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'After making some tests

Leon confirmed that Protector's Realm didn't interfere with the bonus he received thanks to Lion's Pride. Maybe things could change in the middle of a battle. He would only see that when the time comes.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana and 1000 stamina'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Illusion Stinger.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Odin's Spear.'

'Cost: 20000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 3000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Azure Finale.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"Finally

my replica is obtaining some results…" Leon nodded. "Still

why the hell an alien creature would have a spell called Odin's Spear? I'm pretty sure that is a myth

and I doubt that story would have been made outside Earth… Anyway

it looks like now I can use Railgun without having the proper weapon."'

'It was a bit too late for that given that Leon had far more powerful and convenient spells

but it was another skill that would grant him many status points

so that was just a side note.'

'"It seems that you are not progressing fast enough in accessing their memories

" Ilyana said

using Telepathy. "I have a feeling that she will come soon

so I think I will help you with that."'

'Leon frowned when he heard that

for the first time

Ilyana said something that Leon was involved but didn't ask for his opinion. She wouldn't take a no for an answer

so Leon worried about what he should do. Still

deny her help and accept the risk that might not be strong enough to deal with the woman who caused his parents' death or just nod and say yes?'

'Lion's Pride already was at the max level

so Leon doubted that he would lose some levels. Besides

Ilyana would just offer him the mana that he needed to increase the speed of the passage of time inside his mindscape.'

'"I guess it is fine… but do you think you are powerful enough to defeat her?" Leon asked.'

'"I am

" Ilyana glared at Leon.'

'For the first time

Ilyana looked at him angrily… Leon was experiencing many things as of late

and he couldn't help but wonder if that was a bad or good sign. Regardless

Ilyana touched Leon's hand and nodded

and then in the next moment

he used all his mana to speed up Mindscape Transportation. Despite that

Ilyana quickly transferred him to the same amount of mana. Thanks to all that

in reality

one second was equal to four days in that mindscape.'

'It didn't take long for Leon to feel that numbness again. Ilyana probably noticed that

but she didn't stop transferring his mana onto him. So

the only thing Leon could really do was to endure.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Electric Rope has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'After a single minute

Leon had to stop and received those notifications alongside his replica's memories. As expected

having a lot of mana was really convenient. Despite having spent so much

Ilyana didn't feel even a bit tired… her reservoir of mana was much larger than Leon's.'

'"I still need to keep increasing my intelligence in order to make my attacks more powerful

but it looks like it would be wiser to increase my mana and make time pass even faster in that dimension. Still

considering the future

increasing recovery also would help a lot… I wonder what Ilyana would recommend if I ask her about this."'

'Before Leon could ask or even think of a solution himself

he soon activated Mindscape Transportation again when Ilyana touched his hands. Most likely

if she didn't give her opinion about his status until now

she wouldn't say anything if Leon asks. At best

he would hear an 'it is up to you."

'In the end

Leon didn't find the perfect solution

but he decided to compromise and increase all those statuses equally. If he finds the perfect answer in the future

at the very least

he would feel thirty-three percent less depressed by making a possible mistake.'

'Regardless

it was a pain in the ass to keep reading all those notifications

but Leon had no choice but to in order to allocate the status points obtained. Still

he doubted that he would have to endure that situation for so long… Although he couldn't feel any after-effects for using so much mana for so long

even Ilyana wouldn't make Leon train like that for so long. At least that was what Leon thought… he never imagined that he could be so wrong.'

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'"Hey… this is enough. I'm tired already

" Leon said

almost begging.'

'"No

this isn't enough…" Ilyana said forcefully. "You will keep doing this until I feel satisfied."'

'Although those words might someone think that they were doing some adult activities

Leon and Ilyana were just training. Actually

only Leon was training

and Ilyana was providing him her mana.'

'Although Leon was thankful for the help

Ilyana didn't even give him time to delete the unnecessary memories of his replica training. So

in a single hour

Leon obtained the knowledge and experiences of almost forty years… he felt like his head was about to explode. However

thanks to that

he also obtained fifty thousand status points.'

'That pace was insane

but considering that Leon was literally sacrificing his lifespan to have access to more mana

those experiences were the only things that made him feel that he was actually living more than he could. Thanks to all that

Leon had an idea… but he hesitated in asking both Ilyana and Sekundez.'

'"Hey

Sekundez… I was wondering…" Leon said.'

'"Spit it out

" Sekundez said.'

'Leon frowned. Sekundez was really in a bad mood for some reason. Thanks to that

Leon felt even less compelling to ask it.'

'"Is there exist a spell that can grant me to steal the time of someone?" Leon asked.'

'"I won't teach you something like that

" Sekundez answered without a hint of hesitation. "Although you have the power to manipulate time to some extent and you can eradicate the life of someone

stealing their time is something different and despicable."'

'"I was just asking. No need to get so worked up

" Leon shrugged. "Still… can you explain why that killing is acceptable and stealing time isn't?"'

'"When you kill someone or something

the spirit of that living being will still exist and might 'live' in another plane of existence

" Sekundez explained. "However

when you steal the time of someone

you actually damage the spirit. If you damage the spirit of someone too much

the spirit will be destroyed

and the spirit won't have that chance.'"

