

# 《Unlimited Power – The Arcane Path (COMPLETED)》

## Chapter 91

'Leon frowned when he and the others found the desert wolf boss. He heard that the evolved version of those creatures was bigger and could use wind and earth magic. However

he didn't hear that the boss had two heads.'

"It is a mutant; be careful not to destroy the line of defense

" Paul said. " Raise your weapons but only focus on the defense; if we make a mistake

the creature can easily bite the heads of two of us at the same time. This time let's leave the damage in the hand of the archers and the mages."

'Leon was still the only mage in the team

but Paul said that to increase the morale of the troops. Even though they also knew that they only had one mage... Anyway

the front line moved forward as a whole and at the same pace. Only a few of them had a shield

but most of them were used to blocking the attacks of far bigger creatures using swords

spears

and axes.'

'However

due to the lack of experience and knowledge of the creature

several soldiers got knocked down when the beast charged forward like the wind. Those survivors screamed when the monster's heads approached them

but Leon attacked the beast's eyes to help them.'

'Leon's was good

and he aimed perfectly

but for some reason

he only blinded one of the four eyes of the creature. The beast screamed and trembled

giving time for the frontline to recover. Leon attacked again

but just like before

his arrows only slightly wounded the beast's faces.'

"Is it using magic to prevent critical damage?"

'Leon stopped attacking for a bit

and then he noticed

when some arrows fell on the monster's faces

it always moved to the sides before landing. It was wind magic; the creature was emitting an aura that made projectiles move and even lose power. To make matters worse

his attacks weren't causing as much damage as they were supposed to generate.'

" Since it can use wind and earth

it can also resist to those... the wind can decrease the power of fire arrows too..."

'There was no archer that could around attack with water or ice arrows

but that was undoubtedly the monster's weakness. Unfortunately

Leon couldn't use those.'

"Tch... so troublesome."

'Leon could just overpower the creature by changing his earth arrow a little

but it would be suspicious

considering that his first attack only caused little damage. To win

he couldn't use brute force; he had to use strategy since that would be more acceptable in everyone's eyes.'

'Suddenly creating a single lance using the earth would be suspicious

so Leon decided to put the five arrows in a line and attack like that. The first arrow changed the directions thanks to the wind aura around the beast

but the second pierced the monster's eye. Leon successfully managed to blind the eyes of one head

but it wasn't nearly enough.'

'The beast quickly found the one who caused the pain and tried to attack Leon

but this time the frontline hold the creature. Arrows fell on the two-headed wolf while it was trying to open the path with brute strength

but those barely scratched the beast's thick fur.'

'The two-headed monster gave up on attacking Leon; it retreated

and then it happened... a sandstorm inside the dungeon. Using both earth and wind magic at the same time

the beast blinded everyone with a huge amount of sand and strong winds.'

"I didn't hear that this thing could use two types of magic at the same time... it is because it has two heads?"

'It didn't matter; either way

everyone stayed in position

but in the middle of the sandstorm

no one could see anything. However

Leon knew that he was in danger. He was aware that he would be the first target of the beast in the middle of that sandstorm... it wasn't time to hold back. Fortunately

the sandstorm worked in his favor. He could attack whichever way he wanted

and no one would be able to tell what had happened.'

'Unfortunately

Leon couldn't see the beast. He only saw it when it was already too late.  
Instead of running

the two-headed wolf jumped over the frontline and landed right above him...  
Leon only had time to strengthen two earth arrows and shot before he lost  
consciousness.'

'When Leon woke up

he was feeling terrible. He was so dirty that he recalled the days on the island.  
His clothes were a mess

and his body was covered in sand and blood. Then he remembered his last  
memory

himself being buried by a massive desert wolf. Leon got up only to see that he  
was back in the truck and returning to New York.'

""Woah

hold on

" Paul said. "Stay still for a while; you almost died. Your body is back to normal

but you lost a lot of blood. So

take it easy.""

""... Did the monster die?" Leon asked. "How many did we lose?""

""Not a single soul

thanks to you

" Paul explained. "Aside from a few scratches

everyone is fine. It looked like the beast lost its ability to deflect projectiles  
when it used the sandstorm. That is why you managed to kill it before being  
devoured. Hahaha

you surprised us when we found you under the corpse of the beast.""

'Leon frowned

even though he managed to avoid the beast's fangs

its weight alone was enough to crush him. In the end

the blood covering his body was his own blood and the beast's blood. Leon wanted to clean himself as soon as possible

but he would have to endure.'

"I hate to hold back my powers..."

"Don't make such a face

we completed our mission

" Paul said. "Although you almost died

you defeated a powerful beast. You can rest for a few days because you will be promoted."

'Leon almost died

but at least he managed to get what he wanted.'

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'Leon managed to spend the first month in New York without letting anyone notice his presence. Although there were some rumors about him

no one knew his face. However

crossing the city covered in sand and blood made him stand out a lot. There was no water near the dungeon

so Leon only could clean himself at home. When Leon opened the door of his apartment

Gisela welcomed him with her mouth wide open of surprise.'

"Master

what happened to you?" Gisela asked.'

"I'm not your... forget it

" Leon sighed. "Can you buy something for our lunch? I'm starving since I lost some weight to recover from my wounds. Don't run."

"Yes

master

" Gisela said.'

'Although Gisela wasn't a stranger anymore and she had to train

Leon pretty much every time he wanted to take a bath

he would make her buy something. It was awkward to clean himself while someone so pretty was nearby

which was even more awkward since Gisela respected Leon a lot.'

