

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

Chapter 511

"I feel like I can understand myself with more ease..." Leon crossed his arms and closed his eyes while nodding to himself. "It looks like one week doing the same thing over and over again is my limit before getting bored out of my mind."

"That is rather impressive

" Efreet said. "I doubt that I could do the same thing for more than a few hours without getting bored."

'Congratulations! The skill Fire Arrow has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Pillar has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Arrow has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Arrow has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Wind Arrow has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Punch has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Since Leon spend four years doing nothing but training with a single goal in mind

and then when he became free

he traveled the world solving several problems. He became a workaholic. He already knew and recognized the fact several times

but just that wasn't enough to change anything.'

"I wonder how many times this damn cycle will have to repeat itself... I hate training arcs..."

'Earth didn't have many dungeons connected to worlds that were on the third stage of assimilation

so that cycle would eventually end in a few months if Leon decides to clean up most of those worlds for just one week. Although it was insane to hope for that to happen almost every week until the harvesters appear

he wanted to do things while others were on risk. Leon could only feel himself growing strong physically and mentally in that kind of situation.'

"Maybe if I increase my willpower

I will also increase my patience regarding those kinds of things..."

'It looked like a waste of time and points

but Leon decided to increase his willpower and test that hypothesis. In the end

Leon confirmed a few interesting things. His patience really grew

and he also could endure staying awake for twelve instead of ten days straight. However

that didn't make things less monotonous

only a little more bearable.'

"Although I doubled my willpower

I didn't become two times more mentally stronger... I guess each status work and make progress in different manners. No

only my intelligence work in a more efficient way because I focused a lot on that in the past. Meanwhile

the other status is less effective."

'Instead of increasing his willpower

Leon needed a hobby. He wasn't at the level of Ilyana when it comes down to the resilience to keep training skills day in and day out

but he was quite sure that was among the top one hundred humans that were 'grinding professionals."

"Just what the hell am I thinking... in the future

dozens

maybe hundreds of bastards will come and attack Earth just for the fun of it

and I'm thinking about finding a hobby."

"I think that is a great idea

" Undine said. "You are just a human. There is no way that you will last long only training in order to become and protect your planet."

"That is right

" Volt nodded. "Unless you prepare yourself accordingly

you will fail

Leon. To achieve big goals

you don't have much choice but decrease the goal is smaller parts and achieve them one at a time."

"I already know that

" Leon massaged his eyebrows. "The problem is

I am an idiot. I can't relax knowing that some bastards that messed with me and with my planet

but I'm not disciplined enough to keep pursuing power every waking moment for more than a few days straight in order to deal with them when the time comes."

"I think that is only obvious

" Gnome said. "I would worry if you become or try to act like a battle freak like Efreet."

"Hey... I don't pursue power all the time

you know

" Efreet frowned. "I don't think about that kind of thing when I'm sleeping."

'Leon also frowned when he heard Efreet's excuse. It was also pretty weird that Gnome knew such a term... but given that the spirits could read his mind

it was understandable

and it wouldn't be weird if they had access to his vocabulary. Regardless

Leon stopped to think for a moment about his past self. For the first time in fourteen years

he recalled that he went abroad to study civil engineering

but never put to good use that kind of knowledge.'

"Now that I think about it... I actually used that knowledge when I stayed on the islands." Leon nodded to himself.'

'At the time

he couldn't make anything much complicated since his magic was pretty rough

but he created a small pipeline in order to clean himself now and then to store clean water... He also built a house and walls using trees and steel plates. Now that Leon's mana pool was much larger

he could also do all kinds of things using Transmute.'

"I wonder if that will work... I want to make a living being a civil engineer

it wasn't a hobby

" Leon scratched the back of his ear. "My hobbies were... wasting my time doing stupid things with Hector and playing games with Betty. Although I want a hobby

I want a productive one

and I don't see the logic of playing games when I have the powers of several overpowered protagonists..."

'Leon could create all kinds of materials using magic. He also could transform those materials in some pretty useful things using Transmute. However

to make things like cars

drones

or any other object that had electronic components

Leon would have to learn several things. Then Leon had an idea and smirked... if things go well

he will find a hobby and even solve several other problems.'

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'Leon headed to Japan

and after arriving at Yuki's palace

he waited at the entrance for her. Some guards already knew very well who he was

so Leon didn't have to invade the palace like before. It was around 07:00 PM

so she probably was having dinner. It wasn't a good idea to interrupt the most important person in the country like that. That was even truer since Leon was going to ask for a favor.'

'Still

even though Leon said that he wasn't in a hurry

Yuki appeared five minutes later alongside Ren. Leon sighed

or Ren was the most loyal guard he had ever seen

or he was the creepiest simp of the entire cosmos.'

"Hello

did something happen?" Yuki asked.'

"No

I just came to buy a few things

and I think things will faster if I negotiate with you directly

" Leon said.'

"Thank goodness..." Yuki sighed in relief. "You always appear so suddenly

and when something troublesome is about to happen

so I thought... Anyway

what do you want to buy?"

"The most potent computer you have that can work using rechargeable batteries

" Leon said. "I also want all the knowledge you have on technology

be military

robotics

and of other more general areas."

"... What?" Ren asked

surprised.'

"Why do you want something like that?" Yuki narrowed her eyes.'

"I want a hobby and produce something that will help me in the long run

" Leon explained. "Since I don't know much about technology

I will need even the most basic materials that will teach me about the subject."

"I don't think you alone can produce anything really useful

" Yuki said. "That is even truer considering that you are a beginner in the subject."

