible. The imperial guards didn't even flinch when they approached and entered the palace. Once they arrived

they met Ren and several advisors; it looked like their numbers had increased.'

"It is good to see you back and alive

Your Majesty." Ren bowed.'

"... Speak to me like before

Ren." Yuki said. "It's not like I can assume my father's position."

"I cannot. Although it's not official

the population wishes for you to be the Empress of our nation." Ren said. " Not a single advisor or any other important figure of our nation is against the idea."

'''So

everyone is pushing their problems onto me..." Yuki sighed. "Well

if that's the case

I will work hard to do what my father always wanted to do

protect our nation and its citizens."

'Ren smiled

and then he and the other advisors guided them to where the funeral of Makoto would be held. Seiji burned his entire body and got rid of the ashes

so they buried an empty coffin. Yuki didn't let her angst and sadness show on her face

but she was unable to control her tears. Meanwhile

Leon could only feel empty. He failed again

and this time his failure cost a friend's life. Lennart was feeling terribly out of place

but he didn't do anything.'

'It would be rude to leave soon after the funeral

and Yuki wanted to stay alone for a while on the grave. So

Leon decided to return to the room he previously used and return only the next day to Las Vegas. Ren accompanied him and Lennart

and when they entered the room

he let out a big sigh.'

"...It looked like you had a difficult battle." Ren said.'

"I messed up... several times." Leon said. "I'm sorry."

"Don't apologize

I know that you did what any of us couldn't." Ren shook his head. "Your Majesty was right in bringing only you... Seiji left several spies behind; even a few advisors worked for him. We got rid of them with your help. If he had revealed his plan to others

maybe even you could have lost your lives. Your Majesty only had a few ninjas who he trusted absolutely

so he used them to monitor things here."

"I see ... " Leon said with his head.'

"Anyway

if a few people didn't like you before

now they don't have any reason to dislike you

" Ren said. "You brought back Lady Yuki and even killed those who plotted the kidnapping."

'Leon failed in many aspects

but he couldn't reveal more than what he already did. So

he just stayed silent.'

"I wish we could repay you somehow... but I guess Your Majesty already did." Ren said

looking at the katana on Leon's back.'

"She said that as long as carry that on my back

we will be allies

" Leon said. "I'm planning to do exactly that... since I don't know how to swing a sword properly yet."

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'Ren and Leon talked for a while

about most things that happened but in detail. Ren nodded when he heard that all people involved directly and indirectly on the kidnapping died

but couldn't help but frown when he heard Leon brought back their railgun.'

"I heard that they killed a dragon a few years ago with that weapon... Although they had to hit the head to do it." Ren said. "You really are something else if you made them give that to you without even asking.'

"Really? They didn't tell me that..." Leon said. "They probably assumed I heard about it."

"You didn't hear about it?" Lennart frowned.'

"No... I didn't tell you

but I spent four years stuck in an island." Leon said. "I only left after training my magic for four years."

"... No wonder you are so powerful." Lennart said after he recovered from the surprise.'

"Anyway

talking about dragons... are you guys investigating why they aren't showing themselves anymore?" Leon asked.'

'''Yes

we have been investigating that for the past months

" Ren answered. "But we have no idea why they aren't attacking anymore or where they went.""

"Do you know anything about this

Lennart?" Leon asked.'

"I was just a regular soldier

so I don't have the details

" Lennart said. "However

Alexei was also investigating the subject

but found nothing about them either."

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

'It was good that they weren't attacking

but not knowing why it was equally dangerous. However

now that Allied Forces of North-America

Japan and all the countries of Europe would work together

he was sure that they would soon find an answer.'

"Yeah... Anyway

what are your plans now?" Ren asked.'

'"Well

first

I intend to restore my limbs

and then I will see what I can do to convince Indians and Chinese to work with us

" Leon said. "But if something happens before I recover them

I guess I will have to fight like this; I don't plan to see our allies dying for no reason."

"Don I work too hard..." Ren frowned. "On our end

I think we can convince the Australians to join us; rather

since they are an independent nation like us

they don't have any reason to refuse since our goal is just to work together to protect the world."

"That's good to hear

" Leon nodded. "Now

we just have to convince the Caribean Fighters

Atlantic Free Nation

Africa

Indians

and Chineses... we still have a long way to go."

"Don't worry; you don't have to do everything alone

not anymore." Ren tapped Leon's shoulders.'

'The next day after breakfast Leon Lennart Ren and Yuki walked toward the port where they would part ways. Usually that kind of thing was only done at night but since all the traitors were disposed of and now the Russians were allies Yuki didn't feel the need to be so discreet at least for one time.' 'Leon could always cross the ocean using earth platform but he still wasn't faster than a megalodon swimming. Besides he would be in trouble if suddenly the dragons return.' "Come to think of it; I have to return the magic box " Leon said.' "Keep it even though it's a memento from my brother in your hands will be put to good use "Yuki said. "Make sure to use it in a way that will make my father feel proud." "Got it." Leon nodded. "If something happens you can contact me Sarah or Tom. They should prove themselves useful."