'Leon started to wonder if it wasn't fine just to destroy the spirits of all assholes in the universe. At the very least

Leon thinks that the woman who summoned the dragons to Earth

the shadowy bastard

and Netro deserved that. But that was just his hatred for them speaking. Besides

it was impossible to know what will happen to their spirits. There was a chance that they would reincarnate into different people without their previous memories and thus become decent beings

but then again

Leon wondered if they deserved that chance.'

'Considering that Ilyana also had a Sekundez working with her

she probably knew that. So

it would be a waste of time asking her about it such a thing. In fact

Leon began to worry about his state of mind

considering something like that wasn't one of the things he would do in the past. Now

he was even using two half-dead monsters and draining their memories just to get stronger. What would he do next if he keeps losing his sense of morals?'

'Congratulations! The skill of Health Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Stamina Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Power Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ability Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Velocity Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Before Leon could think of what might happen next if he keeps losing his sense of morals

Ilyana made another break. Probably because she noticed that Leon was thinking about something troublesome

his concentration was wavering

and he was using all his mana to increase the speed of his mindscape

after all.'

'Regardless

Leon forgot about that because he finally reached a point where he mastered all the skills he obtained before he met Ilyana. At least the active ones… That was quite the memorable mark

but that only made Leon realize how he was on a never-ending journey. While those who want to get stronger still live

he would never have peace. Humans wouldn't have peace… they had to conquer the peace they wanted

and for that

they needed power. As if that wasn't the only thing Leon and all humans wished for themselves for the past nine hundred years.'

'"If I were you

I would stop right there

" Ilyana said. "Second-guessing yourself won't end well considering the opponents we have to deal with.'"

'"So

you noticed that

huh

" Leon said.'

'"Obviously

you think that I didn't think the same things you did hundreds of times?" Ilyana frowned. "You and I became part of the system because were weak… the system is a tornado that sucks everything that is too weak to fight against it. Now

we have only three choices

deal with the enemies as they keep appearing

die

or find the creator of the system and kill him."'

'The options were extremely limited

but Leon knew that Ilyana was right. In the end

she also thought about the creator of the system several times

but since she didn't mention it

Ilyana probably didn't know what was their end goal either.'

'Considering how powerful that being could be and know intelligence

they managed to create something that might happen as a natural phenomenon and in several worlds. Leon could even begin to imagine was the end goal was… but considering how much death and suffering the system cause

Leon knew one thing. No matter what it was

it wasn't worth causing so much pain and destruction.'

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'It took him quite a while

but Leon's replica finally found some spells that he didn't know yet. At that point in time

sighing while observing the spells' cost wasn't even something Leon would consider to do anymore.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ignis Crusher.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 4000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Brutal Cutter.'

'Cost: 3000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Burning Phantom.'

'Cost: 2000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Plasma Burst.'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"Although I'm thankful for learning these… it is kind of depressing that they aren't that useful like time magic or projectiles made of plasma

" Leon frowned.'

'In any case

thanks to all the mana Leon was receiving from Ilyana. He could train several spells without sacrificing his lifespan or damaging his spirit. That was a bit way too convenient considering that Ilyana didn't try to stop him from doing so until now… but maybe she could see something using Foresight that Leon couldn't yet. Although Leon used that spell to learn other spells

Ilyana was so powerful that he could afford to use it in order to find when the opponents would strike.'

'That being said

if that was really true

it was weird that she didn't see the attack of the shadowy figure or the trap of the dragonewts. Ilyana wasn't the type to make simple mistakes

so there was only one explanation.'

'"Although we can't see that using Foresight

the future is always changing. In the end

that skill is only useful when things were stale and only to see a small part of the future…"'

'Regardless

Ilyana was so experienced in using mana that she did know exactly for how long Leon had to rest after receiving such vast amounts of mana. Besides

with his current ability to recover mana

Leon could keep Mindscape Transportation active at a certain speed even while he rests. To break the balance of the status he wanted to increase

Leon would definitely focus on letting him train for longer periods of time while using mana without messing with his body. Still

until now

intelligence

mana

and recovery had the same effects on that problem. So

it wouldn't be now that Leon would get rid of that worry.'

'Congratulations! The skill of Magic Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Tolerance Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Dominance Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Magic Tolerance Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Restoration Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Determination Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon received so many notifications that he didn't even have time to question why people like the shadowy figure and Netro would have skills like that. They were arrogant bastards that used beings like humans to help them satiate their hunger for power

so it didn't make any sense that they could use massively buffs of an area that could help so many.'

'Still

even if he had time

Leon wouldn't think much about any of that since he was only eager to find all the basic information related to conceptual attacks. He had some ideas in how he wanted to customize those concepts

but it would be hard to imagine if any of what he wanted was possible without knowing the basics.'

'"Conceptual attacks… now that I think about it

I wonder what happened to Netro's spear. I didn't see him throwing it away when he became a dragon

so I can't imagine that thing melting and getting destroyed when the sun almost killed us."'

'Most likely

Netro stored it in some space created by his space magic

and Leon would only obtain it if he uses Mind Control on him. Although that weapon seemed powerful

Leon couldn't imagine that it would become useful in the next few battles. If that were really useful

Ilyana would have asked about it after she heard Leon's report.'

'"It is also a pity that I won't be able to use their spirits and create magic weapons with them…"'

'That was one of the downsides of absorbing the mind and skills of someone. It would make them weaker. So

it was clear that the weapon created using their spirit would be much weaker and have poor effects. Still

that also means that Leon would become much stronger

and his body would become the weapon that he needed. A weapon that wouldn't be easily broken or stolen.'

