

## Beloved Dog 1021

Chapter 1021

Alfred and Jane were fine

While riding on Leo, I was close enough to hear Alfred and Jane talking. It was clear that they were more impressed than scared now.

“How do you like it?”

“Mr. Takumi... I am still not quite sure. It is all so surprising. I can’t believe that I’m riding a fenrir.”

“Wuff-wuff.”

“Gurr.”

Alfred looked surprised when I called to him, but he quickly composed himself.

“Haha. Yes, Leo. Don’t worry, Leo has made sure that they will never hurt any of you. Of course, you must also be careful to not hurt them.”

“Certainly! Even those who are well-trained would not wish to fight a fenrir! I would never even think of it.”

“I now understand what Mr. Sebastian meant.”

“Sebastian?”

“Jane is likely talking about what he said to Walter in the drawing room.”

“Ah... I think he was exaggerating a little...”

He had said something about making an enemy of Leo and the fenrirs...

As if I would use them to take revenge on anyone who slighted me. While I would never do that, it was nice to know that they were on my side.

“No, not at all. But we can see how the fenrirs are listening to you as well.”

“They are? Is that so, Feri?”

“Gurr!”

“He said, of course!”

Even without Liza, I could tell what he was saying.

Though, it was probably just because I was the one who was giving them all of that food.

In any case, they had noticed how the fenrirs treated me a little differently.

“Gur. Gurr.”

“Uhh... He says that he likes being petted by you, papa. It’s better than when the others do it!”

But I wasn’t doing anything special...

Perhaps it was because I had a lot of practice with Leo.

“Wuff. Grau!”

“Gru...”

“Now, now. Leo. Don’t get jealous. Here, I’ll pet you now.”

“Wuff”

Regardless, it was now clear to me that Alred and Jane would have no trouble getting used to the fenrirs.

Since I was not worried about them anymore, I had Leo move away so that I could see how the others were doing.

There wasn't really any destination, and while most were running in the same direction at similar speed, there was still a gap between us.

Some went in a straight line, while others made some turns so that they didn't go too far ahead. They seemed to be having fun. Though, Sherry looked like she was struggling to keep up.

I suppose it was because she was still quite a bit smaller.

Even then, she was much faster than a human.

“Mr. Takumi!”

“Kii!”

“Ah, it's sister Tilura and Rahle! Hey!”

“I wonder what's the matter? Did they find something?”

“Wuff? Wuff-wuff.”

Chapter 1022

Some of the pairs were making a scene

From above, Tilura called while riding on Rahle's back.

As they were gradually coming down, perhaps there was something they wanted to say to us.

“Mr. Takumi! Over there! With Fen! They seem like they might be having some trouble?”

“Fen? I don’t know.. Perhaps they are just enjoying the ride...”

They were the farthest away, so I could not see them very well... But at least Fen seemed to be having fun.

But what about the people riding on him?

I believe it was Walter and Aloysius.

“Thank you for telling me, Tilura. I suppose that I’ll go and check on them. Sebastian...hang on there.”

“Yes!”

“It’s not as bad as before...but I’m getting old...”

Perhaps I should give him some recovery herbs later. It might help.

In any case, I thanked Tilura and had Leo run towards Fen.

If Tilura was concerned, then perhaps something was wrong...

“I want to get off of this!”

“Walter. Stop that! We came this far!”

“Riding on a fenrir! I might die any second now!”

“Actually, it’s kind of comfortable! Besides, if you move around like that, it will be difficult for Fen to run!”

“Grau?”

When I got closer, I saw what Tilura meant.

Apparently, Walter wanted to get off of Fen.

“Aloysius. Is everything alright?”

“Mr. Takumi! What a relief... Listen. Walter here is trying to get off while we are still moving! He won’t listen to me!”

“Ugh... I would rather be in a library, reading...instead of doing this!”

When Leo was parallel with Fen, I called out to them.

Aloysius was sitting behind Walter and supporting him.

“Walter. It’s really not that bad. Please don’t be worried. Riding on Fen is quite safe.”

“But still... I just know he will attack me when I least expect it. He will probably use magic to burn or freeze me...”

Now that I thought about it, they were able to use magic like that... I had seen it in the forest.

“They won’t do that. All they want to do now is run. So you just have to hold on, and it will be fine.”