'In the end

Leon burned those clothes since he wouldn't be able to get rid of the smell of blood. Eventually

Gisela returned

and Leon started to eat while recalling the last battle. In the end

the problem was the fact that he was holding back to fit in that organization. However

he almost died because he was too weak physically.'

"I guess I will have to train my body more frequently. I can increase my endurance and stamina just by training regularly

but I guess it is time to increase my health too... I'm not on the island

and most of the doubts vanished. I guess I'm ready for some painful training sessions..."

"Gisela

do you know how a person can increase health without using status points?"  
Leon asked.'

"The only way I know of doing that is by eating dragons' hearts

master

" Gisela answered.'

"Is that so... that is a problem since no one can choose what kind of status the dragon's heart can increase." Leon massaged his forehead.'

'In the end

it wouldn't be so easy to increase the stat that could increase the amount of damage Leon could take. There was a chance that someone discovered the method of doing that without using a dragon's heart

but since that information was too valuable

only a few handfuls of individuals could know that.'

"I can't increase my health permanently... I guess the only is to learn some defensive or support spells."

'However

in the end

that was also difficult. Leon could use Mana Reinforcement to increase most of his stats to some extent

but he didn't need that. Besides

it was too inefficient to improve his dexterity or strength when he only used magic. He needed to learn spells that could raise his endurance

speed

and mentality to increase his chances of survival. By increasing those

he would decrease the amount of damage he can receive if he fails on blocking projectiles or direct attacks.'

"Creating offensive spells is easy... I just have to give the shape and shot as fast as possible

but I have no idea of the logic behind support spells."

'At that point in time

Leon couldn't deny that he was a mage

and he knew the most common defensive spell for a mage

the Mana Shield. However

give shape and physical attributes to mana while he couldn't see it was just too difficult.'

"And I didn't even learn how to absorb mana from cores yet..."

'The number of things Leon needed to learn increased

but he had no idea how to learn it. His future was uncertain...'

'One week later

Gisele's mana and intelligence reached a decent level. So

Leon decided to teach her how to use Water Manipulation. Although the building was mostly made of earth

they couldn't use it since it was dangerous. Leon could create some earth to let her train

but he would have a hard time getting rid of that earth. It would be suspicious if suddenly throws earth from his window to the streets...'

'Sooner than Leon thought

Gisela learned how to manipulate water. He still needed to give her some pointers

but he would do that later because the blond receptionist paid him a visit.'

"Hello



long time no see." The blond receptionist said.'

"Yeah... is it about my promotion?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

I came here to pick you up and take you to where the directors are." The blond receptionist said . "... but first

can I see Gisela for a moment?"

"Sure... Gisela

someone is here to see you."Leon said.'

'After a few seconds

Gisela left the bathroom and approached the door

obviously

without showing the Water Manipulation. She smiled when she saw the blonde receptionist

for some reason.'

"Hello

Sarah." Gisela smiled.'

"Hi... you look much better than the last time I saw you." Sarah frowned.

"Much

much better... to think that I would see your smile again is kind of surprising. Did something happen? You look... so full of life."

"Yes

thanks to master

I found my path in life again

" Gisela said. "Now

I can clearly see the road that will lead me to my goals."

"Is that so... I'm happy for you." Sarah frowned.'

'Sarah couldn't help but frown; it was only obvious since Gisela looked like an entirely different person. Leon didn't look like the type of person who could change a person so much

much less someone who stared at the abyss for so long... Either way

Leon and Sarah left the building.'

"Did you do or say something to Gisela?" Sarah asked.'

"Yes

I keep saying to her to stop calling me master

but she doesn't listen

" Leon answered.'

'Leon indeed didn't look like the type of person who could help someone like that

but Sarah decided not to pry. Gisela recovered herself

and that was the only thing Sarah was interested in.'

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"Is there a reason why you had to pick me up?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

rank A and S members of our organization work in a different manner than the members of lower rank

" Sarah explained. "They do all kinds of things

and they receive the contents of the jobs from the receptionists who talked with them. It is necessary to create a sense of familiarity between members and the organization."

"I see... so that means that from today onward

I may end up receiving jobs that may take days to complete

" Leon said. "But it is also possible that someday I won't have to do anything?"

"That is right

but you can rest assured

" Sarah added. "Your salary will be paid even if you don't receive a single mission in a month

and you will receive a bonus for each mission completed.'

'After arriving at the main building

they climbed the stairs until they reached the tenth floor. That floor only had four rooms

one room for each director

and a meeting room where they occasionally received visits.'

"It is Sarah; I brought Leonard." Sarah knocked on the meeting room's door.'

"Come in."

'It was the voice of someone fluent in English

so Leon imagined that it was William's voice. Surprisingly

he seemed pretty calm

considering that he was leading a shady organization. Then again

aside from their goals and the fact they were using maids to satisfy the needs of their employees

everything else was pretty decent.'

'When Leon and Sarah entered the room

he saw three figures sitting around an oval table

in the middle

there was a man who had short black hair. He was tall and had the body of someone who loved to work out. Just by his haircut

Leon discovered that William wasn't an ordinary person; he was once a marine.'

'On his right side

Leon saw a brown-haired man who had a big mustache. His eyes were sharp but quite calm. His build was short

but despite that

his muscles were well-defined. The person sitting on the left side was a red-haired woman

she kind reminded Leon of Jess since she also some impatience in her eyes. Aside from her hair and eyes

she looked pretty ordinary.'

""Director William

Director Sanchez

Director Alisson

" Sarah slightly bowed. "As instructed

I brought Leonard.""

""Thank you

Sarah

you two may sit

" William said.'

