

Unlimited Power - The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)

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'Leon never thought of creating a contract with anything. Summoning magic was like that

but at the same time

magic contracts were a lot more restrictive even though they granted some freedom to both parts.'

'The very moment Leon accepted the terms

some magic words appearing in his right arm. Although they weren't words of Earth

he could understand their meaning since the contract was bound with his soul

just like it was with Tyrselle. The first topic of the contract was that Leon and Tyrselle would work together to reach a future which they could feel satisfied with. It was a bit vague for his tastes

but at the very least

it granted him the chance to reach a middle point between his goals and Tyrselle's.'

'The second topic was what Leon demanded from her. Tyrselle couldn't lie to him

and neither could Leon to her. The last topic was about how long the contract would last... it would last until Amanda

and his parents survived. Unfortunately

Leon couldn't put more persons there because

according to Tyrselle

even magic contracts had limits.'

"Both parts have assigned the contract

" Tyrsele said. "Now

we can work on helping things on your end."

"How can we do that?" the fourth Leon asked.'

"We have to make you stronger

" Tyrsele replied. "I can't interfere with the past more than I'm already doing.
So

you have to do what you want with your own hands."

"That sounds fair..." Leon nodded. "In any case

what is your goal? You already know what I want

so it is only fair that I need to know what is your end goal."

'Although he was a bit naïve

the fourth Leon wasn't stupid. Tyrsele couldn't lie

and it was better to learn what she wanted from the very beginning. Although
Leon felt like he was putting too much trust into something created by a
stranger

it was the perfect time to test if he hadn't been fooled or if that contract was
really working on both of them.'

"I want to... revive someone

" Tyrsele hesitated

and that made Leon frown. "However

there are some people who intend to get in my way

so I need to deal with them.'

"Revive someone... shouldn't that be easy given that you can talk to me when
you are in the future?" The fourth Leon asked.'

"No

... even my power has certain limits

" Tyrsele replied. "Also

even though I also can make time move backward

it won't help me achieve my goal. To really obtain enough power to reach my goal

I need to deal with some... annoying individuals. With your help

I'm sure I will be able to get rid of at least one of them."

'Leon felt shivers when he heard that. Tyrsele goal by using him was obvious. She wanted to make him and Ilyana kills each other. That was really bad... but if that was something that already happened to him

perhaps worrying about it was a waste of time. Instead of that

Leon began to wonder about Tyrsele's end goal. Until now

her hesitation showed that she was thinking seriously about what to answer. So

maybe she wasn't lying

and the contract was really working on her. Everything so far made Leon think that.'

'Still

after thinking for a while

Leon nodded that reviving someone was probably harder than control time. Why? Because the body of that someone probably doesn't exist anymore

and the soul existed in an unknown plane. Reviving someone was truly the hardest thing one could possibly do. By the look of things

one couldn't keep their memories once they control time to a distant point in the past. Or if there was a way to do that

Tyrsele didn't know

but Ilyana and Serena knew. Or perhaps just like Tyrselle suddenly recovered her memories

Ilyana and Serena also recovered them at some point. It truly was something complicated...'

'The fourth Leon doubted that one day he would become powerful enough to help someone who could communicate with the people in the past

but at that point in time

he didn't have the leisure to worry about that. Without thinking too much about it

he began his training and did everything Tyrselle told him

and on the first day

he learned how to manipulate earth

fire

water

and wind.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Elementalist!'

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by two points

your stamina

health

recovery

and control will increase by one point whenever you level up your class.'

'Tyrselle didn't forbid him from doing anything

so Leon taught everyone how to learn those skills. Of course

it wasn't like suddenly everyone became powerful enough to defeat monsters alone

but which tried to attack them

got decimated by dozens of elemental bullets from the next day onward since Tyrsele quickly taught him how to learn spells as well.'

"Oh

man..." Leon sighed. "This is like... really bad."

'Although the circumstances changed him

Leon always valued his friends and allies more than anything. Upon realizing that such knowledge prevented him and his allies from dying

the fourth Leon began to trust on Tyrsele more and more. Slowly

but surely

he was falling into the trap she was preparing for him.'

'Given that Ilyana wasn't or didn't try to intervene

Leon concluded that his hypothesis was probably correct. By using the spell to reset the time of everything

she and Serena had lost their memories and would only recover in the future.'

'Regardless

the fourth Leon spread the knowledge of how to use magic and learn spells like wildfire. Instead of worrying if that was a weapon that could be used against him later

he just wanted to help as many humans as possible. Thanks to that

many people began to follow him...'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Teacher!'

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by two points

your stamina

health

recovery

and control will increase by one point whenever you level up your class.'

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'Thanks to Tyrselle's support

the fourth Leon managed to recover Las Vegas just one month after the monsters appeared. That was one hell of an achievement

and that made everyone that heard about him run as fast as possible toward the city and join his side. Despite that

the fourth Leon was at least smart enough not to get ahead of himself. After all

he obtained knowledge from someone else

and he only survived until now

thanks to Tyrselle.'

'Tyrselle also gave him a lot of information about dungeons and monsters. When they would break

what type of attack was the weakness... Tyrselle even revealed to him the location of all dungeons near Las Vegas. After just one year

ninety percent of those who survived until that point was now living in Las Vegas. That was roughly five million people.'

'As one would expect

many problems began to happen

but Tyrselle also told Leon who were the troublemakers

and he dealt with them. Those who threatened the peace just vanished every night without leaving any sign of their existence. Thanks to all that

after just two years

all thoughts of cautiousness about Tyrselle had disappeared from his mind.'

"I should have expected that..." Leon facepalmed and then sighed. "Why am I so gullible? This guy never saw her face... but although she is as pretty as Ilyana

and does have a sweet voice... and... whatever..."

'It doesn't matter who Tyrselle looked like

she summoned the dragons

which caused his parents' death

and that also forced Leon to stay four years alone on a tropical island... he didn't have to worry about how she looked. Tyrselle had to die

end of the story. Still

it was only natural that he would be forced to ponder about such things while he had to see things from another perspective.'

'Regardless

even though he waited for troublesome guys like William to appear

only small fries tried to cause problems

and since the fourth Leon was quick to eliminate them

the problems never escalated. It took a while for the rest of the world to deal with the problems of their own territories

but once they recovered a few of their cities and managed to create a decent network to collect intel

most world leaders decided to contact the fourth Leon... Makoto was one of them.'

