

## Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'A few hours later

after the continuous attacks of Plasma bullets. Another massive convoy of flying vehicles returned to that planet

but before they could land

several of the vehicles got hit by something in midair. The pilots of those vehicles didn't notice the presence of anyone nearby

but they identified the things that hit them. They got hit by massive elemental spears.'

"Bahahaha! Finally! Finally!" Efreet laughed maniacally. "It is showtime!"

"Less talking and more fighting

" Celsius said

annoyed by the noisy Efreet was making.'

'Only Leon could see and talk with his spirits

so they were the perfect agents to attack a numerous army without exposing him. After the attack of Plasma Bullets

Leon finally noticed that the mithril people wouldn't give up on that planet so easily. So

he decided that it was time to get serious.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Celsius' Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Efreet's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Sylph's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Gnome's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Undine's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Volt's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Since the spirits weren't holding back

they were leveling up at a scary pace. Still

the best thing they could do as of now was to damage the flying vehicles

which was fine

since Leon would be the one who would take of the soldiers on the land.'

'Although Leon didn't want to reveal himself because he looked ridiculous as of now

he had no choice but to. The worst thing he could do in case a soldier decided to explode was to hid underground where everything was dark

and he couldn't see very far ahead for obvious reasons.'

'When the first soldiers left their flying vehicles

they were welcomed by barrage Plasma Arrows. The first got annihilated without even noticing what hit them. The same thing happened to the second until the tenth group. Eventually

some soldiers finally noticed a weird figure inside a Mana Barrier and surrounded up to the neck with mithril. Some charged and tried to attack Leon

but he destroyed their heads using a barrage of Plasma Arrows.'

"What a nasty way to kill someone... but it isn't like I have any other choice."

'While Leon was capturing some soldiers to scare the army of half-mithril people

he noticed that a thin layer of mithril was protecting all of their bones that were inside their bodies. Externally

the mithril was thicker around the torso area

and the part where he could cause more damage was the head. Leon felt some resistance even there as if that thing layer was even more

sturdier than the helmets he got

but even so

there was a limit of how much damage that kind of defense could endure.'

"Things could have been different if they had weapons

but I guess the mithril parts increase their physical strength to the point that can easily destroy even magical weapons just by holding them."

'Leon confirmed that when a group of three soldiers got close enough and hit Leon's Mana Barrier

just three punches had been enough to decrease his mana by seventy percent

but Leon recovered that in just a few moments

he was surrounded by mithril inside that Mana Barrier for that reason.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Barrier has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'The corpses around Leon were increasing by the minute

and the number of soldiers that were about to attack him was also increasing since his spirits worked fast in taking down the flying vehicles. Still

it looked like Leon wouldn't see any explosion. Most likely

if those guys could really explode

they were programmed not to do so when their allies nearby. Still

Leon couldn't help but wonder if someone in that spaceship could control the time of the explosions manually. Without knowing that

Leon couldn't relax even for a second.'

""There is always a chance that they won't make the bodies explode since that will increase the mana of the planet and rebuilt it even using magic would be complicated... If if the people of Miebos understood that effect

a species that built a spaceship probably knows that too. Still...""

'Congratulations! The skill Plasma Arrow has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Fire Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Water Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Wind Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Much to Leon's surprise

the soldiers that were running toward him suddenly disappeared. The same happened to the flying vehicles that were about to fall and from the ones that were still flying and trying to understand how Leon could attack them from so many angles at the same time.'

""What?" Efrete shouted

visibly annoyed. "Don't run away

cowards!""

""Something is off..." Undine said.'

""Maybe they are tired of fighting and decided to return to play on their toy house

" Gnome frowned.'

""You guys have to return... Undine is right-..." Leon said.'

'Before Leon could finish his sentence

the bodies of the more one hundred soldiers he killed started to shine. Half a second later

they all exploded at the same time

and Leon was right in the middle of the circle of corpses

and the explosions blocked his field of vision...'

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'In the end

Leon still could escape upward by using Transfer

but he decided to accept some risks. He didn't move at all and just used Mana-Eater on the mithril around his body in a crazy succession

much faster than his mana was being consumed to keep the Mana Barrier active in the middle of those hellish chain explosions.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Barrier has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana-Eater has leveled up.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Barrier has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

"... What the hell are you doing? Why are you smiling?" Celsius said

and Leon imagined her frowning.'

"Eh? I am smiling?" Leon said. "Don't know why... probably because I'm insane."

'It has been a long while since Leon felt his life in danger. Maybe it was because of that. Perhaps he was a hardcore adrenaline junkie... that would explain why he didn't escape those explosions. Even though for a fraction of a second

he realized that would be the perfect chance to level up one of his defensive skills.'

'Putting such matters aside

Leon was feeling great despite the fact that he was in the middle of massive explosions caused by a sudden expansion of mana

and he could feel and hear his heart beating like drums. Regardless

instead of saying that was an explosion

it was more precise to say that the mana reached the most dangerous stage

it could reach still keeping its non-elemental attribute. It didn't just force everything to move to its current position like sudden explosions would. It only destroyed everything it touched

the air

the ground

plants... the only thing that escaped from being wholly destroyed was Leon's Mana Barrier... as if the ultimate stage which mana could reach would have the same power as the dark matter.'

'The light around Leon only dissipated after precisely thirty seconds

and Leon saw himself in the middle of a massive crater. Leon didn't know why

but he thought that the meteor that killed the dinosaurs changed the landmark like that.'