'Thinking back

Leon couldn't help but frown while he recalled the moments of his first battles. Give that he was just an ordinary average joe

it couldn't be helped that he couldn't fight very well. Still

he had walked quite a long path since the day he killed the first of those weird fish using a small sphere of dirt… until now

the moment where he could create Black Holes and wanted to learn conceptual attacks.'

'Thinking about things like that

Leon understood that he was raising his own death flag

but he did that so many times that he already used to it. Regardless

to achieve his goals

he would have to think about everything he did in the past to find clues that could help him achieve his ultimate goal… and that was something that even Ilyana couldn't imagine.'

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'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Phantom Blade'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 3000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Demonic Breath.'

'Cost: 3000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Although Leon's new skills had powerful names

he couldn't help but sigh while looking at those notifications at that point in time. Doing things right for the sake of status points made him lose some time… conceptual magic wouldn't be easy to learn and replicate since he wouldn't be able to use it just by learning a single spell would need a lot of time to understand it. But even with Ilyana's help

things weren't progressing as fast as he wanted.'

'"In the end

I have to be patient because I also need the battle experience that the shadowy figure and Netro have… Still

they only faced weaklings in hundreds of fears

so perhaps their combat experience won't help me all that much."'

'It looked like Leon would have to trust on his instincts more than anything. He wasn't that smart despite being a mage

so trying to come up with some elaborate plans to defeat enemies much more powerful than he wouldn't be so simple. He was a guy who decided to be his life that his enemy would give up first when Netro decided to smash both of them with the sun

after all. If Leon had any doubts that planning ahead was one of his weak points

he confirmed that after almost dying.'

'Regardless

at that point in time

Leon was quite interested in how much powerful Ilyana was. Still

just using Appraisal wouldn't help him to see her status… Although that would be a rude thing to do

he had to see it in order to have an idea of how powerful the next opponents could be. Of course

asking Ilyana was out of the question. Leon couldn't learn a more powerful version of Appraisal either because Ilyana would know

so he only could trust his instincts to tell him that.'

'Given that Leon now had three hundred thousand mana points and Ilyana still could transfer to him that same amount of mana every second

it was clear that she could recover far more than that. Leon started to wonder how someone could recover so much without risking herself… She certainly wasn't using Temporal Variation

and Leon couldn't feel any signs on her that she was using Mana Magnetism by increasing the scope of that skill to its limits. The only possibilities remaining were…'

'"Her recovery is stupidly high. She has a stock of mana fruits

and several replicas are consuming them somewhere while transferring the energy to her… Or

she captured more than a few harvesters over the years

and now she is using them as batteries."'

'In the end

all three possibilities weren't that acceptable. If Ilyana was just relying on recovery alone and she could recover more than three hundred thousand mana points per second

then that would mean that she has one hundred eight million points in recovery

and that would be more than insane.'

'The second option didn't seem the real one because mana fruits could only restore one hundred thousand mana points even at the max level. A single person wouldn't be able to east that fruit so fast and considering the cost to keep the replicas active. It seemed like a waste of mana.'

'The third possibility seemed like the most possible. Instead of relying on replicas

Ilyana probably found some way to send all the mana of the people she defeated her while keeping them alive. That seemed like a good idea

but it was probably too late for Leon to do that… he wasn't strong enough

so he needed to absorb the minds of his enemies

and that alone would slowly decrease their status

after all.'

'"Haa…. Why my life has to be complicated?" Leon asked after a long sigh.'

'He was saving a lot of time thanks to Ilyana

but thanks to the urgency of the situation

Leon couldn't afford to worry or think of ways to do things in a perfect manner. Given that Ilyana lost many things

it wasn't possible to tell that she created a path to cultivate her power that seemed perfect

but it looked like she did it from an outside perspective.'

'Congratulations! The skill Stone Rain has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ring of Thunder Zone has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Regardless

after allocating the status points he just obtained

Leon started to wonder if there was something else that he could do to become stronger instead of just increasing the numbers on his status screen. Although he lacked experience if compared to Ilyana and the woman who summoned the dragon on Earth

that problem would be solved somewhat thanks to the shadowy figure and Netro… Still

just like the points in his status screen

the fighting experience wouldn't be enough to make Leon reach the level of beings like Ilyana and that woman who had a massive head start from the very beginning.'

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'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Absolute Analysis'

'Cost: 10000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sonic Spike.'

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 2000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"Well

well… it looks like I finally learned a spell that I would use even after making it reach the max level

" Leon said when he received the notification of Absolute Analysis. "Can I use it in you? I bet Absolute Analysis will level up much faster if I use it on someone powerful like you."'

'"Go on

" Ilyana said. "Now that I think about it

you never tried to see my status. I don't know if you were smart or a fool for not trying it before."'

'Leon knew that both possibilities were quite true in their own way. He was smart for trying not to anger someone who was much more powerful than him

but he was also dumb because he never tried to measure how powerful someone who could easily kill him was.'

