

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'A moment later

Leon felt as if his whole body was getting crushed. He didn't even have time to check things in Amanda's eyes. She just hugged him with all her might without a hint of hesitation.'

""I'm sorry... I'm so sorry

" Amanda said while she buried her face on Leon's chest and let tears flow.
"I'm sorry

brother.""

""It is alright

" Leon returned the hug and then patted Amanda in the head. "It couldn't be helped. Besides

I know that you waited for me for a very long time. Rest assured that after this we will have all the time in the world for this.""

'Despite hearing that

Amanda didn't let Leon go. As expected

after watching her mother acting like that

Maya decided to be the next. However

when she was a toddler

her memories were quite hazy

so even after Leon restored them

she could only frown.'

"It looks like you really are my uncle..." Maya said.'

"Yep

but calling me that is forbidden

" Leon smirked. "Instead of that

you can call me big brother."

"No

thank you

" Maya said.'

'After that

no one hesitated in letting Leon mess with their memories a little bit. In fact

Yuki and Gisela were quite looking forward to seeing their past selves. Yuki couldn't believe that she once got kidnapped

and Gisela felt that she had forgotten something very important along the way. Something that had been kept hidden inside her heart for a long time and made become someone who would lose a single day of training.'

'Leon already expected that

but Yuki got really embarrassed when she relived the times when she was just a survivor who focused on helping others on the backlines. As for Gisela

she bent her knee and then lowered her head.'

"Master! Please punish me!" Gisela said. "I'm an unworthy disciple... I can't forgive myself for forgetting about you."

"It is alright

" Ilyana said

and that surprised Leon. "You guys didn't forget him. It was Netro that slowly delete your memories that had any relation to Leon."

"Why didn't you tell me that before?" Leon frowned. "If you had told me that earlier

I wouldn't have hesitated in making them recover those memories."

"Well

you never asked..." Ilyana shrugged. "Besides

it was pretty obvious that someone like you wouldn't be forgotten so easily. After all

you taught magic to thousands of people."

"I wonder about that... you always read my mind

" Leon furrowed his eyebrows. "Didn't you tell me that because I would have spent a lot more time on Earth if I had learned about that?"

"Maybe that was part of the reason

" Ilyana looked away. "However

even if I had told you that it wouldn't change anything. You only obtained the power to access certain memories during Serena's trial."

"I guess it makes sense..." Leon said.'

'Surprisingly

Ren began to cry when he saw once again the late emperor. Tom seemed pretty calm as usual since Leon only interacted with him because of work. Lennart was in a similar situation

but he looked a bit uncomfortable while watching his sister kneeling and calling Leon master again. As for Sasha and Betty

they didn't know how to interact with Leon after so much. They once loved him

but now they had families. Words weren't necessary at such a moment. Leon just raised both of his hands

and then both accepted the high-five.'

"I guess this is enough for the time being

" Leon declared while facing Tyrsele. "So

who is going to give the motivational speech? I'm bad at that kind of thing

but even I know that we need one before this battle."

"It is unnecessary. This is the last battle

right?" Hector asked. "Besides

a lot of our comrades already died

so our troops are more than motivated to fight."

"If you say so

" Leons shrugged. "Well

I will give you the knowledge of how to use Telepathy and also access to my mana pool. That way

all of you will command the human troops with more ease."

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Reverse Mana Link.'

'You obtained 01 status point.'

'Leon never tried anything similar before

but as expected

he could also give his mana pool access to others. At that point in time

it wasn't a matter of spoiling his friends. It was a matter of necessity. Millions of people could fight along their side

but they would need to be coordinated in order to avoid as many deaths as possible.'

'Sekundez lifts the barrier around them

and time began to move again. Without wasting any time

Leon's friends begun to spread

and as fast as possible

they connected their minds to all the other survivors... but the task hadn't been completed before the last war was finally resumed. Tyrsele's soldiers were more powerful

so the human side quickly began to lose many warriors. When Leon saw that

he closed his eyes and then took a deep breath. Leon tried to avoid bloodshed

but as expected

a conflict would always arise when there is a disagreement. Tyrsele did and was doing

he couldn't forgive

but she wasn't the real enemy in the end. The real enemy was the one who created the system

and Leon would hunt him or her once that battle happens

but to do that

Leon had to stop that carnage.'

"Ilyana

Serena

" Leon said. "Can I ask you two to just prevent casualties on both sides? We can't afford to lose any more people."

"... It looks like you have a plan this time

" Ilyana studied Leon for a few moments. "I will trust you them."

"Father is naïve as always

but I suppose it can't be helped

"Sekundez shrugged. "You can leave it to me."

'Leon smiled at then nodded at them. Despite that

he was nervous and afraid that he was making another mistake. However

to end everything once and for all

Leon will have to risk everything... he will have to risk all the life in the universe.'

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'Leon opened his arms and then began to focus while he was watching the battlefield. Hector and Ren charged toward the enemies engulfed by massive Fireballs

and even though they failed in killing all those who tried to stop them

both knocked down several enemies. Thousands of humans followed them by behind

but at the time they finally had the chance to do anything

Tyrselle's soldiers were already back on their feet.'

'A few kilometers away from there

Leon saw Sasha and Betty leading another group of humans. Unlike Hector and Ren

who was fighting mindlessly

those two were charging alongside the humans and offering them support when necessary. Thus

preventing anyone from getting critically wounded. They were both good at fighting while watching their surroundings. However

after a while

humans began to notice that the enemies were healing incredibly fast. Fortunately

they had no idea what was going on. Ilyana and Serena were too skilled to be let seen by them

after all.'

"What are you plotting?" Tyrselle asked via Telepathy.'

