

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'Makoto's POV'

'From a safe distance

Makoto saw the train where Seiji and his daughter were entering Moscow. Despite the steel walls that were being built to protect the city

he could see the soldiers and citizens of the place walking around doing all sorts of things. They were preparing for battle...'

""Good

Leon arrived on time and managed to cause the dungeon breaks.""

'It looked like Alexei contacted all groups of survivors nearby and emitted an alert

Makoto noticed that when he saw several groups of soldiers running toward Moscow coming from all directions. Some were also running alone

so he decided to do the same and enter the city.'

'The east gate of Moscow was wide open

and the guards weren't checking who was entering; all people were already aware of the dungeon breaks. So

obviously

only regular citizens and soldiers of the place were expected to arrive. Thanks to that

no one noticed that Makoto was Japanese.'

'Without wasting time

Makoto moved to the other side of the city

where the soldiers were reuniting and preparing themselves for the battle.
Soon

he saw Alexei moving on the top of a car showing an extremely annoyed expression. Makoto felt his blood boiling

but somehow he calmed down his nerves. Makoto couldn't kill the bastard before discovering where his daughter was.'

'Soon

the battle started. Although Alexei wasn't a mighty soldier

he had some tactical knowledge

and he gave some orders when problems appeared. Makoto tried to stay close to him to overhear his conversations while he fought

but he didn't learn much. If the battle had lasted a little longer

perhaps things could have been different... but a kid that had impressive magic skills almost single-handedly changed the tide of the battle.'

'When the battle ended

Alexei sent the kid and his team to investigate what had happened. Fortunately

he stayed nearby observing the battlefield and waiting for the kid's report... For the time being

Yuki was safe

but Makoto was getting tired of controlling his nerves.'

'Makoto made a call and asked Leon to keep doing that the moment the kid and his team left. Much faster than he had imagined

another alert of monsters invasion had been given.'

""As expected

Leon sure is fast...""

'That lightened Makoto's mood a little. Meanwhile

Alexei started to shout and attack his own subordinates. Things only got more complicated along the night. However

much to Makoto's surprise

Alexei looked pretty calm when he saw him the next day. Alexei was plotting something... but Makoto didn't notice that on time. Suddenly the crowd of soldiers opened a path for some reason

then Yuki and Seiji appeared. His daughter had a thick steel chain on her neck

and Seiji was pulling her as if she was some sort of dog. Makoto felt something snapping on his head... but he managed to avoid his impulse to rush and split Seiji in two. However

everything changed when Yuki was put on the truck where Alexei was. She looked at him as if he was a dirty dog

and thanks to that

he kicked her on the stomach

and her body bent backward

and then she spat blood. The next moment

Makoto summoned his sword and charged to attack Alexei

five soldiers had been fast enough to feel and reacted to Makoto's bloodlust

but they got split in half before they could even scratch him. However

when Makoto touched the truck

he got electrocuted until the point where smoke started to leave his body... after ten seconds he collapsed.'

'Makoto woke up receiving a heavy punch on his face

and when he opened his eyes

he saw Seiji in front of him with his fists clenched and Yuki on the other side what seemed like to be some sort of office. Alexei was there too... Makoto tried to move

but his body was heavy

and he couldn't muster all that much strength. It looked like while he was unconscious

they put some chains around his body

magical chains that could drain his energy.'

"Father!" Yuki shouted

her eyes full of tears.'

"Sorry

Yuki

" Makoto said. "I failed... but I will leave everything on your hand."

"What exactly do you mean by that?" Seiji frowned.'

"Ah... you

" Makoto said

looking at Seiji in the eye

making him tremble just by being stared. "I meant exactly what you think... I leave Japan in her capable hands."

"What a fool... what can she do to Japan here?" Alexei asked. "Your country has no longer an imperial family; from today onward

Japan will become a Russian province."

"... I wanted to be here the moment you see your dreams being crushed by a single man." Makoto said. "I failed

but he won't fail

my daughter won't fail either. I can see in them the hope for a good future in this world... as for you two... I can see only two dead men walking... for a while."

"I think you are going to die first

" Alexei said. "Prepare my throne on the other side; I will conquer everything even the after-life."

"Are these your last words

Makoto?" Seiji picked Makoto's katana that was on the wall.'

"... I guess I should die by the blade of my own weapon." Makoto let out a long sigh. "It is a pity that a coward and traitor will be the one who will swing the sword.'

"Kill the bastard

Seiji!" Alexei shouted.'

"With pleasure!" Seiji said.'

"NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!" Yuki shouted.'

"Trust him

Yuki

" Makoto smiled. "He will be a good friend."

'With a smile on his face

Makoto's head rolled on the ground while his neck was gushing out blood. After that

the corpse of Makoto was taken to a platform in front of Alexei's tower. From his office

Alexei picked a strange weapon and pointed toward Makoto's body while forcing Yuki watching to see the total destruction of Makoto's body... when he pulled the trigger

Yuki collapsed unconscious.'

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'Five days passed since Leon arrived at Moscow

one week had passed since the last time he slept

so he decided to take a nap because he was at his limit. However

he gave the order of his skeletons to attack anything that approaches.
Unfortunately

Alexei had other plans; when he saw the image of Leon sleeping in the middle
of his skeleton army

he used a missile. Obviously

the skeletons destroyed it.'

"'Crazy son of a bitch... using missiles just to keep me awake.'"

'Leon was tired and worried

Alexei had Yuki under his control for five days and Makoto by four. Still

he couldn't just invade the city to rescue them. He didn't have enough
skeletons to do it. Much less when Alexei was waiting for him...'

'If Leon could

he would approach the dungeon to buy potions

but he couldn't; there was a chance that Alexei would escape by chopper or by
airplane

and he wouldn't be able to see that if he leaves that area.'

"'What the hell am I doing... a single man is trying to siege a whole city... this
is so stupid.'"

