

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'After hearing Leon's crazy plan

Betty couldn't help but frown. He explained to her that he obtained the power to deal with megalodons while he was on the island

but she still couldn't imagine that.'

"I knew you were a talented magician and that we would use your skeletons as a diversion

but..." Betty furrowed her eyebrows. "Can you really do those things?"

"Yeah

it took a while

but I obtained the power to defeat hundreds of the king of the seas

" Leon answered. "And like I said

I'm still improving. However

I can do that much

just fine. The problem will be to convince the other six."

"I'm the captain; they will obey me

" Betty said. "However

you will have to show them that

or they may think that you will lure them into a trap."

"If you think I should

then I will show them

" Leon said. "But are you sure we can trust them?"

"Like I said

Leon

we are doing this kind of work to help the citizens of our nations

" Betty answered. "Those guys are my friends

I know their families and I worked with them for months. They can be trusted."

"... All right then." Leon said.'

'Although Leon easily trusted Betty

it would a long time for him to trust her teammates. He knew her very well

and by looking at her in the eye

Leon was sure that her essence didn't change. But he couldn't read strangers like that

so he decided to be careful. The best option would be to use them as a diversion

and only Leon and Betty would steal the relic

but things could go wrong if they were alone. If they get surrounded

they would have no choice but to fight. So

to avoid any deaths

Leon decided to let them tag along.'

'Leon's plan was simple; he would spend two days creating skeletons knights. Without sleeping

he would be able to create six thousand skeletons

and those would attack Rome from two sides. That would be enough for the diversion. Meanwhile

Leon

Betty

and the others would invade Vatican City by the skies. That was why Leon spend the rest of the afternoon

making Betty and the others levitate using earth magic. It was very annoying to reveal the things he could do to strangers

but it was in order to avoid deaths

so it couldn't be helped. After convincing that he could make everyone cross Rome while flying and avoiding detection

they agreed to the change of plans.'

"I can't believe you have so much mana to do something like this for so long

" Betty said while she was floating in a chair made of earth.'

"Well... I trained my earth magic a lot. Besides

the more intelligence you have

the more powerful and efficient your mana becomes." Leon explained.'

'For the time being

Betty and her teammates were thinking that Leon could use only earth magic. Betty probably noticed that he was still hiding his powers

but she could understand why

so she didn't complain.'

'When it got dark again

they resumed the trip. The flight would last until sunrise

and this time they would land in Italy. Since Leon couldn't control the skeletons miles away from them

he could only give them a few orders. Leon would create three thousand skeletons knights in a port city called Naples

and from there

they would march while keeping a defensive instance toward Rome. After that

they would move to another city called Viterbo and create more than three thousand skeletons there and give them the same orders.'

"You will have to stay awake for three days and nights

" Betty said. "Can you handle that?"

"No worries

I'm used to it

" Leon answered.'

'Speaking of worries

Leon explained to them that his mission was to bring the responsible for the prince of Japan's death. Some of them suddenly grabbed their weapons when Leon mentioned that

but they relaxed a little when Leon explained that he would negotiate on their behalf to avoid their deaths. The who issued the order to steal the water dragon's scales had been William

so he would have to pay for the consequences of his orders. According to Betty

he wasn't a bad person

a bit too thirsty for power perhaps and also a bit of a supremacist

but everything he did was for the sake and glory of his country... Still

crime was a crime

and crimes must be punished.'

'The next morning

they landed in the abandoned port city

and after checking the perimeter

they set up a small camp while Leon was meditating and creating his army of skeletons. Some monsters appeared to attack

but Betty and his team quickly killed them.'

'Although Leon knew that he had the power to do it

just like Betty and the others

he was quite impressed while the undead army was increasing. Summoning magic was quite impressive

but it had a few weaknesses. Since it wasn't elemental magic

none of the types of magic Leon learned on the island could strengthen them. Not only that

controlling a few skeletons ultimately was possible

but not the whole army.'

'Twenty-four hours later

Leon

Betty

and the others left the port by helicopter while seeing the army marching toward Rome.'

"It is quite a sight... are you sure they won't kill anyone?" Betty asked.'

"You can relax

I only gave them the order to block the attacks and march

" Leon explained.'

'Six hours later

they landed on Viterbo

after checking the perimeter and confirming its safety

they set up the camp and waited until Leon finished the second army of undead. Leon finished the job at noon

so they rested until it got dark.'

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'Leon didn't know the details

but it looked like some scientists managed to make the engine of the chopper be able to absorb mana from the surroundings. However

it had to absorb mana for twelve hours to fill the tank. Although the chopper's tank was already full

they decided to leave it behind since they would use that to go home. It would be the best option to use the chopper in case some group find and tries to chase them. Even though Leon could make everyone fly at fifty meters per second

he couldn't make them invisible.'

"How many guards protect the relic?" Leon asked while they were flying to Rome.'

"Only ten

in fact

they protect the entrance of the treasure room

" Betty explained. " The treasure room is entirely made of steel... you said you could make holes in wall and floor using earth magic

but can you do the same to steel?"

"Don't worry about it; I will open the path to the treasure room

" Leon said.'

'In fact

Leon never tried to open holes in the wall and on the floor

but if he could use steel spears to pierce the skin of a three-headed dragon

he was pretty sure he could silently open holes in walls and floors using earth magic alone. He just needed to be quiet

and he knew the method to that quietly.'

""Still

to think that I would have to damage a building with so much history..." Leon said

feeling somewhat guilty.'

""It is to save lives

so it cannot be helped

" Betty said.'

