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'"How… why… this cannot be

" The shadowy figure muttered.'

'"If you had obtained the cooperation of a spirit

you could have unlocked the full potential of their powers

" Leon said. "But you killed one of Shadow's fragment instead of working hard to obtain its cooperation… I guess this is the difference between us."'

'The shadowy figure couldn't accept that explanation

so he tried to attack Leon for quite a while and from all angles trying to discover the weakness of Darkness Armor. That was quite surprising

given that he probably has been using that power for thousands of years. Leon figured out he already learned every single spell directly related to darkness. Spells like Dark Sun were an exception

but even so…'

'Although Leon countered one of his best ways to attack

he still couldn't damage the shadowy figure in that state

so the only option left was to wait for him to drop his guard. However

considering how many layers of protection someone like that must have prepared beforehand

Leon was pretty sure that it would take a while.'

'"Shadow… how much time until you evolve again?" Leon asked.'

'"I don't know

Master

" Shadow replied. "I made the calculations before based on the mana the others had to consume to evolve."'

'"Mmm… do you think all this darkness will dissipate if we kill him?" Leon asked.'

'"I don't think that is the case

" Shadow replied. "A spell of this scale takes a lot of time and mana to cast. It would be easier to just keep the spell active since this is also being used to fortify his base."'

'Leon nodded; he couldn't imagine even Ilyana having enough mana to complete fill a planet with darkness. Most likely

the shadowy figure was using the mana he collected and was still collecting from other planets.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'…'

'Although Darkness Armor was leveling up pretty nicely

Leon didn't have time to waste there. For the time being

he was fine since Ilyana didn't contact him

but time in that place was passing as fast as on Earth

and that was bad.'

'Maybe things will work out better once Shadow evolves again

but Leon couldn't wait for that. Leon had an idea… it was a bit risky since that would decrease the amount of mana

he could recover using Mana Magnetism

but it was the only thing he could think of to save time. However

that also would cut the supply of the shadowy figure's mana.'

'That bastard was so tense and thinking of a way to kill Leon once and for all that he didn't even notice when Leon transported both of them to his mindscape. Although the darkness came with them

he still could feel the changes in the scenario he could

but he didn't realize since fear and anger clouded his judgment.'

'In the end

to save mana in order to keep his mindscape active for as long as possible. Leon deactivated all his defensive spells. The shadowy figure noticed that and attacked Leon relentlessly. However

Leon survived thanks to his passive skills and Full-Recover. After using so much mana

the darkness disappeared

and the shadowy figure finally noticed that he had run out of mana and couldn't make use of the supply he created previously. That would be the best outcome for Leon… if he weren't skin and bones now…'

'"H-how?" The man who looked like a lich asked visibly in panic.'

'"Shadow could see you… Besides

when you control so much darkness to attack me

you can't move that much

" Leon smirked

even though he looked like he was about to starve to death. "Thanks to that

I managed to bring you here."'

'That man finally understood that his body was still outside

and he still had accessed to a vast amount of mana

so he tried to use it. However

he also eventually noticed that his body couldn't be controlled as long as he stays in that dimension. He tried to recover his mana as fast as possible. Still

in a limited mindscape with that

he could only recover so much… before the bastard could cover his entire body with darkness

Shadow drained that same darkness quite easily. The spirit was still weak compared to that man

but he could exert his full power when he has mana.'

'"Don't panic… you won't die

" Leon smirked. "I will make sure of it. In fact

you won't suffer all that much as well. You are a source of knowledge and power valuable

after all. I will make good use of your abilities to my heart's content."'

'Leon had learned his lesson. Even though he wanted to kill the son of a bitch in the most painful way possible

that wouldn't change anything. In fact

it wouldn't alleviate his anger since there was no point in feeling any anger… Darya died in part because of him

after all.'

'Regardless

the shadowy figure struggled for quite a bit. The bastard also had some elemental spells at the level max that weren't related to the darkness attribute

but his spirits absorbed those attacks. In the end

he also tried to fight using his body alone. However

since he was a lich who could transfer his conscience to many other bodies

he was unable to heal himself with magic.'

'Eventually

Leon managed to knock him down without killing him. That had been tiresome since Leon was literally about to starve

but instead of eating something nice

Leon absorbed the memories of that bastard. That wouldn't fill his belly

but it would feed his growth.'

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'Congratulations! The skill Mind Melding has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mind Shifting has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mind Absorption has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Even though that son of a bitch was unconscious

he was still someone who fought and lived for thousands of years. His natural defenses were also quite powerful

so Leon had to work for quite a while

absorbing the memories he wanted while he erased others.'

'The first time Leon heard about that kind of power

he had decided that he would never use it since it was disgusting to erase the memories of someone. However

after living for so long

he finally found things that he couldn't forgive… things that would make him gladly use disgusting spells in order to torment his enemies.'

'"Now that Shadow became less annoying

you are assuming his role as the emo kid of this group?" Celsius asked.'

'"No

… please just overlook the fact that I'm letting my darkest instincts run rampage right now

" Leon replied.'

'"Well

it is only understandable that you want to do what you are doing

" Celsius shrugged. "Just try not to feel too excited about it."'

'In the end

to save even more time

Leon decided to make a replica do that work for him. He could feel his real body running out of mana

so he had to return. After leaving Efreet

Gnome

and Sylph behind to watch over his replica

Leon returned to reality and confirmed that the darkness didn't dissipate.'