'Congratulations! The skill Absolute Analysis has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'…'

'In the end

Leon felt like a fool for the asking. He only saw question marks… the only thing he saw on the Ilyana status screen was her name. Despite that

he didn't show anger or anything like it because he leveled up that skill like crazy. Putting such thoughts aside

it was only obvious that Ilyana wouldn't let him see her status. She didn't interact with humans all that much because she didn't want them to become one day her weakness. Leon couldn't believe that she would treat him like her weak spot

but given that she rarely interacted with anyone after the population of her world was wiped out

it could happen.'

'It doesn't matter how much power someone might become. If someone keeps its conscience and greedy for power in check

the only thing they could treasure more than power was their relationships with others. Ilyana said that he wanted his help because he had the potential and suffered just like her

but even though she never showed

it could be that she thought of him more than just a useful ally. But Ilyana still couldn't let such a thing get on her way to her revenge.'

'"Well

better not get ahead of myself…"'

'Leon still could tell that he owed Ilyana much more than before. Although she didn't protect all the humans

she did protect his friends while he had his showdown against Netro. Regardless

since he was too curious about the status he could see by using Absolute Analysis

Leon made his replica use it on Netro. When he received those memories

Leon couldn't help but frown… he obtained the all the information about Netro… name

any relatives that he had

date of birth

local of birth

how old he was… all his status and the full list of the skills he had. However

he could get only the level of those skills by using a little more mana… one hundred points of mana.'

'"It looks like the cost it will only disappear

and truly all the information will be available once this skill reaches the max level."'

'It would take a while for that to happen since his replica was absorbing the memories of Netro and the shadowy bastard in chronological order. Leon wanted to make all his skills reach the max level before the next battle happens

but that was highly improbably. Besides

if the enemies give him time to grow stronger

he would worry quite a bit because that also would mean that they were plotting something. It was crazy

but the sooner the enemy attacks

the less worried he would be.'

'In any case

Leon started to feel weird all of a sudden. His senses were trying to tell him something

but he couldn't tell what since he was too busy training. However

it didn't take long for him to find the source of those feelings… it was Ilyana. It was only obvious that she would look at him since she was sharing with Leon her mana

but she was looking way too attentively… not only that

despite her deadpan expression

Leon could see some droll leaving her mouth.'

'Leon frowned at that; he didn't expect to see a woman drooling so close to him while she was awake. However

much to his surprise

the drool suddenly vanished

and Ilyana's expression became even more neutral than before.'

'"Maybe I imagine things… I can't be that attractive to make her drool while looking at me."'

'After having hundreds of years of life experience in being single

Leon doubted that he could emit pheromones that could make any woman feel attracted to him. Besides

for the good and worse

Ilyana's was his boss. He couldn't dream about his boss when such a massive battle was approaching. Well

at the very least

that made him realize that he still longed for the opposite sex… in some weird sense.'

'Health: 74523 +'

'Mana: 354836 +'

'Stamina: 71583+'

'Strength: 227 +'

'Dexterity: 288 +'

'Speed: 390 +'

'Intelligence: 242153+'

'Endurance: 855 +'

'Control: 50000+'

'Mentality: 10000 +'

'Luck: 42 +'

'Recovery: 180000 +'

'Willpower: 545 +'

'Coins: 245

956

254'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Ice Trap Lv Max

Steel Bullet Lv Max

Steel Arrow Lv Max

Steel Lance Lv Max

Steel Wall Lv Max

Ice Needle Lv Max

Magma Wall Lv Max

Thunder Wall Lv Max

Thunder Lance Lv Max

Electric Armor Lv Max

Electric Rope Lv Max

Thunder Slash Lv Max

Orb of Magma Lv Max

Fire Slash Lv Max

Ice Slash Lv Max

Earth Slash Lv Max

Sunburn Lv Max

Prison of Fire Lv Max

Health Zone Lv Max

Mana Zone Lv Max

Stamina Zone Lv Max

Power Zone Lv Max

Ability Zone Lv Max

Velocity Zone Lv Max

Magic Zone Lv Max

Tolerance Zone Lv Max

Dominance Zone Lv Max

Magic Tolerance Zone Lv Max

Restoration Zone Lv Max

Determination Zone Lv Max'

'Passive Skills:'

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'Although Leon wondered why Lion's Pride was still working even though he was using Ilyana's mana to train

he still tried to learn many things before he couldn't do to the mana consumption. One of them was the Plasma Armor

one hell of a useful skill with all the bonus points of his defensive spells

but none of their restrictions. That being said

given the cost of mana

it would be weird if it had even more restrictions.'

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

'Cost: 10000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 1000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Dark Matter Explosion'

'Cost: 5000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"'To think that I would learn a spell on my own that automatically transform monsters into magic items…" Leon frowned. "It is a bit late to notice that

but I'm pretty insane

aren't I?"'

"'You are not the first person to use that spell

so you don't have to worry about it

" Ilyana said.'

"'Can you guarantee that those who can use this spell aren't insane?" Leon asked. "Rather than that… I was monologuing here; don't jump into the conversations I have with myself."'

"'I guess you are definitely insane…" Ilyana looked away.'

'Regardless

Plasma Armor not only could destroy most magic projectiles but could also increase Leon's defensive status by two hundred points per level and also could damage those who might attack him physically. The other spells were just ordinary ones

so Leon didn't pay much attention to them.'

"'Your body already got used to using vast amounts of mana

" Ilyana suddenly said. "So

you should be able to learn a certain spell."'

