

## Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

### 603 Chapter 601

'Spatial Manipulation basically distorted the dimensions of certain places inside of some objects. Although it was more accurate to say that Leon just surprised a certain space and sealed inside an item

Leon was pretty sure that the inverse could be done... in case someone gets trapped in a spatial trap.'

"The problem is

I don't have much time to do this

" Leon said. "The dragons are getting stronger by the day... much faster than me. If I use my mana to create weapons

I can counter that effect

but since I will need a lot of it to leave this place

I will end up putting myself in a dire situation if I fail."

'In the end

Leon created a mithril spear that would help him along the way against dragons and that he would absorb to use Spatial Manipulation to its limits. If he fails

he would have a lot of trouble

but not much as if he tries to consume his only mithril weapon.'

'In order not to find later that his plan was impossible and end up using too much mana and time in something useless

Leon decided to run a test after he created a spear that weighs one thousand kilograms. Even though some concentration was needed in order to increase the scope of such skill

in the end

for the good or the worse

Leon was good at using his mana violently. So

he managed to increase and use in reverse the power of Spatial Manipulation while he also used Mana-Eater to restore his mana.'

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'Leon smirked when he saw those notifications. That was a sign that he was doing things right. Although that was hard to confirm... given that Leon was making the entire area around himself tremble using a non-offensive spell. Increasing the size of a place was to be theoretically impossible. Still

Leon could do that with magic... he was certain that he was doing things right because he could feel the temperature around himself decreasing. His Spatial Manipulation was creating a vacuum

and that was making the temperature decrease.'

'Unfortunately... Leon would have to use much more mana

and he also would need to concentrate much to achieve the results he wanted. In the end

with that spell

he only managed to increase the dimensions of half of the island

and since he didn't complete what he wanted to do

the skill failed at the end

and everything returned to normal.'

"This is definitely the key to leave this place

" Leon nodded to himself. "I increased the proportions of this dimension for a brief moment

and I made the island become larger... it felt like was under illusion since everything looked so distorted

but it is probably because I want to destroy this dimension."

'In any case

given that Sekundez didn't do anything until maybe she didn't lie that time would pass much faster in that dimension. That would explain why nothing happened while Leon was trying to destroy the dimension.'

'Regardless

even though it would be minimal

Leon could increase the effectiveness of his actions if he focuses on a single skill. It was dangerous

but he had no other choice but to restore his mana using soul eaters... that means he couldn't create another mithril spear to attack them. Soul eaters don't have any offensive power

and even though Leon could amplify the piercing power by using Gravity and Telekinesis

it wasn't enough to pierce the dragons' flesh

so Leon couldn't use them to directly drain the dragons' mana.'

"In the end

the only option is to store my own mana inside of soul eater

" Leon concluded.'

'Fortunately

even though his corrupt mana trees were at the max level

a single dragon could grant him two mana fruits. The trees still had to have some time to digest the dragons

but considering that Leon summoned thousands of them

the preparations ended after a single day.'

'The best option would be to slowly level up Spatial Manipulation

but Leon didn't have time or the patience to do that. He wanted to get rid once and for all of his worries. Without holding back

Leon activated Spatial Manipulation and increased its scope to its maximum level. Leon felt dizzy countless times in a single moment due to the mana exhaustion

but the soul eaters restore his own mana at the same pace.'

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'In the blink of an eye and even before the spatial manipulation could reach the boundaries of that dimension

Leon saw cracks appearing in the sky. As expected

he found the way to leave that place. Although he could use Transfer and leave that place just like that

Leon didn't want to risk since he couldn't see anything beyond those cracks. In the end

it was better to finish the job...'

'Fortunately

at the same pace Spatial Manipulation leveled up

Leon made his skill reach the boundaries of the dimension. In the end

everything around him started to chatter like glass. However

even though that was a good sign

it looked like Leon wouldn't leave that place until he destroys every single part of that dimension. Although it was quite scary to destroy a dimension being an imaginary one or not

Leon endured the goosebumps he felt while he was slowly getting surrounded by the darkness of the void...'

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'In the end

things only changed when the last piece of the dimension fell from its position. Before he could notice

Leon was back on Sekundez's temple. His spirits were still there and Sekundez as well. Suddenly

he fell on her knees as if she was suffering or extremely tired.'

"Oh

you guys are still here..." Leon said.'

"What are you talking about?" Celsius asked.'

"Did you do something? Why is nothing happening?" Undine asked.'

"I was hoping to see something flashy

but I guess time magic isn't something so special

after all

" Efrete shrugged.'

"...What did you do?" Sekundez asked. "My mana..."

"I destroyed that dimension

" Leon replied. "I couldn't focus anymore on the training since I had too many questions in my head... but I guess

as usual

I was just overthinking things."

"So... the trial already begun and ended?" Sylph tilted his head.'

"You don't look much different

Leon

" Gnome said. "How many years did you experience there?"

"I see now... in order to change too much and lose your focus you decided to delete some of your memories

" Volt said. "That is a very surprising way of using Mind Melding..."

'Leon already had imagined that

but Volt was probably the smartest one of the groups

maybe Undine was on his same level

but that was hard to confirm given her usual behavior. Regardless

while Sekundez was recovering from the exhaustion

Leon explained that four hundred years have passed in that dimension.'

"I see... I was hoping that you grew up a little

but you look like the same fool

" Celsius said.'

"Ouch... such sharp words

" Leon sighed and dropped his shoulders. "Well

let's finish this conversation later... what is going to happen now? I was hoping that you would recover pretty fast

but it looks like I was wrong."