'The table was quite big

so Leon and Sarah ended up sitting on the opposite side of Wiliam. Leon expected the people who were ruling the Allied Forces of the North-America to look a little shadier

but that was probably because he watched too many movies in the past.'

""Hello

Leonard

" William said. "We heard about you from the examiner

Paul. He told us how you defeated a mutated beast and about your progress in the last month."

"I was lucky in surviving the battle and also in learning a type of magic

" Leon said.'

""Even though you say that

I can see a lot of confidence in your eyes." William put his elbows on the table.'

""Well

I have been practicing that magic a lot

and I guess killing a beast like that also boosted my ego

" Leon explained.'

""And you should feel prideful of yourself

" William said with a severe expression. "Those beasts started to appear recently

but only a few soldiers can defeat them. The number of people in my command that can solo that kind of monsters didn't reach the two digits house... so you can imagine my surprise when I heard that a rank B member in the organization almost single-handedly killed a monster."

"I was lucky

sir

" Leon said. "The beast lost its defensive aura when it created the sandstorm."

"Yeah

I heard of it

" William nodded. "It is difficult to find mages

much less someone who has so much power. However

you haven't fully mastered your power

have you? I believe you show great promise

but you still need to train for a while longer."

"I also think the same

sir." Leon nodded.'

"Very good

" William said

and then pulled a map out of his pocket and gave it to Sarah who approached to pick it. "While considering the potential of your growth

I think this is a pretty good place for you to train. Our organization also needed the resources we can obtain there

but we are having difficulties in clearing the dungeon. But with your help

I believe the team stationed there will progress a lot and eventually clear the dungeon."

"Of course

it will be my pleasure to help them

" Leon said.'

"Good

Sarah will give you the information you will need about the dungeon and monsters

" William smiled. "She will also explain to you about your new benefits. You can go now.'

"Yes

sir." Leon got up and slightly bowed.'

'Leon hoped to hear something interesting while he and Sarah left the tenth floor

but something so convenient didn't happen. Either way

now Leon had a good idea of who he was dealing with. He looked to be a cool and collected leader

but Leon was pretty sure that it was just an act. Regardless

in the end

whatever the people in the Allied Forces of the North-America decided to do

he had the final word

and that meant that he was directly related to the death of Makoto's son.'

'It looked like William was a melee fighter

defeating him wouldn't be easy

much less to imprison him. Maybe some metal clothes would stop his movements

but not for long. So

Leon couldn't just capture him and ask who else was involved. He had to discover who was involved first and then capture all of them later.'

"Easier said than done..."

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'It wouldn't be easy

by the look of things

William was planning to do something big pretty soon. So

to participate in that

Leon had to show results before that. His fake growth in the previous month didn't make anyone suspicious

so Leon could continue doing that.'

"Your salary now will be ten thousand coins; you will also receive the same amount every time you complete a job

" Sarah explained. " From now on

you will receive 60% of the coins of the materials you obtain. You can also move to a bigger apartment. Lastly... you can have four more maids if you want to."

"I don't need to move

and I don't need to hear more people calling me master..." Leon sighed. "I will barely stay in my apartment

so it doesn't matter."

"Is that so... it looks like you didn't lay your hands on Gisela

" Sarah said. "If you are gay

you could have said so. Our organization doesn't care about the preferences of our employees."

"I'm not gay... and like I said

I don't need more people calling me master." Leon sighed. "It doesn't matter if they are male or female."



"All right then... you can go to the dungeon whenever you want

" Sarah said. "But I think you should go tomorrow as soon as you and Gisela are ready. I will prepare a vehicle."

"Do I have to take her with me?" Leon asked.'

"Yes

the dungeon is quite far from here

" Sarah explained. "Going and returning by car isn't that practical

it would take several hours. Besides

even though there is a camp there

everyone has to prepare their own meals and clean their own clothes. Instead of wasting time doing that you should rest

you should make the maid do that for you."

'Traveling long distances was easy for Leon

but he couldn't move so fast without a vehicle since his movements were being monitored. He also could wash his own clothes

but it would be suspicious if he doesn't make use of Gisela in that regard. He didn't treat her like a servant

but if someone gets suspicious

they would have problems.'

"Okay

I will bring her along..." Leon sighed.'

"Very well

the vehicle that will transport you to the dungeon will be waiting for you in front of the main building at 06:00 AM

" Sarah said. "I wish you luck."

'After saying farewell to Sarah

Leon headed home. Only half an hour had passed between the moment he left his apartment and the moment he returned. It wasn't much

but Gisela was still playing with Water Manipulation.'

"Welcome home

master." Gisela smiled. "I never thought it could be so fun training my magic."

"Well

it seems that you will have a lot of time to practice that

" Leon said. "I got promoted

and I'm going to a dungeon tomorrow. Since it is far away

you will have to go with me for the sake of appearances. I don't know how the situation of the camp there

but I'm pretty sure the soldiers won't have places to sleep as big as this apartment. Your physical training will be in hiatus for a while."

"Understood

master." Gisela nodded enthusiastically. "Leave all the miscellaneous work to me."

'Until now

Leon avoided buying things like pans

spoons

and forks

but now it couldn't be avoided. Leon transferred coins for Gisela to buy that kind of thing and food supplies for at least one week. Sarah and William didn't say for how long he could work in the dungeon

so he had to decide that for himself.'

"I guess seven If I work seven days and rest for three should be enough."

'Since Leon would also work in killing the monsters who may try to leave the dungeon

he basically would sleep a few hours and fight more than usual. So

that much of resting was fine. Regardless

since they would have to transport a lot of things

Gisela ended up buying a cart too. She also bought charcoal

bottles of water

and products to clean clothes and cooking utensils... and there was still the food. That made Leon frown

his life on the island was inconvenient but much more straightforward. Most problems he could solve with magic

but in human society

he couldn't help but hide his skills.'