"It doesn't matter

" Leon said. "If I fail

then it will serve as a lesson. Don't worry about it

I won't give the information to anyone

and I will pay for it."

'Yuki and Ren looked at each other

showing some doubts in their eyes

it made sense since Leon also wanted to learn about their military technology

but it looked like they were more worried because that was a massive waste of time for both parts. Leon sighed and created some earth above his right hand. After that

he used Transmute and create a pair of sunglasses.'

"Do you still think this is a waste of time?" Leon asked.'

"How did you... no

it doesn't matter

" Yuki shook her head. "It will take a while to organize everything."

"All right

I'm not in a hurry

" Leon said. "How many days you need do you need?"

"To digitalize everything

organize the parts and install all systems... perhaps three days will be enough

" Yuki said.'

"All right

I will return in three days

" Leon said and then turned around to leave

but then stopped. "Do you guys need help with anything? I can lend a hand if you want."

"We don't have anything troubling us..." Yuki said. "But

you can help train our troops if you want."

"How?" Leon asked.'

"Just your magic and hit the soldiers

" Yuki explained. "Ren

guide Leon to the training grounds. I will join you guys later."

"Yes

Your Majesty

" Ren bowed

and then Yuki left.'

'Although it was a bit weird for her soldiers to be trained around that time

Leon knew that Yuki herself had become a battle maniac. So

it wouldn't be weird that she demands from her soldier rigorous training day in and day out. Although it wouldn't be that efficient since Earth was on the fourth stage of assimilation

it wasn't so bad... Leon had to interact with other people now and then

after all.'

'The training grounds in question was located where a long time ago existed a soccer stadium. It looked like the building withstand the end of the world

and Yuki decided to reform the whole place and create a place for her soldiers to train to some extent. Most people on Earth became super-humans

so they couldn't go all out in such a place.'

'Even from afar

Leon could feel some vibrations on the floor coming from the center of the stadium. A few minutes later

Leon and Ren found the origin of the impacts. Some soldiers were punching each other or trading blows using their weapons without moving the spot they were in.'

"All right

guys

" Ren clapped his hands to get the soldiers' attention. "Change of plans

today we will practice our parrying skills and our resistances against a mage. This is Leon. He is going to help us with that."

'Some soldiers recognized Leon while others looked at him as if he was a nuisance. Training against mages wasn't that fun for melee fighters. They couldn't attack

after all. And many felt like punching bags. Still

the number of soldiers was relatively high. It would be difficult to hit them fast enough without risking exploding their heads. Although Leon wasn't skilled enough to shoot with precision so many targets

he could easily solve that problem using his mithril helmet.'

"... What is that?" Ren asked while he was observing Leon equipping the mithril helmet.'

"A special helmet that will increase my accuracy

" Leon answered. "Will you join them?"

"I will wait for Her Majesty

" Ren said.'

'The soldiers readied their weapons

and Leon selected the targets and also the place where he was going to hit. It was weird how such equipment could improve his skills to that extent

but he wouldn't waste time questioning about it.'

'Without wasting time

Leon cast Ice Punch and multiplied their numbers using Multi-Conjuration. In the blink of an eye later

the magic projectiles hit the soldiers' weapons. Some of them endured the impact while others fell back after lacking the strength to endure the attack.'

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'Ren frowned when he saw Leon hitting thirty of his soldiers with scary precision. His soldiers didn't block the attack. Leon was the one who hit their weapons at the same time.'

"You have a pretty good aim..." Ren said.'

"It is thanks to the helmet

without it

I doubt that I would even hit half of the targets

" Leon said.'

'The soldiers got caught by surprise

but soon they recovered from the shock. They had been trained well enough to recover themselves. Leon didn't wait for them to say something. He just shot another volley of Ice Punches.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Punch has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Multi-Conjuration has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'It looked like Leon wouldn't actually waste too much time there. His skills would progress even faster when Ren and Yuki join the fray. A few hours later

Yuki appeared and saw some soldiers on the floor and breathing hard. Their arms had several bruises

and she could see signs of broken bones and damaged muscles. Yuki became a muscle-head

but Leon noticed that she didn't neglect her talents while looking after the soldiers he 'beat to a pulp.'

"It looks like you have a lot of fun while I was away

" Yuki said after she healed her soldiers. "Let's see if you will have the same fun against me."

'Yuki entered her battle stance

but she didn't move from the place. She wasn't armed with her gloves

which means that she wanted to block Leon's attacks using her arms alone. Leon hesitated but soon got rid of those thoughts. Even if he damages Yuki a little bit too much

she was fast enough to heal any wound before something bad happens. Ren joined her sides

but it looked like the soldiers wouldn't join them. They were preparing to leave

and no one was approaching.'

"Only you two this time?" Leon asked.'

"The other soldiers will only join us at dawn

" Yuki said. "Don't hold back. This won't be fun unless you take things seriously."

'Yuki became a troublesome woman

but since she asked for it and it would be disrespectful to ignore her wishes

Leon decided to take things seriously. However

he couldn't go all out. Besides

his goal was to train his spells

so he cast five Ice Punches toward her and the other five toward Ren in a rapid succession. As expected

Yuki used her own fists to attack and destroy all the magic projectiles.
Meanwhile

Ren engulfed his sword on fire and destroyed all Ice Punches in a single strike. Still... both of their hands started to bleed. Their weapons didn't fully nullify the power behind Leon's attacks.'

"Is that all?" Yuki asked. "I can't believe you defeated my soldiers with just that."

"I didn't defeat them

I just practiced with them a little

" Leon sighed. "Why are you getting so worked up?"