"I guess all my titanium shields evaporated after that..." Leon sighed.'

"Is that the first thing you say after deciding to use the explosion that caused this to level up your skills?" Celsius asked

and Leon imagined her frowning again.'

"Don't be a drama queen

" Leon said. "We survived

didn't we? Besides

my mana didn't decrease all that much when we were in the middle of the explosion."

"You are right

Leon

" Volt said. "But that doesn't change the fact that you risked yourself too much to obtain a few status points. Next time try to be more careful. You got lucky because the mithril people don't know a way to cause an efficient explosion."

'It was hard to refute Volt. In fact

he was the only one who Leon had a hard time talking with because he was much more logical than Leon. Regardless

when Leon heard the term efficient explosions

he frowned

but soon understand what Volt was trying to say. Leon didn't know if they had added the explosion feature like that

but it looked like it had been designed to take as many enemies as they can with a single explosion. Instead of focusing on bringing anyone too powerful nearby. Still

it made sense because someone powerful and smart would have the chance and would choose to escape from the unnecessary damage

unlike Leon.'

"What is the plan now?" Efrete asked.'

"Let's just wait and see what the mithril people will do for now

" Leon said. "Their plasma rain didn't do anything

and I survived the damage caused by the explosion of hundreds of their soldiers... if they try to use anything more powerful than that

they will probably destroy the planet. If they are smart as I think they are

they will try to attack me again and again from a safe position until I ran out of mithril."

"That is a boring plan

can't we do something more interesting?" Efrete asked again.'

'Without destroying the spaceship and causing problems for the civilians in there

the answer was no. Leon just killed more than one hundred of their people



but he still didn't want to kill those who didn't point their weapons at him. Even though their leader just tried to nuke Leon.'

"Still... I wonder how the vehicles and the soldiers just suddenly disappeared

" Leon rubbed his chin. "I don't think every single of the warriors could use Transfer or Checkpoint. I also didn't notice their mana changing... forced teleportation? If that is the case

they are pretty impressive since they recovered thousands of their soldiers and hundreds of their vehicles."

'Leon looked at the sky and saw the shadow of the space ship in the sky

he couldn't see it with precision thanks to the sunlight

but it was more than enough.'

'There was no point in hiding anymore

so Leon decided to use his magic helmet on the search mode to find some blue angel leaves. He wanted to get the hell out of that place as soon as possible

but he had to prepare in case that doesn't happen. Besides

if the mithril people still decide to fight like the way Leon predicted

he would need those.'

"I guess I should look for the plants inside forests. That way

they won't notice my plans and preparation... it will be especially dreadful if they destroy the plants. If it happens

it couldn't be helped since the leaves need sunlight."

'Although Leon couldn't hide anymore

he still could move without being noticed. He just needed to be careful while collecting and planting the blue angel leaves... Transfer would be essential for that.'

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'Commander Crik was watching the planet Liastea from the window of his office while showing an annoyed expression. His arms were crossed

and he had been tapping his right feet on the floor for the last ten minutes

and thanks to that

he created a small hole on the floor. Even though it wasn't his intention

he couldn't avoid it

given the circumstances and his strength.'

'Commander Crik's body was covered in a layer of mithril

and that was why his body was utterly light blue. Unlike any other soldier who managed to survive the procedure of implanting organic mithril on their bodies

he decided to change ninety percent of it

just to become much stronger than once was. Thanks to that

he became much stronger than any and eventually reached the seat of the commander of his people. Many called him insane when he decided to customize his body to that extent. After all

the survival rate of the procedure was only thirty percent

and that was the soldiers only changed half of their bodies.'

'None of his people would ever become stronger than him

but he had to pay the price for changing every single thing aside from his brain

heart

and veins for the organic mithril. He couldn't taste any food. He couldn't smell anything either. His sense of touch was weak

and he could only 'see' people

thanks to Mana Dominion. Thanks to all that

he didn't see the massive crater his soldier just caused on that planet

even though he gave the order.'

'The door of his office suddenly opened

and one of his soldiers suddenly appeared but didn't say anything. He was waiting to receive his orders. The soldier was wearing a helmet made of mithril like the ones Leon stole

but he also was using a magic cloak that covered all his body.'

""The status of the battle?" Commander Crik asked.'

""Sir... we lost one hundred and thirty-three soldiers and fifty more of our vehicles

" The soldier hesitated for a little bit. "Our men finally saw the individual that caused problems. He resembles us but judging by his clothes. It looks like he came from a primitive planet. The individual managed to ignore the attacks of several soldiers at the same time while he also could kill several of our men in just a matter of moments... our men also said that he used the mithril he stole from us against us."

""Did you recover the footage of the battle?" Commander Crik asked.'

""Yes

sir!" The soldier said

and he touched a device on his left hand and made a hologram screen made of mana appear in front of commander Crik.'

'The scene of Leon standing still while shooting Plasma Arrows toward all directions made Crik frown. He quickly realized that that individual was the one who made all the systems in the spaceship stop working a few days ago. He didn't know how

but it was clear in Crik's eyes that Leon was a troublesome mage.'

""Did you analyze his mana and transmitted the information to all soldiers?" Commander Crik asked.'

""About that... we didn't manage to collect any sample of his mana or even analyze the frequency of it

" The soldier hesitated again.'