'If Leon weren't so tired

he would laugh. In the end

Leon tried to fake that he was meditating and slept while sitting. Thanks to that

he managed to take half an hour nap.'

'Just as Leon had expected

Alexei had called reinforcement from other cities. He saw several choppers flying to Moscow and trucks in the distance

also entering the city. Alexei didn't plan on fleeing from Moscow

and he didn't care how much resources he would have to spend in order to crush Leon.'

"I wish I could split my forces to stop his reinforcements

but if I do

he will probably try to attack me as soon as possible. The more concentrated the skeletons are

the more effective their attacks will be..."

'Still

things weren't looking good. If Alexei uses those choppers

the skeletons won't be able to reach them. Even the skeleton archers' range had a limit

after all. Regardless

Leon decided to be patient; his skeletons were absorbing mana and charging their limitless battery. Although they couldn't evolve like the other skeletons and their attacks wouldn't become more powerful

they would operate for longer the more mana they absorb.'

'Several hours later

another squadron of choppers flew to Moscow. Leon could destroy them and leave the skeletons to deal with the soldiers on the ground

but even he would have a hard time if dozens of those attack him at the same time. Considering that the soldiers being transported by those military choppers could survive the fall

Leon decided to attack those vehicles.'

'Leon had to stop the skeletons' productions for a while

but in a single minute

he knocked down twenty choppers just by destroying the choppers' propeller. They didn't expect Leon's sudden approach

so they didn't have time to react. The helicopters fell

but Leon saw that the soldiers survived the fall.'

""Well

that should work as a warning for them..."

'It worked

but not on the way Leon wished for. He noticed that Leon would destroy his choppers if they get too close. Alexei made enter Moscow by following a roundabout path. Just when Leon was about to take another nap

his phone rung. It was Alexei again.'

""Getting impatient?""

""I'm the one who should be asking you that

" Leon said. "What will happen to the countries that you conquered now that you are making your soldiers retreat? I'm also wondering about the loss you are having by not collecting the resources of the dungeons in those countries."

""Believe me; it doesn't matter if we delay my plans for a week or two. With the power of your items

I'm sure we will compensate for the loss of time very soon.""

""What items do you specifically want?" Leon said. "Although you tried to kill me with missiles

my offer still stands

I can give you a few items if you return Makoto and Yuki."

'Much to Leon's surprise

Alexei didn't say anything. Then

he thought of a very curious thing

Alexei thought that Leon was nothing without them.'

"Let me guess

you tortured Makoto to learn the items that I have

" Leon said. "But he didn't reveal anything

right?"

'Once again

Leon didn't hear anything except Alexei clicking his tongue. As expected

despite everything

Alexei was still cautious of Leon's skills

and he imagined that he has dozens of stupidly powerful items.'

"Alexei

stop this madness

" Leon said. "A single person can't rule over the world

stop now while you can

or you will die full of regrets."

"I will only have regrets if I obey a stupid kid like you. I will rule this world

and I will never lose anything ever again."

"You don't have to obey me; I'm just asking a favor

" Leon said. "Release Yuki and Makoto

and I will give you the item to summon skeletons

that is not a bad deal

right?"

"So

that is the power of a magic item... I'll be sure to make good use of it. Ah

good news. I prepared a gift for you. I hope you can accept it. By the way

even if I could

I wouldn't release them. You will never see that fool again since I got rid of him

as for Yuki

she is here

warming my bed. Do you want to talk to her?"

'Leon sighed

in the end

he failed. He failed in rescuing Yuki on time and in protecting Makoto. Leon failed in such a crucial moment that he started to wonder why he was so full of himself. He wasn't clearly arrogant

but he was sure that given time

he could solve all problems with brute force. Now that Leon lost a friend and an ally. He couldn't help but wonder why he had so much power if he couldn't protect a friend with it.'

"Leon... kill the bastard."

'After hearing Yuki's murmur

Leon's doubts disappeared. There was one thing he could now that he had failed... Avenge his friend.'

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'Leon felt Yuki's despair through the call; he had understood her message. He had to kill Alexei even if his attack causes her death indirectly. Japan would suffer a big loss by losing the two remaining members of the imperial family

but she still was willing to die as long as Leon kills Alexei. Leon also lost his hesitation and made his twenty thousand skeleton archers and wizards move.'

'When they got close enough

the soldiers left the city to attack

and several choppers also came to offer support. When they were on his range

Leon made all the skeletons attack the space ahead of the soldiers with Fireballs and Fire Arrows. All the snow around melted

and the ground burned until it became dark and lifeless. So many projectiles destroyed over an area that was equal to the size of a big stadium. When they felt the heat

the soldier broke into a cold sweat. All of them remembered the message that Lennart and his teammates passed to the soldiers.'

"I will forgive them just one time."

'While that message was echoing through their heads

many soldiers run away to the city and toward their homes. They would take their families and friends and leave the city instead of facing an army of monsters that could burn them to a crisp. Before the choppers could approach half of the first group of soldiers had run away

and with each passing moment

more and more felt like it was useless to fight. Still

some of them stayed behind to fight. Leon didn't know why they insisted on fighting even when Leon gave such a clear warning. Perhaps it was loyalty; perhaps they wanted to keep their ranks

maybe they thought Leon would destroy their hometown just for the fun of it. Either way

it didn't change anything to Leon.'

"It is a pity..." Leon murmured.'

'It was a pity to see soldiers dying due to a fool's actions

but Leon didn't think twice when they charged to attack the skeletons. On the second volley of attacks

one hundred and twenty-four soldiers died after being burn to a crisp. It was the first time Leon killed someone

and he just didn't kill one or two

he killed more than one hundred. Still

he didn't hesitate because they were fighting to take his head.'

'Three hundred soldiers were sent to stop the skeletons on the first wave

one hundred and seventy-six fled

but on the second wave

only ninety appeared. The other two hundred and ten ran away when they saw their companions burned almost instantly.'

