

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'Before Leon could notice

eight days passed since the time he began to transfer his mana to Sylph. Since his Mana Magnetism was slowly becoming more powerful

the evolution happened faster than expected.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Sylph's Fragment evolved to Summon Great Sylph's Fragment.'

'Cost: 150 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'In front of himself

Leon saw a tall and slender man with childish features. His eyes and hair were green... even though he had a humanoid form and thus had legs and arms. He was sitting on the top of a small tornado.'

""Wow! I feel so much lighter and powerful than before

" Sylph said. "Thank you

Leon!""

""You are welcome

now put on some clothes

" Leon turned around to resume his actions only to find Gnome waiting for him. "I guess I won't have even a moment to rest..."

'Just like Efreet

Sylph created an armor of his element to use as clothing. Since that was already draining Leon's mana and he would need all he can get to make Gnome evolve as fast as possible

Leon sent Sylph to the other dimension.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Transfusion has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Manipulation has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Water Manipulation has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Wind Manipulation has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Fire Manipulation has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Concentrated Shot has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"No offensive spell has reached the level max this time

huh?" Leon asked.'

"Yep

those skills were easier to level up

so I focused on them

" The replica replied.'

'Leon nodded. Leveling up Mana Transfusion probably had been a lot easier than using any other skill. He just had to plant trees

after all. Regardless

the speed of the training increased by four times

so Leon was obtaining for times more status points than usual. Thanks to that

he didn't have to force his brain as much as before

but in the end

Leon forced his brain because the more the strain

the more mana he could collect from the surroundings.'

'Thanks to that

Gnome evolved just after six days. Much for Leon's surprise

Gnome didn't become young like Sylph. Although Leon still could feel his childish aura

Gnome now had a long beard

and he was kind of short like a dwarf.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Sylph's Fragment evolved to Summon Great Gnome's Fragment.'

'Cost: 150 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Yahoo! Now

I feel like I can turn a whole planet into a maze!" Gnome said excitedly.'

"Yeah

good for you... clothes

" Leon said while massaging his eyebrows.'

'Leon was pretty sure that Efreet was about to reach the max level in his new form

so he didn't have to wait before he could begin the turn of the next spirit. However

before Leon could continue

the world started to tremble.'

"What the..." Leon said

a bit surprised.'

'Even though Leon used Fly

he still could feel his body vibrating. He didn't understand why that was happening

but then he felt a massive amount of mana passing nearby that planet... To make matters worse

Leon recognized that presence. Even without using Mana Dominion

he recognized that thing because Shadow was on his side now... that shadowy figure just passed by that planet.'

"That bastard is one the move... that direction is..." Leon said

annoyed.'

'Leon canceled all his spells for a moment and used Clairvoyance to see what was in the direction where the shadowy figure was heading. Although he soon spent all his mana

Leon managed to recover it by using Mana Magnetism. At that point in time

using that skill was like breathing for Leon...'

'Then Leon found it. A familiar blue planet was on the path of the shadowy figure... it was Earth. Despite his caution... it looked like Earth was destined to face some hard times. Leon didn't know why so suddenly the shadowy figure would want to go there

but it didn't matter. Leon couldn't wait any longer. By activating Telepathy

Leon started a call with Ilyana.'

"I'm coming to Earth right now

" Leon declared. "Some asshole is heading there. I won't risk my friends' lives by letting them face that bastard alone."

"... You are not ready yet

" Ilyana replied.'

"Then

I will become ready in the middle of the battle

" Leon said.'

"... Things would have gotten a lot easier if you had just used the tomes I prepared

" Ilyana said after a long sigh. "I can deal with him. Even if those three decided to join forces with that guy

I can defeat them. I will end up revealing myself a bit too much

but it is better than letting you face them right now. If the others realize that the two of us are fighting together... the chances of us having to face dozens of harvesters eventually will be pretty high."

'Ilyana was powerful

but she was fully aware that he couldn't fight against so many enemies while worrying about the lives of the humans behind her. Leon knew that

too

if he goes all out

his friends might end up getting wounded or perhaps even die.'

"I will still go

" Leon declared.'

'Leon was human. He had to face alongside other fellow humans. Despite everything

he was thankful for Ilyana's help

but he couldn't let her fight for himself after everything he experienced.
Besides

he made a promise to Donan that he would look after Darya. He didn't have the chance to check things with her

but if something happened to her

the cause would have been the shadowy figure... and Leon had to confirm that now.'

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'The shadowy figure had a portion of a shadow's fragment

he probably didn't have the same level of power with that element if compared to Leon

but the creature had far more battle experience and years of training. So

Leon couldn't drop his guard.'

"I wonder why he didn't use Teleport..." Leon rubbed his chin.'

'Although that was suspicious

that kind of question wouldn't help Leon in any way. Instead

he focused himself on using Teleport and return to Earth. Given that such skill wasn't at the level max yet

Leon had been forced to create a few kilograms of mithril

but he only lost a few seconds to do that.'

'Congratulations! The skill Teleport has leveled up.'

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"Guys

I'm counting on you

" Leon said to his spirits the very moment he returned to Earth.'

"I guess it can't be helped

" Celsius sighed.'

"After surviving this far

humans do deserve our powers

" Undine shrugged.'

"Just say the word

Leon

" Volt said.'

'Leon activated his Mindscape Transportation again in order to let Efreet

Sylph

and Gnome level up. So

Celsius

Undine

and Volt would help Leon by giving their blessings to as many humans as possible. After using Teleport again

Leon appeared in the middle of a battle. Hector's group was fighting against a pack of acid dragons.'

"What the... You!" Hector said

surprised.'

'Amanda and Maya opened their eyes widely when they recognized Leon

but he ignored them all. In the blink of an eye

many of his mana was drained because his spirits gave a portion of their powers to his friends. After that

the spirits did the same to anyone nearby while Leon was recovering his mana by using Mana Magnetism.'

