

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'Leon's perspective changed once again

and he returned to see the things that the other Leon was seeing. Although he slept for a long while

he didn't feel anything weird in his body... only some shivers when he saw the reproaching eyes of Ilyana and Serena. However

before the lecture

they hugged him tightly.'

"It looks like I brought us the time that we needed

" that Leon forced a smile. "I'm aware that I slept for a long while

but instead of learning for how long

I want to confirm that she didn't come after you while I was away."

"The first thing you ask when you woke up after sleeping for one thousand years is another woman?" Ilyana frowned.'

"That wasn't what I asked..." Leon shrugged. "One thousand years... it took one thousand years for my spirit to recover from that

huh."

'Leon frowned when he heard because

according to Ilyana and Sekundez's damaged spirits couldn't be healed

and he also concluded that they couldn't recover on their own. Then again

even though his spirit had recovered

it didn't change the fact that he sacrificed ten thousand of years of his lifespan. Somehow

he knew that he had lost exactly that... and that he could die at any moment

even though Leon still looked exactly like that guy on the day the dragons appeared.'

"Why did you do that?" Ilyana asked.'

"I told you

I'm not going to let any of you die before me

" Leon shrugged. "If you want to die so badly

do so after me. Once your turn arrives."

"How can you say something like that?" Ilyana lowered her head and then let the tears flow.'

"Sorry..." that Leon hugged Ilyana firmly to the point where he could feel the soft and pleasantness of her Ilyana big boobs. Noticing his intentions

Ilyana headbutted him.'

"Ugh... at least wait until I leave the room

" Serena frowned and then hurried to leave the room before she could be traumatized for life despite her age.'

'Leon frowned once again when he saw the other Leon and Ilyana performing the task of conceiving Serena's first sibling. Weirdly enough

that feeling slowly got weak until it completely disappeared. It was only obvious that would happen since he was forced to watch them do that over and over again every single day like monkeys in the heats. Regardless

that only stopped when Ilyana got pregnant again... the second child was another girl. One that had white blue hair

and that was always smiling. Leon had hoped that Ilyana would name her

but just like before

she asked him to choose the name

and Leon named her Ursula.'

'Ursula grew up to be a girl who likes to play a lot. Her main hobbies were pulling Leon's hair and pinch his sides when he was unaware of her. Unlike Serena

Ursula didn't have amazing control over overtime magic

but she liked to play so much with water that eventually became her specialty.'

"Wait... that is... Undine?" Leon frowned.'

'The semblance was there

but instead of that

Leon began to worry if all his spirits weren't playing him... he didn't want to believe it

but if Ilyana had created them based on the children

other versions of them had

then the spirits were like his kids...'

'Regardless

since they never heard of the black-haired woman again

Leon and Ilyana decided to stop their hunt and just live a normal life. That was the only thing left for them because each day

Leon's hair was becoming more and more grey... instead of wasting their remaining time together fighting assholes

Ilyana decided to live a normal life.'

'Their third child was a big redhead boy that Leon named Ernest. Ernest was wild

unlike Serena and Ursula. The boy liked to play fight with his father whenever possible... that being said

even when he was just five years old

his punches begun to hurt Leon quite a bit. Although his parents were mages

Ernest had the talent to fight in closer quarters

but he also had talent in using fire magic.'

'The fourth child was a small playful boy who Leon decided to call Simon. Simon loved to run. Even before he could do it without a stumble

he challenged his elder sisters and parents to races. Simon also liked to relax quite a bit feeling the wind of the backyard

so to relax as much as possible

he learned how to use wind

which became his talent.'

'Remington was the name of their fifth son... at that point in time

Leon couldn't help but wonder if that was one hell of a coincidence that their kids had magical affinities to different elements and their names also were very similar to the spirits... Regardless

Remington wasn't a bad kid

but he was a bit hard to deal with since he was a smart ass. Even though he didn't nearly have lived as long as his parents or even Serena

he was trying to outsmart them in the arguments about trivial things.'

'That Leon decided to call the sixth kid Volker. Unlike the other kids

Volker was a very quiet kid

he wasn't particularly shy

but he wasn't that sociable either. Volker liked to watch everyone when they were together. Weirdly enough

Volker didn't have any particular elemental affinity

so perhaps the fact that the kids had similar names to the spirits Leon found in games was just a coincidence.'

'Ignis was the same as the seventh kid. Although he was also playful like Simon

Ignis liked to play with earth alone instead of with someone else. Since he became quite skillful in using earth magic

he made everyone

except Leon

by throwing mudballs at them.'

'The eighth kid was a difficult child... his name was Shaun

and Shaun was a crybaby. He also was pretty small. Adding that to his personality made him the perfect target for Remington

who like to look smart. Thanks to the constant semi-bullying

Shaun became like the gothic kid of the family. Leon could easily imagine him using earphones and listening to some punk rock music during a meal... nevertheless

he was his son just like the others were

so that never bothered him.'

'That Leon's face already had many wrinkles

and his hair was completely white when the last of his kids were born. Her name was Celia

and even though she also was a crybaby

but since she liked Leon quite a lot

she was always full smiles when Leon was carrying her on his shoulders or arms. She was a daddy's girl...'

'However

ten years after her birth

that Leon died...'

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'As one would expect

Leon had mixed feelings after watching that life. He didn't know if his alternative version defeated the black-haired woman or not

but at the very least

his last years were nothing but happiness. Still

did that Leon deserves that happiness? Failing to protect his friends and his previous wives? Does the current Leon deserve a life like that when he messed up so many times and even killed hundreds of humans?'