'In the blink of an eye

the bleeding stopped. So

Leon resumed his actions. The next time and fired seven Ice Punched toward them. But once again

they destroyed the magic projectiles. There was no need to tell them to heal themselves

so Leon attacked again and increased the projectiles little by little.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Punch has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Punch has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Fire Punch has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'When it dawned

Leon was allocating his status points while studying the fallen Ren and the pale

but still smirking Yuki. It was very impressive. They helped Leon to reach the level one hundred in two skills in just a few hours. But he couldn't help but worry about their mental health... their bones broke again and again

but they didn't ask for a pause

and things didn't get easier when Leon used the Fire Punches. There was no impact

but the heat of the fire wasn't something to laugh at.'

""Look on the good side. I'm not the only one who can have his mental health questioned.""

'When the next group of soldiers appeared

they frowned when they saw their empress wounded and her right hand on the floor in front of a strange man

but Yuki explained to them what had happened before something troublesome could happen.'

'Congratulations! The skill Wind Punch has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Lance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Lance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Thunder Bullet has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Wind Lance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'In the end

those three days passed in the blink of an eye since Leon didn't have to wait even for a minute for a new target. Many

many soldiers came to the training ground because it was a rare chance to see the immortal empress and her biggest simp training together with a mage that could actually wound them.'

""This wasn't as bad as I had imagined it would be. At least it is clear that my hard work still is paying off

that is clear considering that even my weakest spells can wound the most powerful survivors of Earth.""

'Leon would feel even more bored with training if the difference in power between himself and the other humans decreased... even though the inverse would actually decrease his worries a lot. Even though Ren

at some point

became weaker than Yuki

he wasn't half bad. In the future

Leon was sure that they would help a lot in the battle against the harvesters.'

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'Leon frowned while looking at the computer he asked for. He was pretty sure technology had progressed to the point where even notebooks could become terrifically fast and powerful

but the compute Yuki gave him was just like the one he had in his room when he was a teenager. The only real difference was the CPU that was the size of an ordinary car.'

"Why is this so big?" Leon asked. "I just want to read some archives... I don't want to make calculus and discover how to use them all the energy of the sun."

"You asked for the best compute

that is the best we currently have

" Yuki said. "With it

you can make simulations of many things. Though

I doubt that you know how to use it. Anyway

you will find all the information you are looking for inside of it. There are also tons of images that you can use as a reference. I don't know how you can transform a small amount of earth into sunglasses

but you will need that kind of extra information for whatever you are trying to do."

"Thanks. How much do I owe you?" Leon asked.'

"You can have it for free since you helped us a lot more than once

" Yuki said. "That is what I would like to say... but we are quite interested in your helmet. You said with it you can increase your aim and also have several other functions. If you are fine with it

we would like to study and try to replicate."

"It will be difficult since that is alien technology

but I guess it is fine

" Leon said. "But if you succeed in replicating it

you will have to negotiate them with the other camps."

"That is only fair

" Yuki received the helmet. "I will try not to rip them off... too much."

'Leon sighed. Regardless

he wouldn't need that helmet for the time being

probably. And considering everything

it would be safer and more convenient to install it and study on Ilyana's world.'

"Ilyana

can you transport me and this computer back to your world?" Leon asked.'

'Yuki and Ren frowned when they heard Leon saying that

they didn't know any Ilyana. So

they couldn't help but frown since no one was near them. To make matters worse

Leon waited for an answer for several minutes.'

"I know that you are watching me

don't pretend and try to make a fool out of me

" Leon said.'

'Once again

no answer. Leon was getting kind of angry since it was evident that she was trying to mess with him

but two people can play that kind of game.'

"You don't transport me and this computer now. I will learn Thoughtography and distribute the picture of how you looked on the first time I saw you to all the people on the planet

" Leon smirked.'

'The next moment

Leon and his computer appeared back on Ilyana's world

where he usually trains.'

"You have got quite the nerve to threaten me like that

" Ilyana said.'

"It was just a joke

but thanks to this

I know that that kind of blackmailing action works against you

" Leon smirked. "Besides

you deserved for trying to make me look like a fool... even more than I already look."

'After a few seconds of silence

Leon finally noticed that he acted without thinking. That kind of dialogue made him feel closer to her

and that wasn't something he wanted. Feel closer to someone who always hides information from him. Regardless

before doing anything

Leon created a room where the wind and rain wouldn't damage his computer. Since some stray shot could fall on that building

he made everything exceptionally sturdy. The price of that was the heat inside of the building...'

"Well

it doesn't matter

I can use Cold Breeze to make the ambient more pleasant."

"We didn't ask this before

but what do you plan to create?" Celsius asked.'

"Nothing very complicated at first

but since I can create several things using Transmute as long as I understand them

there are several things I want to use. By combining magic and firearms

in the future

I want to create a weapon that absorbs solar energy and disperse it to cause massive damage

there is a limit with the things I can do with magic

but since solar energy doesn't have a cost

it will be useful against the invaders."

"That certainly is an interesting idea..." Undine said. "But will you learn that alone and before the start of the battle? Even if you succeed

that will only happen in the far future. What do you want to create now? I'm quite sure anything you can create using the technology of your world can be replicated using mana."

"You are right

but I'm doing this to relax

remember? For the time being

I will feel satisfied in creating surveillance cameras that can work using solar energy only or

at the very least

some robots to produce mana liquid for me. The effectiveness will decrease

I know

but it will help me save time."