'It was kind of surprising

but the dragons retreated the very moment Leon appeared. Although that gave them some time to talk

Leon ignored them and just moved the people that received the power of the spirits to his mindscape. He waited for ten seconds and then freed everyone and disappeared without saying anything. The shadowy figure was about to arrive

so Leon couldn't focus on a single place. Leon could only hope that those twenty-four hours of training would be enough for the time being.'

'The next moment

Leon appeared in Japan. Much to his surprise

the walls of the country had been destroyed by the dragons. Despite that

Yuki's arm was fighting fiercely against the monsters... it didn't take long for Leon to recognize the lighting beam moving around and hitting dragons several times in a row. Leon also recognized a massive fireball moving around and attacking the beasts. It was Ren... although It wasn't that surprising

Leon smiled in satisfaction when he saw both of them killing dragons without receiving help.'

"I guess that is to be expected..." Leon said.'

'Leon did the same thing with Ren and Yuki once they stopped to rest. His spirits also gave a portion of their power to many soldiers. Again

after transporting them to his mindscape to train

Leon disappeared without saying anything.'

'It was snowing heavily in central Europe

but Leon quickly found Gisela

Lennart

and Tom fighting a group of ice dragons while another group was conjuring a massive spell to keep that snowstorm active. Leon killed both groups before appearing in front of those three... as expected

they didn't change all that much. They had a few more scars here and there

but nothing major.'

'Regardless

after finishing his job there. Leon sighed in relief

and then he was forcefully teleported by Ilyana. Much to his surprise

Leon still appeared on Earth. Ilyana was facing him with her arms crossed. Despite everything

she looked at him as if everything couldn't be helped.'

"You are late

" Leon said.'

"And you messed up

" Ilyana sighed and shook her head. "Anyway

at least until you learned some useful skills. What is your plan now?"

"I thought you would like to give me the one leading. I don't think I have done enough to become the leader and give the calls

" Leon shrugged.'

"... It will be a bet

but since you are here

we might as well take some risks in order to make most of the situation." Ilyana hesitated a little bit. "The goal is to protect your friends and this planet

right? So

I will summon you and the shadowy figure to my mindscape. Killing that guy shouldn't be that difficult for me

but many will die even if they are far away from this place. So

in this situation

I will use all my power to keep him there

and you will try to kill him."

'Leon nodded

it wasn't exactly a brilliant plan

but considering the possible outcomes

it was their best option. The shadowy figure would be only the first target they would have to deal with

and considering that he certainly wasn't the strongest

Leon had to make good use of him.'

'In order to save some time

Ilyana transported all of Leon's spirits to her mindscape. Although she could do better

the time there would pass ten thousand times faster

her remaining mana would be used to make sure the shadowy figure wouldn't escape.'

'Even from very far away

Leon still felt shivers when he felt the presence of that bastard. He was so powerful that the entire solar system was getting darker thanks to him. Even though Leon had Rem on his side

he doubted that the elemental advantage would be enough to grant him victory.'

'As if the shadowy figure had felt their presence

the bastard flew directly toward Leon and Ilyana. Eventually

Leon could see a dark meteor-like thing approaching them at tremendous speed

but before he could notice

Leon saw himself in the middle of a destroyed world. Then the shadowy figure landed there as well.'

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"You..." The shadowy figure said

surprised once he recognized Leon. "You survived and didn't try to find me? Was that small planet the place you were born? How is it intact?"

'Leon frowned for a moment... why the hell that bastard would want to talk with him? Considering that he suddenly also got teleported to an unknown place

he also seemed pretty calm. Regardless

that was a good chance for Leon to understand his enemy a little.'

'For some reason

the shadowy figure wasn't the mass of darkness like he had seen before. Leon could only see in front of himself a creature that had a massive cloak that covered its body. He was a bit taller than Leon

but he didn't look physically stronger... the shadowy figure was really a mage through and through.'

'In the blink of an eye

Leon created a replica of himself and made the replica attack using Arrows of Light. It was better to see what he could do using his elemental advantage before anything. Meanwhile

Leon's was recovering his mana using Mana Magnetism.'

"I see... you not only managed to survive but also found all the spirits

" The shadowy figure said while he was getting hit continuously by Arrows of Light. "You had more potential than I thought."

'Leon clicked his tongue but soon recovered himself when he felt shivers. Something was changing around him

but Leon reacted fast enough to cast Anti-Mana Field. Although he didn't say anything

Leon could feel the surprise in the red eyes of that man.'

'Light magic was useless. Projectiles made of darkness probably wouldn't be any good. So

Leon made his replica attack using Plasma Lances. However

just like before

Leon didn't see any damage being dealt with.'

"Just what the hell... no

think about it... something fishy is going on here. The bastard isn't moving or attacking for some reason... he is probably conserving his mana while he tries to understand this place."

'Leon knew that the shadowy figure was using a protective layer of darkness

and considering that type of magic had the same properties of dark matter. He wouldn't cause any damage unless the bastard runs out of mana. Leon couldn't tell

but the shadowy figure was probably using Mana Magnetism as well.'

"Well

it is like this

then..."

'Combining his spells with the max output wasn't possible since Leon couldn't let himself run out of mana

but he still fired Magma Spears while his Fast Conjunction was active. Even though the protective barrier would destroy all the matter

Leon wasn't worried about that... he wanted to prepare something else.'

'Although the Magma Spears got destroyed

while they existed

the heat caused by them still made space vibrate around the shadowy figure. That was making his vision blur... Meanwhile

Leon concentrated on himself because he was about to do something crazy

and that might kill him.'