"... Fragments of spirits can't exist by themselves; they need mana from external sources to exist

" Sekundez explained. "You made me lost all the mana I obtained by destroying that dimension. I won't last long at this rate."

"Well

that is a problem... I want your power

but I didn't complete the trial

" Leon rubbed his chin. "Wait a minute... how do you obtain mana here? You don't look like someone who has many visitors

and since you test them quite harshly

there is no way they would leave after failing and give you some magic weapons full of mana."

"Many tried to obtain my power

and failure isn't an option... you are the first one who didn't die

" Sekundez explained. "As you can imagine

I only transported your mind to that dimension... that being said

if the mind of someone dies there

their bodies would die as well. But before that happens

I consume their mana for quite a while as a fee for the trial."

"... I see... so you use people like me as batteries when they fail

" Leon narrowed his eyes in annoyance. "I must say

you are quite brave in saying that given that you are about to disappear and your sole existence depends on me now... Well

no matter. I still want your power

even though your methods are dubious

I can't condemn someone who wants to live."

'Leon tried to transfuse his mana to Sekundez

but before he could do that

she disappeared

and Leon started to sweat cold. Although he obtained a great deal of power

he endured those four hundred years to obtain the power to control time.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Sekundez's Fragment.'

'Cost: 300 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 10000 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 10000 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Death Sense.'



'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Temporal Awareness.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Temporal Armor.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"There is no need. You defeated me in a way that was supposed to be impossible

" Sekundez said inside Leon's head. "It is clear that you have what is necessary to endure and succeed in completing the trial. You will have my cooperation."

'Leon was quite surprised

but then he sighed in relief. It looked like he saved himself of a few thousand years of isolation

but he still was a bit worried about Sekundez. Leon still needed some explanations.'

"Although I would like to hear directly from you how those new skills work

I think I want to hear first about the trial

" Leon said.'

"Of course. As you know

the goal of the trial was to test your patience... but the real goal was to make you understand the importance of the time

" Sekundez explained. "My power can change the universe much more than any other spirit

after all."

"I already know that I want to know about why I was facing dragons after only four hundred years..." Leon said. "What would I face for the next centuries? Before answering me

I think I should use Mindscape Transportation and increase the passage of time there... I still need to learn several skills

after all."

"That is a good idea

but first you have to understand that I lost all my powers

so I won't be able to replicate the environment of the trial

" Sekundez said. "You will have to level up the skills you obtained to do that."

"Is that so... let me check something for a second

" Leon said that and then began to focus.'

'While he was destroying the imaginary dimensional

he discovered the perfect way to increase the scope of any skill... he just had to focus all his mana and then send it toward the direction he wanted. Although he was pretty sure he still wasn't at the level of Ilyana

with that kind of action

he would be able to become as powerful as her in a sense for at the least a moment.'

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'Although Leon had no idea in which direction he would find Earth

he didn't have to know that since he had Clairvoyance. After focusing all his mana

Leon made it work using Clairvoyance

and then he saw Earth... from a distance since he decided he wanted to see Earth

not a city in particular.'

"Oops... I have to focus and imagine Amanda's camp

" Leon shook his head.'

'Leon's mana lasted for three seconds

but he still had enough time to see hundreds of dragons attacking a city walled by mithril walls. Outside the walls

Leon saw Hector leading the humans from that camp while Amanda and Maya were offering him support from the lines... the number of death among humans was high

Leon couldn't even count the number of corpses

but he also saw hundreds of dragons dead on the ground.'

'Congratulations! The skill Clairvoyance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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"They are fine..." Leon sighed in relief. "But

where is Ilyana?"

"She is probably fighting in another world

" Celsius replied. "I don't see any harvester

only dragons. A battle between people of her level would probably decimate anyone and anything on the whole planet

after all."

'Leon nodded

but he still had to confirm that. So

he recovered his mana using Mana Magnetism and then used Clairvoyance again. Another good aspect of that skill

Leon could observe places

but he also could find new places by trying to find people. This time

his skill only lasted for two seconds

but Leon still managed to see a world trembling while some blurs were moving around

hitting each other. Those were probably Ilyana and the harvesters... somehow

she was able to fight against three monster-like being capable of destroying worlds.'

"You are late..." Ilyana used Telepathy. "What is this... your power isn't at the right level yet."

"So

you can feel me even though I just used Clairvoyance?" Leon frowned.  
"Anyway

I obtained Sekundez's cooperation

but I didn't complete the whole trial... I escaped her dimension after four hundred years."

'Much for Leon's surprise

Ilyana didn't look like she was struggling. Her voice seemed completely normal as usual as if she wasn't even fighting seriously...'

"I should have imagined that..." Ilyana sighed. "To make matters worse

I just received a stupid amount of coins... how can you be so prideful?"

"Forget about that... many humans died

and you are still holding back? Why?" Leon asked.'

"If I fight seriously

other harvesters will come to kill me

and they also feel my actions on Earth

" Ilyana replied. "If I try to protect every single one of them

I will put them in a more dangerous situation."

'That made sense

but Leon couldn't help but sigh. Regardless

he wanted to help and prevent deaths on Earth

but if he appears and changes the tide of the battle

perhaps the same thing would happen. Leon didn't know if Ilyana was acting like usual because she knew his friends were alive or if she didn't care... but in the end

Leon had to trust on them and on Ilyana.'