"'Are you going to teach me one without asking for my opinion?" Leon frowned. "That is rare…"'

"'We are in a hurry

and we can't afford to lose the next battles

so it is absolutely necessary

" Ilyana said. "This skill won't work if you keep receiving mana from another person. So

use this."'

'Soul Eater'

'It drains all the mana of defeated foes.'

'Mana Stored: 1.000.000.000.000'

'Ilyana suddenly made a soul eater appear out of nowhere and then made it fall over Leon's hands. The amount of mana stored in it was insane

and by the look of things

Ilyana wanted to teach him one hell of a crazy spell.'

'"Learn this spell is easy. All you need is to wish for it with all your might and have a decent source of mana

" Ilyana explained. "Wish to use all the mana stored in the soul eater and at the same time

use Mindscape Transportation

Accelerate

and Summon Replica. The last thing you need to do is to think of a skill you want to level up until the level max."'

'"… What kind of spell is that?" Leon frowned again.'

'"It is called Instant Mastery

��� Ilyana replied. "By using that spell

you automatically create a place inside your head where you can level up any skill up to the max level. The cost of the skill is a bit troublesome

but it is worth the hassle."'

'That was like too good to be true… a spell that could let anyone master other skills instantly? Wasn't that way too overpowered? Then again

Leon had been playing with time for the last months

and that also was a power beyond human imagination.'

'In any case

considering the spells Ilyana told him to use it

Leon imagined that perhaps such a spell actually exists. That would explain why Ilyana was much more powerful than she was supposed to be

given that she was five thousand years old.'

'"Isn't this spell way too powerful?" Leon asked. "I thought eating dragon hearts was a crazy method to get strong

but this is much more insane."'

'"No

both of those are equally useful

" Ilyana said and then showed an angry expression. "Just like you

that woman has the power of a deadly sin… the power of gluttony. She can eat anything without having to worry about getting full. Not only that

but she also obtains a part of the power of the things she eats. Thanks to that power

most monsters that she eats works like dragon hearts for her."'

'"That sounds incredible… then again

I don't think Lion's Pride is weaker than that

" Leon rubbed his chin. "By the way… you are the first person who noted that I have such skill… you have one too

right? The power of a deadly sin. What is yours?"'

'"I'm not going to tell…" Ilyana looked away

and then she crossed her arms.'

'That reaction surprised Leon. That was the first time Ilyana seemed… flustered? Embarrassed? Given how old she was

Leon imagined she would be above such emotions

but it looked like that wasn't the case…'

'"You… you have the power of lust

don't you?" Leon asked. "The more you wish for someone

the more powerful you get

right?"'

'For some reason

that made a lot of sense in Leon's head. Given that her planet's people died a long time ago and Ilyana didn't do anything aside from training and working to have her revenge

he couldn't imagine her wishing to have somebody. Still

if his hypothesis were right

that would explain Ilyana's power and massive mana pool.'

'Leon didn't stop to think about the demerits of gluttony

but considering the nature of lust… perhaps as long as Ilyana's keep wishing for someone without having sex

she would become more and powerful. However

she would lose all that bonus power once she gets laid. Maybe she wished for a lover that died a long time ago? Leon wasn't sure.'

'"Shut up! Idiot!" Ilyana shouted and then disappeared.'

'"… What the hell was that?" Leon asked

astonished.'

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'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Instant Mastery'

'Cost: 72.000.000.000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'…'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Although Leon was still confused at Ilyana's behavior

he couldn't stop his training. Somehow

he really managed to learn the spell… that being said. Mastering a skill like that left him with a terrible headache. He just received ten thousand hours of training in a single instant

after all.'

'"I guess I should also make my replica erase some of the memories of the training

" Leon concluded. "Now

I have to see how this skill will improve by leveling up… in any case

I wonder when she will return. I need to ask her a few more questions and… apologize? I guess most women would feel insulted if someone declares them as lustful."'

'"Well

well… looks like Leon didn't become a robot yet

" Undine said. "You still have small portions of sensibility."'

'Leon could only nod at it. He was a pretty insensible fellow

he was fully aware of it

and it was because of that

that he needed to ask his spirits a few questions

even though he was pretty sure he would regret it.'

'"What do you guys think of Ilyana's behavior?" Leon asked. "I'm talking with you

Sekundez

Undine

and Celsius."'

'"Don't involve us with your personal problems

" Celsius said.'

'"Although I'm quite old

I don't have much experience with the behavior of beings like you and Ilyana

" Sekundez said.'

'"Well

even though Ilyana is doing some jobs here and there

she shouldn't talk with many people

even fewer males since they would cower at the presence of a powerful woman

" Undine said. "Although you are boring like a tree

it wouldn't be weird if Ilyana develops some feelings for you

given that you are the only male presence in her daily life?"'

'"Feelings? For me?" Leon laughed. "Nah… as if! Don't put such thoughts inside my head

Undine. Begone

Mara

Amen."'

'As if someone would feel attracted to a man who was some sort of cosmic disease that prevents him from unsheathing the holy sword. Then again

perhaps Undine wasn't just joking around like usual. That being said

considering that made Leon feel a headache. He was probably reaching the end of his journey

and here was he wondering if someone loved him or not. He was literally too old for that.'

'"I guess I will erase those thoughts from my head

" Leon shrugged.'

'"Even if you do it

I will keep raising that flag again and again since you can't delete our memories

" Undine declared.'