"If you trust them

then I will

" Yuki said. "Thank you

Leon. Words can't express how grateful I am."

"We are allies and friends." Leon smiled. "Helping each other is a given... by the way

if you try to concentrate your mana around your body and make it a little dense

you will learn a useful skill. Until next time."

'There was no reason for long or dramatic farewells

even though an ocean separated them

now they could contact each with ease. Leon just has to find a way to send some phones to Japan

or perhaps the Russians would be able to do that since they managed to preserve a lot of technology... Anyway

after saying that

Leon and Lennart entered the megalodon.'

'Even though Leon just learned how to heal wounds

he didn't stop his practice. The next step would be to learn Regeneration

and that meant that he would have to wound himself in several parts of his body and make them heal at the same time. Just thinking of that was enough to make Leon sigh

he wondered if it wouldn't be more efficient to level up the Heal until level one hundred and hope it to evolve. To do

he would have to become a medic in a war or to capture a monster

damage

and heal it thousands of times... the first option was impossible

and the second was also out of the question. He killed hundreds of people

but he did to protect himself and rescue a friend. He also tortured Alexei and Seiji a little

but it was to obtain information that would solve many problems. Torturing a monster to level up his skill was something sick that Leon wasn't interested in doing.'

"Wait a minute... what will happen if I heal something that is already dead?"

'Leon didn't think of reviving the dead

he thought of using Heal in skeletons. According to certain games

the skeletons would suffer damage

but would that happen in the real world? Either way

there was a problem

to heal a wound

Leon had to touch it. The only wounds he didn't have to touch where the wounds of his own body.'

"I wonder if it is possible to pass my mana to someone else... Mana Transfusion doesn't work on people

so I guess the stronger version of that skill must work on people..."

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'Although the number of things Leon wanted to learn increased

he didn't feel bothered by it. The more skills at his disposal

the more problems he will be able to solve when the time comes.'

'Just as Leon had expected

making several wounds heal at the same time was hard. Still

he had no choice but to keep trying. It was the only way to find a clue about how to regenerate lost body parts.'

'Leon and Lennart arrived in San Diego soon after sunset

and they didn't waste time and flew toward Las Vegas. The kid was so eager to see Gisela that Leon was already tired of seeing his eyes full of expectations. They arrived at Las Vegas around midnight on time to see a tired Amanda crossing the garden and everyone

but Maya waiting for her. When those two suspicious figures appeared

everyone jumped and prepared themselves

but soon they recognized Leon.'

"Bro... ther..." Amanda said with her eyes wide open.'

'It looked like the news hadn't arrived in Las Vegas yet

so they couldn't help but froze on the spot when they saw Leon's body. If it were any one person

they would think that was a joke

but they couldn't even think of that in such a moment. The only person who didn't read the mood was Lennart

the moment he saw Gisela

he jumped into her arms. She got confused

but after a brief conversation

she recognized her little brother's voice.'

"...It looks like a lot happened." Hector said

showing a serious face. "Let's talk inside.""

'It was late

but everyone wanted to hear what happened after Leon left. In the end

they regretted not going with him; if one or two had gone with Leon

they could have prevented Makoto's death and Leon's injuries. They didn't insist because they thought that would annoy Makoto. They didn't know that he wasn't the type of person who would refuse the help of those who Leon trusted.'

"I failed big this time... I failed so much that I feel guilty by receiving Makoto's katana and Yuki's magic box." Leon said. "Although I didn't ask for it

the new Russia leader even gave me the railgun."

"To think that master would meet my little brother

" Gisela smiled. "Thank you for bringing him to me

master."

"... Master?" Lennart's eyebrows twitched.'

"... Don't look at me like that

kid." Leon sighed. "I told your sister to stop calling me that hundreds of times."

'Lennart wasn't satisfied with that explanation

but he decided to shut up for the time being. It was late

and he was at Amanda's house

so it wasn't the time or the place to start an argument

much less when he just reunited with his sister.'

"Anyway

did something happen while I was away?" Leon asked.'

"Not much

I just learned the hard way how tiring is to teach magic to so many people." Amanda showed a weak smile. "Sarah called a few days ago to inform that they will have a hard time replicating those choppers... aside from that nothing."

"I see... well

I will talk with her tomorrow." Leon said. "By the way

the Angelic Bow is yours now. It belonged to Alexei

but now that he is gone

no one will complain. Speaking of the bow

how are things nearby the demons' dungeon?""