'The answer for that question

Leon didn't have. Still

considering that the harvesters were mass murderers that have been slaughtering other living beings left and right and without being punished

perhaps

he at least has the right to do. However

much to Leon's surprise

even though his vision had darkened

the dream didn't end there.'

"Is everyone ready?" Serena asked. "Good... are you sure about this

Mother?"

"Yes..." Ilyana said. "It is the right thing to do..."

'Leon didn't like those words. By the look of things

everyone had decided to perform a shady ritual to revive him perhaps

but nothing happened. The darkness didn't dissipate

and Leon didn't wake up either. However

after a while

Leon opened his eyes and then saw himself in a familiar place... that airplane.'

"Not again..." Leon sighed.'

'It looked like Ilyana wanted to show to Leon more than a life of an alternate version of himself. Although that a bit useful since Leon could obtain status points without doing anything and just absorbing the memories and knowledge of those versions

he didn't want to see his other versions' lives. Why? Because if they had better lives than him

Leon would feel jealous

and if they somehow had worse lives

he would feel depressed.'

"Well

at least this explains why Ilyana has so many spells

" Leon shrugged. "If she can see the lives of other people in parallel universes

she can learn virtually all possible skills. In any case... why did she create spirits based on the kids of another version of himself? Come to think of it... did she feel embarrassed before because

in another universe

we lived together? That is kind of creepy..."

'Regardless

things didn't repeat in the life of the next Leon. Some things that happened with the first one happened with the second. A dragon didn't attack the airplane. Leon arrived home and received a warm welcome from his family... but then the next day

Leon's parents didn't die when a dragon burned down their house. Somehow
the morning when the dragons appeared

Leon

Amanda

and their parents went to do some shopping.'

'However

as if fate was laughing at Leon

the supermarket they were in got overrun by a horde of velociraptors. Without
weapons to use and fight

Leon saw helplessly his parents being eaten by monsters

and this time

Amanda died along with them...'

"Shit... shit!" Leon bit his lips in annoyance as strongly as he could

but he didn't feel anything since he was in a non-physical form.'

'That was one of the reasons why Leon didn't want to watch something like the
life of another himself. In the end

he would just watch the same thing over and over again

the apocalypse

the end of the world where people die while being eaten by fucking monsters
that came out straight of fantasy stories. It was sickening and unnerving...'

'With those changes

that Leon didn't have the same start as the previous one. That Leon didn't find
Hector and thus left Phoenix alone and wandered like that for quite a while.
After running away from monsters for months

that Leon finally found some equipment to protect himself and fight back.
However

he wasn't particularly athletic

so he barely had the strength to fight for more than a few monsters every day.
Things only began to change when that Leon found a magic bow that granted
him the power to shoot fire arrows. Such a weapon was uncommon

and since its firepower was deadly

Leon began to get famous

and then he finally joined a group of survivors... but calling that a gang was
more appropriate

though since half of the members were criminals of some sort.'

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

'Your dexterity and stamina will increase by four points

your mana

health

recovery

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

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Elemental Archer!'

'Your dexterity and stamina will increase by four points

your mana

health

recovery

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

"Crap... this time

this Leon will turn into a no-good asshole

" Leon sighed. "Well

I'm not much of a virtuous person

but I'm tired of being surrounded by darkness and misfortune."

'Although that Leon didn't become an asshole who would do anything that he wants to satisfy himself

he didn't stop his teammates from doing exactly that. Instead of worrying about others

that Leon only did everything he could to become stronger'

"I guess this one became a power-hungry semi-asshole..." Leon sighed. "Can't say I would do differently after seeing my whole family being devoured by dinosaurs..."

'Although the existence of monsters was enough to make that Leon mad

it wouldn't make him as furious as the previous Leon because the real enemy wasn't an intelligent entity. So

Leon couldn't help but wonder what would happen in the long run. Although the end of the world was the perfect playground for assholes

he was fully aware that idiots wouldn't survive long there.'

'In any case

as if he was destined to do that or something

that Leon changed his fighting style when he found a few tomes after clearing a certain dungeon. Upon learning how to cast Frozen Lance and Thunder Bullet

that Leon abandoned the bow and truly became a mage.'

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"Although this is convenient

knowing that I'm prone to become a mage in parallel universes is really troubling

" Leon frowned. "Anyway... for how long his crazy behavior will continue? No one that I know will appear here?"

'Four years passed in the blink of an eye

and Leon confirmed that things would be very different this time. That Leon didn't find a single person that he knew to put him on the right path... as if that wasn't bad enough

that gang was starting to become really notorious all over the world.'

'One random day

a familiar person suddenly appeared and then contacted the leader of the group. Leon frowned when he recognized William. For some reason

he was alone

but given the work he wanted to pay the gang to do

it was obvious that he was up to no good.'

"I want you guys to raid Tokyo in Japan

" William said. "While you guys distract them

my party will do something else there."

'That Leon frowned when he heard that

but the gang leader didn't react in the same way. In fact

he was more interested in how much he would be paid to do that. Meanwhile

Leon was wondering if he would reveal more than that.'

"Count me out

" that Leon said. "I won't do anything that isn't related to killing monsters."

'Leon was pretty sure that the timing wasn't that accurate

but given William's words and the job

it was pretty clear that he wanted to steal something from Japan. Probably it was the dragon scales again

or perhaps Makoto's son's magic box. Either way

he sighed in relief when his other self refused that job because he hadn't fallen so low...'

'Regardless

that troubled the rest of the gang because without Leon

they were just an average team. Even though they had one hundred and fifty members

Leon was lone was powerful enough to be worth of fifty survivors. Knowing that they couldn't change their mind and that facing human beings was way more dangerous than facing certain monsters

the other gang members decided to refuse the job.'