'Leon sighed… it looked like he couldn't even erase such thoughts from his head anymore. Although he couldn't do choose the easy way out

Leon still could overload his head with memories of his training and then naturally forget about it.'

'"Don't you think that will be so easy…" Undine smirked.'

'Leon was massaging his eyebrows while he was thinking of a way to keep his thoughts in a space where his spirits couldn't listen to them. However

he had no idea how to do it. In the end

Leon just shrugged at it and resumed his training.'

'Congratulations! The skill Electric Touch has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Beast Aura has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Triple Crescent Kicks has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"Mmm? Now that I think about it… I can create more than one space inside my head?" Leon frowned once he realized that he had two replicas and two mindscapes inside his head. "Geez… I'm so slow."'

'It had been quite a while since Leon checked his other replica's progress

but as usual

he didn't learn anything particularly useful or any information about conceptual attacks. Leon shouldn't worry

but he knew that the earlier he learns

the more time he will have to customize his own conceptual attacks. Netro lacked creativity

and thanks to that

he didn't manage to kill Leon and even died due to its own attack. Leon had to learn from his mistakes.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Wolf's Stance.'

'Cost: 500 stamina per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Dragon's Stance.'

'Cost: 1000 stamina per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 3000 mana'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 3000 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"I can't understand why a dragon would have the skill: Wolf's Stance…" Leon muttered. "Well

perhaps

Netro tried to get strong following different paths."'

'Leon was beginning to regret accessing the memories of those two assholes in chronological order. It would be less efficient

but by searching for their most powerful skills

Leon would have saved a lot of time. It was too late to change his plans now since that would mess up with his training rhythm

but Leon learned his lesson. Next time

he would look for the strongest skills of his opponents before anything else.'

'Eventually

the mana from the soul eater had been completely used

but Leon couldn't sense any sign of Ilyana's presence. She didn't look that mad before. Leon felt as if she was more embarrassed than anything. Still

Leon couldn't take any chances. The curse that was put on the holy sword was only a small part of the problem

but even after living for hundreds of years

Leon couldn't understand women. So

he checked the situation with his friends and confirmed that Ilyana hadn't harmed them.'

'"Well… at least I confirmed that she isn't that crazy

" Leon shrugged.'

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'Although Leon couldn't use Instant Mastery since he didn't have nearly enough mana

he managed to level it up to the level two hundred the few times he used it. It wasn't that unexpected given how much mana he used

and in fact

he thought he would level the skill up many more times.'

'Instant Mastery'

'Cost: 60.000.000.000 mana'

'"The cost still will be stupidly high at the level max

but at the very least

it will decrease by three times

" Leon nodded after checking the cost of the skill. "Regardless

I can't stop my training now even if Ilyana isn't around."'

'Fortunately

the next time Leon obtained a portion of Netro's memories

he finally found some clues as to how to use conceptual attacks. It wasn't a skill

so Leon wouldn't be able to automatize the whole process. However

that also meant that Leon wouldn't have a bunch of restrictions.'

'"It looks like the system doesn't recognize conceptual attacks…" Leon frowned. "I wonder why…"'

'The logic behind conceptual attacks wasn't that complicated. Complicated was to try to perform such deeds. What Leon needed to do was to make his mana do what he wanted without taking shape. He also had to do that instantly. For example

instead of burning someone or something by casting Fireball

Leon could do the same thing and ignore the target's mentality if he manages to make his mana contact the target's body and then move it in a way that would cause friction. Again… Leon would have to perform that instantly

or the opponent would notice

and their mentality wouldn't be ignored.'

'"It is like Anti-Mana Field… but more complicated since I'm using in something else instead of on myself

" Leon nodded. "That kind of thing must also be the evolved form of what that guy did when he fought to protect the rat people."'

'Leon immediately understood that trying to attack causing effects like burn and freeze would be a waste of time. Instead of that

trying to use conceptual attacks by imagining light and dark attacks would be more convenient because dark magic could destroy matter

and light magic could nullify the target's senses. Considering that Netro did

he probably inspired by dark magic

used that attack that split Leon in half many times.'

'Although Netro combined his Dragon Breath with the conceptual attack

it only was useful because he was a dragon. Spitting fire was like breathing to him because it was… Still

despite obtaining such mastery over that kind of attack

Netro could only do that once every few seconds.'

'"Succeeding in creating a spell like that must be pretty difficult considering that Netro could only the same area of my body

" Leon nodded to himself. "Regardless… what is the most convenient way to use such concepts?"'

'Although Leon called them conceptual attacks

he was aware that they could be customized. Even though he was only good at destroying things and at everything else he had to train really hard

Leon couldn't just ignore the other ways he could use his mana. Just like he learned how to increase his mana to create coins and even increase his stats directly

he could be creative and use those concepts in other manners.'

'"Usually

I would have to start with the basics… but do I have time for that?" Leon rubbed his chin. "Although I can speed up the process of learning such technique by using the place where my replica is training

I also can't stop learning the abilities that the Necro and the shadowy bastard still have. From now on

I will need even more time to level up the skills I have

so just using Accelerate won't be enough."'

'Leon was in a bind; he didn't know what he should do to make things as efficient as possible. He could try to solve things with Foresight

but that would make him consume even more mana. Leon could solve such a problem by using Mana Magnetism. Still

he was already sacrificing his lifespan to keep Temporal Variation active

and he couldn't afford to destroy his spirit before he is sure that all those who may threaten Earth are dead.'

