

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'Before Leon could repeat the same mistake

he decided to buy the tomes that granted him the power to summon all types of skeletons as soon as the island was full of the ordinary ones. Given how fast those creatures were dying

soon

he would have to summon more of them

but that was a problem for later.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Skeleton Archer.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Skeleton Knight.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Skeleton Wizard.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Skeleton Rider.'

'Cost: 15000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Death Knight.'

'Cost: 50000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Mmm? I didn't notice that before... but why the cost of mana to summon them is so high?" Leon frowned. "I didn't have to use so much mana when I had that magic staff."

'That was very weird

but considering the potential of such skills

it was only obvious that the cost would be higher. It would be stupid to summon thousands of level max skeletons using just fifty points of mana. Regardless

now that Leon got rid of such thoughts

he wondered if it was really fine to use skeletons. They were undead creatures

and Leon used them many times before without thinking... but it wasn't like summoning dead creatures? Although Leon wasn't using corpses as a catalyst

those things must have come from somewhere.'

"It is a bit late to do that

but... I'm worried

" Leon scratched the back of his head.'

'Regardless

Leon didn't have time to think about that because goblin champions were massacring his ordinary skeletons. Much for Leon's surprise

they even have the power to summon lesser earth and fire spirits.'

"There is no mistake... since they only can summon lesser spirits of those elements

it is evident that they are from that world

" Leon said. "I didn't ask Sekundez if she had ever left that place

but it is definitely weird that she saw those creatures. I'm pretty sure there are no purple crystals around her temple or in wherever her temple is."

'Maybe it was a good idea to use Hypnosis

make some of those goblins use Stone Skin for a few days

and then make Leon absorb those memories

but soon he gave up on that idea. Imaginary monsters or not

Leon didn't want to make use of any living creature just to help him a little. It would be no different for summoning living monsters and make them fight for Leon. He couldn't let himself become like his enemies who could only see other living beings like stepping stones that could be used to make them stronger.'

"I already recovered the coins I spent to buy Omnilingualism. In a few more years

I will be able to buy Mind Summoning

" Leon concluded after checking his status. " After that

learn Mindscape Materialization might be a good idea. I want to experiment with a lot of things with it."

'Now that Leon solved the problem with the extra memories

he was also planning to increase the speed of the passage of time in that place. Still

he couldn't get greedy. Otherwise

he might fall on the path of his enemies. If Leon summons Death Knights and make them level up to the max level

Leon could probably use Hibernation and sleep for fifty years and they would still have things under control. Unfortunately Leon couldn't do that and lose the chance to level up his skills.'

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"Given how weak those skeletons are and also considering that they can appear in worlds in the first stage of assimilation

those skills will reach the max level pretty fast

so I don't have time to use Hibernate all that frequently

" Leon concluded. "Besides

if I try to cheat too much

maybe Sekundez won't be satisfied with the trial. I have no choice but to keep things as they are."

'Leon didn't know if he could do anything that could cheat

even more

considering that he is deleting his memories on a regular basis

but... his deck of options was increasing quite fast with those stupidly powerful skills.'

"Anyway

even though I'm not obtaining status points like before

that was already expected

" Leon said. "The number of skills I can still learn using Ilyana's vault still is far from the end

but I guess it is time to learn a better version of Anti-Mana Field. The version where I can still use my spells

and my enemies don't... or at the very least a version which that can't be countered so easily."

'The easiest way to get rid of those problems was to increase his mana pool and also increase his related physical status

but Leon was greedy enough not to feel satisfied with a competition of raw power. Having a massive mana pool was good and all

but in the end

what Leon truly wanted was an absolute trump card. If he finds one in Ilyana's vault

then Leon would have to think of a skill that is even better and overpowered. The chances of Leon learning eventually one once he obtains the power of time

light

and shadow were high

but he didn't feel like waiting.'

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'It was starting to get hard obtaining spells and skills even from monsters

and it was also getting hard to remember the moments Leon was struggling in learning new spells as well since he deleted most of those moments.'

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

'Cost: 300 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Thunder Assault.'

'Cost: 300 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Frost Assault.'

'Cost: 300 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Poison Claws.'

'Cost: 500 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Although learning spells and skills from tomes could free Leon from that kind of problem

Leon was determined to learn Mind Summon and Mindscape Materialization. Although even that kind of skill had limits

Leon was sure that he could find ways to use those powers well.'

'Years passed

and Leon finally had enough coins to buy Mind Summoning

and so he did it. When he received the notification

Leon couldn't help but feel like he was obtaining an absurd power

something that he didn't deserve to have yet. But that feeling was probably because he was deleting his memories of constant training.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mind Summoning.'

'Cooldown time: 6000 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Putting the stupid cooldown aside... it is kinda surprising that the skill doesn't have a cost of mana

" Leon rubbed his chin. "It is probably because it depends on what kind of thing I want to summon."

'Leon had a lot of mana

but the skill still was at level one. Considering the cooldown

Leon would have to summon something complex from his mind

but if he ends trying something far too complex

the skill will fail

he would be forced to wait for almost two hours to use the skill again

and he also would spend all his mana. In the end

Leon ended up being a little too careful and summoning a soccer ball

and he only spent a few hundred mana points. The skill leveled up a few times

but Leon a headache thanks to his stupidity.'