'◆◆◆I guess this won't be the time where I will meet Makoto and Yuki

" Leon muttered

a bit disappointed.'

'Although that Leon didn't get involved with William and caused an international incident

things still got messed up after a while. After a few months

that Leon and the gang received the word that Japanese warriors were attacking the East Coast.'

"I don't like this..." Leon furrowed his eyebrows. "Makoto didn't attack America not even when his son died

so what made him change his mind this time? Unless..."

'By the look of things

William managed to carry out his plans without Leon and his gang's help

and also by the look of things... he probably killed Makoto's son and Yuki while he was at it. It was only logical that Makoto would wage war after losing both of them. Although that Leon and the gang stayed out of the problem before

things changed now... it was a war

and no sane person that could fight would let foreigners damage their lands.'

'That Leon didn't fight humans until now

but when the time came... he didn't hesitate to dirty his hands with human blood when the time came. While watching his alternative version freezing and shocking Japanese warriors to death

Leon let out a long sigh. He had worked hard to prevent humans from killing each other. Even though Leon had killed hundreds of them

his ultimate goal was to stop them from killing each other in a war while he was on Earth. However

after seeing the start of one

Leon couldn't help but think that he had been too naïve.'

'A certain once said that war is inevitable. The wars will only end when it exists only a single human on the planet. Why? Because humans are crazy

and they would rather lose anything than compromise. They would rather sacrifice lives for resources instead of looking for a more viable alternative. That Leon was a perfect example of that... he never cared all that much about his teammates

but upon seeing them dying in a war

he felt that he needed to retribute.'

'There wasn't much strategy involved in that war. Humans had become strong enough to survive grenades

after all. With the most of the world's technology sealed

it was only natural that humans would retrocede to primitive moments of their existence... Regardless

when Leon saw one of his allies die

he froze to death a random Japanese warrior. When two of his teammates exploded due to a Fireball

he shocked four others until they stopped moving... that madness continued until each side had barely a few dozen people alive. Much to his surprise

Leon recognized two warriors on the other side.'

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

'Those two were Makoto and Ren... the emperor himself was participating in the war. That only made Leon confirm that the human race was truly mad... but would he try something different if he had lost his children? No

he would create a situation even worse than that.'

'Ren stepped up to protect his emperor

but even though he was a bit stronger than expected

he didn't last more than a few seconds against Leon. Seeing himself killing a friend made Leon feel more than a little discomfort... that Leon had no relation with Ren

but knowing that didn't make things easier. He electrocuted Ren to death

after all. That wasn't a fight; it was an execution.'

"Damn you

Ilyana

" Leon clenched his teeth and muttered. "You will pay for showing me all of this..."

'Despite his frustration

Leon couldn't bring himself to really hate Ilyana

not after seeing the previous life. Besides

in the deepest parts of his heart

Leon felt that he deserved to watch all of that... for some reason

he felt that it was an appropriate punishment. Punishment for what? That he couldn't tell...'

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'After a while

Leon saw he was the only one left alive on the American side. All the people he fought alongside in the previous four years had died. Yet... that Leon didn't feel anything about that. Makoto was still alive and had two other soldiers on his side

but instead of letting them weaken the enemy in front of him even more

Makoto stepped forward and gave his men the order to fall back.'

'Both Leon and Makoto didn't say anything to each other. There was nothing to say. They were enemies and nothing more. Leon couldn't care less if Makoto's wish for justice was right

and Makoto couldn't care less if the man in front of him didn't have anything to do with the death of his kids.'

'Suddenly

Makoto dashed forward

and Leon barely had time to move his arms and aim at his head and torso. A Thunder Bullet flew toward his head while the Frost Lance was aimed at his stomach. However

with a single swing of his katana

Makoto blocked the projectiles. His arms got electrocuted

and he was forced to slow down

and that was the chance Leon had been waiting for. In the blink of an eye

several Frost Lances coming from all directions surrounded Makoto. However

much to Leon's surprise

Makoto only protected his head and ignored the pain and the wounds when he got hit by them because they barely pierced his body. Makoto was bleeding a little

but nothing more.'

'Leon had been fighting for a while

so he didn't have much mana left. Given that Frost Lance and Thunder Bullet were his most powerful spells and still weren't powerful enough to stop Makoto

he would have to risk himself in order to succeed.'

"I wonder why even those versions of me also don't like to rely on weapons all that much

" Leon frowned. "Is that an instinctive action or something?"

'Instead of trying again

that Leon just pointed both hands toward Makoto. Since he couldn't see any sign of resignation in Leon's eyes

he concluded that he was plotting something. It was only obvious... despite that

Makoto couldn't bring himself to fall back or hesitate in front of his soldiers. Thousand of his warriors had died in that battle

so his pride didn't allow him to do that either.'

'Makoto had hoped that he would force those who killed his kids to fight against his army by causing a war. Even though he didn't have any idea who did that

he thought that they had been forced to fight and died since there was only one enemy in front of him. Makoto didn't know if he had accomplished his wishes

but he felt that it was time to end everything once and for all.'

'Concentrating all his strength in a single moment was what Makoto was good at

and since the opponent didn't intend to attack first

he couldn't have asked for a better moment to do that. After concentrating for several seconds

Makoto raised his sword and then disappeared. Despite that

Leon didn't panic. He was fully aware

based on Makoto's stance

how and where he would attack. When Makoto appeared before him and swung his sword downward to split him half

several Frost Lances appeared on Leon's right hand and stopped the attack. Makoto managed to cut down several of them

but he lost his momentum in doing that. Suddenly

Leon grabbed Makoto's head with his left hand and then grinned when he completely covered his mouth.'

