Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Doomlord!' 'Your intelligence and mana will increase by ten points your control health stamina and recovery will increase by five points whenever you level up your class.' 'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Warlock!' 'Your intelligence and mana will increase by eight points your control health stamina and recovery will increase by four points whenever you level up your class.' 'While Leon checked those notifications and Sylas tried to understand what happened Leon concluded that he used a lot more mana than expected because his

if Leon wanted to cause something

it only lasted for a moment. Meaning

he would spend the mana necessary for that to happen. Even if the enemy's resistances weren't part of his calculus

attack's power was the same as if it has last for several seconds. Even though

he still would use the mana to do it.'

"I already knew that

but this kind of power is way too complicated

"Leon muttered while he was recovering his mana by using Mana Creation."

'Leon smirked when Sylas moved his body as if he was trying to force his arm to return back in time

but then nothing happened. It seemed like Sylas didn't understand that his arm got sucked by a black hole that never existed. Even if the effect of black holes could be nullified

the same thing couldn't be said about one that was created through the power of conceptual attacks. Leon not only destroyed Sylas' arms. He erased it from time and space.'

"Your power to control time exceed mine

" Leon said. "However

considering that you decided to become a combat mage that only uses mana to buff your attacks

you will never be able to defeat me fast enough."

'By the look of things

Sylas couldn't use the power of time alongside with other elements

or if he could

it wasn't at the level of his punches. Still

despite saying that

Leon still was feeling like crap. His mana was full again

but the headache didn't leave him alone. That was the price of using a powerful attack he wasn't used to.'

'Based on Leon's experience

now was the time for Sylas to pull out some hidden card

he didn't want to let that happen

but even though he was trying

he wasn't succeeding in repeating the attack. Leon thought that he would be able to do everything as long as the numbers in the status and skill screen were high enough

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

'Without any other choice

Sylas used Full-Recovery

and a new arm grew. However

he had to pay the toll. Sylas got pale

and his body shrieked a little bit. However

unlike Leon

who was still slightly average physically speaking

Sylas was still muscular.'

"No wonder your status looked funny

"Leon said. "Even though you only use your fists and time magic

your status was of someone who chased both the magic and physical path. Was that something that your boss made you do?"

"What is the pointing of asking?" Sylas glared at Leon. "Will that change anything?"

"No

but it greatly interests me

"Leon shrugged. "That won't change anything for me since I'm already physically a mage

but you know... for future reference."

'Truth to be told

Leon was only interested in intellectually speaking because he couldn't believe that the path to becoming an all-rounder would be so simple. Leon didn't know if his power over time magic would be higher than Sylas' considering their status

but knowing about something was always better than not knowing. Perhaps that information could serve as some insight in the future. Regardless

Sylas didn't confirm or deny it. He was more interested in how Leon destroyed his arm.'

'Suddenly

Leon felt a wave of energy filling his body. It looked like his replicas finally managed to find other dragons and make them learn Mana Magnetism. Although they couldn't hide half-dead dragons

that was enough for the time being. After doing some more basic calculus

Leon summoned two other replicas and gave them different orders. Those two

he teleported them away to Miebos

to keep an eye on the angel's body and to summon monsters.'

"I guess this is enough

"Leon muttered. "I feel like I might explode my head if I try to attack that way again. "If I hold for just a couple of minutes

I feel confident that I will get enough mana to defeat him once and for all."

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Puppet Master!'

'Your dexterity and stamina will increase by four points

your speed

health

mana

and control will increase by two points whenever you level up your class.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Master!'

'Your dexterity and stamina will increase by eight points

your speed

health

mana

and control will increase by four points whenever you level up your class.'

'The very moment his new replicas began to work

Leon received those notifications. As expected

eventually

Sylas noticed that Leon was starting to accumulate much more mana than usual. He noticed that when after a single minute

Leon summoned another replica.'

"... You... how in the hell you can do so many things?" Sylas asked.'

'Leon didn't have to answer that because the answer was obvious. It was training. Considering that Sylas could control time so well

he was supposed to know that. Regardless

just like Leon could use Mana Link after brainwashing monsters

he could summon others and do the same thing. Instead of making them battle

Leon would make them use Mana Magnetism and send their mana to him. It started slowly

but Leon now could use almost one hundred thousand mana points per second.'

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'Sylas finally understood that Leon was an enemy that he couldn't fight while holding back. He had too many tricks up his sleeve

and even though before he looked hesitant

now he had lost all restraint and would do everything to obtain power.'

'For some odd reason

Sylas began to look at Leon in the eyes. His eyes were fixed on Leon's pupils

and he wasn't showing any emotion. That was creepy as hell

but such a thing was the least of Leon's worries when he felt his mana being drained at a fearsome rate. Although his Mind Armor was at the level max

it wasn't stopping Sylas from doing whatever he was doing. Still

it didn't take long for Leon to see what Sylas was doing. Leon tried to read his mind only to see that Sylas himself was also reading his mind at a fearsome rate.'

"Son of a bitch..." Leon clenched his teeth and then immediately created a fist-size Dark Sun.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Sunlord!'

'Your strength and intelligence will increase by twenty points

your stamina

health

mana

and control will increase by ten points whenever you level up your class.'

'However

before Leon could attack

Sylas finished his mind-reading. Unlike Leon's power

he only accessed the visual memories inside Leon's head. Sylas didn't try to find the secret of his powers. Instead of that

he was looking for a certain moment in his life... Although he couldn't use time magic alongside other elements

Sylas could use it alongside other skills.'

'Leon didn't know what Sylas was planning

but he didn't have to wait for it. Leon used Teleport and appeared behind Sylas

but before he could attack

Leon felt a shiver. He jumped back since he felt that his life was in danger

but that didn't change a thing. Leon's lower and upper body still got separated.'

"What..." Leon muttered in shock.'