""Woah... the texture and the weight are perfect

" Leon said while he was touching the ball. "It is the exact same thing I felt when I bought that ball for Amanda."

'Leon watched some of his memories when he was still in high school recently

and among them

he saw one where he bought the nine years old Amanda a soccer ball. Leon wasn't good at sport

and even though he played a little bit using that ball with Amanda and Hector

Amanda was the one who used it the most since she was really into soccer when she was a kid.'

'In the end

Leon made the ball explode when he tried to kick... he got too excited thanks to his memories

and he didn't control his strength enough. Although the mana fruits were quite good

Leon decided to summon some lemon juice this time... maybe it was because the skill was at level ten

but Leon didn't spend even one thousand mana points to summon it. Weirdly enough

the juice didn't taste weird at all... it was insane

but now Leon could create his own food and eat everything he once had when he was an ordinary guy.'

"Well

I shouldn't get drunk on this power..." Leon warned himself once he realized that he was a bit too far amazed at his own skills. "I didn't learn this on my own

so I shouldn't feel proud of it. It is only thanks to Sekundez and Ilyana's power."

'That was a good reminder

but it was clear that Leon would need some mental training to fully realize that. In any case

Leon didn't stop there. He could summon organic and inorganic things from his mind

so it was time to summon something else. Something more complex and that could move by itself would be a perfect test subject

so Leon summoned the first slime he met.'

'The creature moved around from one side to the other. It looked confused

but soon found a new goal when it saw Leon. The slime attacked Leon with Stone Arrows and Fireballs

but he didn't feel anything.'

"I guess I can't learn summoning other monsters like this... I knew it wouldn't be so convenient." Leon said.'

'Leon spent one thousand mana points to summon that

so it looked like he could something far more complex. Perhaps even a smart monster... Still

Leon hesitated in doing so. As usual

he didn't want to play with lives

not even for science. Although testing the limits of his skills was something Leon had to do sooner or later

he was decided that he wouldn't cross certain lines.'

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'Although Leon wanted to be careful

he ended up testing the limits of the skill in a way that caused him a lot of headaches. After trying to create the mithril helmet he got from Crik's men

Leon spent all his mana

and the skill failed.'

"Shit... it looks like mithril can't be produced on any other way

" Leon his eyebrows to get rid of the headache. "Although I probably can create something similar to that helmet

I still can't spend less mana than the necessary to create that amount of mithril."

'To end the first day of the test

Leon tried to create Makoto's katana

and he succeeded... Leon just had to spend half of his mana

and he obtained an exact copy of it. It wasn't the same

and Yuki didn't even remember about the weapon. So

it wouldn't change anything.'

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'Although the monsters Leon could summon using Mind Summoning didn't obey him

those creatures could give him coins

and he also could use Seal on them

unlike the monsters that that place spawned.'

"Well

I can only summon monsters using Mind Summoning that appears in worlds that are on the second stage of assimilation

" Leon said. "So

what kind of equipment should I do with it?"

'Considering Leon's control

he could upgrade a piece of equipment many times. The question was

what kind of equipment could help him at that moment? One that could increase the speed of his training would be a good idea. Leon already had a ring that granted him a skill at the max level

so he knew very well how useful such an item would be. But by using a ring or any other type of equipment that may grant him Haste at its max level

he would lose the chance to level up the skill. It was better to be patient and master that skill and instead think of another.'

"Most skills have stronger and weaker versions

" Leon said. "Maybe Haste has a stronger version."

'Even if that was true

Leon didn't find such skills while using Appraisal on monsters

so he would have to learn and level up the skill the hard way. Most likely

such skill wouldn't make time pass faster

and he would have to experience even greater time in that dimension

but it doesn't matter because Leon would delete those memories.'

'In the end

Leon managed to conclude that spells like Time Acceleration and perhaps Future Hastening did exist. However

those obviously belonged to the spirit of time's power. Leon was exactly in that place because he wanted Sekundez's power

and the chances of him obtaining that without her cooperation were close to none.'

"There is no tome in Ilyana's vault that has the power that I'm looking for..." Leon said and then scratched the back of his head. "In the end

the only option is the simplest one... I have to increase my speed."

'There was a possibility Leon didn't consider so far. It was that the reason he was getting so bored of things quickly was because of his speed. Although he always moved at the speed of an ordinary person before the monsters appeared

he was fully aware that his senses and reflexes were far too sharper than before. Maybe it only happened while he was focused or during battles

but it was clear that his mind and body moved much faster than before. There was only one way to find out... Leon had to run.'

'By activating Haste and Electric Armor

Leon could complete a full lap around the island in two seconds. Although he wasn't fully conscious of the fact

even though he couldn't remember the exact moments

Leon managed to run over only the beach instead of moving to the sea. That meant that despite the lack of total control over his body

Leon's body always ended obeying his will. Even without direct commands.'

"It is like my body obey my instincts

even though my mind can't move at the same speed

" Leon concluded. "In the end

intelligence doesn't increase the potential of my brain and the speed it works... it only increases the power of my magic attacks."

'It wouldn't be the same thing

but Leon found some spells that would help him in that regard... one of them was pretty simple. It had the same effects as Haste

but it only increased the speed of his brain.'

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

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"I wonder why I didn't learn this spell... It is probably because it is a double-edged sword

" Leon said.'