"Let's see how things will play out this time..." Leon sighed. "A lot of things changed... so maybe my interactions with them changed as well."

'Just as Leon had imagined

Makoto and Yuki were different. It was due to the fact that Makoto's son died when the Earth Dragon's dungeon broke a few months prior. Makoto had become an emperor who would seek strength for himself and for his soldiers

no matter the cost

and Yuki was also following the same path... weirdly enough

she didn't have her healing powers.'

"Now that I think about it... she didn't have it before when I watched the third Leon's life. "Leon rubbed his chin and nodded to himself. "More and more

it is getting obvious that Ilyana is probably the one who gave her those powers..."

'Although that made sense in Leon's head

he couldn't explain why Ilyana did that. Based on the life of the first Leon

she was a bit of a jealous wife... so why give power to someone who once married Leon? After thinking for a while

Leon realized that such powers granted Yuki the chance to stay more on the backline... although Yuki had talented at fighting with her fists

that was something she only noticed after Leon disappeared... Perhaps Ilyana knew Leon would be mesmerized by her while she fights or something.'

'Makoto became a powerful ally and a good friend

but much to Leon's surprise

the fourth Leon and Yuki didn't get along all that much. There was no chemistry between them. That Yuki was only interested in getting stronger

so even though she was supposed to become the next leader of Japan

she wasn't interested in political affairs.'

'Several years passed

and Leon noticed that the fourth one seemed to be destined to remain single. Leon was too busy training his skills and learning new ones while teaching other people. Despite all that

not a single woman tried to get closer to him more than necessary. It was really sad

but Leon could relate to that one.'

"Anyway..." Leon said and then sighed. "No signs of Betty yet... Gisela didn't appear until now either. This isn't unexpected

but it is very sad..."

'After a while

Earth finally reached the second stage of assimilation. New dungeons appeared

and new monsters began to attack the human race. Despite all that

the number of casualties was minimal. It was all thanks to the fact that Leon taught magic to everyone without discrimination.'

"How many years have passed here? Twenty?" Leon frowned. "I guess Hammath's grandpa wasn't wrong when he concluded that mages could speed up the assimilation process."

'The human race didn't have a lot of time to get stronger

but thanks to Leon's hard work

they got powerful fast enough to deal with the monsters' power-up. Leon recalled that during Sekundez's trial

the monsters grew stronger each day

and that was something that also happened in reality. The more mana a planet has

the stronger the monsters there get. However

given that most human beings could fight and defeat the monsters alone

the prospects of the human race finding doom at the end of that journey seemed quite small. That was even truer considering that their leader was receiving privileged information from someone from the future... Despite all that

Leon never dropped his guard.'

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'After a while

Leon noticed that the fourth one

despite the privileged information he was receiving from Tyrselle

wasn't that strong. His status and skills certainly were better than the others

but when Earth reached the fourth stage of assimilation

he wasn't as strong as Leon when he returned to Earth after defeating the galactical snake.'

"I guess it is only obvious..." Leon shrugged. "This guy here invested a lot of time teaching others all kinds of spells and skills."

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Magical Teacher!'

'Your mana and intelligence will increase by four points

your stamina

health

recovery

and control will increase by two points whenever you level up your class.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Trainer!'

'Your strength and health will increase by two points

your stamina

mana

recovery

and control will increase by one point whenever you level up your class.'

'Just like before

once Earth reached a certain point

several sapient races begun to attack humans. However

things proceed to favorably this time. Eventually

Crik and the mithril people also attacked them. Still

even though the fourth Leon couldn't defeat him in single combat

humans had more power as a race. They managed to defeat them after fighting day and night for several weeks... the fourth Leon finally concluded that after defeating such a powerful race

he would be able to rest a little

but things only got weirder after that.'

"What have you done

Leon?" The fourth Leon finally heard Ilyana's voice echo inside his head. "Why did you make a contract with her... her from all people."

'Leon was right. Even though Ilyana could reset the time

she couldn't carry all her memories alongside her. Something had to happen to trigger the event that would cause her to remember everything

and by the look of things

that happened just now.'

'Regardless

the fourth Leon had no idea who Ilyana was

so he only frowned after hearing another unknown voice that sounded extremely disappointed and sad. That Leon didn't have any reason to listen to another voice inside his head

so he decided to ignore her

but Ilyana wasn't someone who would give up that easily.'

"I see... so that is what she told you

" Ilyana said

and then Leon imagined her forcing a self-mocking smile. "Did you wonder who those people she wants to defeat might me

Leon? What would you do if

by any chance

you are one of the people she wants to defeat?"

'When he heard that

Leon frowned why someone as powerful as Tyrsele made a pact with a man she wanted to defeat? That didn't make any sense... again

the fourth Leon decided to ignore Ilyana's words. Things were getting way too complicated

and even if that stranger was telling the truth

Leon couldn't just ignore the contract. That Leon felt that he and his family only survived until now

thanks to Tyrsele. If he betrays her

once they reach the future where she can influence him and the human race

he could easily imagine her wiping them out.'

'As usual

Leon's imagination was pretty wild

but since the fourth Leon was also him

he knew that that kind of thought was only his instincts alerting the other guy. The fourth Leon grew dependent on Tyrsele

and after surviving thus far

he couldn't risk everything based on the words of a stranger alone. He was responsible for millions of humans' lives

after all.'

'Without having any other choice

Ilyana decided to show the fourth Leon everything the others had lived through and experienced. The last thing that Leon needed was to watch everything again

but fortunately

he didn't have to. Time moved forward until the fourth Leon finally learned everything from Ilyana. As if everything wasn't crazy enough

Ilyana appeared before him.'

"You must have realized now that she is just toying with you

" Ilyana said. "I don't know how she managed to develop a spell that granted her the power to communicate with you in the past and succeeded in altering the past events of her reality. It doesn't matter. Her goal is solely to defeat you and me

who will become the only people who can survive against her in the future."

"Shut up..." Leon clenched his teeth and fists and then said after lowering his head.'

"Leon... you won't have a future by staying on her side

" Ilyana added. "You already know what happened. Surely you understand that..."

"I said: SHUT UP!" Leon roared. "What do you want from me? If you want to show me it wasn't an illusion

then answer this question. Why did you make time move backward not once
not twice

but three times... why did I have to endure all this bullshit so many times?"