'Immediately

Leon used Full-Recover. However

before he could even land

his body got cut again. Once again

he healed himself

but the same thing happened again. That was insane. It was the same attack Netro used

but much faster and frequent.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Healer!'

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by four points

your stamina

health

recovery

and control will increase by two points whenever you level up your class.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Medic!'

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by six points

your stamina

health

recovery

and control will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.'

Their positions have inverted. Now Sylas was the one who was smiling. Leon knew that he could use time magic alongside some other special types of magic

but he couldn't explain how Sylas copied and even improved Netro's attack to such an extent and in such a short time.'

'The very moment Leon healed himself was the moment he got cut again. That happened many times. To make matters worse

the pain wasn't getting any weaker. Leon tried to attack Sylas with a rain of Plasma Bullets

but his spell was canceled every time he tried. The pain didn't let him concentrate. In that state

he couldn't do anything else. Besides

if he tries something complex

Leon might lose the chance to heal himself.'

'However

Leon understood that heal himself wouldn't solve the problem. So

he suddenly stopped healing

and the attacks stopped. At the same time

he covered both the damaged areas of his lower and upper body in a thick layer of ice to stop the bleed. The pain decreased a little

and for some reason

Sylas didn't try to repeat the same attack in other areas of Leon's body.'

"I see now..." Leon muttered while he was sweating cold. "You are using something like Wound Memory... a variation of time magic that makes my body feel the same wound that I suffered at a specific point in time."

"Wow... you really think fast

" Sylas said

visibly impressed. "You are also quite brave... not many people would abandon half of their bodies to solve a problem like this. Still... I wonder for how long you can survive."

'Leon didn't abandon his lower half

nor did he intend to die like that

but for the time being

it was the only thing he could do. Some of his internal organs cut split in two

so Leon would have to worry if he wanted to reattach them without any issues.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Viking!'

'Your strength and health will increase by six points

your speed

stamina

mana

and endurance will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.'

'Maybe it was because of the madness of wanted to fight in such a state

but Leon received that notification. Although hoping for that was a bit too much

Leon wished that he had received a notification more useful than that. However

thanks to that notification

Leon managed to calm down and notice that suddenly

Sylas relaxed. He didn't lower his guard

but Sylas looked far less tense than before.'

"Most likely

... even though he can use and even improve the attacks his target suffered

he still needs to concentrate a lot to replicate such phenomena."

'Knowing that was good and all since it was a sign that Sylas couldn't use such a technique easily

but Leon couldn't think of a way to counter him just using that information. However

he had another idea... it was insane

but at that point in time

Leon couldn't do anything else to surprise Sylas.'

'Sylas took his usual fighting stance in order to use his fists to finish off Leon. Maybe it was because he was prideful or because he didn't want to spend much more mana form his boss

but he decided to fight like that since his opponent was weakened. Leon bit his lips and prepared himself because things would get messy

even if he succeeds.'

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'Sylas charged toward Leon

and as expected

Leon barely had any time to react

but instead of doing anything

Leon just used his arms to protect his head and vitals. Despite that

he got thrown several hundred meters backward and only stopped after rolling on the ground for quite a while. However

he left a present for Sylas. The very moment Sylas relaxed after landing the punch. He felt something hitting his back and make it crack. In the next moment

Sylas lost control over his lower half as well. When he noticed what was going on

he only saw Leon's lower body approaching him again

and both of his legs were engulfed by light and dark magic. Leon's second attack almost broke Sylas' neck

but his target reacted on time and used both his arms to protect himself. Still

that had been more than enough to make Sylas bleed and break his spine.'

'Before Sylas could think of healing himself

his blood begun to flow weirdly toward his wounds. Much to his surprise

the blood was attacking and increasing the size of the wounds. Sylas's time magic eventually nullified the damage

but not before he could lose his focus.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Bloodmancer!'

'Your intelligence and control will increase by eight points

your speed

health

mana

and stamina will increase by four points whenever you level up your class.'

'The notification was nice and all

but Leon's attack nearly didn't buy him enough of the time he wanted. Regardless

Leon felt Sylas concentrating again

and this time he wasn't looking at him. Sylas was looking at his lower half. Although that looked weird

Leon knew what he was planning. However

Leon teleported his lower half away before Sylas could do anything. At that moment

Leon's lower half was considered dead

so he probably wouldn't be able to heal it.'

'Sylas clicked his tongue in annoyance

and that actually gave Leon an idea. It was difficult to tell if that would be enough to surprise someone of Sylas caliber

but Leon had to try at least since he

at the moment

he needed every single extra second to think. Besides

Leon also needed to confirm the limits of Sylas' ability.'

'For a single moment

Leon covered himself in Light Aura

and then he charged. The bright dazzling light made Sylas uncomfortable

but something like that wasn't enough to force him to cover his eyes. The very moment Leon got too close

Sylas made his body get crushed by what seemed to have been a single punch. Leon's body flew several kilometers backward and only stopped after hitting a random mountain and creating a massive crater in it.'

"A concentrated punch... added with the power of the time

" Leon muttered.'

'After seeing the single massive fist wound in his torso

Leon concluded that. Before Leon could heal himself

Sylas appeared before him

and without wasting time

he attacked again

crushing Leon's skull. Sylas sighed in relief

but then he frowned since things ended way too quickly. However

he felt a presence behind him. The moment Sylas turned around

Leon's corpse dissolved into particles of mana.'

"A replica..." Sylas bit his lips in annoyance.'