“See? Even Mr. Takumi says so. You just have to bear it for now, Walter.”

“Hmph.”

“Besides...if you cause too much trouble for Fen and Mr. Takumi... Burning and freezing might not be the worst thing that happens to you! After all, Leo might feel differently. Perhaps she will be offended...”

“Ah...!”

This threat seemed to work, and Walter quieted down and held onto Fen’s fur tightly.

It would probably be fine now. I decided to leave him to Aloysius and Fen, and told Leo to move away.

Though, Walter was still shaking. Was it because of Leo or Fen?

Perhaps he was actually more scared of Aloysius...

Chapter 1023

Someone was nearly making a waterfall

“Next...I guess we better check Riruru. Leo, go in the direction that Riruru and Sherry are running in.”

“Wuff.”

I decided that we might as well check up on everyone, and so I had Leo approach the last group.

“Ah, Mr. Takumi! Leo and Liza!”

“Hahaha. You seem to be enjoying yourself, Ms. Chita. Liza, this is Ms. Chita and Ms. Emelia.”

“Isn’t this fun, Lady Liza?”

“Yes, it is! It’s fun with mama and papa! Though...it would be funner if we weren’t going so slow!”

“Liza, this is so that the new people can get used to the fenrirs.”

“Mr. Ta-ta-takumi...”

“Ah, I suppose you don’t like it, Ms. Emelia?”

“I’m sorry. I know that they mean us no harm, but...”

Ms. Emelia was holding Ms. Chita from behind, and her face was quite pale.

While she was not making a scene like Walter, it was clear that she was not enjoying this ride at all.

“She doesn’t even like riding on horses.”

“I-I prefer to travel on my own feet... Besides, the shaking is so...”

“Hmm... Well, you also didn’t eat much. Perhaps it is making you feel sick.”

So it wasn’t just the fenrirs. She did not like riding on things.

Well, some people were just like that. It could not be helped.

“No...it’s a good thing that I didn’t eat. If I had... Gah...!”

“Hey-hey! Stop that! The last thing I need is for you to unleash a great waterfall over my back!”

“Ar-are you alright, Ms. Emelia!?”

“I-I...I’m fine. Somehow...”

“Are you hurt, Ms. Emelia?”

“No-no... Not really. Uu...”

“Yo-you better not do it!”

Ms. Emelia still looked like she was desperately trying to hold something back.

Liza was nice enough to be concerned. But it was not pain she was feeling.

Regardless, this sudden change ruined all of the fun for Ms. Emelia.

“Haha... Somehow, this is a worse situation than Sebastian on Rahle.”

Perhaps I should try and create some kind of medicine for motion sickness... That being said, unless there was a herb that had that effect, then there was nothing that I could really do.

I had no idea how to actually make such medicine.

After all, I had never needed to use it myself.

“Ah, by the way...”

“What is it, Mr. Takumi?”

“No, it’s just that I remembered something... In any case, it seems like you’re getting used to the fenrirs. So just hang in there a little long, Ms. Emelia.”

“Ye...yes...”

While I felt bad for Ms. Chita, perhaps she could enjoy the rest of the ride, even though there was a threat of getting her back wet.

Ms. Emelia seemed like she could bear it. Even though she was not very energetic in her reply...



Motion sickness was quite rough

“Alright, let’s go back now, Leo. Could you tell the others?”

“Wuff!”

Leo nodded while turning. And then she stopped and raised her head towards the sky.

AWOOOOOOOO...!

She howled, and then the fenrirs turned towards us. Rahle also flew down and went in the direction of the mansion.

Howling sure was a useful way to contact others who were far away.

Though, it sort of hurt my ears, since I was so close... Especially since she did it so that it echoed all around us, and not just to the front.

“Are you alright, Liza?”

“Yes. Thanks for covering my ears!”

I had suspected that it might be worse for her, as she had better hearing.

“Alright, the others are coming back now. Leo, since they seem to be used to riding now, how about running faster on the way back?”

“Wou!”

While I felt a little bad for Walter and Ms. Emelia, I wanted the fenrirs to be able to relieve some stress.

Besides, if I did hire them, then there would be times when they probably needed to ride like this...

“Gurr. Gurr...”

“Papa. Feri says that he wants to run more. Because it was so fun to carry people.”