'Since the whole building wasn't made of a single uniform material

Leon couldn't repair it. A few minutes later

they finally reached the boundaries of Rome; they arrived just in time to see the moment of Leon's armies arrived

and the battle started. Little by little

his skeletons began to fell. Thanks to their defensive stance

Leon confirmed that they would last for quite a while.'

'While they were crossing the skies of Rome

Leon and the others also saw the moment when a few survivors were heading North stopped and then headed South. The second undead army also arrived on time. Leon analyzed the map of Italy and measured the distance

but he didn't imagine that his calculations could have been so precise.'

'Little by little

the lights of Rome were relighted

the only point which that didn't happen was the Vatican city

which its lights were already on

to begin with.'

"According to the map of the building

the treasure room is underground

" Betty explained. "Right in the middle of the building."

'Leon sighed when he heard that he would have to damage the building much more than he thought... Even though the believers worked hard to rebuild the whole Vatican city after the dragons destroyed it.'

'Unfortunately

there was no time to lose hesitating. Leon saw a few guards around the plaza

but none of them noticed their approach

not even when they landed on the top of the chapel.'

"I'm sorry... please forgive me

" Leon said before he started to make a hole in the chapel.'

"I never thought you were a religious guy..." Betty said.'

"I'm not... but I respect the faith of every person

" Leon said.'

'Leon created an earth spear and made it spin before anyone could notice

there was a hole big enough to a person to cross leading to the interior of the chapel. Putting aside the fact Leon dirtied several rooms

he succeeded in his mission because he didn't make any noise.'

'Despite the fact that they crossed several rooms

they didn't find a single living soul. That was due to the fact that Betty chose a path that made them pass through rooms which were used only during the day. Eventually

they were in a room which was just above the treasure room

after digging a little Leon found the steel of the treasure room.'

"Ah... I forgot about that." Leon massaged his forehead.'

"It will be noisy

right?" Betty asked.'

"No

it will be smelly

" Leon said. "Cover your noses."

'Leon created a small but highly concentrated

powerful flame and melted the steel. Although the walls were thirty centimeters thick

Leon managed to open a hole big enough for a person to enter in just thirty seconds. Before the round piece of steel could fall and cause a huge noise

Leon grabbed.'

"Ugh... it is heavy."

'Leon gave the sign for Betty and the others to wait while he entered the treasure room since it was dark

he created a fireball to illuminate the place. As expected of a treasure room

Leon saw several items that looked it had been dropped by bosses. However

among them

in the middle of the room

a silver bow stood out. It was on a table; the design was so beautiful that Leon thought that just touching would be a sin. Its color was silver

and it looked like it had been made by combining the wings of an angel. Despite that

Leon picked.'

'Angelic Bow'

'It grants the user the skills: Arrow of Light Lv 50. Intelligence + 50

Dexterity +50.'

'Cost: 10 mana'

'Cooldown time: 2 seconds.'

""This is one heck of a bow... maybe it is even better than my scythe.""

'After grabbing the bow

Leon left the twenty golems' cores that he obtained in Japan on the table. When he returned to New York after completing the quest

he picked them; he also left a note.'

'I'm borrowing the bow for a while

I'm truly sorry

but I didn't have any other choice. These cores will be the payment for borrowing the bow. I will bring it back as soon as possible. Let me say this again... I'm truly sorry.'

'After that

Leon

Betty

and the others left before anyone could notice what they had done. Although it wasn't much

Leon repaired the hole he made in the treasure room.'

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"I can't believe you completed an S rank mission alone..." Betty said soon after they left Rome.'

"I just had the right skills to do it... I was lucky." Leon said.'

'Although six thousand skeletons invaded Rome

Betty couldn't see a single sign of destruction. It would take a while before all the skeletons could die

but that wasn't a problem. Unless an idiot let the army step on themselves

no one would die.'

'Even though Leon was feeling bad for having invaded a sacred place

he was quite refreshed because he didn't have to hold back for three days straight. Regardless

things went well. Perhaps too well

and Leon considered that someone was chasing them while keeping their presence hidden. He had that feeling that something bad was about to happen.'

'Nothing happened while they were flying

but as soon as they landed

Leon felt shivers. That was killing intent... it was the first time Leon felt that coming from humans. Monsters also emitted that

but Leon could only sense in certain situations. For example

when a megalodon was about to attack him. Although four of Betty's six friends had their weapons aimed toward him

Leon felt the same bloodthirsty he always felt when he saw the megalodons' colossal jaw.'

"Guys... I gave you the chance to do the right thing and to prove that you guys were innocent." Leon said and then looked at Betty and saw two knives and a spear

slightly rubbing her neck.'

"I'm sorry

Leon..." Betty bit her lips. "It looks like I didn't know them enough..."

"Don't move your hands

or we will cut her throat." The man holding the spear said.'

"So

it is going to be like that... I guess we can't avoid war like this

Betty." Leon said

showing an annoyed expression.'

"I'm sorry..." Betty closed her eyes and showed a regretful expression.'

"Don't be... sometimes

things just can't be helped." Leon said.'

'While Leon was busy trying to console Betty

the four soldiers around him swung their weapons to use their skills and cut his neck. However

those four and the two holding Betty fell on the ground like masterless puppets. Betty opened her eyes in surprise

and then she saw small Ice Arrows on their backs.'

'Instead of relieved

Betty fell on her knees. She lost her family and friends when the dragons attacked; after four years

she thought she had found a new family and friends only to be betrayed like that... everything was just an act.'

"Don't worry; they are not dead

" Leon said. "I just damaged their spines. Makoto will probably want to kill them himself. Besides

if I kill them

William will know. Honestly

I'm kind of relieved; with this

I will owe him only the favor to forgive you."

"... How did you know what they were planting?" Betty said.'