'As expected

Leon was behind Sylas

watching as if nothing had happened. Soon

Sylas understood that one was also a replica

and the real Leon was elsewhere. He was right. The real Leon was on Miebos healing his face from the damage caused by Sylas. Just like his replicas could give him mana and knowledge

they also transmitted him the pain they suffered. However

before his head could get crushed

Leon healed all his wounds and he even reattached his lower body.' "Now let's see if he can use the power of time on me from such a distance "Leon said while he was using Clairvoyance.' 'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Spy!' 'Your dexterity and stamina will increase by four points your speed health mana and control will increase by two points whenever you level up your class.' 'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Spymaster!' 'Your dexterity and stamina will increase by six points your speed health mana and control will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.' 'Sylas tried to find Leon with his tracking skills but he failed. It couldn't be helped given that Leon was so far away. There was also the possibility that he didn't train those skills all that much given how much mana was used to control time. Regardless since Sylas didn't intend to attack

Leon's replica charged. Still

Sylas easily stopped the replica with a single punch. Obviously

Leon wanted to conserve mana

so the number of things he could do was limited.'

'After breathing deeply

a single time

the air around Sylas changed again. It was clear that he was preparing something big

but it was also clear that Leon's replica couldn't stop him. Considering all things

it was highly probable that Leon would even be attacked from such a distance. Still

he couldn't show himself yet.'

'Suddenly

Sylas's body begun to change. It didn't get bigger or smaller

but his physical form began to lose color. Leon frowned when he saw that... little by little

but surely

Sylas was having the same transparent body that Sekundez had. It didn't take long for Leon to understand the implications of that. Sylas was controlling time to make his body stronger

no... he was controlling time to make his body age to a point where his body would equal in power the power of the spirit of the time. However

it was clear that Sylas would be much stronger than the actual Sekundez... there was a chance that Sylas would be stronger even than the original spirit of the time.'

'Leon began to sweat cold

imagining the things that Sylas would be able to do; however

before he could even think of doing anything. Leon was forcefully transported back to Earth

and he appeared before Sylas. As if that wasn't surprising enough

Leon's limbs got cut off

and his whole body became purple like a massive wound.'

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'That pain wasn't like anything Leon felt before. It was like his very existence was getting crushed by the power of a black hole. Leon even lost the ability to think

but his heart that had turned into a magic item healed him before he could truly die. In the blink of an eye

using Telekinesis

his heart reattached his limbs and used Full-Recover. In the next second

Leon was back

almost completely fine

but he was only skin and bones again. Leon watched in shock the expression Sylas was showing while looking at him. There was nothing in his eyes: no fear

hatred

compassion

anger... nothing.'

"So

you are Leon..." Sylas muttered

uninterested. "You must be someone really troublesome if you forced me to use this."

'Leon frowned when he heard that. Sylas not only looked different

but he also sounded different. His voice was calm and lacked any sentiment

just like his eyes. It almost looked as if Sylas had forgotten about him

but that wouldn't make any sense since he still tried to kill Leon. Still

before Leon could understand what was going on

the same thing happened again. Leon's body became a mess in an instant. However

this time

the very moment Leon noticed those effects. He also used Time Manipulation on himself and made his body return in time to the point where he wasn't damaged by whatever Sylas used.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Time Lord!'

'Your intelligence and mana will increase by ten points

your stamina

health

recovery

and control will increase by five points whenever you level up your class.'

"Oh... you also have the power of the time on your side

" Sylas muttered

showing a bit of surprise on his face. "It seems you won't go down as easily as the last one..."

'Leon bit his lips in annoyance. Although he succeeded in countering Sylas attacks

it was clear who had the upper hand there. Leon had been using time magic only to help on his training while Sylas was using to all kinds of crazy things. Most likely he made his body age to a point where he reached the apex of his strength

even though that made him forget about Leon. Still

countering Leon's actions would be easy. Sylas would just have to slow down the effects of his attacks and make it continuous.'

"Shit... this is bad

"Leon clenched his teeth. "If only my replicas could work a bit faster."

'There was also a way for Leon to counter Sylas' power. He just needed to have access to one million points of mana per second. That way

he would be able to reverse the time in his body non-stop. Leon didn't know what would happen with him if he does something like that

but it probably would be better than dying.'

'However

much to Leon's surprise

Sylas took his sweet time appraising Leon. There was a slight glow of interest in his eyes... as if someone extremely bored found something slightly interesting. By the look of things

Leon was right. Not only Sylas's body aged

his mind aged as well

but he didn't forget his original intent when he used that kind of crazy ability

and he intended to kill Leon.'

"May I ask you something?" Leon asked in a hurry since he didn't have any other idea about how to stall for time.'

"It is useless

" Sylas said. "You can't fool me. Like my body and mind aged

my skill list also reached a point where it has all the skills obtained. I can hear your thoughts as if you are saying them out loud. I can feel what you feel as if you were me. Stalling for time is meaningless."

'That was insane

but Leon somehow didn't doubt Sylas' words. It was weird

but Leon couldn't even feel Sylas's presence anymore. He could see him

but his instincts told him that he was so far away that what he was saying was just an illusion. As if... as if Sylas' had become a god-like existence.'

"So

I can't defeat you?" Leon frowned.'

"You can't

" Sylas replied. "Just like you

I have the power of the Foresight now. I can see everything you might try to do right now as we speak. Attacking me by using a conceptual attack with the power of meteor

poison

using my companions as hostage... everything you might try to do is useless."

'Leon frowned when he heard that. It looked like things would eventually make him so desperate that he would look for hostages in order to survive. It actually wasn't hard to imagine himself doing that. After surviving up to this point

Leon would do anything to succeed in achieving his goals.'

"I guess Foresight can be used like that

huh

"Leon sat on the ground and nodded. "Let's see if I can do it.""

'Leon didn't learn the skill himself in order to get rid of the cooldown time

but maybe he could find a way now. Despite the limitations of the skill

Leon managed in a second

see the events that would happen in the next six minutes by using all his mana. That being said

Leon didn't see anything unusual. He just talked with Sylas.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Prophet!'

'Your intelligence and mana will increase by ten points

your control

health

stamina

and recovery will increase by five points whenever you level up your class.'

"I see...

so this is what will happen if I don't do anything suspicious

"Leon nodded to himself. "That transformation sure changed your personality... the previous you won't talk with me for more than a few seconds without us questioning each other's intention."