'"Shadow

absorb all the darkness you can while you guide me to the place that has the largest concentrations of mana in this world

" Leon said.'

'"Yes

Master

" Shadow nodded.'

'That master bullshit was getting on Leon's nerves

but since it was less tiring than dealing with the little old shadow

he decided to overlook that. Just as he had expected

even though he couldn't see

eventually

Leon could feel himself approaching to a large concentration of mithril. The mithril was powering that darkness

so it was better to cut that link off in order to use that mana to make his other spirits evolve.'

'Leon thought Shadow would protest when he ordered to find and destroy the connection between the darkness and mithril

but he didn't. He obeyed without hesitation

… it looked like his sudden change of behavior wasn't just an act.'

'Regardless

Leon frowned when he saw a mountain of mithril in front of him and thousands of cables connected to that mountain and heading to all directions.'

'"It looks like he wasn't just using magic…" Leon rubbed his chin. "I also wanted to try to combine technology and magic

but I didn't have enough time to do that."'

'Fortunately

those cables were complex

but their use was relatively simple. So

Leon would be able to use the mithril without wasting any of it. He also would save some time since those cables could transmit one million mana points per second if necessary.'

'"Well

before starting this

I have to see how things are on the other side

" Leon said to himself.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'…'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Darkness Absorption has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Although Leon only found a few individuals that could use Shadow's power

that bastard sure took his sweet time to level up Darkness Absorption. In any case

Leon felt thankful for his battle experience. However

things didn't end there when he absorbed part of the mind of that guy without leaving anything behind.'

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

'Cost: 10000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"Oh

boy��� my list of fearsome skills keeps increasing

" Leon frowned.'

'Although the skill he could absorb was limited by the level of Skill Absorption

Leon now could absorb abilities from his enemies. Since the memories and experience of them using those skills would go to Leon too

he also would obtain status points. However

he could only use on unconscious enemies.'

'Most likely

the shadowy bastard had planned to do something similar to him

but lost in the end

and now Leon will absorb his memories until he becomes an empty shell. Things were so serious in Leon's mind that he didn't even want to use Appraisal to learn that guy's name. Calling him shadowy bastard was more than enough.'

'Once Leon returned to reality

he summoned Celsius

Undine

Volt

and Rem began to transfer some of the mana to them. He also wanted to do the same for Sekundez

but first

she had to reach the level max

and that was why he left her in the mindscape.'

'"It looks like you won

" Ilyana suddenly said

using Telepathy. "Good job."'

'"How are things on Earth?" Leon asked.'

'"Same as usual

the humans were fighting the dragons

and no other enemy is around to bother us

" Ilyana replied. "If anything

some humans were looking suspiciously at your friends because they suddenly got strong thanks to the power of the spirits."'

'"Eventually

I will give the same power to them… once I have time

" Leon said. "Anyway

why don't you use Teleport and grab some of this mithril? I guess half of this will be enough to pay all the favors I owe you."'

'"Just use it to grow stronger as fast as you can

" Ilyana said. "I'm pretty sure you know that saying about the calm before the storm… right now

we are enjoying the calm

but soon new harvesters will come… and you lost a lot of time dealing with one of their small fries."'

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'Leon sighed. As usual

Ilyana would cancel the Telepathy in order for her to have the last word. Still

Leon was fully aware that she was right. Regardless

he soon forgot about that because his spirits finally evolved. At some point

probably because of Darya's death

Leon forgot that his spirits would become even more human-like.'

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

'Cost: 150 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Celsius' Fragment evolved to Summon Great Celsius' Fragment.'

'Cost: 150 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 150 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 150 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Unlike the male spirits who were quite shameless and had the nerve to show themselves naked in front of him

Undine and Celsius appeared after evolving already wearing some pieces of armor. Both of them looked like he wanted to see Leon reacting in some sort of way

but he didn't. He was tired and wanted to finish that job as soon as possible in order to give Darya a proper funeral.'

'While Celsius was wearing full plate armor

Undine was wearing something like a bikini armor while she was smirking. In any case

since they were somewhat deeply related

both of them had similar features. Their hair of both was light blue and very long

but Undine looked more adult-like

but Leon was pretty sure that she was using mana to look like that. Also

Undine had a tail that made Leon recall one of the whales

but hers was a lot more slim and smaller.'

'As for Volt

he also appeared already wearing armor. However

he looked far more ominous than Celsius since his armor covered his whole body

even the head

and also emitted electricity. His armor had many spikes. Probably he would use those to emit even more mana.'

'"Thank you for your consideration

but I can't see your face

" Leon said. "I didn't imagine you were that shy."'

'"You are welcome

" Volt nodded. "My appearance is irrelevant

this armor and form would exponentially increase my power

so I'm satisfied with it. Thank you for this chance to evolve

Leon."'

'Rem somewhat looked like an angel; he also wings like the ones the real angels he faced in Celosie. Unlike his behavior

his new appearance made him look like a battle-hardened warrior. His muscles were impressive

even though he was only wearing a light armor that was supposed to protect his vitals… but Leon was pretty sure spirits didn't have any.'

'"Well… now what?" Leon rubbed his chin while facing the mountain of mithril in front of him.'