"Thunder Bullet."

'A direct electric attack hitting the inside of his mouth was enough to kill Makoto. Although humans could train their bodies

once their heads and hearts are damaged beyond repair

everything is over...'

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

'Your strength and health will increase by six points

your mana

stamina

recovery

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

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one

King Slayer!'

'Your strength and health will increase by eight points

your mana

stamina

recovery

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

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Emperor Slayer!'

'Your strength and health will increase by ten points

your mana

stamina

recovery

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

'Once again

Leon felt complicated things while watching other Leon tossing Makoto's body aside while smiling. Most people would feel proud of themselves by defeating a worthy opponent

but not Leon... not even when he had the power of pride. The two other soldiers tried to avenge their emperor

but they failed... Amidst thousands of corpses

that Leon sat on the ground and begun to laugh maniacally. He was the strongest... he was the sole survivor of a war of beasts. He defeated countless warriors that could use all kinds of crazy abilities... he deserved to be called the strongest. However

that feeling soon disappeared.'

'When his head cooled down

that Leon finally realized that he had become a monster himself... emptiness. That was what he felt inside him. He killed hundreds of soldiers for no reason. Although it was a war

he had no reason to hate his enemies or smile while killing them. In a sense that Leon caused more deaths than many monsters. With his head down and while letting the tears of his face flow

that Leon left the battlefield.'

"Shit... this is so messed up

" Leon said

annoyed. "Although it is better than watching myself become even worse

it isn't unpleasant to see this either..."

'Once again

Leon felt that not only he deserved to watch himself endure so many hardships

but this time he also felt that he had the duty to do that. It was a weird feeling beyond explanation.'

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'After the war

nothing interesting happened. That Leon decided to build a house in a remote area and then only fight when monsters tried to kill him. He didn't have any reason to worry about the situation of the world. Why struggle so much? Those who he loved died

and all the people he knew probably had the same destiny... what was the point?'

'Due to those actions

that Leon only saw other humans very often. The more years passed

the fewer humans he would meet. To make matters worse

he understood that mana made his body stronger... stronger to the point where he could live a lot more. Still

that wasn't a good thing for him. The years passed

and then Earth finally reached the second stage of assimilation. The monsters were much more troublesome than before

but despite that

Leon managed to survive even though he only used his skills during the fights against the monsters and never tried to train or learn new spells. He wanted to die... and he got what he wanted when Earth reached the third stage of assimilation. A hellhound dungeon appeared near his home

and that Leon died while being eaten by a swarm of hellhounds.'

"Is that it?" Leon asked in shock. "So incredibly pathetic..."

'Since that guy was basically him with different experiences

Leon felt the right to criticize him to his heart's content. Despite all setbacks

Leon always moved forward and tried to improve. He hated more than anything being a spectator in his life

which was one of the many reasons why Leon wanted power.'

"This isn't good

you know

" Leon suddenly heard Serena's voice. "You can't have a life like that... you need to become even better than before instead of worse."

'Leon frowned when he heard that

but in the end

he didn't have much time to think about it because the next movie started... The same things happened again

Leon was on a plane

returned home

and reunited with his family

but he was tense because things could be different despite all that. It was hard to imagine something worse than being devoured by monsters

but perhaps something equally cruel would happen to his family. However

this time... they didn't die. Even Amanda managed to leave Phoenix before the place could be nuked.'

"So... no matter what

the city is destined to face total destruction?" Leon said bitterly. "This is shit... why this has to..."

'Complaining wouldn't change a thing

so Leon decided to shut up and just observe. Alongside his family and some friends that managed to escape

Leon began to work as the new camp leader. Hector wasn't there. He never found Sasha or Betty... but despite all that

Leon worked hard and managed to recover Las Vegas in just one year. In the blink of an eye

that city became the city in America that had the most survivors and was prospering

considering that new survivors appeared every day.'

"I thought I didn't have any leadership abilities

but..." Leon frowned. "Well

it looks like I can do it if I try."

'Although Leon's power was thanks to tomes

and he couldn't teach other survivors how to use magic

he still found other ways to strengthen them. Hunting together was one of the many methods he used. Even though causing wounds wasn't pleasant

he also leveled up the resistances of all survivors.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Warden!

'Your speed and intelligence will increase by four points

your mana

health

recovery

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

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

'Your speed and intelligence will increase by six points

your mana

health

recovery

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

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

'Your speed and intelligence will increase by eight points

your mana

health

recovery

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

'Although unlocking new jobs at that moment made Leon frown a little

he was thankful for it. After all

the number of jobs that he had lacked considerably. Regardless

Leon felt thankful that another version of himself didn't have a gruesome and dark start this time. Still

he was fully aware that things would never proceed so favorably while Earth still stays under the assimilation system.'

'Even though Leon never found Hector

Sasha

Betty

and even Gisela

Las Vegas directly under his command prospered so much that he even received requests to commercialize with other countries

such as Japan. That Leon even received one of Makoto's ninjas in his home alongside a letter written by Makoto himself. Since he didn't have any reason to refuse

that Leon accepted the deal. After all

only a couple of countries had access to dragons' hearts.'

"So

this time

Makoto became an ally

huh

" Leon sighed in relief. "This is so much better than before."