"The future isn't set in stone

" Sylas shook his head. "Although you saw the future where we talked

the future might change now that we know what might happen."

"I guess that makes sense

" Leon shrugged. "Still

that doesn't change the fact that you are absolutely sure that you can kill me

right? Or do you think that I future where I defeat you might happen if we talk a little?"

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"It is meaningless

" Sylas replied. "I already told you

stalling for time is useless."

"Didn't you say that the future isn't set on a stone?" Leon frowned. "So

why do you think it is meaningless? If the future is uncertain

then..."

"Total Pain

" Sylas pointed his right hand toward Leon and said.'

'Again

Leon saw his body turn into a pulp of something barely recognizable as a human body. However

he reacted on time to cancel the attack with his own Time Manipulation. Leon couldn't lose his focus because the moment he does

his body would lose the nutrients to keep itself working

and when that happens

Leon would certainly die. Although his heart was working like a magic item that could revive him again and again

it was only a matter of time until Sylas notices that. Besides

even more than before

his heart was his weak spot

so he couldn't reveal what it could do.'

"I see now..." Leon smirked after recovering. "Your powers certainly improved... you used a spell that makes me feel all the pain and wounds I suffered throughout my whole life in a single instant. What a nasty spell..."

'After facing his last opponents

Leon realized that he lacked imagination. Leon never thought of learning a spell like that. Come to think of it. He also should have thought of using his monsters' recovery a long time ago. If Leon had thought of that while he was training in Sekundez's dimension

perhaps he wouldn't have suffered so much as of late.'

'Just as Leon had expected

it came. A continuous wave of Total Pain... he tried to counter the spell by using Time Manipulation again

but he only had enough mana to reverse time for 0

200 seconds every second. It wasn't nearly enough...'

'Leon tried to withstand the pain of suffering that he suffered his whole life in a single moment

but his body gave up before his mind. Still

his heart didn't. Even though Leon wished that he didn't have to show that

his heart healed his body back to shape. Well

almost... he was still skin and bones since his heart could only regenerate his body only to a point where Leon himself would recover his conscience.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Soulguard!'

'Your health and stamina will increase by ten points

your speed

endurance

mana

and mentality will increase by five points whenever you level up your class.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Draconic Cleric!'

'Your health and stamina will increase by twenty points

your speed

endurance

mana

and mentality will increase by ten points whenever you level up your class.'

"This is... intriguing

"Sylas muttered. "I see now... your heart has the power to resurrect you again and again... I should have expected that when I saw you surviving the first attack."

'Although Leon's body would be able to endure the torment again

at that rate

his mind would give up too. It couldn't be helped

but Leon was looking at Sylas with a fed-up expression. Suffering in a single instant all the pain he endured all his life wasn't something easy. Even if his body could get healed

his mind couldn't.'

"I'm tired of this shit..." Leon sighed. "I'm tired of all of you..."

'Sylas frowned when he saw the cold look in Leon's eyes. Those were the eyes of someone who really have given up. Still

Sylas still felt a crazy amount of bloodthirst coming from Leon

so that didn't make any sense.'

'Leon used Mindscape Transportation and Summoned Perfect Replica. In a single instant

he gave the order to his other self to learn two spells. Those weren't on Ilyana's vault

so the replica would have to learn the hard way

but that much was fine. Leon was using all the mana he could to make time pass faster in his mindscape. Not only was he using the mana from the dragons he captured and from thousands of summoned monsters

but Leon was also using Mana Magnetism to his utmost limits without caring about the cost '

'From two hundred thousand mana points for second

Leon begun to obtain five hundred thousand. In the blink of an eye

several days passed in his mindscape

and when Leon canceled the skill after just a couple of seconds

he received some notifications.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Health Link.'

'You obtained 01 status point.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Stamina Link.'

'You obtained 01 status point.'

'Sylas saw those notifications as if he had got them himself. Although he had those skills

Sylas never thought of using them the way Leon was about to do it. Rather than that

he was more interested in how Leon learned those so fast. Sylas already knew that Leon had used Mindscape Transportation

Summon Perfect Replica and Accelerate to learn them

but still... Leon learned them way too fast.'

"You intrigue me

" Sylas said. "As you already know

I'm the future version of Sylas... the version of a future where he survives until he reached the apex of his potential. It is only obvious that by reaching this power level

I can consider myself as someone skilled. Still... your ability to learn and control spells at your age is... incomprehensible."

"You know what planning to do

right?" Leon glared at Sylas. "And you still want to take your time talking?"

"Your current plan can't defeat me either

" Sylas said. "You will need something more."

"Then I will show you something more

"Leon replied after opening his vicious eyes widely."

'Health: 85622 +'

'Mana: 395423 +'

'Stamina: 82365+'

'Strength: 3952 +'

'Dexterity: 7412+'

'Speed: 5563 +'

'Intelligence: 265433+'

'Endurance: 5999 +'

'Control: 54232+'

'Mentality: 15223+'

'Luck: 1885 +'

'Recovery: 23966 +'

'Willpower: 1963 +'

'Coins: 245

956

'Status: 00'

'Classes: Swordsman Lv 89

Wizard Lv 115

Archer Lv 222

Magic Swordsman Lv 285

Summoner Lv Max

Assassin Lv 125

Samurai Lv 99

Battlemage Lv 165

Pirate Lv 74

Rogue Lv 88

Novice Lv 115

Geomancer Lv 01

Cryomancer Lv 01

Pyromancer Lv 01

Hydromancer Lv 01

Draconic Warrior Lv 133

Brawler Lv 45

Monk Lv 75

Berserker Lv 99

Enchanter Lv 45

Time Mage Lv 222 Slayer Lv 45 Shapeshifter Lv 90 Draconic Slayer Lv 90 Illusionist Lv 75 Conjurer Lv 65 Doomlord Lv 71 Sunlord Lv 55 Healer Lv 245 Medic Lv 235 Viking Lv 66 Bloodmancer Lv 45 Time Lord Lv 150 Prophet Lv 125 Draconic Cleric Lv 222 'Jobs: Blacksmith Lv Max Spy Lv 44 Spymaster Lv 33 Guard Lv 96 Puppet Master Lv 500 Master Lv 495

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'The very moment Leon gave the order to his replicas also use Health Link and Stamina Link on all monsters they found. Leon felt his body getting revigorated. Even though his energy was full

his body still felt used for that extra energy. Much faster than before

Leon was recovering his weight

and his body was also gaining color. Still

before he could get completely recovered

Leon activated all his draconic skills.'