"You know why I did that..." Ilyana recovered from the shock and then said. "I did it for you... to let us reach the perfect future. I know that you always wished for us to have a normal life with our kids... this is the only way for us to-"

"Perfect future?" Leon laughed after saying that. "Don't make me laugh. Where is the perfection in a future where I'm the sole human alive? Are you so insane that you concluded that I'm insane as well? Even if you reset the times one hundred times

we will never reach the perfect future. Maybe for you

it will be perfect

but not for me. Not after losing all the people I cared about on Earth... not after dirtying my hands with my enemies' blood so many times."

"You are right... the future will be only perfect for me

" Ilyana said. "Still

it will better than keep losing time and time again. You and I aren't perfect beings

so we can't develop perfect magic... we won't be able to create the perfect path that will lead us to a perfect future

but at the very least... we will succeed in crushing those who toyed with our lives and the lives of others we loved."

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'Leon watched that whole exchange showing a calm expression. He imagined that he would feel enraged after hearing all that. However

after confirming his theories directly from Ilyana's mouth

he felt... strangely calm. Although the fourth Leon's reaction was justified given the things he had to see and experiment with

Leon could understand him but not react in the same way.'

"I guess a lot of things makes sense now..." Leon muttered. "I learned magic fast and developed my skills faster than the others because I experienced the same training more than a few times... thus

the knowledge of how to learn certain spells and skills came naturally to me."

'Leon's behavior wasn't just altered based on his magic instincts. The other 'lives' that he had made him endure the solitude in that island

the fear when he was

in other words

and all the anger when he was inside the galactic snake. Without knowing it

his past experiences helped him reach the point where he was now... thanks to all that

Leon could understand what Ilyana was trying to do. She lived as much as him

she was fully aware that they would never reach their perfect end

but she was trying with all her might to reach the best possible end.'

'For the first time

Leon felt something inside his heart while watching Ilyana. It was respect... respect for someone who was willing to experience a living hell time and time again just to have a quick glance of a good end. Leon knew that he didn't have the nerve to reset the time of all things... he didn't want to experience all the hardships of the past again and again. That was why he could only admire her now... the current Leon... lost all the wish to use time magic to nullify all the events that happened. Why? Because it was meaningless... Leon was prideful

and someone like that wouldn't try to do everything again

knowing that it was impossible to reach the perfect end.'

"So

my parents died once because of Tyrsele's dragons

huh

" The fourth Leon said. "This doesn't surprise me all that much. I knew from the very beginning that dragons were way too powerful than any other monsters... still

that doesn't change the fact that I will doom the entire human race by betraying her. She fooled me without lying. It is accurate to say that she betrayed me first but won't help me in any way. Can you guarantee to me that by joining

I will be able to protect everyone?"

"No..." Ilyana lowered her head. "I just recovered my memories

but my powers haven't returned yet. To fully recover my powers

I will have to relive those memories more than a few times... Right now

I don't have the power to oppose her."

"Then

we don't have anything more to discuss

" the fourth Leon said. "I won't risk the lives of the humans who survived until now for an unknown future."

"But Leon!" Ilyana protested.'

"Sorry

but it won't happen..." Leon turned around and then begun to walk away from Ilyana. "I can't abandon everything I fought for until now to pursue my own happiness... My conscience won't allow it. If I do something like that

I will become like those I hate the most... the monsters who see no value in other people's lives."

'Ilyana clenched her teeth and then showed a pained expression

but soon she gave up. She had imagined that something like that might happen because just like Leon had seen his previous versions growing stronger than the previous one

Ilyana and even Tyrselle were getting stronger as well. The experience was accumulating in all of them

so it was only obvious that Tyrselle would find a way to counter Ilyana's actions and powers.'

'Leon quickly accepted that he did that in the past... it was easy to judge someone while looking at things from a distance

so he didn't that. Besides

what was the point of judging his own actions? Doing that was only useful when he could learn from his mistakes

but given that Leon would perhaps lose those memories

then it was a wasting of time.'

'Ilyana disappeared and never contacted Leon again. Tyrselle probably saw their whole conversation

but even though she talked with Leon thousands of times after that

she never talked about it. After that

things proceeded quite favorably for the humans

but everyone noticed that Leon had changed

no one could understand why

but it didn't matter since he continued to work hard to make the human race survive.'

'Two hundred years later

the fourth Leon finally learned Foresight. Without wasting any time

he began to train it

and when he saw the things that would happen in the next few days. Tyrselle finally appeared before Leon and then teleported him and the whole human race to the planet where Ilyana was. The fight started

but Ilyana didn't try to protect herself... she couldn't bring herself to fight Leon and those who he wanted to protect. In the end

Leon dealt the finishing blow

and Ilyana died without offering any resistance and with a smile on her face. Leon bit his lips in anger when he did that... he could feel that the spirits were nearby

but they only observed him. It was just a possible future

but just the possibility of him killing the mother of his kids in cold blood enraged him. More than that... it made Leon felt as if he was worse than any of the monsters he killed until now. The harvesters

the angels

Netro

the shadowy figure... he was worse than them

and that was sickening

to say the least.'

'The fourth Leon felt no different than him

the things Ilyana showed him were like a hazy memory

but he still could imagine what he had felt in that timeline. Then

he canceled Foresight and readied himself.'

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'The fourth Leon already knew what would happen. If he changes his mind about his contract with Tyrselle

he and the human race would be decimated. He knew that yet... he couldn't bring himself to fight Ilyana and kill her in cold blood. The fourth Leon only interacted with her a little bit

but those memories didn't let him choose anything else.'

"It looks like I grew up a little here..." Leon muttered while he observed the eyes full of determination of the fourth Leon. "Let's just hope he will do the right thing and won't mess up."

'Just as he had seen when he used Foresight

Tyrselle suddenly appeared before Leon. Until now everything proceeded according to her plans so she was in a good mood and appeared showing an amazing smile. However the smile quickly faded away when she saw Leon's serious expression.'

"I see you have made your choice

" Tyrselle glared at Leon. "I should have known that such a roundabout method wouldn't work..."

"No... to be honest

I'm still sorting my options here

" the fourth Leon said. "Let's reach a middle ground

Tyrselle. You did some unforgivable things

but thanks to you

this time

those I love are still alive. I owe you for that

and that is why I'm offering you this chance."