"Everything is fine

" Amanda said. "Now and then we go to the dungeon to decreased their numbers... but soon

a dungeon break will occur."

"I wanted to spend a few days of training

but I guess I will clear the dungeon

" Leon said. "I wonder if we can find the devil himself on the other side of the dungeon..."

"Don't even joke about going to the other side

" Amanda said with a harsh tone.'

"I'm just joking." Leon chuckled. "I truly want to spend as much time as possible

finding a way to regenerate my limbs and Gisella's eyes."

"Come to think of it... aside from the fact that you got hit by a railgun

you look awfully fine." Hector frowned. "I can't even see the marks of burns."

"I healed the burns

and I also learned how to heal wounds

" Leon smirked. "Wanna see? Who is going to be my guinea pig?""

'Everyone was afraid of Leon's cold smile

but Hector easily cut himself with his spear. It looked like he was quite used to pain... to make his sister worried face disappear

Leon healed the wound in an instant.'

"I will try to teach this skill from tomorrow onward

but I don't think it will be easy

" Leon explained. "However

even if one percent of the survivors here learn the skill

we will be able to decrease the casualties by manifold.'

"Amazing... I barely learned one spell this month

and you learned two very convenient spells." Betty said

astonished.'

"It may be hard

but I think every soldier needs to learn it

" Leon added. "If they learn Heal

they can close wounds in an instant

and they would be able to fight for a long time. This will be our best weapon against the hordes of monsters... Now that I think about it

I can use this knowledge to make the other nations become allies."

"Ah... if you tempt them with the power to heal wounds

they will probably accept your offer." Hector said. "The problem is

will they continue being allies after they learn the skill?"

"That is no problem

" Leon smiled. "If that happens

by the time I will have already learned the skill to regenerate my limbs. Then

I will show them how well I treat traitors."

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'Although Leon wanted to take it easy for a while

he learned the hard way that taking easy while the world was full of monsters

and humans were fighting against each wasn't a good idea. He woke up early the next day to teach the survivors of Las Vegas

Amanda already had too many things to do

and she was a mother so Leon couldn't burden her so much.'

'After watching the survivors for a while

he noticed that they progressed a lot in the last few weeks. Some of them already knew basic spells and create steel plates. Leon felt like selecting those who learned how to use magic faster and teach them how to heal wounds

but he gave up on the idea. It was better to teach everyone equally.'

'Soon after teaching the first five hundred survivors

Leon contacted Sarah and gave his report of his last weeks' activities.'

"...You never stop to catch a breath

do you?"

"I wish I could

but I can't ignore a friend asking for help

" Leon said. "Anyway

most members of the European Council looked pretty friendly and liked the idea of working together while being mutually respectful toward each other

but you never know what someone may be thinking."

"I understand

I will make spies keep an eye on things in Europe for the time being."

"Now that we are working together

it will be more efficient if we can contact whenever possible

" Leon said.'

'"Yes

don't worry about it. We already had the means to contact them. We just didn't because we knew it was possible to reach an agreement before. I will also make sure to share our technology with Japan; we have a few survivors making a few modifications in cell phones. Soon

we will send a larger number to them."

"That's good to hear

" Leon said.'

"It looks like you didn't make any progress in the magic items creation

but the Heal skill will help a lot. Do you plan to teach that to the people here?"

"I intend to send the first people who learned this skill here to you to help you guys learn

" Leon explained. "By the way

I guess we also need to send some guys to teach basic magic to the survivors in New York

right?"

"That's not necessary. Amanda already told you the first steps of how to manipulate

transform

and create the elements. We are passing the knowledge to all survivors who are interested

but I guess it would help if you or your sister come to teach them. I'm struggling to make earth become steel

by the way."

'"Well

if you already know

you just need to practice

" Leon said. "Unfortunately

I'm going to pass on that offer. I need to find a way to regenerated my lost limbs."

"It can't be helped... that being said

that kind of knowledge will also help us."

'Although Leon did want to learn that skill as soon as possible

he also wanted to stay with his family and friends as much as possible. It was impossible to say for sure when a problem would arise

and he would have to leave Las Vegas for a while. Therefore

he wanted to enjoy those moments as much as possible.'

'Anyway

Leon didn't reveal about Mana Armor

Mana shield

and Mana Dominion. Mostly because he wanted to surprise his possible enemies and because those skills would only be useful in the hands of people like Yuki and Lennart. Although everyone could recover mana pretty fast if melee fighters try to keep Mana Armor activated

they wouldn't fight for long if they receive too much damage. Leon wasn't the best person to think about this

but it wasn't a good idea to rely too much on those kinds of skills. Humans needed to feel the pain in order to also feel the need to improve their fighting style. If one relies too much on Mana Armor

one would eventually stop dodging attacks...'

