

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'Leon waited for several hours

but nothing happened. In case he received some unexpected visitors

Leon created a hole in the ceiling of the cave and hid it with the earth. Still

it wasn't a good idea to use that place to hide. If a mutant devourer appears at the same as the grizzly giants

his temporary hideout won't help him in any way.'

""It looks like the grizzly giants don't intend to come... they probably already know about the usual time the mutant devourers appear

so I think I am safe for the time being.""

'Leon wondered if it wouldn't solve the problem

just kill all the devourers of the other world. However

in the end

he decided not to do that. First of all

if that were an excellent way to solve the problem

Ilyana would have told him that. The grizzly giants would notice that someone interfered with them if the monsters just suddenly disappear

so that wasn't a good idea.'

'Also

even though that would probably decrease the spawning rate of the monsters

it was a bit too much to hope for that Leon would find all the devourers of the other world. They were essentially massive earthworms

after all.'

"Some distractions could help me

but the people of this world if something happens around this place and then soon after the problem of the mutant devourers is solved... I can't do that."

'In the end

Leon decided to just wait for the monsters. He couldn't leave any signs of his presence lying around. Leon's only option was to deal with the monsters whenever they appear and when the inhabitants of that world aren't around. Besides

he was in a world that was in the second stage of assimilation. Time there passed ten times faster than in Ilyana's world

so if anything

that were a good chance for him since eventually he wouldn't be able to go to that kind of world anymore.'

'It has been a while

so Leon decided to meditate since Zen would make him unable to feel or hear the things that may happen near him. Much to his surprise

the skill leveled up ten times before the first mutant monsters finally appeared.'

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'Leon didn't know if it was because the concentration of mana inside that place was high or if it was because he was in a world that was on the second stage of assimilation

and that made everything more efficient

but he could think about such things later. Leon left his temporary hideout and immediately felt his mana being drained by the creature that just appeared in front of the purple crystal. Even without eyes

the grotesque monster could feel Leon's mana and pointed its arms toward him. However

whatever that thing was trying to do. It missed because Leon used Transfer and started to absorb its mana when it landed on the back of it. In just two seconds

Leon drained all the mana of the beast and then made it levitate using Telekinesis before using earth to cover the creature's whole body and then compressing everything inside of it. Leon tried to compress the earth sphere until it becomes of the size of a soccer ball

but he failed. The best he could do was to decrease the size until it was tall as himself.'

"I guess this will do... I just have to hide this in the ceiling. As long as it is inside my earth sphere

it won't be absorbed by the land

after all."

'To confirm that everything was going as planned

Leon counted the seconds until the next mutant devourer appeared. The creature appeared after exactly three hundred seconds

but that one Leon ignored it and let it move toward the exit of the dungeon. The grizzly giant would find that something was wrong if suddenly they stop coming

so it couldn't be helped. Leon had to create a tunnel on the ceiling of the dungeon in order to escape from the range of their Mana Tracking

but that was just a minor nuisance.'

'Three hundred seconds later

another one appeared

and this time Leon killed

and it also stored its remaining in a sphere of earth. Leon only noticed any difference after killing the tenth monster... the countdown decreased one second.'

"Well

I guess this is progress... Did you guys notice the decrease of mana inside this place?"

"Yes

" Celsius said.'

"Yep!" Sylph said.'

"You should take advantage of this place while you can

" Undine said. "This kind of place rich in mana is rare to find. It will make your magic much more effective and increase the potential of your training by manifold."

"Is that so?" Leon rubbed his chin. "I killed a lot of Ilyana's monsters. Why the place we fought didn't become like this?"

"Because the monsters she created aren't the meat of flesh and bones

" Undine explained. "Even if they were

you always drain their mana. Another important factor is the place... inside dungeons

mana can gather and concentrate with more ease. Someone as powerful as her can probably create a similar environment. I'm pretty sure her castle is similar to this place. Still

this kind of action can also speed up the assimilation process of the world."