'Despite all those good things happening

Leon never lowered his guard. In fact

both of them never did. Those two were fully aware

despite their positions

that things could turn south at any moment. However

nothing happened... the second stage of assimilation came

and humanity managed to endure without suffering too many losses. At that point

Leon and Makoto became the most known leaders of the world. Instead of commercial partners

they became friends since whenever something happened in America or Japan

they worked together

even the smallest of the problems. Things proceeded so well to the point where Makoto let Leon marry Yuki

and he didn't even have to save the world seven times...'

"Oh

boy..." Leon covered his mouth to hide his smile from no one. "Yuki this time

huh. Can't say that I'm not jealous of him."

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'That timeline was way too weird in Leon's eyes. Although he didn't find some of his friends

a lot had changed. For example

Makoto's son was still alive... his name was Kenji

and he was a fearsome warrior just like his father. Also

Yuki was a bit different... since her brother died; she never hated Leon or Americans since the beginning. If anything

the arrival of monsters didn't let her become an easily irritable woman. Instead of that

she was a shy and very easy to tease girl. That only made Leon even more jealous

but only for a while.'

'Strangely

Leon and Yuki never had any kids in hundreds of years. Still

despite that

they lived happily together for hundreds of years... until Earth finally reached the fourth stage of assimilation. The number of monsters didn't increase

but Earth began to be attacked by several other sentient races.'

"More wars... I knew things would get complicated at some point

" Leon said after a long sigh.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one

Lord!

'Your endurance and mentality will increase by ten points

your mana

health

stamina

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

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one King!

'Your endurance and mentality will increase by twelve points

your mana

health

stamina

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

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Star King!

'Your endurance and mentality will increase by fourteen points

your mana

health

stamina

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

'Leon frowned when he received those notifications. He couldn't tell what he did to deserve them. Although he was the leader of millions of humans

he certainly didn't act or was treated like a king... Perhaps he could be considered a lord since his word was treated seriously by many

but certainly

he wasn't a Star King.'

"Well

the profession system is kind of weird

so it can't be helped

" Leon shrugged.'

'At some point

Leon thought that something like that would happen to Earth

but it never happened along with his life. However

it was clear that his might have happened in other timelines. While it would be interesting to watch them all

Leon was already tired of seeing the lives of other versions of himself.'

'Time and time again

Earth got invaded by millions of members of other planets' dominant races. Since the opponents weren't dumb like monsters

the human race began to suffer a lot of casualties despite the fact that they managed to repel several of those invaders. It was weird

but their sole goal wasn't to dominate other planets. It was just to fight and defeat others... almost as if their sole goal was to strengthen their race members.'

"The same thing happened with those demi-minotaurs..." Leon rubbed his chin. "It makes sense

really. Unlike the harvesters

those people are trying to make their whole species stronger... distributing the power among several individuals would be more efficient than letting a single one of them get stronger alone

after all. However

only those who didn't face beings like Netro and the shadowy figure would try that. Sheer numbers don't mean a thing against their power."

'Unfortunately

Leon and the human race were following that path to get stronger as a whole. They only understood that instead of making everyone stronger

it was better to create a small army of specialized soldiers when Crik and his soldiers attacked Earth.'

"A lot of things changed in this timeline... but things didn't change only on Earth

" Leon muttered.'

'Five hundred years have passed since the first monsters appeared. Leon knew that Crik and his men would only leave their home planet in two hundred years in the future

but something happened with them

and that made the order of things change a lot. Regardless

Crik and his soldiers decimated humans. The mithril people had been modified to become much stronger

after all.'

'Despite the difference in strength

the human race fought for months against the mithril people

but they still got defeated. The few times Crik participated in the battle

Leon didn't manage to scratch him even a single time. The human race lost and only a few survivors had been left alive when Crik and his men left the planet. Leon was one of them... however

after that battle

he had lost everything. Yuki

Amanda

his parents

Makoto... they all died fighting the mithril people.'

"Damn it... all this crap again

" Leon muttered

annoyed.'

'The other Leon tried to look for survivors

and he found all of them

but upon realizing that those he truly loved had died

he gave up on playing nicely. Just like the second Leon

the third one began his quest to obtain absolute power. After fighting and surviving for so long

it was clear that the third Leon would perhaps reach the level of the first Leon. After considering that

Leon noticed that the third one had status much better than the first Leon when he had the same age

but he still was behind himself.'

"Is this a coincidence?" Leon frowned.'

'It didn't matter. Regardless

just the previous ones

Leon began to study and research magic like a true scholar. Without having to worry about anything else

his skill using mana increased by leaps and bounds until he found a weird dungeon that was spawning elementals...'

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

'You obtained 01 status point.'

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

'You obtained 01 status point.'

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

'You obtained 01 status point.'

'...'

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'While the third Leon was reaching the max level in certain skills

Leon was also receiving those notifications... perhaps that was Ilyana's goal. Make him stronger by accessing the memories of parallel universes. Although that was convenient

it was much more painful for Leon than training by causing harm to his own body. Still

it was weird because he couldn't understand if that was totally necessary. He just learned the techniques that put the black-haired woman to sleep for a while

so what was the point of continue watching that.'

""Let's see how things will play out this time with Ilyana..." Leon muttered and then crossed his arms to observe the other Leon.'

'However

much to Leon's surprise

things went the same way as it did with him. The third Leon was obviously cautious of someone like her since he couldn't measure her power and frowned once Ilyana proposed an alliance.'

"It can't be helped that you are cautious of me

" Ilyana said. "Then

how about this: I will show you a way to obtain power fast without doing anything suspicious. Have you heard of the great magic spirits?"

'The third Leon obviously didn't hear of them

and Leon frowned because it didn't make sense that they would exist at that point in time when they didn't exist in other universes. However

the strangest thing of everything was that Ilyana herself wanted to give the third Leon the spirits' power.'

