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"You... how did you manage to learn that skill?" Netro asked finally using his voice. "You used not only one but two skills that can only be used by dragons... how?"

'Leon was quite surprised by Netro suddenly questions. If anything

answering his questions might help him buy some time. However

given that Leon was literally starving to death

he didn't have time for that. Still

did he have any other option? Leon barely damaged Netro

and that was when he was in his half-dragon form. Now

he was about to die of hunger

and his opponent was perfectly fine. Not only that

he wasn't using even a single drop of mana to maintain that form.'

"... Someone once told me that everything was possible using mana

" Leon replied. "The people who tried to learn those spells probably didn't try for long."

'If Leon remembers well

he obtained Dragon Force by eating dragons... but now that he thought about it

he didn't eat all that many for him to start to change physically and become like one. If that were possible

many people on Earth would have obtained that skill by know. They have been hunting and eating dragons for a year

after all.'

"Mmm... there is also the fact that I ate thousands of dragon hearts

but if only that were enough

Ilyana would have attempted to motivate me to eat dragons more."

'In any case... Leon suddenly had a flash of inspiration. He didn't feel like when he was in his humanoid form

but Netro now looked quite delicious... not sexually speaking. He had a lot of meat in his body. The answer to many of his problems was actually in front of him...'

"Eating a half-dragon would make me feel bad since they were humanoids... but that doesn't apply for someone who has the body of a dragon that big."

'Leon had to strike down now while Netro was shocked by his Dragon's Mode. The only where he could secure his lunch was now... if he fails

Netro will understand his intention

and that would never work again. To increase the chances of success

Leon would need the cooperation of Rem and Shadow.'

'"Rem

Shadow... you two need to work together

" Leon talked with his spirits using his mind alone. "At this rate

I will really die of hunger... so I want you two to bring me a piece of that guy's tail."

"At once

Master

" Shadow said.'

"It has been quite a while since you gave me any orders

but I guess this is quite an interesting one

" Rem nodded.'

'Although they were equally powerful and stronger than the other spirits except for Sekundez

they seemed by far the less reliable ones. However

Leon didn't have any choice but to rely on them. If he moves too much

he might collapse of starvation

and besides

the spirits could use the elements and cause as much damage as Leon. They just needed the mana and barely had to concentrate.'

'The very moment Leon summoned them

Shadow used Teleport

and both of them appeared right above Netro's tail. Ren cast a massive Light Lance

and thanks to it

Netro lost the sense of touch on his tail. Meanwhile

Shadow created a Black Hole to damage a small part of it. In the end

they consumed all of Leon's mana

but they also managed to bring Leon the tip of the tail... five kilograms of pure dragon's meat.'

"You bastard... how dare you!" Netro shouted

and the whole planet started to tremble. "How dare you eat the tail of a dragon that is still alive!"

'It looked like that was something impolite to do

but Leon couldn't care less about such costumes

rules

or whatever the hell that was... He was hungry and hungry people don't care about how they managed to get food.'

'As expected

the scales were getting on the way

but even without cooking

the meat was pretty good

and with every bite

Leon felt his energy recovering. He was supposed to feel quite scared while being stared at by Netro's bloodshot eyes

but then again

Leon was too hungry to care about anything else.'

"Shadow and Rem

your job will be to bring me more food

" Leon declared. "He is focusing too much on me

so there will be plenty of chances. He will probably regenerate

and in terms of abilities

he still can overwhelm me

but as long as we buy some time

we will grab the chance when it comes."

"You know... when we mentioned that we wanted to help

we didn't mean it like this

" Celsius frowned.'

'The meat of that dragon was so nutritious that Leon could feel a lot of his mana being recovered naturally. Not only that

even his body was regenerating much faster than usual. That would be a war of attrition like no other

but Leon would use Netro himself to defeat Netro.'

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'To give Rem and Shadow the opening necessary

Leon activated Dragon Mode again and immediately moved toward Netro. Although it wasn't that effective at the low-level

his attributes' bonus was fifty percent more powerful compared to Dragon Force. At level one

that skill increased his status by fifteen hundred points

and each level up was increasing that... No wonder Netro was so much stronger than Leon.'

'Leon shot several Plasma Lances

but Netro blocked them all with a single-arm

and using the other one

he tried to crush Leon. However

by using Telekinesis

Leon managed to stop the beast.'

"What?!" Netro said

visibly surprised.'

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'Even Leon was shocked when he noticed that he managed to stop Necro by using Telekinesis. Although Dragon Mode increased his status

he didn't expect that he still would be able to do that... it didn't make any sense. However

Leon soon understood what had happened. He had used too much mana and much faster than usual... Leon didn't know how

but it looked like Dragon Mode increased not only his status and the resilience of his body but also his ability to control mana because his body was almost as similar as one of the dragons

after all.'

'Leon's ability to expand the scope of Mana Magnetism increased as well

so Rem and Shadow still had enough power to do what Leon asked them. However

the difference of power was still too big... in just a few moments

Netro freed himself from Leon's Telekinesis and opened his mouth to use the skill the dragons were known for... Dragon's Breath.'

'Leon immediately teleported to dozens of kilometers away from there

but surprisingly

nothing came from Netro's mouth. Still

Leon felt the danger for his life. Without a hit of hesitation

he used the few scales he obtained from Netro's body and used them to protect his vital organs. As expected

in the next moment

Leon's body

legs

and arms became dust.'

"Shit... another conceptual attack

but at least I managed to protect the other parts of my body that would need a lot more energy to regenerate."