'Even from far away

Leon could see that the vast majority of soldiers were running away. However

he didn't have time for that. The choppers were surrounding him

and they had mages and archers ready to attack. Leon also gave them one chance

he flew upward to avoid their attacks and shot Fire Arrows and destroyed their propellers. The soldiers jumped from the vehicles

while some were trying to make sure that they wouldn't land and hit their heads against the ground

a few tried to attack Leon and three guys managed to hit him with Thunder Arrows.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Thunder Resistance.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

"Truly

a pity..." Leon murmured and used the gravity ring to make sure that those who attacked him would fall to their deaths.'

'Leon only wanted to make allies and work together to find a way to seal the dungeons and get rid of the monsters. But not everything was so simple

some people don't listen to reason

after all. While the skeletons were approaching Moscow and killing those who weren't smart enough to run away. Leon shot down the choppers

but only for a while. Even the pilots of the helicopters gave up on the idea of approaching him; it was close to suicide after all.'

'Eventually

the skeletons reached the steel walls

but they quickly melted the obstacle. Without any enemies trying to attack him by the skies

Leon decided to follow the army of skeletons. Soon

he regretted the idea due to the smell of blood and burned flesh. Leon puked several times after seeing burned bones. It was the scene of hell

and it was the hell that he had created himself.'

'Now and then

Leon would make his army stop just to make sure that citizens would have time to run away. Despite that

he burned every single building on his path. He couldn't make twenty thousand skeletons fit in a single street after all. So

they destroyed blocks and marched above them. Even after causing so much destruction

Leon confirmed that Alexei wouldn't give up so easily. Hidden under the debris

Leon felt the presence of several soldiers very alive. When he was close enough

they left their hideouts to attack him

but Leon attacked them first with stone arrows to their heads. They died even without noticing that Leon had noticed them.'

'Leon and the skeleton army marched to the center of the city where Alexei's building was. Occasionally stopping to attack some suicide soldiers and to give enough time to the others run away.'

'Eventually

Leon and the army arrived at their destination. It was quite a nice building

but Leon felt like destroying it without a second thought. However

he couldn't

Yuki was still there. So

he just picked his cellphone and called Alexei. Soon

Alexei accepted the call.'

"Last chance

Alexei

" Leon said. "Give up now

and I will grant you quick death."

"I'll choose option number two."

"... There is no option number two." Leon sighed.'

'Leon heard Alexei laughing; he was laughing as if Leon hadn't destroyed a good part of the city and still didn't suffer a single loss to his army. He only understood why he laughed when he saw a silver object coming out from one of the windows of Alexei's building. Leon couldn't tell what that was from so far. However

he discovered what that was when he saw the object emitting electricity. The bastard did really have a railgun...'

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'Leon's mind went blank for a second

but soon he recovered himself. He couldn't stay there

but he also knew that he wouldn't be able to escape the damage caused by the railgun. Even if he doesn't take a direct hit

he will die. The last thing he needed to do at that moment was to try to run away and show his back to the enemy.'

"Crazy bastard..." Leon murmured.'

'Leon activated Mana Armor and created several layers of earth between him and the railgun and tried to strengthen it as much as possible

but before the first layer of earth could become steel... the railgun was used.'

'Leon certainly got physically and magically strong; those four years on the island certainly made him stronger. Despite that

Leon knew that he was far from being unbeatable. With magic

he was confident that he could block an attack of a tank. With some preparation

he could repel the attack of tactics missiles like he did before. But humanity created certain weapons that Leon knew that he wouldn't survive against no matter what. Nuclear bombs were one of those types of weapons; the other... were railguns.'

'Leon didn't even notice what happened. When he woke up

he was buried under the debris of random building feeling like crap

and his whole body hurt like hell.'

"Ugh... damn it."

'Leon didn't have to see to confirm that he had broken more than a few bones

his left side hurt like hell

and he could tell that he broke several bones of his ribcage. Fortunately

Leon didn't feel much pain on the right side... rather

he didn't feel anything; only some burns. Leon tried to move his right arm and leg

but he didn't feel them. Using earth

he managed to leave the debris only to feel shivers when he saw the burn mark on his right side. His right arm and leg had been burn to a crisp.'

"Oh

shit... shit. That bastard... I will kill him!"

'Leon almost gave the order to destroy the building

but Leon remembered Yuki. When he heard her voice

it sounded like she wanted to die. Leon failed

but he couldn't cause Yuki's death. It was the least he could do for Makoto.'

'While Leon was trying to calm himself and use his mana to mend his bones

he felt some noise coming from the streets. It looked like his skeleton army was being attacked

things worked so well in the beginning that Leon totally forgot about Alexei's presents...'

"He only sent a few cannon-fodder to stop me

he hid his best soldiers near his building to attack after using the railgun..."

'It was a pain to admit

but Leon only survived because that railgun was a small version of the real deal. If he had been hit by ones that were installed in ships

he would be dead by now. Still

he suffered a lot of damage. Enough damage that a few potions and the recovery couldn't help him.'

"At least I can fool him just like the way he fooled me..."

'Leon paid the price

but he would make sure that Alexei would pay much more. He was so stupid that he didn't know that Leon's skeletons would disappear if he dies. Alexei didn't even consider the possibility that Leon could have survived

and that would be his downfall. Leon decided to hide on the top of that building until night. He had a hard time trying to heal himself

but after a few minutes

the recovery did its magic

and most of Leon's pain disappeared. His broken bones healed

but the burns were still there.'

"It's probably because the burned flesh is considered dead... something that is dead cannot be healed naturally."

'Still

Leon had sometime before sunset

so he decided to try to heal those burns. He also wanted to change his clothes since his current ones were in tatters

but he would have a hard time doing that with a single arm.'

"Ugh... it burns too much."