'"Hey… aren't you going to praise our new appearances?" Undine asked.'

'"I didn't think you would need any praise

" Leon frowned. "Both of you looked like you are pretty satisfied with yourselves. Well… in any case

both of you look great. If I were in the mood

I would think of better adjectives

but unfortunately

I'm not."'

'Leon had to think of something because he noticed that Celsius also wanted to hear something nice. His life changed so much that he even forgot that even women who took a lot of pride in their appearances needed some praised now and then.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 4000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Shadow Rush.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 3000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Regardless

Leon decided to increase the passage of time inside his mindscape since he could use that mountain of mithril to do so. Besides

that would increase the leveling up the speed of Sekundez

so he didn't hesitate. That being said

it looked like it would take a while for that to happen. It also would take a while for his replica to analyze all the memories of the shadowy bastard.'

'"He sure knew a lot of skills of the dark attribute…" Leon scratched the back of his head.'

'It was weird

but even though his memories were being absorbed in that mindscape

the shadowy figure's body was still in the same place and also hundreds of kilometers away from the mithril mountain. Although spells had limits

the things one could do using mana were crazy.'

'"It will be a pain to keep this guy alive

but since he will be useful

I don't have any other choice

" Leon said. "Sealing his spirit in a weapon is possible

and it will probably create the most powerful weapon I have ever seen

but keeping him alive will be more efficient."'

'Leon was pretty sure that he could grant him some memories and make him become loyal

but he didn't want to do that. Once the shadowy figure loses its use for Leon

he would smash him into bits… trying to make him into an ally would make that kind of thing difficult.'

'"I'd better focus…" Leon said and then sighed. "Although time on Earth passes at the pace as here

I want to spend my time there instead of here. It won't be so efficient since Acceleration isn't at the max level

but I will use the max output to use the mithril as fast as possible."'

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'In the end

Leon somehow managed to use all that mountain of mithril in just three days. He had to use all the mana his body could absorb and emit per second

but he succeeded. However

that had a price…'

'"What is this…" Leon said while his whole body was trembling even though he couldn't feel anything.'

'"That is what happens when you emit too much mana through your whole body for too long

" Sekundez said already in her evolved form. "Although you aren't a machine

you too emit heat and energy. Well

given you natural healing abilities

you should be back to normal in just a few hours."'

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

'Cost: 500 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Accelerate has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Vortex of Darkness.'

'Cost: 5000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'In the end

there were so many skills one could learn using only one element. The number of spells Leon could learn of the darkness attribute from the shadowy figure ended

but he still had a lot of memory to read.'

'Regardless

Sekundez's new appearance made Leon frown. She and Ilyana were quite similar. However

Sekundez's hair wasn't red

and she didn't have pointy ears as well. Instead

her hair had a silver tone

and unlike the other spirits

she was wearing a white dress instead of armor.'

'It was quite a good sight for his sore eyes

but Leon didn't feel like watching her. It would be too creepy to watch an ally like that

and besides

it was time to offer Darya a proper funeral.'

'Without wasting time

Leon returned to Earth

but only to take Darya's body back to Miebos. Although she said that she didn't like that place all that much

she fought and died trying to protect it. So

her place was there. In the end

Leon even summoned the Donan from his memories to participate in the funeral. He didn't owe him anything

but he had promised that he would protect her… if anything

Leon deserved to hear his complaints

but after hearing from him what had happened and while watching the state of his world

he couldn't bring himself to blame Leon. Donan only stood there in silence while he let the tears fall…'

'Leon's body was still numb

but he still could feel a cold inside his body. If anger makes his body hotter

sadness was so cold that Leon couldn't help but wonder his resistances weren't protecting him from that.'

'"Did you kill him?" Donan suddenly asked.'

'"No… he isn't of any use for me dead

" Leon replied. "I'm absorbing his memories and assimilating his powers. Eventually

he will be just an empty shell. As long as he can make me obtain status points

he will stay alive."'

'"… Can I ask you one more thing?" Donan hesitated.'

'"I won't summon her…" Leon said without a hint of hesitation. "Even if I tell her what happened

she won't be the same person. Just like you

she would be only a copy based on my memories."'

'Leon didn't want to fool himself by playing with magic like that. He failed

so he didn't deserve to see those who died. Leon shouldn't play with their lives either since their existence would only be temporary.'

'"This will be the last time I will summon you

" Leon declared.'

'In the end

Leon stayed there until his body returned to normal

and without saying anything

he canceled his Mind Summoning. Before leaving

Leon watched one more time on the island where he buried Darya. It was the first island they found

and spent some months training together. That place hadn't changed one bit

so he felt pretty satisfied with having her funeral there instead of the continent where he could only find ruins.'

'Leon felt like he should stay in that place for a while more

but he couldn't since his other friends also needed his help. Leon couldn't fail with them as he failed with Darya. If he tries hard

maybe Leon could develop a skill that would grant him the chance to summon her soul at least to talk with her for a while. At the very least

Leon wanted to ask for forgiveness. However

Leon wanted to think that she was in a good place right now

and by summoning her

he would only make her recall the memories of her life where he suffered a lot and had been treated like a tool for decades. It was just a possibility

but Leon really wanted to believe that was the case.'