'It looked like Netro couldn't use the same skill as before

but he had an alternate version that he could use on his dragon form. Although that been a terrific attack

Leon knew that he had a few seconds left before the next one. So

he began to eat the slightly bigger chunk of dragon's tail that Rem and Shadow brought to him.'

"There is an exception for every rule

but as expected... even that guy can't use an attack more powerful than his body can withstand. If he were a mage like me who is only good at destroying things

I wouldn't have survived his dragon's breath

but that also means that he won't go down that fast."

'Regardless

thanks to all that

Leon learned a lot

and he could see firsthand the power of the conceptual attacks

something that he always wanted to see but never asked even Ilyana to show. Not only that

Leon eventually saw that Netro wasn't healing his body... he wondered if the dragon was waiting for recovery to do its magic in order to conserve energy or if he was trying to fool Leon. Nevertheless

after surviving thus far

Leon wouldn't get careless.'

'Still

the last thing Leon needed was to let that battle get longer than necessary. Although that might be good because that would give Ilyana plenty of time to save things on Earth

he couldn't let her expose herself all that much... the final battle would eventually happen

but Leon didn't have to let that happen even sooner.'

"If his breath can damage me no matter what... then..."

'After healing himself

Leon teleported and approached Netro again. It looked like since his body was massive

he didn't want to move all that much in order to conserve his energy

but Leon knew how fast his paws could be. Regardless

he still charged forward because the scales wouldn't last that long. Those probably could withstand one or two more attacks

so time was of the essence.'

'Netro opened his mouth again

but that only gave Leon a chance he had been looking for. After using Teleport again

he appeared inside the dragon's mouth and activated every single skill that increased his strength and then grabbed the Netro's tongue to use as a shield. However

the power of a conceptual attack was even more amazing than Leon had imagined. Even though he was behind the tongue

only his body got destroyed.'

"This isn't over yet..." Leon muttered while he withstood the pain of having his limbs being destroyed down to a molecular level.'

'Even without asking

Rem and Shadow did what Leon wanted and attacked the interior of Netro's mouth. The best option would be to damage his brain

but Leon was fully aware that they wouldn't have enough time. So

they only attacked the same point above Leon. When Netro's mouth was about to close and smash Leon

they finally damaged the dragon's left eye.'

'The pain made Netro close his mouth even faster

but it was already too late when he did. Leon had already escaped

and his eye was already destroyed.'

"Kuh! You bastard..." Netro glared at Leon as if he was trying to kill him with his eyes alone.'

'Leon ignored the bloodlust of that dragon because he was too tired to care about it. He had been close to death so many times in the last few hours that he got used to it. Regardless

Leon didn't waste time and teleported to attack the remaining eye because even the dragon's meat wouldn't let him recover his body fast enough if he continues to get hit by that conceptual dragon's breath.'

'Leon attacked the right eye using several Plasma Lances while Shadow and Rem tried to get another chunk of the dragon's tail

but the beast had been waiting for that. Netro protected its right eye by using both of its paws and swung his tail to smash the spirits. Thanks to Shadow's power

they escape unscathed

but that confirmed that the same trick wouldn't work that easily anymore. It looks Leon would need the power of another spirit.'

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"Sekundez

I will need your help

" Leon declared.'

"Even with my current power and even if use all your mana

I can't stop that dragon for more than a moment

" Sekundez explained. "Although he doesn't have the power to control time

he has plenty of resistances

and as you can see

his mentality is stupidly high. So

the effects won't be that impressive."

"It is alright

" Leon said. "I just need a moment to confirm and try something."

'Using the power of those three spirits at the same time would cost a lot of mana

but Leon didn't have much choice there. So

he focused himself on the opening that Sekundez would give him.'

'Congratulations! The skill Dragon Mode has leveled up.'

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'Leon teleported

and at that very moment

suddenly

Netro's right path was about to crush him while the left one was moving to protect his right eye. However

both of them slowed down for a moment

thanks to Sekundez's power. She created a zone where the time passed slower around the dragon's head and arms.'

'Without wasting time and the precious mana used to do that

Leon created a smaller version of Dark Sun and fired toward Netro's remaining eye. As expected

blood and flesh were spilled in all directions when the time has begun to pass like usual

and now Netro was blind... but he only stayed like that for a mere moment. In the blink of an eye

a light covered his wounds and made those disappear entirely.'

"... At least I managed to make him taster a bit of his own poison

" Leon said after a long sigh.'

'Netro was back to normal

but he was as mad as ever. However

instead of worrying about that

Leon had an idea while observing the blood on Netro's face. As expected

using that to attack the beast directly would work only once. However

as long as he is subtle

Leon could do several other things.'

"He also healed his tail

so I'm back at the beginning... In any case

I have to be fast and subtle. Although he already knew what I did

he won't be able to counter Sekundez's power... probably."

"Hey

Leon. I want to fight

too." Efreet protested. "It is not fair that only Sekundez

Shadow

and Rem can have this much fun."

'"Fun

you say... I can't let all of you fight at the same time. If he uses that conceptual attack on you guys

I don't know if I will react on time and cancel the summoning of all of you."

'Congratulations! The skill Dragon Mode has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'While Leon was fighting for his life

Efreet as carefree as ever. Although that wasn't unexpected

given his usual behavior

Leon still got a little angrier since he was worried about their well-being

and Efreet couldn't care less about it. He looked like of those warriors of TV shows who didn't care about dying... Efreet probably didn't believe in Valhalla and Valkyries

but he certainly was like a Viking who didn't care about dying on the battlefield.'