'Still

before turning on his computer. Leon had to train for a few days since he spent three days on earth

but thirty passed on that world. Things progressed slowly since he didn't have a target

but Leon was okay with it. Now that he had a new goal aside from revenge

he could do things at a more reasonable pace.'

'Congratulations! The skill Fire Lance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Concealment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Stamina Restoration has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Magma Bullet has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Sandstorm has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

517 Chapter 515

'When Leon checked his skill list

he noticed that his summoning skills grew a lot while he was on Earth. That being said

Ilyana's Mud Golems reached level five hundred when his own monsters didn't level up

not even one hundred levels. So

Leon couldn't get ahead of himself.'

'Since Leon was really looking forward to learning how to build useful things

he decided to train his skills just by keeping his spirits materialized. Now and then

he would have to stop and create some mana liquid

but he felt quite relaxed while doing that in between his study sessions.'

"I never thought you were a bookworm

" Celsius said.'

"It is kind of surprising that humans can read books for so long without getting bored

" Sylph said.'

"I'm just reading and keeping reading because I have a goal

" Leon said

a bit annoyed. "And because I don't understand anything that is written here

" Leon said.'

'In just a single day

Leon read the same archive that had three hundred pages three times

the content was like middle-school level

but since it has been decades since Leon read a book

he forgot nearly everything when he went to school and college. The only things he really could recall were practical knowledge. Still

even if he couldn't understand the content

as long as he can memorize the internal parts of an object and what functions those parts have

he could replicate it... probably. At least that was what Leon was telling himself.'

'Since Leon didn't want to mess with gunpowder

his first goal was to create a weapon that used high-pressurized water. After that

he would study batteries and solar panels. He knew that he wanted to create some things that only existed in sci-fi stories

but considering that he moves faster than the sound

the sky was the limit.'

"It is only obvious

but I should start with baby steps..."

'Leon already could create simple things like sunglasses using Transmute

but since he wasn't someone who wasn't good at understanding or explaining the theory of things

even about the magic that was more or less his specialty. Leon decided to start trying to create some simple but 'practical' things. Instead of jumping ahead and trying to create a gun that could shot massive amounts of water

he went with basic and created a water gun... a toy. It was mostly made of plastic

but since its 'mechanisms' were pretty simple

he succeeded in creating it.'

"What the heck is that?" Celsius asked. "A toy?"

"No... this is a small step for me and a giant leap for no else

" Leon said and pulled the trigger

making some water fly a few meters in front of him. "Anyway

it does work. Now

I just have to make some adjustments

change the materials

add some things

and then eventually

I will create a railgun myself."

"No one needs to pay to have dreams

even the most stupid ones

" Celsius said.'

'Although Leon was still in the early stages of his experiments

he already could imagine himself creating a gun that used mithril bullets

and those mithril bullets would become some element when the trigger were pulled. It would be really convenient if all humans could use a Flamethrower or Water Cannon just like that... even though it would be more convenient to create a gun using mithril and seal the spirit of a monster that has such skill within.'

"I can't think that way... this is just to make me relax and to use my mana in unexpected ways."

'It couldn't be helped that Leon would even take a hobby seriously like that. The only thing he did in the past fourteen years was to take everything seriously

after all.'

'Congratulations! The skill Transmute has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Although Leon couldn't understand all that much the contents of the archives he read

his memorization capacity seemed to have improved quite a bit. After observing the image of the interior design of a handgun

he managed to replicate and even adapt. Instead of using gunpowder

he created a paintball like a gun

the design was lacking

but he could store bullets made of earth and make them fly for fifty meters before losing speed and altitude.'

"This isn't so bad..." Leon said to himself. "At this rate

I'm pretty sure that I will be able to create something useful soon enough."

"You shouldn't waste time mixing magic and technology

" Ilyana said

using Telepathy.'

'Leon's heart almost stopped since he didn't expect to hear Ilyana. After he calmed down

he decided to ask why she seemed so upset. Leon could only pray that she wasn't mad about the previous joke.'

"If you create weapons using mana

it is fine

but ordinary weapons that also use mana won't last long

" Ilyana explained. "Although mana is a type of energy clean and its use is very friendly

the metals that can withstand their use for a few months are rare.'"

'Health: 2706 +'

'Mana: 18232 +'

'Stamina: 2541 +'

'Strength: 127 +'

'Dexterity: 88 +'

'Speed: 250 +'

'Intelligence: 12111+'

'Endurance: 512 +'

'Control: 3559+'

'Mentality: 250 +'

'Luck: 42 +'

'Recovery: 5000 +'

'Willpower: 268 +'

'Coins: 243

412

563'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Strong Arms Lv 100

Throw Lv 100

Analysis Lv 100

Bash Lv 100

Dash Lv 100

Earth Creation Lv 245

Water Creation Lv 241

Wind Creation Lv 242

Fire Creation Lv 216

Frost Lance Lv 100

Water Bullet Lv 100

Ice Bullet Lv 100

Wind Bullet Lv 100

Fire Bullet Lv 100

Earth Bullet Lv 100

Lightning Lv 100

Fire Arrow Lv 100

Ice Pillar Lv 100

Ice Arrow Lv 100

Earth Arrow Lv 100

Wind Arrow Lv 100

Earth Punch Lv 100

Ice Punch Lv 100

Fire Punch Lv 100

Wind Punch Lv 100

Earth Lance Lv 100

Ice Lance Lv 100

Thunder Bullet Lv 100

Wind Lance Lv 100

Fire Lance Lv 100

Mana Concealment Lv 100

Haste Lv 350

Magma Bullet Lv 100

Sandstorm Lv 100

Fire Tornado Lv 100

Stamina Manipulation Lv 100

Summon Slime Lv 240

Summon Earth Golem Lv 210

Summon Fire Golem Lv 120

Summon Water Golem Lv 110'