'In the blink of an eye

Leon turned into that thing Maya saw before. Now

more than ever

he could feel his mortality. While the skills were draining his life and energy at a crazy pace

Leon could also feel his body receiving hundreds of monsters' energy

and the number was quickly increasing. Although that was the kind of skill an evil boss of an RPG would use

that was the least of Leon's worries. He finally gave up... Leon didn't want those ten years of a normal life anymore... he just wants to get rid of all those who threatened life on Earth and then die. Tired of struggling so much for so long

Leon just wanted the peace of the afterlife. At least that much

he deserved.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Draconic Mage!'

'Your intelligence and mana will increase by twenty points

your stamina

health

endurance

and mentality will increase by ten points whenever you level up your class.'

'Ignoring that notification

Leon also activated his Mana Reinforcement and Rage. He had never been good at thinking

so it was better to let his fists do the job. In all his years

Leon barely could remember the times that he felt excited while using magic. In the beginning

he felt excited

but soon that became something normal. However

Leon always felt very accomplished when he decimated his foes with his fists

so it was better to let that excitement control him.'

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

'Cost: 40000 health

40000 mana

and 40000 stamina per second'

'You obtained 01 status point.'

'That new notification didn't even surprise Leon. Still

the very moment he realized what that skill could do

Leon activated. Leon's eyes became red like blood

and his whole body begun to emit a reddish aura. It was probably his blood evaporating from his body... the extra skills were causing massive amounts of damage to him

but Leon ignored it because each level

the skill would increase all his status by one thousand points.'

"For a human like you to almost become a dragon..." Sylas frowned. "You... what are you?"

"I am..." Leon's voice was rough and darkened due to his new appearance. "

"Your father?" Sekundez said before Leon could finish his sentence.'

'Leon

who almost reached the apex of his rage

lost the momentum when Sekundez suddenly returns to his head. Leon also obtained the memories of the replica that was with her and frowned when he saw that she forcefully canceled the spell to make her return.'

"We feared that you would reach this point eventually

but..." Sekundez sighed. "I supposed it couldn't be helped given everything you experienced so far. Still

get a grip! You are too old to let yourself be consumed by rage! You are embarrassing me."

"... What are you plotting

Sekundez?" Leon asked. "The very moment I saw you

I noticed that you were different from other spirits. Your power

behavior

words... all sound pretty suspicious. Still

I treated you fairly because you didn't do anything directly against me."

"Well

thank you very much for that

" Sekundez shrugged. "Treating me differently would make others feel pretty jealous."

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

"I can answer this question if you survive to live another day

"Sekundez replied. "Since you went too far and even turned yourself into something like that

she has sensed you."'

'Leon was getting impatient as if Sekundez's actions weren't suspicious enough. She was talking as if she was a different person. Leon's head was already full of worries since Ilyana's actions also were suspicious

but such thoughts disappeared when Leon felt something dreadful approaching. It was the same feeling that he had when he still was on Ilyana's planet.'

"Why... why is she coming?" Sylas asked

astonished.'

'By the look of things

even though Sylas changed a lot and forget some things

he didn't forget about his boss after becoming that powerful. It was insane to think that

but based on his reaction

Leon concluded that she was even more powerful than him. Despite all that power... they didn't reach the seventh stage of assimilation.'

'Suddenly

the space around them begun to distort. Leon also felt as if his existence was getting crushed by a single massive hand. He didn't even have enough time to deal with Sylas

and now he will have to deal with his boss... someone even Ilyana couldn't have stopped from coming to Earth. Although that was dangerous

Leon only shrugged. He wasn't smart enough to obtain enough power to kill a being like her in hundreds of years

so there was no reason for him to feel afraid or disappointed. In the end

the fate of his friends and Earth were too much for his shoulders.'

'As if the sky was made of sort of glass

it broke

and then the shattered pieces began to fell

revealing a dark-night sky. From the darkness

a single being began to descend... her hair was long and black

much longer than her own body. She was only a single and long dark gown

and her skin was pale like the skin of a corpse. Although that figure looked weird

she also looked particularly beautiful. As if those characteristics weren't weird enough

the woman's body also seemed a bit transparent

as if it was a mix of a human body and a ghost.'

"How... how many times do you intend to get on my way

"The dark eyes of the woman were fixed at Leon when she asked."

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'Leon frowned when he heard that. It looked like he was missing something or that woman was just insane. There was also a changed that she mistook him for someone else

but that was hard to believe.'

'Suddenly

Ilyana arrived at Leon's side. She didn't make a scene like the weird lady

but despite the fact that she fought with a god-like being

she looked completely fine. With the sole exception that she was glaring at the black-haired woman as if she was trying to open a hole in her with her eyes.'

"It looks like you didn't solve things here

too

" Ilyana said. "I didn't expect that you would be cornered by another human. Still

it wasn't that unexpected."'

'Leon summoned Sekundez and then moved away from Ilyana. He didn't know what those two were thinking

but he couldn't afford to trust them when they were clearly hiding something. When they noticed what Leon was thinking

both of them shrugged. They did so at the same time and that only made Leon frown because their movements matched so perfectly that if their physical forms weren't so different

one could have thought that one was the real and the other was a mirror image.'

"Let's defeat them

Leon

" Ilyana said. "After this

there won't be any more secrets between us."