'While Leon was thinking about those things

Gisela and Lennart approached. Aside from them

Sasha and Maya were also at home since Sasha was the one who looked after Maya when Leon was busy

and Amanda and Hector were away.'

"I'm sorry

for yesterday

" Lennart bowed his head. "It looks like you just treated my sister like a friend and did nothing to her."

"Don't worry

kid

" Leon said. "I can relate to your situation. Even to this point

I can't accept that my sister married an asshole like Hector. So

I understand your feelings."

"Right... you didn't forget my name

did you?" Lennart asked.'

'''No

" Leon said.'

'''So

can you please stop calling me 'kid'?" Lennart asked.'

"No can do." Leon smiled. "That is something I always wanted to do before

but I never had the chance. Anyway

what are you guys going to do now?""

"I want to repay master for your kindness..." Gisela said. "However

I cannot help much in my current state. So

I wanted to train until I obtain the strength I want. However

I also want to meet with my parents."

'''Well

there's no need to hurry

" Leon said. "Besides

it looks like you progressed a lot while I was away. In any case

you don't have to train only here. Shall I ask Sarah for a chopper to take you two to Germany?"

"That will help a lot

master." Gisela smiled. "However

I intend to return as soon as possible. I have the feeling that master will always be on the front lines when the problems arise so

I want to be nearby when the time comes to offer my support."

"I see ... what about you?" Leon asked.'

"I will use this chance to observe how things will play out in the European Council

" Lennart said. "If things go well

I will return with my sister; if not

then I will stay there."

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'Lennart would work as an internal agent

so Leon decided to register his number on his cellphone. He doubted that the kid would lie to his sister's benefactor

and he also seemed to be an honest kid.'

"Come to think of it... what happened to that chopper Betty and I used before?" Leon asked.'

"It's in the same place you left

" Betty said. "Why do you ask?""

'Leon looked behind and saw Betty approaching. Usually

she would work with Hector and Amanda to protect the city

but she came alone.'

"You are early..." Leon said. "Gisela and the kid want to go to Germany

can you take them?"

"Please

use my name..." Lennart sighed.'

"Sure

there's nothing to do around here

and since the soldiers can fight now using magic

I can't have a decent exercise." Betty nodded. "I guess I could use a break and travel the world a little."

'Leon frowned when he heard that

it looked like Betty was being a little too carefree. But Leon noticed that a person couldn't be in combat mode day in and day out. A break and a change of scenery were necessary. Leon forgot about the meaning of those since there was no point in taking a break on the island

there was nothing to do there

after all. That being said

there were days that he didn't practice his magic there. Those were the days that he was too depressed to do anything... and those were also the days he regretted the most.'

"Thank you

just make sure to give a call if something happens

" Leon said.'

'"Yeah

yeah

" Betty said.'

'''Anyway

how is your progress?" Leon asked. "Did you finally learn a spell?"

"Hehe

thanks for asking

"Betty smirked. "I trained day in and day out

and I finally learned Fire Bullet! Wanna see?"

"...Rather than seeing

I want you to use on me." Leon said.'

'Betty trained hard

but it looked like she wasn't motivated enough. So

Leon decided to help her in that regard

and considering her past; he knew exactly what he had to do.'

"Are you sure?" Betty frowned.'

"Of course

I won't even try to dodge

so do your best

" Leon answered.'

"You and your cocky attitude..." Betty said

looking a bit offended. "Don't regret it later..."

'Despite saying that

Betty hesitated in attacking a friend and much less an injured friend. After several seconds

she shot a Fire Bullet toward Leon's feet. It didn't cause any damage thanks to Mana Armor

and it barely hit the mark.'

"... I guess you need to train your accuracy." Leon said.'

"Why you..." Betty clenched her teeth.'

'This time Betty hesitated a little less. She noticed that her attack didn't damage Leon

even though it was supposed to damage even without directly hitting it. Her Fire Bullet hit Leon's chest

but it didn't even burn his clothes. She didn't know why since Leon kept as a secret the Mana Armor. Unless a person decides to increase their mana as much as possible

Leon decided that he wouldn't teach that.'

'Betty tried a few times

but her attacks didn't cause any damage. At some point

Betty stopped holding back when she saw Leon smirking. It was the same annoying smile that he showed when they played fighting games in the past

and he won.'

"You need to level up that skill more

" Leon said. "If

when you return

you manage to wound me even a little

I will teach you a new spell."

"Hmph! The next time I will kick your ass." Betty snorted and then left.'

'It looked like Leon wounded her pride a little

but he knew that Betty wasn't the type who hold grudges. Every time he did that in the past

Betty practiced those fighting games for a few days until she could defeat him in a flawless victory.'

