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'I have relatives, but none of them would risk themselves to help me .' Darya showed a self-deprecating smile .'I think they would even sell me to give my grandfather the chance to punish me for my crimes . As for friends . . . I have none . Over the last ten years, I have been working organizing and sending important information to the frontlines, but since my memory was erased every day . . .' 'Ten years . . . by the way, how old are you ?' Leon asked .

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'Okay... okay . ' Darya sighed . 'Just don't blame me if you regret it later . '

Although Darya said that, she made sure not to hit Leon's vital points . Unlike her magic skills, her accuracy wasn't leveling up at an astonishing pace, and Leon sighed in relief . She was talented in magic, but even genius had to work hard .

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Dexterity: 69 +

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Luck: 42 +

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Coins: 62541236

Status: 0

Skill List

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You have no battle experience, and eventually, you will have to fight for your life . . . and you cant hesitate in taking the life of an enemy, Leon explained . If you wound someone in the middle of a battle and hesitate while an enemy is suffering, he will use that chance to kill you .

But still... Darya hesitated .

Geez... you have to understand that unless we make some sacrifices, we will never obtain the power we want . Leon sighed . A certain person on my planet once said: the more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war . Do you get it? If we suffer just a little now, we will suffer much less when the time comes to put our lives at risk .

Okay... okay . Darya sighed . Just dont blame me if you regret it later .

Although Darya said that, she made sure not to hit Leons vital points . Unlike her magic skills, her accuracy wasnt leveling up at an astonishing pace, and Leon sighed in relief . She was talented in magic, but even genius had to work hard .

From that point onward, Leon and Darya spent several hours every day to train her attack and his magic resistances . Although Darya was progressing much faster, Leon didnt feel bothered by it .

Health: 154 +

Mana: 2442 +

Stamina: 145 +

Strength: 122 +

Dexterity: 69 +

Speed: 116 +

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Endurance: 122 +

Control: 149 +

Mentality: 156 +

Luck: 42 +

Recovery: 696 +

Willpower: 119 +

Coins: 62541236

Status: 0

Skill List

Active Skills: Mana Armor Lv 29, Mana Shield Lv 26, Mana Dominion Lv 37, Cure Burns Lv 23, Heal Lv 24, Regeneration Lv 19, Full-Recover Lv 04, Seal Lv 40, Appraisal Lv 13, Mana Concealment Lv 15, Stamina Restoration Lv 07, Mana Infusion Lv 07

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Cost: 20 mana per second

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Although his meals became poor, Leon soon forgot about it thanks to Haste . At level one, that skill increased by one percent, his moving speed, perception, and reflexes . And it would become even better the more he uses it . The cost was a bit troublesome, but it couldn't be helped since the effects were outstanding .

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Despite the power of his new weapon, Leon knew that with his current status, he couldn't keep using Haste for more than a minute if he tries to run at his top speed . He didn't even have enough mana to keep Haste active forever, much less stamina . Fortunately, Leon could meditate while using Haste to increase the period he could use the skill for a while, and he also duplicated the leveling up speed of Meditation .

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While Leon was thinking that, Darya was behind him trying to learn Mana Armor . Although they faced a few elemental golems here and there, it was time to meet some real challenges . Otherwise, Leon's senses would get dull, and Darya also needed to get used to the tension of a real battle . And that was why she was learning that skill, even though she was terrible at being patient .

'Stop twitching your eyebrows every five seconds . . . ' Leon sighed . 'You won't be able to control your mana unless you relax . '

'How can I relax on this dirty floor and when everything, even me, is smelling ?!' Darya got up and stomped on the ground . 'I hate this place!'

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It was an exciting idea, but Leon was sure that it would have some severe restrictions . He imagined himself using a gun and shooting like twenty magic projectiles per second, but... it wouldn't be that convenient .

'Well, even I don't know much about guns, as long as I give the right shape, it should work .'

It would be great if Leon could create the smaller version of the railgun, but he doubted that he could . Anyway, Leon created a replica of a handgun . The shape was a bit weird, but the trigger was working, so Leon was okay with that... it would be even a better idea to create a magic gun that didn't need a trigger, one where the user just has to pour in his mana... but Leon decided to try that later .

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Blazing gun

It grants the wearer the skill: Magma Bullet Lv 20. If the user has the spell, the damage caused by the projectile will increase according to the user spell level.

It can shoot three bullets per second .

Cost: 30 mana .

'Not bad for a first try . . . '

Few people would be able to use that more than ten times on Earth, but the power of every bullet would be the real deal . Not in the long run, but to some extent, it was better to use a weapon like that instead of learning magic .

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The next day, Leon and Darya walked toward the dungeon . Darya was very tense because they wanted to test how well she could fare against an elemental golem alone . At that moment, she could only use Earth, Water, Wind, Fire Bullets, and the next level of offensive spells, which were Earth, Water, Wind, and Fire Arrows . 'Just relax, okay?' Leon said . 'This is just a test to make you gain confidence . Fear can keep you from making mistakes, but if you let it control you, you make even more mistakes . '

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