"Do you seriously think that you have the power to defy me?" Tyrselle frowned. "You may have recovered the knowledge of how to use the skills that you used to defeat me before

but the same trick won't work twice. Besides

you have nowhere near the mastery over your abilities to replicate that again."

"I'm fully aware of it

" Leon nodded. "I will have to improvise... but even if I fail

you won't succeed in your plans. While Ilyana is out there

she will do the same thing over and over again until she is satisfied or gets tired of it. She probably can face you right now

or at the very least

she has enough power to reset time again."

"You are dead wrong if you think that you can convince me to spare you and her after making me lose so much time

" Tyrselle said while showing her madness true her eyes. "Those memories of the last times are very useful; I can feel myself much more powerful than before... but the amount of time I wasted all because of you two... isn't something I can forget."

"You seem to have forgotten that we also have the memories of the other times

" the fourth Leon shrugged. "That being said

we aren't as old as you... so I can more or less understand a little bit of your anger. However

you don't have anything to win by letting that anger control you. Like I said... let's compromise here. I will let bygones be bygones

so you do the same

and I will do my best to convince Ilyana as well. After this

we will work together to reach our goals."

"... Die." Tyrselle said and then made the fourth Leon's head explode.'

'Leon sighed... he had hoped that things would be different

but he was wrong. The fourth Leon tried to find a path where he didn't have to dirty his hands even more

but he failed. However

much to his surprise

the scene around him didn't get enveloped by darkness. By the look of things

the fourth Leon's life didn't end there. Suddenly

his head reappeared as if it had never been destroyed. Leon recognized that... it was the saw insane regenerative power Tyrselle showed to the first Leon.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Corrupted Dragonewt!'

'Your strength and intelligence will increase by forty points

your mana

health

stamina

and recovery will increase by twenty points whenever you level up your class.'

'Congratulations! You have become a Level one Draconic Battlemage!'

'Your strength and intelligence will increase by forty points

your mana

health

stamina

and recovery will increase by twenty points whenever you level up your class.'

"Just like you learned how to use my conceptual attacks

I decided to follow the same path you used to get stronger." The fourth Leon said

and then his body begun to shine a little

and then the light disappeared

and his body became semi-transparent.'

"That annoying little trick again won't save you this time

" Tyrselle bit her lips in annoyance.'

"I wonder about that..." Leon shrugged. "Eating dragon hearts for ten thousand years certainly can change people like you and me. Although I don't have the power of gluttony

it doesn't change the fact that now I can regenerate myself just like you and not lose a single gram of my body."

'It was only obvious that the reason behind Tyrselle crazy regenerative abilities came from eating dragon hearts day and night. That was the first idea that came to the fourth Leon's mind. Despite all the knowledge he obtained

he couldn't think of a way to defeat Tyrselle in a fair fight. Even if he cheats a lot

he couldn't see a path that would lead him to victory

but at the very least

he would be able to stop her for the time being. More than that

Leon would also be able to give Ilyana a lot of mana if she isn't ready to reset time again.'

'Tyrselle paid no mind to Leon's words. Instead of that

she crushed

ripped him apart

sliced him so many times that Leon lost the count. After watching Leon's unfazed face for quite a while

Tyrselle finally noticed how the people felt when they tried to fight her...'

"I will never forgive you

" Tyrselle glared at Leon. "I will kill you and that bitch in the most painful way possible and make you both regret from ever being born... those who you hold dear won't have a quick death. They will pay for you getting on my way once again."

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'Tyrsele disappeared after making her threats... Although her words made Leon feel shivers

he soon forgot about it. He protected everyone once more

and Leon was more satisfied with that. Besides

he was going to die once again for using that power

and this time

he would make sure not to just sleep for one thousand years.'

"Ilyana

I know that you are watching

" the fourth Leon said. "You don't have to hide anymore."

'Suddenly

Ilyana appeared before him. As expected

she was ready to offer back up if Leon needed it. In fact

Leon felt her mana making the region vibrated when his head exploded for the first time

but she reacted on time to stop when she felt that his mana was still active.'

"What?" Ilyana asked

showing an expression without any emotion.'

"Sorry about before..." the fourth Leon said. "I couldn't risk everything... even though you already showed me what happened."

"Is that so?" Ilyana said

still not showing any emotion on her face and eyes.'

"I'm sorry for making you endure all this by yourself

" Leon said and then lowered his head. "Although you did all this on your own volition

I believe I'm part of the reason... Anyway

what I said before still stands. We are both suffering a lot through this

but now I'm willing to accept everything... as long as we reach our perfect end."

"I wonder about that..." Ilyana looked away while rubbing her chin. "I made a lot of sacrifices until now

but are you willing to do the same?"

"Yes

" Leon nodded.'

"For example... if I were to tell you not to involve yourself with other women

would you do it?" Ilyana asked.'

"Yes... but promising that will change anything?" the fourth Leon frowned. "Once you reset the time

I will forget everything

after all."

"That is fine. It isn't a problem

" Ilyana smiled sweetly. "You seem to forget that I'm older than you

so I will be able to intervene with your life quite a bit while you are unaware of it. In any case

I just need your permission."

"... To do what?" the fourth Leon frowned.'

"To stop from getting involved with any woman that isn't me

" Ilyana continues to smile sweetly. "I have to study and practice what Tyrselle did

but I'm sure I can customize

and then I will be able to interfere with the past just a little bit... That way

I will be able to stop your toy from functioning until you remember of me once again."

'Leon facepalmed when he heard that... the holy sword has been sealing in several of his lives

all thanks to Ilyana. Given that she could only interfere from the moment onward while Leon has mana

she wouldn't be able to interfere in the relationship he had with Betty

but... Still

that was a bit too much. Leon prayed that the fourth Leon would refuse that

but he already knew that didn't happen.'

"That will probably make me feel depressed quite a bit more than a few times..." the fourth Leon sighed. "But given that you will be waiting for me for a long time

I guess I must do the same as well. Well

in order for me not to go crazy in that situation

you must help me build my willpower. It would be best if you made me as unlucky as possible... that should be enough. I just hope I won't regret this."

'Ilyana smiled

turned into a grin

and then she hugged him with all her might. Sealing the holy sword was the next level of madness. Leon now was sure that Ilyana was the craziest yandere that ever existed... but his masochist instincts didn't let him complain all that much. Considering that they lived together for more than any humans that he knew

it was necessary that their level of compromise would reach whole new heights.
Besides

when Ilyana kissed him with her soft

red lips

while the fourth Leon felt her big and soft boobs

he felt that the price he was paying was worth the trouble.'