'Keeping Concentration active would help Leon to think faster

but unlike slow that drops the speed of mind and body

it increases the speed of mind to the point where one's body can't react in time.
Considering the cost in mana

it was clear that there were better versions

but for Leon to use them

he would have to increase his speed.'

'It was quite a scary thought having a fast mind but a slow body. Still

it could become one of the best weapons under Leon's command. But first

he would have to level up the skill for quite a while.'

""The chances of me being able to use Mindscape Materialization in this space
are low since this place is obviously the same thing

" Leon rubbed his chin. "But if I manage to do that

there is still a chance of me finding a way to speed of time in this place. Well

it will take probably twenty years to obtain enough coins to buy the tome

so I just have to wait patiently.""

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Charge Soul.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'Restores: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Solar Typhoon.'

'Cost: 700 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Poison Nova.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'Restores: 5000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Patience wasn't one of Leon's qualities

but at least he didn't have to feel impatience for more than a few hours thanks to Mind Shifting. Also

thanks to Mind Shifting

he could delete those memories and keep his head refreshed to learn and create new spells. Although Poison Nova and Sola Typhoon weren't user-friendly spells

the others would be very useful.'

'Regardless

without a better option to pass the time

Leon decided to train all his skills again for a few decades until he obtains enough coins to buy Mindscape Materialization. This time... the session lasted for thirty years.'

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"This is stage is lasting longer than I imagined..." Leon rubbed his chin and used Appraisal on the krakens that were trying to kill him. "Even though I trained for several months on an island and underwater while I was on Miebos

I didn't notice that the variety of aquatic monsters was so wide."

'Kraken – Lv 01'

'Health: 10000/10000'

'Mana: 6000/6000'

'Stamina: 3000/3000'

'Strength: 750 +'

'Dexterity: 1000+'

'Speed: 800 +'

'Intelligence: 600+'

'Endurance: 900 +'

'Control: 1400+'

'Mentality: 900 +'

'Luck: 300 +'

'Recovery: 1000 +'

'Active Skills: Water Cyclone Lv 100

Suction Lv 60

Dark Ink Lv 60'

'Passive Skills: Swim Lv 80

Water Absorption Lv 100'

'Although the skills were at a low level for some reason

the status of the Kraken's was pretty high. After using Appraisal on monsters for so long

Leon also began to think that some monsters also had other ways to increase their status instead of relying only on the system. Leon thought for the first time when he saw the galactic snake

the creature had too much health

mana

and stamina

and it was just a monster that experiences only the fifth stage of assimilation.'

"No

there is always a chance that such a creature is a survivor of a world destroyed by harvesters

" Leon said. "It is impossible that is even older than Ilyana... she also said that dragons reappear when worlds reach the fifth stage. So

it wouldn't be weird that the snake would gain status points by going to such worlds."

'Even though it was risky

Leon knew that a creature that could survive in the outer space would be able to hold her own against harvesters who would fight for those dragon hearts. Regardless

Leon put those thoughts aside because it was time for another experiment.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mindscape Materialization.'

'Cost: 10000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Woah... I have come a long way since the time I was hesitant in buying things from the dungeon shop

" Leon frowned. "I just spent one hundred billion coins without even blinking... Anyway

as expected

the cost in mana to materialize a space visualized by me isn't small. Since I don't have Sekundez's power yet

it wouldn't be useful that skill to train all that much."

'Although it was evident that Sekundez was using more mana to make the time pass fast inside that imaginary dimension

she was the spirit of the time

that was her forte. So

it was also evident that she had full control over her mana being used for that.
Putting that aside

Leon used the spell without a hint of hesitation to test its effects

and in the blink of an eye

Leon saw himself in his old room. His books

his bed

his PC... the messy room was just like he recalled in his memories. The fresh
smell of summer was even there... the skill had been a success. Even though
Leon didn't establish that consciously

he created a copy of his room without his parents and Amanda. Seven
seconds later

everything disappeared

and Leon felt tired like never before.'

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"I used too much mana... too fast

" Leon said. "But at least I confirmed the fact that the more mana I use

the faster this skill will level up."

'It was weird

objects created by Mind Summoning had the same durability as the real ones

and they didn't disappear after a while

but everything that Mindscape Materialization created disappeared. As expected

even that might skill had several limitations

but considering that Leon could lock his enemies there

it would still very useful... Still

everything would start once Leon has enough mana to keep that spell active for more than a few seconds.'

"Maybe if I control the mana more efficiently

I will obtain results faster

" Leon rubbed his chin.'

'Instead of creating an entire environment

Leon decided to create just one thing... a copy of himself. Until now

he was pretty scared of what might happen if he creates another mind

but considering that everything created by Mindscape Materialization disappears

that wasn't a problem.'

"A copy of the current me with my current knowledge and experiences will be fine

" Leon said. "If I create an older version of myself

things would just get complicated."

'After a few moments of hesitation

Leon activated Mindscape Materialization

and a copy of Leon's really appeared in front of him. For a few seconds

they just stared at each other because

much for Leon's surprise

they shared the same conscience. Leon finally learned the Shadow Clone technique... but he could only maintain it for four seconds.'

"As expected... creating a human is much more complicated and consumes much more energy than creating something made of stones

wood

and plastic

" Leon nodded to himself. "Considering my recovery and even Mana Magnetism... maybe I can keep a copy of myself active for five seconds

and then I would have to rest for ten before creating another copy."

