

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (Completed)

Novel Chapter 221

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‘Months?’ Leon frowned .

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he thought it would be because the mist wasn't a single object... it took Leon several days before he could control gravity and telekinesis to make the mist stay in a single place . Fortunately, he affirmed the theory that he could control the mist to some extent without affecting his body . However, it wasn't an efficient method since his rings consumed a lot of mana .

Using his mana, Leon tried to emulate that effect . However, it wasn't easy to control the flow of things inside Mana Shield . However, after a few more tries, Leon discovered a way to do that . Instead of controlling the mana of a single area, he focused his senses to control all the mana of Mana Shield . That was even more difficult, but Leon found a trick to do that... he just has to make the mana on the boundaries of the Mana Shield move to the epicenter of the skill... where Leon was . That was a success . Little by little, the poison mist began to reunite in a single space... that made Leon feel sick since the poison was concentrated around him . But since that was just the first stage of his next skill, he endured that . He needed to keep practicing that until he manages to control his mana and make the mist stay where he wants .

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Leon was getting sidetracked, he shook those thoughts out of his head and tried to use gravity to control the mist . That was even harder then he thought it would be because the mist wasnt a single object... it took Leon several days before he could control gravity and telekinesis to make the mist stay in a single place . Fortunately, he affirmed the theory that he could control the mist to some extent without affecting his body . However, it wasnt an efficient method since his rings consumed a lot of mana .

Using his mana, Leon tried to emulate that effect . However, it wasnt easy to control the flow of things inside Mana Shield . However, after a few more tries, Leon discovered a way to do that . Instead of controlling the mana of a single area, he focused his senses to control all the mana of Mana Shield . That was even more difficult, but Leon found a trick to do that... he just has to make the mana on the boundaries of the Mana Shield move to the epicenter of the skill... where Leon was . That was a success . Little by little, the poison mist began to reunite in a single space... that made Leon feel sick since the poison was concentrated around him . But since that was just the first stage of his next skill, he endured that . He needed to keep practicing that until he manages to control his mana and make the mist stay where he wants .

Novel Chapter 224

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Although the poison mist inside Mana Shield had become a dense, small sphere of poison that had the size of a marble, Leon still managed to absorb its mana . However, that itself didn't solve the problem . If he could use Mana-Eater to eat every single bit of mana inside the Mana Shield every moment, perhaps that could work... but he couldn't .

‘This is so incredibly annoying...’

After a long sigh, Leon resumed his practice . He didn't recall complaining all that much when he was on the island . Perhaps, he complained a lot at the beginning, but after a while, he got used to the no-end practice... it looked like he needed to get used to it again .

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Although it wasn't easy to emulate, it was easy to understand . Leon just had to decrease his magic presence... there were two ways of doing that, keep using his mana and let the mana bar almost empty, or he could 'calm down' the mana in his body . After two more weeks trying to do that, Leon finally learned the skill, but there was a problem . He couldn't use any other spell active like Mana Dominion and Mana Shield . So, if someone discovers him by chance, he wouldn't be able to notice, and he would be totally unprotected .

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Although Leon had zero stealth skills, he managed to approach the girl quite easily and without being noticed by anyone and even her . Maybe it was because she walked with her head down and sighing every moment, but it was hard to be sure . Every single building around was closed, and not a single living soul could be seen . Eventually, she felt something smelly, but before she could turn around, Leon grabbed her and pressed a steel spear against her neck .

‘Scream, and you will die, say anything, and you will die . Use telepathy, and I will make your head roll . ‘ Leon murmured .

The poor girl trembled like a leaf, and Leon felt like he just threatened a ten-year-old kid . She had the same height as Amanda when Leon left home to study overseas, so he felt incredibly guilty by doing that .

‘Please don’t kill me,’ The girl said while she let tears flow . ‘My grandfather won’t give you a single coin for my life, but please don’t kill me... I’m too young to die . ‘

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‘Yes...’ The girl said .

‘You will turn around and guide me to the archives room at the research center,’ Leon said . ‘You won’t do anything suspicious and won’t try to stall for time . If you do that, I will let you go . Did you understand ?’

‘Yes, yes...’ The girl said .

‘Before that, tell me a route where we can avoid guards,’ Leon said . ‘I know that they erase your memories, but they only do that after you leave your post, right ?’

‘Y-yes... but I will only be able to access the archive room in eight hours .’ The girl said . ‘My access to that room is limited, and if I force my entrance on that place...’

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Leon frowned when he heard that most leaders of countries wouldn’t reveal the actions of their soldiers on the battlefield since that could bring some serious problems later . But once Leon considered that the people of that world were fighting against the harvesters, which were invaders of another world, revealing that kind of footage could work as propaganda to recruit more soldiers . Not only that, now that people could use all types of magic, but most sports and ways of entertainment would also become boring... but a battle against alien creatures wouldn’t .