'He more or less knew it was useless

but at some point

he asked Sekundez if he or she could reverse time to the point where the body had a spirit. But as expected

it was impossible. The moment a person dies

their spirit loses the connection with their body. When that happens

the spirit and body become two things… even if Leon could spend all the mana in the universe

he would never be able to bring her spirit back.'

'There was a chance that he could bring her back by studying the method the angels tried but sacrificing the mana of several worlds was necessary. Leon knew that Darya wouldn't want to sacrifice the potential and the life of six worlds to bring her back… she was that kind of person.'

'"Darya

I failed you

" Leon said. "But I promise you something… I will hunt and kill all the bastards involved with the system

or I will die trying. That way

you and everyone else who died will rest in peace. You have my word.'

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'Congratulations! The skill Summon Great Efreet's Fragment has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Great Sylph's Fragment has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Great Gnome's Fragment has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'As soon as Leon returned to Earth

he received those notifications

and his spirits left his mindscape. Although they returned

making a lot of noise

Leon felt thankful for it. He couldn't forget about his failures

but he couldn't let himself feeling down every single moment. He had to keep his promises

and he wouldn't rest until those who caused so many problems for him and the death of those he cared about to disappear.'

'"Mmm… she isn't here anymore

" Leon frowned when he used Teleport and returned to Earth because Ilyana wasn't there anymore.'

'Leon couldn't help but wonder why Ilyana refused to see any humans

that was weird

but given that she was an alien from humans' standards

that was somewhat reasonable. She definitely

wasn't someone shy

after all.'

'Now that Leon had some free time

he had an idea that might help him quite a lot. It might end up making things even more complicated with his friends

but he could make them relive the memories of nine hundred years ago. If he could do that on himself

then it was obvious that he could do on others.'

'"I guess they won't feel any suspicious. I just granted them the power of the spirits

after all

" Leon said.'

'In the end

granting them powers and then making them recall those memories would make them feel actually even more suspicious. Leon was pretty sure that was the modus operandi of certain villains… give people power and then try to make them loyal.'

'Maybe it was due to the fact that causing self-harm while he was training became a habit

but Leon decided not to do that. It would be suspicious

but if someone tries to do the same thing

his friends at least would feel suspicious. If something goes well once

their guards would below if that same thing happens again

after all. Besides

Leon couldn't forget that they forgot about him

because he wasted too much time in other worlds. In any case

Leon used Clairvoyance and found Ilyana back on her planet.'

'"What is the plan now?" Leon asked

using Telepathy.'

'"You can do whatever you want as long as you don't slack off on your training

" Ilyana replied. "At this point in time

there is no meaning in trying to hide your existence. You battle against that guys already made many harvesters look at Earth with interest. For the time being

only small fries will come to attack

but it shouldn't take long before the real troublesome enemies start to appear."'

'"What are you going to do?" Leon asked.'

'"I will keep doing the usual

" Ilyana shrugged. "You can spoil your friends if you want. Making them train in your mindscape might help them

but there is a limit to how many people you can transport there. Besides

the stronger they get

the more the other humans will feel jealous and even demand protection from them."'

'Leon could easily imagine that. In fact

Ilyana was telling him with a conviction that made Leon thing that he had seen that kind of thing happening many times. In the end

Leon had to be moderate… Otherwise

things could get out of control. In any case

that was

in fact

good because it would give more time for his replica to train alone.'

'"If my friends get strong

they wouldn't have to eat dragon hearts

" Leon said. "If they give the spoils to other humans

that should nullify the backslash of their sudden power-up."'

'"Yeah

it should…" Ilyana shrugged again.'

'As expected

dealing with Ilyana was difficult on many levels

but Leon even missed that while he was in Sekundez's dimension

just like he missed his family and friends. Since it should be fine to stay with his friends for a day or two

Leon decided to head to where they are. As usual

Leon head to see Amanda and Maya first.'

'"Hey

Sekundez

" Leon said. "When you gave my friends your power

did you teach them Accelerate as well?"'

'"Yes

that skill isn't that useful unless it is used alongside Mindscape Transportation

" Sekundez replied. "Although those humans had enough mana to use both skills at the same time

they can only do so for a single second."'

'"I see… Mindscape Transportation is about to reach the max level

so maybe I should give them the knowledge of how to use that skill. As long as they can use that method themselves

they eventually will be able to help more people. At some point

they aren't plotting anything."'

'Although that was one of the skills that he couldn't practice inside the mindscape

Leon increased its efficiency a lot thanks to the mountain of mithril. Still

Leon could only hope that his friends wouldn't get in any problem by having the power of all spirits and even the power to create dimensions inside their heads… he could only hope that Ilyana was just worrying too much.'

'Health: 73442 +'

'Mana: 275932 +'

'Stamina: 70852 +'

'Strength: 227 +'

'Dexterity: 288 +'

'Speed: 390 +'

'Intelligence: 171993+'

'Endurance: 855 +'

'Control: 50000+'

'Mentality: 10000 +'

'Luck: 42 +'

'Recovery: 110000 +'

'Willpower: 545 +'

'Coins: 245

956

254'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Mind Melding Lv Max

Mind Shifting Lv Max

Mind Absorption Lv Max

Accelerate Lv Max

Summon Great Efreet's Fragment Lv Max

Summon Great Sylph's Fragment Lv

Max

Summon Great Gnome's Fragment Lv

Max'

'Passive Skills: Darkness Absorption Lv Max'

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'Although only two days have passed since Leon saw them

Amanda

Maya

and Hector looked much better than before. They didn't look exhausted

so the power of the spirits was proving to be useful as expected. Even though they could only summon lesser spirits…'

'Their camp also seemed pretty much fine; Leon could see hundreds of dragons being dismantled only a few human corpses. Although no casualties were the best option

Leon wasn't naïve enough to think that fighting against dragons and not losing some lives was something possible.'