When we were close to the mansion again, Feri approached us and started barking.

According to Liza, he had not had enough yet... Well, they had a lot of energy.

And I was glad that he enjoyed carrying humans.

“Feri, there are still more people who want to ride. But we have to go back to the mansion first.”

“Gurr!”

We had not taken all of the candidates out yet.

As for Alfred and Ms. Janes, they looked a little pale. Even though it was more comfortable than a horse, this was their first time, and they had not eaten much lunch. So they might be mentally tired.

“Ah, Sebastian. Here...”

“I’m sorry, Mr. Takumi...we can talk later...!”

When we arrived at the mansion, the servants dismounted, and then Rahle landed on the ground.

Sebastian jumped off. But when I tried to talk to him, he covered his mouth and ran into the house.

“That’s unusual for Sebastian. I wonder if he is alright?”

“Haha... I’m sure he will be fine in a minute. Uh...Ms. Lyra. Could you give this to Sebastian when he returns?”

“Certainly.”

Claire looked a little worried about Sebastian. I suppose she wasn’t used to seeing him like this.

“Also, if any of the servants are not feeling well, give them some as well.”

“Yes.”

Most of them were still near the gate, and looked quite tired.

Though, I had a feeling it was more about nerves.

“Alright, time for the next ground. Please get on!”

I kind of felt like I was managing an amusement park ride.

Winfeld and Keith rode on Fen this time. While Gilbert and Cheryl rode on Riruru.

And then Claire got on Feri.

“Claire? You’re going to ride too?”

“Why not? I also want to ride through the fields with all of you.”

While the others were hesitating, she climbed on happily.

“Well, I don’t see why not. Alright, let’s go then.”

“Yes!”

“Yay! Sister Claire is coming too!”

“Wuff!”

There were only four people left, so there was plenty of space.

Besides, Claire was smiling happily and her cheeks flushed.

I was happy for her. And Leo and Liza were happy as well.

Yes...I was already enjoying this more than the first round...

Chapter 1025

Ms. Chita wanted another ride

“Some of the others don’t look too well...”

“Yes, Walter and Emelia ran off...”

“Was there something like a trial!?”

Winfeld looked quite worried as he saw the others run off. Keith was especially alarmed, and seemed to think there was more to it than a simple ride.

“No, nothing like that. Just sit on the fenrirs as they run a little.”

“Indeed. They only looked pale because they were so nervous.”

“Now, now. Please get on!”

Ms. Lyra reasoned for me, while Ms. Gelda and Milina urged them to get on to the fenrirs.

“Um...Mr. Takumi!”

“HuH? Ms. Chita?”

Just as we were about to go, I heard someone call me from behind.

Ms. Chita was standing there with a big smile. Unlike the others, she was full of energy.

“Wo-would it be possible for me to ride one more time?”

“Uh, are you sure? Well...you look fine. But...”

“There is no problem at all. If anything, I think that I would feel even better if I was allowed to ride again!”

“Uh, that’s not how it works...”

Well, maybe she was a rare exception, and riding fenrirs benefited her mentally.

She did seem to be enjoying herself.

“There is no rule that you can’t ride them twice in a row. So I don’t mind.”

“Really!? You see, Emelia ruined it for me back there. As I was suddenly worried about being soaked... So...thank you!”

“Haha. Yes, I can understand that. Alright then... Leo...”

“Chita! You shall ride with me! I am the only one on Feri right now. So there is plenty of room!”

“Lady Claire, are you certain?”

As I was considering having her ride on Leo as well, Claire interrupted me loudly as she waved her arms.

“I don’t mind. Besides...I would be more bothered if you rode with... No, um, I...”

“...Claire?”

“It’s nothing.”

“Wuff...”

She shook her head frantically. Well, I wasn’t able to hear her clearly anyway.

“Alright, then Ms. Chita will ride with Claire.”

“Thank you, Lady Claire!”

“Not at all.”

“You should thank Feri too.”

“Of course. Thank you, Feri.”

“Gurr!”

Ms. Chita walked up to Feri and bowed politely.

She really was not afraid of the fenrirs at all.

As for how the fenrirs felt about here, I had no idea. But I didn’t see any issues yet.

“Alright. Everyone is ready. And Rahle... Ah, Ms. Johanna is there now.”