'As expected

stimulating the mana of his body to heal the burns wasn't enough. It looked like the principle to heal ordinary wounds and burns were different. That being said

the gloves he had lent to Makoto could heal burns

so Leon was sure that he eventually would discover how to do it. Still

he would have to do it later

because the night was coming.'

'Leon's skeleton army was quite powerful

but since they were only archers and wizards

they weren't that durable. The railgun killed a lot of them

and after sunset

the soldiers destroyed all of them. Leon observed the floor where the railgun was for quite a while; the lights stayed on for a few hours showing that Alexei was still working with his underlings. But soon

he turned the lights off

even though the rest of the city was still working to repair the damage Leon caused.'

'Anyway

Leon flew and approached the windows of that floor. As he had expected

it was bulletproof glass. Alexei was a cautious son of a bitch

after all. But something like that couldn't even be counted as an obstacle to Leon. He created four steel spears and made them spin before he attacked and destroyed the glass. However

he couldn't let an even single piece of glass fall on the streets

so

caught those with another earth platform. Leon had arrived just on time to see Yuki tied up in the bed and Alexei taking off his clothes. Although the lights were off

Alexei recognized Leon and then become pale as a ghost.'

""Surprise

motherfucker..." Leon said. "Your torment begins now.""

'Alexei ran toward a certain table where Leon saw a stone; he didn't know what that was

but it was something that Alexei wanted very much in that situation

and that was enough to make Leon stop him. Without much resistance

Leon destroyed Alexei's arms and legs. He screamed and trembled a lot

but that didn't even make Leon flinch. That was just the opening act for what Leon had in store for Alexei.'

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"Well

I cannot let you die yet

and you are too noisy

" Leon said. "So

let me shut your mouth before I burn you."

'Leon covered Alexei's mouth with a metal mask and then burned the wounds to stop the bleeding. Again

Alexei trembled

and he tried to scream

but no sound came. Leon thought that he would have more fun torturing Alexei like that

but he didn't. As expected

he couldn't bring himself to enjoy tormenting others.'

'After making sure that Alexei wouldn't do anything

Leon untied Yuki. Although she was still awake

she didn't move an inch even after noticing Leon's arrival. She didn't care about anything anymore. Leon had failed miserably

and Alexei had caused unbelievable trauma to Yuki's mind.'

"Sorry

I'm late

" Leon said.'

'Again

Yuki didn't react to Leon's words. At that point in time

it wouldn't be weird if Yuki decides to die by starving to death. So

Leon decided to give her a few alternatives.'

"Shall I end your life for you?" Leon asked. "I already failed on my mission; I'm sure that another failure won't change anything. In your current situation

you won't be able to assume your father's work

so perhaps you shouldn't return to Japan... if you are lucky

when you die

you will reunite with Makoto. The question is

would he like to see you die so soon?"

"Shut up... What do you know?" Yuki murmured.'

"I don't know anything; I'm just telling your options

" Leon said. "You can die here by my hands

and I will make sure you won't feel anything or keep living and enduring the pain while you try to do what your father wanted to do. Anyway

you don't have to decide now. You can think about it while I solve a few problems."

'Leon looked around and found several interesting things

magic weapons

a refrigerator

a closet

a desk

and a cellphone. He also found the gloves he lent to Makoto. Leon smiled because that would make things much easier. Leon picked the cellphone

one of his steel spears

and approached Alexei. At that point in time

most of the pain he felt disappeared thanks to the recovery

but Leon managed to break his will again by piercing Alexei's cheek a little with his spear.'

"Do you have someone working for you who can contact every single person involved in the operation to kidnap Yuki?" Leon asked.'

'Alexei nodded several times; he was so scared that he was even crying... despite that

Leon only felt shame

to think that such a pathetic person caused so many problems to him... it was humiliating.'

"You will call that person and make them call every single person who was involved in the mission

" Leon said. "Give the order for them to wait at the entrance of the building and only to enter when all of them arrive. If I notice that you are plotting something... I will make good use of those gloves and pierce my spear in your ass."

'Alexei nodded as if he could see Leon forgiving him if he cooperates. Imagining easily what he was thinking

Leon felt the urge to smash his head against the floor

but he held back his anger. Then Leon took off the steel mask.'

"Please

please! I will become your ally

subordinate

or even your dog!" Alexei said. "But please spare my life!"

"That will depend... if you don't entice my anger

I will consider that." Leon said.'

'Alexei pointed to a certain number registered on the cellphone

and Leon pushed the button to call it. Alexei sighed to calm down in order not to make anyone suspicious. A woman answered and then started to talk in Russian

even though Leon couldn't understand it

he noted by the tone of their voices that they had an ordinary conversation. That being said

Leon didn't drop his guard.'

'When the call ended

Leon approached the window he broke to observe the movement of soldiers. Only a few of them started to approach the building

and they stopped in front of it

waiting for the others. By the look of things

they were unarmed

but considering that Makoto could make his weapon appear and disappear

caution was necessary. After half an hour

a group of fifty people entered the building. The majority were soldiers

but a few of them were just ordinary citizens. Among that group

Leon also saw Seiji and his underlings.'

"I guess I have to spare him for the time being..."

'Although the building had elevators

those weren't big enough to carry so many people at the same time

but that only made things more convenient to Leon. The number of objects he could control using his own magic was limited

but he could multiply that by two using Telekinesis. Leon approached the elevator

and as soon as the door opened

he obtained full control over the bodies of six people. First of all

he took them out of the elevator and then broke their necks. After that

he attacked the head of the others with the butt of his steel spears. Since it would be unpleasant to hide too many corpses in that room where Yuki was

he decided to hide them in another random room.'

'From that distance

Alexei's underlings didn't have any chance of resisting. So Leon killed them with such an ease that he couldn't help but frown. The last group to arrive was Seiji

and his men and all of them trembled in fear when they saw Leon.'

"Long time

no see baldie..." Leon smirked.'