'Passive Skills: Accuracy Lv 116

Archery Lv 261

Cook Lv 165

Multi-Conjuration Lv 315

Fire Blessing Lv 300

Earth Blessing Lv 300

Lion's Pride Lv 410

Thunder Blessing Lv 351

Wind Blessing Lv 180

Ice Blessing Lv 190

Water Blessing Lv 190'

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'Leon understood Ilyana's reasoning

but it wasn't like he wanted to rely on that too much. It looked like she didn't understand that he was doing that to relax... She couldn't understand the reason why someone would take their minds out of work. Still

he felt like questioning her a little bit.'

""That can't be easily solved by repairing the weapon

" Leon said.'

""Even if you are the only one who will use the weapon you created

it is a waste of time to repair something in the middle of a battle

" Ilyana explained. "Unless you manage to create a weapon that can emit as energy as a comet

it won't be useful to defeat powerful enemies.""

""What about the Gravitational Beam Emitter?" Leon asked. "If the problem is the material

then I just have to create a weapon made of mithril that works like ordinary guns.""

""What is a Gravitational Beam Emitter?" Ilyana asked. "Mithril doesn't work like other forms of energy

and I didn't see you studying that helmet. It is a bit presumptuous to think that you will develop what hundreds of other races didn't when they had the help of thousands of scientists... don't you think?""

"Well... yeah

" Leon said. "But it is fine if I don't manage to create anything really useful

I just really want to take my mind out of the training now and then to recover my focus."

'Leon wasn't good for delicate work

and now more than ever

he was aware that he wasn't that smart. Still

one couldn't see the result of one's actions until it happens. So

there was no point in thinking about that. Maybe all that knowledge wouldn't be as useful as Leon wanted

but it didn't matter. At least he would relax his mind and body while doing something that could produce some interesting results. Besides

he wasn't wasting time and mana...'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Celsius' fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Sylph's fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Efrete's fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Gnome's fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Undine's fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Volt's fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'In the end

Leon had to stop when he created a gun that could fire earth bullets and hit things one hundred meters away from him. It wasn't bad considering that he didn't use anything special... Regardless

it was time to resume his regular training.'

""Hehe

now I'm a bit more eager to train

" Leon smirked. " A day off is everything one needs to break the boring routine.""

""That is what I wanted to hear

" Ilyana said via Telepathy. "Since you are eager to train

you can fight my mud golems. The new guys can't handle the number of golems I can create.""

'By new guys

Ilyana was probably referring to the mithril people. If that was the case

Leon couldn't imagine they have all that much difficulty... as long as Crik stays with them

Leon was pretty sure they could face even hordes of gremlins. Still

Leon didn't feel like asking why they were having difficulties

and since Ilyana was asking for a favor that in the end would help him

Leon had no reason whatsoever to refuse.'

""All right..." Leon said and then started to drain the mud golems mana while creating more of his elemental golems.'

'It looked like another week of grinding would begin

but then suddenly

Leon felt something strange with him... as if something inside him had disappeared. A few moments later

Leon noticed that was the connection that he had between himself and the snake zombie had disappeared.'

"What the..." Leon said.'

"Shit... this is bad

I wasn't expecting this

" Ilyana said using Telepathy. "It looks like the harvesters won't give us the time we need. They are already preparing Earth's terrain. By the way

they killed your zombie snake."

"What are they doing?" Leon asked.'

"They are teleporting the corpses of thousands of powerful monsters on your planet in order to make the mana there increase faster

" Ilyana explained. "This isn't the work of one or two harvesters... I can sense at least the mana of twenty of them creating spatial distortions on Earth

and I can't stop all of them."

"We can at least try

right?" Leon asked. "Or at least buy some time and give the humans some time to prepare or escape."

"It is impossible..." Ilyana said.'

'Despite the surprise

Ilyana soon recovered

and Leon noticed that she was hiding something again. It wasn't the first time

and it was clear that she would stay quiet

so Leon moved toward the purple crystal that connected that world to Earth.
However

his body stopped moving.'

"I'm sorry

but I won't let you die

" Ilyana said.'

"I won't die

I will kill those bastards once and for all

" Leon said. "They will regret messing with me

my friends

and my planet."

"You can't do anything against them as you are right now..." Ilyana sighed. "It can't be helped. I will send you to where you will find the fragments of the other spirits."

"What?! This isn't time for that

are you insane?" Leon shouted.'

"If you hurry

you will return in time

" Ilyana said. "I will buy the time that we need."

'Before Leon could protest again

the scenario around him changed

and then he found himself in front of what seemed to be a Greek temple

at least made Leon recall one. For a change

Ilyana sent him to the exact place where he would find a spirit

but she did so at the worst time possible.'

"Fucking crazy bitch..." Leon bit his lips. "If she fails in protecting my friends she will be the first one I will kill..."

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"Shit... why now of all times?" Leon kicked the ground. "I find a hobby

things start to go well

then suddenly shit happens..."

'It was weird

Leon felt like it was night

but he couldn't see any lights around

but the temple could be seen as if it was in the middle of the day. Considering that

Leon was supposed to see several things

but he couldn't. He could only see the temple... when Leon turned around

he saw a shadow around it as if some shadow had covered the entire planet. As if that wasn't weird enough

the sky looked far more beautiful and

at the same time

ominous. The stars were shining stronger than the ones Leon could see even at nights on Ilyana's planets... for a moment

Leon thought he was in a world with no atmosphere.'