"I never knew

I just thought it was possible that they would try to kill me at the moment when I would be most tired and after completing the mission

" Leon explained. "When you said that Makoto's son's death was an accident

I got suspicious. He was the only person who died

but he wasn't the only person who chased your team. I can't imagine him being weak since he worked in the security of such special materials... considering all of that

his death might have been part of the mission

but it looks like you didn't know."

"Why William would want the death of the prince?" Betty asked with her head down.'

"Perhaps he wanted a war

or perhaps someone paid him to do it..." Leon scratched the back of his head. "It is difficult to conclude having so little information. Hah... at this point in time

Alisson and Sanchez may as well be accomplices in the crime. This will be a pain..."

'In the end

Leon will have to question them. To think that the people who united the survivors of three nations were that troublesome... the Allied Forces needed them

but it looked like Leon would have to find someone else for occupying their positions'

'While Leon was thinking about what to do

he heard the sound of the helicopter took off. Without a hint of hesitation

he shot a stone bullet in the pilot's head. Although his job was to pilot

he was quite strong

Leon only managed to knock him out.'

"Betty

can you pilot that?" Leon asked. "For how long do you intend to mop around? We don't have time for this

did you forget that every minute demons are leaving that dungeon?"

"... Can't you give me a few minutes to rest?" Betty glared at Leon. "If you didn't notice

the people who I thought were my friends almost killed me."

'Leon sighed; he had so many problems in his head that moping around was a luxury that he didn't have. He didn't even consider that... Regardless

Leon picked several pieces of clothing and covered Betty's 'friends' mouth. They were conscious

but they could only move their heads.'

"You guys thought that I could only use magic through my hands... too bad

I made you think that." Leon said. "It is a joke that William and those two can control the world using a bunch of careless survivors like you."

'Since Gisela couldn't recover her eye

Leon was pretty sure the damage in their spine wouldn't heal as well. But Leon covered their arms and legs with steel rings in order to prevent them from moving

just in case.'

'Despite having the nerve of trying to screw with Leon and even using Betty as a hostage

they helped him a lot. Although their equipment was nowhere as good as Leon's

they were pretty decent. That being said

Leon had no idea of what to do with them since he would keep using the scythe...'

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'After one hour waiting for Betty to recover from the shock

Leon was already tired of it. It looked like she forgot that they were in the territory of a country they just invaded. Fortunately

when Leon got up to complain

Betty headed to the chopper and sat on the pilot's seat.'

"Let's go..." Betty said

showing an exhausted expression.'

"Don't think too much about it

Betty

" Leon said. "You are a good person

so you just tried to think they were your friends despite their obvious shady actions. They probably even received orders to act friendly once in a while to fool you."

"... Was that supposed to cheer me up?" Betty frowned.'

"I'm sorry... my social skills are kind of rusty." Leon showed a complicated expression. "I won't be able to stop and work on our territory for a while

but I assure you that I will never betray you

and I can even take you to a place where you can find some trustworthy people."

"How can I trust in other people after this?" Betty asked. "You spent four years on an island

you returned three months ago

and you already know in who you can trust?"

"Yes

to some extent

" Leon said. "I don't know how or why you came to the North

but if you had stayed in the South for a while

you could have met them. Hector

my sister

and Sasha are working in Las Vegas

and they are doing a pretty good job there."

"Hector and Sasha survived?" Betty asked

surprised. "Now I can understand why you found your sister after so many years and still left her to do this job..."

"Anyway

Like I said

if you want to

I can take you to them

" Leon said. "But

I think you would be more useful in New York

leading the survivors."

"That is very funny... I'm such a good leader that my subordinates almost killed me." Betty forced a smile.'

"Don't be a drama queen... Well

it is your choice

" Leon said. "I will find some not so shady people to lead the survivors in New York and warn them not to use their human resources and resources to screw with other nations. Betty

this pilot was the one who rescued you guys in Tokyo?"

"Yes

" Betty said.'

"Well

then it is game over for him too

" Leon said.'

'Leon created several steel rings to make him unable to move a single finger

and he also covered his mouth with a piece of cloth. Considering that everyone in the organization could use cellphones

the chances of William

Sanchez

and Alisson being aware of his skills and of his actions were pretty high. However

he had to face them directly no matter what to solve that problem once and for all.'

'After leaving Italy

they flew until they reached the Island where they rested a few days ago. It was very unpleasant for Betty to look after the people she thought were her friends

even more

when they were showing the terror through their eyes. They couldn't move their bodies

and they knew death soon would come to them... it was like a nightmare. However

it couldn't be helped since the chopper had to absorb mana.'

'While Leon and Betty were resting

suddenly

an explosion happened nearby. Now Leon was sure that William and the others knew about him

and they probably gave the order to those six to attack him. Leon left the tent only to find ten choppers and several soldiers attacking the island. The first thing they destroyed was the chopper that Leon and Betty used.'

"Tch... Now they really have done it."

'Luckily

for situations like that

the directors constructed underground shelters on the island they used. Leon had already considered that they could be attacked

so he hid the pilot and Betty's ex-friends there.'

"What are you going to do?" Leon asked.'

"... I will help." Betty hesitated for a second. "But try to negotiate with them first

if possible

just knock them down."

"Are you for real?" Leon frowned. "Why don't you ask me to defeat all of them with my bare fists as well?"

"I'm just saying..." Betty paused when a Fire Ball almost hit them

but Leon blocked the projectile with an Earth Wall. "If you want to change things in our territory

you will have a hard time convincing everyone if you kill those who oppose you indiscriminately."

"You talk as if I'm the bad guy here

It is not like they have the numerical advantage or anything..." Leon sighed. "But you have a point."

"Let's just destroy the blade of the choppers and knock everyone one down

" Betty said. "You just defeated the remaining S rank members of our organization

so those guys must be rank A or lower. You can do that

right?"