'Leon killed his underlings

but he was having quite a hard time controlling Seiji's body. He was stronger than he thought... still

he stopped struggling when he cut off his limbs. After making sure that he wouldn't die of blood loss

he moved him toward the room where Alexei and Yuki were. Since Leon made his body fly low

the moment Yuki saw Seiji
she got up and kicked his face with all his might. After that
she ran toward the wall where the magic items were
and she picked a katana
and then Leon finally recognized Makoto's katana.'

"Hey... wait a minute." Leon said. "If you want to kill them
that's fine
but not yet. They still have some use."

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"Don't stop me!" Yuki glared at Leon. "That bastard betrayed my father
killed him with his own hands
and burned his body without giving a proper funeral!"

"Listen to people when they are talking..." Leon sighed. "I'll let you kill them
don't worry. But like I said
I can still use them. First
let's make sure that all the spies working for Seiji will be executed. After that
you can kill both of them in front of a huge crowd. That will work as a warning
for any greedy bastard that may want to take their places."

'Yuki couldn't help but frown when she heard that
even though she knew revenge wouldn't change anything she wanted to have
it anyway
but not in front of a crowd. She didn't want to make that a spectacle

after all. She took one step backward because Yuki didn't know Leon's bloodthirsty side

but then she finally realized the state of his body. He had all the rights just like herself to make those two suffer as much as possible.'

"What

you didn't notice until now?" Leon frowned. "Even though they used the railgun here?"

"I only stay here at night..." Yuki answered. "Are you okay? How can you move like that?"

"I feel like crap... but I can move using magic." Leon said.'

'Now that Leon thought about it

he could fly using earth magic

but he just needed to use Telekinesis. The flying speed would probably be higher than the one when he uses earth platforms. However

Telekinesis uses much more mana.'

"Anyway

you can kick them as much as you want

" Leon said. "But you can't use the sword; it would be a good idea to avoid kicking their heads too. It will cause more impact if they die while they are awake."

"... You are quite nasty." Yuki said.'

'Leon was aware of that

but he had no choice but to

otherwise he would be treated as a joke. Since he already caused a mess in Moscow

he had to make sure to leave a big impression on anyone who thinks of messing with him or his friends and family.'

'Yuki kicked Seiji and Alexei a few times but soon gave up on the idea. She felt empty doing that; she knew that they deserved to be punished

but that wouldn't bring her father back. She didn't want to dirty her hands with their blood

Yuki liked her powers

she could make people healthy again. But the idea of causing pain and wounds was suffocating. Still

as much as she liked to do that

she wouldn't do it ever again. She would rather than die than keeping recalling the last days... Alexei humiliated her in so many different ways that she barely endured the wish to finish her own life

but even that caused even more disgraces. She didn't give up

and in the end

her wish to live caused her father's death. Yuki would never forget the look in her father's eyes. He died with a smile on his face

but at the same time

he was asking for forgiveness for being powerless for not being able to save her.'

'While Yuki was thinking of that

Leon looked for specific numbers in Alexei's cellphone. There he somehow managed to find Lennart's name

and he called. Lennart said something when he accepted the call

but Leon didn't understand.'

""Don't react or don't try anything funny

kid

" Leon said. "It's me

and I have your boss here with and with one foot on the grave.""

"... I thought you died... wait a minute there are some people nearby. It's all right

no one can hear me now... why did you call me?"

"Because I want to give a message to anyone who wants to screw with me and my allies again

" Leon answered. "Spread the word that Alexei wants to show something nice to everybody tomorrow at 08:00 AM in front of his building."

"Are you going to kill him?"

"What if I am? Do you want to fight again?" Leon asked. "This time

I won't be so merciful."

"No

I don't want to fight... in fact

I even want to help you. Alexei sacrificed many soldiers just to lure you into a trap. I was working for him because he promised something to me

but I recently realized he doesn't intend to fulfill his promise."

"Is that so... well

you can help me by doing what I just told you." Leon said.'

"What are you going to do afterward?"

"I will confirm with my own eyes if people received my message

after a few days I will leave

" Leon answered.'

"Aren't you going to become the new leader?"

"No

" Leon said.'

"So

you are going home... you are American

right? Can I ask you a favor?"

"You already asked too many questions

kid

" Leon said. "And I'm not in the mood to talk with you. Just do what I told you

and I will leave you alone."

"Please

just hear me out! I'm going to pay you for it... I'm looking for someone; she went to study in New York four years ago since then

we lost contact with her. Our parents already gave up on hope

but I won't give up until I discover what happened to my sister."

'Leon frowned because that was a history he had heard before.'

"Is your sister German?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

how did you know?"

"Is she supposed to be around twenty-two years old?" Leon asked.'

"... Yes."

"Her name is Gisela

right?" Leon asked.'

"You met her... where is she? Is she alive?"

"Yes

she is living with my sister..." Leon sighed.'

'It looked like Lennart was Gisela's little brother... what a small world.'

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'Leon was pretty sure that Gisela didn't tell her background to anyone. So the chances of Lennart really be her little brother was high. Anyway he just had to call Betty and confirm things with her Gisela and Betty mostly spend their afternoons practicing magic together after all.'

"I met her by chance in New York..." Leon said. "Perhaps if you help me I will lead to where she is... Anyway you know what you need to do."

'After that

Leon ended the call. Before confirming Lennart's identity

he had to deal with Seiji's spies. He was a traitor

but he was a warrior too. So

it took quite a while before he finally gave up and decided to obey Leon's orders. Leon didn't feel pleasure in torturing someone

but he had to do the dirty work. He couldn't let the princess of Japan do such a thing.'

'After 'persuading' Seiji to cooperate

he made him give the order to all his spies reunite in their hideout in two days. Their shelter was located in the extreme north of Japan

very close to where the Frozen Dire Wolves' dungeon was.'

"Do you know a way to contact

Ren?" Leon asked.'

"No..." Yuki said with her head down

still unable to get rid of the memories of the past few days.'