"... Why?" Commander Crik asked

visibly annoyed.'

"Possibly is the same reason why he doesn't appear in our radars

" The soldier turned pale and began to tremble like a leaf. " He can use and keep several spells activate at the same time... despite his appearance. He has an extremely powerful spell that can counter the effects of our technology."

"We destroyed a good part of our new home... and we didn't even manage to kill him

because of the weapons we gave to him

" Commander Crik said as if he was chewing something very unpleasant. "We sacrificed hundreds of our men with that damn method

and we still failed... give the order to our soldiers rest. I will solve this problem."

"But

sir!" The soldier protested.'

"You have your orders

don't make me repeat them

" Commander Crik said and then turned around to observe the planet for a while longer.'

'Without any other choice

the soldier left Crik's office to do his job. Crik sacrificed everything to obtain the power and the position he had. Still

he was tired of it. He has been fighting for six hundred years

and two hundred of them he spent on that spaceship traveling the cosmos and looking for a planet that could be used his people. In order to avoid the extinction of his species

Crik sacrificed himself and now lived the life of a machine. He couldn't have kids

and nothing would happen if he takes a wife.'

'To make matters worse

he felt stagnated in time and space. Since the moment he took the procedure to change his body and obtain power

he didn't feel any growth in the last two hundred years. He was no different than the machines in his room that made the ambient clear and warmer. Like them

Crik only had a single function; it was to command his people. And conquering that planet would be the last thing he would do before abandoning his post.'

'Despite all that

Crik was feeling a bit excited. His men didn't dare to spar with their commander

and even though they met several creatures crossing the cosmos pile their spaceship

they never fought against them. Crik didn't want to risk the safety of the spacecraft

and the five hundred million inside of it just get some emotion while fighting. Fortunately

he found an appropriate target to use to relieve his stress... Crik couldn't have asked for someone better. A mage that could face hundreds of his soldiers and also was getting in his way... there was no way Crik wouldn't feel excited to meet such an enemy.'

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'Leon was wondering what the hell the mithril people were plotting. After the corpses of a little more than one hundred of their soldiers exploded

a full day passed

and he didn't see any sign of them leaving the spaceship.'

'''Although I hate to keep waiting

that only means I will have the chance to find a lot more blue angel plants.'''

'It was a bit surprising

but the number of plants Leon could find underground was insane

but considering several things that Leon knew

it wasn't a good idea to think as those plants worked like the ordinary plants of Earth. In just a single day

Leon had found five hundred of them. At that pace

soon he would have a decent stock and the chance to crease massive reservoirs of mana liquid.'

'Suddenly

when Leon was about to grab the 505th plant

the entire world trembled. Leon's tunnel started to collapse

but he avoided being buried alive thanks to Geomancy and Earth Manipulation. Leon was five hundred meters deep underground

so only something pretty massive would have caused such an impact.'

""A meteor? Or it was another magic attack?""

'Either way

it didn't matter. Leon had to check with his own eyes

and in fact

he was bored out of his mind

even though he was doing something that would help him solve that problem faster than usual. Leon expanded the range of Mana Dominion to the maximum he could do using mana

and he felt a single living presence. It was very similar to one of the soldiers... but that one seemed denser and more menacing.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Dominion has leveled up.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

"... It looks like they sent their trump card. That works for me."

"It looks like someone is getting ahead of themselves

" Undine said.'

"Hahaha! It is time for battle!" Efrete laughed maniacally

as usual. "Summon me

and you will be able to kick the ass of whoever appeared."

'Before anything

Leon prepared himself using Mana Barrier and collecting his mithril. While he was doing that

he noticed that his new target just caused the impact equivalent of a meteor when they hit the land. Even if the mithril people were a bit heavier than humans

there was no way just falling from the skies would have caused so much noise.'

'When Leon left his new and half-made underground route

he finally understood how that happened. Before he could see or hear anything

he got sent flying backward. Something very powerful had hit him

to the point where seventy percent of his mana had been drained to nullify the damage.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Barrier has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

""What the...""

'Before Leon could recover or even stop flying

he felt something approaching. Immediately

he used Mana-Eater to recover his mana

but it looked like things wouldn't be so easy. Leon still had a lot of mithril

but the interior of the Mana Barrier was so large that he wasn't touching any of it at that moment. Leon focused his eyes for a second and used Transfer

and then he appeared five hundred meters above that place. After doing that

Leon finally saw the figure who attacked him

a muscular and baldly man. His body was all light blue

and Leon couldn't help but think that he was a real android.'

'Crik'

'Health: 40000/40000'

'Mana: 20000/20000'

'Stamina: 15000/15000'

'Strength: 7585'

'Dexterity: 2215'



'Speed:5563'

'Intelligence: 2022'

'Endurance: 4127'

'Control: 2522'

'Active Skills: Mana Reinforcement Lv 430

Iron Fists Lv 420

Bash Lv 450

Stamina Manipulation Lv 390

Tiger Stance Lv 390'

'Passive Skills: Wind Resistance Lv 400

Fire Resistance Lv 400

Earth Resistance Lv 400

Rage Lv 300

Thunder Lv 400

Ice Resistance Lv 400

Martial Arts Lv 350

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""What the heck... that guy...""