'It wasn't that efficient

but it was progress considering that Leon could increase his training experience. If Leon stocks a lot of mana fruits

he would be able to solve that problem but only momentarily. The other options were to increase his recovery or increase the range of Mana Magnetism

the second option would cause Leon one hell of a headache

but it was bearable. However

he couldn't use that in that dimension because of the dimensional limits of it. Not even Sekundez was omnipotent

after all.'

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'In the end

Leon found another way to solve that problem for a while. Leon just had to create Soul Eater using Mind Summoning. Considering how useful that sword was

Leon expected that he would have some difficulty creating it. Still

it looked like he would to level up Mind Summoning to the level max before he succeeds because he barely could materialize half of the weapon with his current mana pool.'

"Something is off... while that weapon is handy

it is something that appeared in a world in the third stage of assimilation

" Leon said. "I didn't feel a high concentration of mana when I had Soul Eater

so it isn't made of mithril. Most likely

it was weapon enchanted by the light or shadow attribute... but that doesn't explain why I would need so much mana to summon a weapon that appeared in the harvesters' world."

'It was bizarre

but Leon wouldn't obtain or speed the process of creating Soul Eater by dwelling on it. In the end

the only thing he could do was to focus on leveling up Mind Summoning. However

soon after

Leon decided that monsters stopped coming and more zombies appeared.'

"Not again..." Leon said

and then he let out a long sigh.'

'Fortunately

the tower Leon created was still standing since he imagined something like that might happen again. In any case

the zombies looked a bit different this time. Leon couldn't see their status clearly

but they seemed pretty buffy.'

'Zombie - Lv ???'

'Health: ---/---'

'Mana: ---/---'

'Stamina: ---/---'

'Strength: ---'

'Dexterity: ---'

'Speed: ---'

'Intelligence: ---'

'Endurance: ---'

'Control: ---'

'Mentality: ---'

'Luck: ---'

'Recovery: ---'

'Active Skills:'

'Passive Skills:'

'Even though it couldn't be seen in their status

Leon felt like they would be much more troublesome to deal with. Considering the things Leon experienced on that dimension

it was clear that those zombies were sturdier than the others and their numbers weren't small either.'

'Despite that

Leon was quite confident that he would have to deal with them. The current monsters of that island that were under his control were the Death Knights

and they were close to the level max. A single one of them couldn't take down a Kraken

but twenty could and Leon ten thousand of them. Unfortunately...'

"What the hell..." Leon frowned when he saw his death knights losing pieces of their bones every time a zombie bite or scratched them.'

'Leon insisted on relying on the death knights

but after summoning them for a while

he gave up on the idea of relying on them. The cost of mana to use them wasn't small

and they barely could last for five seconds when ten zombies attacked them at the same time.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Death Knight has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"It can't be helped

but I guess I will be forced to use Acid Rain again

" Leon used Transfer and then appeared at the top of the tower. "The skill is already at the max level

but it will help me to level up Acid Creation."

'It was very likely that Acid Rain wouldn't be enough to stop the zombies from reaching the top of the tower

but Leon didn't have any other choice but to try. He got stronger since the last time the zombies appeared

so there was always a chance that he would succeed.'

"I have to learn another summoning spell

" Leon said while he made acid rain over the zombies. "Unfortunately

that will have to wait. I spend all my coins to learn Mindscape Materialization and I didn't obtain enough coins to buy any other tome."

'Congratulations! The skill Acid Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'The Acid Rain soon fell over Leon's skeletons and the zombies. As expected the skeletons fell much faster. Still

little by little

the zombies were also falling while Acid Creation was leveling up. It was a pity to see the island getting destroyed again just when some trees were about to make things colorful again

but Leon didn't hesitate. The last thing he wanted was to let those walking corpses get close to him.'

'The smell of burning and rotten flesh was strong enough to reach Leon

who was five hundred meters above the sea level

and make him feel dizzy. It has been a long while since he felt something like that. Although that kind of unpleasant memory could be deleted

Leon decided to increase the height of his tower instead of waiting for the end of that attack.'

"I just have to hang in there for a while longer..." Leon said. " This is the sign of the end of the second stage... It is obvious

but I'm much closer to the end of the trial than before."

'Health: 15000 +'

'Mana: 90653 +'

'Stamina: 15000 +'

'Strength: 127 +'

'Dexterity: 88 +'

'Speed: 290 +'

'Intelligence: 39232+'

'Endurance: 603 +'

'Control: 21000+'

'Mentality: 295 +'

'Luck: 42 +'

'Recovery: 15000 +'

'Willpower: 315 +'

'Coins: 00'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Sunlight Nova Lv Max

Acid Rain Lv Max

Transmute Lv Max

Summon Ghost-Sword Lv Max

Summon Skeleton Lv Max

Summon Skeleton Archer Lv Max

Summon Skeleton Knight Lv Max

Summon Skeleton Wizard Lv Max

Summon Skeleton Rider Lv Max

Summon Death Knight Lv Max

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'Passive Skills: Multi-Conjuration Lv Max

Fast Conjuration Lv Max'

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"Oh

boy... so much work to be done

" Leon said after a long sigh.'