"The next time

I will think twice before offering myself to do this kind of thing..."

'Leon didn't know if someone would inspect his apartment while he was away

but it was better to be safe than sorry. So

in the middle of the night

he sent the weapons he had made for Gisela flying toward the sea.'

'The next day

Leon and Gisela moved toward the main building

and there they found the driver who would take them to the dungeon. There was no escort party as it looked like the directors only promoted those who could defend themselves outside New York.'

'After traveling for four hours toward the southwest

finally

Leon and Gisela reached their destination. Leon found several buildings around the dungeon; those were the houses where the soldiers would stay. At least it was big enough for Leon and Gisela to sleep in their sleeping bags.'

'The dungeon was located in the middle of an abandoned farm

but unlike the other dungeons

that were a cave or a hole... it was a structure that reminded him of a mausoleum. In front of it

he saw stairs that led to the underground

and the darkness of that place made him feel shivers. It was the perfect place for those creatures... Leon's new adversaries were skeletons.'

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'Leon had no idea how come skeletons and giant wolves were in the same class; he could understand that regarding wolves

but not with skeletons. Since they had the same shape as the human skeletons

it was hard to think of them as monsters. But the fact that attacked any living creature was proof enough.'

'Leon arrived on time to see a tall man smashing a skeleton with a massive hammer since the monsters were undead creatures; the only way to kill them was to smash them into dust. The man who killed seemed to be a very experienced fighter

his movements were fluid

and Leon saw no hesitation in him. But that much was to be expected since he had been selected to be a rank A member in William's organization.'

"It looks like this is a special dungeon

" Leon said. "I haven't seen any skeletons so far

so there must be a reason for that."

"Master

I heard that the longer those skeletons stay on our planet

the stronger they get

" Gisela explained. "I also heard that the directors participated in the battle to exterminate the skeletons that invaded our planet

and they had a hard time killing all of them."

"I think killing is the wrong word here..." Leon frowned. "Still

I wonder why they are having a hard time clearing this dungeon

that guy just killed the skeleton in a single hit. By the way

how can the dust of the skeletons can be used?"

"I don't know how

but I heard that that is used to increase the defense of some equipment

master

" Gisela explained. "The process of creation is a secret

and it belongs to the directors."

"Just like the method of creation of the magic items

" Leon added.'

'Leon wasn't interested in increasing his defensive gear

but he was really interested in the process of creating magic equipment. If by chance

he discovers the method

he could create several items to increase the aspects where he was lacking. Health was an excellent example of that.'

"Well

let's greet these guys I'll be working with for the next few days

after all" Leon said.'

'Although Leon wanted to do that

it looked like everyone was resting in those houses. Only the guy who had killed the skeleton was on watch duty. Leon approached him and finally could see his appearance. He was tall and had long black straight hair; it had been a long time since Leon saw a man with long hair... Regardless

Leon hoped for the people who founded the organization with William to be shady people

but that man didn't pass that image through his face and light-brown eyes. He looked battle-hardened due to the several scars in his body

but he didn't look that savage.'

"Who are you?" The man asked when he saw Leon approaching.'

"My name is Leonard. It is nice to meet you

" Leon offered a handshake. "I got promoted recently

and director William sent me here to help."

"Is that so..." The man grabbed his hammer and swung toward Leon's head.'

'Leon acted fast

sending mana through his feet

he made earth around him become a head-size cube and blocked the that guy's hammer. A huge thud echoed through the air that made everyone inside the houses check what was going on

and they frowned when they saw a mage blocking their leader's hammer without flinching.'

"Hoh... it seems the first guy to be promoted isn't so bad." The man said.  
"Sorry for testing you

my name is Tom

and I'm the leader of the team here... It seems you won't have any difficulties working with us."

"That is not a problem

" Leon smiled. "It is only natural to test an outsider. On the battlefield

you can't trust a weakling to watch your back

after all."

"Well said

but to think a mage would be the first one to join our group..." Tom rubbed his chin. "Anyway

you should accommodate yourself in one of the free houses. It is not big or comfortable

but there is enough room to store your luggage. We can talk later."

'Leon nodded and then headed to one of the houses that looked empty. Although there were ten of those

only five were being used. It looked like William and the others thought they would be able to find strong individuals to join them quite fast considering the benefits they offered

but soon they understood the cursed ring was like a two-edged sword. It protected them from spies

but it also made his possible allies afraid of them.'

'There wasn't much to unpack

so Leon and Gisela finished rather quickly. Since she didn't have to participate in the meetings

Leon created a few knives and a bucket of water for her to train and practice Water Manipulation.'

'While Gisela was playing with water

Leon headed toward where Tom was. While he was away

Tom called the other members of the team; surprisingly

aside from Leon and Tom

the other two were a man and a woman who looked bored out of their minds.'

"This is Leon

our new teammate

" Tom said. "He is a mage

and considering that the directors sent him here soon after he was promoted

I can see that they expect a lot of things from him and us. We can't waste that much time here; we have to clear this dungeon in the near future."

"Yeah

yeah..." The man said.'

"Whatever

" The woman said.'

'Leon noticed that those two would be useless

so he didn't even bother memorizing their names. According to what Leon heard from Tom

the others the same as those two

pretty lazy despite having the power recognized by William. Those two would return the next day and while the other would return to New York to fool around.'

"Great... only Tom is working seriously here."