'Crik was looking around for Leon. He eventually found it when he looked upward

and his body blurred. Still

this time Leon had time to grab some mithril shackles he made previous and absorb them. He got sent flying again

at least he didn't receive a direct hit and also obtained some status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Barrier has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

"I can't believe you are doing this again..." Celsius said

and Leon imagined her facepalming.'

"I guess Leon likes to play with his opponents more than Efreot

" Gnome said.'

'While Leon was spinning in midair and trying to correct his posture

his spirits were saying whatever they wanted. Although that was another good opportunity to train Mana Barrier

that wasn't Leon's sole goal. He wanted to see what Crik could do before he decides to attack

but that was kind of hard because his enemy didn't let him rest even for a second. At least every two seconds

Crik punched Leon's Mana Barrier as if he was playing volleyball and his sole goal was to make the ball (Leon) fly even higher.'

"Bastard... he wants to kill me in outer space. With his body

it won't be weird if he can survive there."

'Leon concentrated again

and when his eyes focused

he used Transfer and appeared right back on the ground. All thanks to Sharp Eyes

he could move from ten kilometers of height toward the land just like that.  
However

Leon thought that would give him a few dozen seconds to breathe

but Crik appeared three seconds later.'

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'Crik wasn't an opponent Leon could use to gain status points. He had to get rid of him before something unexpected happens. The guy with his fists alone was powerful enough to destroy Leon in a matter of seconds if he didn't have some mithril to use

after all. Instead of using the helmet

it was supposed to be

Leon just equipped one to consume it using Mana-Eater. After that

he pointed both hands toward Crik and activated Gravity and Telekinesis... in an instant; his mana became empty.'

""You have got to be kidding me...""

'Leon managed to slow the speed of Crik by half at least and made him open his eyes in surprise. In that fraction of a second

Leon used Mana-Eater and then Transfer to escape. On the place he was 0.1 seconds ago

a massive explosion happened. Crik hit the ground as if he was a meteor. Leon's attack didn't stop him but messed with his rhythm.'

""This will be difficult...""

'While Leon thought that

he recovered his mana and fired several Plasma Arrows

every time he could

he shot another

but he didn't feel that he had hit Crik. He felt that because he was sure that he didn't cause much damage

but the notifications said something else.'

'Congratulations! The skill Plasma Arrow has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'In the blink of an eye

something left the wave of dust created by the impact

and one moment later

Leon saw Crik about to punch him. The speed of that guy was insane. Leon had no idea how he couldn't burn his body even a bit by moving around at that speed for so long. Even if it was made of mithril

it should at least overheat his system or something. But then Leon heard Crik's heart beating... despite everything

his target still was a human or something similar. Everything will end once he damages their brain or heart.'

'Leon let Crik attack him upward several times until Leon could feel his body freezing since he was close to leaving the atmosphere of that world. Once again

he returned back to the land and used the time where he was recovering his mana from focusing. Two seconds later

Leon saw Crik flying toward him

but he didn't panic. Leon created a single Plasma Arrow and waited for the last moment. By activating Haste and Electric Armor

Leon managed to see Crik's movement

he wasn't fast enough to just move out of the way

but he didn't want that. He wanted to attack at the very moment Crik punched his Mana Barrier

and so he did.'

'Leon didn't see until now

but he could imagine that Crik fought like a mad bull

and he was right. Crik fighting style was rough

and focused only on punching his targets. Since he focused on speed and brute strength

every single punch could kill the toughest of the opponents

but that left him wide open to counter attacks

and that was what Leon decided to do. He adjusted his aim at the very moment Crik punched the Mana Barrier and made not only one

but several Plasma Arrows fly toward Crik's eyes. As expected

Leon was sent flying before he could see the result of his actions.'

'Leon didn't have time to see with his own eyes that he caused something. He didn't get hit a few seconds after attacking

so that was a start. Still

Leon felt quite restless after suddenly stop being played with like a volleyball.'

'When Leon stopped and analyzed his surroundings

he saw Crik holding his head with his left hand

covering the left eye

the one Leon had aimed at. He couldn't see blood

but it was clear that Crik suffered some damage. Contrary to his expectations

Crik was grinning from ear to ear

as if he had found the most interesting thing he had ever seen.'

"That was good

that was very good

" Crik said while smiling viciously and then revealed just a small scratch on his inorganic left eye. "It has been a while since I felt this tension! Let's continue

and I hope that you can keep that level of focus for quite a while."

'Leon frowned because even though he liked to train and do exciting things to pass the time

he wasn't a battle-freak... or so he thought. It looked like Crik could become a good friend of Efreet

but that itself was a problem because it was clear that Crik forgot his goal and wanted to fight just to have fun. Leon also wished to enjoy a good battle now and then

but he didn't want to spend days or weeks doing that. Unfortunately

Leon saw in Crik's eyes that he wanted to fight for quite a while

and considering that Leon saw that his health

mana

and stamina didn't decrease even a little bit

it looked like he could use the mana stored in their mithril parts to restore their energy automatically.'