"You probably is already powerful enough to find Shadow and Rem's presence

and you can reach their places and complete their trials

" Ilyana said. "However

Sekundez's power will be more convenient

so you need to train it as fast as you can."

"Yeah... I will do that

" Leon said.'

'It would be a pain to continue his training and ignore the fact that dozens of humans were dying at that very moment around his friends

but Leon didn't have much of choice. Although he could use Skill Bestowal and grant some of his powers of even his memories with them

it would be weird if they suddenly got too powerful. It was clear that not only three harvesters had their eyes on Earth

but so many others were also probably monitoring things.'

"It can't be helped... still

this is a good opportunity to get used to something I wanted to test for quite a while

" Leon said.'

"What do you want to test?" Sekundez asked.'

"You will find out soon enough

" Leon smirked.'

'Before anything

Leon had to customize his mindscape. He wouldn't obtain coins there

but it didn't matter. After summoning a perfect replica

Leon also created a copy of the island. He didn't have time to waste with aesthetics

so Leon just made the soil and surrounded with water.'

"You guys will train with my replica

" Leon declared. "Meanwhile

I will gather the mana to maintain my mindscape

and Sekundez's will help me to increase the flow of time inside of it."

"Hahaha! So

it's finally time to reach the apex of my strength!" Efreet laughed manically.  
"This will be interesting!"

"If you don't mind

we will change the overall appearance of this place

" Undine frowned. "This looks like a painting of a five-year-old child after all."

'Putting aside Undine's complaints

Leon was fully that was the case. Regardless

Leon didn't have to worry about since the mana used inside wouldn't change anything for him. After that

Leon returned to the reality and felt his mana being consumed at an unbelievable speed. But then again

Leon focused himself to its limits and then activated Mana Magnetism. A terrible headache started to torment Leon

but with that level of focus

Leon managed to duplicate the amount of mana he was absorbing from the ambient. That was enough to maintain his mindscape active.'

"I believe I have to warn you that isn't a good way to restore his mana

" Sekundez's said. "You forcefully increased the output of a skill

and even though that isn't very complicated to do

you are damaging your mind by doing so."

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'In a different manner than Undine

it was hard to understand what Sekundez was thinking or feeling. She seemed like a spirit who didn't care much about anything

and that was what made things pretty complicated. But Leon felt a slight tone of worry from her voice... it looked as if she had some experience with that kind of dangerous action.'

"Thanks for your concern

but this is absolutely necessary

" Leon forced a smile while ignoring the headache. "Besides

it is just the beginning since I also have to train your skills

and I will need more mana to do so."

'Most likely

that headache wouldn't decrease if Leon increases his mentality or endurance... because he was damaging his spirit directly by forcing it to obtain mana much faster than his current body can handle.'

"Anyway

I guess it is time for you to explain what the skills I learned can do

" Leon said. "Based on the knowledge

I will be able to focus on the most useful skills first."

"First

I'm going explain what the passive skills can do

" Sekundez said. "Temporal Armor can nullify the effects of time manipulation if someone uses that power against you. However

it works like Mind Armor. It will only work as long as you have mana. As for Death Sense

it is also another self-explanatory skill. Usually

beings that have a lot of mana like you can live much longer

but there are many ways to die without aging... Death Sense will alert you about your death. You will feel like life is leaving your body... the best way to counter that effect is by leaving the place where you are or fleeing from the battle. As long as you get away from whatever will cause your death

those effects will disappear."

"Interesting... what about Temporal Awareness?" Leon asked.'



"That skill will warn you if someone or something suffered from the effects of Time Manipulation

" Sekundez replied. "Some users of Time Manipulation may try to use the time to destroy objects and memories of living beings by making time pass faster or even backward. As soon as you get close to anything that has been suffered under those effects

you will notice it."

'Leon wasn't sure about how much that skill could be useful

but most likely

once Leon is powerful enough

he would be able to restore the memories of certain people and the effects of magic items. However

that was dangerous... if Leon tries to make Darya recover her memories about him or even his friends from Earth

they will lose their powers as well as the other memories. In any case

Leon didn't have to use that kind of power... there was another way to restore lost memories.'

"Stop is another self-explanatory skill

" Sekundez said. "As long as your target's mentality is lower than your intelligence

you can stop their flow of time. Since that kind of skill can't become more powerful

it will become more efficient and cost less mana the more you level it up."

'Although that was useful

Leon could think of a dozen of ways to stop a target from moving without spending so much mana. Still

Stop was more powerful because it didn't grant the chance for the target to react in any way. The problem was the requirement for the skill to work... Leon wouldn't be able to use it against dragons.'

"Accelerate does exactly that. It increases the speed and flow of time of certain things

" Sekundez added. "Although it can work on humans

it has limits. For example

the skill will be canceled if you suffer any type of damage or touches something that has mana. So

it isn't that convenient to use in the middle of a battle. As for its effects

each level increases the flow of time one time. At the level of one hundred

you will be able to increase the flow of time in your mindscape by one hundred times. At the max level

you can speed the flow of time as much as you want

just like you are using Mana Magnetism

but consume of mana will increase exponentially as well."

'Leon nodded

it would be useful

but the weaknesses were troublesome. Most likely

if Leon wanted to speed the flow of time two thousand times

he would have to spend the double of mana and so on... Considering the effects of the mindscape

time will pass ten times faster at the level max without Leon's interference. So

Leon would have to spend twenty thousand mana points to give someone the chance to train in a friendly environment for almost three hours while just one second would pass in reality.'