"I'm preparing a big surprise

" Leon replied. "I can't convince you to stop

but I can force you to bend your knee once I win in your own game."

"You are only wasting time and energy..." Tyrselle said. "I will reach my goal... no matter what."

"I'm sure of that

but things won't go exactly as you want

" Leon nodded.'

'Tyrselle didn't like the total confidence in Leon's voice

but she couldn't back down now. She knew what he was planning

just like Ilyana did several times

he will reset the time of everything

and then all of them would be forced to relive those painful memories again. Tyrselle didn't know how they could do that

knowing how much they would suffer

nor did she want to understand. She only wanted to prevent it and then someday revive the most important person to her.'

'Tyrselle closed her eyes and then clearly saw that scene that happened thousands of years ago. Her world wasn't much advanced

and its inhabitants were constantly fighting amongst themselves for petty reasons. Thanks to all the fighting

she had lost her parents

and the whole village where she lived was destroyed. The sole survivors were the fifteen years old Tyrselle and her three years younger brother.'

'It didn't matter if the first kid was a boy or a girl

and in the culture of Tyrselle's world

the eldest kid of a family had the duty to protect the younger ones no matter what

even at the cost of their lives. Tyrselle did her best and then succeeded in protecting her brother until they reached a cave and hid there

but then it happened... monsters began to spawn in that world

and the cave where Tyrselle and her little brother were hiding became a dungeon... the Earth Dragons' dungeon.'

'Although

after a while

humans could fight dragons

and in the early stages of the assimilation

monsters were at their weakest point

there wasn't much Tyrselle

and her little brother could do when they saw the first Earth Dragon. The creature shot an Earth Arrow

and that made her little brother's body explode in thousands of pieces. Tyrselle watched that happen with her eyes full of horror. However

before she could become the next target

Tyrselle awakened her powers in her rage. Somehow

with the little mana that she had

Tyrselle used gravity and made the dragon explode as well... leaving only its heart behind. Before Tyrselle could fall unconscious and die once the next earth dragon appears

she saw the heart and felt the urge to ate it. Somehow

she could sense a massive amount of power in it... Tyrselle ate it

and then her journey began...'

'Tyrselle opened her eyes and then glared at Leon in the distance. He couldn't imagine the weight of the responsibility that she has been carrying for thousands of years. He also had a little sister

a sister that he lost a few times... he also lost his parents many times

but he never thought of reviving them. Yet

he was getting in the way of someone who wanted to accomplish what seemed impossible. That wasn't something she couldn't forgive... it was only obvious that she couldn't reach a middle ground with someone that she couldn't forgive.'

'Feeling the alteration in Tyrselle's mana

Leon confirmed once more that she wouldn't back down. He felt that perhaps telling his plans to her might make her change her mind

but Leon's plan was risky. If Tyrselle wanted something so badly that she didn't hesitate in decimating billions of humans

then it was clear that she wouldn't trust the methods of someone else. She was the type of woman who wouldn't entrust her ambitions to someone else.'

'Leon sighed and then turned his eyes to observe Amanda and Maya fighting together. He smiled when he saw mother and daughter working so well together. Maya was leading another group's charge

and Amanda was offering firing support with pinpoint precision. For a moment

Leon smiled

imagining how nice it would have to have such a chance. He played quite a bit with them before the first reset

but not as much as he really wanted.'

'Regardless

in the eastern flank

Leon could see Lennart guiding several mages. They were physically weaker

just like Leon

but they had a lot of firepower. That was why while they were making rain Fire Meteors on the enemies

Tom and the most resilient warriors were protecting them from all angles.'

'Lastly

Leon saw something that made him frown. Ren and Hector were quite wild while they fight

but it couldn't be compared to Gisela and Yuki. Although Leon gave them the power to communicate with as many people as possible

they were only charging recklessly without leading anyone. Still

just their attacks and fury were enough to make thousands of people follow them... even though they were covered in the enemies' blood from head to toe.'

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"I guess I can't deny it anymore

" Leon smirked. "Gisela is really my disciple

all right."

'Leon also fought in a near berserk state several times

so he could see that Gisela inherited his fighting spirit. Still

from time to time

Gisela would glare at Yuki

and Yuki would also return the glare. They weren't in a berserk state...they were just competing amongst themselves to see who is the strongest.'

"Good grief..." Leon sighed. "Well

enough of this... it is time to end this."

'Leon wondered for quite a while what he could do to make Tyrselle give up. To someone like her who had even more experience in using mana than Leon and Ilyana

only something beyond explanation would shock her to the point where she would lose all the will to fight. That was necessary because Leon also would need her power. After fighting for so long

Leon couldn't let himself be controlled by anger. Ilyana caused the death of his parents

but he couldn't let even that cloud his judgement. For the sake of his and everyone else's happy ending

he needed her.'

'Still

what would make someone who can cause the instant death of anyone with a snap of her fingers? There was only one event that was more powerful than a Supernova... the Big Bang. Still

Leon was fully aware that he couldn't move Tyrselle to another place

and using such an attack means also risking the human's lives. Despite all that

Leon decided to do it.'

"148

149... 150

" Leon muttered when he felt the number of planets under his control had increased. "This should be enough. Well

now... how do I cause a Big Bang with mana

and how can I control it in order not to cause any deaths here?'"

'Leon couldn't help but think that he was only causing more problems to himself

considering that he didn't want to cause more deaths. However

that was necessary. It wasn't because he was merciful. In the end

Leon decided to use his best talent: the talent of causing destruction.'