'Health: 745 +'

'Mana: 16563 +'

'Stamina: 1312+'

'Strength: 127 +'

'Dexterity: 88 +'

'Speed: 250 +'

'Intelligence: 10745+'

'Endurance: 512 +'

'Control: 2352 +'

'Mentality: 250 +'

'Luck: 42 +'

'Recovery: 4950 +'

'Willpower: 134 +'

'Coins: 247.452.362'

'Status: 00'

'Skill List'

'Active Skills: Earth Transformation Lv 173

Water Transformation Lv 164

Wind Transformation Lv 204

Fire Transformation Lv 160

Earth Creation Lv 215

Water Creation Lv 201

Wind Creation Lv 202

Fire Creation Lv 166

Mana Dominion Lv 239

Mana Barrier Lv 210

Pyromancy Lv 300

Geomancy Lv 310

Appraisal Lv 202

Plasma Arrow Lv 165

Electromancy Lv 361

Sharp Eyes Lv 130

Mana Absorption Lv 520

Aeromancy Lv 170

Hydromancy Lv 170'

'Passive Skills: Fire Blessing Lv 260

Earth Blessing Lv 310

Lion's Pride Lv 380

Thunder Blessing Lv 341

Wind Blessing Lv 120

Ice Blessing Lv 130

Water Blessing Lv 120'

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'Crik charged toward Leon. As expected

the small would didn't scare him even a little bit. That was clear because he didn't slow down as well. Although Leon couldn't help but worry since he was facing someone troublesome like Efreet



he didn't lose his focus. Leon tried to attack the same spot. If he hits the same place over and over again

then it was possible that eventually

he would reach the brain. Unfortunately

Crik knew exactly what Leon was planning. Crik still charged forward like a mad bull

but at the moment he punched Leon's Mana Barrier

he also protected his eyes with his left arm.'

"Tsk... so incredibly annoying."

'Leon wouldn't let someone so simple-minded cause problems for him. Before Crik could attack him again

Leon created a massive fist made of earth

and again

when Crik hit his Mana Barrier

Leon hit him as well. Unfortunately

Crik's momentum alone had been enough to ignore the attack and destroy the massive projectile. However

Leon didn't stop there.'

'To make sure that Crik would think that Leon was trying several things instead of a single one

Leon attacked him with massive hammers

axes

and spears made of earth. Little by little

one of his oldest tricks of the book was taking shape while Leon also was obtaining status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Hammer Mastery has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Ax Mastery has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Spearmanship has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Leon imagined that having a body like that made Crik lose at least his sense of touch to some extent

and it turned out that he was right. His body was getting from light blue to brown thanks to small particles of earth

but he didn't notice. Once Leon confirmed that every single particle was connected

creating a single layer of earth

Leon made his move.'

'Instead of stopping Crik in the middle of a charge

Leon decided to use his Earth Manipulation and Geomancy to stop him just before he could land a blow. While Leon was spinning around like usual after being attacked

he felt that Crik's body was under his control to some extent. He used that chance to create as much earth as he possibly could and enveloped all his body

turning into a massive sphere of earth.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Just to make sure that the sphere would hold Crik for more than a few seconds

Leon hardened it as much as he could. Still

even without being able to fully control his body or even using skills like Gravity and Telekinesis

it didn't take long for Crik to crack the sphere. In the end

Leon only had ten seconds to create a ten meters long Plasma Spear. He didn't receive the notification that he had learned a new spell

but it didn't matter. The moment the sphere split in two

he fired it toward Crik.'

'Crik had used all the muscles of his body to free himself. Unfortunately

he couldn't move as much as he wanted after such effort

even though his health

mana

and stamina were still full. He moved his arms to block the magic projectile

but that hadn't been a good idea. Smoke started to be emitted by his body

and that was the sign that the plasma was consuming something...  
unfortunately

soon the smoke disappeared. Crik's mithril body was much more durable than Leon had imagined.'

"Shit... it looks like even I drown the bastard into a pool of plasma

he can endure it for a few minutes. The heck is wrong with his body?"

"It looks like most of his body is made of mithril

" Celsius said.'

"Isn't that obvious?"

"I am saying that his body is actually made of mithril

it isn't just a layer of protection that the others used

" Celsius added. "Since most of his skin and several organs are made of mithril

his new body can emulate his endurance added with the sturdiness of the mithril."

'It was a bit complicated

but Leon understood Celsius' words eventually. It meant that mithril isn't just an armor. Crik's body was an armor. By turning his body like that

Crik became something like four times sturdier

unlike the ordinary soldiers that became only two times.'

"That is very convenient."

"Don't be jealous

" Undine said. "He obtained a great deal of power after sacrificing his body

but he also sacrificed his growth. Although mithril is sturdy

he can't make even sturdier just by applying more mana. So

even if he increases his endurance

his body won't become more resilient."

"That explains why his health and mana are stranger more impressive than his other status."

'Before Leon could continue that conversation

Crik recovered from the small damage he received and smirked and then charged toward Leon. It has been a long time since he fought a formidable opponent like that

but it was annoying because that opponent enjoyed fights a little too much.'

"It is time to change my plans a little bit..."

'Leon had a lot of mithril to use and recover his mana

but it looked like that battle would last for quite a while

even considering that. So

he decided to use the few weapons he created using his prisoners' mana. Leon deactivated Mana Barrier for a second

and then he attacked Crik with several swords and spears.'

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'Crik frowned when he saw several weapons flying and trying to hit him from all directions. Still

he just shrugged when he saw that those were only short weapons made of mithril. Crik could ignore that. He knew his target was a powerful magician

but only his plasma attacks managed to damage Crik. There was no point in worrying about such weapons that didn't even have enchantments.'