"This will be useful... and about Time Manipulation

" Leon said.'

"Using that spell

you will be able to make the time pass forward forcefully or backward of someone or something without their notice

" Sekundez said. "However

the more mana something or someone has

the more mana you will have to spend."

"I see... Well

I guess it is obvious that I have to use Accelerate first

" Leon nodded to himself. "By the way

how do I use that spell to increase the speed of the things that happen on my mindscape?"

"Just wish for it

and it will happen

" Sekundez replied.'

'Leon wondered if it could be so simple

but he did that

and then his mana started to decrease even faster. In the end

Leon only managed to keep all spells active for a little more than twenty seconds. Much to his surprise

his spirits didn't return when Mindscape Transportation was deactivated... they would stay there just like his replica unless Leon wishes for them to return.'

'Congratulations! The skill Accelerate has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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"What a fearsome power..." Leon muttered.'

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'Although Leon wanted

he couldn't just increase the range of Mana Magnetism in order to keep Accelerate and Mindscape Transportation active indefinitely. Just like in everything else

Leon had to progress steadily since his Pain Resistance and Pain Immunity weren't helping him all that much.'

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

'Cost: 500 mana and 500 per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Unstoppable has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Fortunately

even though he wasn't progressing at speed

he wanted. Every hour

Leon managed to learn a new skill and obtain at the very least fifty status points. Training like that was easy. Leon just had to say what kind of skill his replica had to learn and train. Then

once every hour

Leon would assimilate the knowledge and receive those notifications.'

"While fifty status points per hour are awesome

it is nothing compared just to become immensely stronger in just a moment

" Leon rubbed his chin. "I guess it can't be helped since I jumped to conclusions

but I ended up paying the price by imagining the worst and not hoping for the best."

'Leon didn't trust in Sekundez

and that was why he was in that situation... humans were dying every minute

and he couldn't help them because he still wasn't strong enough. Although that was worrying

Leon was a bit more worried about why Sekundez still accepted to help him... even though he didn't trust her words.'

"Sekundez

you still owe me some answers

" Leon said. "For how long the test would last

and what I would face after the dragons?"

"The test would last for forty-eight centuries

and after fighting against dragons for a year

the environment would reset

" Sekundez replied. "After that

everything would repeat itself exactly eleven times."

"four thousand and eight hundred years... I guess I can think that I saved myself a lot of problems

but I also ended up losing a great opportunity

" Leon said after a long sigh. "You said I would experience the same things you did

but you experienced the same things twelve times?"

"Yes

" Sekundez replied.'

"Why?" Leon frowned.'

"I cannot answer

" Sekundez said.'

'That was weird since all the spirits were more or less forced to obey Leon...  
Still

Leon could imagine a few explanations

so he decided not to force her. As usual

the best option would be to make Sekundez explain eventually without forcing her. That way

he would obtain her cooperation on many levels.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Neutral Attack.'

'Cost: 500 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Neutral Attack has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

""Say... is this place one hundred percent safe?◆◆◆ Leon asked.'

""Nothing or anyone is absolutely safe from anything

" Sekundez replied.'

""Such ominous words... I guess it might be dangerous to use Mindscape Transportation on myself and train to increase my mana and intelligence there

" Leon rubbed his chin. "It would be problematic to leave my unprotected body behind."

'Leon could always trust in his spirits

but he doubted that he could stay in that place for long if Sekundez starts to fight someone. She would drain his mana pretty fast

after all. And if she doesn't kill the enemy

Leon would return to reality without a single drop of mana.'

'In the end

Leon could only keep that pace and grow strong as fast as possible to let his replica train while he does everything else. Perhaps eventually

he would recover enough mana to use Mana Sacrifice

but Leon couldn't help but wonder if humanity would last that long. He couldn't intervene directly or indirectly since the real troublesome harvesters would notice his actions

just like Ilyana noticed.'

""Sekundez... is there any other spell that you can teach me to make time pass even faster inside my mindscape?" Leon asked.'

""No

" Sekundez replied.'

'Leon dropped his shoulders and then sighed. In the end

the only real option was to be patient since he eventually would be able to increase the output of Accelerate.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Dark Fury.'

'Cost: 1000 mana and 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 500 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Gravity Prison.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Flame Path.'

'Cost: 1000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Thanks to the fact that skills that cost more mana could level up a little faster

Accelerate reached level fifty on the first day. One second

in reality

was equal to five hundred inside Leon's mindscape



it wasn't bad

but Leon's patience was running low since he knew his friends were fighting against dragons.'

"Man... this is so frustrating

" Leon bit his lips in annoyance.'

'It couldn't be helped that even the power to control time had some drawbacks

but Leon didn't imagine he would feel so frustrated once he obtained Sekundez's power. Leon had always imagined that once he obtained her power

he would solve all his problems with relative ease... his enemies wouldn't be much of a threat. The only exception would be those who also had a fragment under their control.'

'Unfortunately

the reality was just much more annoying and cruel. Time magic was excellent for training

but just when it reaches the max level

spells like Stop were only useful against small fries.'

"Given that the dragons are getting stronger

the more Earth approaches the sixth stage of assimilation

I doubt that eventually

I will be able to use Stop on dragons

" Leon shook his head and sighed. "Ilyana said that usually a planet needs one thousand years after reaching the fifth stage to reach the sixth

but considering that some bastards accelerated that progress

I doubt that we have so much time."