'After five years

the horde of zombies finally stopped. In the end

Leon had to increase the height of the power because the number of zombies was too big. He also had to reinforce the foundation... a big headache giving the size of the island and the fact that the zombies didn't give him a single minute of a break.'

"Let's see... I don't want to create other statues of zombies

but I don't have much of choice here

" Leon scratched the back of his head. "Creating one for every year should be enough."

'Since Leon had to know for how long he had been there

he didn't have any choice. After those five years

Leon was now ninety-nine years old. The more Leon thought about it the more he felt like it was a foolish situation. Regardless since many things were getting even weirder

Leon decided to use Mind Summoning and bring a notebook and a pencil. Most likely

those wouldn't last until the end of the trial

but those would help me remember specific questions.'

"Why am I facing the monsters in such obvious order? Why am I facing the zombies that made me recall the people that died trying to survive the assimilation?" Leon wrote in the notebook.'

'Those were the two most weird questions that Leon couldn't understand after thinking for quite a while. The moments he tried to understand the situation and other things were also the moments he didn't delete from his memory

but the more he thought about it

the less sense it made for Leon. Regardless

Leon didn't much time to think about it because a new enemy appeared... gremlins.'

'Gremlin – Lv 01'

'Health: 8000/8000'

'Mana: 14000/14000'

'Stamina: 11000/11000'

'Strength: 950'

'Dexterity: 1600'

'Speed: 800'

'Intelligence: 900+'

'Endurance: 800 +'

'Control: 1200+'

'Mentality: 1500 +'

'Luck: 500 +'

'Recovery: 2000 +'

'Active Skills: Fly Lv 200

Fire Tornado Lv 240

Flame Thrower Lv 220

Fire Creation Lv 200

Fire Transformation Lv 180

Fire Rush Lv 170'

'Passive Skills: Wind Resistance Lv 100

Fire Absorption Lv 250

Bloodthirsty Lv 150

Spearmanship Lv 140

Rage Lv 160

Darkness Resistance Lv 200'

""So

those little monsters are the weakest ones that can be found in the third stage of assimilation?" Leon asked. "That is kind of surprising."

'Maybe it was about time for Leon to do some labor work and kill the monsters himself. Since the gremlins were fire monsters

they had a bad affinity with Leon's corrupt mana trees. So

the best option was to kill them instantly

and so Leon did. A single Plasma Bullet in the had been enough to kill the gremlins. After that

the corrupt mana trees ate the corpses.'

"It has been a while since I saw this... and I'm already sick of it

" Leon frowned.'

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

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'...'

"Let's see... the cheapest summoning spell I can learn now is... Summon Fire Elemental

" Leon rubbed his chin. "The monster that made me find Ilyana."

'Against the gremlins

the flame elemental would be useless. So

Leon decided to start with the frozen ones. Although Leon would obtain the power to summon them once the gremlins are around the level three hundred

he was sure that it would be fine. The combination of ice and thunder was quite powerful

after all.'

'In any case

leveling up those three summoning skills to the level max would take at least one decade. Although that was quite a good amount of time

Leon learned his lesson this time. He could have easily leveled up to the max level four or five summoning skills while fighting against the zombies

but he didn't. Due to the circumstances

he was forced to use his most powerful area of effect skills to defeat them

and those were already at the max level

so Leon didn't obtain a single coin and only a few status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Flame Elemental.'

'Cost: 70000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Frost Elemental.'

'Cost: 70000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Thunder Elemental.'

'Cost: 70000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Aquatic Slime.'

'Cost: 75000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Mechanical Scorpion.'

'Cost: 75000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Mechanical Golem.'

'Cost: 75000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Since Aquatic Slimes can be found in worlds in the second stage of assimilation

why are their tomes more expensive and the cost of mana larger?" Leon frowned. "Did Ilyana messed with the prices?"

'While Leon was looking for new summoning spells

he found some monsters that he had never seen before. Although the map Yuki gave him had the locations of dungeons that spawned such creatures

he never went to those places. In any case

Mechanical Scorpions and Mechanical Golems and were far larger than Mechanical Spiders

but just as Leon has expected

they didn't have any elemental attributes. Just like the mechanical spiders

they didn't have health and stamina either. Considering their nature and how difficult it would be to summon several of them

it would take more than a few decades to make those reach the max level

but Leon wasn't in a hurry.'

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'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Steel Skin'

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Let's see... the skin increases my endurance by three points by each level

" Leon said after he activated his newest skill. "It really is an upgraded version of Bronze and Stone Skin."

'Much for Leon's surprise

the mechanical golems had that skill

and he soon replicated it. Although Leon was only using the frost and thunder elementals to get rid of the gremlins

he still summoned some of his monsters to see what they could do. Unfortunately

that was the only skill he didn't have.'

"I wonder if there is a similar skill that increases another status..." Leon rubbed his chin. "I suppose Strong Arms and Iron Fists fit in that criteria. No... those skills only increase my status when they are used. Besides

the difference can't be seen in the status screen."

'Much for Leon's surprise

he didn't find what he was looking in

Ilyana's vault. However

that didn't mean that it doesn't exist. Leon learned Strong Arms purely by chance

so he had to do something else to learn skills that would increase his status. Fortunately

thanks to his skill controlling mana

he soon obtained some results. After concentrating some mana around the muscles of some parts of his body...'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Herculean Strength.'