'Suddenly

the atmosphere on the planet began to vibrate. As if that wasn't weird enough

the planet also began to get hotter. Ilyana and Tyrselle soon realized what Leon was plotting when they saw him raising his hand upward

and they couldn't help but feel shivers while imagining what would happen if that thing gets out of control.'

'It took a while

but everyone else also saw what Leon was doing when the planet began to get brighter... too brighter. Several kilometers above the battlefield

everyone froze when they saw a massive white sphere that was still growing in size at a fearsome speed. Usually

mana can't be seen in its raw form

but something like that could happen once vast concentrations of mana gather in a single place. That was how mithril could be created

after all. Still

despite that

the mana wasn't turning into mithril

for some reason. Eventually

everyone understood why it didn't happen. It was because whoever created that had absolute control over their power.'

'After just a few minutes

the white sphere was already covering the whole sky. None of the armies were fighting anymore

and they couldn't even look at that sphere because it was just too bright. Besides

the heat caused by it was making everyone exhausted.'

"I really hope that you know what you are doing

" Ilyana said. "If you lose control over that..."

"I know..." Leon said and then took a deep breath and cleaned the sweat in his forehead since gathering that much mana was more than exhausting. "Here comes the grand finale..."

'After gathering all the mana of the planets under his control

Leon started to make the sphere of mana shrink. If he wanted

he could make the sphere even bigger since even planets could recover their mana overtime

but that wouldn't help him in his purpose.'

'Every time the sphere decreased in size

the planet trembled. It was like the space around itself was being distorted since there was too much mana in a small place. Despite that

Leon didn't stop. Tyrsele watched him while he was doing that without moving a single inch. She was certain that Leon wouldn't risk everyone's lives just to defeat her. Besides

if anything

she was confident that she would survive the collision of their attacks. Her followers would die. She had made her mind a long time ago that she would revive her little brother

no matter what. Even at the cost of the little conscience that she still has.'

'Leon felt that the nearby planets were already too close

and it wasn't just his massive sphere of mana that was messing with the gravitational field of the planet. He had to hurry. Otherwise

he would lose that golden chance... Surprisingly

Leon felt the strain in his body decreasing

and the bonus of his Lion's Pride also disappeared when he felt that Ilyana forcefully added her power to his Mana Link. Not only that

she put her hand on his right shoulder

and just like that

the speed at which the mana sphere was shrinking increased.'

'Following Ilyana

Hector

Amanda

and Maya did the same and put their hands on his shoulders. Their power couldn't be compared to Ilyana and Leon

but they also managed to increase Leon's control over the sphere of mana. Gisela

Yuki

Sasha Betty

Lennart

Tom

and Ren... they all did the same

and in no time

the sphere became the size of a soccer ball. Although no one

not even Leon

could look at the sphere directly

everyone could see the space distorting around it. Small flashes of lightning

sparks of flame

grains of dust

cold winds... were moving around the sphere. The mana wanted to take shape into something since it was its purpose

but Leon didn't let that happen.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Big Bang.'

'You obtained 01 status point.'

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'Although his body suddenly got heavier thanks to losing the effects of Lion's Pride

Leon felt weirdly refreshed. He had never wished to fight alone... even though he literally got ten times weaker

it was much better than enduring the weight of everything on his shoulders alone.'

'Leon pointed the Big Bang toward Tyrselle

but her soldiers put themselves in front of her. That was some crazy loyalty

sweating cold and trembling like leaves

Leon could tell that they were scared to death

but they had no intention of backing down.'

'Many humans died when Tyrselle's soldiers attacked Earth

it was a pity

but it was something necessary for Leon to kill some of them and make Tyrselle give up. It was the only option giving that Tyrselle would cause an equal amount of destruction if she makes all the planets of a galaxy collide... it was hard to tell. Leon slowly flew toward Tyrselle while pointing his spell toward her... the first Leon would have to kill was Sylas

a fellow human.'

'Leon didn't slow down; he couldn't hesitate now. It was the price of betting everything for the sake of everyone's future. If Leon had to destroy even more his conscience

so be it. Sylas watching Leon's approach without moving a single bit

he was fully aware that attacking that sphere of mana would probably cause a chain reaction and kill all his allies alongside the humans on the enemy side. So

he didn't even try it. His goal was just one... decrease the power of Leon's spell

all to increase the chance of Tyrselle's survival.'

'When the sphere of mana touched Sylas... his body turned into dust instantly. He didn't even have time to feel pain... he just vanished from existence. That surprised even Leon

but what happened after surprised him even more.'

""STOP!" Tyrselle shouted.'

'It wasn't that surprising

but Sylas suddenly returned

wondering why Leon had backed down. He didn't even notice that he had died

and Tyrselle reversed the time on his existence before his spirit could disappear.'

""It looks like she isn't the mad dog that I thought she was..." Ilyana frowned.
"Well

I guess this is for the best.""

"Do you surrender?" Leon asked.'

"Yes..." Tyrsele said and then lowered her arms.'

'Before she could even answer

Leon felt her mana getting calmer. Not only that

her gravity that was pulling the planets toward where they also vanished entirely. Leon sighed in relief when that happened. Truth to be told

Leon expected that Tyrsele would be the most reasonable foe he would face. He didn't want to believe that mad individuals like Netro or the shadowy figure would reach her level because they didn't truly have a goal. They just wanted power to have power and stand above others... Leon didn't know her goal yet

but given that she dozens of thousands of years of life experience

she had a strong one.'

"That was so anticlimactic..." Serena suddenly appeared and then said.'

"Even after all this long

you still wanted to see more destruction and bloodshed?" Leon frowned.'

"No

but truth to be told

I wanted to see you use something similar to Supernova

" Serena replied. "It was the most beautiful event

and I had seen in all my lives

after all."