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Leon frowned when he heard that most leaders of countries wouldnt reveal the actions of their soldiers on the battlefield since that could bring some serious problems later . But once Leon considered that the people of that world were fighting against the harvesters, which were invaders of another world, revealing that kind of footage could work as propaganda to recruit more soldiers . Not only that, now that people could use all types of magic, but most sports and ways of entertainment would also become boring... but a battle against alien creatures wouldnt .

If they dont have cameras and can transmit that kind of thing, they probably know some magic that can transmit the memories of people... this world magic is really advanced, and I need to discover some useful tricks that Im sure that they have .

Novel Chapter 227

Chapter 227: 227

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‘Why are there so few guards in this place?’ Leon asked after reaching the fourth floor, which was empty like the second and third .

‘Although they don’t come here often, we have dozens of guards who live nearby and can come to the building in two minutes if the necessity arises . ‘ The girl explained . ‘Only authorized personnel can enter this place; if someone tries to enter without authorization, hundreds of drones will leave the building and attack the invader . ‘

The drones were the first line of defense, and it made sense that the guards would live nearby . Just like Leon, the people living in that city didn’t have a lot of stamina and health... they couldn’t watch the building for long periods of time . Besides, by allocating them to the surroundings, they could surround everyone who tries to invade the place from all sides .

When they reached the fifty floor, Leon noticed that that place only had two things a massive computer that covered half of the floor and was like four hundred meters long and wide and the archive room .

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‘I see... so you guys use some kind of system to keep the harvesters away .’ Leon nodded . ‘But since you are still at war with them, it looks like the system can’t protect this place forever... You are right . I was summoned to this world by a lizard monster . Although the guards of this place tried to kill me, I don’t have time to waste on things like revenge . I just want to find some clues to go back home .’

‘I see... sorry for causing you trouble . ‘ The girl said and slowed down her typing a little bit .

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‘ . . . Are you sure of that ? ‘ Leon sighed again . ‘The world below is
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‘Why did you accept a job like that ?’ Leon asked .

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It looked like her grandfather could win the title of the worst grandfather ever with ease . . . Anyway, she didn't have any offensive skills, but perhaps she could make herself useful with the other skills she has .

‘All right, let's visit your house to take a few things you will need to live down there,’ Leon said . ‘My name is Leon, by the way . ‘

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‘My name is Darya . Thank you for giving me the chance to live . ‘
Darya slightly bowed her head .

‘I wonder if you hit your head somewhere . . . ‘ Leon said . ‘To ask to accompany the man who said that would cut your neck just a few hours ago . ‘

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‘ . . . Maybe I was confident that I could attack you fast enough, even without being ready to strike . ‘ Leon frowned .

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‘Lucky you, then . If I smelled like the poison mist, you probably would have died . ‘Leon said . ‘I guess I need to train my acting skills . . . by the way, I’m not a traveler or an invader . I’m more like a victim of a kidnapping . ‘

Time was running out; soon, the streets of the city would become brighter . Despite that, Leon couldn’t speed up things to return . So,

he just waited in an alley for Darya to come . Before she could return, the four warriors under Eadmund's command appeared .

'What are you doing? Soon the people of this city will begin to leave their houses . ' A random warrior said .

'The girl will come with me . I'm waiting for her . ' Leon said .

'Thanks to her, I obtained valuable information, so I cannot leave her behind, considering that she may be executed for it . '

'... Although the villagers won't mind your presence, I don't think they will welcome her . ' The warrior said .

'That's not a problem, you guys already helped me, and I already helped you guys,' Leon explained . 'I don't have intention in overstaying my welcome . '

Those four warriors realized that Leon had no intention of getting himself involved in the villagers of warriors in the lower world . Mostly because he intended to clear dungeon after dungeon until he obtains the power to face the harvesters . . . his plan was close to madness, but they knew Leon was a little mad . He spent several weeks trying to learn a spell, failed but invaded the city above anyway .

When Darya returned, she trembled when she saw Leon surrounded by four-man who looked like bodybuilders and armed with very

powerful magic weapons . In her place, Leon would probably feel the same way since she was 1,50 meters tall, and those guys were much taller than her .

Much to Darya's surprise, those four didn't do or say anything . Even though they were more or less like mortal enemies after what their ancestors did . . . the four warriors didn't look at her angry or annoyed . It was hard to say for sure if they were neutral because she was someone who didn't do anything to them directly, or it was because they had no idea what Leon would do .

Regardless, after a few minutes, they returned to the utility hole they used and used the sewers to reach the lower world . But before that, Darya spent a few seconds looking at the city . . . she was finally free of her old life where she couldn't do anything but obey orders since she wasn't strong . Despite that, she hesitated a little because things would become easier . . . from that day onward, she would have to run for her life because she was now a traitor .

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