'Fortunately

all that concentration and focus paid off. Suddenly

a massive beam of light fell from the skies and hit the shadowy figure.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Judgement has leveled up.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'The massive beam of energy made the entire mindscape tremble. Still

Leon knew that something of that level wouldn't be enough to stop that bastard. He just wanted to confirm if the area of effect spells would make him lose more mana to protect himself... Leon confirmed that when the shadowy figure moved toward him.'

'Leon's speed was severely lacking

but he still managed to follow the shadowy figure with his eyes. It was kind of surprising that a mage would try to approach another mage without using any spell

but he soon used... Black Hole.'

'The dark sphere of destruction appeared before the shadowy figure

and the bastard wanted to make Leon be sucked by it. That game could be played by two

so Leon thought of using the same. He just needed a single moment to caught the enemy off guard

after all. But in the end

Leon gave up on the idea. He destroyed Sekundez's mindscape by using Spatial Manipulation

and the black holes essentially could suck anything. If something goes wrong

he might end up destroying that mindscape and making Ilyana use all her mana.'

'After activating Dark Aura

Leon used Teleport and moved to behind the shadowy figure and grabbed his neck. Well

he tried... Leon felt like his hand had just passed by the insides of a ghost since he didn't feel anything.'

'''Intangibility? Or was that just a normal reaction when dark matter touches dark matter?'''

'Leon wanted an answer from Shadow

but he couldn't hear one at the moment. In the end

Leon deactivated Dark Aura and activated Light Aura. However

before he could attack

the shadowy figure disappeared... Leon didn't have to see or use Mana Dominion to know that he was behind him. So

at the very moment he understood the shadowy figure used Teleport

he also escaped and hid behind his replica.'

"Nice instincts... now you can thank for them

" The shadowy figure said

and Leon felt like he was smiling. "Thanks to the time you spent that monster

your instincts improved by leaps and bounds."

'Leon's heart was beating like crazy

but that was because he was itching to crush to bits the bastard who made him lose so much time inside a monster while hundreds of years passed on Earth. Meanwhile

the bastard was full of composure... In the end

it looked like elemental attacks wouldn't help Leon all that much. He had two options

but instead of using both at different times

Leon decided to use both simultaneously.'

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'Leon charged forward this time without trying to do anything fancy. Teleport consumed too much mana even to cover short distances

so he couldn't use that frequently. The best option was to force the shadowy bastard to do that. When Leon was twenty meters away from the bastard

his body turned into a sphere of light

and at the exact same moment

Leon activated Light-Speed Movement.'

'Congratulations! The skill Light-Speed Movement has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Leon didn't try to use that skill before

but the effects were devastating. The shadowy figure didn't have time to dodge. Not even Leon knows what happened. He just activated the spell. The next moment

he saw that his body and the shadowy figure had hit against something... Leon didn't find anything

except a crack in the dimension that Ilyana quickly repaired.'

'As expected

light and darkness canceled each other. So

Leon and that bastard could hit each other while their bodies were covered with those elements. However

Leon received a shock when he felt his mana dropping at an astounding speed. The shadowy figure was smirking

despite the fact that such an impact made him lose a lot of mana.'

'Leon tried to counter that effect by using Mana Absorption since that guy was holding his left arm

but even though Leon tried to increase the power of the skill... he lost in terms of raw magic power.'

"Shit... this bastard has much more intelligence than me!"

'That was the only explanation

and Leon didn't need any other. He couldn't teleport since he would bring with him anything that was touching him

so Leon just activated Reflect Armor to repel the bastard

and that worked. It cost a lot of mana

but Reflect Armor put the shadowy bastard away from Leon.'

"You learned a lot of interesting tricks..." The shadowy figure said. "Back then you only had some elemental affinities

but your power and skill weren't anything great... Is that woman your master? She is stronger than you

but I can't tell how much..."

"... Talk to your heart's content because you will die today

" Leon glared viciously.'

"Don't be like that... You survived thus far

thanks to me

" The shadowy bastard shrugged. "Can you imagine the past you surviving without that time inside that snake? You tried to kill a being which you couldn't even understand its power. People like us don't receive second chances often

so you should treasure your life more."

'Leon bit his lips in annoyance... in the end

he should have focused on mastering the spells that he already had instead of learning new ones. A battle between high-level mages was far more complicated than he thought... but at least Leon knew that shadowy figure main skills were of the dark attribute. Light magic worked against that. So

without any hesitation

Leon pointed both hands toward that asshole and activated True Damage in a fast sequence. Although mana was the lifeline of mages

he still could stop one without even decreasing their mana a little bit.'

'Congratulations! The skill True Damage has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'The shadowy figure immediately understood what Leon was plotting... his stamina was being targeted. At the same time

he countered that spell. That being said

Leon could use that skill and attack both the health

mana

and stamina of the target

but could the target use three spells simultaneously and at the same speed to counter those? The answer was no.'

'The shadowy bastard finally lost the smile on his face

he opened his arms

and the Dark Aura started to expand. The dimension began to tremble

and Leon immediately understood that wasn't good... that son of a bitch already discovered a way to escape from there.'

'Leon used Spell Breaker

and immediately

eighty percent of his mana was consumed to stop the shadowy figure. That left him speechless

and Leon felt unprotected with so few mana.'

"Thank goodness I always keep Mind Armor active... If he had noticed that I used so much mana..."

'Leon couldn't use Appraisal or Eyes of the Truth to see the shadowy figure status. It looked like the bastard had an even better version of Mind Armor. Regardless

even though they couldn't see the numerical value

they could feel each other's power and overall energy just by looking and being next to each other. The shadowy figure had three times more mana and two times more intelligence... that was a terrible match-up

but Leon still had a chance. If it were impossible

Ilyana wouldn't have let him stay in that dimension for long.'

"All right

Leon. Calm down

... the time here passes much slower than in the real world. No need to worry

just focusing on using that bastard for as long as you can."