'Considering that she was referring to the destruction of an entire galaxy

Leon couldn't help but frown when he heard that coming from Serena's mouth. She changed quite a bit since the first reset... meanwhile

Leon and Ilyana didn't change all that much.'

"Well

what is the plan now?" Serena asked.'

"I'm also curious about it

" Ilyana frowned. "I just hope you don't want to do something insane... even more than usual."

"Well

before explaining that

let me return this mana to the planets

" Leon said and then concentrated once again to make that absurd amount of mana disperse in all directions without causing any problems.'

'It took a few minutes

but Leon eventually succeeded in doing what he wanted. There was no one better than him at controlling mana

after all... probably. Regardless

Leon wanted to explain his reasoning to everyone

but he heard some humans making a lot of noise. They stopped the fight when Leon prepared the Big Bang. However

now they want to fight again

they couldn't understand why Leon suddenly stopped just when the enemy leader asked him to do so.'

'Some of Tyrselle's soldiers were around her to protect their leader if another fight breaks out. Meanwhile

Tyrselle was just sitting on the ground absently looking at it... he had lost all the will to fight because she put the lives of her subordinates over her goal. She couldn't understand it... but Leon could. It was all because

after such a long time

Tyrselle finally learned how it was to be a social being. She didn't do that before

and even though Tyrselle did it while thinking of using everyone to help her defeat Leon and Ilyana

at some point

her mindset changed

and she began to threaten them like allies and not tools.'

"Let's calm down

" Leon said via Telepathy to all the people on Ilyana's planet. "If you guys want to fight

then I will give you the chance to have one hell of a fight

but not against the invaders or against each other."

'Tyrselle raised her head

and then she studied Leon. By the look of things

she thought of doing the same thing as he is planning right now

many times

but gave up at some point.'

"There is another enemy

Leon?" Hector asked. "Someone even more powerful than her?"

"Yes... and I will bet that everyone here has a grudge against this particular foe

" Leon said. "The real enemy... is the creator of the system."

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'All of his friends looked at Leon with dubious expressions. It was only natural that they would do that considering that they didn't live as long as Leon

Ilyana and Tyrselle. Even if they wondered about the origin of the system at some point

they forgot about it after a long while due to the problems they faced during the stages of the assimilation.'

"Are you saying that the system was created by someone?" Hector asked.'

"Of course

it was

" Leon frowned. "The terms used make that obvious. Besides

the trigger for the monsters to appear are just too weird. Why would they spawn then planets begin to run out of resources? The fact that time passes faster or slower in different stages of the assimilation is also weird. The system recognizes planets as living beings like you and me. So

to that make sense

time in my body was supposed to be slower in comparison to you

but that doesn't happen."

'Hector nodded after hearing that. Still

considering what Leon told

everyone recognized the fact that the person or whatever created the system was supposed to be very smart and powerful. If that was the case

why would they leave such obvious trails behind?'

"I know what you are thinking

it doesn't make any sense

right?" Leon said. "However

it starts to make sense

if you think that the being who created the system wants to be found and also wants to let everyone know that they exist."

"So

do you think to reach the seventh stage of the assimilation you will need a lot of mana?" Ilyana asked. "That explains why you spared Tyrsele and her followers

but... instead of becoming gods

those who reach the seventh stage will find the creator of the system?"

"Yes

I think that is indeed the case

" Leon nodded. "Everything we learned so far made me realize that. In the end

to reach the seventh stage

everyone just has two options. Kill everyone else and become the strongest of the universe or have access to all the mana available in the universe."

'Tyrsele got up and then glared at Leon. She didn't say anything

but she couldn't believe that the second option was really something that would help them reach the seventh stage. In her eyes

that was just Leon being naïve.'

"It looks like you disagree with me

" Leon said. "Can you explain why my reasoning isn't sound in your eyes?"

"You won't obtain the cooperation of every single person who is still alive at this point in time

" Tyrsele said. "It is impossible. You will have to kill many..."

"Killing is also an option

but it isn't necessary

" Leon shrugged. "For the time being

I will need sometime to confirm if only the mana in all the planets that are under the assimilation system won't be enough. If that is the case

I doubt that someone can try to defy you

Ilyana or me."

"So

are you going to force me to obey you?" Tyrsele frowned.'

"Nope

but you are going to help anyways

" Leon shrugged again. "My goal is to nullify all the events caused by mana all over the universe while keeping our memories intact. I'm sure that will help you in some sort of way."

"How do you intend to do that?" Tyrsele asked.'

"We are going to talk to the creator of the system to do it

if he says no

we are going to force him

" Leon replied.'

'When everyone heard what Leon said

they thought he was mad. The only ones who didn't think that were the spirits

Tyrsele and Ilyana. Challenging the creator of the system would be the same as challenging a god-like being. The person who created the concept of mana... challenging the very person who gave them the chance to obtain power. It was madness because all the powers they obtained

was something derivate by the creator of the system. Still

everyone there was smart enough to understand that anyone wouldn't give power to another without a good reason. That being wanted something and he

used every single being in the universe to help them achieve that. After thinking for a while

everyone understood that they were just pieces in the chessboard of someone else. They were wheels of a machine that would help someone else achieve their goals. When they realized that

even the calmest of the warriors begun to feel their blood get hot.'

"I can't forgive any of you for attacking my planets and causing so many deaths

" Leon said while looking at Tyrselle and her followers. "However

I'm willing to let bygones be bygones to reach an ending where all of us will feel satisfied with. If we succeed

we won't have any more reason to keep killing each other

the people that you cared about and died

the things you lost... everything

everything will return to its rightful place. Does any of you here is against that?"