"I wish we could stay like this for a little longer..." Leon said. "But I can feel my life ending... I need to give you all the mana that I obtained by using this skill before I die."

Ilyana nodded at him

and then this time

she kissed on his cheek before letting all the spirits

their children appear before him. Leon wondered if their memories also had disappeared and only returned after some time. That was probably the case because now they looked much more human-like than spirit-like than before. Serena and the other kids didn't have clothes made of fire or any other element. Instead

they were wearing all types of ordinary clothes... that being said

their bodies also were a bit of semi-transparent. They smiled at Leon.'

"I will see you guys in the future... or perhaps in the past

" the fourth Leon frowned. "It is hard to know... anyway

stay well."

'The fourth Leon wished that he had the chance to say goodbye to his Amanda

his parents

and his friends on Earth

but he didn't have time. After saying that

the fourth Leon condensed all the mana that he could reunite in a single place.
However

in the end

his mana dispersed quite a bit

but the energy wasn't lost. Instead of that

the fourth Leon created an entire galaxy

and that galaxy only had blue planets. Those planets were made of mithril.'

"Humans can do anything as long as they try hard

huh

" Leon smiled.'

'Leon smiled when he saw that. He always thought that he only had the talent
to destroy things

but in the past

he managed to create something amazing like a galaxy using his power
alone... all he had to do was to sacrifice his life for it. For the first time

Leon thought that he was also quite good at creating things... but only that
much wasn't enough to make him feel satisfied. Leon would never feel
satisfied until he reaches his perfect end.'

720 Chapter 717

'After the fourth Leon

things proceeded in many ways. Only a few things repeated themselves time
and time again. Those were: how Leon met Ilyana

the fact that the holy sword was sealed

and that Tyrsele didn't try to fool him anymore. Leon received a few
notifications here and there

but overall

he already obtained all the knowledge and skills that he had obtained in the past.'

'Leon thought he would feel wiser and more mature after watching all of that

but that never happened. Those memories were probably the memories that Ilyana managed to savage since Leon died several times while fighting against Tyrselle... even though they fought together

her power was absolute. Just like she said

old tricks wouldn't work twice on her. After watching the twelve lives that he had lived... Leon finally returned to reality.'

'When Leon woke up

he saw himself back in Ilyana's world. The place was semi-destroyed

but it wasn't abandoned. Leon could see thousands of inorganic monsters around

and when he used Mana Dominion

he confirmed that there were trillions of monsters there... all of them were monsters bound to Ilyana's Mana Link.'

""Well

now..." Leon crossed his arms and then closed his eyes." What should I do?""

'Leon had a few ideas as to how to defeat Tyrselle once and for all

but all those ideas relied on using Alternative Future Possession. He was already tired of sacrificing his lifespan

so he wanted to do something else. Besides

this time he didn't want to leave Ilyana and their kids. Leon couldn't let himself be defeated

nor could he sacrifice everything to win against Tyrselle. This time

he would make sure to survive until they reach the seventh stage of the assimilation. That way

perhaps they would be able to overcome the downsides of time manipulation together.'

'After a while

Leon finally noticed that his body wasn't heavy. He got many times more powerful than before after watching his past lives

but his body was weakened in Ilyana's world. The reason was simple; the world wasn't on the third stage of assimilation anymore. That massive number of monsters was the proof of that. The world was probably on the sixth stage of the assimilation... and that was what gave Leon a new idea.'

""Hehe

this will be interesting

" Leon smirked.'

'Although Leon got a lot more skills

jobs and classes

he didn't have access to a crazy amount of mana like Ilyana has. He also didn't have the time to summon monsters and use Mana Link on all of them. Leon could feel Ilyana and Tyrselle's mana clashing against each other even from that distance

after all. He had to do something before their fight destroys the whole universe.'

'Health: 6.999.999.999.999'

'Mana: 6.999.999.999.999'

'Stamina: 6.999.999.999.999'

'Strength: ----'

'Dexterity: ----'

'Speed: ----'

'Intelligence: ----'

'Endurance: ----'

'Control: ----'

'Mentality: ----'

'Luck: ----'

'Recovery: ----'

'Willpower: ----'

'Coins: ----'

'Status: ----'

'After concentrating for a few seconds

Leon used Appraisal while looking at the ground and then confirmed his hypothesis. The system had also recognized planets as living beings. Still

Leon frowned while looking at those statuses. It was simply insane and very weird. Why did the numbers stop at that? Why didn't they reach seven trillion? Was it because there was a trigger to cause that? Leon lived the equivalent of almost one hundred thousand years

considering all the lives he had when Ilyana reset time. Still

he couldn't understand even that yet. However

if he didn't know something

he could always learn. As long as he exists

Leon could always find the answers he was looking for.'

'Leon touched the ground with both hands and then tried to activate Mana Link. If that planet was a living being

then something like that was supposed to be possible. However

the skill he failed.'

""Not good enough

huh

" Leon frowned. "Let's try to use my best talent... the power to use brute force."

'Leon forced his mana to envelop the whole surface of that planet. After that

he activated Mana Link again. The skill not only activated this time... it evolved.'

'Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Absolute Mana Link.'

'You obtained 01 status point.'

'...'

'Congratulations! The skill Summon Absolute Mana Link has reached the max level.'

'You obtained 01 status point.'

'It was weird

but aside from his own mana pool

Leon felt that he could easily control that planet's mana. However

even though the skill was useful

Leon knew that it wasn't wise to use the mana without any thoughts. First

he checked the limits of it. After a while

Leon confirmed that the planet could recover a little more than eleven billion of mana points per second... no wonder Ilyana said that planets couldn't get destroyed after a certain point. With that amount of mana

the planets would be able to repair itself easily.'

"As I thought..." Leon rubbed his chin. "No matter

with this much mana

I can create hundreds of replicas. Let's make them use Absolute Mana Link in all the planets they can find using dungeons as fast as possible."

'Although Leon recovered his powers from the past

he only managed to summon one hundred replicas. After doing that

his body got paralyzed... the amount of mana he used had been much more than his body had used

after all. Even though he had that much power

his body couldn't easily endure it.'

"Crap... this is the worse

" Leon blinked several times since he felt that his head was spinning. "I don't have any other choice... better make all my replicas use as much mana as possible while they look for planets that have mana. That way

my body will get used to it faster as well."