I wondered what happened to Phillip. Well, I suppose he will be riding next time.

Wait, this was the last round. So when would he be riding? Well, I would find out later, I suppose.

“Now, let’s go. Leo!”

“Wuff!”

“Yay! Another run! Let’s go, mama!”

“Hehe. This is so fun!”

“You really do like fenrirs, Chita. I enjoy this too... Though, it would be better if I was with Mr. Takumi...”

Chapter 1026

The second run

After running for about ten minutes, I checked up on the others to see how they were doing.

Seeing was not enough, and I talked to them as well.

“Winfeld and Keith... You seem to be fine?”

“Y-yes...”

“I was worried at first...but I now see that it is more comfortable than riding a horse.”

“Winfeld. It is so fun. There is no need to be afraid.”

“No, I am not really afraid now... Still...it is hard to believe that this is happening...”

“Really? I rode on Riruru first, and now Feri... They are just so soft and feel nice.”

“Yes, that’s why it doesn’t feel real... I always thought of them as ferocious monsters...”

“Well, it will shake more if they run faster. Which would make it less comfortable.”

“Faster than this!? Oh, I did see them running from the mansion. And it did seem faster... Still...”

“Even now, it is similar to a running horse. To think that it can be even faster...”

Indeed. This was not very fast. Leo and the fenrirs would probably be very happy if I asked them to go faster.

Of course, if they went at top speed, the others would not be able to stay on.

“Well, we are currently making preparations so that the fenrirs can be used for transportation. Of course, it won’t become a reality for some time. But if you are curious, you should ask Sebastian about it.”

He would be more than happy to explain the plan to them.

“Use the fenrirs for transportation... That is quite an idea....”

“In any case, I better check up on Riruru next. Leo, go towards them.”

“Wuff.”

“Go! Mama!”

“We should go too, Feri.”

“Guur.”

After seeing that Fen was having more fun now than he was while carrying Walter, I decided to move on.



Claire decided to go with us...

“Mr. Takumi! Please do something about Cheryl...”

“Huh? What’s wrong with her?”

Once we reached Riruru, I was about to call out to them, when Gilbert asked me for help.

Apparently, there was some problem with Cheryl...

However, she was not saying anything and did not even look that scared to me.

“Ms. Cheryl? Gilbert is... Uh, is something the matter?”

“Mr. Takumi. What do these fenrirs eat?”

“Uh...similar food to humans. Like orc meat. Why do you ask?”

It seemed like a strange thing to bring up right now.

Or did they think the fenrirs wanted to eat them?

“Riding the fenrirs has helped me get used to them so that I’m less afraid. However, I was wondering how I can get closer to them, like you. I heard that there is no familiar contract...”

“I see... For me, I think Leo is the biggest reason...”

It was the same with Sherry. Having Leo with me meant that I could communicate with the fenrirs.

Though, I doubt they would have attacked me even if Leo wasn’t there... But then again, I had no way of being sure.

Chapter 1027

Some people wanted to get closer to the fenrirs

“Yes, that might be a big reason. However, if I wanted to get them to like me. Then food is probably the only thing I could do...”

“Mr. Takumi. What Cheryl is saying is that she wants to help take care of and feed the fenrirs. I cannot understand why...”

Gilbert looked like he was more scared of Cheryl at this point.

Apparently, he had heard her laughing behind him.

“What are you saying? This is a good opportunity to learn more about them. Besides, if we have the fenrirs on our side, they should be greatly helpful! I could not ask for anything better!”

“...Mr. Takumi. Lady Claire. She is a strange person who just likes taking care of people. Even people who aren't her employers...”

“I see...”

Ms. Chita explained with a sigh.

Claire and I could only chuckle.

Well, Ms. Lyra was kind of like that as well.

“In any case, I suppose taking care of the fenrirs at the mansion could be a good start. If you ask Ms. Helena, the head cook, she will be able to tell you what to feed them...”

“Thank you, Mr. Takumi! Of course, if I end up working for you, I shall also do my best!”

“Haha...thank you.”

Regardless, they seemed to have everything under control for now, and so I decided to leave them.

After that, I talked with Ms. Chita and Claire, and enjoyed the ride at a leisurely pace.

At one point, Sherry tired of running, and ended up resting on Feri's back.

"Perhaps everyone has had enough now?"

I muttered as I watched them running happily.