'Makoto probably put some way to contact his spies or Ren in the magic box

fortunately

since it was on Leon's back

it survived the railgun's attack. Inside of it

he found a radio. When Leon turned it on

he heard the voice of a Japanese man. He didn't understand anything

but then Yuki stepped forward and passaged the message.'

"Do you know the guy you just talked to?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

he is the commander of my father's spies..." Yuki said. "I also already passed the message that my father died..."

"I guess we just need to wait until morning now..." Leon said and then sat down to concentrate.'

"... I wonder how you can meditate at a time like this." Yuki sighed.'

"I'm not meditating

I'm trying to heal my wounds

" Leon explained.'

"I can do that for you

" Yuki said.'

"Is your skill that convenient?" Leon frowned.'

"Yes

it can dispel poison

curses

sickness

and even cancel effects like burn and paralysis

" Yuki explained.'

"I see... well

I'm going to refuse

" Leon said. "I think If I manage how to heal those burns

I will be able to find a clue of what to do to reach my goal."

"You are insane..." Yuki sighed again. "Why did you help my father on this crazy plan?"

"Because he was an ally and because he was a friend... but mostly because he made me remember of my father." Leon looked toward the starry sky. "He was a bit older than Makoto

but they were kind of similar. Harsh and direct man

but when the family was the center of the question

he would become a bit unreasonable

just like Makoto was when he decided to rescue you with only my help."

"Is that so..." Yuki said.'

"It looked like you and your father were quite close... I noticed that

so I decided to obey Makoto instead of convincing him to recruit more people to help." Leon said. "Knowing that Seiji left spies behind and that he couldn't trust in many people

he decided to go with the only person he was sure it wouldn't betray him. I was jealous of him; he had the chance and the courage to face an entire army to rescue his daughter... while I didn't have the chance nor the courage to be with my parents when they needed me."

"It couldn't be helped

right?" Yuki said. "You were alone on an island..."

"Yeah

but if I weren't so stupid

they could have survived..." Leon smiled weakly. "Although my father and I were logical persons

he was a bit overprotective

and like your father

he was quite hot-blooded about family. We head-butted a few times

but we were a normal family. However

when I decided to study abroad

he clearly said no. He said that I was too immature to live alone in another country

but I ignored him. We fought

and then I left America without saying a word. For the next four years

I didn't talk with my father a single time

he was right... I was too immature. When I graduated

I decided to surprise them and rub on my father's face that what I did wanted to do and accomplished many things

but then the monsters came... If I weren't so stupid

I could have said to them that I was returning and they would be waiting for me at the airport and escaped the dragons' attack. But because I was a moron

my parents died... I guess helping Makoto was my selfish way to make amends for my past."

"You are too harsh on yourself..." Yuki said. "But at least I can see now why you are so determined and willing to go to such lengths to achieve your goals. I would be creeped out if you were trying to be some knight in shining armor trying to help everyone."

"If I can lend a hand

I will

but I won't lose time with those that don't deserve to live

" Leon said. " I don't want to become a leader; I just want to make allies and work together to make our planet safe again... because I don't want to see

my sister

niece

and my friends struggling to survive every day."

"I guess my father saw that on you..." Yuki said. "I wish I could help you

but I can't..."

"Why not?" Leon asked. "All the people who caused you pain died and will die

no one knows but you and me what suffered here. Forgetting what happened is impossible

but you can't just give up. Your people need you

if not your name; they need your skills."

"Your persuasive skill sucks..." Yuki forced a smile. "All right... I will help you; I don't want to embarrass my family by choosing death. However

I will only help you as long as you carry my father's katana on your back."

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'Leon couldn't understand the logic behind Yuki's words

but it was obvious that the katana had a lot of sentimental value... It was her father's

and if he hadn't died

it would belong to her brother. It was proof of Yuki's trust...'

'Emperor's Katana'

'It grants you the skills: War Cry Lv 30. Strength +40

Speed +40.'

'Cost: 200 mana'

'Cooldown time: 600 seconds.'

'As expected

it was a pretty useful weapon. Leon didn't know how it fell on Makoto's hands

though. Regardless

War Cry was very useful; it could boost all physical-related status of all allies nearby Leon. He wasn't used to fighting in groups

but that skill would help a lot when the time comes.'

'Several hours passed

and around 07:30 AM

things started to get noisy outside the building. A crowd was starting to form in front of the building; it was time to end that. Seiji and Alexei already knew that there was no way to escape from their destinies

so they only accepted the inevitable... in the end

Yuki decided to back down; she didn't want to dirty her hands. Still

she made a complicated expression by making Leon do all the dirty work.'

""Don't make such a face

" Leon said. "I will do it with pleasure."

'The crowd was too close

so Leon created a few stones and made it fall. When the crowd moved away a little bit

he let Seiji and Alexei fall. Since Leon managed to survive the fall from ten kilometers of height on the day the monsters appeared

they wouldn't die by the fall. Still

that wasn't his goal. He just dropped them to make the population of Moscow see them for a while. After confirming that the people saw those two

he dropped two steel pillars above them

smashing them to unrecognized pieces of flesh. In the end

Leon could bring himself to behead or to hang them. He could be

but the population didn't need to see such a vicious execution.'

'After that

Leon and Yuki left the building toward the steel pillars. They landed on one of those pillars

and Leon had planned a speech

but then he finally noticed that no one would understand him. Noticing Leon's troubled face

Lennart approached and then frowned when he saw him without an arm and leg.'

"... I will translate your words." Lennart said.'

"All right..." Leon nodded. " First of all

I would like to say that I'm sorry for the destruction I caused yesterday. I'm the one who created those skeletons and made them attack your city. I wish I could have done things differently

but I had no other choice since I wanted to help some friends."

'When Lennart translated that

the people got nervous

and several of them decided to attack. However

only those who had bows did since they couldn't be seeing in the middle of the crowd. However

Mana Shield blocked those attacks.'