'"Well

it is not like I will need to use much mana on the early stages

so I guess I can train that myself while my replica keeps absorbing the minds of those two

" Leon concluded. "I should start with something simple… I guess destroying a rock is simple enough."'

'Leon created a rock as big as himself and then began to implement the knowledge he obtained from Netro. As expected

even though Leon knew the feelings

the thoughts

and the actions

he didn't manage to replicate not even on a small scale that attacks that split him in half. Leon was emitting his mana in a shape that would split the rock in two

but he could see the mana dispersing quickly since he wasn't using a spell

and he clearly didn't succeed in creating the effects of dark magic with it.'

'After many failures

Leon changed tactics and tried to perform a conceptual attack that could split the rock like the wind… it would be much simpler to create wind the dark matter

after all. Still��� Leon failed many times and couldn't see any sign of progress.'

'"This isn't unexpected… but still is surprisingly annoying

" Leon smiled bitterly.'

'Leon recalled the days where he was trying to learn more types of magic at that island

and that also made him recall that conceptual attacks didn't exist in reality

so he had to make his mana reach another stage of existence. That was easier said than done

but as usual

Leon was more than willing to accept another challenge in his life.'

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'Although he hadn't succeeded in making his mana exist in other levels

Leon already recognized that his deck of options would increase manifold once he succeeds in doing that. Why? Because Leon knew that he would be able to bend the rules of the universe even more than he was already doing it.'

'"Well

everything will happen once I manage to scratch this damn rock

" Leon said

annoyed.'

'Currently

Leon was facing the rock with his arms crossed. Make his mana destroyed the rock was easy. Make his mana destroy the rock without activating a single spell wasn't. In the end

Leon even tried his replica to learn the trick of that technique. However

even though his replica had five years' worth of time to do so

he failed. Leon began to wonder if his replica was dumb or something

but given that the replica always tried the most obvious things

just like Leon

the problem was himself.'

'"In the end

I have to try something unexpected

I guess

" Leon muttered. "In any case

I should try with something basic and simple. The Water Bullet will do."'

'Although Netro was a dragon and used dark magic as an inspiration for that attack that split Leon in two many times

according to his memories

he imagined wind when he attacked. Why? Because that is one of the basic types of magic

he managed to master. Following that logic

Leon decided to start with the first spell he learned by himself.'

'Leon tried that

but… whenever he wished to create an invisible Water Bullet

even though he didn't want it

the Water Bullet would take physical form. Leon sat on the ground and began to think. By the look of things

he couldn't even use his magic knowledge. However

after a while

he had an idea. Considering that Netro could damage Leon no matter what or where he was

it wasn't the same thing

but Leon decided to use time magic because he didn't learn a single spell that had Sekundez's power and the power of other spirits. Speaking of which

considering that the other spirits always tried to teach him new things

Sekundez was certainly weird… but Leon didn't have time to think about that.'

'Leon couldn't just combine a random element and time because time doesn't have a physical form

and considering the nature of conceptual attacks

Leon would have to the power of time first and the other element later. At first

Leon had a tough time visualizing the attack

but eventually

he had another idea of how to do it. Instead of controlling time of anything

Leon decided to control the time of his own will.'

'Leon visualized the rock getting damaged by an invisibly Water Bullet many times

and when he somehow could clearly see that happening in the future

he activated his Time Manipulation. Suddenly and much to his surprise… a small part of the rock got cracked. Leon succeeded

but his attack didn't land in the place he had visualized.'

'"Did I mess up somewhere?" Leon frowned. "As expected

I didn't receive a notification for learning something new… Still

the cost of mana is surprisingly small."'

'Leon thought Netro used that kind of attack many times because he was a dragon and had a massive mana pool

but according to his analyzes

he only spent the mana that he used to control time.'

'"Can you explain this

Sekundez?" Leon asked.'

'"You succeeded in accelerating the time of your thought process

and thus you created a phenomenon that only happened in another planet of existence

" Sekundez explained. "That is the true nature of conceptual attacks: the power to make something happen even though it wasn't supposed to happen because the process to make it happen didn't happen."'

'"Okay… so you knew about this beforehand

and you knew that I was troubled over it

but still decided not to give me a hand?" Leon asked.'

'"Ilyana also can do something like that

so why do you think she didn't teach you?" Sekundez asked.'

'"Don't answer a question with other questions…" Leon sighed. "I have no idea… maybe because she has a lot of secrets?"'

'"She has a lot of secrets… but she didn't teach you that because it is an ability that needed to be learned alone

" Sekundez said. "Only those who find the answers about some things have the right to use it."'

'"Who decided that?" Leon frowned.'

'"The first person I met who could use conceptual attacks

" Sekundez replied

much to Leon's surprise.'

'That was weird

Leon wasn't expecting an answer

but it looked like the person who discovered that ability also made up some rules. That being said

it also looked like those words belong to someone who didn't like to teach anything to others. Still

despite all that

Leon could understand the logic. After all

he was planning to use that knowledge to bend the universe's rules to some extent.'

'Regardless

instead of worrying about that

Leon needed to worry about why his attack didn't land on the place he wanted. That made him recall that Netro couldn't aim his attacks perfectly

so perhaps they had the same problems. Still

Leon didn't discover why his attack could only be used once every few seconds.'