'Leon offered a handshake to Tyrselle. Truly

she only wanted to revive her younger brother. She didn't want anything else. However

Tyrselle was also fully aware that what Leon was proposing was madness. Even if they join forces to fight

she couldn't imagine them winning. Even though they were probably the three most powerful beings of the entire universe. Leon could understand her feelings

after all

all the power they obtained was thanks to the creator of the system. They put a lot of effort to obtain so much power

but against the creator of the system... it was impossible to know if they could do anything

much less win.'

'Despite all that

Tyrselle accepted the handshake and she became part of the Reverse Mana Link. After such a long time

she didn't obtain the power to revive her younger brother. In the end

facing the creator of the system was the only thing she could do to reach her goal.'

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'Leon though he would have to deal with some headaches while convincing humans and Tyrselle's soldiers to work together. However

only a couple of individuals protested for more than a few minutes. The vast majority of the humans didn't dare to oppose their leaders. Gisela was a symbol of discipline; Yuki has been the empress for nine hundred years. Meanwhile

Hector has been working hard to protect his followers for the same amount of time. As for Tyrselle's soldiers

no one protested after she made her choice. It wasn't because she was powerful or an authoritarian leader

it was because they had faith in her.'

'Another fact that shut up the protesters was the feeling of awe those who became part of the Reverse Mana Link showed. They obtained access to an almost seemingly infinite mana pool

after all. That alone was enough to convince even the most stubborn of the protestors.'

""While I can understand your reasoning since this can convince most to cooperate

wouldn't be better to just use Mana Link?" Ilyana asked.'

""It won't be efficient

I know." Leon nodded. "It would be better if you

me and Tyrselle only could use all this mana. However

we don't exactly know what will happen once we obtain access to all the mana in the universe. Besides

even if they are weaker than us

we have millions of humans on our side. Status wise

I doubt that any of our status are equivalent to more than a few thousands of survivors."

Ilyana could only nod at that. As long as they could use mana

the humans were bound to cause a lot of damage even on the most fearsome enemies given their numbers. Ilyana felt that she had fought alone for far too long and those experiences were clouding her judgement. However

she shook her head to get rid of those thoughts. Ilyana didn't have to endure everything alone once again. Besides

they were betting the fate of all the life in the universe. So

it was only natural that many if not all those who could use mana should participate in the battle.'

'While most of Leon's replicas were putting planets that have mana under his control

others were teaching humans and Tyrselle's soldiers how to use summoning magic and Mana Link. There was a limit at how many monsters they would be able to summon and increase their mana pool further

but Leon didn't want to take any chances. Even a small growth could be helpful.'

'Meanwhile

Leon himself

Ilyana and Tyrselle were traveling through many planets and talking with all the people who survived the assimilation system until now. Ilyana and Tyrselle's diplomatic skills could use some work

but just a quick and harmless demonstration of power was enough to make everyone they met join their side.'

"We can't travel to all planets and I can feel that most of the planets that have mana are just on the first or on the second stages of the assimilation

" Leon said via Telepathy. "Should we send a past replica of us to those planets? I'm not sure the people with that level of mana will be able to help us all that much."

"I agree. Besides

it is too dangerous." Ilyana said. "If we force people on the early stages to fight alongside us

we will possibly be leading them to an early death given that their statuses are just too small."

'In the end

there was only so much a near infinite mana pool could do against a god-like being. Mana was really only useful in the hands of those who were powerful enough or have a stupidly high intelligence to maximize the damage output. So

Leon decided to contact only the species that were on the fourth stage of the assimilation and above. In that area

Tyrselle and Ilyana more or less knew the location of many species

so they helped a lot. Meanwhile

the only race that Leon knew that had a vast number of soldiers were the mithril people. After a long while

Leon met Crik again.'

"Hey

it has been a long time

" Leon said after suddenly appearing before Leon.'

'The planet Ilyana gave to Crik and his people changed quite a lot while he was away. Leon could see a massive light-blue city in the distance... a city made of mithril or something very similar. However

Crik was living very far away from the civilization. He wasn't the leader of his species anymore. He was just a retired soldier living in a hut that he had built himself.'

"You are... what are you doing here?" Crik asked while he was resting his back against a tree.'

'Leon explained to Crik what he was planning and why he suddenly appeared without any warning. Several decades had passed in that planet without Ilyana or Leon doing anything with them

so it was only obvious that Crik needed an explanation.'

"What do you think?" Leon asked. "Do you want to join us in the last battle? I won't force you and your people to fight alongside us

but whether you like it or not

I will need your mana."

'Crik studied Leon for a while. He wasn't as old as Ilyana and Tyrselle

but he was old enough to know that what he was trying wasn't anything but madness. Although that was the case

Crik had already decided that he would join the fight.'

"I would refuse your offer if you said that you wanted to undo everything while erasing our memories

" Crik said and then got up. "However

given that we won't lose our memories and will recover everything we lost during all those years

I don't have any reason to refuse."

731 Chapter 727

'While Leon and Crik were convincing the other mithril people to join the fray

he realized that Crik's people didn't grow all that much in those years. In fact

that whole species was in a state of stagnation. They became a warrior race

but thanks to Ilyana

they didn't have to fight anymore

and now that they had a new planet to call home

they lost the sole goal that kept them moving for hundreds of years.'

'Leon didn't know that before

but the mithril people were near immortal with their new bodies. However

immortality was like a curse to those who couldn't find a new goal and could only feel a limited number of things. They had the chance not only to recover their home planet and to become beings that could feel the taste of a good meal again... with those prospects

every single person on that planet accepted Leon's invitation.'

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

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by two points

your stamina

health

recovery

and control will increase by one point whenever you level up your class.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Galactic Diplomat!'