"... Yeah." Leon said while blocking the magic projectiles that were aimed at the tent.'

'Leon wondered how William

Sanchez

and Allison planned to reunite the world when they didn't have many S rank members. Betty's team had the behavior of professionals

but they got careless. After observing Leon for a few days

they concluded they knew everything about him and tried to kill him. They made a big mistake...'

"Those three were hiding something... they must have hidden cards up their sleeves."

'Even if that was true

it wasn't something Leon could think at that moment. He had to knock down several choppers while making sure to capture at least one... while avoiding deaths.'

"This has to be some kind of joke..."

'Trying to be a good guy and solving all the problems the best way possible wasn't easy. Leon also had to hold back in order not to make more enemies... things in human society were so complicated that Leon missed a little his days on the island.'

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"All right... I will draw their attention." Leon said. "You will need to retrieve those who are unconscious and fall into the sea."

"Got it." Betty nodded.'

'Leon flew upward

and when all the soldiers saw him

they stopped attacking the island to attack him. That being said

the speed of their projectiles could ever match Leon's speed. While moving up and down to dodge the attacks

Leon approached the nearest chopper and destroyed its blades with an earth arrow quite easy.'

"It looks like in order to the chopper move faster

the builders sacrificed the durability."

'The chopper started to fall

and then all the passengers jumped from the vehicle

Leon approached them and shot Earth Bullets in their stomach

some resisted the pain while others lost consciousness. However

both groups wouldn't be able to fight for a while.'

'Leon repeated that action a few more times

and in no time

half of the choppers had fallen. Then suddenly

Leon saw some familiar skills. Several earth lances flew toward him at a fearsome speed. Leon dodged them by a hair's breadth

but then he felt his skin burning when several energy beams and lightning in the shape of a whip almost hit his back.'

"Tch... that hurts! Damn it!"

'Leon looked at the chopper those attacks came from

and he became a bit surprised when he saw Tom

Arthur

and the guys he fought alongside in the skeletons' dungeon. They weren't holding back

and by the look of Tom's eyes

he would do the same if he had the chance. However

he knew that his Boomerang Hammer wasn't fast enough.'

"Dumbasses... can't you guys use your head a little? The only thing you guys can do is to follow orders?"

'That being said

Leon was aware that believing in their bosses was the obvious option instead of believing in a stranger that appeared a few months ago. Deciding to ignore them for the time being

Leon chose another chopper to knockdown.'

'Imagining that he was acting too fast

Leon checked the beach only to find Betty easily knocking down those who managed to stay conscious. The number of soldiers in the sea was small

because she was fast and could even teleport to some extent. Leon lost his hesitation and

in no time

knocked down the remaining chopper with the sole exception of the one which Tom was. He would use that one to return.'

'Unfortunately

the pilot of that vehicle had other plans. Seeing that those soldiers had no chance

he decided to flee

but Leon didn't let him. He sent a wave of sand to that chopper

and then he imprisoned the pilot. Leon saw Betty piloting

so he knew how to control the pilot and make him land the helicopter on the island.'

""You traitor!" Tom shouted.'

'Leon approached the chopper to control it with more ease

and then Tom jumped toward him with his hammer. Leon dodged the attack and also imprisoned Tom using earth

they moved a little bit from the island

so he couldn't let him fall since the megalodons could appear at any moment. Noticing what Leon just saved Tom's life

Arthur and Tom's subordinates stopped their attacks.'

""So

you guys are finally using your head a little..." Leon frowned. "Let's talk on the beach."

'They had no chance of escaping or winning the battle

so they could only obey Leon's terms. They had no other choice but to obey the man who defeated almost one hundred rank A soldiers.'

'When they landed on the beach

Leon saw Betty had grabbed all the soldiers' weapons and cellphones. The soldiers who were in Tom's chopper threw their weapons on the ground

but Leon frowned when he saw that.'

"You don't have to do that." Leon declared. "You guys can keep your weapons and attack me again

but this time I won't hold back."

"Leon! Don't threaten them." Betty said.'

"I'm not threatening anyone

I'm warning them

" Leon said. "Like you said

I cannot kill indiscriminately since they were just following orders. However

I have no reason to forgive the fools who may try to screw with me two times."

'In the end

Betty could only shut up. They didn't live in a world where things like that could be forgiven. Most leaders didn't give a second chance to their underlings

Leon wasn't a leader

but he showed more mercy than the majority.'

"Well

then... Let's talk." Leon said. "I already know what William and the other two said two you guys

I'm a traitor who is working for the Japanese and blah

blah

blah. The truth is

I'm just doing a favor for Makoto to alleviate his anger."

"... Who is Makoto?" Tom asked.'

"The emperor of Japan

" Leon answered. "Thanks to him

I managed to return to my homeland. So

to repay the favor

I will bring back to him those who were involved in the death of his son."

"You are just a dog of the Japanese!" Jess shouted.'

"Ah

you are here

Jess. Sorry

I didn't notice you." Leon smiled.'

"Kuh!" Jess clenched her teeth and fists.'

'Leon looked around and also saw Paul in the middle of the unconscious guys. That surprised him; he thought only rank A soldiers participated in that mission... it looked like William

Sanchez

and Alisson were short-handed. Or perhaps they were plotting something else...'

"Anyway

I spared your lives

so you guys have two options

" Leon said. "Die or stay out of my way. You don't have to decide as a group. Those who want to die will die

and those who want to stay out of my way can do anything that doesn't bother me."

"Why should we trust you?" Jess asked. "You just killed the members of your new team aside from her."

"Man

you are noisy..." Leon sighed. "They are not well

but they are alive. They are inside the underground shelter."