'Leon charged forward again after getting rid of the semi-destroyed scales that were protecting his vitals. Although Netro's scales were pretty big

Leon would need to get a new set to yesterday

so he couldn't fail this time.'

'After appearing in front of Netro's head again

Leon prepared himself to attack. However

that only was a diversion since he didn't have enough mana to attack and give Sekundez

Shadow

and Rem at the same time. Netro noticed that Leon would repeat the same thing over and over again. So

he decided to crush Leon once and for all.'

'After sacrificing a part of his tail

Netro focused his eyes on Leon while Sekundez used his power to stop him. Despite that

Leon's body still got paralyzed. He didn't know how or why. All Leon knew was that he was screwed. The effects of Sekundez's action ended

and both of Netro's paws fell over Leon.'

'Congratulations! The skill Dragon Mode has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Netro smirked when he raised his paws and saw the semi-crushed body of Leon

but he opened his eyes widely when he saw that same body recovering in the blink of an eye. A moment later

Leon disappeared.'

'"Oh

boy... I thought I was a goner."

'Leon had no idea how he survived

but he would say that it was thanks to Dragon Mode if he could bet on something. That skill changed his body much more than he had expected... so despite his small endurance and mentality

his body was also much more resilient for physical attacks.'

"He really seems shocked..." Leon said while he was eating a part of Netro's tail. "Still

as expected

he has many tricks up his sleeve... I tried to fool him

but he still got me."

'Leon checked his body and the black scales seemed a little bigger and sturdier than before. Although that made him feel worried

those disappeared whenever he deactivated the skill

so it wasn't a real problem... possibly.'

'In any case

it looks like the plan to surprise Netro was working better than expected. The interval of his conceptual attacks was rather irregular

and Leon could understand why by looking at the eye by looking at his eyes. He said it before that it wasn't possible to learn that kind of spell so that was really disturbing him

and that was making his concentration waver.'

'Congratulations! The skill Dragon Mode has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"... This skill is certainly leveling up quite fast. I wonder why..." Leon rubbed his chin. "Anyway

Netro is powerful

but he is a living creature that can still get scared... so I have to show him something even more surprising in order to obtain an opening to kill the bastard."

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"Hey

Sekundez... do you think I can create a stronger version of Dragon Mode?" Leon asked. "I'm pretty sure that will give us the opening that we need."

"Do you want to become a dragon or something?" Sekundez frowned. "That certainly will surprise your enemy

but I doubt that you can buy enough time for that. Dragon Mode certainly increased your skill to use mana

but even though you are not feeling right now

the increased range of Mana Magnetism still is damaging your spirit."

'Leon nodded. He also had to put into consideration the mana he would need to keep his mindscape and replica active. Using both at the same time

Leon wouldn't have enough mana to give to his spirits. Maybe he would obtain a lot more mana if he makes his replica train Temporal Variation. Still

even if Leon uses all the mana he can obtain between the interval of the Netro's attacks

he doubted that the skill would reach the level max.'

'Congratulations! The skill Dragon Mode has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'In the end

Sekundez didn't say that it was impossible

but by the look of things

Leon would have to solve things with the cards he had in hand. In the end

Leon had an idea. It was a bit risky

but it was the original purpose he had learned that technique

to begin with... Leon used Teleport and then appeared right above Netro. In the blink of an eye

he created a massive Light Lance. Being hit by that would be dangerous. So

Netro opened his mouth to attack and used his paws to protect his head. This time

the scales didn't protect Leon

and he didn't even have time to finish his attack... his whole body turned into dust.'

'Suddenly

Netro felt a presence behind him

and he tried to move his tail to smash whoever was there. However

his control over his tail had decreased for some reason... in the blink of an eye

he jumped and made the entire area tremble. A few moments later

he was already flying in the sky. Although that consumed a lot of energy thanks to his massive body

he didn't have any choice. On the place he felt the presence

Netro saw Leon eating a five meters long part of his tail and doing something with a massive sphere of blood.'

"Bastard... he used a replica and drained the blood from my tail to weaken that part

" Netro said

visibly mad for having fallen for such a cheap trick. "He also is draining the vitality from my blood."

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

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'...'

'It wasn't that efficient

but Leon could drain the blood's nutrients and make his body absorb it. That was one of the many uses of Blood Manipulation... even though it wasn't visible. His body had recovered some weight and a lot of life. It was all thanks to the fact that his enemy was a dragon... that being said

Leon has begun to feel like a vampire.'

'"Well

being a vampire is better than being someone like that asshole..." Leon shrugged.'

'Without wasting time

Netro used Full-Recover

and his body returned to normal. However

it was clear that he was also getting smaller

just like Leon

when he was forced to endure the conceptual attacks' damage. Still

it was clear who had the advantage there... Leon had because his enemy was big and

at the same time

a nutritious dragon. In the end

even if Netro defeats him

he wouldn't be able to recover by eating his human body.'

"Well... now what?" Leon said.'

'Before he could think of the next thing

he should do. Leon felt that his life was in danger

but not because of a conceptual attack. Eventually

he felt something entering the range of his Mana Dominion

and it was massive. Leon teleported away from there

only to see a five kilometers large meteor crashing on that planet. The entire world trembled

and a massive wave of dust spread.'

"No conceptual attack this time?"

'Something that big was supposed to kill everything nearby

but since that world was on the sixth stage of assimilation

its effects weren't that powerful. Regardless

Leon couldn't see Netro any longer. Leon didn't imagine he would run away

but it was better to be safe than sorry.'