"I will fight all of those who threaten this planet

I don't know if I will win

but I will fight

"Leon said. "That includes you as well...""

"..." Ilyana silently lowered her head.'

"How many times did you lie to me? How many times did you hid important things from me?" Leon asked. "How many times did you work behind the scenes to make me do something?"

"... All I did

I did for a reason

" Ilyana replied after a few moments of hesitation.'

"Of course

you did

people like you always think that you are in the right

no matter what happens

your actions are justified

right?" Leon smirked. "Hey

you... aren't you the same? You summoned dragons to Earth because you had a good reason

right? My parents died because of your dragons

but I bet that you had a good reason. Nope

you don't have to tell me

I understand everything."

'After a while

everything begun to make sense in Leon's head. Yuki's power to heal curses and similar effects

the magic box that Makoto's son had

the dungeon breaks in South America

the voice he heard

that strange figure

the soul eater that the harvesters had... Ilyana was involved in those. Leon thought that it was utter bullshit when he heard that a god gave Yuki the power to dispel negative effects. Magic box was an item that had the power to space magic

so it was only obvious that those weren't suppose to exist in a world on the first stage of assimilation.'

'Thanks to the dungeon breaks

Leon got aware that weird things were happening behind the scenes

but the sole purpose of that was to make Leon not notice about Ilyana's real intentions. Perhaps even the fact that he survived the fall from the plane was something that her hand was involved. Based on those things

Leon concluded that Ilyana wanted him to become strong

for what or why? That he couldn't tell.'

"Can't you trust me?" Ilyana asked. "I'm serious

after this battle

I will explain everything and then everything will make sense."

"Screw you

" Leon said.'

"I understand now..." The black-haired woman smirked. "You really are pathetic Ilyana

you always take your sweet time when he is involved."

"Shut up

your crazy bitch!" Ilyana shouted.'

'Something weird was going on

something that Leon had no idea what it was

but he couldn't care less about the things that were happening behind the scenes when those two monsters were involved. As far as Leon could tell

both of them were his enemies. Leon would use everything in his power to make them run away from Earth

or die trying.'

"Since it is like this

I won't lose this chance

"The black-haired woman said and then opened her arms. "Die feeling the same regrets you made me feel time and time again!""

'The sky that was dark before turned red

Leon recognized that

the black-haired woman used the same spell the angels used to prevent anyone from escaping the planet

perhaps she used a more powerful version. It didn't matter

what was important was the fact that the crazy witch would do something with the whole planet.'

"Master!" Sylas shouted. "What is the meaning of this?"

"I'm sorry

Sylas

"The black-haired woman said. "We have to change our plans and crushed them before they stop my plans once again."

"But... this is my home planet!" Sylas said.'

'Sylas who looked before like a bored old man suddenly recovered his vigor. Perhaps he could keep more than a few thoughts once he transforms into his final form. Either way

it looked like he didn't expect that his boss would destroy the planet he was trying to save.'

"Don't worry

once we deal with those two

we will reach the final stage of our plan and then we will have enough power to do whatever we want

"The black-haired woman smiled sweetly and said."

'Leon couldn't read the minds of those who were more powerful than him

but he honestly couldn't see any bad ills coming from that woman. More and more

Leon begun to feel that Ilyana only told him lies. Still

as far as he was concerned

the black-haired woman was still his enemy.'

'Suddenly

Leon felt his body being throw around to the side as if he had been hit by a large meteor. However

Ilyana grabbed him and stopped Leon from being throw around. She was still troubled by what Leon said to her

but something like that didn't stop her from helping Leon. Despite that

Leon teleported away from her and then saw what seemed to be a five hundred meters tall tsunami of dust coming toward him.'

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'As crazy as it sounded

the gigantic wave of dust didn't have only dust. It had trees

rocks

monsters and even humans... dead humans. Although Leon activated Anti-Gravity Field

he could feel his mana being consumed to keep his body in the place. Whatever that crazy woman did

it caused a massive collateral effect... that wave of dust quickly gained forced destroyed and killed everything in its path. Even the humans who were fighting the invaders. Almost as if... the black-haired woman had stopped the planet from rotating and moving around the sun.'

"Damn monster..." Leon clenched his teeth.'

'Leon could feel his mana being consumed to protect his friends. The skill that was protecting them from mortal damage was working. Still

it didn't change the fact that the black-haired woman just caused the instant death of millions of humans. If she really made Earth stop moving

then not many would have strong bodies to endure that. That idea made Leon even madder than before.'

"Don't worry

you won't die with this

"The black-haired woman smiled. "But you will fill the same agony that I felt many times thanks to you."

'That woman was speaking nonsense. Still

something inside Leon was wondering if that was really the case. He felt like some important piece of the puzzle was still missing that piece would make everything make sense. More important than that

Leon himself was wondering that that crazy was planning to do

suddenly stopping Earth caused a disaster like that wave

but it wouldn't be enough to decimate all humans' beings or kill Leon. Even if Leon uses Mana Link in millions of monsters

he wasn't sure if he would be able to stop Earth from moving. So

it was clear that he had no way of stopping the black-haired woman.'

"Are you sure about this?" Sekundez asked.'

'Before Leon could answer Sekundez

he noticed that she was facing Ilyana. That was weird

even though Ilyana also had a fragment of Sekundez

she wasn't supposed to be able to see her. Ilyana who was facing the wave of destruction heading toward just nodded while showing a tired expression.'

"Yeah... I'm also tired of this

" Ilyana replied. "I tried to do things right

but I messed up... we have to many irregularities this time. Leon

you will have a long dream. It will be easier for you this way. When you wake up

I hope that you still will chase our dream."

"Again... talking nonsense

" Leon said annoyed.'

"I won't let you!" The black-haired woman roared.'