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'Since Leon's list of spells that he had to learn was quickly getting smaller

he began to wonder about Sekundez's skills. She lost her powers when she became Leon's ally

but eventually

she would recover her powers. The question was: would she be able to replicate a copy of that dimension?'

"In the end

it isn't necessary..." Leon nodded to himself. "Sekundez will use my mana to summon every single monster

after all. So

the quickest way for her to do that is by increasing my own mana pool."

"Why are you talking about me as if I'm not hearing?" Sekundez frowned.'

"It became a habit of speaking my mind out loud..." Leon replied. "A few centuries of isolation is enough to do that."

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Venom Strike.'

'Cost: 300 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Venom Dart.'

'Cost: 500 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Acid Trap.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Heavy Arrow.'

'Cost: 500 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Little by little

Leon was increasing the scope of Mana Magnetism

so the time his replica had to train was also increasing. Sometimes his replica decided to train some spells on his own

but Leon didn't feel any harm in that because most of the time

the replica would think like Leon. Just like the replica

Leon also had decided to learn the new skills in that order

but now that he received the notifications

Leon couldn't help but wonder why he would learn so many nasty spells in a row...'

"Now that I think about it... it is probably possible to use Mindscape Transportation on myself and leave a replica controlling my real body

" Leon rubbed his chin. "That way

I will be able to use Mana Sacrifice quite a lot."

"That isn't possible

" Sekundez said.'

"Why?" Leon frowned.'

"Because the moment you use a copy of yourself controlling your body

that copy will become the owner of the body

" Sekundez's explained. "You still can increase your mana pool by using Mana Sacrifice

but only if you are the owner of your body... only the original conscience can use that skill."

'Leon dropped his shoulders and sighed. As expected

having so many restrictions was a pain... In the past

Leon thought that being a magician was the quickest path to become strong

but now that he had a come long way

he knew that it was a path full of restrictions.'

'In the end

there was no easy way to obtain true power. Leon only learned that after fighting for four hundred years... as expected

he was terrible at learning things. He wanted the power to protect his family and friends

but he was only good at destroying things... it would be comic if it weren't tragic.'

'Regardless

even though Leon was getting used to that headache

he was getting annoyed to the point of thinking of learning a way to cancel that pain. Since Leon still had access to Ilyana's vault

he looked for such a thing there

but as expected

he didn't a quick way to solve his problems.'

""Whatever... I just have to get used to the pain

" Leon shrugged. "Hey

Sekundez

do you think I can use Time Manipulation to make time move backward in a single area of my brain? If I do that

I will be able to cancel the headache."

"It is impossible to use time magic to counter such effects

" Sekundez replied. "But like I said before

this pain is caused because you are restoring mana too fast

and mana is stored in your spirit

not your brain. Your spirit is being damaged by such actions... even though you feel like it is your brain that is suffering."

"How about making the time flow backward one second constantly for my spirit in order to cancel those effects?" Leon asked.'

"You are just ignoring my main point

" Sekundez added. "Although you can probably do that

it won't solve the problem. It will only grant you momentary relief. Let me say one thing straight... your spirit is the reason of your existence is where your memories and feelings are actually stored. If you mess or damaged it too much

someday you won't recognize yourself in the mirror

and you will end up becoming the very thing you hate the most."

'The very thing Leon hates the most... he had no idea what that was. If Leon had to pick one thing

he would say that he hated the woman who Ilyana is hunting. However

that wasn't true hate... it is hard for someone to hate another person who they never saw. Leon also hated the lizard bastard and the shadowy figure... but he felt that hate for so long that such feeling was slowly fading away.'

"I guess this is better than feeling nothing but hate... even so..." Leon frowned.'

'In the end

thinking too much about it wouldn't help Leon

and his doubts would only increase. Instead of worrying about that

Leon focused on his training.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hydro Disk.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Chain Explosion.'

'Cost: 3000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Arctic Field.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Seismic Wave.'

'Cost: 1000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Panic Cry.'

'Cost: 300 mana and 300 stamina per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Yeah... I should focus on my current problems

" Leon said to himself. "I will leave my future problems for the future me."

## **609 Chapter 607**

'It took him a full week

but Leon eventually managed to endure the pain while recovering enough mana to keep Mindscape Transportation and Accelerate active non-stop. Although that was quite a progress

Leon still wasn't satisfied because he couldn't stop worrying about Earth and his friends.'

"Ilyana didn't contact me

so things must be under control

but even so..." Leon sighed and then dropped his shoulders.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Lion Howling.'

'Cost: 1000 mana and 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Arm Cannon.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Lightning Slash.'

'Cost: 500 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Infernal Stigma.'

'Cost: 3000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Drilled Shot.'

'Cost: 1000 mana and 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'At that rate

it would take a few months for Leon to master Accelerate... Although that also was excellent progress

Leon could only think about how he had messed up by almost killing Sekundez by losing the opportunity to become much stronger in mere moments. Regardless

thinking about it wouldn't change anything. According to Sekundez

he was damaging himself by restoring so much mana with his current body

so he didn't have time to think about past mistakes.'

"I'm kind of hungry... I should have enjoyed more those dragons' meat

" Leon sighed.'

'When Leon thought about that

he noticed that perhaps things weren't so bad on Earth. While some humans were dying

the survivors had the chance to obtain valuable loot and even the dragons' hearts. Considering the overall appearance of Hector

Amanda

and Maya

Leon concluded that they were having a hard time

but they didn't give in yet... so perhaps things weren't as bad as he thought.'