'Leon thought that the shadowy figure would attack him with another even more powerful spell

but the bastard was just looking at Leon in total silence. Suddenly

that guy pointed to his left side

and then a dark smoke appeared out of nowhere. Leon frowned

but he didn't feel any danger to his life. Weirdly enough

the smoke didn't even more... it was getting smaller and denser until it took a human-like shape.'

"She was another fool who tried to fight me..." The shadowy figure said.
"Although she was stronger than you

she didn't pose much of a threat. However

her potential was impressive. So

I made her join my ranks..."

"No..." Leon recognized that figure

and his blood begun to run cold.'

'She had the eyes and the body of a zombie

but Leon recognized that person stature

hairstyle

and mana crystal in the forehead... it was Darya.'

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'Leon's mind started to get foggy... it had been a long time since he felt like that. His body was getting hotter because Rage was already at the max level. Despite that

the bonuses it granted for Leon's physical status were still increasing.'

"You..." Leon said while he clenched his fists. "Death will be a mercy that you won't have... I will be sure to make you suffer much more than you actually deserve."

"This was much easier than I expected

" The shadowy figure said. "But it is not over yet."

'Several shadows started to appear nearby Darya. All of those were zombies

but they didn't belong to the same species. Leon could see demi-humans that had the features of many species

ants

centaurs

minotaurs... Leon could even see angels there. Most likely

all those people were the best fighters of their respective species

and the shadowy figure made sure to strengthen as much as he could before turning them into zombies.'

"Sekundez..." Leon muttered.'

"The current you can't do anything about it

" Sekundez replied before Leon could even ask. "You fought against angels before who were trying to revive their god

bringing someone back from the dead. You would have to sacrifice that amount of mana."

"Is that so..." Leon bit his lips.'

'In the end

Leon would have to deal with another failure. He obtained beyond his wildest dreams

but even somethings were impossible for him. Regardless

saving Darya was impossible

but at least Leon would free her from that torment.'

'Leon used Teleportation

but instead of himself

he moved Darya to his side. Without wasting time

Sekundez began to use Time Manipulation. According to her

zombies were basically bodies without souls. They weren't much different from objects

thanks to that

a lot less mana was used to make her body turn back to a regular corpse

but that cost ninety percent of Leon's mana. After that

Ilyana moved Darya's body back to reality.'

"Oh? So that is the power of the spirit of time◆◆" The shadowy figure said

visibly impressed. "But you used a lot of mana to save a single one of them... do you think you have enough time to do the same with those?"

'Even if he wanted

Leon was fully aware that the shadowy figure wouldn't let Leon do the same to his ever-growing army of zombies. Leon could see thousands of zombies in front of him. That was the result of working behind the scenes for thousands of years. Most likely

each one of those zombies was stronger than the dragons Leon had faced in Sekundez's dimension. So

it wouldn't be easy...'

'However

Leon didn't want to save those people. They were strangers for him. The best thing he could do for them was to make the shadowy figure lose control over them. The best way to do that was by making sure that the bastard wouldn't have any more corpses to use.'

"Efreet..." Leon muttered.'

"Hahaha! Leave this to me! I will burn them all!" Efreet suddenly appeared while falling

and then he hit the center of the army of zombies.'

"Don't use too much mana..." Leon said.'

'The amount of mana Leon could recover there was limited. To make things worse

the shadowy figure wanted his zombies to make him spend even more mana than he can recover. Although he was stronger

he needed to be careful because he didn't know if Ilyana could intervene.'

'In his previous form

only Leon could see Efreet

but now that he evolved

things changed. The army of zombies tried to attack him

but whenever they tried

they burned their hands

and their bodies started to melt. That surprised the shadowy figure a little bit

so he granted his undead army a small portion of his power. It wasn't much

but now they had a weaker version of Dark Aura. That would prevent them from dying too soon

and they also would make Leon lose more mana since Efreet's existence was directly related to it.'

'Leon decided that he wouldn't kill the bastard. He would torment him for as long as he can. However

he couldn't defeat such a creature without

at the same time

trying to kill it. So

he could only hope that the son of a bitch would survive what he was about to do.'

'Pointing both of his arms toward the shadowy figure

Leon began to concentrate. A small flame appeared in front of him

but the small flame was so powerful that it could make all the space around it vibrate. A few moments later

the sphere became round and now had the same size as a baseball. It was a mini-sun. Even though it had the power to decimate the zombies one after the other

it wasn't enough to take down that bastard.'

"It looks like I will cause some problems for Ilyana..." Leon muttered.'

'It was insane

but Leon was determined to fuse a spell that he hadn't even learned yet with another that he barely could control. That could easily cause his death

but unless he goes to such lengths

Leon won't defeat the son of a bitch.'

'The red sun suddenly started to get dark

and the atmosphere of that dimension began to change. Everything started to be pulled by the dark-reddish sun

even the dark aura of the zombies.'

"Shadow..." Leon muttered.'

"What a pain

" Shadow sighed.'

'Before the dark aura could be pulled by the magic and disappear into oblivion

Shadow absorbed it and transferred the mana to Leon. The shadowy figure finally understood what Leon wanted to do

and due to it

he began to sweat cold.'