'After activating Clairvoyance

Leon managed to find Netro still amidst the massive wave of dust. He wasn't moving

and it was back on the ground... which was very weird. Why would he land again when he had a lot more mobility while flying?'

"Perhaps he can't concentrate while moving that massive body of his..." Leon concluded. "Still

what he is really planning?"

'Several seconds have passed since the last time Netro had attacked

so he was supposed to have enough time to concentrate and attack Leon with his indefensible dragon breath... he was preparing something else. Something even more dangerous than his conceptual attacks. Whatever that was

Leon couldn't let him do it. Leon teleported to above Netro and then used Dark Sun. Without a hint of hesitation

he fired toward the beast's face. However

much to Leon's surprise

Netro just accepted the attack and smirked when one of his eyes and a good part of his face's scales got destroyed.'

"What the..." Leon said

visibly shocked.'

'Something terrible was about to happen. It was clear that Netro was plotting something to kill Leon once and for all. He was willing

so even while suffering damage to that extent

after all. He was doing something that needed all his focus... Leon felt shivers when he felt the temperature of the planet rising.'

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'Leon had no idea what was actually happening

but he was quite sure that Netro wouldn't make a suicide attack. Whatever he was trying to do

he had the confidence that he could survive it. Meanwhile

Leon was just a puny woman who had some talent in destroying things and now had two spells that made his body become as sturdy as one of the dragons.'

"This is bad..." Efreet said in a surprisingly serious tone. "I can feel the nearest sun approaching

and it looks like you are attracting it

Leon."

"What? How is that even possible?" Celsius asked

astonished.'

"Netro probably has that kind of power..." Sekundez replied. "He can use Absolute Accuracy

and considering that he chose this planet

he probably had laid some traps in case he ends up bringing some troublesome opponents."

"That doesn't explain anything!" Sylph shouted. "Even if he is a dragon

the power to control a sun isn't something a being made of flesh and bones is supposed to have."

"That would normally be the case... unless that same being created the same sun

" Volt added.'

"Can you do something

Efreet?" Gnome asked.'

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"I can try

but there is too much energy even for me to absorb

" Efreet shook his head. "I don't hate to say this

but it is impossible for me... the sun is gaining speed

and by the look of things

it won't stop unless Leon or Netro are killed."

"Mmm... Well

everyone

" Rem smiled. "It didn't last long

but it was fun to meet all of you."

'The only spirit who didn't take part in that conversation was Shadow

and it was because he was too busy helping Leon to attack Netro's head. Even before his spirits concluded that Leon understood that the only way to stop that attack was by killing the caster

that being said

the more he attacked the head

the harder it was getting to keep damage... as if the exterior of Netro was less resilient and the interior would become sturdier to protect his heart.'

'Thanks to that

Leon noticed why Netro was doing something so reckless. He might as well end up causing the sun to become a supernova. Yet

with a body like that

he was confident that his heart could regenerate his body as a whole. If anything

dragons take a whole of pride in their bodies... Besides

even if it was physically impossible to recover so much organic matter without eating

mana was there to do that thing. To make the impossible possible.'

"Shit... I can't even escape by using Teleport if the sun is gaining speed thanks to this bastard

" Leon bit his lips while he was kicking the Netro's disfigured face. "In fact

he is probably hoping that I will try to escape in order for him to be damaged by the sun."

'Leon could think of only one way to prevent his death; he had to destroy the sun before it gets even closer. However

that idea itself was insane. He indeed got power over the course of four hundred years

but he couldn't just destroy something that probably had been prepared by Netro for hundreds of years in a single moment. Besides

Netro probably considered that someone might try that and took the necessary precautions into account.'

'The temperature of that planet increased so much that Leon saw the thunderclouds disappearing. He only was enduring that because he was now using a Mana Barrier and created a mini atmosphere around himself. Despite

Netro was still lying on the ground as if nothing was happening. Even the dead soil was becoming hot to the point was becoming magma again

but the son of a bitch acted as if he was on vacation in Hawaii. That was insanity

but that insanity gave Leon a good idea... it was good in his eyes

but in the eyes of any sane human

it would be the worst idea ever.'

"Aren't you a brave dragon?" Leon smirked. "Why don't we test ourselves? Do you want to bet how will give up first? I bet my life that you will."

'Although Netro couldn't see anything

he still could feel everything thanks to his mana. Even though he was using all his mana to make the sun he created pursue Leon

he still that much mana left. He wasn't a weak dragon

after all. Despite that

he didn't answer Leon. He could use Telepathy

but he wouldn't answer to his cheap provocations. However

he understood what Leon was planning when he forcefully opened his mouth and then

without hesitating

entered his body.'

"You bastard... what do you think you are doing?" Netro asked

using Telepathy.'

"I'm betting my life that you don't have the guts to continue what you are doing

" Leon replied.'

'Netro's throat was large enough for Leon to fit there

and he could sense a vast amount of pure mana nearby. So

it was clear that Netro's heart was nearby

but it would be impossible for Leon to damage it. However

that was also the safest place he could be at the moment.'