'Leon nodded since it made a lot of sense. Still

if he wanted

he couldn't train like usual in a place like that. Leon was in the middle of an important job

so the only thing he could do to take advantage of that was use Meditation... and so he did.'

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'In the end

Leon had to work like that for a week. He only stopped when a mutant devourer appeared and didn't move from the front of the crystal. It looked that would be the new boss of the dungeon... Regardless

Leon confirmed that it was time to leave that place and report to Ilyana. But first

he would have to find a way to escape that dungeon while transporting via Telekinesis hundreds of earth spheres that had his size.'

""I guess this is a job for you

Gnome

" Leon said. "You like to dig holes and create paths inside a huge chunk of earth

right?""

""Yahoo! Just leave it to me

" Gnome said after he appeared.'

'While Gnome was creating the path toward the top of the mountain

Leon made sure to get rid of every trace of his presence there. Once Leon realized that he would for more than a few days

he made sure to create some mithril during the nights while he meditated. So

he left the mountain and covered the hole pretty fast.'

""Well

this is the time where usually something unexpected might happen

" Leon said while looking around in the middle of the night and at the top of that mountain.'

""So pessimistic..." Celsius said.'

""After spending four years alone on an island before finally obtaining the power to return using magic and after being abducted by an alien lizard and then returning when nine hundred years passed on earth

I would be crazy if I weren't someone pessimistic

" Leon frowned.'

'Despite Leon's worried

nothing happened. So

he just flew to the first place where he appeared in that world carrying tons of earth that were the earth spheres. Not even his control was enough to grant him the power to use Telekinesis and move three thousand massive spheres of earth. So

Leon lumped them all together.'

'Fortunately

Leon didn't have to wait even for a second. The very moment he landed it was the moment Ilyana teleported him back to her planet.'

""You completed your job

" Ilyana said via Telepathy. "Thanks for the help... about your reward. I think it will be enough if you leave the corpses that you brought to be absorbed by the land around you. It should create a zone similar to that dungeon

and that will also stay active for a week."

"Are you sure about that?" Leon asked. "Won't that increase the assimilation process?"

"It doesn't matter; the amount of mana this planet will receive after absorbing those corpses will only accelerate the process in a week or two. Besides

my castle is a place built to speed up the growth speed of my skill

and I did the same thing several times

and I wasn't planning to use this planet forever anyway."

Ilyana probably didn't offer Leon the chance of training in such a place because she knew he would refuse. Her reasoning was sound

so he decided to do it. Leon only noticed the difference the next day when suddenly

his golems and slimes started to cause a lot of noise. Their skills had gotten more powerful all of a sudden

and Leon received several notifications.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Slime has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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"This isn't bad

not bad at all

" Leon said while he was allocating his status points.'

'Leon finally understood that that battle in Brazil probably helped the population quite a lot since he killed millions of monsters in the same area. Still

they had to price... hundreds of lives were lost there.'

'Regardless

Leon decided to focus again and make good use of that event

and the best way to do was by learning spells using tomes.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mana Bomb.'

'Cost: 200 Mana'

'Cooldown time: 05 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mana-Destroyer.'

'Cost: 100 Mana'

'Cooldown time: 05 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Stamina-Destroyer'

'Cost: 100 Mana'

'Cooldown time: 05 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon was so focused on finding ways to absorb the energy of his targets that he forgot that there was an easier way to decrease their energy. It wasn't as nearly as effective or all-purpose like the spells he wanted but by Mana-Destroyer and Stamina-Destroyer. He could lay a trap on the ground that would directly attack the enemy's energy. Although its use was difficult

it was also very handy if a time comes when Leon has to face an army alone. That happened more than a few times

so that kind of skill was more than welcome.'

"I won't be able to level up Stamina-Destroyer all that much

but I rarely find the monster or other enemies that fight only using attacks that consume stamina

I guess that is fine."

'Mechanical spiders moved thanks to the mana in their bodies. It wasn't due to the stamina. In fact

they didn't have stamina. They weren't living beings

so it made a lot of sense. Despite the fact that the cost of the new skills was high and it wouldn't make Leon defeat the mechanical spiders fast

he wasn't nearly as worried about that because he would have the chance also to practice Trap Creation.'