721 Chapter 718

'Although

for the time being

Leon couldn't create more than one hundred replicas

the rest of the mana he had was being used to make them move faster using Teleport. Little by little

Leon felt that his mana pool was increasing. However

before even ten of his replicas had used Absolute Mana Link

he felt their approach. Leon tried to be faster

but Ilyana

Tyrselle

and Sylas were already on their way. Leon thought of using Accelerate to buy some time

but that barely had any effect. Those three were powerful

after all.'

'Sylas and Tyrsele appeared in front of Leon

but Ilyana already appeared behind him and didn't waste time to hug him from behind. Although Leon saw that happening many times when he watched those memories

nothing could be compared to the real thing.'

"You and your bad habit of keeping your eyes on me all the time

" Leon forced a smile.'

"You and your bad habit of always worrying me before you learn the truth

" Ilyana said and then buried her face on Leon's back.'

'It was weird

Leon and Ilyana were much older than they were supposed to be

but they didn't change all that much despite their memories and the powers they obtained during all their journey.'

"What is going on here?" Sylas asked

astonished. "Why did he suddenly get so much stronger?"

'Future Possession was still active

but Sylas was nowhere as calm as before. Maybe it was because he finally realized the price of using such skill was too high

or perhaps he was truly scared as to why someone he could easily have defeated a few minutes ago suddenly became many times stronger.'

"Just like you did with me

you also hid several things from Sylas

huh

" Leon said and then glared at Tyrselle

who clearly was very annoyed. "I guess even if we restart our lives several times

all of us are bound to repeat the same mistakes over and over again."

'Tyrselle could feel that Leon had recovered his memories and his powers. Not only that

but she could also feel that he was obtaining massive amounts of mana every minute. Despite all that

she couldn't act rashly. Leon and Ilyana were opponents that defeated her many times

after all. Besides

even though Leon and Ilyana had an advantage over Tyrselle and Sylas

they couldn't just go all out to kill their enemies. As they already knew

defeat her wouldn't be easy

and whatever they try to do

they will cause quite a bit of destruction.'

"It looks like we lost the chance to see of a touching reunion

" Sekundez suddenly said.'

'It was weird

but it looked like while Leon was watching the memories of his other lives

Sekundez had left to do something else

and now she returned alongside all the other spirits

probably because they had to travel quite a bit of distance.'

"Eh? Eh!" Celsius shouted in surprise. "Leon is... our father? And Ilyana is our mother? What is going on here? Did Leon go senile

and now his memories are trying to fool me as well?"

"By the look of things... he isn't senile

" Undine frowned. "Now

a lot of things made sense. No wonder Sekundez looked quite a bit like Ilyana."

"I think we are safe to assume that resetting the time made all of us lose our memories... temporarily

" Volt rubbed his chin. "Considering that someone obviously created the whole system

it is clear that we shouldn't be that old."

"What do you mean by that

Volt?" Efrete asked.'

"It means that mana was something created by someone

and considering that we are beings essentially made of mana

it wouldn't make sense that the original great spirits exist since the universe came to be

" Rem added. "Considering the things we know so far

there aren't great spirits. We are the great spirits..."

"This too confusing..." Sylph closed his eyes and crossed his arms.'

"Nothing is confusing

" Shadow said. "If the master is also my father

then my respect for him will only increase even more."

"Mmm... since we doubt Leon's memories

there is a trigger for us to recover our memories as well

right Sekundez?" Gnome asked.'

"That is right

" Sekundez nodded. "While this crazy bitch is wasting time hesitating in acting

transfer some of your mana to the others. Eventually

they will remember everything."

'Leon nodded and started to do that. Even though he had recovered his memories

there were things that he didn't know because some things only happened after his death. However

soon he understood what Ilyana and Serena did. Although they had the power to reset the time of all things

they would nullify several events by doing so

like the birth of all Leon and Ilyana's kids. To prevent that from happening

Serena and the other kids decided to change their physical forms. They became a part of Ilyana's spirit.'

'Just like Leon suddenly had new ideas for skills and spells in the past

their existence would eventually come to be once Ilyana reaches a certain level of power. That was probably the trigger that would make her remember everything as well. Regardless

since Ilyana also wanted to let her kids interact with their father as much as possible

she made up that whole story of the great spirits and put those rumors in the head of several people Leon met. In the end

there were no lesser spirits or great spirits.'

"Ilyana... can you please move away from me for a bit?" Leon said

looking a bit uncomfortable. "Even though you are not showing your face

I can feel your drool on my back. Besides

now that you are not using your powers on me again..."

'The holy sword was standing uncontrollably... that was something Leon couldn't say out loud in front of so many witnesses. Much less in front of his kids... it doesn't matter how much older they were. Certain things shouldn't be done

no matter what. Besides

it was time to solve things with Tyrselle once and for all.'

722 Chapter 719

'Even though Leon's power had returned

and he could use Supernova if he wishes so

Tyrselle was confident that she could resist the power of such an attack. Their skill and power reached a point where numbers wouldn't be enough to determine the winner of the confrontation

and that was why she was being careful. She couldn't afford to lose again... she had been struggling for far too long as well... she couldn't afford to waste any more time.'

'However

her hesitation disappeared when Leon obtained full control over the mana of the one-hundredth planet. Why her hesitation disappeared? It was because Leon's mana pool became half of the size of hers. Tyrselle bit his lips and then started to bleed in annoyance. That happened many times before... whenever she was confident of her victory

Leon would do something unexpected and then turn the tide of the battle just like that. Besides

using Mana Link was something that he never did before

so Tyrselle had no countermeasures against it.'

"As usual

you are pretty quick at thinking of crazy ways to increase your power

" Ilyana said while she was cleaning the drool near her mouth. "I think this is pretty unfair considering that had to create trillions of monsters over centuries to have this much mana

but I won't complain. Because with this

we will finally reach the seventh stage of the assimilation."

'Tyrsele knew that Ilyana was right. If one could obtain full control over all planets in the universe that have mana

it was clear that that person would reach the seventh stage. If that weren't enough

then the seventh stage wouldn't exist. However

Tyrsele doubted that was the case. The seventh stage does exist

and she would reach and then obtain unlimited power.'