## Chapter 96

'After the brief introductions

those two returned to their houses. Leon could look at them in amazement in how those guys become powerful. After fighting for weeks alongside Paul and his underlings

he understood that B rank soldiers had the same power of someone like Ren

who was the captain and responsible for protecting a small town. Those guys weren't exactly weaklings

but rank A soldiers must be at least three or four times stronger. However

Leon had no idea how those guys reached that weak with such an attitude.'

""Well

that is it for introductions

" Tom said. "Things around here aren't that complicated

so you will have an easy time learning the things you have to do. After defeating the skeletons

we must collect the dust that was once their bones. So

you should always have a broom and a shovel to get that.""

""Okay..." Leon frowned.'

""We only fight during mornings

" Tom added. "After that

every single one of us stays on guard duty. If a skeleton appears

you smash it. If a monster appears

you alert the others.""

'Leon nodded

even though he didn't see many monsters after leaving New York

it was only because he didn't pass any urban zones or at least what was left of those zones. It looked like monsters tend to gather in those zones because the number of places that make for good hideouts was pretty decent.'

"With you here

we will be able to decrease the amount of time everyone will watch the dungeon

" Tom explained. "Unfortunately

you will have to work on the worst turn since you a newcomer."

"The final hours of the night... I don't mind." Leon said.'

"Ah... eventually

you will mind." Tom said. "We usually also take turns in working in that turn... well

you will understand why."

'Leon couldn't understand the meaning behind Tom's words

but since he eventually would see why

he decided not to ask for explanations. Anyway

since Tom had nothing more to say to him

he returned to his temporary home.'

"Welcome back

master

" Gisela said. "Did something happen?"

"No

I'm just curious about something. "You can continue your training."

'Gisela asked that because Leon entered but didn't close the door

he decided to observe his new teammates in case something happens. Tom was a soldier who focused on brute strength

Leon didn't see him using any skills

but with the brute strength alone

he could smash skeletons with a single strike of his hammer.'

"I guess he trained and trains like a madman to obtain that much power... He looks to be a decent guy

but if something happens and I ended up fighting him

maybe I will have trouble if I don't finish him off fast."

'The other two were also powerful. However

their strength came from the skills that they obtained from tomes. The man could swing his sword and then shot an energy beam to destroy the skeletons. As for the woman

she could increase her strength and speed using a support spell

and with a rain of attacks

she would decimate her opponents using a purple spear.'

"No wonder those two are so lazy

they didn't work hard to obtain that power. They are not stronger than an ordinary B rank soldier

but their skills are so powerful that they were selected to become rank A members in this organization."

'It looked like their weapons had some extra effects as well

so Leon could easily imagine that their growth ended ages ago

and they would never grow stronger than that.'

'Leon's turn would begin at 01:00 AM

and he would work until 06:00 AM

which was the usual time where the soldiers would enter the dungeon

but surprisingly

the guy who stayed on guard duty before he knocked on his door at 11:00 PM.'

"Hey

newbie

it is your turn now."

'Before Leon could answer the door

he left

and as if it was a matter of fact

he entered his own home. Leon sighed

those guys were uncooperative beyond reason. Regardless

he couldn't pick a fight on his first day

but he already knew how he would solve that problem.'

"Let me accompany you

master

" Gisela said. "I will pick the dust."

'Leon didn't refuse Gisela's help

and even though he would rather spend his night alone

it would be better if he gives her some pointers while she is practicing Water Manipulation. There was a campfire in front of the entrance of the dungeon

so they headed there... before Leon and Gisela could sit

they heard moans and low screams of pain

and then Tom's words suddenly started to make sense.'

'Leon frowned at first

but soon he understood what was going on. The man and the woman were having 'parties at their own houses. Although the space wasn't that large

it looked like at least four people were inside each house. Leon heard sounds of whips and sounds of some objects being hit against human flesh; after that

he heard moans of absolute ecstasy.'

"Holy crap... a dominatrix and a sadist. Wait a minute... a dominatrix can also be considered a sadist... half of my teammates are sadists..."

'Leon didn't like the sound of that

but it wasn't his problem unless those two try to mess with him. Leon didn't feel the need to help those maids and butlers

and by the look of things

he concluded that they didn't want to be helped; they wanted more... or perhaps they have been trained by those two

and now they like. Either way

Leon didn't want to be involved.'

'At least Leon didn't hear any sound coming from Tom's house

it looked like he was an ordinary guy

but considering that half of the teammates were weirdoes

Leon decided to be wary of him.'

## Chapter 97

'The noises coming from those the houses eventually stopped after two hours. Although Leon tried to concentrate on his task of watching the dungeon

he felt quite bothered by it

since he had a problem with his libido. Meanwhile

Gisela gathered the skeletons' dust and played with Water Manipulation as much as possible. She suffered so much that something like that was considered normal by her...'

"Master

you got promoted

right?" Gisela suddenly asked. "Why didn't you accept other maids?"

"I don't really want to hear anyone calling me master

" Leon answered. "I also don't need maids; I can do pretty much everything by myself."

"But isn't it boring?" Gisela asked.'

"What is boring?" Leon frowned.'

"To relieve your sexual tension with your hands?" Gisela asked.'

"The hell are you talking about..."Leon said.'

"Maids are trained to help their masters in that regard

" Gisela said.'

"Are you still considering doing that for anyone?" Leon asked. "What would your parents think if they hear this?"

"They would be very disappointed..." Gisela lowered her head. "But if it is with you master

I think it is okay..."

"AH! Don't say that! Don't say that... my scumbag instincts are returning to surface!" Leon covered his ears. "Ah... they are not coming. The holy sword is not standing yet. Anyway

don't think about that again

all right? Just focus on obtaining the power to go to your home."