'Even though Leon appeared suddenly by using Teleport

Amanda

Maya

and Hector relaxed a little bit when they recognized him. Although that was convenient

that wasn't. They should do just by recognizing a face. So

he used to Transform and become a kitten.'

'"Don't lower your guards

" Leon said

still in that form. "Recognize your allies by their mana

not by their faces. I'm not the only one who can do this

you know."'

'"… You really can do a lot of things

" Hector said

surprised while he watched Leon returning to his real form.'

'"Thanks to you

and the power you gave us

the battles became a little less messy

and now we can prevent many deaths

" Amanda smiled and then bowed slightly. "Thank you for your help… even though we treated you poorly more than once

you helped us more than we can recompensate you."'

'Leon felt that her natural smile was more than enough

but he couldn't get all that sentimental in front of his little sister. So

Leon only nodded and showed a small smile. Maya still seemed a bit cautious of Leon

but that was only a sign that she wasn't dumb or naïve. However

it wouldn't make any difference if her guard was up or not if the enemy was someone who had the same power as Leon.'

"'Sorry for not coming sooner. I spend a year trying to find the spirit of the time

" Leon said. "That being said

her powers were worth the hassle

as you can see. The moment we noticed that Earth was about to be attacked

we hurried to make me find the other spirits

but…"'

"'One year… I suppose it couldn't be helped since you tried so hard for a year

" Hector said

visibly impressed. "Still… somehow you look a bit different than before

your overall appearance didn't change

but I guess your behavior matured… no offense."'

'Hector's instincts were right

and it was quite surprising that he could tell that. Still

it was a bit too much to hope for that he had to endure four hundred years of solitude to obtain Sekundez's power. Regardless

Leon changed the subject by forcing a smile.'

"'How many new dungeons appeared? Are the others still active?" Leon asked.'

"'We know the locations of ten dungeons that became active and that are spawning dragons

" Hector showed a serious look in his eyes. "All the other dungeons became inactive

so we can only hunt dragons for meat and other resources… Well

it is not like we can ignore them."'

'As expected

dragons were most likely the ultimate race of monsters they would face. Although they were spawning like mob monsters

their power was the real deal… Leon had to ask the details about the sixth stage of assimilation

but he could already imagine what would happen… a battle royal of all the species that managed to survive.'

'Considering the power anyone could obtain as long as they have coins

most likely

the big guns would use summons to weaken people like Leon and Ilyana. So

they would need human help to avoid that. That gave Leon another idea… dragons would be the best monsters to hunt for the sake of status and coins

but it was too risky. So

he decided to use his own summoned monsters to help humans while he can.'

'"How are your forces? Do you guys think that you have enough soldiers?" Leon asked. "If you need to train some recruits

I can help you with that."'

'"Really? That will help a lot

" Hector replied. "Some people had a late start

so that will help those. However

since dragons tend to attack at night

sending your monsters between noon and sunset would be more convenient."'

'Leon nodded

and then he passed them the knowledge of how to learn Mindscape Transportation. Most likely

Leon wouldn't be able to help all that much

but Ilyana would… she had plenty of monsters lying around on that planet

after all. Regardless

Leon also gave them the knowledge of several buffs they could practice with relative ease. Some other skills would help a lot

like Mind Summoning

but since that kind of spell might make humans turn a wrong turn somewhere

he refrained from doing that.'

'After that

Leon transported his friends' consciousness to his mindscape and let them train there for a few days. Meanwhile

only thirty seconds passed in reality.'

'"Use that power to help the others

" Leon said. "As much as I wanted to help

I have to focus on myself since that will help us all."'

'"Thank you… brother

" Amanda said.'

'Leon had turned around and was about to leave

but thanks to those words

he hesitated a little bit. It wouldn't be weird if Amanda had some dreams of some events triggered the memories of the past

but Leon couldn't help but think that Amanda was told that because he was strange who helped them a lot but also claimed to be her brother. In the end

Leon used Teleport and vanished.'

'Now more than ever

Leon couldn't fail

but he couldn't drop his guard either. It was impossible to know how or when his enemies would strike

so he couldn't slack off.'

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'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Temporal Absorption'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Call of Ruin.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana and 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Things got a bit more hectic suddenly

but Leon finally managed to learn the skills he wanted from Sekundez while he also obtained new ones thanks to his replica. Putting his new offensive spells aside

that would only be useful to make Leon gain status points. He immediately tested Temporal Absorption and Temporal Variation. In the end

he confirmed that Temporal Absorption would only become useful once it reaches the level max. At a low level

that skill consumed too much mana to absorb the elemental attacks of dragons.'

'As for Temporal Variation

each level would make Leon's bodywork ten percent faster. Instead of waiting six hundred seconds to see his energy recover naturally

Leon just had to wait at level one 599.4 seconds. Given the cost of mana

it wasn't that impressive

but eventually

it would be.'