'After Betty

Gisella and Lennart left to pack their things. Leon resumed his training. Truth be told

Leon wanted to Betty's magic get stronger because he wanted to practice his skill to cure burns. She was the only one who could do it anyway

Amanda wouldn't do that to her brother

and Hector wouldn't do that to his brother-in-law. Gisela and Lennart were in the same situation

so the only ones left were Betty and Sasha. As for Sasha

she barely speaks with Leon.'

'''Well

then..." Leon murmured.'

'Using wind magic

Leon caused some damage to his skin. People already knew that he had to wound himself to practice that skill

but he still didn't want to show that to anyone. Much less when Maya was nearby

so he caused the damage the way only someone very close would notice.'

'Leon tried to heal all the wounds at the same time

but once again

he failed. He recalled the days where he trained to learn how to control several objects at the same time on the island

and just like that time

he wouldn't learn it so easily. Unlike healing skills as fast as possible

he had to heal several of them slowly

but at the same pace. He could heal two wounds at the same time

but one was faster

and the other was always slower

Leon was pretty sure he wouldn't learn Regeneration like that.'

"What a pain..."

'Although it was annoying to fail so many times

Leon was sure that once he succeeds

all the failures will disappear from his memory

and then he would only have the feeling of accomplishment. Besides

it wasn't like he had any other choice. It was a bit too much to hope that he would learn a more powerful skill if he levels up Heal until level 100. Not only that

but it would also take a long while before he could make a skill reach that level. Even after more than four years

his earth manipulation that he used every day was still level sixty-two.'

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'Several days passed and just like Leon thought

it would be hard to teach the survivors of Las Vegas how to heal wounds. Maybe it was because they only recently started to use mana consciously

but none of those two thousand had any sensitivity when it comes to mana.'

'Regardless

it was a matter of survival

so Leon had to keep teaching them while he can. Potions can heal wounds

but those are expensive

and it's not convenient to use them in the middle of a battle. Besides

the more people offering support from the backlines

the more the chances of someone in the front lines dying will decrease.'

'After one week of non-stop teaching lessons and practice

Leon finally managed to heal two wounds at the same time at a decent speed. However

just as he had expected

he didn't receive the message confirming that he had learned a new skill. Without any other choice

he started his training to heal three wounds at the same time. But soon

he stopped because Sasha and Maya approached

and by the look of things

Maya wanted to play with her uncle.'

'Maya was a very smart child. She was so clever that the first thing she asked Leon when she saw him after weeks was to ask what happened to his arm and leg. That made Leon's heartache. He didn't want to lie

so he promised her that he would tell her

once she catches the water ball

he always creates to play with her. Leon was hoping that he would regenerate his limbs before she can get fast enough to outspeed his projectiles

but... you never know. Much to Leon's surprise

Sasha decided to strike a conversation while he was looking after Maya.'

"... Leon... can you spar with me for a while?" Sasha asked after making some long pauses.'

"Do you want me to create steel spears and make them attack you?" Leon asked. "Or do you want to train your reaction speed by trying to block my spells?"

"Both!" Sasha said

excitedly.'

'Leon frowned

he couldn't understand the reason for her excitement

but then he recalled Hector's words. She liked him in the past

but it would be way too weird if she still likes him after several years... that was even truer since she worked with Amanda for years

and she had accepted her brother's death a long time ago.'

"The romance topic just makes me feel depressed since the holy sword is still sealed... better not think about it. Or maybe I should look for a spell to cure myself... I doubt that medicines will help me since my Poison Resistance level is quite high."

'Anyway

Leon couldn't damage his body while Maya was nearby

so it was a good idea to train his Spearmanship. Until now

he managed to overpower his enemies

but until when that would work? It was better to keep training since it was his most efficient way to defeat a larger number of enemies.'

'To avoid a bloody scene while his niece was watching

Leon decided to start slowly and see how fast Sasha was. Despite her meek and shy behavior

she was quite good at fighting with her two swords. Her movements were precise

fast

and strong. While Leon was going easy

she also easily blocked his two spears completely. That being said

she paid the price for blocking Leon's spears

her hands were bleeding.'

"Your attacks are quite heavy..." Sasha said

showing a pained expression.'

'''Well

those spears weigh over thirty kilograms..." Leon said and then healed her hands.'

'Leon's attacks could be three times faster... so if Sasha tries to block the full power of his spears with a single hand... she would probably break her arm. However

she asked for more

because it was rare for her to find training partners and because her skill was leveling up quite fast.'

"It is probably because Spearmanship level is high... or because the system recognizes me as a strong opponent for her... either way

it works well for her."

'While Leon was sparring with Sasha

he noticed that she also had pretty good footwork. By the look of things

she practiced martial art in the past... Leon didn't want to pry

but he decided to memorize her movements. He had two swords now

and it was time to learn how to use them properly. Well

everything starts once he regenerates his limbs.'