'Congratulations! The skill Spearmanship has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Swordsmanship has leveled up.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Swordsmanship has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Crik was right. Even though those were mithril weapons

they were far too weak. Still

he didn't notice that Leon was slowly making his attacks stronger by leveling up his weapon masteries. Besides

he also didn't notice that Leon decided to stop the attack at a single point.'

'''If I had some room to drain his mana

this would end a lot quicker... but he will probably snap my whole body in a single moment if I deactivate Mana Barrier.'''

'There some advantages in changing his body like that

but in Leon's eyes

there were more demerits in doing that. One of them was the mithril itself. If Crik or his underlings face someone who can absorb mana like Leon

they would be in dire straits. Even if someone powerful like Crik is powerful enough not to give any chances to the enemy to absorb the mithril

there was still a way to defeat him a little faster... one just has to keep attacking from all sides. Even if Crik's defense were powerful

his mithril would only work as long as it has mana. Crik had durability

or so to say

he could ignore most damage at the price of the mana stored in his mithril parts.'

'It took a few hours

but Crik eventually noticed that his body was getting sluggish. Even Leon was surprised by that... eventually

both of them noticed that Crik strength also decreased even though his status was normal. Crik also looked pretty shocked when he saw that his body had lost some color.'

"I see now... it isn't the mithril that boosts your strength

is the mana itself that does that

" Leon declared. "By the look in your face

you didn't face an opponent who could make your body lose so much mana until now. It can't be helped

since you probably are the leader of the mithril people..."

'It was kind of surprising that they didn't notice that their strength and durability would decrease the less mana they have inside their mithril parts. But considering that they have been crossing the space in a spaceship

the number of enemies they could have faced was minimal.'

'While Crik was contemplating his own mortality once more

Leon attacked him again

and again this time by spamming Prison of Fire. The darts weren't all that powerful

but he imagined that the fire would cause extra damage. Once he received the motivation that the skill was leveling up like crazy

he also used Prison of Ice and Prison of Earth.'

'Congratulations! The skill Prison of Fire has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Prison of Ice has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Prison of Earth has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Before Leon could allocate those sweet status points

Crik charged again

and this time he looked even more excited. He was a battle maniac through and through... for a moment

Leon thought that his attacks even became powerful again

but even though he got sent backward dozens of meters

he noticed that this time

his mana only decreased by half.'

"All right

the plan is working... I just have to endure this for a while longer."

'At first

Leon felt quite bothered by the fact that he had to rely on mithril and weapons again

even though it was clear that he was facing the most powerful member of an advanced species. However

such thoughts disappeared when he noticed that Crik was also using mithril to have some advantages.'

'Regardless

Leon couldn't relax and stop attacking because his own stock of mithril was ending. Little by little

his weapons were losing their edge

and he already had consumed three helmets

Leon still had seven more

but he wanted to keep at least one because those were cool and useful.'



'However

it looked like Crik finally noticed that he wouldn't win if he doesn't use his head a little. Since he was fighting for his people

it was only obvious that he had to win. Suddenly

Crik stopped his charged and prepared to grab Leon's mithril weapons. Leon noticed that

but Crik still managed to catch all the spears

even though Leon tried to make them retreat. After succeeding in decreasing Leon's weapons by half

Crik suddenly jumped toward the sky with all his power. Much faster than a rocket

he left the atmosphere.'

"Son of a bitch... he wants to get rid of my supply of mithril

he is using my own strategy against me! What a coward..."

"Says the man who is safely inside an unbreakable defensive spell

" Celsius said.'

'Leon knew he was unreasonable

but he expected full support from his spirits regardless of his choices or words. Putting such thoughts aside

Leon couldn't let something like that happen again. He would have to deal with Crik using magic alone again. Although it was troublesome to lose some mithril

Leon knew a way to compensate for the loss. Besides

he was pretty sure Crik wouldn't use the mithril to recover his energy

he just left the planet to throw Leon's spears away. He confirmed that because Crik returned after twenty seconds.'

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'Leon welcomed Crik with a barrage of Magma Spears. Although Plasma Arrow was

without a doubt

his most potent spell

Magma Spear was troublesome because it had a lot of mass and could fly at high speeds. Being hit by a single Magma Spear was no different than getting hit a small meteorite. It wasn't that troublesome for someone of Crik's power

but being hit dozens of meteorites every second was...'

'Congratulations! The skill Magma Spear has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Spearmanship has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Fire Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Earth Creation has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Pyromancy has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Geomancy has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Crik opened his eyes widely when he felt his body trembling while being hit by the Magma Spears. It was a simple spell in his eyes

but the raw power behind it far surpassed his expectations. He knew that he could endure even a river of magma for quite a while

but bearing the power of something that was staying still was very different.'

'Crik was forced to stop in mid-air before he could even get close to Leon

but after changing directions

he escaped the range of attack

but not for long. Leon activated Haste and Electric Armor. It wasn't time to worry about his stock of mana. It was time to end that once and for all.'

'The barrage of Magma Spears stopped Crik once again. He changed directions and finally noticed that it wouldn't work. Leon was able to follow him with his eyes

and he finally noticed how

when he saw the strange mana around his body.'

"I'm sorry

everyone... but I can't have some fun and win this battle unscathed at the same time

" Crik said.'

'Crik made his choice

his people were probably watching him

and he didn't want to show a pathetic fight. That would be his last battle

and he felt that he deserved to do whatever he wants at least one last time. All his choices Crik made in the past two hundred years

he made thinking about his species. After sacrificing everything for them

he wanted to fight for himself against a worthy opponent.'

"HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHH!" Crik shouted.'

'After the shout that made Leon feel shivers

he noticed that Crik was charging in a straight line again. It looked like he was as weird as Leon

he wanted to enjoy the fight

but sometimes he wanted to win no matter what. That was strange

but since it was convenient for Leon

he decided to just keep attacking and move backward whenever that was necessary.'

'Unfortunately

and even though he was clearly getting weaker

Crik still managed to attack Leon before he could even think of using Transfer. For the thousandth or so time

Leon and his Mana Barrier spun around as if both were a soccer ball.'

"Shit... What a guy..."

'Instead of attacking again using Magma Spears

Leon used Ice Beam and Thunder Ray

which surprised Crik for a moment

but soon he ignored the shock and ice and charged forward once again. Leon wanted to fry his circuits

but it looked like Crik didn't have any

even though he had the resilience of the exterminator himself.'

'Leon thought of summoning his spirits

the consumption of mana would increase exponentially

but so would the damage. However

he decided not to do so

just like his target decided to face him alone

Leon couldn't rely on his spirits on that battle. Besides

if any of them wanted to help

they would have said so. Even Efreet was silent because he clearly respected the man who decided to face Leon alone. Leon also felt the same

but he was too tired to keep fighting. So

he decided to take some risks.'

'Leon deactivated Mana Barrier

and the mithril around him fell on the floor. Crik opened his eyes widely when he saw that and noticed the look in Leon's eyes. He was tired and

at the same time

dead-serious about something. Leon disappeared from his sight in the blink of an eye

then Crik searched for him in all directions. But he felt something touching his back. Crik turned around and punched Leon

but much to his surprise

Leon accepted the punch while at the same time grabbed his right arm.'

'Congratulations! The skill Mana Armor has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

'Leon managed to stay in the same position because Crik grabbed Leon's right arm

but that had been a mistake. Crik's mana started to decrease at fearsome speed

and then he noticed what Leon was planning. He tried to shake Leon off

but he received so much damage that even Leon had the strength to continue grabbing his arm even after receiving his punches in a fast sequence

as long as he keeps Mana Reinforcement active. Mana Armor nullified the damage

but Leon still could feel the vibration since the skill wasn't so convenient.'

'Little by little

Crik's strength was decreasing. The fact that he always attacked with full power didn't help him. Despite the fact that he was going to lose thanks to an indirect way of attack didn't make him change his mind or get angry. He knew that there was no point in complaining. In a duel to the death

only a fool wouldn't use all the tricks upon their sleeve.'

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'Crik lost all the strength in his body and fell unconscious. Leon threw him on the ground when he confirmed that his mana was empty. He wasn't dead and most likely soon would recover a stupid amount of mana

but Leon didn't care. He wanted to rest for a while.'

""What a troublesome fellow... he fell unconscious as if his batteries died

" Leon sighed.'

""That was a good fight

Leon

" Efreet said. "When I recover my powers

our showdown will be much more impressive.""

'Leon wanted to fight now and then because never-ending training was boring. It was obvious that four years of practice on that island was nowhere near enough to solve his problems

but Leon felt like he had already trained too much for a lifetime.'

""What are you going to do with him?" Celsius asked.'

""It will depend on his answer

" Leon said. "I will ask him if he and his friends will leave and find another place to settle down... Damn Ilyana

making me do this shit job. The next time some job similar to this appear

remember me about this one.""

'Leon recovered his mithril and started to watch the spaceship using Sharp Eyes. There was no telling what Crik's underlings would do after confirming about his defeat

after all. Regardless

that job had been much more troublesome than Leon had expected

so he felt like his debt toward Ilyana decreased a lot. One or two more small favors should be enough to clear his tab

but first

he had to make sure he wouldn't ask for her help anymore. Leon was working for his own future

for the future of his friends and Earth

but he felt disgusted with himself by forcing the mithril people to look for another planet. Anyone who has mana can live longer

but without a world to call home

it wouldn't be weird if some of them felt like prisoners inside the spaceship.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Celsius' Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Efreet's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Sylph's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Gnome's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Undine's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Volt's Fragment has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Even though Leon was exhausted

he materialized his spirits in order to give him some room to think about some things. They couldn't hear his inner thoughts when they were outside his head

after all. Suddenly

Crik opened his eyes. He woke up a lot sooner than Leon had predicted. He was a tough son of a gun

but Leon already knew that.'

"... Why didn't you kill me?" Crik asked.'

"I still can kill you

but first

if you are planning to die

you have to tell that in front of your people

" Leon answered. "Once you do that



then they won't bother me anymore. I'm sorry to say this

but you guys can't have this world. It already belongs to someone else... and I know that is crazy

so you don't have to say it to me."

"... Do you work for one of the destroyers of planets?" Crik got up and asked.'

"I work with someone who says that hunts them

" Leon answered. "If that is true or not

I don't know."

"You are suspicious as always

" Ilyana said via Telepathy. "Then can have this planet

you can say that to them

but they can't use the purple crystals

if they do

I will wipe them out myself."

"... The hell are you talking about?"

"I said that they can have the planet as long as they obey my conditions. They don't have to use the purple crystals since I will send some of my monsters

" Ilyana explained.'

"Why would you do that after giving me those orders?"