'Although it was noon when he talked to Maya

Amanda

and Hector

as soon as Leon appeared in the middle of Europe

it was already dark

and Leon could hear the sound of battle in the distance.'

'"Dragons really are nocturnal creatures…" Leon frowned.'

'It was weird given that he had fought against hundreds of thousands of dragons

but since Leon fought them in unexpected situations

it couldn't be helped. Regardless

Leon approached but just watched the battle instead of helping. His friends

Gisele

Lennart

and Tom

were fighting alongside hundreds of soldiers and repelling dozens of dragons.'

'Leon couldn't help but feel proud watching Gisele swinging her massive sword at a speed he barely could see. Every time she swung her sword

big chunks of the dragons' flesh would fly in every direction… Lennart and Tom weren't quite there yet

but they were good at watching and protecting Gisele from the sidelines since he was a bit too wild like Yuki.'

'In the end

Leon only watched them for one hour. He still had to talk to Yuki and Ren

after all. Besides

it was impossible to know when the other harvesters would come

so he had to use his time wisely. After they cleared that group of dragons

another pack that had thirty or so monsters were approaching. Without wasting time

Leon used Teleport and killed the beast one after the other in mere instants and without even damaging their scales… Leon just created a small Black Hole inside their heads

and that had been more than enough.'

'Gisela and everyone else frowned when the dragons fell dead

but at least her

Lennart

and Tom understood what had happened when Leon appeared before them.'

"'You guys improved

" Leon said.'

"'You always appear and disappear so suddenly

" Gisela frowned and then sighed. "Well

we improved quite a lot

thanks to you. We are thankful for your help

the number of casualties decreased a lot thanks to the power you gave us

but some individuals are starting to complain about it."'

"'I suspected that would happen…" Leon shrugged. "Deal with them as you see fit. I'm not their leader."'

'Gisela studied Leon for a while as if she wanted to ask him something. Probably

she wanted to ask if he had given the same powers to Yuki and Ren. In the end

Gisela decided to stay quiet… Although their rivalry didn't end

it was hardly the time to think about such things.'

"'Excuse me

you said that Earth would reach the next stage after a few hundred of years

but things happened a lot sooner

" Lennart stepped forward. "We have a few theories as to why that happened

but we would like to hear the explanation from you."'

"'You already know the answer

" Leon said. "The corpses of monsters that appeared one year ago were being sent by the guys who want to use the human race. My zombie snake got killed by them

so you can imagine how powerful they are."'

'"Yes

but… where are they? We only fought dragons so far

" Lennart frowned.'

'"My… partner and I dealt with four of them

" Leon hesitated in using Ilyana's name. "Fighting with them here on Earth would be catastrophic

so we made sure to take the battles to somewhere else where we wouldn't be bothered or cause the deaths of bystanders."'

'It looks like Gisela had become quite the muscle-head as well

since he didn't look that interested in details. Lennart could understand and imagine how they did that

but Tom seemed a bit suspicious of it. It couldn't be helped

if the enemies were as troublesome as Leon made them to be

they were supposed to have noticed some signs of them

but they didn't. To solve that problem

Leon decided to use Skill Bestowal and give them Mindscape Transportation.'

'"With this skill

you can forcefully transfer the consciousness of most beings to a dimension inside your head

" Leon explained. "You can also make time move faster inside that dimension

so you can imagine the possibilities of using this skill and time magic at the same time. However

if you move your consciousness

your body will be vulnerable. Only use that when you have someone trustworthy to watch over your bodies. I guess using this power to help other survivors will help you guys deal with those who are complaining as well."'

'In the end

Leon thought about telling them how to make spirits evolve

but he gave up on it. He didn't know if his enemies had that kind of knowledge

but they could learn if Leon talks too much. It was a pity

but humans would have to have only lesser spirits.'

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'Leon thought of giving that knowledge to his friends via Telepathy. He could trust them. However

even if he could

his enemies could still use skills like Mind Reading to obtain that kind of knowledge.'

'Regardless

Leon used Telepathy for something else

to them for the humans he could trust

and then Leon would give them the power of the spirits first. However

even his friends could trust them. Leon would have to access their memories in order to confirm that they weren't spies from the harvesters. Leon also passed that message to Hector

Amanda

and Maya.'

'"Well

I guess this is it…" Leon said and prepared to leave. "If you guys need train some recruits

I can send some monsters here. Although they will be summoned monsters

you guys can still obtain coins from defeating them."'

'"Yes… that will help a lot

" Gisela frowned. "We are counting on you."'

'Gisela seemed less tense while Leon was around. Meanwhile

Tom looked at him

still expecting to be backstabbed

and Lennart could only see Leon for his uses. Those two had quite the nerve… but Leon could only shrug at their behavior. Trust can't be built overnight or with the gift such as power and knowledge.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Holy Storm.'

'Cost: 2000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Holy Rush.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Holy Torrent.'

'Cost: 3000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Vortex of Light.'

'Cost: 5000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Before heading to Japan

Leon assimilated his memories… and he couldn't help but wonder why the hell suddenly Rem forced his replica to learn so many light magic spells when he wasn't done absorbing the skills and battle experience from the shadowy bastard.'