'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.'

'Although Leon didn't interact with them since the last Reset

he had to negotiate with many other species he had interacted with before. Some people refused him blatantly

while others felt the appeal of his words. Literally

everyone who was still alive wanted something that they had lost after all those years of fighting back. Given that Leon also wanted to keep everyone's memories intact

the reasons to refuse were close to none. They would most likely lose their powers

but with their memories

they could recover them eventually and perhaps even surpass beings like Leon

Ilyana

and Tyrselle.'

"I can't believe that I'm willing to accept such schemers on our ranks

" Leon sighed.'

"You are lucky that you didn't find many of them this time

" Ilyana shrugged. "All the harvesters that I contacted until now and forced to join us are thinking among those lines."

'Tyrselle opened her mouth to say something

but after looking at Leon for a while

she decided to stay quiet. Leon shrugged when he saw that because he could easily imagine what she wanted to say. 'just get rid of them or delete their memories for good. There is no need to be merciful with backstabbers.' Tyrselle didn't say that because she once fooled Leon

and it was clear that she was the last person he wanted to hear that from.'

'After a week of working non-stop

Leon felt that the number of planets under his control was close to five hundred. It was getting harder to find planets on the last stages of the assimilation to use Absolute Mana Link

but that was something that he already had expected. Such thoughts disappeared from his mind when Leon finally obtained control over the 500th planet. For some reason

when that happened

Leon felt his body getting colder. He could tell that his body was fine

and that was just his instincts warning him of something. That feeling of cold was an aura... an aura that belonged to someone and covered the whole universe.'

"Leon..." Ilyana said

and for the first time in a long while

she showed an uneasy expression.'

"Can you feel that too?" Leon asked.'

Ilyana nodded. Leon and Ilyana both returned to the planet where the humans were

and there

they saw many

many humans on their knees trembling like leaves. They could feel that aura

too... it was the aura of the creator of the assimilation system. Just the aura was enough to make most people cower in fear. While Tyrselle was making a look that could make anyone feel shivers

Sylas was sweating bullets.'

"This is weird..." Ilyana frowned. "I can understand why we only can feel that presence now. We needed a vast amount of mana to notice something as big as that. However

why that presence is exactly in the center of the universe? There isn't nothing there

just a... black hole."

'Now that Leon thought about it

he could feel the mana of that being was like a black hole. It was constantly sucking more mana from all the universe... which was bad. Leon realized that perhaps

the system's creator could grow even stronger than they were already supposed to be. The strength of that being was almost equal to all the mana that could be found in the entire universe. Leon confirmed that when the presence suddenly disappeared and then reappeared when one of his replicas obtained command over the 501st planet.'

"It looks like they were hiding somewhere not all that obvious

" Leon said. "No

... they weren't hiding. We just didn't have the necessary requirements to find them

but now we know how we can find it."

'The final battle was approaching. Those who didn't lose the will to fight to begin to train as much as they could while they could. However

that wasn't helping. Every time someone got stronger

that aura also increased in density. It was just like they had noticed... whoever was inside the black hole was getting stronger at the same pace the mana in the universe was increasing.'

"Do you still want to fight after noticing that?" Tyrselle asked.'

"Yep

" Leon nodded. "It won't be easy

but after noticing this

we confirmed the fact that we can achieve our goals if we win the next fight."

'Tyrselle studied Leon for a few seconds and didn't feel any fear in his eyes or in the mana in his body. However

Leon was afraid. He just obtained the power to hide it from everyone. The stakes this time were just too high

and if they fail... there won't be anyone left to do a Reset and save everything.'

732 Chapter 728

"I assume with all this mana at your disposal. You can teleport all of us to where that black hole

" Yuki said

and then she looked around before sighing. "However

it looks like you won't be able to take everyone here alongside you. So

what is the plan?"

'After working for several more days non-stop

Leon

Yuki

and Tyrsele managed to assemble a force of one hundred million warriors. Those were the people who survived the assimilation

at least until the fourth stage of the assimilation. All of them

more or less

could take down a dragon. However

now that everyone could feel the power of the system's creator just like they could feel the air and the rain on their bodies

they lost the will to fight. Only those who almost died dozens of times didn't lose their fighting spirit

and among that group

a little more than one hundred thousand fits in that criteria. Even some of the warriors that are being led by Crik once again lost their courage. Upon noticing that

Leon understood that things wouldn't go as planned.'

'Leon looked around and saw the leaders of each race

people he never met

people he met in order lives

and people that were once his enemies. They were his allies for the time being

and as such

he would explain to them his plans without hiding anything.'

"Although I want all the help I can get

we don't know what is waiting for us inside the black hole

" Leon replied. "So

I think it would be safe if Ilyana

Tyrselle

and I were the first ones to go. Our main goal is to nullify the effects and everything the system caused

with or without a fight. It will be easier to convince whoever is on the other side that we only want to talk if we bring a small group of people first."

"Isn't that too risky?" Hector asked. "Let's suppose that whoever is on the side is willing to talk and attend our demands. Even if they say

they are going to do what we want

what assurances do we have that things will go the way we want?"

"He is right

" Tyrselle said. "The best way to assure that we will have what we want is by defeating the creator of the system. If he has access to even more mana than we have

he might as well be watching us right now and try to fool us later."

"You are not entirely wrong

but you are not entirely correct either

" Leon said. "I know that you don't want to take any chances

but just like you

I don't want that either. Before

I thought that the system's creator was an enemy

but right now

I'm wondering if that is really the case. Maybe they had a good reason to start all this... maybe that reason won't convince us

but just assuming that their reason doesn't matter might cause problems for all of us in the future."