'Health: 72219 +'

'Mana: 263128 +'

'Stamina: 69521 +'

'Strength: 227 +'

'Dexterity: 288 +'

'Speed: 390 +'

'Intelligence: 163774 +'

'Endurance: 855 +'

'Control: 50000+'

'Mentality: 10000 +'

'Luck: 42 +'

'Recovery: 100000 +'

'Willpower: 545 +'

'Coins: 000'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Summon Rem's Fragment Lv Max

Frost Lance Lv Max

Water Bullet Lv Max

Ice Bullet Lv Max

Wind Bullet Lv Max

Fire Bullet Lv Max

Earth Bullet Lv Max

Summon Golem of Light Lv Max

Summon Golem of Darkness Lv Max

Mana Transfusion Lv Max

Earth Manipulation Lv Max

Water Manipulation Lv Max

Wind Manipulation Lv Max

Concentrated Shot Lv Max'

'Passive Skills:'

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'Without wasting time

the shadowy figure made his zombies ignore Efreet and run toward Leon. No matter what happens

he couldn't let him finish that spell. Although combining darkness with any other element was supposed to be impossible given the properties of that kind of magic

Leon managed to do it. The theory behind it was relatively simple. Leon just had created a sphere of darkness that had the same gravitational power as a Black Hole. However

since it wasn't a spell per se

he could control to some extent what he could absorb

and right now

he wanted only to absorb other sources of dark magic.'

'The more the zombies approached
the bigger the dark-reddish sun became. However
as expected
with Leon's current skills
there was a limit of how much mana he could absorb
so several zombies managed to jump over that small sun. However
they were stopped by a massive wall of earth.'

"Thanks

Gnome

" Leon said. "But try to consume less mana next time."

"You got it!" Gnome said.'

'Although Leon could control what that dark sun could absorb
moving it was a bit too much. As expected

he wasn't supposed to learn or use something like that at that moment.
However

only something that powerful would be able to kick the ass of the shadowy
figure.'

'Suddenly

the shadowy figure's presence disappeared. Most likely

he was trying to fool Leon. Although it wasn't much

even his Dark Aura was being used as a fuel to increase the size of that dark
sun. So

it was only obvious that he couldn't let his own mana be used against himself.
It was clear that he was still around

but Leon couldn't pinpoint his location since he couldn't concentrate on anything else but the dark sun at that moment.'

'Eventually

all the zombies got killed by the dark sun

and the sphere was now as big as Leon. That being said

the cost to keep that active was stupidly high

and Leon didn't even receive a notification that he learned the spell. It needed to become bigger

but all the mana Leon could recover and drain was being used to keep the spell active

which would be difficult.'

'The shadowy figure was still hidden

waiting for the moment to strike Leon. However

he wouldn't approach unless the dark sun disappears

so he was waiting for Leon to get tired.'

""In the end

I won't be able to do that without causing a lot of trouble to her..." Leon sighed.'

'Just using his own and the shadowy figure's mana wasn't enough

so Leon decided to change the target of his dark magic. He couldn't control that kind of effect if he chooses two targets

so Leon made his spell focus on draining all the mana from the surroundings. Shadow couldn't help him drain mana directly

but Leon still could do that by using Mana Magnetism

but he wasn't the only one.'

'Suddenly

and at the same time

his dark sun started to grow again. Leon felt a presence behind him. Although Leon couldn't make his sun move

he still could use spells like Transfer

and so he did it. Leon appeared on the other side of the dark sun

and he felt shivers when the sphere began to tremble

but fortunately

it soon became stable again. However

Leon's problems didn't end there... the shadowy figure wouldn't give up that easily.'

'Since playing that game of rat and cat was useless

the shadowy figure decided to attack the dark sun. That would be dangerous and could very well kill both of them

but he had a hidden card if something happens. So

he didn't hesitate to fire a Black Hole towards it.'

'As expected

this time

the dark sun didn't absorb the energy of the spell

and it started to tremble violently

but with the help of Efrete and Shadow

Leon managed to stabilize the sphere again. With that extra amount of mana granted by the shadowy figure

the dark sun finally became five times bigger than Leon.'

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

'Cost: 100000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Dark Sun has leveled up.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'It was the craziest spell in Leon's arsenal

but due to its cost in mana. It wasn't that easy to use to use. However

once Leon obtained that notification

the strain in his mind and body decrease because the system recognized that spell belonged to him. It was like controlling an arm that was ten times longer and heavier

but now Leon could control the Dark Sun.'

'Leon smirked

but he had gone too far in absorbing the mana from that dimension. Several cracks started to appear in that place. That was the sign that Ilyana's mana was about to reach the bottom. The shadowy figure didn't lose that chance and used Teleport to move toward those cracks

and soon he disappeared.'

""Shit..." Leon bit his lips.'

'Without much of choice

Leon dissipated that massive amount of energy

and the dimension returned to its normal state. Even that way

Ilyana could recover their energy. She was more terrifying than Leon thought.
Soon

Leon appeared outside that dimension

only to find the shadowy figure turning around and facing outer space. Behind him

Leon saw a pale Ilyana.'

"The nerve you have to use my mana without my permission

" Ilyana glared at Leon.'

"Sorry..." Leon said and then faced Darya's corpse lying on the ground.'

'Leon wouldn't stop until he kills that bastard

and he would chase him soon afterward

but first

he approached his friend and hugged her one last time. He failed yet again in protecting someone dear to him. However

Leon obtained and lost something thanks to it. He finally obtained the courage to do the necessary in order to obtain the power to crush his enemies

and he lost part of his morals... morals wouldn't help him protect anyone.'

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'Ilyana offered herself to deal with the shadowy figure

but Leon that he would deal with him. Although he was a being that could recover his energy in a matter of minutes

the mental damage he suffered was enough to make him less dangerous. Considering that Leon destroyed a massive zombie army of super-soldiers

Ilyana felt that he did enough

but that zombie had become a personal matter for Leon.'

"Don't take your time. That guy probably grabbed the attention of many others

" Ilyana said. "He may be useful

so don't destroy his body."

"Don't worry. He won't die..." Leon said and then used Teleportation.'

'At that point in time

Leon couldn't feel the presence of that bastard anymore

but Shadow could feel clearly the trail left by Teleportation since it was a spell that belonged to his realm. Leon felt a bit worried about letting Shadow teleport him around

but soon he forgot about that when he started to feel the shadowy figure's presence.'

'Congratulations! The skill Teleport has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'...'