"... I will forgive you guys this one time

but the next people who try to attack me

I will make some steel pillar fall on them." Leon said coldly. "Anyway

I made my skeletons stop several times to give time for the citizens to escape

so

I truly hope that only soldiers died... You guys certainly know one of those who are buried under those steel pillars. Alexei was your previous leader

I don't know what kind of leader he was

but he tried to kill me

he killed a friend and kidnapped another friend... therefore I killed him."

'The crowd got suddenly quiet

as expected

by the look of surprise in their faces

they didn't know what Alexei did.'

"Alexei worked with Seiji

" Leon said. "A Japanese soldier who worked directly under the emperor Japan... Seiji is the other one who just got killed. He kidnaped the princes and killed the emperor with his own hands. I guess that makes him an accomplice. Anyway

I said and did this to give a warning for all greedy bastards who want to mess with my friends and me. If you follow that path

prepare yourself. I won't hold back... Anyway

I will try to repair all the houses I destroyed while I stay here. I will also try to repay all those who lost their things in some way or another. Until the next leader of your nation is decided by you guys."

'Things got noisy again; a person killed their leader and was pretending to leave as if nothing had happened. It looked like that at least they wanted Leon to take his place in order for them to keep living their own lives... Alexei wasn't that popular

it seemed.'

"Some people are asking what they should do now without a leader

" Lennart said. "They are worried that the Chinese and Indians might attack and destroy all their nations."

"Didn't they hear what I said?" Leon frowned. "Choose a new leader. As for the other problem

the next guy will have to deal with it. I originally intended to make Alexei an ally

but he refused through and through. I'm assuming that the next leader won't join forces with Japan and the Allied Forces of North-America. If that person doesn't want to become an ally

then we don't have to help."

"Some people are asking if they can return to their homes and reclaim the lands of their countries that they lost when Alexei invaded

" Lennart said.'

"Why are they asking me?" Leon frowned again. "I'm not from here; I can't decide that for anyone. If the people are divided

they can do whatever they want

but like I said. Any greed bastard will die if they try to cause problems. We don't have time to fight against ourselves

after all."

'Since he started that

Leon had to stay for quite a while

answering the questions the population made. Leon thought most people in Moscow were Russians

but he was wrong. Many important figures lived there because it had become the new heart of Europe.'

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'After answering questions until noon

Leon finally sighed in relief. He was exhausted

but the job wasn't over yet. He wanted to sleep for a week

but he had to take Yuki back to Tokyo and oversee the decision of the population. They had to decide by themselves instead of waiting for someone's opportunistic bastard to take Alexei's place.'

"That's it..." Leon said. "From tomorrow onwards

I will work to repair the damaged houses. As for today... anyone who has a problem with the things I have done can face me outside the city. If you are lucky

you will obtain the power to create a skeleton army."

'Leon said that to entice and get rid of the greedy people in that crowd

it was better to get rid of them as soon as possible. Surprisingly enough

not a single person tried to challenge Leon. He survived a railgun's shot after all

and he didn't even flinch when several arrows fell on his Mana Shield. They could only see Leon as a crazy monster.'

"What now?" Lennart asked.'

"If no one is trying to kill me

I'm going to sleep for the day

" Leon said. "I have a lot of work ahead of me for the next few days."

"If you are talking about the destroyed buildings

we have more than enough resources to rebuild them

" Lennart said. "If you pay the workers and the families of the destroyed houses

you don't have to waste time doing the work yourself. You should have enough since you killed Alexei."

'Leon checked his status and frowned when he saw that he had seven million coins. He didn't know that

but he received the coins of those he killed.'

"Alexei wasn't that powerful... why didn't he use so many coins?" Leon frowned.'

"He wanted to buy powerful weapons and tomes when they appear

" Lennart explained. " He bought the railgun in the shop of the dungeons."

"What? Seriously?" Leon asked astonished. "How in the hell such a thing could be bought in such a place?"

"No one knows... anyway

more or less five thousand houses were destroyed

" Lennart said. " Many people will leave Moscow and return to their homelands

so it will be better if you pay them. Around one thousand coins should be enough to pay for their houses and the objects they lost."

"I see... that's helpful to know." Leon said. "By the way... why are you trying to be so helpful?"

"I want you to take to my sister as soon as possible

" Lennart said.'

"Since you helped

I guess I owe you that much..."Leon scratched the back of his head. "Although the original plan was to train Gisela to let her return home using her own strength."

"Can you tell me how she is?" Lennart asked

excited. "You don't know for how long I've been waiting to hear anything about her..."

"... It will be better if you see for yourself and talk with her

" Leon said. "Anyway

I still have to see how things will end here. Sorry

Yuki. I wish I could bring you back home as soon as possible

but I can't. We could always send you back by using one of those choppers

but you never know when someone might try to kidnap you again outside Japan."

"It is okay... I need to rest for a few days before returning home." Yuki forced a smile.'

'Yuki only had bad memories of the building

so in the end

they ended up sleeping on Lennart's house. Even though he was just a teenager

he was one of the strongest soldiers in Europe and probably the best mage

so he had a pretty neat and large house.'

'With the help of Lennart and his team members

Leon had an easy time paying the citizens who had their houses destroyed... even though he spent five days only doing that. Just as Lennart had expected

a lot of people left Moscow; around forty percent of that city population actually came from different parts of Europe

and they decided to go back home after several meetings

and the population decided to return the conquered lands for their respective nations. Leon sighed in relief when no one disagreed against that; he was pretty sure some greedy guys were lurking in the darkness

but they would have a hard time trying to amass the same power Alexei had.'

'Although Leon showed something very unpleasant and bloodily

the new leaders of all countries of Europe decided to ally themselves with Japan and the Allied Forces of North-America. However

even though some people wanted their countries to be free again

they didn't have enough soldiers and resources to maintain their lands. So

even though small countries had their existence recognized

they still needed help from the Russians.'