'Cost: 20 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"At level one increases my strength by one point..." Leon furrowed his eyebrows. "I guess this is at the same rank as Stone Skin. Well now... what I have to do to learn their higher versions of this spell?"

'Leon also tried to find anything related to boosting status using spells like that in Ilyana's vault. He tried for quite a while but found nothing. Ilyana heavily favored magic

even though Leon didn't find any spell that increased intelligence or control

it was clear that she focused on those most. There was also a chance that she didn't create tomes of every single skill because she wanted to make Leon learn those by himself

but that was very unlikely since she allowed Leon to learn other crazy spells like Mind Summoning.'

"I don't have much for that right now

but I wonder if I can create a tome using Mind Summoning

" Leon said. "According to Ilyana

she used other ways to create tomes

but I don't think her method is the only one possible."

'As it turned out

Leon was right. He also could summon tomes using Mind Summoning

but it wasn't that efficient. To summon the Frost Lance tome

Leon had to spend fifty thousand points of mana. Most likely

Ilyana's method was the most efficient one. That would be helpful once Leon leaves that dimension

but he wondered if his friends would have time to train the skills Leon might give them.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Strength Augmentation.'

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Enhanced Strength.'

'Cost: 100 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'In the end

Leon just had to increase the amount of mana he concentrated in his muscles to learn the upgraded versions of Herculean Strength. Still

even though he tried to improve his status even more by focusing more mana

nothing happened. That was the limit he could do.'

""It looks like there are only three buffs like this per status... even if I use all kills at the max level

in the end

the bonus won't be higher than six thousand

" Leon concluded. "It isn't all that much considering how high my intelligence and mana are... but I guess it will be useful considering the other status that I'm ignoring.""

'Although Leon's closest goal was to create a Soul Eater

he would need to increase his mana for that. Considering the nature of those buffs

it would be relatively easy to level them up

so Leon decided to focus on them while he also trains Mind Summoning. He wouldn't learn other spells by himself aside from the ones he copies from the monsters for the time being

but that was a small price to pay.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Quick Legs.'

'Cost: 20 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Speed Augmentation.'

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Enhanced Speed.'

'Cost: 100 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Much faster than Leon predicted

he received some other notifications and immediately put the new skills to good use. Since Leon would have to get used to his increase in speed

there was only one thing he could

and it was run.'

'At first

Leon's body managed to endure that speed. He was so fast that his movement alone created a shockwave capable of sending the gremlins flying if they were too close. However

soon Leon started to feel the same effects as when he uses Haste and Electric Armor. His skin began to heat and eventually burn.'

'''If I want to run without damaging my body due to the friction

I don't have any other choice but use Stone Skin

Bronze Skin

and Steel Skin at the same time

" Leon concluded. "The increase in endurance will negate the effects of the high-speed movement."

'Electric Armor could protect Leon from that

but Electric Armor itself also damages Leon

so it was useless.'

"Well

I can't solve all my problems at once

" Leon shrugged. "Besides

using Teleport will be much more convenient... in the worst-case scenario

I can also increase my endurance and solve the problem once and for all.'

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'It took him quite a while

but Leon eventually learned the spells that increased his status as long as he uses his mana. It would take a while before Leon can recover his mana faster than he can spend using all those skills

but he was okay with his progress so far.'

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

'Cost: 20 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Willpower Augmentation.'

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Enhanced Willpower.'

'Cost: 100 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"That was already expected

but it is quite troublesome the fact that there are no spells that increase only recovery and luck

" Leon said while he watched his new buffs in the skill list. "In any case it is time to return to my regular training."

'That would be difficult because Leon was out of ideas again

and the monsters didn't have any new spell. To make matters worse

a new enemy appeared to make Leon lose focus again.'

'Vampire – Lv 01'

'Health: 1200/12000'

'Mana: 12000/12000'

'Stamina: 12000/12000'

'Strength: 1100'

'Dexterity: 1500'

'Speed: 1200'

'Intelligence: 1100+'

'Endurance: 900 +'

'Control: 1200+'

'Mentality: 1500 +'

'Luck: 400 +'

'Recovery: 3000 +'

'Active Skills: Fly Lv 150

Wolf Transformation Lv 250

Bat Transformation Lv 250

Vampirism Lv 300

Spiritual Drain Lv 200

Blood Manipulation Lv 200'

'Passive Skills: Wind Resistance Lv 150

Fire Resistance Lv 250

Thunder Resistance Lv 200

Darkness Resistance Lv 300

Gravity Resistance Lv 230

Night Vision Lv 350'

"What the hell..." Leon frowned when he saw a group of cloaked and pale figures leaving the ocean in the middle of the day. "Vampires? Are you for real?"

'Another type of monster that Leon didn't see so far

even though some skills that they have

didn't make any sense. They weren't that strong... if they get too close to an enemy

then things could dangerous

but Leon was pretty sure

considering their humanoid shape

that they wouldn't survive if he crushes their head and heart.'

'Leon's elementals made ice and electricity rain over them

and since they were at the level three hundred

the first group of vampires quickly died.'

"I really don't want to drink blood... but I guess the transformation skills might be useful

" Leon said. "Blood Manipulation also seems quite interesting."