'"Netro didn't have the power of Sekundez

" Leon said. "So

perhaps he was using his own skills to create such phenomena

am I right

Sekundez?"'

'"You are right

" Sekundez replied. "After much training

Netro managed to develop his own style of conceptual attack. He didn't need the power to control time. He just concentrated all the energy he could muster in a period of time and then let it explode in a single moment. Thanks to that

he couldn't control where the attack would land

but he found a way to counter that drawback with Absolute Accuracy to some extent.'"

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'Netro was an asshole

but he sure managed to do some crazy things despite his limitations

but then again

that much as expected

given that he was probably the strongest of a race of dragons. Leon felt that he was giving too much credit for Netro's bloodline

but it was a fact that dragons were formidable enemies at all levels.'

'"It looks like I will face the same problems he faced while using conceptual attacks

" Leon said. "Still

I can understand why aiming isn't difficult… it is like attacking while skipping the principal steps

after all."'

'In any case

Leon succeeded in performing a conceptual attack

so he could keep improving. Although there was a problem with the attack's aim

he could think of numerous ways to decrease those drawbacks. However

instead of confirming that

Leon had to confirm if the distance would only make things even worse.'

'Leon took a few steps backward and tried the same thing he did it before. This time

he used his mana

but nothing happened. However

when he tried again

a small part of the grass got destroyed by an invisible Water Bullet. As expected

the area wasn't even wet. However

Leon confirmed that the distance between him and the target would make things even more complicated.'

'"Netro canceled the need to aim with Absolute Accuracy

but by relying on that skill to solve the whole problem

he sacrificed the chance of destroying the opponent's head or heart

" Leon concluded. "By the look of things

the places I can hit can't be controlled by normal means…"'

'Maybe Sekundez and Ilyana know a way to counter that. Still

the chances of them giving him such useful information were close to none

given that they didn't share the knowledge of how to succeed in using conceptual attacks. Regardless

considering that Netro used a skill that had such a name would make his attacks hit his opponents no matter what and still couldn't kill them in one shot

Leon would have to work even more. However

instead of worrying about the problems

Leon was already thinking about other new ability applications. Now that he could skip some steps of several things

Leon decided to create a copy of Ilyana's vault. Now that he could use space magic

time magic

and could use conceptual attacks

perhaps he could replicate and customize to improve it.'

'In the end

much to his surprise

Leon succeeded on his first time. By using all those skills at the same time

he created a space like his mindscape. However

Leon had to create some rules to access such a place. He could only store and take inorganic things there

and some mana had to be consumed to take certain things. Also

only those who had a part of Leon's mana in their bodies could access it.'

'"This was much easier than I expected…" Leon frowned. "I guess I just need to change the currency from mana to coins… coins are just mana

after all. Tattooing

everyone will also be a pain. Instead of that

I should just create a ring that has my emblem engraved."'

'Again

things progressed pretty fast. Leon created the ring and could tell just by feeling that the ring's wearer could access the mindscape he had created to store all kinds of things. Now Leon would be able to help all humans and even obtain some mana from it. Also

since that mindscape existed in another plan of existence

Leon could change coins to mana at will

and the reverse was also possible.'

'"Perhaps Ilyana transformed my coins into mana

and the mana I had used thanks to her were the coins I had spent previously

" Leon nodded to himself. "Anyway

when does she plan to return? It has been a week already."'

'Although Leon found something nice to play with

he has begun to worry about Ilyana. She was probably fine

but given that she already became a part of his routine

it was weird when he doesn't hear her voice.'

'"Whatever… time to replicate those rings and distribute them among the people of Earth

" Leon smirked. "I bet I can make even better items than the ones they can find in the dungeon shops."'

'Without wasting time

Leon began to create mithril items that could increase status by leaps and bounds. However

the very moment he put the first item in the shop he created

Leon received an unexpected notification.'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'"What the heck…" Leon frowned. "Mana Creation?"'

'Leon didn't recall doing anything special to learn a new skill

and if that name was correct

it looked like he created mana without using mana… was that even possible?'

'After thinking for a while

Leon understood that the space he had created was auto-sufficient somehow. Even though it couldn't exist physically

it required mana to exist. It was only obvious… but then again

Leon was confused because he couldn't understand how he created such a feature without wishing for it.'

'While Leon was creating the rings

he understood how his shop could exist without consuming his own mana. However

after several hours

Leon didn't find an answer. He was only a newbie in such matters

after all.'

'"Sekundez

" Leon said. "Do you know why this is happening?"'

'"Do you think only Sekundez has the answer

and all the other spirits are stupid?" Celsius asked.'

'"No

I just asked because it was related to her power…" Leon frowned. "If you have the answer

then I don't mind in hearing it from you."'

'"It is so obvious that I feel annoyed in saying something like this

" Celsius sighed. "You just reached the level where you can create mana."'

'"Create instead of infusing?" Leon asked. "I always wondered how come people could get stronger by using mana. Somehow

I always felt that mana was related to our life experiences since those were the only things that changed the more we fought."'

'"You are not wrong

" Celsius said. "Mana is the power of your spirit since we spirit are made of mana

something like that should be already obvious to you. In any case

a spirit can become stronger in many ways by accumulating hard experiences or by getting old

and the stronger the spirit

the more energy it can contain and produce."'