"Even if that is true... there is no reason for me not to increase the pace here

" Leon nodded to himself.'

'It was time to move on. Even though Leon got used to keeping Mana Magnetism with that scope active non-stop

he still had other things to do

like finding the spirit of light and the spirit of darkness. To find them



Leon would have to recover even more mana

so that he would need a few more days for that.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Cruel Slayer.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Diamond Dust.'

'Cost: 5000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Night Hunter.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Mana Armor.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Shooting Star.'

'Cost: 1000 mana and 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Mmm... my replica is progressing much faster than I expected

" Leon said

surprised. "As expected of me... I guess. Two new passive skills and a variation of Mana Armor that can be used to protect allies

not bad."

'Although Leon's own mana would be spent whenever someone he wants to protect gets hit

that wasn't a problem since now he found a way to increase the scope of his Mana Magnetism. Even though Sekundez said that kind of thing might damage his spirit

Leon couldn't care less about it. Nothing would damage more his spirit than the death of his family and friends

after all.'

"Protecting every single person on the Earth will be impossible with this skill

but at least if I manage to keep Amanda

Maya

and the others safe

it will be more than enough

" Leon nodded to himself. "At least for my self-satisfaction."

'Regardless

after increasing the recovery speed of his mana a little more. Leon decided to begin his search for the remaining spirits. Most likely

they wouldn't be as powerful as Sekundez

but the mana necessary to keep them in physical form would still be quite high.'

"Ilyana said that I would be able to find them alone

" Leon rubbed his chin. "I will probably need Mana Dominion for that... I just hope no one will find me by doing so. The last thing I need now is to fight someone. Even though I'm itching to kick some bastards' asses."

'Just in case

Leon used Foresight at the same time he increased the scope of Mana Dominion. That way

he would know beforehand if something troublesome is about to happen.'

"Now that I think about it

I also should use Foresight along with Clairvoyance to confirm now and then the safety of my friends

" Leon concluded. "I can't rely too much on Ilyana despite everything after all."

'Putting such worries aside

Leon quickly found some signs of massive mana pools. The scope of Mana Dominion had increased tremendously without Leon could notice... it was because his intelligence

control

and mana increased a lot... but the fact that such skill drained little mana was also important.'

"I don't believe that using the same directions outside Earth is accurate

but whatever

" Leon shrugged. "There is one spirit-like presence at the north and another one at east... Although that is very convenient

I can't believe Mana Dominion can cover entire galaxies now..."

'Even though that was convenient

the cost was a massive headache. Leon could endure it

but it wasn't one hundred percent convenient. Without wasting time

Leon activated Clairvoyance and tried to see what was on the location where he felt those two spiritual-like presences. However

he found nothing... in one place

he just saw endless darkness

and in the other

he saw a dazzling light. Most likely

the spirits created such environments to hide themselves

but both places were a pain in different ways since

in one

his eyes wouldn't work for lack of light

and the other

his eyes wouldn't work because there was too much light.'

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'Although Leon could use both elements to make things easier later when dealing with the other spirit

he didn't have to choose which one he would go to. First

he immediately went to look for Shadow. The reason was simple

Leon has been waiting for centuries to learn how to teleport

and one of the requirements to learn that skill was Darkness Manipulation.'

'In any case

even though Leon became powerful enough to travel between galaxies by combining Transfer and Clairvoyance to have a similar effect of teleportation

he still couldn't survive in outer space. He needed oxygen

after all. Besides

the absolute cold of the space could turn him into an ice statue. So

he created some mithril before doing anything.'

""It is better to move instantly instead of stopping several times in random planets in which I don't know if they are less dangerous than outer space

" Leon nodded to himself.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Moon Rising.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Chakram Tornado.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Diamond Knee.'

'Cost: 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Bear's Fangs.'

'Cost: 200 mana and 200 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Static Blast.'

'Cost: 400 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'After finishing his preparations and absorbing the knowledge his replica obtained

Leon readied himself and activated both Clairvoyance and Transfer. Although he couldn't see anything in that endless darkness

Leon still could feel that he was on a planet. Although that was only obvious given that all spirits so far

he found in some sort of temples

Leon was fully aware that every rule has an exception.'

"I wonder who created Sekundez's temple..." Leon muttered.'

"Why are you asking as if I'm not here?" Sekundez frowned. "I created myself since every spirit has one. It would be weird if I were the sole exception. That planet he was in already had several traps to keep unpleasant visitors away

but we can't exactly keep ourselves hidden. In one way or another

we have to give to everyone the chance to obtain our power

after all."

'Speaking his mind out loud certainly was quite troublesome... Regardless

Leon ended up more interested in Sekundez's explanation. Although she looked to be a spirit who didn't care about anything

in the end

she felt compelled to create a temple to have the same experiences and life as the other spirits

even though in terms of power

she was far above them.'

'Although Leon wanted to talk more with her

despite the fact that she made him worry too much inside that dimension

Leon couldn't. Earth and everyone Leon cared about were in danger

so he couldn't afford to waste time focusing on knowing his allies. Leon's sole objective at the moment was to obtain absolute power... absolute power to protect his friends.'

"It is weird... it feels like the whole darkness is part of the spirit

" Leon rubbed his chin. "I guess this is another defense system. It is kind of obvious considering that I can't pinpoint their position."

'Leon walked around but didn't feel himself bumping into anything. If he was really in any kind of world

the chances of that happening were zero. Still

Leon couldn't understand what was going on since even though he could touch

he couldn't feel the ground below him was dead or full of life.'