'Not even in his wildest dreams

Leon imagined that he would chase someone through outer space. Yet

he couldn't feel anything while doing that. He was only focusing on increasing the scope of Mana Magnetism and recover his mana as fast as possible in order to let Shadow do his magic. The pain in his head was annoying

but the pain Leon was feeling in his chest couldn't be compared to that.'

'Even though the shadowy figure already mastered Teleport while Leon was still leveling it up

he soon gave up on trying to run away because Leon could compensate for that by recovering his mana faster than he actually could. Despite his previous actions

the shadowy figure looked pretty calm. If anything

he was confident that he could take Leon now that he was far away from Ilyana.'

'Leon analyzed that world. Judging by the mana he could feel around him

he concluded that was a lost world on the third stage of assimilation. It was a lost world because he couldn't feel any presence nearby. Most likely

all the creatures of that world died. Considering that both of them could fly

analyzing the terrain was somewhat useless

but since it already became a habit

Leon did it so anyway. However

there wasn't much to analyze. Leon could see the ruins of a fallen civilization.'

"This is..." Leon muttered in surprise.'

'Although he only chased the shadowy figure for a few hours

he actually managed to land on Miebos. Darya's home planet. It looked like the people there only managed to survive for so long

given that the shadowy figure was working behind the scenes. Darya to protect her planet and the people who once treated her like a tool

but she failed

and that was the result.'

'Although Leon imagined that bastard would insult him

like any half-assed wannabe the last boss would do

he actually just teleported behind Leon. Instead of doing anything

the shadowy figure only made some mana enter his body. Leon immediately understood what he was trying to do... he was trying to create a Black Hole inside of him and destroy him from inside. However

Leon countered that by using Anti-Mana Field. Leon couldn't take down that bastard without using magic

so he soon deactivated the spell once he confirmed that he lost control over that mana.'

'Much to his surprise

Leon wasn't that angry anymore. In the end

he was also to blame for Darya's death. If he had let her follow him

they would have suffered a lot together. Still

they also could have become strong together... perhaps she would regret eventually doing that once she learns about the future of her world

but Leon would never be able to confirm if that would ever happen. Regardless

at times like these

the bad guy would strike a conversation

but Leon did that. That being said

Leon couldn't tell if he was in the position of being a good guy

given that he focuses solely on getting stronger and helping those he cared about.'

""You did this?" Leon asked.'

'Ignoring Leon's question

that guy created a Black Hole

and he shot it toward Leon. Although that kind of spell would lose time

the farther it gets from the caster

its gravitational force was still enough to pull Leon's body easily. However

the projectile disappeared when it was five meters away from Leon. Shadow had absorbed it.'

"Unless you use a lot more mana

you won't be able to attack me

" Leon declared. "Why are you so cautious? Anyway

answer my question."

'Leon didn't know why he was asking that. He could always read his mind once he crushes that bastard to pieces

after all. Regardless

it looked like that bastard didn't want to talk

and this time didn't feel like playing around as well. The shadowy figure raised his arm

and in the next moment

that entire world was engulfed by darkness. For a moment

Leon thought he was teleported to that guy's domain

but that didn't happen.'

'Once again

Leon couldn't feel that guy's presence clearly. Still

it was clear that he was still around. If he weren't

Shadow would have notified him. Before Leon could try anything

the mana created in that environment started to circle around him. He overlooked that

but the darkness that covered the world was now only covering his body.'

"Darkness Execution

" The shadowy figure said while smirking.'

'He had to use eighty percent of his mana

but the shadowy figure didn't hesitate a single bit of casting his most powerful spell. Black Holes were scary because they could suck everything

even light

but they still could be countered. However

no one would be able to counter a Black Hole if they were already in the center of it.'

'That shadowy figure thought his victory was assured

but he frowned because he didn't receive any coins. Rather

in that next moment

his spell dissipated

and the darkness got sucked by something that was on Leon's right side.'

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"I wonder why I was so cautious..." Leon said and then sighed while Shadow was draining the mana of the darkness.'

'The shadowy figure knew that he could destroy things using the power he obtained by killing one of Shadow's fragments. Still

he didn't know that the spirits could grow stronger or even recover their ally's mana by absorbing the elements. Although it wasn't that efficient since the shadowy figure was stronger than Leon

Shadow still could absorb a part of his power

as long as Leon grants his enough mana to balance things. For example

at his current level

Shadow could only eat dark magic-related spells that didn't cost more than one hundred thousand points of mana. Darkness Execution used six times more than that

but just like any other spell

Leon could temporarily make his spirits stronger as long as he increases the mana he uses to keep them in them summoned.'

'Noticing that Leon survived his strongest spell unscathed

the shadowy figure began to tremble a little. That was something that he had never imagined

and that only happened because he killed the fragment of Shadow that he found instead of making it his ally.'

'Leon didn't lose that chance. After using Teleport

Leon activated every single of his buffs and punched the bastard in the face. Thanks to that

he destroyed his right arm

but half a second later

it was back to normal thanks to Full-Recover.'

'Leon watched the shadowy figure fall on Miebos' ground. His attack drained the remaining mana the shadowy figure had. Thanks to it

he didn't have enough mana and finally received some damage. After seeing a lich-like creature falling and bleeding from all the holes in his face

Leon couldn't help but sigh. His opponent was powerful

but in the end

he was just a lunatic that became that powerful after living for thousands of years and after sacrificing millions

perhaps billions of lives for his own selfish ambitions.'

"The god of death

huh..." Leon sighed. "In a sense

he deserves that title

but... whatever."

'Leon couldn't let that bastard recover his mana

so he used Teleport and grabbed his body. However

much to his surprise

Leon couldn't sense any life in it. Something was off... he was pretty sure that a single punch wouldn't be enough to kill that guy. Even if he was a magician

there were many ways to become more resilient.'

