## **Beloved Dog 1071**



"Lady Claire?"

She was muttering to herself while watching the children and Leo play.

Walter and I turned to her with curiosity.

"Well, as you know, our family holds them in very high regard. But even then, there are some people on these lands that feel differently."

"I...see..."

They were still monsters, and so it was not surprising that people still feared them. But even if they were not monsters, people had their own likes and dislikes. Similar to how some humans did not care for cats or dogs.

"Up until now, Silver Fenrirs and humans did not have anything to do with each other. All we had was the legend. But now that more people are meeting with Leo... I have wondered... Thankfully, people in Ractos are mostly receptive. But it would be different in other places."

"That's...true. Things went smoothly in Range village and Bleiyu village. But there is no guarantee it will always be like that."

"Yes. But if your suggestion about the stations is realized, then people will have more opportunities to see fenrirs. So spreading stories like Walter could be helpful."

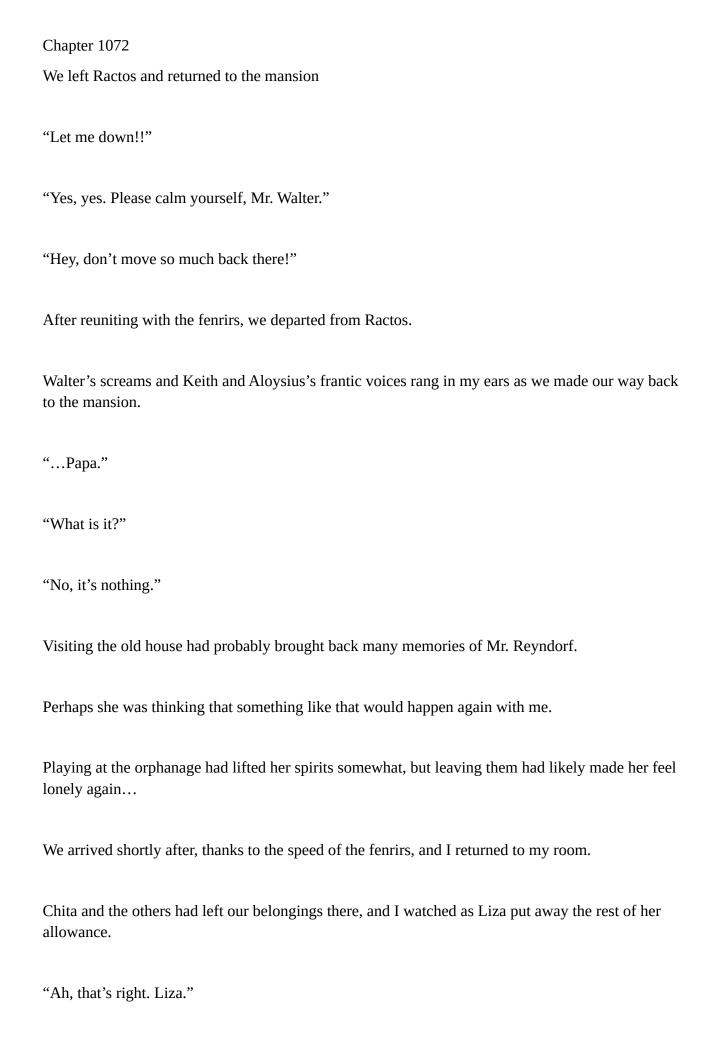
These children would eventually grow as well. And so it should have a lasting effect.

"We cannot force people to change. But talking to them may change their mind a little. And then the fenrirs will be able to help people more."

"Though, most people would be scared to ride them at first...even Walter was."

As for me, I did wish that Walter's stories were a little more friendly... And not just about Leo or Silver Fenrirs. Stories that made the fenrirs seem more cute, for instance.







"Teaching...? Uh, thank you."

They had stayed in order to learn more about me and the mansion. Sebastian must have been very happy to be able to teach them.

"I will have to do the same with those who went with you today..."

"Yes, of course. Um, how was the reaction?"

"Most were satisfied. Some were confused at first. Thankfully, they saw you with Leo and how you used the Gift."

That was the best way to persuade someone, I suppose... It was a good thing that I showed them.

"By the way... About the slums..."

"Hmm... I did get a report from Aloysius. While there are things to consider...what he said to Lady Tilura is not wrong. Besides, I do not think she will take his advice and act in a way that will cause trouble."

Sebastian agreed with him, and felt that servants should help and support their masters.

And that meant helping Claire and Tilura accomplish what it was they wanted to do.

Chapter 1073

Leo, Liza and I went to sleep

"Indeed. Well, she might act impulsive sometimes."

"Hopefully, she will confide in us first... By the way, Mr. Takumi. After seeing you for a while now, I know that you are not the kind of person who acts selfishly or is too impulsive...but for the most part, it can apply to you as well."