'Despite the fact that he didn't feel his body or mana getting weird in any way

Leon began to think that was some sort of illusionary barrier to protect the spirit of darkness. Something like that was to be expected

but it wasn't delightful nonetheless.'

"Illusionary barrier or not... let's see if this place can endure this

" Leon said.'

'That worked against Sekundez's power

so Leon was also hoping that using Spatial Manipulation to increase the dimensions of that place would destroy the illusion. Even if Leon doesn't obtain any result immediately

as long as he sees some chances

he would learn that he was on the right track.'

'The very moment Leon used Spatial Manipulation

the darkness began to shatter like glass. Although not on the same speed as things happened back on Sekundez's mindscape

it had been enough to make Leon feel the spirit's mana coming from the cracks... thanks to it

Leon found where their real body was.'

"Found you..." Leon smirked.'

'Although Leon couldn't see anything aside from his body in that darkness

Leon could move while his eyes were closed as long as he could feel the presence of something. After using Transfer

Leon used Spatial Manipulation in front of himself. Then

half a second later

the darkness shattered in that space  
revealing the spirit's body... However  
even his body was made of shadows. Fortunately  
once he got discovered  
the spirit dispelled the illusion.'

'◆◆Congratulations... you found me quite quickly

" The spirit of darkness forced a smile. "Well

I supposed it couldn't be helped given that you already obtained the power of a  
fragment of the spirit of the time."

'Although the spirit tried really hard to congratulate Leon

he failed in hiding his disappointment. The spirit of darkness also had a  
humanoid form covered in shadows

but considering the voice and the shape of the body

Leon concluded it was a man... Well

given its attitude

Leon thought that spirit resembled more a depressed kid. That was quite  
surprising since Leon expected to meet an edge lord or a battle freak like  
Efreet.'

"... Nice to meet you. My name is Leon

and I have come to ask for your cooperation

" Leon said after a brief moment of hesitation.'

"I'm the spirit of darkness... you can call me shadow

" Shadow said with his head down. "I guess I don't have much of choice here. I  
will help you."



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'Although that was very convenient

Leon frowned when he heard that. He could feel Shadow's presence and power

and it was clear that he was much stronger than the other spirits

with the exception of Sekundez. So

why would he help Leon so readily when the others tested his prowess?'

"Are you fine with that?" Leon frowned.'

"Well

yeah... life here is boring

and I don't want to die

" Shadow replied. "So

following you is my only option."

"I never said I was going to kill you if you refuse to help..." Leon narrowed his eyes. "I believe I didn't think that

so why did you assume that?"

"Because I'm the only fragment remaining of the real Shadow

" Shadow explained. "Knowing that

will you give up that easily on my power and cooperation?"

'Leon sighed... Although he thought once of even killing Sekundez if she proved herself to be an enemy

he didn't think he would have to consider that after obtaining her power and cooperation. That was really troublesome since Leon really wanted to learn teleportation.'

"... I won't force you

but leaving without your power isn't an option for me

" Leon said after a long sigh. "Can't we reach an agreement? Why don't you test me more to confirm that I deserve your cooperation?"

"You survived Sekundez's trial. It doesn't matter what I do to test you. You will succeed

" Shadow shrugged. "Many people tried to find me

and almost all of them give up after finding this planet... but you found me in just mere moments."

'That made sense

but Leon didn't want the cooperation of a spirit like that. Everything he did so far

except for a few things

Leon felt like he deserved everything he obtained

and he didn't want to stop now. Besides

it would not be very pleasant to have a spirit that didn't want to follow him talking inside his head now and then.'

"How about this... if you come with me

I will help you to the best of ability to avenge the other fragments like you

" Leon said. "As you said

you are the only fragment of the shadow is still free

but many others were killed. In fact

I think we have a common enemy... I know someone who killed a fragment like you."

"What is the point of that?" Shadow asked. "That won't change anything... Even though some spirits want to avenge their friends

most of us can't see the point in more fruitless violence and actions."

'Shadow was a pain in the ass in many ways. Despite that

Leon was getting tired or impatient. At the very least

he was more reasonable than some spirits. In any case

Shadow was a difficult spirit to deal with

but if the worst comes to the worst

Leon would have just to endure Shadow's behavior. He wanted more allies

but in the end

to reach his goals

Leon didn't have to befriend every single spirit.'

"Shadow... I don't know for how long you lived

but I must warn you that things will change

" Sekundez said. "A big battle that will escalate quickly just started on Leon's planet

and based on my experience

that battle will change many things and cause the end of many races. Unless you want to stay here until you ran out of mana

your sole option is to come with us and do something about your lack of motivation."

"Well

I don't really care about dying or living..." Shadow said. "There is nothing for me out of this place. I'm just a fragment

after all."

"Leon

use Mana Absorption on him

" Sekundez said.'

"Why?" Leon frowned.'

"Let's see if he really doesn't care about living or dying

" Sekundez replied. "His behavior probably will change once he sees his very existence disappearing."

'Shadow didn't say anything to that

but Leon wondered if spirits could fear death. Even after coming this far

Leon didn't know what will happen once he dies. Considering how many he killed

he probably would go to hell

but he was unsure if hell actually existed. In any case

given that Shadow would lose its power

it was better to drain his mana before he decides to cooperate with Leon. It was a bit risky

but Leon decided to trust the judgment of someone who lived ten times more than him.'