'Since Leon also felt the need to obtain a few extra points

he decided to use his weakest spells against Sasha. However

since Earth Bullet was powerful enough to break her fingers even though she blocked the projectile

Leon decided to use only Water Bullet and Wind Bullet. The damage caused by those was small

but they were powerful enough to force Sasha to concentrate

or if she fails

it will hurt a lot...'

"I need to train my low-level skills in order to increase my mana since my intelligence doesn't increase the effectiveness of Heal or Cure Burns..."

'Leon thought he worked pretty hard to reach his current level of power

but considering that he had several skills under level ten

it was a waste not to obtain those free status points. Besides

he had ideas to create several other small spells. The problem was that he had many priorities... At least now

he found a way to help Sasha train while he obtains a few status points.'

'Anyway

after another week practicing regeneration

he finally could heal three wounds at the same time. The survivors of the city also progressed a little bit

of those two thousand Leon tried to teach Heal

fifteen of them finally could heal small scratches... it was little progress

but they progressed nonetheless.'

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'Leon thought that he was a pretty good teacher since he managed to teach Gisela in one month

something he had to practice for almost a year

but he was wrong. Teaching Heal was being far more complicated than he had imagined

and now some problems finally appeared. While Leon was feeling troubled

Sarah called him.'

"Hello

Leon. Sorry for bothering you

but how are the process of teaching the Heal skill?"

"Slow... very slow." Leon sighed. "The survivors don't have much experience using mana so that it will take a while. Why do you ask?"

"Some leaders of the European Council are asking me rather constantly when you intend to teach their survivors how to heal wounds."

"I see..." Leon sighed again. "At this point in time

they may be thinking that we are trying to monopolize that skill. My hands... my hand is full with the survivors I have to teach here

but I guess we should let them send some survivors to see how difficult it is to learn that skill. You can also send some from New York

but you and the other should only send those who have some experience using mana. Otherwise

it will be a waste of time."

"Okay

I will do that. Now

about the Caribbean Fighters. I decided to contact them since they are the nearest group of survivors. As expected

they are interested in becoming allies after hearing about Heal. However

it looks like they won't be able to help a lot unless we help them teaching Heal or fighting against the megalodons

they are suffering attacks from those beasts quite frequently as of late."

"Like I said... it won't be easy to teach them that." Leon said. "What about the second option?"

"We can send a few soldiers

but none of them want to go because they are learning magic. Even if we contact other cities

we will hear the same thing. I know that you are trying to learn the spell to heal your body

so sending you is not an option. So

I thought that maybe if we could lend them the railgun would be the safest method to help them

'"Yeah

l get it

" Leon said. "It is not a good idea to lend such a weapon for a group that hadn't proved to be a trustworthy ally yet."

'"Yes

so I decided to send them a weapon that William thought of creating a few months ago. We called the Harpoon Shooter... even though we didn't manage to produce since we couldn't produce steel like before."

'''So

you want me to create it." Leon nodded. "That is fine by me

but I will only be able to build if I have the blueprint and every part detailed very well. However

I won't be able to mount the weapon."

"That's fine

we will send a team of engineers

and they will tell you how everything needs to be done. I think ten of those will be enough to help the Caribbean Fighters and don't worry. The engineers will send the parts and mount the weapon. The problem will be the ammo

and I will need you or some of the survivors in Las Vegas to build the harpoons. The engineers will also transport those."

"All right

I will select those who can create decent steel and make them do that

" Leon said. "But I'm kind of curious how exactly those harpoons will kill such beasts."

"The engineers will put poison inside the projectiles. There is a dungeon Greece in which deadly poisonous snakes can be found. We traded resources with them for the poison."

"I see

that is good to hear." Leon smiled. "Anyway

I will be waiting for those engineers and the other guys."

'''Yes

have a good day.""

'Leon felt proud because several countries of different continents were working together

and he helped to make that possible. However

it wasn't time to relax yet. A few days later

when Leon selected the survivors who would make the harpoons

several choppers landed in Las Vegas. Some of them were the engineers who would transport and build weapons

but most of them were the survivors of other nations who wanted to learn how to Heal wounds.'

"Now that I think about it... how in the hell will I speak with them?"

'It was the best thing Leon could think of to avoid suspicions. When several nations were working together

there was no room for doubts or suspicious behavior... Fortunately

in all of those teams

there was at least one person who could speak English.'

'Anyway

the number of things Leon had to do increased. Aside from those two thousand survivors that came to Las Vegas to learn magic

Leon also had to teach five hundred survivors of other countries

and in his free time

he had to build the Harpoon-shooter. Leon wondered if the poison was even necessary since the weapon itself was the size of a tank. As for the projectiles

those were three times heavier and two times longer than Leon's spears.'