The riders were all used to it now. But if they stayed on for too long, they might get tired.

"Wou? Wuff-wuff. Wuff."

"Haha. I know that you wanted to run faster. But we had to think about the servants this time."

"Wuff!"

Still, seeing as there were some who enjoyed it a lot today, perhaps we could ride much faster tomorrow.

Now that I thought about it, I had heard that Phillip and the other guards patrol the area. Perhaps the fenrirs could go with them.

"Hmm... The guards could also ride on the fenrirs... It would be two birds with one stone...I think?"

"Papa?"

"Wuff?"

"Oh, sorry. yes, Leo, I think it's time..."

It would be better to think of such things after returning to the mansion. But just as I was about to tell Leo to tell the others...

“Wuff?”

“Hmm? What is it, Leo?”

Leo suddenly slowed down and tilted her head.

“Wuff. Wuff-wuff. Wou...”

“Mama says that she senses a monster.”

“Indeed. A monster...”

On foot, we would be a few hours away from the mansion. So it was not too surprising that there could be monsters in the area.

However, I had a clear view all around, and could not see anything...

Chapter 1028

An uninvited guest approaches

“Is something the matter, Mr. Takumi? Leo?”

“Ah, Claire. It seems like Leo has sensed a monster.”

“Monsters? Really?”

“Wuff-wuff.”

“Hmmm. So it’s too far. Uh, Claire. It’s probably going to be orcs. But there are a lot of other smells in the air, so Leo is not sure yet.”

After that, Feri stopped as well. And then so did the others.

“Feri, Fen and Riruru. Leo just sensed something... Though, if Leo isn’t sure, then I suppose you wouldn’t be either...”

“Gurr...”

“Wuff!”

“Monsters?”

Cheryl exclaimed from on top of Riruru’s back.

The other servants looked tense as well.

Only Liza and Claire were calm. I suppose they knew we were safe as long as Leo was here.

“Yes. Uh... I think everyone should get off for now. Leo too. Come on, Liza.”

“Wuff.”

And so we all dismounted.

“Claire, could you stay with the servants, along with Sherry and Riruru?”

“Very well. I am glad to see that you are reliable during such times.”

“No... It’s not like that. I’m just not nervous when it comes to monsters, since I’m with Leo...”

Besides, Rahle was also flying above.

We were not likely to be in any real danger.

“Well, everyone. Mr. Takumi and Leo are going to deal with it. So let us watch from here.”

“A-are you sure, Lady Claire?”

“Shouldn’t we return to the mansion and inform the guards...?”

“What are you talking about? With Leo and so many fenrirs here? They are equal to an army.”

“Indeed. This is the safest place in the country right now.”

“Uh... Anyway. Here, Leo.”

“Wuff... Wou!”

“Haha. It wasn’t very good, huh? Don’t worry, I’ll give you something better as a reward later.”

“Wuff!”

I quickly used Weed Cultivation to create sense enhancing herbs. And after changing the state, I fed it to Leo.

“How is it?”

“Wuff...sniff-sniff... Wuff-wou!”

“Hmm. Mama says that orcs and trolls are fighting.”

“Thank you, Liza. I see...”

Perhaps they had bumped into each other by accident and started to fight.

If that was the case, we could just leave them...

“Wuff. Wuff!”

“They are heading this way!”

“But I thought they were fighting? Why are they moving...”

“Wou! Wuff-wuff. Wou!”

“I see... There are more orcs.”

According to Leo, the orcs were pushing the troll towards us.

While trolls were stronger, the orcs must have an advantage through numbers.

Well, that changed things.

“They might get close to the mansion if we ignore them. Though, the guards would surely notice. Regardless, I might as well do something here.”

“Wuff.”

“Gurr!”

“Grau!”

“It looks like all of you are eager as well. Feri...I guess you will be able to eat some fresh meat now.”

“Gurr! Gurr!”

Chapter 1029

We cooperated to defeat the monsters

“...I think it’s time. While it’s probably fine, since it’s still bright, you should close your eyes for a moment. Light Elemental Shine!”

Once the monsters were about fifty meters away, I used the magic.

“Gaaa...”

“Gya...”

“Hmm. It was kind of effective...”

Magic to unleash light. It came out of my hands and was directed towards the monsters.