"Ah... Well, I am going to hire servants soon."

"Indeed. There is only so much that you can do alone. Though, you do have Leo, and may not like relying on others too much. But you should know that the servants are always happy to help you."

"Haha...I will keep that in mind."

I was definitely not used to relying on servants. So there was a part of me that did not like asking them to do things... And Sebastian seemed to have noticed it.

"Also, you must choose from the candidates soon."

"Yes... Well, my mind is mostly made up."

While there were still things I didn't know, I now had a decent idea in regards to their personalities and abilities.

The trip to Ractos had helped as well.

"That is good to hear. I look forward to seeing who you choose.... But I do not recommend Walter at all. He is so useless when riding on fenris..."

Sebastian grumbled with a sigh.

He was very harsh when it came to his son. I could only chuckle. Though, I did not feel like Walter was useless at all.

Though, Sebastian clearly knew that. He had once said that Walter could be the house steward if he had the drive.

Indeed, it was not good how he would shut down after riding on the fenrirs... But I had a feeling that he would become invaluable in the future....

Well, I would have to give it some serious thought.

It really was getting to the point where I had to make a decision...



"Wuff..."

As I thought back to old times and petted Leo to calm her down, I heard Liza's breathing softly in her sleep.

Though, her ears twitched occasionally as if she were listening to us.

Indeed, she had cried so much that she nearly lost her voice over Mr. Reyndorf...and then played a lot at the orphanage. So she would be exhausted...

Chapter 1074

A servant selection meeting was held

"Hmm..."

The next morning, I was deep in thought while sitting on my chair with arms crossed.

"Mr. Takumi. Why don't you rest for now?"

"...Indeed. I think I will take a short break."

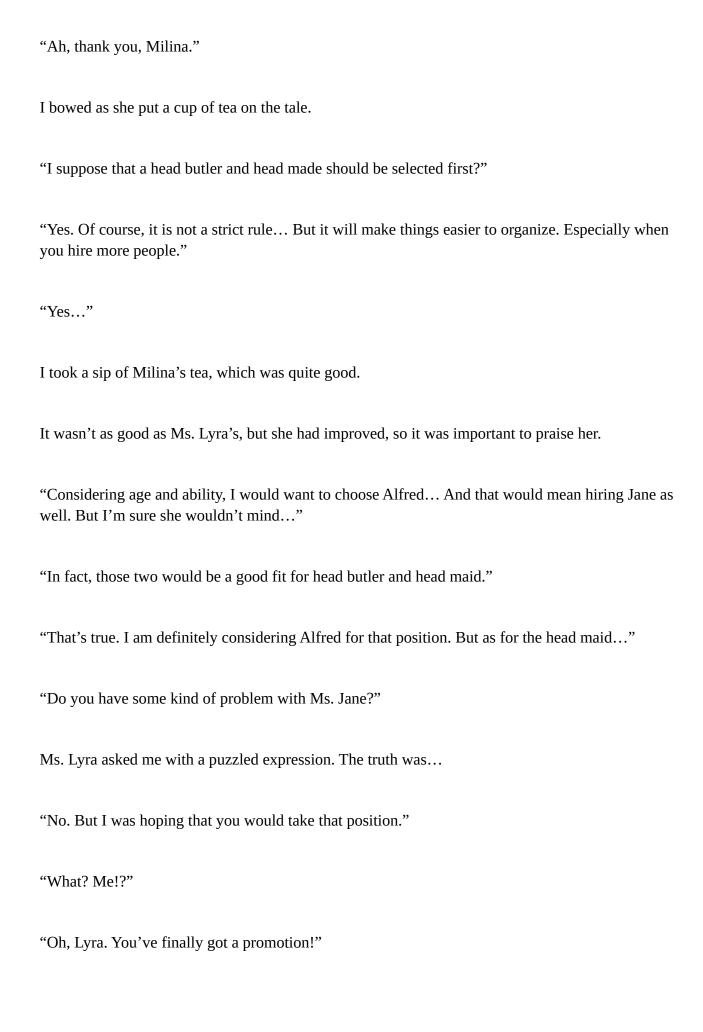
At Ms. Lyra's words, I stopped staring at the documents and stretched my stiff limbs.

As I was deciding who to hire today, I had decided to stay in my room for as long as possible... In fact, it was probably the first time I had stayed in my room this long.

As for Liza and Leo, they were with Tilura in the gardening, helping her with training.

The actual servant candidates had gone out for a ride with the fenrirs. Claire and Sebastian were likely with them.

Right now, it was just Ms. Lyra, Ms. Gelda and Milina who were in the room... In other words, the three who would be coming with me.