"Hey

Leon..." Celsius hesitated. "What is that on your left arm?"

'Celsius's question made Leon wake up from his daydreaming

it wasn't the time or the place to admire the surroundings

but Leon couldn't help but do so. Regardless

Leon saw a weird tattoo on his forearm

it had the shape of a square

and it was emitting a light blue glow. It was made of mana

and even though he never tried to feel her mana

it was clear that Ilyana had created that.'

'When Leon touched an interface similar to the one he could find in dungeons appeared. However

unlike the ones he could find in the dungeon

Leon found some status requirements in weapons and tomes. Leon found one skill he wanted to learn at some point and found the details about it.'

'Summon Corrupt Tree of Mana tome'

'Cost: 15000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'Requirements: 15000 Intelligence

7500 Control

Lv 350 Water Creation Lv 350 Earth Creation.'

'Cost: 0 and 20000000 coins. (Since you are stupid

I know you will spend your coins.)'

'Leon frowned at first

but soon he understood that rune connected to some sort of spatial place controlled by Ilyana. Most likely

he would buy or even take for free things from her vault. That became clear when Leon saw the prices.'

"That is insane... she created a smaller version of the assimilation system

" Leon said in shock. "She probably knows that I wouldn't accept anything for free

but considering the actual situation

she also gave me the option to accept all the tomes for free... Just what the hell is going to happen here?"

'Leon thought that he would only spend a few days in the worst-case scenario to complete the trials of the three remaining spirits. Still

by the look of things

Ilyana made preparations as if she imagined that Leon would only succeed after many years.'

"She could have at least gave me some pointers..." Leon sighed. "Damn it... I'm instinctively relying on her too much."

'There was no point in dwelling about what happened. Leon had to hurry because soon

Earth would reach the fifth stage of the assimilation. Leon started to walk toward the entrance of the tremble

but it didn't take long for him to notice that something was off. Although his legs were moving

he couldn't see or feel the entrance getting closer. After a few minutes

he concluded that there was some sort of illusion trap around the temple... Leon expanded Mana Dominion to feel the range of it

but even though he could sense powerful mana around him

he couldn't discern its whole range.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Dominion has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

""It looks like the trial already started...""

'Instead of walking

Leon used Transfer

but even though his mana was being used and moved toward the place he was seeing

the temple didn't get any closer. Time was something Leon couldn't waste now

but it looked like time was essentially the test there...'

""The spirit of time... Sekundez

" Leon said.'

'Leon didn't know if that spirit test would be the hardest

but Leon was expecting a lot from its power. If he could master it

perhaps he could even bend time to his will and return to Earth at the moment the harvesters decided to put their plans in action... maybe

he could even turn back on time to the moment his parents died and prevent their deaths.'

""You shouldn't think about this

Leon

" Undine said in a severe tone. "Considering your accomplishments so far and your talent despite having just a few years in mana use

perhaps you can accomplish what you want... but you will have to pay a very large price."

"I know... returning nine hundred years in the past will cost a lot of mana

" Leon said.'

"That is not the point

" Undine added. "Even if you manage to obtain enough mana to return to the past

even small changes will greatly influence the world. I'm sure that you are well aware of the term time-paradox."

"Yeah..." Leon nodded with his head down.'

"What already happened

can't be changed so easily

" Undine explained. "If you just move in a single instant to the point of the time you want to change

you will just move to another dimension where that thing didn't happen yet. You will be able to prevent some tragedies

but you will end up essentially abandoning the current Earth and your friends. The second option may help you achieve your goal

but it is physically impossible."

"Can you please explain my second option?" Leon asked.'

"If you try to use the power of the spirit of the time to undo time

you will retrace your steps up until the point in time you want

" Undine explained. "The cost of mana will be even higher

but I doubt that you reach your goal because you will lose everything along the way

your status

your mana

and even your memories."

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'The price for bending time wasn't low. Leon was aware that Undine was right; the first option wouldn't actually solve anything. As for the second option

it was impossible for many reasons. Since he would lose his memories

he would eventually forget his goal. Since he would lose his mana

he also would lose the power to bend time. Most likely

he also would lose his spirits.'

'Leon also had some ideas

but none of those would actually help him. There was one thing he could try

but it would be not easy

and it would take a while before Leon could confirm if that were possible or not.'

"I will think about time travel later

" Leon declared. "Right now

I have to find a way to enter the temple."

'Leon created a Checkpoint

and after using Transfer for a while

he couldn't feel the presence of his Checkpoint anymore. It was out of range

so it became clear that Leon was more than thirty kilometers away from it.'

'It wasn't a good idea

but Leon decided to attack the floor of the temple. Maybe some tremors would make stop whatever was messing with Leon's senses or perhaps halt the caster of the spell. Leon attacked the floor using an Earth Bullet

but he didn't even scratch it.'

"Well... it is a weak spell

so it can't be helped

" Leon frowned.'

'Without hesitation

Leon fired several Magma Spears in quick succession... but again

no scratches. Although Leon felt the sound of the impact

the magic projectiles quickly disappeared once it touched the blocks of earth. That wasn't some piece of ordinary floor... it looked like the floor

and everything related to that temple had been made using some material that had high magic resistance. Leon tried to use Mana Absorption

but there was no response.'

"Things are starting to get complicated..." Leon rubbed his chin. "Gnome

can you give me a hand?"

"Of course!" The gnome said after Leon materialized him.'