'Copying what Leon did would be easy

but for the time being

Tyrsele would have to defeat Leon and Ilyana because they wouldn't let her do the same. Tyrsele couldn't just go all out either because she couldn't afford to make the mana of several worlds disperse in the universe after destroying them. Although she knew that planets would become a lot more resilient thanks to mana

obviously

the destruction caused by a Supernova would decimate them.'

'Tyrsele breathed deeply to calm her nerves. The stakes were much higher this time. This would be her last chance to revive her little brother. If Leon and Ilyana reach the seventh stage

then they wouldn't reset the time again

and even if they do

they would have enough power to erase her existence from time and space... it was a dangerous spell that Tyrsele barely had used before. Still

she didn't hesitate in pointing her right hand toward Leon.'

'Suddenly

Leon felt a shiver like no other. As if some distortion was messing with the system

Leon saw his health

mana

and stamina bar trembling and slowly getting transparent. Leon's vision darkened... even though all his defensive spells were active. They didn't do a thing against that... against Death.'

'Leon's body vanished. There was no sign of blood or even of the damage he suffered because

just like he could use conceptual attacks to skip several steps when attacking

Tyrsele could do the same on a greater scale. She could skip the attacks when her target suffers the damage and just jump to the point where her foe just dies. However

space where Leon had been

distorted and his body returned to normal.'

""Tch..." Tyrsele clicked her tongue when she saw Ilyana pointing her arms toward Leon and when she felt an invisible presence doing the same thing.'

""To think she would develop such spell... she won't go down easily

Leon

" Ilyana said. "Let's go all out.""

""It looks like I just died again..." Leon frowned. "Well

it also looks like you can revert the effects of death as long as you are close and act fast... I should have expected no less from two masters of the time manipulation.""

'Regardless

after seeing how Tyrselle made a technique

he developed to reach the ultimate level. Leon recognized once more the fact that he couldn't be careless. Although he defeated her many times

she also defeated him. Leon wanted to make his kids recover their memories

but it looked like he will have to wait for a while before that happens.'

"Master Tyrselle..." Sylas hesitated. "What can I do to help you?"

"... You have done enough

" Tyrselle replied after a brief moment of silence. "Return to Earth and make our forces retreat. I will deal with those two alone."

"But..." Sylas insisted.'

"You don't want to kill your fellow humans

right?" Tyrselle asked. "The ones you need to kill can't be killed because they are under his protection. So

any attempt in doing that would be a waste of time. Besides

I'm not sure if I can win this fight. If I fail

I don't want to die knowing that you and all the others will follow me."

'Leon frowned when he heard that. Tyrselle's behavior was a bit different than he had expected

given that she caused the deaths of billions of humans and many other beings on other planets. Perhaps she changed her ways a little bit

knowing that she couldn't face Leon and Ilyana alone

even though she still wanted to kill anyone who may get in her way.'

"... I will give you one last chance

Tyrselle." Leon glared at her. "You caused a lot of destruction and caused the death of too many... but we still can repair everything. Stand aside

and perhaps I will be able to..."

'Tyrselle opened her arms

and then the entire world began to tremble... no... the entire galaxy began to tremble. That was Tyrselle's answer

and Leon sighed when she forcefully teleported Syllas away.'

723 Chapter 720

'It didn't take long for Leon to realize what was going on. Tyrselle was getting reckless... using all the power she could muster. She turned that planet into the most powerful magnet in the universe... making all the nearby planets getting attracted by it.'

"I don't like this

" Ilyana muttered. "She knows this won't kill us

but she is doing it anyway... Still

at the very least

she will destroy several of the monsters under my control and cause a massive blow to my mana pool."

"I'm more worried about what she will do after all the planets and stars in this galaxy finally become a single massive object..." Leon frowned.'

'Ilyana finally noticed that. Tyrselle's actions would probably create the largest massive cosmic body of the entire universe. She not only would deal a massive blow to Ilyana and Leon's power

but she decides to make such a body go kaboom. Perhaps a good part of the universe would be destroyed.'

'Knowing Tyrselle

Leon was fully aware that anything he used against her in the past wouldn't stop her. Still

Leon didn't want to go too far and cause the destruction of other planets. If he does

he would end up destroying Miebos and perhaps even Earth since those were close enough to be destroyed if he uses anything as powerful as a Supernova.'

'When Leon finally had an idea of how to deal with that situation

something unexpected happened. Sylas returned

and as if that wasn't weird enough

several distortions appeared around them

and in each of those distortions

someone else appeared. Being of all kinds of species appeared and put themselves between Leon

Ilyana

and Tyrselle.'

"You bunch of idiots..." Tyrselle bit her lips in exasperation. "What is the meaning of this

Sylas?"

"We can't abandon you

Master Tyrselle

" Sylas said. "Not now when suddenly our goal is finally so close."

'It was quite surprising

but thousands of warriors of several species nodded at Sylas' words. By the look of things

Tyrselle had been quite busy gathering several individuals that picked her interest and were talented in certain areas. Those individuals weren't as powerful as Sylas

but all of them were at the level of the most powerful warriors of Earth.'

"Suddenly

I feel like I'm the bad guy here

" Leon frowned.'

"Fools..." Tyrsele lowered her head and said. "I cannot back down here...
leave now

or all of you will die!"

"It is okay

Master

" Sylas smiled. "At the very least

we will buy you some time."

"I... I used all of you

" Tyrsele said in a barely audible tone. "All of you were only stepping stones
for my plan! None of you know that

but I was the one who summoned the dragons in your planets. I'm the one who
caused the death of many of your comrades. I'm your enemy

not your master or leader... now get the hell out of here and don't show
yourselves in front of me again."

'Leon frowned. That already had become a habit

and

in that situation

he couldn't really do anything else. If that was an act

Tyrsele could gain the Oscar in all categories because she really looked
conflicted and sincere in Leon's eyes. However

the reaction of her followers only made Leon feel more puzzled.'

"Is that so..." Sylas closed his eyes and then nodded to himself. "I'm sorry to say this

master

but I don't believe you. You may have indeed caused the destruction and death in our planets

but you didn't do anything similar after we met you. If you had walked the wrong path before

you chose another after some point. We survived until now

thanks to you

master. You gave us the power to reach our goals and didn't ask anything in return. For that

I will always be thankful

and at the very least

to show my gratitude

I will help you reach your own goal."