'Health: 74523 +'

'Mana: 312365 +'

'Stamina: 71583+'

'Strength: 227 +'

'Dexterity: 288 +'

'Speed: 390 +'

'Intelligence: 202963+'

'Endurance: 855 +'

'Control: 50000+'

'Mentality: 10000 +'

'Luck: 42 +'

'Recovery: 130000 +'

'Willpower: 545 +'

'Coins: 245

956

254'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Spinning Earth Arrow Lv Max

Magma Arrow Lv Max

Magma Punch Lv Max

Earth Needle Lv Max

Acid Sphere Lv Max

Stone Skin Lv Max

Bronze Skin Lv Max

Steel Skin Lv Max

Mentality Augmentation Lv Max

Enhanced Mentality Lv Max

Perseverance Lv Max

Freezing Mist Lv Max

Thunder Punch Lv Max

Thunder Arrow Lv Max

Flamethrower Lv Max

Air Beam Lv Max

Thunder Ray Lv Max

Water Cannon Lv Max

Mind Armor Lv Max

Ice Beam Lv Max

Eruption Lv Max'

'Passive Skills:'

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"You... are you not afraid of being eaten alive?" Netro asked.'

"If you could do that

you already would have done it

" Leon replied.'

"Hahaha! As expected of Leon!" Efreet laughed. "I did well in following you. If I knew where a human who was this brave

I would have accepted to become your ally without even fighting."

"Your ability to think of crazy plans always surprises me to no end

" Celsius sighed. "If we die here

at least we would die by fighting a worthy opponent."

'Although that was troublesome

Leon decided to cancel Mana Barrier and trust his ability to keep his body working properly

using only mana to create everything necessary. He needed to accept those risks because he also had to drain Netro's mana

and he couldn't do that without touching his body directly.'

"If I return to my normal size

you will be crushed like an insect!" Netro shouted. "At least die while fighting!"

"I don't care about that

just do it

but I don't think you can

" Leon replied.'

'It would be weird if Netro would have that much vitality even if his humanoid form. Just like Leon's abilities increased while he was using Dragon Mode

he also imagined that something similar would happen to Netro. In his half-dragon form

he probably wouldn't be able to make Leon attract a sun... and as expected

he didn't do it. Everything he said was just a bluff.'

'In the end

Leon had to abandon the idea to drain his mana because the bastard could do that too. Leon wouldn't be able to make Netro suffer a little more

but at the very least

he managed to make his life as hard as it could possibly be.'

While Leon was waiting for both of them to be damaged by the sun

he activated Mindscape Transportation and Summon Replica. At the same time

he tried to read Netro's mind

but he couldn't since he was much more powerful than him. So

the only thing Leon could really do was to obtain as much mana as possible by using Mana Magnetism and use it to increase the speed in his mindscape.'

'By obtaining some status points and allocating them into the mentality

Leon would be able to decrease the pain and increase his chances of survival if Netro was crazier than he had imagined. Still

instead of that

Leon bet on finding the answer as to why the son of a bitch was so confident in his survivability.'

'Five minutes later

Leon has begun to feel his insides literally burning. The sun finally hit that planet

and both Leon and the dragon were being hit by it. There wasn't actually an impact

only the pressure and heat... even though he was using all his defensive spells

it barely nullified all the energy emitted by such a star. While being damaged

Leon lost control over his mindscape

and the spell deactivated. In the blink of an eye

he received sixteen years of memories of his replica trying to evolve Dragon Mode or discover why the dragons were such resilient bastards... unfortunately

he didn't discover anything.'

'Both Leon and Netro began to use Full-Recover every single moment to nullify the pain they were feeling

but that didn't end well. Leon couldn't even see what was happening anymore because he couldn't regenerate his eyes faster than the sun could destroy it

but he could feel it. Netro's body

despite being one much stronger

was suffering from the same fate... only one part was still working despite everything properly

it was his heart.'

'Thanks to that

Leon had an idea... it was risky

but it was the only thing he could do to survive. Eventually

even his brain would stop working

and then he wouldn't be able even to use mana. So

he made a copy of all his memories and used Seal... he sealed all of those in his heart

turning it into a magic item. Something like that Leon didn't even know if it was possible

but he did it.'

'After his body begun to evaporate

Leon's heart begun to work on its own... producing blood using Transmute

creating oxygen to make the heart continue work

and using mana to protect itself and repair from all the damage. All that while using Mana Magnetism.'

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

'Cost: 20000 health

20000 mana

and 20000 stamina per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 25000 health

25000 mana

and 25000 stamina per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Dragon Heart.'

'Cost: 30000 health

30000 mana

and 30000 stamina per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'It was insane and hard to believe

but Leon managed to make his body turn into something that could survive using mana alone. It was a pity that he couldn't feel or think anything about that since he no longer had a brain or even a body... only his heart was working. It was impossible to know for how long he stayed like that

but eventually

his body began to regenerate using mana to construct every cell. Full-Recover could do that

but it took quite a while for his heart to obtain all that mana to create everything that was necessary.'

'When Leon opened his eyes again

he saw himself in outer space. It looked like. Fortunately

the sun didn't explode and created a supernova. If that had happened

he probably would be stuck inside of it forever

trying to regenerate itself. His heart finally stopped working on the automatic when his brain finally recalled everything that had happened.'

"I am still me... right?" Leon checked his body

having a hard time confirming that he survived the power of the sun.'

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"You are still you... the same stupid Leon as ever

" Celsius said.'

"I can't believe I just witnessed this..." Sylph added.'

'Since he didn't see what had happened

Leon was confused after hearing those responses from his spirits. However

eventually

Sekundez appeared to explain everything that had happened.'

"You won the bet... Netro didn't have the guts to endure the power of his own sun for long

" Sekundez explained. "He tried to absorb the mana of his own sun in order to heal himself and nullify the pain

but he failed since he couldn't concentrate. In the end

the only thing he managed to do before collapsing was to cancel Absolute Accuracy. So

after a while

the sun returned to its natural place."