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'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Acid Rain'

'Cost: 100 Mana per second'

'Duration: 30 seconds.'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Tsunami.'

'Cost: 1000 mana'

'Cooldown time: 15 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Fire Bomb.'

'Cost: 150 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ice Bomb.'

'Cost: 150 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Wind Bomb.'

'Cost: 150 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 150 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon imagined he would be able to level up at least fifty new spells up to the level fifty that week

but that hadn't been the case. Instead of suddenly disappearing

the effect of enriched soil by mana slowly disappeared. So

its effectiveness decreased slowly

as well. It was a bit disappointing

but it couldn't be helped.'

"It is time for your training

" Ilyana said via Telepathy.'

'It was hard to tell since everyday Leon did nothing but train his spells. Besides

he only would sleep once every four or five days. Still

he was pretty sure that only six days have passed since the last torture session. Although his body was back to its normal weight

he wasn't that interested in doing that training more often.'

"The fact that I'm increasing my health to increase the speed of this training also bothers me... Still

it isn't like I have any other choice. I don't want to rely on tools anymore

so keep my max health at a low level would be more than stupid. It would be insane."

'After another successful resistance training session that made Leon feel like crap

Leon started to walk toward the exit

but Ilyana stopped him.'

"I noticed that you don't have many utility spells

" Ilyana said and then tossed two tomes toward Leon. "These two eventually will be useful

since you can't solve all your problems with brute strength alone."

'Leon already knew that

but given that he was training

it couldn't be helped that he would always learn and buy offensive spells.
Those were the easiest ones to use and level up

after all.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Transformation.'

'Cooldown time: 1000 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Transmute.'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Leon frowned when he touched both tomes and received those notifications

it looked like those spells could be useful

but it would be a pain in the ass to train them.'

"Don't look at me like that

" Ilyana said. "You don't have to level those skills like a madman. Besides

you can level up Transform just by keep it active while you fight. Your status
won't decrease

and you will also be able to use your skills."

'That was precisely why Leon couldn't see the point of having those. He
wouldn't lose anything

but he wouldn't gain either. If anything

he would only assume a shape that he wasn't used like a four-legged animal.
Using magic

there wasn't a thing a monster or animal could do that Leon couldn't. Besides

even if he uses that kind of skill to hide near an enemy

he doubted that the skill would make anyone unable to sense his massive mana pool.'

'As for Transmute

he already could create things and change the nature of elements. Leon couldn't imagine any real application to that kind of power that he couldn't do using magic... at least for the time being.'

"How much do I have to pay for those?" Leon asked.'

"You can have for free

as a real payment

" Ilyana said.'

'Leon doubted that he could force Ilyana to accept some of his coins

so he just made a mental note to force her to accept the payment first before sending the tomes. Regardless

Leon left the castle and decided to make use of Transformation. Leon tried to transform into a dragon

but the skill failed. Leon tried to transform into a giant

but the skill failed. Leon also tried to transform into a Cerberus

but the skill failed.'

"The hell is wrong with this skill?" Leon frowned.'

"The skill is at the level one..." Celsius said. "You are crazy to think that can transform into a dragon with the skill at that level. Try to transform into slime or a stone."

'Leon was speechless

it made sense

but it also made Leon notice that the Transformation was worse than he had imagined. But then he understood a few things

once Transformation is at the right level

he could transform into anything

like a Cerberus

and he would be able to use Fire Breath

Frost Breath

and Thunder Breath at the same time. It wouldn't be easy

but eventually

he would be able to transform into a human being that has several arms

and then he would be able to use several weapons at the same time.'

"I guess this skill isn't half bad..."

'Leon didn't waste time and turned into a slime

immediately he felt the difficulties he would have to face in moving such a body. Walking in a slime form was like crawling without using arms or legs. Leon didn't know if it was due to the low-level of the skill or if it was because he wasn't used to it to that form... Regardless

at least he managed to use magic and fire Thunder Ray toward the mechanical spiders.'