"I wonder if Ilyana not only can obtain the knowledge of other universes but also can give them useful pieces of information

" Leon said. "Perhaps she told others how to create the spirits... still

is this Ilyana powerful enough to create them?"

'Leon's doubts didn't stop increasing... as usual; he couldn't quite picture Ilyana's end goal. Leon had some suspicions

but he didn't want to jump to conclusions. Regardless

the third Leon accepted that once he learned about the spirits and just as things went him

things proceeded well with the third Leon

and in the blink of an eye

he obtained their cooperation. The fact that he didn't have to worry about Earth anymore helped a lot. That being said

not having anything to protect didn't make the third Leon stronger... if anything

it made him weaker.'

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

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by ten points

your stamina

health

recovery

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

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Master of the Spirits!'

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by ten points

your stamina

health

recovery

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

"I guess the trigger to learn those is to form contracts with the spirits

" Leon nodded to himself.'

'Even though Leon was hoping to see things from Ilyana's perspective

that didn't happen. Leon was also hoping to notice any strange behavior

but that didn't happen either. The third Leon acted exactly like him

and thus she acted the same way she did it with him. The only real difference was that she was also conveniently training to kill a certain species that decimated her planet's dominant race. They were the dragonewts.'

"Given that the Ilyana that I know lied to me. Perhaps this one is also lying

" Leon muttered. "Still... the dragonewts exists. Those are the fellows that we defeated alongside Netro... so perhaps

she isn't lying."

'It was a massive pain in the ass to wonder if someone was lying or not

but it was absolutely necessary for Leon. He couldn't let himself be fooled again

and since the skills he used to analyze the opponents didn't work if they were stronger than him

he had to find other ways to confirm his suspicions.'

'Strangely enough

Ilyana never asked the third Leon to do any jobs for her. The only thing she asked him to do was to train his resistance as much as possible. In fact

Ilyana even gave him the knowledge of how to learn the elemental immunities and absorptions. In no time

the third Leon was strong enough to endure without trying to defend himself the power of a fifty-meter-long meteor falling on him. It was painful but bearable.'

"This is weird..." Leon frowned.'

'As if that wasn't strange enough

Ilyana also taught the third Leon useful spells like Mana Absorption

Mana Magnetism

and even Mana Link. The next step was obvious

Ilyana taught him summoning spells

and then Leon used Mana Link on the summoned monsters.'

"This is way too weird..." Leon frowned. "It can't be a coincidence that this Ilyana is using the same method that the first Leon used... the first Ilyana definitely taught this one the method to increase their mana pool. Or perhaps..."

'There was a certain possibility that Leon has been considering for a while

but he didn't want to admit that because that would complicate things on many levels

that would also explain a lot. In any case

after making a lot of effort to forget that

Leon returned to watch the movie.'

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

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by ten points

your stamina

health

recovery

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

'After a while

Leon noticed that this Ilyana smiled quite a bit. She also didn't nag him all that much... probably because the only thing that that Leon could do was to train. There were no humans to make him stray from the path of chasing power alone

after all. Also

the spirits' behavior didn't change all that much

and even though they resembled a little the behavior of the first Leon's kids

it wasn't that similar...'

711 Chapter 708

'It was kind of surprising but that Leon managed to stay focused on the training for like three hundred years. Since his partner was Ilyana

he got stronger much faster than he was supposed to. However

after that much time without seeing Ilyana and the spirits without showing any weird behavior

Leon began to imagine that the crazy theories in his head were just that.'

'Just when Leon began to think that

Ilyana began to act weirdly again. Although that Leon couldn't notice

even in that spirit-like form

Leon could sense that she was using magic to observe him day and night... that Ilyana was like a stalker that reached a whole new level. As if that wasn't enough

Leon also could feel some resonance between the mana inside their heads... where their spirits were supposed to be. As if... their spirits were communicating with each other.'

"The first Vol that I met said that he could communicate with spirits of other planets

so it wouldn't be weird if the fragments could communicate with others fragments

" Leon rubbed his chin. "Still... that doesn't explain why they do that without letting that Leon realize it."

'As if Ilyana's behavior couldn't get any more suspicious

she began to offer that Leon the chance to use her mana. That was something pretty unnecessary since he already could recover millions of mana points per second.'

"It is unnecessary...." That Leon frowned while he was watching Ilyana extending her hands.'

"It doesn't matter

" Ilyana said. "Just hold my hands and use my mana

I have a lot more

and thus you will be able to become stronger even faster."

'It was weird... it looked like Ilyana was really looking forward to seeing them holding hands. That behavior was kind of cute even in Leon's eyes

but it wasn't supposed to be the behavior of someone who had the knowledge of another version of her. It was also weird that Ilyana was visibly interested in that Leon. Why? Because even Leon could tell that that version of him was boring as hell. The only thing he did in all those years was train day and night

never smiling

never laughing

never trying to do anything novel with his powers... the sole redeeming quality that such a guy had was the fact that he still treated the spirits like friends.'

'Still

with that kind of behavior

Leon didn't see many reasons why he should say no to Ilyana's proposal. So

they held hands

and he began to use her mana to speed up his growth speed. While the third Leon was focused on his training

Ilyana stayed the whole time in a good mood... showing a wide smile the whole time. However

when his concentration waned

she would feel it

and then she would put a serious façade on her face.'

"This is..." Leon said

a bit surprised.'