"I want you to give them a clear warning about what might happen if they don't follow my rules

" Ilyana answered. "They know that I'm stronger than you. So they will obey it

they won't lose anything by doing so."

"You made me kill one hundred of them just to give a warning?"

"You wouldn't fight seriously if you knew my goal

so it couldn't be helped

" Ilyana said. "Besides

they would lose many more lives if they had invaded my world even by accident."

'Leon bit his lips and started to bleed. He had never been a patient person from the very beginning

but that was beyond he could endure. Still

Leon decided to shut up. Ilyana was the one who could make Leon save a lot of time by giving him the locations of the remaining three spirits

after all.'

'Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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'You obtained 01 status points.'

'...'

"... Change of plans

she said that you can have the planet

but if any of you use the purple crystals

she will eradicate your species." Leon said

having a hard time controlling his anger.'

"What?" Crik asked

visibly surprised.'

"Don't ask me... I don't understand her either

" Leon said. "Teleport me back."

'The next moment

Leon appeared back on Ilyana's castle. Suddenly

it became much more difficult to control his anger.'

"I'm sorry for hiding a few things from you

" Ilyana said. "But you needed to be reminded that you are still weak. Could you have defeated Crik without using the mithril of his underlings? The answer is no. If he had attacked soon after their vehicles fell

you would have died. You know that you are still

but it is clear that you need to be reminded of that quite frequently."

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'Even though Ilyana was right

Leon's anger didn't decrease. Most likely

Ilyana used one hell of an illusion spell to hide dungeons

purple crystals

and everything that could help Leon in the battle against the mithril people. Perhaps the Soul Eater she offered was just a lie too. Her real goal was just to make Leon realize that.'

'Leon turned around and headed toward the exit of the castle

he didn't feel like training his resistances

and he didn't feel like looking at her face even for a second. She was dead wrong to think that an apology would make up for her actions.'

'After leaving the castle

Leon created a human-size steel statue and started to punch it. He needed to relieve some of his anger before he could waste more time dealing with his anger. Leon also activated Regeneration because it was obvious that even though he could damage even steel

his fists wouldn't last long.'

'Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Pain Resistance has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Martial Art has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! The skill Iron Fists has leveled up.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

""That is certainly a way to kill time

" Undine said. "Lucky for you

there is a lot of blue angel leaves that you will have to eat to regain your normal weight.""

'Instead of stopping because he couldn't withstand eating more leaves than he already had to

Leon stopped because Undine was concerned about him in her own way. Maybe the fact that Leon only left the leaves while he was on that planet played a small role in his decisions

but he decided to think that was thanks to Undine.'

""... I guess it is time to learn a few more spells

" Leon said after a long sigh. "Who wants to go first?""

"I want to!" Sylph shouted

and Leon felt almost as he went deaf

even though he was inside his head.'

"Me! Me! Choose me!" Gnome said.'

"I guess both of you will be good enough

" Leon said. "I want to learn a few more spells like Magma Spear. It will be difficult to learn

but it will be useful since the power behind it will be absurd."

'Leon thought it would be hard to learn a spell that had the properties of earth and wind at the same time since the teachers were Sylph and Gnome

but much to his surprise

they already knew several ones. Even though they never showed to Leon or talked about it

the spirits could combine their powers with ease.'

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

'Cost: 30 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sand Cloud.'

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Quicksand was self-explanatory. Although it was useless against opponents that could fly

Gravity could help with that. Punishment was a small sand tornado that caused damage thanks to the tiny shards of earth that were created inside of it. Sand Cloud was precisely that

a cloud of sand that could blind several enemies completely.'

"Are you not going to level them up against the mechanical spiders?" Celsius asked when she saw Leon using the spells several times without a target.'

"Nope

I can't keep owing favors to her

" Leon said. "Otherwise

she will put me in those annoying situations again.'

"Are you fine saying that out loud?" Celsius asked again.'

"Even if I try to hide

what I think and feel are clear

" Leon said. "It won't change anything by saying that out loud or not. Come to think of it... I can level up my resistances and train these spells pretty fast. I just have to use it against myself."

"Self-harm

huh?" Celsius asked

and she seemed troubled. "That is a dangerous path

be careful

or you will become one of those who treats pain like some kind of god."

"I can't see the difference between doing that myself or just letting someone do the damage for me

" Leon shrugged.'

'Maybe Leon was just overthinking

but owing a favor to others and repaying favors was one of the reasons why he felt bored and sometimes annoyed while training. He didn't have the freedom he always had. Maybe it was his anger that was making him think that

but Leon never felt like that when he was training alone with a single goal in mind. Since he was always working alone

Leon never had to worry about other people's goals or schemes. It if didn't affect him

he could ignore it. If it was troublesome

then crush it. It was a pretty simple and good lifestyle. Maybe that was he truly obtained after those four years... simplicity.'

"Before I forget... I need to learn some debuffs and curses. I needed them in that world."

'It was much more practical using curses to stop an enemy for several hours than using a mithril shackle. Even though Leon could consume the mithril

some mana was always wasted

after all.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Cursed Ray.'

'Cost: 100 mana'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

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

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds.'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Coward's Curse.'

'Cost: 50 mana per second'

'Cooldown time: 10 seconds'

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Surprisingly

tomes that taught curses were quite expensive. Still

their effects would be useful as long as the enemy doesn't have a high resistance to curses.'