'Leon still couldn't believe that

but in the distance

he could see a massive star of fire moving away slowly from where he was. It was kind of impressive that its gravitational field didn't pull him

but he wasn't complaining. Regardless

near him

Leon saw a five-meter-long chunk of meat that was still beating despite not having a body... it was Netro's heart. In the end

he didn't react fast enough

and he became like that. However

he eventually would regenerate. So

it was better to deal with him before that happens.'

"I wonder if Stop can work now

" Leon rubbed his chin.'

'"Yes

it will work

" Sekundez answered. "Without a brain

he won't be able to resist your spells. That being said

he wouldn't be in this state if he had done what you did. It looks like he was one of the strongest of his race

but he didn't reach the true potential of the dragons... but you did."

"I did?" Leon frowned.'

"...While you were in that half-dead state

you learned some skills

" Sekundez hesitated a little bit. "I guess it was because you gave the order for your heart to do several things to keep itself working."

'Leon checked his status screen and found there three skills that had powerful names. Dragon Aura

Dragon Soul

and Dragon Heart... those seemed pretty useful since their effects were similar but much stronger than Dragon Force and Dragon Mode. However

he couldn't help but wonder if he deserved those... he wasn't a dragon

after all. So

why would he have such skills?'

"You learned Dragon Aura when your heart managing to protect itself almost completely from the sun

Dragon Soul you obtained when you managed to recover from the damage received

" Sekundez explained. "You learned Dragon Hearth when you managed to do both of those skills at the same time without dying."

'By the look of the things

his heart worked quite a lot and even activated those spells soon after receiving those notifications. Given the cost of the skills it was indeed impressive that he managed to do all that without dying

but if he didn't remember him learning that...'

"I died..." Leon said.'

"I don't think that is accurate

" Sekundez answered. "If you concentrate

you feel that your heart is different than usual. It is because you sealed a copy of yourself in it. So

you are the same Leon... but your heart will probably take a life on its own if you do something so reckless again."

'Leon could really feel that he was different than before... Although he felt powerful

he also was feeling weird. He just regenerated his body using mana alone

after all. Also

according to Sekundez

it was pretty clear that Leon obtained something like a partial-immortality.'

"You still damaged your spirit a lot to obtain enough mana to survive the sun

" Sekundez said. "So

don't get carried away thinking that you are immortal now."

'Sekundez came and threw a bucket of cold water on Leon... he didn't really need it

but he felt thankful for it. In any case

Leon used Stop to stop the time around Netro's heart

and then he decided to hide it at the same place where he hid the shadowy figure's body... underneath Ilyana's castle.'

'After that

he didn't waste time using Mindscape Transportation and Summon Perfect Replica. He would need all the knowledge his replica could obtain from Netro

so time was of the essence.'

'''Hey

Ilyana

can you hear me?" Leon asked

using Telepathy.'

'It was weird

Leon felt that the message had been sent

but he couldn't hear any answer. Ilyana was alive

but it looked like she was in a situation where she couldn't answer. Leon used Clairvoyance only to find a red aura enveloping Earth. He couldn't actually approach his vision thanks to that aura.'

"What the ... " Leon frowned.'

'The aura had a cube format

so Leon quickly found what created that... eight of the fifteen of Netro's underlings created that. It probably was a field that canceled Teleportation and all other kinds of spells. Those guys knew that someone was working with Leon

so they prepared that trap in order to lock Ilyana on Earth while Netro would deal with Leon.'

'''Well

too bad for them ... "Leon shrugged. "But I survived.""

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ignition Spear.'

'Cost: 1000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 3000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mega Buster.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Rushing Sword.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana and 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

Without wasting time

Leon accessed Netro's memories and found the quickest way to dispel that barrier... he just had to kill one of the eight dragonewts.'

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'Although Leon defeated their boss

he couldn't get carried away since he only managed to do that because he made Netro nervous and not think straight. In terms of raw strength

Leon was still light-years behind Netro

but now that his replica was working on the dragon's memories

he was certain that he would become much stronger.'

"My replica didn't even finish analyzing the memories of the shadowy bastard

and Netro was probably even older

but... Oh

well. I should feel happy now that I have two free sources of skills."

'According to Ilyana

those eight dragonewts were as strong as the shadowy figure. Leon got a bit stronger since that fight

but it still was hard to imagine he could kill in one shot one of them. Although not as powerful as Netro

they were still dragons... In any case

Leon had to kill them as fast as possible in order to free Ilyana. Maybe the dragonewts wouldn't help because they probably need to maintain their positions to keep the spell active

but Leon wouldn � � � t bet on that. Besides

even if that were necessary

Leon would bet that those goons could also create replicas of themselves if he could.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Heaven's Wrath.'

'Cost: 4000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Red Lotus.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'
'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Infernal Sword.'

'Cost: 3000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon hoped that his replica would have learned how to use Absolute Accuracy

but things wouldn't be so simple as expected. He also could order his replica to absorb the skill

but then if he does that

Leon would miss several pieces of information not so deeply related to that skill. So

it was better to avoid that.'

'In the end

Leon decided to fool his enemies instead of crushing them. He didn't have time

and he certainly didn't have the spell to kill one of them in a single moment

after all. So

after using Transform

Leon assumed Netro's appearance and approached one of the dragonewts. Leon couldn't say or tell who was among them the easiest one to fool

but he picked the one who had the less mana of the group. Perhaps that was the youngest

it was hard to tell

and Leon had to bet on one of them anyway.'