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'Little by little

those who got knocked down by Leon and Betty woke up. After being utterly defeated

they didn't have the will to fight against the man who beat them while holding back. They thought they would die

but they felt a little relieved when they heard from the others about Leon's intentions.'

'Since most soldiers were just following the orders to have a good life

they decided not to antagonize Leon. However

they had a few questions.'

"What are you going to do?" A random soldier asked.'

"I will do exactly what I said

" Leon explained. "I will imprison those who were involved in Makoto's son's death and offer their heads to avoid a war."

"And after that? Will you become the new leader? Will you take the things we earned after we worked so hard?" The soldier asked.'

"No

after solving this problem

I will go to my home." Leon recalled Gisela's history." You guys can nominate a new leader

a not greedy person would be preferable. You guys can keep the maids and butlers that work for you

but unlike those three

I won't ignore any mistreatment. They cannot fight and don't have many skills to contribute to this world

at least

as of now. However

they are still human beings. They deserve to be respected."

'It would be a good idea to teach those who were weak and coward how to use magic

with the training they could become a decent force. However

Leon didn't have time to do that for them. Nor he wanted to protect all the weak and helpless persons in the world because that was beyond his abilities. He wanted to do something like Tom to help the world

but he wouldn't dedicate his life to it. His sister and niece were his main priorities.'

"What will you do if the emperor doesn't keep his promise?" Another random soldier asked. "He is sending his spies to cause dungeon breaks

after all."

"I don't think he is

" Leon answered. "I think someone is trying to cause a war between them and us. However

if Makoto doesn't keep his promises and tries to destroy my homeland

then I will kill him myself."

"Hey

Leon

" Betty whispered. "Don't call him by his first name; people will think you two are buddies or something. You shouldn't say that you will kill him either."

"Why not? I don't have any more reasons to lie." Leon said. "I will do that to any asshole who tries to mess with me."

"Geez

you are so bloodthirsty..." Betty frowned.'

"That is not the case; I just don't have time to deal with those who cause me problems

" Leon said. "Anyway

anyone who wants to keep trying to mess with me should take a step forward. The others wait for a while. Eventually

I will send the choppers to pick you guys up."

'In the end

not a single person stepped forward. However

after a while

Tom approached

he didn't look friendly like before. Even though not even a week had passed since the time they worked together.'

"... Are you really not working for the Japanese?" Tom asked.'

"If I were working for them

why would I have brought the Angelic Bow?" Leon asked. "Although I won't show mercy to those who try to kill me more than one time

my goal is to avoid meaningless deaths."

"Maybe because you wanted another powerful weapon

" Tom said. "Maybe this is just an act to fool all survivors."

"Who said that I would use the bow?" Leon frowned. "I'm not that proficient with the weapon

so I will give it to someone who is. That person will defeat the demons while I deal with William

Sanchez

and Alisson."

"Who is that person?" Tom asked.'

"My sister

she lives somewhat nearby the demons' dungeon

" Leon explained. "She is the best archer in her region

and someone who lives there should do the job

not me."

"I don't think you should do that

" Betty said. " Your skeletons will be essential to avoid deaths."

"I cannot leave William and the other two alone

" Leon said. "They may plot something troublesome if I try to kill the demons. With your help

she

Hector

and Sarah can save many lives."

"So

you intend to defeat them alone?" Betty asked.'

"Yes

this is my job

after all

" Leon said. "I have a feeling that they are more powerful than they look. So

I don't want to risk anyone's lives in the battle that I started."

"Phew... if you are willing to go to that extent

then I guess I have no reason to doubt you." Tom said. "Honestly

when I heard that you were a traitor

I just thought about killing you before you could cause more people to rebel.
Our new society is far from perfect

but the uncertainty of a new leader isn't something that we need. Without those
three

we will face a lot of problems

but it will be better than letting them lead us to war against other humans."

"I wanted for Betty to become the new leader

but she rejected the idea

" Leon said. "So

based on the people I know

you are the second-best option. You should try

but I must warn you

I don't have time for troublemakers. Even if you don't become the new leader

you should keep an eye on things."

"You are so full of confidence... you talk as if you already won." Tom frowned.
"Let's just hope that we can solve our problems before the Russians attack
us."

"That is not a problem; I already paid for the rent of the Angelic Bow

" Leon said. "If that is not enough

I will try to repay the favor

somehow."

'The talk was over

so Leon and Betty rested on the chopper until it got dark. After that

they moved to New York carrying their prisoners and everyone's cellphones

just in case.'

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'Considering that William

Sanchez

and Alisson gave the order to the members of Betty's team to use her as a hostage

Leon was worried about Gisela

Amanda

and Maya. He didn't reveal to them that he had found his sister or where she was

but William probably knew about Betty's hometown. There was a chance that he could have figured out that Amanda and Maya are directed related to him. There was also a chance that he also discovered that Gisela became Leon's good friend

but it was hard to be sure. Regardless

Leon had to check Gisela.'

"No... I cannot do that. They can tell my localizations thanks to the ring

if by chance he didn't capture Gisela

he will notice that she is an important friend in the very moment I visit my apartment."

'The only option was to check Amanda

Maya

Hector

and Sasha. However

that also would reveal that he had important people in Las Vegas. If he fails

they will be in danger. Leon also had to deliver the prisoners to one of the transporters; he couldn't keep them with him forever.'

"What a pain..."

'First of all

Leon picked the items that he had hidden near New York. A big battle was approaching

so it was battle to be careful. When Leon recovered his gear

he suddenly had an idea. He recalled what happened when he ate the mana of the skeletons' dust

those lost their magical powers and became lifeless sand. What if he could do the same to the cursed rings?'