'Without wasting time

Gnome began his work and then tried to change the environment using earth magic just to create some landmarks in order to make Leon feel less lost. However

even Gnome's magic disappeared just after a few seconds... even though it hadn't been used to damage anything. The temple repelled and canceled most types of magic.'

"Well

thanks for the help

Gnome

" Leon said and then made the spirit return.'

'Leon could use Mana Dominion and Transfer

so the problem wasn't that bad. By using Haste and Electric Armor

Leon started to run toward the entrance of the tremble. He also activated Regeneration to recover from the wounds such high-speed movement was causing

but eventually

he had to stop and cancel his spells.'

'Congratulations! The skill Fire Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Electric Armor has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Thunder Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon's skin was burning

and he received some notifications again

so it became even more evident that he was moving. He couldn't feel his body getting heavier

and he also could feel his mana

but there was a chance that Leon was unconscious or something and everything around him was just a massive illusion. However

that was hard to accept. Ilyana

without a doubt sent him to a place where he could find a fragment of the spirit of time... but if just a fragment had that much power

he couldn't even imagine how powerful was the original spirit. Leon imagined that the original spirits were god-like existences

but even that was a bit too much.'

"I'm getting tired of this..." Leon said.'

'To make things more efficient

Leon decided to run only using Haste and use the remaining mana to recover his stamina. By doing that

he would manage to increase stamina to some extent while training some of his physical skills like Dash. However

after a few hours

Leon still couldn't see any difference or change around himself.'

'Congratulations! Your stamina has increased by one point.'

'Congratulations! Your Endurance has increased by one point.'

'Congratulations! The skill Dash has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Stamina Restoration has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Despite being in a race against time

Leon endured that situation for what seemed to be days. He received those notifications time and time again

but Leon ignored it. If Leon had made some calculations previously

he would have noticed that he had run for ten days straight in an inhuman speed

but the only noticed that something was off when the muscles of his legs tore apart. Leon immediately used Heal

and his legs returned to its previous shape. However
his body was at its limit... he didn't eat anything in several days. So
Leon's body was like the time when he had lost a lot of blood... skin
and bones.'

"You have to rest

" Celsius said. "At this rate

you will only kill yourself and won't find the spirit of the time."

"Thank you for your concern

" Leon said. "But after running for so long

I'm pretty sure the test is something along those lines... the spirit of time won't
receive me unless I try to reach it and almost kill myself while I'm at it. Since
that is probably the case

I just have to speed up that process."

"It surprises me how much your illogical words sometimes makes so much
sense

" Volt said.'

"Thanks

I think that is one of the few talents I have

" Leon forced a smile.'

'In the end

Leon did well in investing some points in willpower. Despite acting like that

he was at his limit. Although somehow he managed to convince his spirits of
that

Leon himself didn't know if that was actually the real way to reach Sekundez's
fragment.'

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'Before Leon could notice

he passed out. He didn't know how much time passed

but when he woke up

he was perfectly fine. His body wasn't just skin and bones anymore

and his hunger disappeared. However

he still could see the temple in front of him at the same distance it was when he first landed.'

"For how long did I sleep?" Leon asked.'

"Just a few seconds

" Celsius answered.'

"... How did my body returned to normal?" Leon asked.'

"What are you talking about?" Celsius asked

and Leon imagined her frowning. "Was something wrong with your body before?"

'Now it was time for Leon to frown

was everything he experienced just a dream? After checking his status

Leon noticed that the changes were still there. It wasn't a good idea to keep that kind of thing hidden from his spirits

so Leon told them.'

"... It makes sense

" Volt said. "The spirit of time undo the time you spent here

Leon. His actions also erased our memories

so most likely

we won't be able to help even if we wanted. Sekundez's fragment doesn't want to make us endure the same test you will have to deal with."

'Leon sighed

because that made a lot of sense. Still

just thinking about living again in almost total solitude was enough to make Leon feel shivers. His spirits were still there

but they won't be able to recall the things that will experience there... Sekundez's fragment was much more powerful than Leon thought

and judging by the fact that it made Leon return on time and didn't say anything

Leon would have to endure that more than a few times before the spirit show itself in front of Leon.'

"There is only one thing I can do here... speed up this damn process."

'Leon finally could understand what Ilyana meant when she said that he wasn't ready for that trial. Even though Leon could understand the rules of the trial

he wasn't sure if he would be able to endure that for long. Repeating the same process over and over again while worrying about Earth's situation would drive him mad eventually. Ilyana was powerful

but there was only so much a single person could do. Besides

he spent several years in a world that was on the third stage of assimilation. So

her power could be considered to be on the fifth stage... she couldn't defeat the ones who were on the sixth stage.'

'Congratulations! Your stamina has increased by one point.'

'Congratulations! Your Endurance has increased by one point.'

'Congratulations! The skill Haste Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Electric Armor has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Thunder Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'While thinking about that kind of thing

Leon ran and didn't stop even for a second. The muscles of his legs almost erupted several times

but Leon healed them before he could even fall. In order to collapse of total exhaustion again

Leon didn't have much choice but endure the hellish pain and fatigue and keep moving forward.'

""Well

think about the good side of this..." Leon said to himself moments before he collapsed for the second time. "I will be able to increase my endurance without using status points."

'Congratulations! Your willpower has increased by one point.'

'Congratulations! Your mentality has increased by one point.'

'Leon woke up when he received those notifications

he didn't know what he did to increase his mentality

but it looked like overcome some mental hardships would increase that as well. If willpower decreased annoying adverse status effects

mentality also could increase by enduring them

at least at a slower speed.'