"Oh! Lord Netro!" A red dragonewt said

a little bit surprised. "You took your time defeating that creature

but as expected

despite your worries

he didn't cause many problems for you."

"Yes... how is the plan going?" Leon asked.'

"Everything is going according to the plan

" The red dragonewt replied. "The humans are facing half of our numbers and being helped by the unknown being you mentioned. However

they didn't notice that our trap is slowing down their notion of time."

"Good... it is time for us to..." Leon said

but then he stopped when the barrier has begun to tremble.'

'Just like the dimension created by Sekundez

that barrier created by the group of dragons begun to crash like glass

and then suddenly Leon felt Ilyana's presence growing stronger... he also could feel that she was super mad

probably because she fell for the enemies' trap.'

'In the end

the barrier disappeared completely when Leon felt that one of the dragonewt had died. The poor bastard didn't last even a second facing Ilyana. Leon shrugged and grabbed the red dragonewt by the head before exploding it using Dark Sun.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Again

in the blink of an eye

two dragonewts died thanks to Ilyana. The others tried to run

but Ilyana and Leon gave chase to them. It was a pity killing the enemies that could have so many spells and useful information

but they couldn't risk capturing them when their numbers were high. They fooled Ilyana once so that they couldn't underestimate them.'

'They caused quite a bit of trouble since they were dragons

and they could use all their power just to run away

but Leon and Ilyana ended up killing all of them before they could even leave the solar system. Leon killed only two while Ilyana killed six... Leon even managed to see Ilyana grabbing one of the dragonewts by the neck. Then the creature simply became dust after that... as expected

Ilyana also knew some conceptual attacks.'

'''So

you actually fell for the enemies' trap

" Leon said using Telepathy. "That is really unexpected..."

"... This wasn't supposed to ... " Ilyana hesitated

and that made Leon frown. "It is nothing... I dropped my guard."

'Leon decided to check his friends' presence just to be sure

and they were still fighting against the eight remaining dragonewts. No... they were fighting against only three. His friends looked pretty tired

but they were very much alive. Leon could tell that many humans died

but they still managed to hold on to their own without his help.'

'It was risky

but Leon decided to let his friends finish their own job. They would need that kind of battle experience if they wanted to keep growing physically and mentally. Besides

it was clear that those dragonewts couldn't use conceptual attacks or attack others with suns. In the end

the three remaining dragons died fighting a few days later because they knew they wouldn't be able to escape while Leon and Ilyana were watching.'

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'For the first time in quite a while

Leon felt refreshed. He thought that he would feel empty after having his revenge

but much for his surprise

that hadn't been the case. He defeated a being that caused so many problems for him and caused so many human deaths that he actually felt proud of it. However

Leon only avenged himself... now

he had to avenge his parents' death by helping Ilyana kill the woman who summoned the dragons.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Steel Wall has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Mmm... learning new spells is being more difficult than I thought

" Leon rubbed his chin. "I guess it is easier to become more powerful. Just level up the skills one already has instead of looking for new and more useful ones."

'That kind of thought was exactly that that made Leon win the battle against Netro

so he had to learn from his opponent's mistakes and not repeat them. So far

considering the memories he obtained from Netro

it looked like his life was a process of endless grinding. Netro was quite certain that his conceptual attacks were everything that he needed to. He just leveled up all the skills that had a low cost up to the max level in order to increase their raw power.'

'In any case

even though he didn't want to repeat that

Leon needed to learn the secret behind Netro's conceptual attacks

but it was getting hard for his replica to find those memories. Although he could just try to replicate the memories and feelings Netro had in the middle of the battle

it would be better if Leon finds the first memories related to that... that way

Leon would be able to customize it.'

"Maybe I'm focusing too much on that... I didn't even learn the trick that guy used against me

after all."

'By that guy

Leon was talking about the human who took the rat-men with him. That guy could use Anti-Mana Field in a way that Leon couldn't do it and forcefully ignore all magic defenses. Leon was quite certain that he could learn it if he makes his replica train that for a while

but then again... all he mana he could gather was being used to speed up the passage of time inside his mindscape.'

"The final battle is approaching... but I guess I can talk with my friends for a little bit and see how they are holding up

" Leon muttered.'

'Just a few hours had passed on Earth since the end of the battle

so Leon would probably arrive while his friends buried the humans who died. It wasn't a good time to visit

so he decided to use Telepathy.'

"Hey... how are you guys?" Leon asked after creating a link between his

Hector

Amanda

and Maya's mind.'

"Leon?" Hector asked.'

"Leon?" Amanda asked.'

"You..." Maya said

visibly annoyed.'

'For a moment

those three frowned because they didn't expect to hear their voices like that. However

given that Leon had managed to create a group call using Telepathy

they eventually accepted that... even though they had never seen someone using Telepathy like that.'

"Sorry

I couldn't help because I was busy dealing with someone who caused a lot of problems to me in the past

" Leon said.'

"Mmm? You didn't help us?" Hector asked

surprised. "Then

who he healed our people?"

"It was the person who is working with me

" Leon replied. "That person is quite shy

but an ally. Although maybe it is not the time to say this

given that many died

but I have to congratulate you on surviving this battle. That being said

only a part of the problem had been solver... eventually

more troublesome individuals will come to Earth. So

you guys will need to keep training hard."

"Is that so..." Hector said and then sighed.'