'It was a weird feeling... to think that he would begin to feel so conflicted about someone. Despite that

Leon was fully aware that it was only a matter of time before that could happen. After watching memories worth of a lifetime where he and Ilyana stayed together

it was only natural... and now after seeing Ilyana silly but expected actions

Leon couldn't help but wonder seriously... was that just really an illusion or the memories of another version of himself in a parallel universe? Weren't those his own memories?'

'Once Leon learned about Sekundez's existence

he always wondered about one thing... could he use her power to go back in time to the point where everything started? Perhaps even before that? Just moving to the past wasn't enough for him; Leon wanted to reverse the whole universe's time because that was the only option to solve the things he wanted to solve without any risks. However

once he obtained her power and realized that mana's cost to make his body alone return on time a fraction of a second was tremendous

Leon realized what he wanted was close to impossible. Despite all that

here was he wondering if somehow Ilyana

Serena

and all the other kids managed to do that when the first Leon died. At the very least

the first two Leons didn't obtain the power to make time move backward in the whole universe.'

"I can't jump to conclusions..." Leon muttered to himself. "There is always the chance that several Ilyanas across the multiverse obtained the power to communicate with each other and perhaps even share their memories... that actually is more plausible than anything."

'If their memories are getting mixed up

then that would explain the behavior of that Ilyana. However

in the end

Leon knew that that was only his wishful thinking. The Ilyana he knew could do everything

and now that he thought about it

she didn't need to train. So

the time he saw her summoning monsters was just an act to fool him. Just like him now was leveling up his skills by watching those lives

Ilyana could have obtained her power by doing the same thing. However

there was one thing Leon couldn't understand. If Ilyana

Serena

and the other kids really managed to reverse the whole universe's time

why did they do it? That was the only question Leon couldn't find an answer to...'

'In any case

after using Ilyana's power to get more powerful for a while

the third Leon finally felt confident that he could find and destroy the whole spaceship that belongs to Crik and his people. However

before he could put his plans into action

Ilyana's world began to tremble

and then a dreadful aura began to envelop it... the black-haired woman finally appeared again.'

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'Again

the black-haired woman suddenly appeared while making a big scene. As if she was some sort of the last boss

she appeared coming out from a black and ominous

bizarre mist. With her eyes full of killing intent

she glared at Leon and Ilyana.'

"You... you two!" The black-haired woman shouted

enraged. "You will pay for last time..."

'Leon frowned when he heard that. What last time? Before that encounter

only the first Leon managed to survive long enough to meet the black-haired woman. So

that one wasn't supposed to know them... unless... she somehow managed to recover her memories

even though those memories were supposed to have been deleted. When Ilyana and the kids made time move backward... then again

if Ilyana were really making Leon see the things that he lived and experienced many times

then it wouldn't be weird if the black-haired woman could do the same on her own.'

"The chances are dim... but just like the third life had a different life from the first one

perhaps this woman also obtained different powers

and those made her realize what Ilyana did and then recover those memories

" Leon concluded. "That means... that she probably is even more dangerous than before."

'Considering that Ilyana perhaps had even more time to get stronger

maybe she could defeat her. Still

judging the surprised expression on her face

Leon concluded that wasn't the case. It looked like she wasn't expecting to be found by her at this point in time. However

despite that

Ilyana reacted fast enough. Massive amounts of mana begun to circle around her body until Ilyana became semi-transparent.'

"That is..." Leon frowned

surprised. "Alternative Future Possession?"

"Serena!" Ilyana shouted while she was charging up her energy even more. "Do it!"

"Are you sure?" Leon heard Sekundez's voice coming from the third Leon's head. "After all this time

you didn't even..."

"Just do it already!" Ilyana interrupted her.'

'After that

Leon didn't know what happened

but after seeing the movie ending

he realized that Sekundez/Serena used her powers alongside the massive amounts of mana that Ilyana obtained by using Alternative Future Possession. When the darkness was dispersed... Leon saw himself on that airplane again.'

"This is seriously messed up..." Leon muttered. "Ilyana didn't look the type who would act so rashly... Besides

why reset time up to this point? If Ilyana and Serena can really make time move backward

couldn't they make it move a few months or years?"

'Leon was really interested in how Ilyana and Serena managed to develop such power. Perhaps they did the first Leon slept for one thousand years. Then again

that didn't explain why the spell had such limitations and why they were making it move to the very beginning.'

"All skills have limitations and certain effects

" Leon rubbed his chin. "Perhaps the effect of that spell is to make everyone and everything return on time to the point where they first had any contact with mana."

'Now that Leon thought about it

using a skill that had such effects was more plausible than forcefully making the entire universe go back in time to a specific point. Leon knew that it was foolish to try to use logic to understand how mana worked

but he also knew that much more mana than someone could withstand would be necessary to perform such a task. However

if they could control the time of only things that had mana in their bodies

then perhaps...'

"Although I'm interested in this

I will only hear the correct explanation once this all ends..." Leon sighed.
"Whatever

let's just finish this..."

'Leon really wanted to know how many times that would have to repeat itself

but after recalling something he heard from Sekundez

Leon understood that he would have to watch the lives of twelve versions of him. Sekundez had said that after the trial

that trial would repeat itself that number of times because it was the times someone tried to obtain her power

but that was obviously a lie. That was the number of times he was forced to reset the time of all things.'

"So

I have to endure this more nine times..." Leon sighed. "Great... this will be one hell of a brainwashing session."

Ilyana's words finally began to make sense in Leon's head. Although this long dream could make him feel the same love he had for her in the first time they lived together

it also could make him sick of her... Leon and Ilyana weren't perfect beings. So

if they lived together more than a few times

it was only obvious that they would have argued with each other quite a bit. Considering that Amanda and Hector got divorced after a few centuries

it was only natural that something like that could happen to those who lived together for thousands of years...'