"Did he transfer his mind to somewhere else?" Leon frowned.'

"That is possible

" Sekundez answered. "He didn't have mana

but maybe he had some sort of artifact that would make him transfer his mind to another body once his mana reaches the bottom."

'On that guy's body

Leon found a single broken ring. Since it was broken

he couldn't analyze nor feel its mana. That being said

by using Time Manipulation

Leon managed to restore the item.'

'Mind Transference Ring'

'It grants you the power to possess the body instantaneously of those marked by this ring.'

'Cost: 5

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000 mana'

'Mana Stored: 0/5

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000'

"He sure had an interesting ring... most likely

he masses produced those to situations like this

" Leon nodded to himself. "I thought the system would save our progress in our bodies

but I guess that isn't one hundred percent true... or if it is true

he just mass-produced some copies of his body."

'Even though it was a troublesome process

Leon was quite sure that he also could create a copy of his body without a soul. That kind of thing should be pretty common among bastards like the shadowy figure. It was one perfect way to escape and move to other sides of the galaxy in an instant

after all. Still

Leon knew more or less where to find that bastard.'

'Without wasting time

Leon tried to look for the traces of his mana in that world. Fortunately

all the circles he created to use Checkpoint were still active

and thanks to it

he found what was left of the dungeon where he found the liches. The purple crystal wasn't there anymore

but after concentrating for a while

he found traces of that bastard's mana moving toward the same direction.'

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'After using Teleport for a few more hours straight

Leon finally found another world covered in darkness

and there he finally found that guy's mana.'

"He had plenty of time to escape... why is he still here?" Leon rubbed his chin.
"Well

it doesn't matter either way. They should be ready by now."

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Light Absorption.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Water Absorption.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Wind Absorption.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Earth Absorption.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ice Absorption.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'For an instant

Leon went to his mindscape

and there assimilated the knowledge his replica obtained. Although the replica barely had the chance to train those skills

Leon wasn't worried about their levels. For the time being

he just wanted to have some measures in case the shadowy figure tries something unexpected.'

'Instead of status requirements

to learn how to absorb the elements

Leon's replica had to endure for several days being damaged by those elements. It was quite hardcore given that he didn't have time to rest or eat... so it didn't surprise Leon that he took his sweet time learning it.'

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'Although Leon managed to deal with the shadowy bastard using a new spell and with Shadow's help

things would be different in that world. That place was the enemy's domain. Aside from hundreds and perhaps thousands of bodies

he could transfer his mind if things go south. That bastard probably had some traps waiting for Leon.'

"Well

now... what shall I do?" Leon rubbed his chin.'

'Leon was watching that dark world from space

and even though he could just there forever since he could recover his mana to create oxygen and keep Mana Barrier active nonstop

time on Earth was passing as fast as time was passing

using his body as a basis. So

he couldn't take his sweet time.'

"There is no gravity here

so I will try that

" Leon smirked.'

'Leon created massive rock

and little by little

the rock was reaching unbelievable proportions. Although he knew that he could create a meteor as big as the ones which decimated the dinosaurs

Leon knew that he didn't have time or mana to make the meteor move that fasts and destroy the world. Regardless

that wasn't his goal.'

'Once the rock was big enough

Leon waited for a while to recover his mana

and after obtaining full control over it

he fired the meteor toward the planet. As expected

he only managed to make the meteor move around ten kilometers per second

but that had been enough to make that planet tremble... for a few seconds.
Even from afar

Leon felt that his mana inside the rock got destroyed instead of dissipating.'

"So

the darkness also has the nature of dark matter..." Leon rubbed his chin.
"Even if Shadow helps me

if that guy controls all the darkness in that world

I won't survive."

'Leon doubted that that guy could control so much darkness with his current
mana pool

but he recalled that the bastard was draining mana from several planets. Most
likely

he was doing that to fill his own planet with darkness and create the perfect
environment for himself. That was the perfect moment to train Darkness
Absorption

but Leon doubted that he would last long before the skill reaches the max
level.'

"What do you think

Shadow?" Leon asked after summoning Shadow from his mindscape.'

"About what?" Shadow asked.'

"...About that world

" Leon said after a long sigh. "Do you think you can absorb all that darkness
fast enough in order to make you evolve?"

"Yes

if you endure the attacks for fifty hours

I will evolve

" Shadow replied. "However

I won't be able to help you with anything else since I will be focused on absorbing the darkness as fast as possible."

'Leon nodded

as expected

even though Shadow could

the amount of mana he would absorb had a limit. It couldn't be helped given that he was just a fragment

but it made sense. By the look of things

Leon would have to put himself in danger no matter what. Although it couldn't be helped

given the power of his current enemy

Leon would have to waste a lot of time.'

"Sorry

guys... I will need all the mana I can get

" Leon said after canceling Mindscape Transportation. "So

your training camp will be postponed."

'Fortunately

his spirits didn't complain since they were understanding

even Efreet

Sylph

and Gnome

who wanted to reach the peak of their power again.'

'After that

Leon used Teleport and landed on that planet. Just like before

he couldn't see what his surroundings looked like

not even when he used Mana Dominion. Shadow started his work of absorbing the darkness. Meanwhile

Leon was alternating in using Mana Armor and Darkness Absorption to stay alive.'

'Congratulations! The skill Darkness Absorption has leveled up.'

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'...'

"That son of a bitch can attack me even without revealing its position now..." Leon clicked his tongue while he was watching his mana decreasing at fearsome speed. "It can't be helped."

'Leon didn't know for how long that guy's mana would last

but Leon wasn't that worried because he was fully aware that no matter what happens. That guy would never be able to use all the mana he stored in a single moment to kill Leon. There were two reasons for that. The first was the fact that killing Leon wasn't that guy's ultimate goal. Leon was just another obstacle

as of the next reason

it was the shadowy figure's own limits. Even if one day

someone manages to create a vehicle that absorbs sunlight efficiently

that vehicle would still have a limit.'