'Before Leon could react

he felt his consciousness getting weaker. That happened so fast that he didn't have time to do anything and the last thing he saw was his body falling on the ground below

but before it could fall on the ground

his body disappeared. That was weird because Leon saw that happening as if his spirit had left his body. However

the moment his body disappeared; Leon was engulfed by darkness.'

'When Leon opened his eyes

he saw himself inside an airplane. Immediately

he recalled the previous events. However

for some reason

his body didn't react the way he wanted.'

"This is..." Leon muttered. "The same thing I experience when I use Mind Melding on myself..."

'It didn't take long for Leon to recognize where he was. It was that airplane

that one that fell and lead him to stay on that island for four years. Still

something was off... relieving that day strange enough

but he felt that something else was different.'

"My clothes... the date..." Leon frowned when he saw the screen showing him that he still had one day before the monsters appear.'

'Leon wondered why Ilyana was showing such an illusion. If she wanted to make Leon change his mind

she should have at least changed his memories a little more. However

when Leon looked at the window on his side

he noticed that the airplane was already flying over Phoenix and it was noon.'

'If he could

Leon would bite his lips in annoyance

but he couldn't do anything and since who was using Mind Melding was Ilyana

Leon will have to stay in that state until she feels satisfied. Suddenly

Leon saw the time moving forward really fast and his body also accompanied that speed. In the blink of an eye

the airplane landed and he left the airport. The fast forward only stopped when Leon appeared at the door of his parent's home... his old house was exactly the same he recalled. The garden his mother liked to look after

Amanda bike parked near the door and the garage where his father liked to store all kinds of weird things.'

'Leon saw his body taking a deep breathe before knocking on the door and open it and only to find his parent watching TV while drinking coffee. Leon's parents' hair was already most grey

and they looked like a couple who was about to retire from their respective jobs. They suddenly got up when they heard someone opening door and they quickly ran toward Leon to hug him.'

"Welcome back

" Leon's father said.'

"We missed you

" Leon's mother said.'

"Shit

shit..." Leon muttered annoyed while he was feeling what that Leon was feeling.'

'That Leon let the tears flow and then hugged both of his parents with all his strength. By the look of things

that one also had made a mess out of things before leaving to study abroad. That one was stubbornly didn't say sorry and only appeared suddenly without saying a word. Still

this time he managed to say that the was sorry for what he had done.'

'While the real Leon felt his chest being filled by remorse

happiness and at the same time anger

he begun to wonder once again what Ilyana was plotting. That woman's behavior had been really strange as of late. Still

playing with his memories wasn't something Leon could forgive. Regardless

after talking with his parents for a few hours

Leon went to party with Hector

he went too far and ended up spending the night fooling around with his old friend. However

the next day he woke up when they heard things getting noise outside. The moment Leon left Hector's house; he saw a dragon opening its mouth.'

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'Somehow

Hector left the house before the monster could burn it down with him inside. The explosion made them fly away for a few meters... when they got up

Hector's house was no more. The whole place had been burned to a crisp. Not even the walls resisted. Hector only got up to fall on his knees when he recognized the fact that his parents had been buried alongside his house.'

"This is..." Leon muttered.'

'That Leon looked to the skies and saw a scene that came out from a horror movie: dozens of massive lizards were flying over the city and destroying everything that slightly picked their interest. It was the day where Leon was supposed to fall on the ocean

but for some reason

that didn't happen.'

"... If I remember well

I had planned to return a few days before that date

" Leon muttered. "However

there was no seat available for that date... so... why..."

'Time moved forward again

and Leon saw himself in front of his house. Only half of it had been burned. The other half was the garage that had been semi-destroyed. With Hector's help

Leon removed the rubble

and they found Amanda there. His sister was half-dead

but Leon still carried her on his back

hoping to find the hospitals still running. However

soon after getting Amanda

the city began to be overrun by monsters. Goblins

Sahuagins

Pterodactyls

Killer Bees... Leon found them all.'

"Is this an alternate version of the past?" Leon frowned. "What Ilyana hopes to accomplish by showing me this..."

'Leon already knew that Mind Melding was a dangerous skill and

in the wrong hands

could have made the life of any person a living nightmare. Still

even though he wished for the end of it with all his might

nothing happened.'

'While carrying the unconscious Amanda

Leon and Hector tried to escape from the monsters that were swarming the city and killing those who survived the dragon's attack. In that chaos

Sasha joined their group alongside twenty or so other people.'

'After looting a gun shop

Leon

alongside his companions

managed to leave the city just in time to see a hydrogen bomb falling over it. The scene left everyone speechless. That sudden light made that Leon sweat cold. He barely had returned home after four years

and now he had lost his parents and even his hometown.'

'Leaving the city didn't solve their problems. Monsters were everywhere and their numbers didn't stop from increasing. In just two days half of that group members had died due to monsters' attack and their ammo had also had been completely used. Amidst the despair Leon found a single thing that changed the destiny of his life: the fireball tome.'

"Leon said. "There is no way I would obtain a tome at such a convenient time."

'Things didn't become rainbows and sunshine after that. However with Leon's spell

the survivors managed to fight back and little by little obtain items and coins that strengthened the group. That Leon found problems here and there when his group had to contact another survivor's group

but thanks to Hector's leadership

they managed to survive and keep moving. Eventually

Amanda recovered from her wounds and joined the fights. Surprisingly she was quite skilled with the bow despite being a total novice and she became a fine addition to the team.'

'It was hard to be sure

but it looked like that Leon and his group traveled from place to place

searching for survivors and supplies for two years while building their strength. Still

even though the group increased

many were already tired of walking with no clear goal. So

Hector decided to recover Las Vegas. It would be a good base for the group. After all

the city wasn't nuked.'

'Although they had to kill dozens of thousands of monsters

that Leon and his friends managed to take Las Vegas from monsters. That was good

but Leon was more interested as to why he was obtaining so many tomes. That Leon fought a lot

so he deserved it

but considering the bad luck

Leon had

he deserves something that wasn't enough for him to obtain it. Weirdly enough

nothing serious happened after recovering Las Vegas. The only serious thing that happened was that Leon punched Hector so hard in the face and made him lose some teeth when he discovered that his sister was pregnant and Hector's father.'