'Leon couldn't take the memories of the moments the vampires learned those skills

but he could use Mind Control and make them use those skills for quite a while and then transplant those memories to his head. Although the monsters resembled a lot of humans

in the end

Leon didn't hesitate to use them. Leon considered that hypothesis

but those weren't racial skills. After experiencing the memories for a while and trying to replicate the things he felt

he received some notifications.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Wolf Transformation.'

'Cost: 100 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Bat Transformation.'

'Cost: 100 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Blood Manipulation.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Mmm? This is weird..." Leon frowned while he flew around in the shape of a two meters long bat.'

'Leon soon understood the meaning of his discomfort; his status changed alongside the transformation. Most of his points went to stamina

and the same thing happened to intelligence

but the points went to speed. Something similar happened when Leon transformed into a wolf... it wasn't like his ordinary Transform skill. For the good or for the worse

that skill changed his status completely.'

"Blood Manipulation is like Telekinesis

but with more precision

since I can ignore the flesh and bones of the targets..." Leon said astonished.'

'The problem with Blood Manipulation was that Leon could only practice in living beings. He wouldn't try on himself since he would end up causing damage to his brain

and the vampires were undead creatures

so it wouldn't count as a practice. Although that was troublesome

it was probably for the best... killing a monster using Telekinesis was one thing. Killing a monster making the blood stop flowing through a monster was quite dreadful. Leon didn't even have to test to know it.'

"... Whatever

even though it is troublesome

I miss the feeling of accomplishments of when I learn some impressive spells on my own

" Leon said after a long sigh. "To get rid of my worries

I guess something like that might help."

'It didn't take long for Leon to have some ideas. Even though it was getting hard as of late to learn new offensive spells

his mind was still working in strange ways to make things more efficient and even to surprise his enemies.'

'It took a while

but after training Blood Manipulation in order to make small amounts of blood leave his own body

Leon obtained enough control to make it impossible without letting him feel a thing. That would obviously be more useful using corpses as a basis

so Leon decided to stop after succeeding in creating a single spell.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Blood Bullet.'

'Cost: 10 mana and 10 health'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

""It less harmful than I thought it would be..." Leon frowned. "Still

just what the hell am I thinking of using my own blood as a weapon? Is this one sign of me going mad?""

'Leon saw Ilyana's tomes many times

and he didn't see anything that used the life of the user as a basis. Still

considering how Leon acted so far

he would probably be suspicious if Ilyana had put a tome like that insider her vault in order to make Leon learn it...'

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'Although Leon was still hesitating in using blood as a means of attack

using it his own could surprise his enemies in life or death situations. So

that was why Leon thought of another skill to solve one problem that bothered him since the moment the monsters appeared. It was his weight loss whenever he recovered from a significant injury.'

"While relying on recovery and simple healing spells alone

I can't counter those after effects

" Leon said. "But considering that mana can create anything

then perhaps there is a way to create potions that heal my wounds without making me lose weight."

'The easiest option would be to create a potion using Mind Summoning. Even though Leon could create potions using that

he couldn't make a potion that could recover his blood and restore his damaged flesh without understanding the logic behind it. The first step was to learn how to create such a potion. After that

Leon would be able to mass-produce if he wants using Mind Summoning.'

"There is no tome in Ilyana's vault that can teach me how to create potions

but there must be a way

" Leon said.'

'Leon already knew more or less how to create mana liquid. That was the first step to learn how to create potions himself

but he didn't know how the magical leaves worked

well

he knew

but he didn't understand how it was possible since he wasn't a scientist and never asked if someone studied those plants further. Still

it shouldn't be that difficult. He knew how to make mithril

after all.'

'Regardless

Leon started creating a leaf similar to the blue angel leaves using Transmute. He didn't feel any magical power in it

so Leon had to add magical power and thus create a leaf that restores mana upon consumed. That was easier said than done

but then again

Leon had a lot of free time in his hands.'

'It took Leon a few days

but in the end

he succeeded and obtained much more than he expected. The trick behind was straightforward

Leon just had to Transmute anything in the shape of a leaf

but he had to infuse some extra mana while the leaf was being created. Even leaves had things like veins

and Leon just had to store it there.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mana Manipulation.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'It seemed a bit too late to learn something like that

but Leon welcomed the notification. Most likely

to obtain that skill Leon had to have sufficient control over his own mana. Control was something that he rarely practiced. The only thing Leon really practiced was how to destroy things using his mana.'

""Well

now instead of the leaves

I just have to turn them into powder and mix with water and put it inside a bottle

" Leon said.'

'Although the process of creating leaves that restore health and stamina would be different

Leon was a little more interested in what would happen if he tries to do all those steps at the same time. He was hoping a lot for that because he couldn't imagine Alchemy to be a skill that doesn't belong to a tree of other skills.'

'As expected

creating the earth

turning into glass

putting water

and add the dust of the blue angel leaves inside a bottle all at the same time wasn't easy. But eventually

Leon succeeded in doing so. Somehow

he thought it had been a little too fast

but soon Leon understood why.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Potion Mastery.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Mmm... it restores fifty points of mana

I guess it was to be expected since I use mana to create the glass and the water

" Leon analyzed the potion and concluded. "Still

but it should get better the more I level up the skill. No... it would be way too weird If I create a potion that restores more mana than I use. However

Potion Mastery will do that."