'Leon looked at Ilyana

hoping to hear some explanation from her

but she looked as puzzled as him. Her memories seemed fresher than Leon's

and given that Ilyana studied Tyrse's battle style

again and again

she probably didn't delete any memory related to her.'

"Many weird things happened after the last time I used Reset

" Ilyana shrugged. "Maybe she indeed recognized the value of friendship while she was looking for useful pawns to help her."

"Weird things? Such as?" Leon asked.'

"The fact that you got involved with Netro and the other guy much sooner is one of them

" Ilyana replied. "Also

as you remember

this time was the only time your airplane got delayed and

thanks to it

got attacked by a dragon. Do you remember when the other harvester began to teleport dead monsters to Earth to make the fifth stage start sooner? That also never happened before."

'That wasn't surprising. Even though Ilyana and Serena could manipulate time

they didn't have total control over it. That was why they couldn't keep their memories all to the point where the time was reset. In any case

now the number of opponents had increased exponentially

and despite the things Tyrsele didn't do on their planets

they were willing to fight for her until the very end.'

"What do you think of this

Ilyana?" Leon asked.'

"There is strength in numbers

" Ilyana replied. "Even if we counter her spell

those guys will make things complicated for us."

"I suppose it can't be helped..." Leon sighed. "I will summon them."

"Are you sure?" Ilyana asked. "I thought you have been fighting until now to protect them."

"I can't just take responsibility for their lives anymore

" Leon said. "This is probably the last battle... those who want to keep living

have to earn the right to keep living."

"Let's just hope that we will solve this before the nearest planets crush your friends

" Ilyana said.'

'In the blink of an eye

and with the help of Ilyana

Leon summoned all humans from Earth... the population of her planet just increased by several millions.'

724 Chapter 720

""What is going on?""

""What happened?""

""Where are we?""

'As expected

several humans began to panic when they suddenly got teleported to Ilyana's planet. However

most of them calmed down when they felt the presence of their leaders. Hector

Amanda

Maya

Sasha

Betty

Lennart

Gisela

Tom

Yuki

and Ren.'

"Leon?" Hector frowned. "What is going on here? We were fighting the invaders

then they disappeared

and after a while

we felt something weird... they are here."

'When Hector finally saw the enemies he had been fighting with a while ago

he stopped talking. As expected

Tyrsele's followers caused a lot of destruction in just a few hours. All of Leon's friends had wounds all over their bodies

and they looked exhausted. Despite all that

they were glaring at the enemies before them as if they couldn't care less about their wounds.'

"As you can see

I teleported all of you to fight alongside us

" Leon said. "This is Ilyana... I guess she is my wife. Also

she was the one who has been helping me all this time. The black-haired woman over there is the leader of the invaders. This is probably the last battle

and we have to defeat her before all the stars in this galaxy crush us."

"What?" Hector asked in shock.'

'It was hard to tell for what information he was shocked. If it was due to the fact that Leon married an alien

or if the final enemy was finally in front of them. Or if perhaps it was due to the fact that they could die before they defeat the enemies due to a crazy attack.'

"I think you are too calm about all of this

" Ilyana frowned. "Also

if you want to make them fight more fiercely

you should make them relive the memories of the past where they still could remember you."

"Are you sure?" Leon asked. "I thought you would be the last person who would agree to that."

"Yeah

now that you recovered your memories and still want to fight alongside me

then I don't mind

" Ilyana smiled.'

"Why?" Leon frowned. "Are you scared before that I would live among the humans again and create another harem?"

"Just a little bit... but those doubts vanished from my mind already

" Ilyana replied.'

'Talking with Ilyana while she wasn't hiding anything sure was nice

but Leon couldn't help but wonder if they really had time for that. Fortunately

the closest stars were moving slowly by the look of things while the distant ones are moving faster

so they still had some time. However

that also meant that Tyrsele wanted to crush everything without leaving any room for error.'

"What do you guys think?" Leon asked for his old friends. "Do you want me to make all of you remember the things you forgot about me?"

'Everyone looked at each other

dubiously. If Leon had such power
then he might as well have the power to brainwash them. It was risky
but given that he was asking for permission
perhaps there was no need to be afraid. Besides
if Leon could teleport all the people from Earth to another planet
then he could brainwash them even if they try to resist.'

"Go on

" Hector stepped forward and said.'

"Always you

huh

" Leon sighed. "Well

I can't say that I'm surprised."

'Leon touched Hector's forehead and then

in the blink of an eye

transported Hector to his mindscape

where he showed him the memories after he escaped the island

how he met Ren

Makoto

Yuki... how he returned home. The people he fought and finally the moment
where they reunited. After that

Leon accessed Hector's memories and made him relive everything he
experienced from the moment the dragons appeared until the moment Leon
disappeared again. Everything happened in the blink of an eye

but surprisingly

he didn't feel dizzy or anything similar. Instead of that

Hector blinked a few times

and then he began to laugh maniacally.'

"I guess after this. People will think that I really have the time to brainwash them

" Leon frowned. "By the way

why are Tyrsele's soldiers so quiet?"

'When Leon looked at them

he saw them moving... very slowly. The same thing was happening to the humans

they began to run

but they weren't running that fast. The only ones who weren't affected by whatever was going on were Leon

Ilyana

his friends

and Sylas and Tyrsele.'

"I imagined you need some time to restore their memories

" Sekundez said. "So

I created a temporal barrier to buy the time you needed."

"Thank you

Serena

" Leon said. "Come here. As a reward

I will give you a bear hug."

"Shut up

..." Sekundez said. "Don't say such a thing with a straight face. It is gross."

'Leon shrugged. Regardless

Hector finally stopped his laugh

and everyone looked at him dubiously. However

there wasn't any sign of insanity in his eyes. If anything

he only looked refreshed.'

"Man... I can't believe I became such a serious guy

" Hector smiled and then laughed for a moment again. "You took your time to return

Leon. Still... sorry for forgetting about you."

"You talk as if I replaced your personalities

" Leon frowned.'

"No

but you made me recall and feel how when I was young

" Hector said and then patted Leon's right shoulder. "This was just a personification of the past me... Welcome back

Leon."

'Leon couldn't help but smile while watching Hector. For the first time since he returned to Earth

he could see in his eyes that Leon was more than just a powerful stranger that could help him when he needs... he was a friend. In any case

after watching them for a while

Amanda stepped forward. She still looked hesitant

but in her eyes

Leon could see that she wanted something. Without hesitation

Leon touched her head.'