"Why the hell that happened while I was around?" Leon frowned. "If I remember well

it was around that time William and his lackeys began to get famous

but that Leon didn't hear anything about them. There are no mentions about Makoto either..."

'If that really were the events that happened in a parallel universe

it was only obvious that different things would happen. So

why Amanda and Hector still had a kid? After doing some basic calculations

Leon confirmed that everything matched with Maya's time

and Leon confirmed that when the baby was born. The kid was identical to Maya and even received that name...'

'In any case

by the look of things

that Leon had a life totally different from Leon. Although that one also became a mage

he didn't have anywhere near mastery as Leon. Regardless

Leon confirmed that things proceed relatively favorably to that one. Helping other survivors making his own camp grow

that Leon eventually also reunited with Betty... More important than that

the holy sword wasn't sealed! Leon confirmed that when that Leon eloped with Betty

and then Sasha and after a few months... he also found an astonishing foreigner beauty that joined his harem: Gisela.'

"Seriously?" Leon asked in shock. "Another version of me married three times?"

'Leon began to wonder if his lack of luck was due to the fact that his other versions were too lucky like that one... maybe fate just chooses one of them to pay for the lust and crimes of all others..."

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'Although Gisela didn't have a hellish life like Leon knew

one was also weak when they met. Leon was the type who wanted to be the shield who would protect the ones he loved

but that Leon wasn't crazy enough to think that they shouldn't train and improve themselves.'

'Weirdly enough Sasha Betty and Gisela had similar fighting styles to the ones Leon knew. Also weirdly enough he was by far the best mage of a group of thousands of survivors. Maybe that was why he got ahead of himself and decided to marry three times. That being said Leon would be lying if he says that he wasn't jealous of that Leon.' 'Of course Leon who punched Hector for making his sister pregnant was also lectured by his younger sister. According to Amanda the world was full of monsters and billions died but that wasn't an excuse for that Leon to have three wives. Regardless despite everything Leon had a good life but Leon didn't venture outside the country to make all the world nations work together. So it was only obvious that Leon never met Makoto and Yuki.' "I don't think the fact that that plane didn't fall was the cause of all of this..." Leon muttered. "It wouldn't make sense..." 'Leon wanted to know why he couldn't see Netro's hands behind some events. Still

even though he didn't find the answer he was looking for

that one hell of a long move continues to be played

and in the blink of an eye

several years passed

and after thirty years of the monsters' arrival

Earth reached the second stage of assimilation.'

"That is weird... I didn't teach many people how to use mana

but the assimilation process still advanced quite fast..." Leon frowned. "Is that something fated to happen? Just like Maya's existence?"

'Now that Leon thought about it

he

Sasha

Betty

and Gisela didn't have a single kid in all those years. That was weird because when he saw Sasha and Betty again

they had a lot of kids... as for Gisela

she was pursuing power above all else

so it would make sense that she wouldn't have any. Maybe the problem was with Leon... even if the holy sword was unsealed

it lost its power... that kind of thought made Leon a bit depressed

but that was something he already was used to it.'

'Regardless

since new strong monsters suddenly appeared

the human race got caught off guard

and many died. That Leon's camp had two hundred thousand survivors

but after a couple of weeks of the constant fight

that number decreased to fifty thousand. The thought of the same loses being happening all over the world made that Leon freeze in terror. Although eventually

people got strong enough to overcome the monsters once again

if such a disaster happens once again. It was only a matter of time before the human race is wiped out.'

'In any case

another thing that Leon didn't experience was 'the fallen.' Those assholes who used weird spells to make people explode never appeared. Leon concluded that it was because Netro didn't involve himself with Earth in that parallel universe. Still

given how much trouble the human race was having in dealing with monsters alone

it was only obvious that the harvesters didn't feel the need to intervene.'

'The more time passed

the more Leon felt uncomfortable watching all that. It was like watching a low-budget movie that was copying one that made a lot of success. Although Leon was struggling a lot

Leon knew that things could have been way worse... he had experienced that himself

after all.'

'Just as Leon had expected

the third stage of assimilation happened

and things got much worse than before. That Leon saw his old companions dying left and right... even Betty. Although they were fighting side by side

she was impaled by the spears of dozens of gremlins.'

"Shit..." Leon bit his lips

frustrated.'

'That Leon grabbed the dying Betty before she could fall on the ground. Her whole body had been wounded beyond salvation

and that Leon couldn't do anything since he didn't know any healing spells. That Leon saw Betty dying in his arms

and he couldn't do anything but despair and tremble. In Betty's last movements

Leon recalled everything they had experienced in the last three hundred years. Fought together

trained together

loved together... and a group of fucking monsters robbed them of the right of dying together.'

'Still

Betty's death didn't surprise Leon. Why? Because her fighting style was different. The Betty he knew was way more skilled... not only that

that Leon's status was much lower in comparison to the one Leon had when he left Miebos to face the angels. That Leon also didn't have the power to heal wounds or create magic weapons either. In fact

everyone looked far weaker than the versions Leon knew... it was like... his presence made them weaker. Leon didn't want to admit that

but it was the only plausible explanation he found.'

'That Leon already practiced his spells quite a bit

but he did that even more frequently after Betty's death. That being said

he was nowhere as skilled as Leon

so it took him a long while before he could learn healing spells and even how to create magic weapons by using the spirits of monsters.'

'That Leon put a lot of effort into the next hundred years

but weirdly enough

the assimilation process was happening even faster than it was supposed to be. So

before the fourth stage could even begin

the angels attacked Earth... the same angels Leon fought alongside the fake harvesters. Their power couldn't even be compared to the other monsters on the fourth stage

and due to it... many died. Sasha and Amanda were among that group.'