"... Is it because I'm deformed

master?" Gisela hesitated.'

"Ugh... my head hurts." Leon sighed. "You are going to make me say this

aren't you... to think I would embarrass myself to this extent... When I was on that island

I worked single-mindedly to reach my goal

and I used all my energy to reach my goal. That means I didn't do anything to relieve my sexual tension... why I'm saying this in such a roundabout way? Anyway... after four years without unsheathing the holy sword

the blade lost its sharpness. It will take a while before the holy sword can be used again... I'm getting depressed while saying this... Believe me

you are still pretty

but you are my friend

and I cannot see you in that kind of light."

"Thank you

master." Gisela showed a pure smile. "It warms my heart to hear that master consider me a friend... still

as a friend

I can do something to help you to solve that problem."

"... What can you do?" Leon hesitated.'

"I heard that a lot of men could get erections when their buttohole are stimulated

so..." Gisela said.'

"There is no way in hell you will touch that!" Leon declared. "Since playing with water isn't enough for you anymore

you will train to learn your first spell."

"Yes

Master!" Gisela said.'

'The dungeon wasn't that close to the houses

so Leon was sure that no one would be able to see Gisela's training. After several hours

he taught her how to make a water bullet. Gisela mastered the shape of the projectile quite fast

but she would need to train how to strengthen and how to create water first. Instead of learning how to do that with four elements

it would be more convenient if Gisela focuses on one.'

'When morning came

Gisela returned to the house when Tom and the other two appeared. Aside from Tom

those two looked exhausted; the reason was so obvious that Leon couldn't help but sigh. His teammates were the type of people who didn't get serious while working. Leon hoped to see Tom scolding them

but nothing happened.'

"Leonard

don't you have any equipment?" Tom asked. "I know that magic staffs are rare

but a mage like should have found one at some point in New York."

"Yeah

I found a few

but I don't like to rely on equipment too much



" Leon said. "I will become more eager to train if I notice the growth of my skills without relying on external help."

"Is that so?" Tom frowned. "Well

you managed to defeat dozen of skeletons the whole night without asking for help

so I think that is fine."

'By the look of things

it didn't look like Leon had been observed while he watched the dungeon. However

that could be an act so that Leon couldn't drop his guard.'

"That being said

the monsters inside the dungeon are more difficult

" Tom said. "So

I think you should buy a magic staff the next time you return to New York."

"Yes

sir." Leon nodded. "But how can they be more difficult?"

"No need to be so respectful

" Tom chuckled. "You already know that the more time they spent in our world

the stronger they get

right? The more time they spent on earth

the more they absorb mana to create their weapons and gear. If we let them run wild

in one day

an ordinary skeleton can become a skeleton knight. After ten days

the beast can become a skeleton rider

and after one month

those monsters become death knights."

"I see... so they can create their own gear

" Leon said.'

"That is right

" Tom nodded. "Of course

skeletons can become skeleton archers and wizards as well. However

inside the dungeon

there are only skeletons knights

archers

and wizards. So

to avoid problems down the road

we have to kill them before they can get too powerful."

'Leon nodded

the skeletons were troublesome enemies because they had a lot of potential.  
Leon never fought a death knight

but he couldn't imagine it being stronger than a three-headed earth dragon.  
Rather than that

Leon was more interested in their ability to absorb mana from the surroundings.  
Maybe those creatures would be the key that would lead Leon to discover how  
to absorb mana from objects and eventually from his surroundings.'

## Chapter 98

"Leonard

your job will be to kill the skeletons archers and wizards as soon as possible

" Tom said. "Their numbers are small

but they are very troublesome to melee fighters like us. You will conserve your mana

and whenever they appear

you will attack them with all your might. Got it?"

"Ok." Leon nodded.'

'Although Leon was thankful for not having to put himself at risk

the last memory of him trying to trust the frontline wasn't a pleasant one. In a world where monsters could fly and jump dozens of meters upward

the formation didn't have much utility

but he accepted his function in any case. Before entering the dungeon

Tom made Leon push a cart where the skeleton's dust would be stored. Since Leon didn't have to use his hands

he could push that without a problem.'

'As soon as they entered the dungeon

they were welcomed by three skeleton knights. Their equipment didn't look all that impressive; it didn't have any magic effects. However

it seemed pretty sturdy. The skeletons had a one-handed sword on their right side and a buckler on their left side. Their helmets had a spike on the top

and they also had breastplates.'

"How in the hell did those monsters manage to create all that?"

'The monsters charged

and their bodies blurred due to the speed

the fact that they were only bones increased their speed. However

charging forward without strategy wasn't a good idea. Before the skeleton could touch him

Tom smashed it in a single strike. The man shot an energy beam and destroyed the second one. In three hits

the woman also destroyed the skeleton. Rather

it looked like the spear made the bones disintegrate... it was a quite nasty way of attacking.'

"They are strong... Tom is unexpected the most powerful of them. The brute strength capable of smashing bones and steel like that can't be laughed at."

"Miller

Kelly

don't spend your energy so soon

" Tom warned. "We will fight until noon; if you two run out of energy again

we won't retreat. Did you hear me?'

'Miller and Kelly looked away

and since that scene repeated itself many times

Leon ended up memorizing their names and faces. All in all

they seemed pretty average. Both of them had light-brow hair

and their eyes were of the same color... the only thing that stood in them was the perverted smiles that they showed each other. It looked they wanted to play together at night

but since both of them liked to dominate and not to be dominated

that never happened before.'

"Oh

boy... to think those guys would think of that in the middle of a dungeon... they will die young."