'Even though magicians can somewhat ignore that kind of rule

their limits would still be determined by their mana pool. Even if a gun has an infinite supply of bullets

that gun can only fire so many bullets per second. In other words

that bastard could only cause damage that was equal to his mana pool multiplied the level of the current skill and also multiplied the level of his Darkness Manipulation... per second.'

'In any other situation

his foes would be decimated. However

the targeted of the shadowy figure's attacks this time was someone who had all the spirits

Shadow was decreasing the damage he was receiving

Leon also had Darkness Resistance and Darkness Immunity at the max level... not only that

Darkness Absorption was quickly leveling up and also decreasing the damage he could receive. Of course

even with those

Leon wouldn't be able to last the power of his attacks for more than ten seconds straight... and that was why he had Mana Armor at the max level. By increasing the scope of Mana Magnetism by ten

it was more than enough for Leon to survive being attacked by spells that could cost five hundred thousand mana points per second. Thanks to it

it didn't take long before the shadowy figure could understand that his only option was a direct confrontation.'

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'Despite knowing that the shadowy figure only forced himself to act when he felt that something made of mana that was around

Leon suddenly became weaker. Although that was the case

the shadowy figure finally could see Shadow when he evolved.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Shadow's Fragment evolved to Summon Great Shadow's Fragment.'

'Cost: 500 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon couldn't help but frown while looking at the Shadow's new appearance. Although he had the behavior of a troublesome kid

now he looked devilish

just like Efreit. He had a single horn on his forehead

but he also had the wings of a fallen angel. His hair was long enough to pass even his waist

so it felt bizarre while looking at him since Shadow was a male.'

"Master

thank you for..." Shadow said.'

"Clothes

" Leon interrupted Shadow.'

'It looked like Shadow really felt thankful for evolving. He even bent his knee and bowed his head while he was thanking Leon. However

Leon didn't want to be thanked by a male for anything while he was naked.'

"If you want to thank me

keep working hard

" Leon said. "I hope that you will absorb more darkness now in this form."

"Yes

Master." Shadow nodded.'

'Although his sudden behavior change was suspicious

Leon felt the damage his Mana Armor was receiving decreased considerably.
Suddenly

Leon felt shivers

and he concluded that he wouldn't have much time to relax. That bastard
finally noticed that even in his domain

he would have to face Leon directly.'

"Shadow

can you see him?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

but since his mana created this darkness

he doesn't have a physical body

" Shadow replied. "This whole world is his physical body now; we won't be able
to kill him unless we make him use all the mana at his disposal."

"Fantastic..." Leon said and then sighed. "Anyway

don't kill him. Even if he causes some problems

I still will have some uses for him. Just do your best to stop his attacks.◆◆◆'

"Yes

" Shadow nodded.'

'Leon wondered if cutting the link between that guy and the darkness wouldn't
be enough. Usually

in games

bosses would have a relic that needs to be safely guarded in order for them to
be able to fight at their max power

but things were different in reality. Only a fool would create spells that would
such obvious weaknesses.'

'Regardless

before Leon could think of a new way to deal with that bastard

he felt his body being pulled by a Black Hole. Amidst that darkness

he couldn't even feel mana properly

so Leon couldn't react in time. Fortunately

Shadow absorbed the mana used

and the effect disappeared.'

'The same thing happened a few more times

but with some variations. One time the shadowy figure would create two Black Holes around Leon

and some other times

he created some very close to Leon's body in order to destroy his Mana Armor

but Shadow prevented that from happening.'

"I guess he is testing my defenses and how well Shadow can deal with his attacks..."

'Leon couldn't help but wonder why that guy didn't try Darkness Execution again... that spell would cause a lot of damage

perhaps even more than Shadow could handle. If he could create a continuous version of it

the chances of Leon dying would increase quite a bit

but it looked like he was too scared to make such a bet... or perhaps he couldn't since the darkness was now his body. Either way

Leon had to keep himself focused on using Mana Magnetism.'

'Again

suddenly

Leon felt his body being pierced and pushed by something. It had the shape of a sword

but given that Leon felt his flesh disappearing just by keeping contact with it

he knew that it was a sword made of darkness.'

'Congratulations! The skill Darkness Absorption has leveled up.'

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'...'

"... Damn it

" Leon used Teleport to move and checked his wounds.'

"He materialized a sword already touching your Mana Armor and body..."
Shadow said

astonished. "Forgive me. I didn't react in time."

'Leon checked his wounds

and he could only feel the blood flowing and a part of his belly missing.
Fortunately

he reacted in time to use Teleport

and Leon recovered pretty fast using Full-Recover

but even if he could do that

Leon's body would pay the toll.'

'Once again

before he could think or feel anything happening

Leon felt another sword piercing his neck. Thanks to his reflexes

Leon managed to keep his head in the right place

but it was clear that it was just a matter of time.'

"Shadow... just absorb all the darkness around us

" Leon said. "I will deal with him myself."

"... Understood

" Shadow nodded.'

'Even though Shadow could somewhat see the shadowy bastard

it looked like he didn't have to get that close to creating a magic projectile that could kill Leon. It made sense. Even those effects would decrease the higher the intelligence someone has. Every mage could show their true power even one hundred meters away from their target. In that case

the shadowy figure's true power was enough to grant him the chance to kill Leon before he could even notice.'

'It wouldn't be that efficient

but Leon activated Dark Aura and then increased its mana output. Thanks to it

he created another spell

one that would protect his body at the cost of his mana.'

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

'Cost: 15000 mana per second.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'The next moment

Leon felt something touching his body

and a lot of his mana ended being consumed. However

his body didn't suffer any damage. Darkness Armor was working just the way Leon needed.'