

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (Completed)

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‘It’s good to see you guys again,’ Pedro said . ‘Mission Accomplished, so it’s finally time to return home, huh?’

‘Yeah, I tried to investigate the dungeons, but I only found more questions than answers . . . ‘ Leon sighed . ‘Anyway, keep in touch with us, all right? If something unusual happens, I want to hear it as soon as possible . ‘

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Leon concentrated and focused as much as mana as possible on his right shoulders, and then he stimulated . . . then it happened . Little by little, Leon's arm started to regenerate itself . Leon felt like his own mana was damaging him from inside out, but in fact, his mana was just creating the path that connected his arm to his brain . The pain made Leon fell on his knees, but he kept himself concentrated all thanks to the fact that he could feel little by little his lost arm again .

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Well, I know that...’ Hector scratched the back of his head . ‘But we are not even on the same level as Betty and Lennart are . I think you can find better sparring partners .’

‘... I don’t need sparring partners; I need to train with those I can trust . ‘
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Just as Leon had expected, Gisela woke up in the early afternoon, and everyone looked pretty happy for her . The use of the skill was a success because Gisela could even cry again, and that was the first thing she did when Leon returned .

‘Master! Thank you very much!’ Gisela smiled while she let her tears flow .

‘I presume there is nothing wrong with your eyesight, Am I right?’ Leon asked .

‘Yes!’ Gisela said .

‘Good; for the time being, you should rest and pick a weapon to use,’ Leon said . ‘Our training sessions start today after dinner .’

Just as Leon said, after dinner, they reunited themselves at the training ground . However, since someone would have to look after Maya while she sleeps and in case something happens to the city, that day, Gisela and Lennart stayed behind .

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Even Amanda had more strength than Leon, so he lacked a bit in that aspect . In any case, just pulling weight wouldn’t help them, Leon and the others needed to gain strength while also training with their weapons . So, Leon created a copy of everyone’s weapons made of steel but a lot heavier .

‘This is... heavy...‘ Amanda’s face was red while carrying a big steel bow on her hands and a quiver filled with steel arrows on her back .

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Leon postponed until now, but it was time to regenerate his right leg . Although he used steel spears to attack most of the time, he would train to use swords and other weapons since he had them, and to do that; he would need his other leg . While everyone was busy trying to adjust themselves with the weight of their training weapons, Leon regenerated his leg . He regretted doing that while his stomach was still full, but once he confirmed that his leg was back and totally fine, Leon felt like the suffering had been worth it .

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Leon's weapons helped his friends more than he thought, it was part of their routine to do some strength training, but now that they had superhuman strength, it was hard to find new ways to push their muscles to the limit . But with those weapons, reaching their limits wasn't difficult . In just one hour, even Hector and Betty, who had a lot of stamina, couldn't move their arms anymore .

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Amanda hesitated a little, but once she saw her attacks didn't cause any damage to Leon, she lost her hesitation, and they resumed their training .

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After blocking Amanda, Betty, and Sasha's attacks with Mana Armor for a few minutes, it was finally time for Leon to let them practice their dodge skills again .

'... I know that I said that I didn't want to hurt you .' Amanda said . 'But attacking and not causing even a scratch is very frustrating .' '

'You are never satisfied with anything, dear little sister .' Leon shrugged . 'You can't have everything, you know .' '

In any case, they practiced dodging projectiles for another hour . After that, they started training to block attacks . It wasn't a good idea to block too much since that kind of thing could damage their weapons and those were their lifelines in fights against monsters, but sometimes things can't be helped . Anyway, they would try to block magic projectiles with Leon's steel weapons, so for the time being, that much was fine .

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That was an unpleasant idea, but Leon was right . No one could tell the future; for the time being, humanity was rebuilding its society, but for how long the dragons would stay quiet? No one could tell if they are planning to wipe out humanity once and for all, they definitely had the numbers to do so .

Hector heard Leon's advice and tried to parry the projectiles, it wasn't easy, but little by little he was getting the hang of it . The others also tried the same, but it was much easier for them to parry Water Bullets, and Leon wasn't sure if they could endure even half of the impact of an Earth Bullet . Even though Leon didn't level up that spell, his other earth-related magic strengthened all earth-related attacks . So, the damage caused wasn't something to laugh at .

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