'Leon thought something would happen to him once he touches Shadow's body

but nothing really happened. Most likely

the shadows around his body could harm his enemies

but Shadow could control it. Regardless

Leon started to use Mana Absorption

and at the same time

he was creating a mithril spear using Shadow's mana. It didn't take long before the spear was ten meters long... as expected

Shadow had a lot of mana stored

just like Sekundez

but that was kind of obvious since the stronger they were

more mana they would consume to keep their physical form. After one hour

the spear was one hundred meters long

and its weight was over five hundred tons.'

"For someone who says that doesn't care about living or dying

you sure stored a lot of mana to live a long life

" Sekundez said.'

"Ah... okay

okay... I want to live

" Shadow said after a long sigh. "Dying must be pretty boring

after all."

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Shadow's Fragment.'

'Cost: 100 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Absolute Destruction.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Dark Aura.'

'Cost: 5000 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Absolute Stealth.'

'Cost: 1000 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Black Hole.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'ADVERTISEMENT'

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'Leon couldn't help but chuckle when Shadow became a sphere of energy and entered his body. Putting that aside

the skills he obtained had quite fearsome names. Absolute Destruction

Black Hole... those didn't look the powers a depressed spirit was supposed to have.'

"Mmm? This is place is larger and more comfortable than I expected

" Shadow said. "It is quite surprising that someone managed to find Sekundez

and I didn't find the other spirits yet."

"The others are training in my mindscape

" Leon said while he was studying his new skills. "I guess I will send you there right now."

"It is fine. I would rather regain my powers alone..." Shadow said.'

'Leon couldn't help but wonder if he really obtained the cooperation of one of the three more strongest spirits or if he created a mind of a shy and depressed teenager. Regardless

Leon didn't listen to Shadow's protest and just sent him to his mindscape. He and the other spirits would have to work together alongside Leon

so getting used to each other was necessary. Besides

time would pass faster in that dimension.'

"I guess it is time to assimilate the knowledge of my replica

but before that

I have to see what those skills can do." Leon nodded to himself.'

'Absolute destruction was exactly that

a spell that destroyed everything without leaving any trace. Most likely

even though he couldn't understand

Leon could create dark matter using that skill... it wasn't that surprising that darkness could have the same effects of dark matter in some spells

but it was terrifying.'

'Dark Aura was the spell that Donan used before

and much for Leon's surprise

it didn't have a cost in health

nor did it hurt Leon when he tried to use. Still

the spell only increased his status by twenty points per level

and it didn't increase his health

mana

and stamina.'

"Donan probably received damage because he didn't have a fragment of shadow with him

" Leon concluded. "In any case

it is a buff

and it is better than most of my current buffs

so I will use it to my heart's content."

'Absolute Stealth was self-explanatory

a skill that erased all traces of Leon's physical and magic presence... but just like other spells that had the sole goal to keep the user hidden

it didn't let Leon keep himself hidden while using other skills. Intangibility was similar to that

but Leon could be seen and couldn't attack. However

he couldn't be damaged either.'

'Although all those skills were useful

Leon was more interested in Black Hole than in any other spell. Leon's imagination was running wild

but he didn't hesitate to experiment with it. Still

since the skill didn't have a clear cost

Leon could determine the power of it just by thinking

so he started with baby steps by creating a Black Hole of the size of a grain of sand... despite that

Leon felt the planet trembling and winds being pulled by the small Black Hole. Although the spell was quickly sucking wind

other grains of sand



and the dust in Leon's clothes

it didn't grow larger... Meanwhile

Leon was spending only five hundred points of mana to keep that active.'

'Congratulations! The skill Black Hole has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Black Hole has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

"The power behind it is fearsome... but it is a spell that can't be used when allies are nearby

" Leon nodded to himself. "Not until I obtain full control over it.'

'Maybe Shadow could help Leon with that. Even though Leon just obtained his cooperation somewhat

the spirit would be much more skilled at using it. Now that Leon thought about that

he also wondered if Sekundez could help him to increase the flow of time in his Mindscape Transportation... there was only one way to find out.'

"Sekundez

can you use your powers and duplicate the effectiveness of Accelerate?" Leon asked.'

"... Do you want to damage your spirit even faster?" Sekundez said

visibly astonished. "It is possible

but like all your other ideas

I wouldn't recommend it."

'Leon would have to increase the scope of Mana Magnetism and thus increase the strain in his head

but he was more than willing to accept that because that would instantly duplicate the speed of his replica training. Still

Leon started to wonder if he shouldn't listen more to Sekundez's warnings.'

"Sekundez

you can see my spirit since you are one

right?" Leon asked. "Can you see my spirit being damaged?"

"Yes

I can

" Sekundez replied.'

"If I continue to increase the effectiveness of Mana Magnetism

how much time do I have before I damage my spirit too much

and something bad happens?"

"If you maintain the current effectiveness of Mana Magnetism

I think in four or five years

you will reach the point of no return

" Sekundez replied.'

'He still had some time but considering that Leon wasn't planning to stop from increasing the range of Mana Magnetism

it was clear that he had much less time. To make his body get used to that amount of mana restored

Leon would have to increase his recovery. That would probably counter somewhat of his actions somewhat... but Leon's main goal was to increase his mana and intelligence

and he wouldn't change his mind about it.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Electric Rage.'

'Cost: 700 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 800 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 500 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Evil Eye.'

'Cost: 1000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon was walking on a dangerous road

but he couldn't stop thinking about it. So

he just assimilated the knowledge and the battle experience of his replica to change his mood and think about his next step.'