"It is worth a try."

'Betty frowned when she saw Leon touching the cursed ring

the moment anyone put those

it was impossible to remove it. The ring could be touched

and it wasn't stuck to the flesh

but it just didn't move. However

when Leon used Mana-Eater

he noticed the purple light becoming dimmer. After several more tries

the ring lost its color

and then Leon managed to take it off.'

"Hehehe

too easy

" Leon smirked.'

"How did you do that?" Betty asked

with her eyes widely open.'

"With magic... hard work sure pays off." Leon answered. "Anyway

let me disable your ring

and the prisoners rings."

"Will you teach me how to use that?" Betty asked.'

"It is not that simple

you can learn

but it will take a while

" Leon explained. "The best for you would be to start with the basics."

'Leon taught Betty how to use Earth Manipulation while he disabled her ring

on her first try

she succeeded

but she only could make a depressed expression. It was easy and straightforward

that she could only feel ashamed by not trying to do that before.'

"This is a joke... this has to be a joke." Betty covered her face with both hands to hide her embarrassment. "Please tell me that magic is not that simple."

"Elemental Manipulation magic is relatively simple

but it will take a while before you learn how to use a spell

" Leon explained. "I learned my first spell after almost one year on the island

but Gisela learned in only one month."

"... Why did you teach her?" Betty crossed her arms.'

"Why do you look upset? Could it be that you are still single after all these years?" Leon asked.'

"Don't change the subject

" Betty said.'

"She is learning how to use various types of weapons

but since magic is so convenient

I decided to teach her

" Leon explained. "She wants to go to her home

so I decided to give her a hand."

"I see... Well

if you taught her

then you will have to teach me too." Betty declared as if it was a matter of fact.'

"Well

if you do a good work helping Amanda

perhaps I will

" Leon said. "Anyway

wait here. I will check things in New York."

'After disabling the cursed rings of the prisoners

Leon flew to New York. Usually

most parts of the city would be dark at night

but every single energy pole that could work was working. Not only that

but several floodlights were also being aimed toward the skies.'

"Those guys sure are cautious..."

'Leon could see in the distance several dozen of soldiers moving toward the main building

William probably noticed that Leon disabled the cursed rings and was imagining that Leon would attack. He attacked

but only the floodlights. To make them unable to see where he was going

he destroyed every single one of them.'

'Using the same method he used to invade the chapel

Leon invaded his apartment only to find the place completely empty. There were signs of battles in it

Leon even saw blood... a lot of blood. Several holes in the walls created by Gisela's ice bullets

and there were no signs of the weapons he left her to train.'

"They captured her..."

'In any other situation

Leon would laugh. Those guys were so pathetic and dumb that their only strategy was to use hostages. Leon wanted to laugh

but he couldn't... because they threatened his friends. Leon sighed to calm his nerves

the enemy wanted to make him lose his cool

and he couldn't give them that pleasure. After repairing the holes he created

Leon left the building and left New York. When Betty saw Leon's angry face

she hesitated in asking that

but she did it anyway.'

"Did they capture her?" Betty asked.'

"Yes

" Leon answered.'

"What are you going to do?" Betty asked.'

"I'm wondering if I really should give Makoto the pleasure to kill them

" Leon said. "Maybe I should do it myself."

'Betty felt shivers when she heard Leon's monotone voice. Until that moment

she only saw him slightly troubled by the situations. But after seeing one of his friends being taken as a hostage again. He got mad

really mad.'

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'After four years

Leon finally learned what the skill Rage could do; essentially

it raised his strength

speed

endurance

and health at the cost of his mana

intelligence

mentality

and dexterity. The higher the level

the more his physical attributes increased

and the more his magic attributes decreased. For someone like him

who used magic to do anything

it wasn't very efficient. However

during the whole trip to Las Vegas

the skill leveled to the level seventeen

and now Leon was considering that using that and let loose once in a while wouldn't be so bad.'

'Two days later

Leon and Beth finally reached Las Vegas. However

only Leon went to Amanda's home since the moment the chopper stopped working; it would become visible. Leon arrived in the middle of the night

but surprisingly

Amanda and Hector were awake and working. It looked like they were revising some sort of plan.'

"Leon? Thank God you are finally back!" Amanda ran and hugged Leon.'

"Hey

long time no see." Leon's anger instantly disappeared. "I bought you a present."

"... Where did you get such a bow?!" Amanda asked

her eyes were wide open after seeing the stats of the bow.'

"I borrowed from the Vatican City

" Leon said. "Come to think of it; it is not a present since I have to return it..."

'Hector and Amanda looked at Leon while frowning; it looked he did something unbelievable and was treating it like a joke.'

"Sorry

there is no time to explain

" Leon said. "You will use that to defeat the demons."

"Is that the relic I heard about?" Hector asked. "It is exactly what we need since we are preparing the city against the invasion of the demons

but..."

"So

they are already coming to this place..." Leon said.'

"Yeah

Houston has fallen

" Hector explained. "The regular citizens managed to escape a few of them came to Las Vegas

but 80% of the soldiers there perished."

"Is that so... even though we hurried..." Leon sighed. "Well

with this bow

you guys should be able to repel them for a while. I intend to help eventually

but I need to solve some things."

"Did you already solved that problem?" Amanda asked.'

"Not yet

only half of it

" Leon answered. "I know that you guys are busy

but you need to come with me. By the way

did you guys receive some message or visitor from New York?"

"No

why would we receive them?" Hector asked.'

"Well

I guess I will explain along the way

" Leon said. "I also brought someone who will help you guys in my place for the time being. Let's see her

but first.. is there someone here who can look after Maya?"

"Don't worry; Sasha is sleeping in her room

" Amanda said.'