'To make things more convenient

the countries of Europe decided to create the European Council. Like in the old world

they would choose as a whole what was best for their countries. European Council members consisted of the leaders of all countries

so the number of members wasn't small. Leon would have to watch them make sure that no other Alexei would arise again. Even though all of them were chosen by the population

one couldn't be too careful.'

'Surprisingly

Lennart's father became the leader of Germany. Even though he wasn't a mighty soldier

he was a charismatic blacksmith. Although his weapons and armor weren't magic

it saved many lives. So

Gisela was the daughter of the new leader of Germany... what will the president do once he learns what happened to his daughter over the past four years?'

'Health: 75 +'

'Mana: 1850 +'

'Stamina: 70 +'

'Strength: 66 +'

'Dexterity: 10 +'

'Speed: 42 +'

'Intelligence: 297 +'

'Endurance: 84 +'

'Control: 117 +'

'Mentality: 97 +'

'Luck: 01 +'

'Recovery: 600 +'

'Willpower: 75 +'

'Coins: 7214523'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Mana Armor Lv 19

Mana Shield Lv 05

Mana Dominion Lv 18

'Passive Skills: Pain Resistance Lv 24

Rage Lv 29

Sleep Resistance Lv 19

Thunder Resistance Lv 14

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'As if he was a diplomat or something

many new leaders approached Leon in order to create amicable relationships with him. Even though Alexei spread the magic knowledge in Europe

those guys still wanted Leon to pay them a visit and give them some lessons. That was fine and all

but his hands were already full

just having two thousand students in Las Vegas. He didn't need millions of them all over the world.'

'That being said

Leon made a mental note to help them. He was a soldier of the Allied Forces of North-America

and he was their allies

helping allies was a given. Besides

even though he failed in saving Makoto and rescuing Yuki on time. He succeeded in obtaining allies

and he also received a lot of coins

and more importantly

he received Makoto's Katana and even the railgun.'

"... Are you sure about that?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

" Lennart said. "The new leader of Russia said that they wouldn't need it anymore. Since you don't plan world domination and this thing requires a lot of mana

it will be better if it stays on your hands."

'Speaking of which

the new leader of Russia was one of the few people who saw Leon got hit by the railgun. The projectile destroyed two thousand skeletons in an instant opened a massive hole in the middle of Moscow... the Russian leader didn't want to get too close to the person who survived that.'

"Well... I will accept it." Leon said. "Even though it is a bit weird

carry the weapon that almost killed me."

'Alexei had many magic items

but none of them were as good as Leon's current gear. Only the railgun was leagues above anything he had.'

'Railgun'

'It causes damage equal to the mana used.'

'Cost: 3000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 600 seconds.'

'It didn't grant Leon any skills or stats

but it was a stupidly powerful weapon nonetheless. The problem was the size and weight. It was bigger and heavier than Leon... One week had passed since the day Leon killed Alexei and Seiji

and it was time to go back home. Makoto won't return

and Leon couldn't even bring back his body. However

Yuki was with him

and Lennart would accompany him as well to see Gisela. Their mother also wanted to come

but imagining one more passenger would make it difficult for Leon. Lennart decided to leave her behind.'

'Everything was ready... but still

Leon stopped on the east entrance of Moscow and looked at the building Alexei built to show his power and influence. He was a greedy fool

but Leon could have become him if he hadn't found Amanda and Maya. Even though he didn't want to

he ended up hearing Alexei and Seiji's backstory. Both of them lost their wives and kids when the monsters appeared. In fact

Alexei's first wife was a Japanese woman... in his own distorted way

he wanted to feel closer to his dead wife... After that

when they discovered they could become stupidly powerful

their damaged psych made them change... it made them seek power in order to fill the void inside themselves. Alexei wanted to create a Russia that could protect its citizens

and Seiji wanted the same for Japan. However

they took a wrong turn along the way... and lost sight of things. They wanted to sacrifice a few in order to save the majority; they wanted to conquer everything in order to make a country powerful enough.'

"I wonder what I would if I had discovered that even Amanda died that day... what would be my goal? What would I be doing now?"

'That was a question hard to answer

close to impossible. So

Leon decided to forget about it. It would take a couple of days to reach Japan

and the trip was rather uncomfortable since Yuki wasn't comfortable traveling with someone who worked for the man who caused her so much pain. That being said

Leon was sure that she would get used to it. She still didn't like Americans since one of them killed her brother

but she finally treated Leon as an ally. Anyway

the mood was heavy

and the trip would be long. So

Leon decided to strike a conversation.'

"Do you know how exactly your skill heal burns?" Leon asked.'

"It's a bit complicated..." Yuki said. "With poison

sickness

and curses

I just have to use a little mana to gather all the impurities in one place to destroy it or make the patient get rid of it naturally. However

to heal burns

I end up using more mana to revitalize the dead cells... I guess it's like using mana to use CPR all dead cells."

"So

it's like forcing the cells to revive

" Leon said.'

"More or less... using my and the patient's mana

" Yuki answered. "I make both energies pass through the wound and put them inside the dead cells; after that

I just force the mana to move inside the cells intensely until it revives them."

'Leon nodded; it was like the advanced version of his current healing ability. Still

he wasn't good at the weak version of that skill

so it would take a while before he could learn how to heal burns

but Leon tried anyway. However

much to his surprise

he tried to do that in a burned area of what was left of his shoulder

and he succeeded.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Cure Burns.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

""What?!" Yuki shouted in surprise. "How did you learn that so fast?""

""I'm bad at controlling mana meticulously..." Leon said. " That is why I'm learning slowly how to heal ordinary wounds

but I guess I'm quite good at making my mana work violently.""

""... As I imagined

you are a brute who tends to solve things with brute strength." Yuki frowned.'

""I won't deny it

I trained to solve things with brute force

" Leon said.'