'It didn't take long for Leon to find his targets. The skeletons wizard was wearing a robe and had a wand. As for the archer

it only had a green bow. It was evident that wizards could use magic

but he frowned when he saw a skeleton creating a thunder arrow. That wasn't good

Leon transferred his mana to earth and formed two blocks of earth

before the monsters could attack

he smashed them into pieces. He exaggerated

Leon noticed that when he saw Tom

Miller

and Kelly looking at him with their eyes wide open.'

"Ah... I used too much mana..." Leon tried to fake his nervousness

and it looked like he fooled those three.'

"...You surprised me

for a second I thought you hold back against me before." Tom said. "But it looks like the more mana you put into your attacks

the stronger and faster they get."

"Yeah..." Leon forced a smile.'

'Leon had planned sooner or later to scare Miller and Kelly in order to make them not to mess with him again. He didn't mind staying up while watching the dungeon for a little longer

but not when those guys were fooling around.'

'Anyway

Leon thought they would explore the whole dungeon in order to kill all the skeletons before they could grow stronger. Although they only transformed after a certain period of time

they became stronger by the day. However

they only explored the left side of the dungeon

and after three hours

they were back to the entrance.'

"Phew... thanks to you

Leonard

things were very easy." Tom smiled. "To think that a single mage could decrease our time working by the half... anyway

my time watching the dungeon will increase

but that is not a problem. You guys can go and rest.'

'Leon and the others killed almost two hundred skeletons

it wasn't that difficult

but Leon could imagine why Tom and the other two had to spend six hours hunting to finish one section of the dungeon. It was because they had to stop and rest several times due to the laziness of Miller and Kelly. Their skills and weapons consumed their mana and stamina

and since their strength was of an ordinary B rank soldier

they used skills to kill the monsters. They had the speed to block the monster's attacks

but it was too painful for them... even though they could heal in a few minutes.'

"Geez... they looked like spoiled kids."

'The dungeon didn't look that hard to clear

that much was obvious if only three people were capable of surviving inside of it six hours

but that was strange since Leon had no idea why that dungeon hadn't been cleared yet. Something was off

so Leon made a mental note to investigate that later. First

he had to check if something happened while he was away to Gisela and also check his progress since she was already trying to learn Water Transformation.'

## Chapter 99

"Welcome back

master

" Gisela said

showing a complicated expression. "I'm sorry

but it looks like this will take a while..."

'Gisela spent the last hours trying to freeze the water of a bucket

but there was no sign of ice. However

Leon noticed that the water got colder.'

"You are on the right path

keep practicing

" Leon said. "There is no need to feel embarrassed; I only learned that after training my magic for months."

'Leon patted Gisela's head

and then she nodded. While he was training on the island

Leon noticed that it was easy to freeze water if he just inserts his mana in a small portion of water. Freezing the water of a bucket would be even easier since he didn't have to control it. After giving a few more pointers

Leon left the house and headed to the entrance of the dungeon where Tom was. Since he was focused on watching the surroundings

he quickly noticed Leon's approach.'

"Is something wrong

Leon?" Tom asked. "You spent the night awake and killed a lot of skeletons this morning; you should rest while you can."

"I just came to ask a few questions

" Leon said.'

"What is it?" tom asked.'

"You guys already found the crystal of the dungeon

right?" Leon showed a puzzled expression. "By what I saw today

ordinary skeletons don't stand a chance against you guys. So

why didn't you clear the dungeon yet?"

"You are right

" Tom nodded. "It is obvious

but it is due to the boss. That thing... it is very dangerous. Have you heard of ghosts' dungeon? Japan has one

but we don't have one here. The boss of this dungeon is similar to the boss of that dungeon; we call it Grim Reaper 2.0. However

it can summon skeletons almost infinitely. Not only that

but it also can suck our souls quite fast... we lost one member on the first time we fought against the boss."

"It sounds very scary..." Leon said.'

"As if that wasn't enough

we can only damage with spells and attacks that are strengthened by mana



" Tom explained. "We don't have enough mana

and we also tried to fight while using potions

but we didn't last long."

"Why didn't you ask the directors to send a few archers or mages?" Leon asked.'

"We tried that before

but it is useless

" Tom answered. "Unless we have a mage or archer deal a lot of damage

we can't stop the Grim Reaper from summoning more skeletons. The beast apparently has infinite mana

and even if we destroy all skeletons with a single strike

eventually we will run out of gas. That is why the directors sent you here; I believe that think you have the potential to stop the grim reaper. Your attacks are powerful

but not enough."

"Well

I guess I need to train until then

" Leon said and then started to walk away.'

"That would help me a lot if you become powerful enough to stop that thing." Tom smiled. "Although I'm thankful for your enthusiasm

you should rest properly. This isn't a sprint; it is a marathon."

"May I ask you why I would end up helping you? You are the captain of the team

but you don't have to stay here every single day

right?" Leon asked.'

"Well

with the payment of this job and the coins we may obtain from the boss

" Tom said. "I think I will be able to take a few weeks off. You are right

I can take a few days off

but it would complicate things. I'm married

my wife and I opened an orphanage in New York

and to keep it running

we need coins."

"I see... you are a lucky guy

" Leon said.'

"No

I just married her recently

" Tom explained. "You can laugh if you want

but she was originally my maid. Although it may not sound so convincing considering that she had to obey all my orders

we married because we had many things in common

we were orphans and lived on the streets for a long time. So

we had this dream to build a place where others like us wouldn't be mistreated or be shunned by society."

"I would never laugh at you... to be honest

I'm quite impressed

" Leon said while showing his amazement.'

"Ah

don't say that." Tom laughed. "It makes my back feel itchy."