'Most likely

it was stabilizing things in Leon's skill list… Rem was weird

but it looked he didn't want to see Leon having fewer spells related to his elements than in comparison to darkness. Having more or fewer spells of a given element wouldn't change a thing for Leon

but he decided not to complain about it… his spirits were weird

after all.'

'Although Leon's sense of time was starting to get weird thanks to Teleport

he decided to ignore the fact that sometimes he was in the middle of the day

and two hours later

he was in the middle of the night.'

'Regardless

Japan seemed to be still fine even though its walls were destroyed in several parts. Once Leon arrived in Tokyo

he finally noticed that the population increase a lot there. Protect the citizens would be easier if they put their forces in a single place

and that was why the population moved to Tokyo.'

'"Well

now… where are those two?" Leon pondered and then used Clairvoyance.'

'It was 09:00 AM

so Leon didn't expect to see Yuki and Ren in some unexpected circumstances. Fortunately

or maybe

unfortunately

Yuki was just sitting on her throne and sleeping. On her right side

Leon could see Ren sleeping while standing.'

'"That guy takes his work ways too serious…" Leon sighed.'

'Given that they were fighting every single night against the dragons

it couldn't be helped that they were sleeping at such time. Unfortunately

Leon had many things to do

so he couldn't wait for them. So

he just appeared in the middle of the throne room. As expected

the very moment he appeared

Ren and Yuki opened their red bloodshot eyes and grabbed their weapons.'

'"Oh… it is only you

" Yuki said after a long sigh.'

'"This will be quick. Soon enough

you will return to your snoring

" Leon said.'

'Although they hesitated in letting Leon touch their heads

Yuki and Ren couldn't do anything if Leon wanted to explode their heads. They understood that after they received a fraction of the power of the spirits

and they were fully aware that Leon had more powerful spirits than the ones they had.'

'Regardless

both of them still frowned when they received Mindscape Transportation. They recognized the skill since Leon used them

but they couldn't believe that they would be able to use it. They couldn't believe in the cost of such a skill either.'

'"Since you are the Empress

most jealous individuals can't protest about your power

" Leon said. "But this spell will be useful to deal with them…"'

'Leon didn't want to repeat himself

so he just used Telepathy and told them what they needed to know. Although Leon didn't feel all that distance from Ren and Yuki anymore

he quickly left the place once he told them that eventually

he would summon monsters to help their recruits.'

'"I finish things here much quicker than I expected…" Leon rubbed his chin. "Although they aren't as cold as before

it was a bit too much to hope for that they would be as casual just like before."'

'Regardless

Leon used Teleport and returned to Ilyana's world

and immediately

he began to feel the effects of his power. Leon's body suddenly started to feel heavier than usual. He was also even having a hard time breathing.'

'"What is this…" Leon said

surprised.'

'"This is what happens when the difference in the quality of the mana between your body and the planet is too far apart

" Ilyana answered via Telepathy. "If you deactivate the skills you are using right now

you will feel better. Otherwise

you will have to deal with that."'

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'In the end

Leon decided to keep his skills active and deal with those annoying feelings. It was much better than wasting time

in reality

accessing the memories of the shadowy bastard.'

'"Are you feeling this too?" Leon asked

visibly surprised. "Come to think of it… How can you exist in this world? I'm pretty sure your power is much higher than mine. So

you should be in the sixth stage of the assimilation."'

'"As long as you keep your power at a minimum level

you can ignore this rule to some extent

" Ilyana explained. "That being said

it isn't something I would recommend since you feel even worse than you are. Besides

recovering my usual power takes some time

and that makes me vulnerable for a short while."'

'It was something risky

but the benefits were quite good… Regardless

after giving his report

Leon asked Ilyana if she could send some of her monsters to Earth. The connections between those worlds had disappeared

but Leon would use his magic to send those months to Earth if he had to. He needed to train those spells

after all.'

'"Very well

I don't think will help them a lot

but I will do that for you

" Ilyana nodded.'

'The list of things Leon owed to Ilyana was increasing again

but at this point in time

there was no reason to worry about that. As long as he deals with other small fry harvesters and saves her some time

eventually

his debt would be paid.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Lightning has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Magma Spear has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Pillar has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"Mmm… it looks like my replica is finally having some difficulties finding memories of new spells

" Leon rubbed his chin. "Just absorbing the skills using Skill Absorption would be easy

but I need to see if that guy had any useful information."'

'Just learning all the skills the shadowy bastard had wasn't enough

and since Leon could level up his own skills by accessing his memories

those chances were too good to lose. Unfortunately

even though his replica had read two hundred years' worth of memories

he didn't find anything useful. That guy only played with other people's lives for quite a while and then turned into zombies when he got tired of them.'

'"Although he learned spells like Mind Absorption and Mind Melding

he didn't learn Mindscape Transportation…" Leon frowned. "I guess a bastard like him wouldn't have the patience to save so many coins."'

'There was also the fact that he didn't have access to something like Ilyana's vault. Still

considering that he lived for thousands of years

the shadowy figure could have learned if he had put the effort in the right areas instead of tormenting people and dooming worlds.'