'It was the fourth time... and for the fourth time

Leon crossed the Pacific Ocean in a plane. Still

he was worried that the plane might still crash and he would have to endure four years of boredom on a tropical island🎲🎲🎲 but fortunately

that didn't happen. Once again

Leon landed on American soil intact

and once again

he had a warm reunion with his parents. The fourth time was supposed to be boring considering that

but Leon could only watch that with a smile on his face... a sad smile

but a smile nonetheless.'

'However

the next day came

and Leon found his heart racing when he saw that his whole family was at home and the dragons would arrive in just a few minutes. They were in the living room

the only part of the house that was burned down due to the power of the dragons. Leon shouted... trying to tell fourth Leon to get the hell out of there

but it was useless.'

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'By the look of things

the fourth Leon would be the one who would have a short life. Still

he would die with his family instead of watching them die... that kind of thought at least made Leon sure that the fourth wouldn't have a crappy life. However

much to his surprise

he heard a certain voice.'

"If you want to save yourself

your sister

and your parents

leave the house now."

'That voice... that sweet

but at the same time

the strong voice belonged to the dark-haired woman. Suddenly

Leon felt shivers imagining what would happen next. As one would expect

the fourth Leon suddenly felt really compelled to obey that voice. It was only natural since that voice echoed clearly in his head. However

before anything

he left the house alone to see if the place was really in danger... and he left just in time to see dozens of distortions in the sky. When the first dragon appeared

the fourth Leon didn't think twice and then dragged everyone out of the house and turned on his father's car. Three seconds after they left the house

a dragon stopped right above it and then burned everything into ashes. Leon

Amanda

and their parents watched everything in a complete daze... however

the destruction had just started.'

"Why is this happening?" Leon muttered and bit his nails. "She shouldn't be able to interfere like this... rather isn't the attack of the dragons' something she had forced to happen?"

'Leon's mind was in turmoil. The future of the fourth Leon seemed pretty dark even though he saved Amanda and their parents. Considering everything he knew

the dark-haired woman appeared before and very suddenly because she suddenly recovered her memories. Still

even though she could summon thousands of dragons at that very moment

she wasn't supposed to be powerful enough to counter the effects of the spell Ilyana and Serena developed.'

'After thinking for a while

Leon finally had a vague idea of what the hell was going on. The black-haired woman didn't recover her memories at that point in time. Instead of that

she recovered those in the future

but she was using her powers to communicate with Leon in the past. Although that was insane

it wasn't crazier than make the time of every single thing that has mana reset.'

'Regardless

before leaving Phoenix

Leon drove the car and then stopped to check Hector and Sasha's houses. Surprisingly

they were both alive and well alongside their respective families. It was only natural that they would join forces and leave the city

and so they did it. The fourth Leon also tried to look for Betty

but he learned that she had moved alongside her parents to another state.'

'Half an hour later

Leon and a group of one hundred survivors left Phoenix. More than one hundred vehicles had joined them along the way

but most of them had been attacked by monsters

and they didn't make it.'

'Although Leon and the others wanted to move as much as possible away from Phoenix

they could only use only so much fuel. Besides

dragons weren't the only monsters that appeared. Even small ones like goblins could cause a lot of destruction. The gas stations along the way had met such ends. So

after a while

Leon and the other survivors were forced to abandon their vehicles and fight their way out while walking. Their numbers decreased at an astonishing rate. In the blink of an eye

Leon saw himself surrounded just by thirty survivors. His father had been gravely injured

and those who survived had wounds all over their bodies. As if that wasn't enough

they saw the very moment a hydrogen bomb exploded in Phoenix. Everyone watched in shock that massive mushroom cloud

and after a while

they felt the shockwave.'

"What the hell is going on here?" The fourth Leon finally asked himself now that he had some time to ponder about things. "What was that voice..."

"My name is Tyrselle

" The fourth Leon suddenly heard her voice again. "It is nice to meet you."

'Leon facepalmed when he heard that Tyrselle power to communicate with the past wasn't that restrictive by the look of things. So

he could easily imagine how Tyrsele would fool the fourth Leon... if that was her real name.'

"Who are you?" The fourth Leon asked.'

"I'm someone from the future

" Tyrsele said as a matter of fact. "I helped you

Leon because I also need your help."

'The fourth Leon frowned when he heard that

but Leon facepalmed again. His theory was correct

but he didn't expect that Tyrsele would confirm that so easily. That was troublesome in many ways.'

"From the future

" The fourth Leon asked

surprised.'

"Yes

" Tyrsele replied. "That is why we can't meet face to face now. However

I assure you that if we work together

we can create a future where both of us will feel satisfied."

'Leon sighed; those words would easily fool that Leon. Although he looked suspicious of Tyrsele

Leon himself was the type who would easily trust those who helped him in some way. To make things even more complicated

Tyrsele just didn't save him. Thanks to her words

Leon saved his whole family.'

"What do you think

Leon?" Tyrsele asked. "I will give you all the knowledge that you need to protect those you care. If you form a contract with me

I swear that you will obtain the power to do so without relying on anyone. Also

the very moment I broke my words

you will be free from the contract."

'The fourth Leon felt even more suspicious after hearing that. However

did he have any room to think about that? The answer was no. Dragons were destroying cities

and some assholes were dropping nukes on American soil. The future was uncertain

and Leon needed all the power and knowledge possible to survive and protect Amanda and his parents.'

"I will accept the contract

" Leon said. "As long as you don't lie and those dear to me don't die

I will help you."