'Leon nodded and then took Hector and Amanda to where Betty was

they didn't like the feeling of flying using a thin layer of earth

but soon they got used to it. While they moved to where the chopper was hidden

Leon gave a brief summary of his actions in the past two months. Hector couldn't help but let out a big sigh when he heard everything; his brother-in-law did some crazy things and didn't even consider asking him for help. Hector massaged his forehead while he was trying to assimilate the whole situation.'

"Betty? That Betty? You found your girlfriend in New York?" Amanda asked.'

"Ex-girlfriend

she dumped after we graduated in high-school

" Leon said. "Anyway

it doesn't matter

she can be trusted

and she is one of the most powerful soldiers in New York."

'After a while

they finally reached the place where Betty was

while Leon was busy moving the prisoners

Betty greeted and Amanda.'

"Woah

to think Amanda could be this big and feminine

maternity truly changes people..." Betty smiled. "I heard that you are a mother now

but I didn't hear Hector was the father... what a lucky scumbag."

"Hey..." Hector protested.'

"Hahaha

you didn't change much

Betty." Amanda laughed. "You look the same as I remember."

"Please don't say that

it makes me feel depressed." Betty lowered her head and forced a smile. "By the way

Leon. Why did you bring them?"

"To carry their weapons and armor

" Leon said. "I'm going to deliver the prisoners

and since Makoto won't ask for the items

the people of Las Vegas will make good use of it."

"... This spear is better than mine." Hector frowned.'

"Those probably are the best weapons of the Allied Forces

" Betty said. "I can't say for sure since I didn't see William

Sanchez

and Alisson fighting in a long time. Considering that they didn't even try to buy or take Leon's spear

they probably had some crazy weapons."

'Amanda and Hector frowned when they saw what Leon did to the prisoners; they couldn't move anything aside from their heads

and their eyes were essentially dead... they had already accepted their fates.'

"Anyway

I'm going to San Diego

and I will probably return in two days

but I won't stay for long

" Leon declared. "So

if you need help with something

then think while you can because I will return to New York soon."

"Are you planning to rescue your friend alone?" Hector asked.'

"That is the idea; I can't move that many people using earth magic

" Leon said. "Besides

you will need all the help you can get to protect the city. Anyway

don't let anyone see Betty and the bow before the battle."

'Amanda and Hector nodded

after that

he created an earth box in the shape of a massive rock to hide the chopper.
Maybe they wouldn't need the helicopter

but Leon decided not to make the box all that sturdy.'

'After that

using earth

he transported everyone to Amanda's house. Then

Leon went to San Diego

transporting his prisoners.'

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'Strangely enough

Leon didn't find many enemies while he flew to San Diego. Thanks to that

he arrived there in half a day. He didn't see many monsters in the city either

so he got worried. Something bad was about to happen...'

'Leon arrived at the place where the transporter left him at noon

so he started to wonder what he would do until night. Fortunately

Leon saw the water moving and a megalodon slowly approaching. When the creature opened its mouth

Leon saw the man brought him to San Diego.'

"What is it?" The transporter asked.'

"Should you appear in the middle of the day?" Leon asked'

"There is no one nearby

" The transporter explained. "Since you caused a ruckus in New York

anyone who wanted to find us left their posts and retreated to help to protect Las Vegas.."

"I see... so you guys already know." Leon nodded. "Well

here is a present for His Majesty. Those guys participated in the death of the prince. There is another three who were directly involved; soon

I will bring them."

"I see..."The transported looked at the prisoners as if they were trash

and he was ready to step on them. "But three... I thought there are four more people involved..."

"The last one is my friend

and she wasn't directly involved in the death of the prince..." Leon frowned when he discovered he was being watched. "I will ask His Majesty to pardon her

don't worry

I will eventually bring her to Tokyo."

"We appreciate your sincerity." The transporter bowed and brought the prisoners to the mouth of the megalodon.'

"By the way

do you know why there are so few monsters around?" Leon asked.'

"You can thank demons for that

they have the power to hypnotize monsters and humans

so they are increasing their numbers by controlling monsters." The transporter explained.'

"Illusion powers... that is a pain." Leon sighed. "Anyway

I can't thank them since they are planning to destroy the city where my family is. Can I ask you guys for assistance to protect Las Vegas?"

"Yes

His Majesty said to offer support if you ask for it." The transporter said. "Although it took a lot more time than we predicted... since the scouts are no longer here and the people of Las Vegas are strengthening the defenses

we can move freely and offer support without being seeing. It looks like the horde of demons will reach Las Vegas sometime tomorrow... so I can only contact fifty spies who have enough power to make a difference against such massive numbers."

"Please do

you have my thanks

and someday I will repay the favor

" Leon said.'

'The transporter nodded and then left with the megalodon

then Leon suddenly recalled that she had to know who was causing dungeons breaks. There was a chance that the Japanese spies could know who was causing that... Regardless

Leon didn't have time to deal with that.'

"Fifty spies who can fight... Makoto sure has a lot of useful subordinates."

'Leon didn't have time to waste

so he returned to Las Vegas as fast as he could. Without the extra luggage

Leon managed to fly two times faster and was back to Amanda's house at 07:00 PM. Unfortunately

Maya was already sleeping

so Leon said goodbye without hearing her cute voice.'

"You look tired; you should rest for a while

" Amanda said.'

"I can't I have to solve this situation as fast as possible..." Leon shook his head. "The Japanese spies will offer a hand

but they can't exactly show themselves

so don't expect any flash attacks. You should use this

create an army of skeletons' knights

and make them hold the demons back while you shoot. Skeleton archers and wizards will suck your mana

so you shouldn't use them."