Normally, you would make a sphere to illuminate the surrounding area, or put the light in your sword. But I was able to use my hands to focus it in one place.

That being said, it was during the day...

The monsters still showed surprise and confusion.

And they were moving more slowly now.

“In any case, I was able to slow them down. Rahle! It’s your turn!”

“Kii!”

I stopped the magic and gave the order.

Rahle opened its wings wide and cried before beating its wings.



“Kii!”

“Oh!? That’s...amazing.”

A gust of wind blew, and the light reflected on the bronze wings as Rahle shot out towards the monsters.

It was clear that there was no need for me to use magic to begin with.

“Alright, they stopped now. Feri, go and get that troll! Fen, you deal with the orcs!”

“Gurr!”

“Gau!”

They barked and then rushed forward towards the monsters. They were not as fast as Leo, but more than fast enough.

After that, with overwhelming speed and strength, the monsters were taken down, one after another.

Feri bit into one of the trolls, then swung it so that it hit the other troll. After that, he used his claws to slash at them.

“Grruuuuuuuuuuooon!!”

After howling, Feri unleashed his magic. Even from a distance, I could see the pretty statue of ice forming.

“Grau! Gau! Garaaugh!”

As for Fen, he was also biting and slashing the orcs. And I saw pillars of fire rising into the air.

“Grauuu!”

Half a minute later, nothing but the fenrirs were moving.

“They really are amazing... It was so fast. Rahle and I might as well have stayed back.”

“Wuff?”

“Haha. Yes, I know you could have done it too.”

I said as I petted Leo.

“Gurr.”

“Grau.”

“Good job, you two. And yuo, Rahle!”

“Kii!”

The fenrirs returned while wagging their tail.

They looked so proud, and so I praised them along with Rahle.

“Mr. Takumi. I see that it is fone.”

“Yes, it’s fine now. Right, Leo?”

“Wuff!”

As I was petting the fenrirs, Claire and Riruru approached us.

Leo then assured me that there were no other monsters.

## Chapter 1030

They wanted to eat meat

“By the way, Fen. When you were using the fire magic, you didn’t hit them directly. Why was that?”

“Grau? Gau-gau...grau”

“Sorry, Liza. What did he say?”

“Yes. Uh...”

According to Liza, it was because he wanted to eat them later.

But if he wanted to eat them, then wouldn’t cooking them a little be fine? Apparently, he wanted them cooked properly by humans.

I suppose he had gotten too accustomed to eating dishes prepared by humans now.

“Gurr. Gurr.”

“Ga-gau...”

After that, Feri growled.

He also was saying that the meat did not taste as good if just cooked like that. And he was angry that it was nearly ruined.

“Well, I’ll ask Ms. Helena to cook something for you later... Anyway...?”

“There are no other monsters, so it should be fine?”

“Ah, yes...”

When I turned to look at the servants, they were all stunned.

“Oh, they must be surprised by how the fenrirs moved.”

“It looks like it. Uh... Leo. Could you bark once. Not too loud or in their direction.”

“Wuff. ...Grau!”

“Huh!?”

“Ah!”

“What!?”

The servants shook and it looked like they were worried that there was another monster attack.

“Oh. Feri and Fen... Also Rahle. That was impressive!”

“Ye-yes.”

Ms. Chita was the first to return to herself.

She immediately rushed towards the fenrirs and talked to them excitedly.

“In any case, we should clean up... No, we should return to the mansion first.”

In all, there were about seven monsters defeated. And so it would be difficult for us to deal with it without any help.

“Indeed. We can leave the carrying of it to the servants later. Also Mr. Takumi...”

“What is it, Claire?”

“You did well. Giving precise instructions to Fen, Feri and Rahle. And they took down the monsters without anyone getting hurt.”

“Ohh... No, that was all them. I wasn’t even giving them orders like that.”

“Well, they obey and trust you. I think you have the qualities of a leader.”

Now she was being silly and exaggerating.

The fenrirs and Rahle were simply way overpowered to be fighting mere orcs and trolls in the first place.

“Wuff.”

“Papa was good too!”

As I chuckled with embarrassment, even Leo and Liza cheered.

“It was the fenrirs. The result would have been the same even if I wasn’t here.”

“Still, you should be proud that they listen to you. I do not think they would follow just anyone.”

“I suppose so...”