"In other words

" Amanda frowned.'

"In other words

we will go ready to fight

but not without trying to talk

" Leon said. "At any sign that negotiation isn't an option

we will fight. I will trust your judgment when the time comes. You guys don't have to follow my command. If any of you notice anything strange

you not only can but must teleport all those who are ready to fight and help us. That being said

try not to let your feelings get in the way."

'Leon said all that while looking at Tyrselle. She didn't survive that long

relying on her talent alone. She was also cold-hearted enough to take hard decisions to reach her goal but considering they were going to face the

system's creator. She might as well go even crazier than before when she tried to destroy an entire galaxy just to decrease Ilyana and Leon's power.'

"Anyway

since training might as well just increase the difficulty of the next battle

all those who will stay behind should just focus on creating potions

" Leon said. "That way

we will only be using the mana that already exists."

'Leon already had used Skill Bestowal and gave everyone the knowledge of how to use Full-Recover. So

as long as they react on time

they will be able to avoid death a few times. He also taught them space magic

which they were using to store all kinds of things... Leon also gave them the knowledge of how to produce an armor that would be connected to their inventories and would use potions automatically. If Leon had time

he would teach them many more things just to increase their chances of victory

but since they were in a race against time

they couldn't. The more they wait

the more the creator of the system would become powerful.'

"Well

this is the last chance

" Leon said. "Who wants to give us a motivational speech? We don't know if we will have to fight or not

but now is the time for that since I doubt that we will have time for it later."

"Brother... stop joking around

" Amanda said and then pinched Leon's side.'

'Leon could only shrug at that because he wasn't joking. If someone wanted to say something

anything

now was the time. However

no one had anything to said. After surviving for so long

words were unnecessary. Actions could show much more than words

and that was even truer to those who lived for hundreds of years.'

"Don't you want to use the mana to make everyone remember of you?" Ilyana asked.'

"No... not doing that now will motivate me more to succeed and then do that later

" Leon said.'

'Leon didn't use enough mana to make the spirits remember him. Thanks to it

despite having access to Leon's memories

they didn't know how to treat him. Aside from Serena

all the other spirits were weirdly quiet. It was only natural because that situation was similar to finding the mother and father they never thought they had.'

'Ilyana could only nod at that because she could understand his motives. At that moment

they would need all the motivation they can get. Leon didn't want farewells

so he only teleported himself

Ilyana

and Tyrselle to where the black hole was.'

733 Chapter 729

'As if an entire galaxy had disappeared to give space to the black hole

Leon

Ilyana

and Tyrsele couldn't see a single star in the distance. Even with their best skills active

they could only see small points hid in the emptiness of space that was representing the nearest stars.'

'The black hole was massive

and its gravitational field was insane. Fortunately

it looked like it wouldn't grow stronger than that. Weirdly enough

the closer Leon got

the more he felt his mana reacting to it. It was strange. Black holes couldn't be seen with the human eye

but even thought it was sucking mana

Leon couldn't see it with Mana Eyes either. It was there

but he could only 'see' thanks to his other senses.'

"I wonder why I never to study this thing further

" Ilyana frowned.'

"Well

most people wouldn't study black holes by using magic alone

not the sane ones

at least

" Leon said. "Also

I'm thankful for it. Otherwise

I wouldn't have met you so many times. Considering the difference in power of our past selves and this massive vortex that feels like an infinite pool of mana

I would say that anyone who might try to see what is on the other side would meet a tragic end. Even if the creator of the system isn't an enemy."

Ilyana nodded at that. Considering that that black hole was like a portal that would lead them to a place where the creator of the system was

it was clear that not everyone would be able to resist the power of a black hole

or the dimension in which exists that stupidly insane quantity of mana. It has been a while since Ilyana felt weak due to the over usage of mana

but without a doubt

every single past version of her would probably get crushed by trying to swim in that massive sea of magical energy.'

"Spare me of your flirting

" Tyrsele said

visibly annoyed. "We already wasted too much time

and I want to finish this as soon as possible."

'It has been a long time since Leon heard someone using that word. Besides

that wasn't his intention

he was just being sincere and honest

but in the eyes of someone else

he concluded that Tyrsele was right. After spending so much time alone and wondering about dark things

Leon felt like he wanted to say some nice sentences more frequently. However

he shook those thoughts out of his head. If he achieves his goal

he would have all the time in the universe to do that. So

it was time to concentrate on the task ahead.'

"Well

let's get going..." Leon sighed. "Before Tyrsele gets impatient and punches whoever is on the side as a greeting."

'Leon teleported all of them closer to the black hole. Although he also wanted to end things once and for all

he was too nervous to just teleport to the center of the black hole. So

Leon did it slowly and several times in order to confirm the strength of the massive vortex. Although Leon probably could cross the cosmos from one extremity to the other while transporting thousands with him with all the mana he had now

he still couldn't bring himself to approach the black hole carelessly. However

such worries disappeared when after a while

the gravitational force of the black hole disappeared entirely. It was weird

Leon and the others were supposed be pulled so close to it

but they felt nothing.'

"It looks like we aren't unwelcomed here

" Ilyana said.'

"Let's go already

" Tyrsele said. "Now you don't have any more reason to chicken out."

'Leon didn't like to hear that

but what Tyrsele said was true

so he couldn't protest. Leon was supposed to feel some fear even when the gravitational field disappeared since he couldn't see anything aside from mana in that massive vortex

but he didn't. He lost all the hesitation and soon felt as if he had a crossed an invisible barrier amidst that darkness. When he felt that

he also lost the feeling of connection that he had with everyone else thanks to the Mana Link. Leon's mana didn't decrease

but now he couldn't quite tell where they were.'