'Leon expected to learn a skill to create potions automatically
but that was a bit too much. In any case
the experiments were far from over. To create red angel leaves
instead of infusing his mana

Leon had to apply a small scale regeneration spell on the veins of the leaf. And
to create the green angel leaves

Leon had to do something
but instead of using Regeneration
he had to use Stamina Restoration.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Potion Mastery has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

""No notifications this time

huh

" Leon said. "I guess it can't be helped..."

'Leon managed to learn how to create very efficient potions

but it looked like he would have to make enhanced versions of those in order to
obtain the effects he desired. Perhaps a more powerful version of Potion
Mastery would grant him that

but it was hard to be sure.'

""Mmm? I already know how to make better potions. I just have to add
monsters' blood

" Leon said.'

'The current monsters trying to kill him were vampires

so using their blood wasn't possible. Still

Leon wondered if he could have his own blood to obtain the same effects. He wasn't hypocrite enough to say that his blood was better or worse than of the monsters

but in the end

he decided just to do a few tests because using his blood as a catalyst for potions was like creating a bank of his own blood. It wasn't a bad idea

but considering that he would lose some time and wouldn't be able to take those potions to outside that dimension

it would also be inconvenient.'

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'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Enhanced Potion Mastery'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'In the end

Leon confirmed his theory. His own blood wasn't much different from the monster's blood. Probably the first thing he would do after leaving that dimension would be to create a magic box and store thousands of enhanced potions.'

'''I guess I can play with Mana Manipulation now... there were certain things I wanted to learn

but those were pretty dangerous without proper control of mana

" Leon said.'

'Since the moment the monsters appeared

Leon always wanted one thing

to see mana. Until now

he learned many things but not how to do that. Fortunately

Leon soon found what he was looking for... the perfect skill that would grant him a massive advantage as a magician.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mana Eyes.'

'Cost: 100 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"I see... so it is like that

" Leon nodded once he received the notification and activated the skill.'

'Just like Leon created magic projectiles condensing a lot of mana

Leon could see the light blue aura around and inside nearly everything. When he uses Mana Magnetism

that aura will disappear from the land for a fraction of second

but soon returned... as if the land had stupid fast regenerative abilities.'

'Still

Leon didn't stop there. Now that concentrating mana around his eyes was much easier. Leon managed to create a protective layer around it while he also could send a beam of energy through his eyes and even changing the nature of the beam before it could reach the target.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Heat Vision.'

'Cost: 200 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Freezing Vision.'

'Cost: 200 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Petrifying Gaze.'

'Cost: 300 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: X-Ray Vision.'

'Cost: 200 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Although some of those skills are questionable

they will be of some use at some point

" Leon rubbed his chin. "This was the last skill I really need to put my ultimate plan into action... now I just have to learn more skills

level them up to the max

and train my brain in order to become used as much as possible to this kind of power."

'Although it was more convenient to rely on Mana Magnetism

Leon also had to train Farming and Alchemy. So

it was time to create some blue angel leaves. At some point

Leon imagined that he would learn Plant Manipulation or Creation

but that never happened most likely

because he relied on Transmute to create those leaves.'

"I don't have much use for the time being for the potions I will create using Alchemy

but I guess it is a good idea to store them for when the next wave of zombies appear

" Leon concluded. "Although creating a magic box should be easier than create Soul Steal... I want to create and customize one to fulfill my needs

so I will need to learn space magic."

'To save some time

Leon decided to buy a tome that could grant him that ability

but unfortunately

Leon didn't find any. That was weird

but something like that wouldn't be enough to stop Leon. It may be possible that spatial magic belonged to the shadow element

but Leon wasn't so sure of that. He wanted to learn Teleport

and he needed the power of the spirit of darkness. Still

even though such skill was useful compared to skills like Mind Summoning and Mindscape Materialization

it was leagues behind. Besides

Leon was pretty sure that instead of distorting space

spells that have that kind of attribute most likely transformed the user and mana into shadows... that would explain why the Dark Aura didn't let Donan's blood flow to outside.'

'In any case

now that Leon learned Mana Manipulation

there was a chance that he could learn spatial magic even without tomes or watching monsters use it. In the end

Leon was right. He managed to create a space where he could nullify the effects of time. Inside a semi-translucent box of mana

Leon could see a Magma Bullet he created. He wasn't controlling it

but the bullet was still floating and wasn't emitting any smoke or signs of deterioration... However

it took Leon two years to reach that stage because the requirements to learn Spatial Manipulation was relatively high. One of them was that the user needed to have fifty thousand points in intelligence

and the other was to have Mana Manipulation at the max level.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Spatial Manipulation.'

'Cost: 10000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"... Another skill with a stupid cost of mana

" Leon dropped his shoulders after a long sigh. "Although the cost is high and I can't do anything with it yet

it has a lot of potential."

'Leon could only create a space like that that had the size of a fist. Leon couldn't even control the things inside the space

so he needed to do some tests as well. Without wasting any time

Leon started to train the skill while creating an extra-large copy of the magic box. It had no effects since it was only made of mithril. Leon manipulated the space around the box and compressed it until it became the size of the magic box he once had

but it looked like only that wouldn't be enough because nothing happened.'

"Mmm... I guess I need other skills to add the effects to items without relying on Seal

" Leon rubbed his chin after a long sigh.'