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'After leveling up Transformation a few times

Leon felt his slime body becoming more... usable. His movement speed increased

but it looked like it would take a while to transform into something useful. Instead of using other magic attacks

Leon decided to use Transmute at the same time. The cost of mana would be insane

but it would work to level up both skills at the same time.'

"Let's see... I guess I can't start trying to create the fricking Excalibur."

'Leon decided to create a chair made of wood using the earth under him as a basis. Although he already expected that

it actually worked and surprised him since the wooden chair he had imagined as right in front of him.'

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"... I guess this skill will also be very useful."

"Your talent to second guess yourself so often amazes me

" Celsius said.'

'It also amazed Leon

but it couldn't be helped since

at least mentally

he was a battle-freak who focused only on learning offensive magic day in and day out. Regardless

Leon began to wonder if he could create magic weapons using only his mind and Transmute. It seemed a bit over-powered but considering that Ilyana almost forced him to learn that

it was understandable.'

""Well

it is understandable since it is a power that grants the ability to change the form shape

and composition of everything down to a molecular level... Still

the cost of mana is insane.""

'Leon noticed that he spent two thousand mana points to create a wooden chair

but that much was fine since it was evident the skill would become more efficient as it levels up.'

'Leon was looking forward to the future things he could do using both skills

so he used them

and after a few hours

both reached level fifty. Leon still couldn't transform into a Cerberus

but he could transform into a three-headed puppy. He also couldn't transmute the Excalibur

but he could create steel spears much sharper than the ones he can make alone.'

"It looks like someone found a new toy

" Undine said.'

'It couldn't be helped since the potential of both skills was amazing. Leon could even imagine himself creating something like a spaceship or becoming the size of his zombie snake

but it would be hard with his current mana pool to do so. Besides

Leon could only create things that he knew how were made of. He couldn't build a spaceship

for example. Not even a car was possible to make... unless Leon creates a weird vehicle that consumes his mana somehow. In fact

that was possible

since he also created a chopper using only mithril.'

'Unfortunately

Leon had to stop his fun time because the number of mechanical spiders was rapidly increasing. Like everything else

he would only have the chance to train in his free time.'

'The best way to learn new skills

at least for Leon

was by asking his spirits to teach him. But since they were waiting for the mechanical spiders to get strong enough

he decided to them some free time until the time comes. The mechanical spiders were on level three hundred and fifty

so in a few weeks

their turn would come.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Fire Dragon.'

'Cost: 200 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Water Dragon.'

'Cost: 200 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Starfall.'

'Cost: 100 stamina'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'The cost of the skill was increasing

but at least they were also way cooler than the dull and straightforward magic projectiles Leon currently could use. Fire Dragon and Water Dragon were just that

elemental attacks that had the shape of an oriental dragon. Their effectiveness was a little better than spells like Flamethrower and Water Cannon

but the cooldown time was a pain

as usual.'

"Time to test Starfall..."

'Leon jumped mid-air and then selected his target

a random mechanical spider. Soon

afterward

he activated the skill

and the gravity around his body changed. Instead of falling downward

Leon fell vertically toward the mechanical spider and hit it with his right leg. The result? Leon broke his leg.'

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"It is too powerful... or perhaps the level of the mechanical spiders is too high for someone who has my physical capabilities."

'Before some tears could build upon his eyes

Leon used Full-Recover to heal his bones and get rid of the pain once and for all. More and more

Leon was convinced that physical skills were very cool

but more and more

Leon was also confident that he would never become a decent martial artist.'

"Leon

it surprises me how much you like to use skills like that

" Sylph said

and Leon imagined him frowning. "Even though you always end up hurting yourself

you always smile while you use those."

"Well

it is probably because I didn't grow up mentally all that much

" Leon forced a smile.'

'It looked like Sylph was a bit worried about Leon's mental health

and he felt thankful for it. However

it couldn't be helped that Leon was already getting used to pain. In the end

but he had no choice but too because

in the future

he would be forced to face powerful intergalactic assholes.'