'As if that wasn't troublesome enough

Leon saw himself amidst a pitch-black darkness. He couldn't even see his body

much less see Ilyana and Tyrselle. He couldn't only feel their presences near him. Leon tried to illuminate that place with some sphere of light

but although he could see the sphere

the light wasn't illuminating anything aside from the sphere itself. It was as if its power could barely affect its surroundings.'

"I don't like this

" Ilyana said via Telepathy.'

'Leon could only nod at that

his presence was already weakened thanks to that fact that they were at the center of endless sea of mana

and now he confirmed that his spells wouldn't work nearly as well... it wasn't a good sign. Leon could already feel Tyrselle's bloodlust increasing

but she somehow calmed down after them finally found the location of a single presence amidst that darkness. A giant and powerful presence that wasn't theirs... it was the creator of the system.'

"Let's approach while being careful

" Leon said via Telepathy.'

'Just like their spells had weakened a lot thanks to the mana around them

Leon

Ilyana

and Tyrselle couldn't quite tell if they were moving at all

but after a while

they finally stopped when they confirmed that they had reached their destination.'

"Greetings."

734 Chapter 730

'Leon expected to hear many things coming from an ominous voice

but he didn't expect to hear that. Besides

the voice seemed pretty calm. Perhaps too calm

given the circumstances. Then again

maybe that was how someone should act after living for who knows long.'

'Regardless

even after hearing the voice

Leon couldn't see its owner. He could still feel a gigantic presence ahead of him

but only that. Realizing that keeping quiet would be a bad move

Leon decided to return the greeting.'

"Hello... how do you do?" Leon smiled wryly.'

'Although he couldn't see them

Leon could easily imagine Ilyana and Tyrselle frowning. Leon decided to ignore them because they were too tense to talk. Despite all his shortcomings when it comes to diplomacy

Leon was fully aware that he was more suited for that kind of job than Ilyana

who was quite impatient despite having so much life experience

and Tyrselle

who was quick to solve things with magic attacks.'

"I'm pretty much fine. Thank you very much

Leon."

"Oh... so you know who I am

" Leon said after a few moments of silence. "I presume you also know why we are here."

"Yes

of course. I have been watching all of you for a very long time. Perhaps too much time

thanks to Ilyana's Resets. Although your goals have always been the same

Tyrselle's goal was a bit different

but you managed to convince her to join your side. Something like that wasn't supposed to happen

but then again

Ilyana's Resets made many things change in unexpected ways."

"Well

yeah... by the way

before we continue this conversation

" Leon said. "Can you tell us your name?"

"Name? I don't have one."

"I see..." Leon said.'

"Aren't you going to ask why I don't have a name?"

"I'm certainly thinking about asking

but I'm afraid that I might step in a landmine." Leon forced a smile.'

"Don't worry

whatever you say

I won't take any offense. Regardless

I don't have a name because I wasn't given one. Do you know what most races across the cosmos have in common

Leon? The parents give names to their kids. Some species decided their own names after a certain age

but they are a minority. However

I don't belong to any species. There is no other being like me

and I wasn't born like you or anyone else. I simply existed and then evolved until I became who I am."

'Leon already expected to hear some crazy things

so he managed to stay calm after hearing all that. At the very least

the system's creator was pretty calm and wasn't prideful to the point of the threat itself

like someone special or above others. Then again

Leon was fully aware that it was a bit too soon to conclude that.'

"Is that so

" Leon said.'

"Well then

which question should I answer first? About the system? Why I created it? Why everything had to happen this way? or perhaps should I keep talking about myself in order to give you some clue as to how to deal with me if the necessity arises?"

'That was a big pain in the ass. Leon felt as if he had returned to the past where Ilyana and spirits could hear every single of his thoughts

and he couldn't do anything about it. He also imagined that something like that could happen

but even though he forced himself to bury in the deepest part of his mind that he perhaps will have to kill the system's creator

his actions were meaningless. There was also no sense in pretending that wasn't the case

so Leon decided to play it cool.'

"Well

if you don't mind

can you explain things from the start?" Leon asked. "Why did you create the assimilation system?"

"Although I'm different from all other species

as a sapient being that has a physical

I'm bound to feel all things you feel and perhaps even commit the same mistakes. Just like you once took pride in your power and learned Lion's Pride

I'm also an individual that has a flaw. I'm greedy... I want everything

and I want to know everything."

"Then

what are you doing here?" Leon asked. "Why didn't you try to dominate the universe or something?"

"But I already did. Who do you think that all those planets that have mana belongs to?"

"So

mana is like a mark you created to have control over planets?" Leon asked. "Even though I used Absolute Mana Link on them

and now their mana can be used by me?"

"No

I didn't create mana with that goal in mind. It just happened by chance. As for your last statement

... who gave you the capacity to use mana? Although you three discovered a way to create mana yourselves

it doesn't change the fact that most of your mana was developed thanks to me. As such

not only the planets you conquered

all your mana

skills

strength

and everything you obtained thanks to mana

belongs to me."

"You..." Tyrselle said bitterly.'

'That was one hell of a statement

but then again

Leon and Ilyana

even Tyrselle

had considered many times in the past that their current power was just a borrowed one. They didn't create the system. They only used it... it was like a tool that could be taken away from them at any moment. Although Leon developed the profession system and could develop others

he would lose all the power he obtained thanks to the assimilation system if the system's creator wishes for it. Even if Leon

Ilyana

and Tyrselle maybe had the power to defeat him

the creator could just take it away from them. They would become billions of times weaker

and the creator would become two times more powerful. That kind of thought was enough to make Leon and Ilyana sweat cold.'