"Are you sure?" Amanda showed a worried expression. "We have a small army here

but you are the one who is planning to face an army alone. I think you need this scythe more than anyone else."

"I won't have time to create an army

and I don't intend to face all of them

" Leon explained. "Anyway

just make sure to survive

got it? I will return as soon as I can."

"Yes

be careful

" Amanda said. "Soon

we will have Maya's second birthday

and I want you here."

'Leon smiled and patted his sister's head; then he looked at Hector

his eyes told him

'if something happens to her

I will kill you.' Hector could only shrug while receiving such a threat.'

"'I'm counting on you

Betty

" Leon said.'

"'Leave it to me." Betty nodded.'

"'Why I always get the cold shoulder?" Hector asked.'

"'You married his sister when she was sixteen..." Betty frowned. "You are lucky that Leon didn't kill you... yet."

'Hector sighed

his best friend was too cold... Regardless

once again

Leon left Amanda's house at his top speed. He didn't want to leave his sister and niece alone while the city fights against a horde of demons and monsters

but William

Sanchez

and Alisson were equally as dangerous. Their greed could cause a war; they already proved that they would do anything to reach their goals so they can't be left alone for long. Otherwise

they will eventually cause a discord that Leon won't be able to solve.'

'Despite all those reasons

none of them made Leon eager to fight them. What made them eager to kick her ass was the fact they used Betty and are using Gisela as a hostage. That was something he couldn't forgive...'

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Chapter 120

'Leon flew for one day and one night without resting and ignoring all the monsters he saw along the way. He was finally back in New York

but his head was in Las Vegas. The demons probably were already attacking

and his little sister was fighting them...'

'''Focus

focus... one problem at a time.'''

'While Leon was away

it didn't look like things changed all that much in New York. Several teams were patrolling the borders

and the survivors of the city were using new floodlights to illuminate the skies. At that point in time

it was safe to conclude that Willia

Sanchez

and Alisson decided to stay in the main building.'

"This will end tonight... five days have passed since they discovered my goals

I can't give them any more time to do as they please or plot anything."

'Leon didn't know if the main building had any secret passages or underground shelters. The only way to confirm that was to check the last floor; if William and the other two weren't there

then they would be hidden under the main building. Leon couldn't believe they would run while leaving their troops behind. Besides

not a single survivor would treat them as leaders ever again if they ran away from a single person.'

'Since they didn't learn the lesson

Leon controlled an earth arrow

and once again

he destroyed all the floodlights. After that

he flew toward the main building and opened a hole in the wall of the meeting room

and as expected

they were there

since it was the largest room of the floor.'

'Leon saw dozens of archers and mages

William

Sanchez

Alisson

and two blond women on the floor. One of them was Sarah

who passed out after being hit in the face. Leon could see several punch marks in her face... it looked like since she received quite the beating in the last few days. The other blond woman was Gisela; she was a mess; her clothes and body had suffered damage from fire

ice

and sharp objects. Her face was facing the floor

so Leon couldn't see the damage she suffered

but he saw a pool of blood where her head was.'

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"Fire!" William shouted.'

'Dozen of magic projectiles flew toward Leon

in a single moment

several explosions happened in midair where Leon was. A curtain of smoke formed

but the attackers didn't stop. Every impact caused the noisy equivalent of a grenade when they hit the target. They kept attacking until their faces became white

and they ran out of mana. Eventually

the curtain of smoke disappeared

and in front of the Leon

they saw a steel wall.'

'Suddenly

above the steel wall

a fireball appeared. Little by little

a fireball grew until it became of the size of a car. Without even touching the flames

the steel wall began to melt until Leon lost control over it

and the melted steel fell. When the steel wall disappeared

the soldier saw Leon unscathed

even though he was close to the fireball

he looked pretty much fine; he wasn't even sweating. But rather than that

the soldiers saw his cold

piercing eyes; he looked at every single one of them like ants that were about to be crushed.'

"This will be your last chance... leave this place now

or I will kill every one of you and all the people who are related to you guys. I won't repeat it..." Leon said.'

'Before Leon could even finish

half of the attackers had already left the meeting room. It didn't take long before the place was almost empty. The only ones there were three directors

Sarah

Gisela

and Leon. Despite the fact that they lost their minions

William

Sanchez

and Alisson didn't look that bothered. Soon

Leon understood why it was due to their weapons. Those weapons seemed to be of the same level as the Angelic bow. William had a pair of green gloves that emitted an energetic light. Sanchez had a golden shield. Meanwhile

Alisson had two rings

a silver and a black one.'

'Ignoring what those could do

Leon made his fireball move

but he stopped when William raised Gisela's body as if he would use her as a shield. Then Leon saw it... Gisela's face covered in blood

and she had lost her remaining eye. William smirked when he saw Leon's surprised face.'

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""Why are you smiling?" Leon asked. "It looks like you are confident in your victory. I can't imagine why you guys are so confident considering that you stayed in this building for the last five days instead of looking for me.""

""We are confident in our victory

" William said. "We just stayed here to mess with you... we just wanted to see the face you made a few seconds ago."

'Leon sighed at that point in time; there was no need to hold back. He decided to put all his mana into that fireball and destroy the entire building and anyone in it. However

he stopped when he saw Gisela's body slightly trembling.'

"...Mas... ter..." Gisela murmured.'

"I'm sorry

Gisela..." Leon bit his lips. "My choices made you suffer..."

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'Leon had been too naive... at the moment he saw William

Sanchez

and Alisson for the first time

he should have beat the crap out of them. He didn't that; it was his first mistake. His second mistake was to trust in Betty's 'friends'... in the end

he couldn't get angry for his enemies using the opportunities he gave them. He could only get angry at his own stupid choices...'