'Fortunately

Leon finished those ten weapons in one week. As payment for their work

the survivors who would create the harpoons didn't have to participate in defense of the city. They could create those projectiles in two hours

so it was a pretty good deal to them. They would keep creating that ammo.'

'When the engineers left

Betty and Gisela finally returned. Surprisingly

even Lennart was back... it looked like things were going a lot better than Leon had expected in Europe.'

"You guys came sooner than I thought

" Leon said.'

"Of course

we came today because Maya's birthday is tomorrow

" Betty said.'

'Leon frozen on the spot

he knew that his niece's birthday was approaching

but he never asked the date. He also was too busy that he didn't think of a present for her...'

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'Birthday parties were rarity nowadays

even though Hector was the leader of that city

he wasn't rich. The coins he and Amanda obtained were used to helping the city in some way or another... noticing that

Leon started to wonder if he was doing enough.'

'Anyway

even though Leon forgot the present for Maya

the situation solved itself pretty easily. He just asked her what she wanted

and she said that she wanted to fly. Thus Leon flew with Maya in an earth platform for several hours. Even though it wasn't his birthday party

Leon felt like it was. He felt so happy when they passed through a few clouds

and Maya smiled happily like a pure little angel. As much as Leon wanted

he couldn't play with his niece all day

he had survivors to teach magic

but he reminded himself to fly with Maya now and then.'

'It didn't take long for Leon's new students to notice that it wasn't easy to learn Heal

thanks to that

the word quickly spread all over Europe that Leon wasn't trying to favor anyone

not even his compatriots.'

"I guess I can finally focus on my own training again..."

'Just when Leon thought that Betty approached while smirking. It was finally time to show the results of her training. It was obvious that she didn't do anything but meditate and shot Fireballs in the last weeks. Betty was full of confidence. Perhaps her magic skills were enough to damage monsters to the point where she could consider Fireball a part of her arsenal.' '''Well

show me what you got

" Leon said.'

'"Heh

don't blame me if you get hurt

"Betty smirked and shot a Fireball. "DIEEEE!""

'Leon frowned when he heard that Betty was as weird as always

he also recalled that she always said that when it was payback times in those fighting games... Despite her words

she didn't aim at Leon's head or heart. She just aimed at Leon's hand that he put in front of himself to block the spell. This time

he didn't use Mana Armor and just used his hands to block the attack

hoping that his defenses would be enough... it didn't.'

"Ouch!" Leon used to Heal to dissipate the pain soon afterward.'

'Although it didn't burn his hand

Betty's attack was powerful enough to damage him even though his mentality was high. Leon thought that would also make Betty mad

but he was wrong.'

"... I guess one month of training can't surpass four years so easily." Betty sighed. "Well

I damaged you

now you have to teach me more."

"I guess you did grew up after all those years

after all." Leon smiled. "Even though you are as small as always..."

'''Hah

you will have to try harder to make me mad." Betty crossed her arms and said proudly.'

'Although his time to practice by himself decreased once again

Leon was more than happy with it since he was helping his friends.'

'One month after his return

Leon finally was skill enough to heal five wounds at the same time

but he still didn't learn Regeneration

and that was very weird.'

"I guess I'm not practicing the right way... perhaps

just wounding my arm isn't enough since the wounds are close from each other."

'Leon wounded his foot

arm

and his cheek

and then he noticed that it was very difficult to heal those since they were so apart from each other

but that would be a good practice nonetheless. While Leon started his new training

Amanda approached. For a change

it looked like she had a day-off.'

"Brother

I'm happy to see you are helping so many survivors and the city

" Amanda said. "But I think you are working too much.""

"Is that so?" Leon frowned. "But it's not like I have anything better to do."

"Well... that's true." Amanda nodded. "Then why don't you find a hobby? You also can always join Betty and Hector on their gaming sessions."

"They have games?" Leon frowned again.'

'''Yes

even though there's no internet

console games can still be played

" Amanda explained. " Betty and Amanda managed to buy several consoles and games that some survivors managed to recover over the years. Hector didn't use all that much in the last years

but once Betty came here

they started to play together very often."

"I see... what a bunch of assholes

they never invited me." Leon realized. "But I guess it isn't that surprising since I can't play with one hand..."

'"No

they didn't invite you

because they don't think you are the same Leon of the past

" Amanda explained. "You are always doing something related to magic

be teaching or practicing yourself... in their eyes

they think you are a soldier who won't be able to live a life outside the battlefield."

'Leon nodded since that was very accurate. Training his magic in his free time was like breathing to him

and teaching was necessary to decrease the burden on his shoulders. Besides

he would feel guilty if people die when they could have survived some situations that even basic spells could have saved them.'