'Regardless

Leon got up and started to run. He could feel the confusion of his spirits

so Leon quickly informed them again about the things he discovered so far. This time they felt a bit troubled by it because the difference in strength between them in the spirit of the time was absolute. It was unfortunate

but Leon couldn't afford to waste time thinking about it.'

'Congratulations! The skill Haste Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Electric Armor has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Lion's Pride has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Although usually

the increase of stamina and endurance would grant Leon the chance to run for a while longer

Haste

Electric Armor

and even Lion's Pride increased his speed with every level up and countered those effects. The time Leon could keep himself running non-stop was roughly eleven days

and that didn't change... even when Leon completed the fifth cycle.'

"Fifty-five days have already passed... I can't waste more time with this

" Leon said. "I'm going to kill the spirit and obtain its power."

"What?!" Celsius said

visibly astonished. "Have you lost your mind?"

"Even if you could

and you can't

you won't reach him unless you deal with his time trap

" Undine said. "You are just letting the blood rush to your head."

"Calm down

Leon

" Volt said. "There is always a chance that he is making sure that time passes much faster here. We all know that those who seek our power want something

and only a fool or someone who clearly needs its power would try to find the spirit of the time."

'After explaining the situation for the fifth time for his spirits

Leon decided to take some drastic measures. They were right

Leon couldn't defeat the spirit

and there was also a chance that Volt was right... but there was also a chance that they were wrong. It would be difficult. It would be difficult

but if Leon focuses to several days in creating a massive amount of plasma

there was a chance that his attacks could ignore the effects of the time trap and of the temple.'

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'In the end

Leon soon gave up on that idea. It was too reckless

and he wasn't strong enough to do it. Even if he manages to pull something off

Sekundez's fragment could easily undo time around Leon and make him forget about that. Besides

he couldn't kill another spirit

or he would show to his own spirits he could do such a thing in case things don't go the way he wants.'

'Leon started to run again

it was clear that eventually

Leon would think about such a stupid thing again

but at least until then

he had to become powerful enough to endure or destroy the spirit of time power. But it looked like that was impossible. He didn't obtain skills like time resistance

after all. Time was something Leon couldn't do anything against it...'

'Congratulations! The skill Haste Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Electric Armor has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Thunder Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Heal has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Pain Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Shit... shit..."

'It was only obvious

but on the test of the spirit of the time

Leon felt like he was wasting time. Earth was in a pinch

and Leon wasn't obtaining status points like usual. The speed had decreased a lot since he needed mana to spend more stamina and tire his body faster. But then

Leon recalled that it was a quicker way to make his body reach its limits more quickly and even train his spells at the same time.'

"Another crazy idea

huh

" Celsius said.'

"If you have any better suggestion

I'm all ears

" Leon said.'

'Leon sat down and took a deep breath. He couldn't believe that he was about to harm his own body to reach a near-death stage. Obviously

he would heal his body before his life is in danger

but the damage caused would be faster than when he just runs at his top speed. Without wasting any time

Leon started.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Wall has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'It wasn't the best way to use magic to damage his own body

but Leon used Earth Wall because it was one list of his skills he had to level up to the level one hundred. He created Earth Walls and damaged his limbs... thanks to the nature of that space

the Earth Walls disappeared after a while

but that didn't matter. What did matter was the fact that his body was getting covered in bruises at a scary pace

and he was healing his body even faster? Thanks to that

he collapsed seven days later. He decreased the days he would collapse of exhaustion and lack of nutrients in three days... that had been insane

but Leon

fortunately

wake up on that same world a few hours later

and his body was back to normal.'

"Come on... isn't this enough?" Leon shouted. "I know that your power is amazing

but for how long do I have to keep doing this?"

'Leon was sure that Sekundez's fragment could hear him

so he shouted for a while. He had to deserve its power

but he couldn't sacrifice months of his life just to obtain his cooperation. His family and friends were probably fighting at that very moment. If a spirit couldn't understand how much they were necessary for Leon

he didn't need their help. Such a heartless and annoying being would only cause more headaches than help.'

'Unfortunately

there was no way out of that trial. Leon couldn't see a purple crystal or anything like it. Perhaps he could escape using Transfer moving toward other planets

but his eyesight wasn't good enough to find them. Unfortunately

every magical thing that touches the ground of that world disappears

so Leon couldn't be built a telescope either.'

"Shit.. shit..." Leon bit his lips and resumed his crazy training.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Wall has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Wall has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Little by little

Leon was getting used to the pain and even making his healing skills more efficient. Despite that

the number of days he had to torture himself didn't decrease because his elemental resistances were also leveling up. Leon could take some drastic measures and destroy his limbs and then recover them by using Full-Recover

but he decided not to do that in order to keep his sanity.'

"It is okay... I just have to endure this for a few more days."

'Leon told himself that imagining that not even the powerful spirit of time would be vicious enough to make Leon experience that kind of terror for more than a dozen times. At the end

when that cycle repeated itself ten times. He heard a single and very calm voice saying one thing...'

'For a second

Leon thought that he had finally gone mad

but it was clear that that voice didn't belong to him. Despite all that

nothing happened.'

"Is that it?" Leon asked. "Are you fucking kidding me?"

'If anything

the owner of that voice seemed to be mocking Leon's efforts. Even though Leon was trying to restrain himself

more and more

he felt like killing the spirit of the time. It was okay

Leon told himself

that little bastard was the only fragment in the universe... he could find others and force them to join his side

even if they refuse

it was fine. They would become his strength in one way or the other.'