'Leon was indeed impressed

until that moment

he only thought of doing things that would benefit himself. Sure

he was working for Makoto to avoid a war

but he was worried about how a possible war would affect his sister's lifestyle rather than the number of casualties.'

'After solving that situation between the two nations

Leon would spend his life in Las Vegas near his sister and niece to protect them from the danger and maybe protect Hector too since he didn't want to see them crying.'

"I guess at some point I stopped caring about many things... Although I worked hard to escape from that place by myself

I waited to be rescued for the whole time. Since no one helped me

deep down

I don't feel the need to help those who I don't love or care about. I became a selfish person..."

'It couldn't be helped; deep down

Leon was aware that he couldn't rely on anyone but family with the world in that state. Still

was that enough? Would he protect his family and see everyone else

dying? Did he want to live in that kind of world? Leon didn't have the answers to those questions

but he didn't want to see Amanda and Maya living in a world of death and destruction. It was time for Leon to stop being so narrow-minded...'

## Chapter 100

'After talking to Tom and noticing that he wasn't doing nearly his best for the planet

Leon barely slept. He started to think of what he should do after solving the situation between the Allied Forces of the North-America and Japan. To make matters worse

Leon didn't discover a single thing of what he should do to absorb mana from objects and the environment. If Leon couldn't sleep and discover anything about the things he wanted to learn

the only thing he could do was to meditate

and so he did.'

'Unlike the previous day

Miller didn't try to make Leon begin his turn of watching the dungeon and the camp two hours earlier. So

after midnight

Gisela and Leon sat in front of the dungeon. While she was trying to freeze the water of a bucket

Leon observed the skeletons and crushed them before they could cause him any harm. Still

he didn't learn anything just by observing the monster.'

'''There is no flesh

and there is no sign of any magic element in those creatures' bodies... so

they must have mana in their bones. They are undead creatures

but they still have mana. Without bones

muscles

blood

and a brain to control their bodies

only something like mana could grant them the power to move..."

'However

Leon was aware that something was off. Why the skeletons had their equipment inside the dungeon but had to wait for a day before they could evolve into skeleton archers

wizards

and knights? It was probably due to the fact that the dungeon was a portal that leads to another world because that world had a lot of mana

and the dungeon was part of that world... to some extent. But that didn't give Leon any clue either.'

"When mana is involved

I usually fail because I don't understand the theory of what I'm trying to do... there is a reason why I'm failing at absorbing mana; if those undead creatures can

I definitely can

too."

"Master

is that a spell

too?" Gisela asked.'

"No

I'm just manipulating earth

" Leon answered. "A person can't control a spell for so long."

"But isn't that way of attacking more efficient than some spells?" Gisela asked.'

"It probably is since I compressed the earth and made it move fast

" Leon explained. "However

I have to use more mana to be able to control it. Using a spell is more convenient because I don't have to worry about giving shape to the projectile or increasing its speed. Besides

if you master a powerful attack and turn into a spell

you can shot that same spell over and over again to cause massive damage as long as you have mana."

"It isn't just better to create and control powerful magic projectiles and attack using them?" Gisela asked.'

"It is not easy to control

and like I said

I can't control for long; to obtain control over something you create

you will have to touch it

" Leon answered. "And sometimes

that is not possible."

"Can you only control something you created?" Gisela asked.'

"That is right... I think." Leon frowned.'

'Leon started to wonder that perhaps that way of thinking was wrong. If someone could control something that a person created

then telekinesis shouldn't exist. The logic was a bit flawed

but if he could face grim reapers

then telekinesis must exist. At least that was what Leon wished.'

"Let's see... Ah

I didn't create the four elements

but I can still control them... Telekinesis definitely exists

but putting that aside... the four elements are definitely simple. Still

objects are more complex since they don't have a single substance... why am I thinking about this? I certainly want to learn telekinesis

but first

I want to learn how to absorb mana."

'Regardless

thanks to Gisela's question Leon found a clue. Using his mana

he could control the things he creates and the four elements with relative ease. Without mana

he couldn't do that without a few tricks. The key to not relying on tricks was to adapt himself; one excellent example of that was the fact that humans need food and water to live. However

just holding food and water isn't enough

they have to drink and eat it.'

"I really don't want to eat a slime's core..."

'It was mainly a stone

so that wouldn't be good for Leon. So

he had to find another way to adapt the stone to his needs. Leon needed to eat it... eat the mana

he had to eat something which he couldn't see. To eat something he couldn't know

he decided to use something he couldn't see

and that was his mana in the purest form. Leon enveloped the slime's core with his mana

he thought he would have to try that a few times before enveloping the entire core

but much to his surprise...'

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

'You obtained 01 status points.'

'Mana: 20'

""Mana-eater? I wanted to absorb not to eat... ah

I didn't learn how to absorb

I forced my mana to absorb the core's mana. To absorb

I have to stimulate the mana inside the core and transform it to become mine... probably."""

'Leon had no idea if that was the case

but he confirmed his first theory when he checked his mana. It wasn't full; he used more mana than he had eaten. When Leon analyzed the core

he became even more sure of it.'

'Slime's core'

'It grants the user the power to use Fire Ball Lv 10

Water Blade Lv 10

Wind Lance Lv 10

and Stone Arrow Lv 10.'

'Mana: 1418/ 1440'

""Mmm... I spent twenty points of mana to absorb two. The efficiency of this skill is terrible

but it has a lot of potential."""

'Leon grinned and then used that skill again and again until the slime's core became dust. For the time being

it was useless



but it was a start. Eventually

he would be able to absorb mana without spending... Leon was sure of it.'