"Thus

I think you should relax now and then

" Amanda said. "You can always play games with Betty

read books with Sasha

take sunbathes with Gisela

and... what does the Empress of Japan like to do?"

"... Dear little sister

didn't anyone say to you until now that you aren't very subtle?" Leon forced a smile and stroke Amanda's head. "Still

to think my little sister would try to play the cupid for me makes me both happy and depressed..."

"I'm just saying that you already fought for far too long

" Amanda said. "You worked too hard and now can relax a little bit... maybe it is about time for you to have your own family."

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'Leon started to think about what Amanda said; in the end

she only wanted to see him happy like she was. However

for several reasons that Leon couldn't tell his little sister

that was the last thing in his mind.'

"Sorry

little sister." Leon smiled. "But even though you are saying that for my own good

you don't have to worry about that. Back in the day

I fooled around plenty. So

now I have to do my best in order not to regret later."

"Hah... all right." Amanda sighed. "Just try not to overwork yourself to death. You can't try to carry the world over your shoulders

brother."

'Leon smiled as he watched his sister leaving. In the end

Leon couldn't bring himself to enter a relationship with one of those four. They were just friends

nothing more. Perhaps if the holy sword weren't sealed

his thoughts would be different

but as of the moment

he wanted to work hard to avoid other failures.'

"Despite surviving those four years on that island

I'm still weak-minded. If something were to happen with my friends

I would go mad and do something stupid like I did in Moscow. Challenging thousands of survivors directly and even going to the point of showing myself to the enemy when I could have destroyed him without even stepping on that city..."

'Now that Leon could count on the survivors of Europe

Japan

and eventually the Caribbean Fighters

there was no need for him to do something so crazy like before. But considering the last years

Leon knew that the future was uncertain

and it was better to be safe than sorry. He only thing he could do to avoid worrying about the future endlessly was to train his magic like a madman.'

'After two weeks of harsh training

Leon finally completed the second stage of his plan to regenerate his limbs and Gisela's eyes. As he had expected

just healing several wounds wasn't enough; he had to heal wounds all over his body to learn that skill.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Regeneration.'

'Cost: 1 mana per second'

'Restores: 1 health per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Much to Leon's surprise

the skill he learned was an active skill and consumed his mana while the skill of the gloves was a passive one and didn't consume his mana. The logic behind was hard to understand

but now Leon didn't need the gloves all that much

and he gave them to Amanda in order to increase her chances of survival in case something happens. There was no point in taking the shield of dawn from Hector

so Leon didn't ask for it. Although he only left on his back

Hector said that protected him many times from stray shots.'

'"Well

I guess now I need to train Regeneration a little bit... Unfortunately

I didn't obtain any clue as to how to regenerate my limbs while I practiced it..."

'In the end

Leon had to learn things the hard way... by trial and error. Just when Leon was thinking about ways to regenerate his limbs

he received a call from Sarah.'

'"Leon

sorry to bother you. Can you talk now?"

'''Yes

what is it?" Leon asked.'

"First

I would like to report that the weapons you created to help the Caribbean Fighters helped them to decrease the casualties. They became our allies

and now we are trading resources from each other."

"That's good to hear... what else?" Leon asked again.'

"We have a problem. Tom and I were negotiating with the leaders of the Atlantic Free Nation to become our allies

as well. Things were going well since they didn't have any interest in competing with other nations and only wanted to increase the chances of survival of their people. However

it looks like someone cause Dungeon Breaks in most dungeons of South America. Now

dozen of millions of monsters are marching toward the Brazilian coast

where most of their survivors are located."

"Did someone see who or what caused the dungeon breaks?" Leon asked.'

'"No

until now

no one caused dungeons breaks in South America. So

they were caught off-guard since they only watch the dungeons near the coast. Anyway

they are asking for help since they don't have nearly enough soldiers to fight against such horde of monsters. The European Council is already busy trying to protect the Russian border. Japan is short-handed since they lost a lot of soldiers because they worked for Seiji. As for the Caribbean Fighters

they are still busy fighting the megalodons."

'''So

I'm the only option left..." Leon said.'

"I'm sorry if you could lend that scythe that can summon skeletons; it would help a lot

but considering that the power of the skeletons is related to your intelligence

you are the best option."

"Yeah... there is no other choice then." Leon sighed. "Tell the survivors to buy as many mana potions as they can

even if my undead army can help them; there is a limit of how many I can create on my own."

"Got it! I will send the message right now!"

'The call ended

and Leon sighed. By the look of things

Sarah imagined that Leon would refuse the job. He was helping and making all the nations become allies in order to decrease the burden on himself

so Sarah imagined that. Anyway

even though it was annoying since Leon just finished the second step of his plan

there was no other choice.'

"I guess after learning how to regenerate my limbs; I will try to learn how to create shadow clones... it is the only way for me to find peace in this world."