'Since assimilating the experience of when the shadowy bastard was practicing his spells was quite easy

Leon decided to use that opportunity to train his spells as much as possible. It was much better and convenient than thinking of looking for new spells

after all. So

he did that without a hint of hesitation.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Arrow has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Punch has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Although obtaining new status points became even easier

Leon felt like he was being pushed down to the deepest of the ocean of magma the more he allocated those status points. His body was getting strong

magically speaking… but it looked like that planet was beginning to repel his very existence.'

'"Although planets aren't sentient beings

they can understand that creatures like Ilyana and me are harmful

" Leon nodded to himself. "Our presences alone are enough to harm the planet

so it can't be helped that we are being treated like viruses."'

'Leon wasn't as strong as Ilyana

so he couldn't afford to find methods to decrease the weight of his existence

so he could only endure it. Regardless

now that his replica could train one thousand times faster in that mindscape

Leon saw himself without anything to do. He was using Mana Magnetism

and other spells were active

but that was too damn boring. To make matters worse

he already learned most of the things he wanted to learn.'

'"Time magic

Telekinesis

Gravity

Manipulate Space

absorb mana from the ambient

summoning magic…" Leon muttered. "I already learned most of the things I wanted to learn. Now what?"'

'The only thing Leon could think of to learn that would help him was to how to bring people back from the dead

but he didn't want to step on that territory. Leon wanted to think that his parents

Makoto and Darya

were in a better place

but if they weren't and tried to bring them back

things could go very wrong. Instead of the people he knew

he would bring back beings that couldn't be recognized as humans anymore…'

'Since that kind of thought was too dangerous

Leon forced himself to forget that idea. He was determined not to become like his enemies. However

the more powerful he got

the harder it was becoming to maintain some principles.'

'"Power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely…" Leon muttered.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Before Leon could notice

his life had become that… a life filled with light blue screens. Since his replica was doing a good job assimilating the memories of the shadowy bastard

every time he received his memories

blue screens would pop out endlessly. To make matters worse

those screens would only disappear once Leon learns the entire content. After Leon reads all the blue screens

it was time to reaccess his replica memories… and the whole process would repeat itself.'

'"Now I understand why Ilyana is silent most of the time

" Leon nodded to himself. "In the end

status points are more than welcome

but unfortunately

this isn't a job that I can outsource."'

'Although it was troublesome

it was something that Leon could solve quite easily… he just had to delete the memories of him receiving those notifications. That solved the problem of his mental tiredness

but now Leon felt like his days only had one or two hours.'

'"Well

whatever

" Leon shrugged. "This is something I have to endure until I deal with the bastards that are watching Earth. Besides

it is much better getting stronger at this speed than worrying about of increasing the efficiency of my training."'

'That being said

Leon eventually had to stop his training because it was time to receive the word from his friends. It was time to see those who deserved the power of the spirits

and the better moment to do that was when the candidates were sleeping.'

'After using Telepathy and talking with his friends

Leon received a list of one hundred fifty-five people who Hector

Lennart

and Ren believe that they were trustworthy

and that was just the first list… In the end

to save time

Leon summoned three replicas and made them head to Earth. He had to postpone his training in order to have enough mana to maintain three replicas

but it couldn't be helped.'

'Considering that his replicas also had to use mana to access the candidates' memories

things didn't get easier for Leon. Fortunately

his replicas finished the job in a single morning. They didn't find any weird or suspicious memory among that group. They also didn't find signs that their memories had been altered.'

'"I guess after fighting for so long

the chances of them having spies near them is quite low…" Leon rubbed his chin. "Still

I can't lower my guard."'

'Time was of the essence

so after his replicas returned

Leon himself went to Earth and gave a part of the spirit's power to those 155 people. Using so much mana without leveling up a single skill was kind of annoying

but it was all for the future of the human race. It certainly wasn't a waste of time.'

'"You sure like to waste time with useless actions

" Ilyana said as soon as Leon returned.'

'"My actions are useless… are you speaking by experience?" Leon asked.'

'"Yes

" Ilyana nodded.'

'Receiving such an honest answer was quite troubling

but in the end

giving the power of the spirits to some humans was the only thing he could do without risking exposing himself and Ilyana. According to her

just focusing on himself would make things easier

and Leon was more or less aware that was the case. If he just focuses on himself and obtains absolute power to protect Earth

then it was fine. However

if Leon fails and everyone dies? That kind of worry didn't leave Leon's head. So

in case that happens

the best thing he could do was to give them the power to try to protect themselves. At the very least

if he fails and they die

Leon would be able to think that he did his very best.'

'Regardless

Leon sighed in relief because that kind of way of thinking showed that he was still a human and didn't become a power-hungry monster. For the good or for the worst

he was still a human full of flaws…'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ice Lance has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Thunder Bullet has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Appraisal has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Before Leon could feel proud of that

he resumed his training. For the time being

he had no choice but to rely on Mana Magnetism while increasing its range

but little by little Temporal Variation was becoming more powerful. At the max level

Leon would be able to make use of recovery every six seconds… he also would get old one hundred times faster

but it couldn't be helped. Suddenly

Leon's stomach growled

and he found another flaw of that spell.'

'"I suppose it can't be helped

" Leon shrugged.'

'It wasn't much of a balanced meal

but Leon could always eat blue angel leaves. Then he had an idea

hunt dragons just to eat their meat. Considering their sizes

just one should be enough to fill Leon's belly for a year

but now considering the effects of Temporal Variation

Leon doubted that those would last even a month.'