"May I ask about what you were doing while we were fighting for our planet?" Maya asked

still visibly annoyed.'

"Maya..." Amanda sighed.'

"Sure... it was the guy who summoned me to another world

" Leon replied. "He was the leader of the group of dragonewts

so it took me some time to defeat him... In fact

I almost died hundreds of times."

'''So

that really happened..." Amanda said.'

'''Well

for the time being

we are fine

but..." Leon said.'

'''No

I was talking about something else

" Amanda said. "A few days ago

Yuki asked about the registers that we have on human history since the monsters appeared. We indeed had some documents

and we sent those to her

and while he also asked for the copies of their registers... there we found information about you and how you suddenly disappeared."

"Well... let's not dwell on the past too much

" Leon said. "Just celebrate this victory while you can and prepare accordingly because not even my ally can tell when the next battle is going to happen. I can't say that the shadowy figure or Netro were the ones pulling the strings of all the things that caused so many deaths on Earth

so keep improving is a must."

'In the end

Leon decided to stop there because it was evident that they were tired and were forcing themselves to be amicable enough

considering that they saw many people dying due to the dragonewts.'

'Regardless

Leon still had to pass the message to the others despite that because things would only become even more difficult in the future... they might die in the next battle. Still

it was clear that humanity was one step closer of getting free from the greed of the harvesters.'

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'After talking with Hector

Amanda

and Maya

Leon used Clairvoyance to see their camp's situation. Unfortunately

the camp was semi-destroyed. Fortunately

Leon found a staircase that would lead to an underground shelter

and there he found the civilians. They didn't suffer any casualties

thanks to another magic barrier. Half of the population was made of civilians

but the other half had lost twenty percent of their forces... so the next battle would be much more difficult.'

"Maybe I should develop some spell to protect the soldiers directly..." Leon rubbed his chin. "Although I can cover their bodies by summoning Mana Armor. That would decrease how much mana I would be able to use in a fight. Besides

protecting them from every single damage might make them get too lax."

'Leon couldn't let that even to his friends. They were diligent

but every human would get reckless once they recognized that their lives weren't in danger. Still

Leon was aware that in the next battles

many more people would die...'

'Protecting his friends was a must

not for the sake of the human race

but for Leon's mental health. Still

given that he couldn't go too far or everyone would also feel suspicious about it

Leon decided to ask Ilyana for a spell that could protect his friends from the death but not from ordinary wounds.'

"... I know the spell you are looking for

but it is not that practical to use

" Ilyana said. "In order to make full use of your mana pool

it isn't the perfect thing... and it also dangers your life."

"How much?" Leon asked.'

"I didn't have to fight against Netro

and thanks to that

my identity remained hidden

" Ilyana said

and then she pointed her index finger toward Leon. "You can consider this a reward for your hard work. I can think of several other spells that might help you

but you won't accept more than this one considering your usual behavior.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Protector's Realm.'

'Cost: 10000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'It was kind of obvious at this point in time that Ilyana would have Skill Bestowal... Regardless

Leon obtained the full knowledge and effects of the skill in a single instant. It was exactly the thing he needed. All the magic or physical damage that might kill his friends would be directly sent to him. However

his own defenses would be able to nullify the damage. So

Leon would be able to protect himself using Mana Armor or even Reflect Armor. Still

the cost of mana would be even more absurd than just summoning those defensive spells on his friends. The only real good thing about that spell was the mana consumed to keep the spell active. The cost wouldn't increase or decrease even if Leon decides to protect one or ten thousand humans. However

the limit of humans he could protect was determined by the skill level

and it would only be limitless once it reaches the max level.'

'''Well

considering how much mana I will have to spend protect myself and my friends from deathly attacks

I guess my best option is to make my replica master Temporal Variation

" Leon concluded.'

'...'

'Congratulations! The skill Temporal Variation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Temporal Variation has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Thunder Wall Lv Max has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'In the end

Leon had to slow down the analysis of Netro's memories

but at least now he could use the effects of recovery every six seconds... at the cost of his lifespan.'

"I still can't believe you really intend to use that spell

and I actually taught you that..." Sekundez said and then sighed

and that was a first.'

'"Well

it is not a bad deal

right?" Leon forced a smile. "I will sacrifice my lifespan

but that will grant me enough mana to make my friends live for much longer. This time

I won't fail in protecting those I care about."

'Thanks to the effects of recovery and Temporal Variation

Leon would be able to recover a little more than twenty-two thousand mana points per second. The number of things he could do would increase a lot

and he wouldn't have to kill his spirit by using Mana Magnetism slowly... he would only use that during battles when he doesn't have any other choice.'

"Leon's life is like the most powerful and shining candle I have ever seen..." Efreet said in a calm tone

which was also a first. "A candle that shines brighter than any sun

but it doesn't last that long."

"How poetic... Well

I can't deny that" Leon shrugged.'

'Leon only lived half of the time his friends lived

but socially speaking

he didn't experience not even ten percent of the things they did. Most of the time

he fought alone

after all. Most of the time

he could only rely on himself... Although he took a lot of pride in surviving everything he survived so far

he couldn't help but wonder if things could have been a little better if he could have relied on someone.'

'Regardless

Leon had to level up the Protector's Realm as fast as he can. So

he visited his friends while using Invisibility and then activated the spell on them one after the other. Thanks to the stupid cost of the skill

it was leveling up like crazy. So

in the blink of an eye

all his friends were now under his protection.'

'Congratulations! The skill Protector's Realm has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'Congratulations! The skill Protector's Realm has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'..'