"Well, Ms. Lyra is very capable, unlike me." While Ms. Lyra was shocked, the other two seemed very happy for her. "Oh, not me. It is much too early for me. Even Ms. Emelia would be better suited." "Perhaps, if you're only looking at experience and ability... But you are the one who has been helping me ever since I came to this house. You know us very well..." s "I am happy to hear that..." Ms. Lyra was very modest. Indeed, Ms. Jane and Ms. Emelia had likely been working much longer than she. But as Sebastian had said to me...it was best to choose someone who was easy to work with. Someone I could talk to casually. Besides, Leo and Liza were used to being around her, and she helped them a lot. Of course, working as the head maid would likely be quite different... But even with that considered, I still felt that Ms. Lyra was the right person for the job. Chapter 1075 We discussed selecting servants "Ms. Lyra. Are you against being head maid?" "No. While I am not sure that I am right for it...it is not as if I don't want..." "Then it's decided. Well, I will talk to the others about it first. But it's my opinion that you should be the head maid."

"...Thank you."





She was the one who had very strict views on her job. As if it was a duty. Something she must do. She kind of reminded me of how I used to be. And I had thought about it hard, but...

Chapter 1076

I thought about each of the candidates

After Aloysius, I was asked about Ms. Lyra.

She was like me. Always thinking that you needed to work hard at the company, and how you had just been hired, and could not quit and inconvenience others... That mindset had affected my health... Several times.

Of course, I could keep an eye on her to make sure she didn't overextend herself. But then I realized that there were a lot of reliable people here, so there was no need to worry.

They would not be like my old boss, who would force us to do impossible tasks. Or make us work without being able to rest.

In that case, a place like this would offer her more and better opportunities.

While I did not mention my old company, I explained what I could to Ms. Lyra and the others until they were satisfied.

"And then there is Mr. Winfield..."

Liza and Claire had thoughts about him.

However, nothing else had been brought up since then. No problems at all...

"I did not sense anything...he is a hard worker."

"Me as well."

"I feel the same... It's only Liza and Claire who seem to feel differently. But..."



Walter was the last one, and we all thought hard.

"Not only is he very knowledgeable, but after what happened at the orphanage, I think that I would like to choose him."

"The orphanage... Ah, he was telling the children a story."

"Yes. A story he invented on the spot. And the children listened to him quietly."

If he stayed in the mansion, there would be no children around aside from Tilura. So perhaps he would be more useful in Range village, where he could tell stories to the children there?

"Well, that has nothing to do with his work as a butler... Also, there is the matter of Sebastian."

"Mr. Sebastian is usually a pleasant man. But when it comes to Mr. Walter, he can be a little scary."

"While he might scold us a little when we fail, he is especially hard on his son..."

Chapter 1077

I moved on to selecting the other employees

"Indeed, he forces Walter to ride on the fenrirs when he does not want to. Sometimes, it feels a little extreme."

"With most people, he seems to enjoy some light teasing. But it's quite different with Mr. Walter. And so perhaps it would be better if they were not in the same house..."

In the future, if they hired new servants, they would see how Sebasian was more strict with Walter.

That in itself might not be a bad thing. But perhaps they would not like to see Walter treated differently. It could be seen as a kind of favoritism.

On the other hand, if Walter decided to go against his father's wishes, it could create a rift... Though, Sebastian would likely crush any opposition.

"Well, it's not like they will never see each other if he goes to Range village. Perhaps occasional visits is the right amount of distance for them."

While I still had to check with the people in question, for now, I finished choosing the servants.

"Hah...that part is done."

I put down the document and let out a sigh.

While I made the decisions, there were a lot of discussions with the others, which was a little tiring. I drank some more tea and rested.

"Next is the people you will hire to work in the fields of Range village."

"Ah, yes..."

After resting, I was considering going to the gardens to check up on Leo and the others, when Ms. Lyra put a new stack of documents on my desk.

It was the list of potential employees, including both those I had met, and those I had not.

"For now, Ms. Delia and Mr. Peter will definitely be hired... Uh, this one looks promising?"

"This person has no farming experience, but would be suited for simple tasks."

"Ah, what about this person? It says that he has helped to concoct medicine before."

"This man was born close to the main house..."

Like that, we looked through the document and picked the ones that seemed promising, and shared our opinions on them.

I had a feeling this was going to be a lot harder than expected... "Papa! Come over here! Feri and the others are going to do something interesting!" "Huh!? Ah, Liza. You should knock before entering..." "Nevermind that! Hurry up!" After deciding on most of the employees, the door suddenly burst open, and then Liza entered. As I had been so focused on looking at the documents, I was surprised by the intrusion. It was bad for my heart. Even Ms. Gelda and Milina were surprised. "...Well, you have finished most of it. The rest can wait. You will tire yourself out, Mr. Takumi." "I'm sorry, Ms. Lyra. Alright, what is it, Liza?" "They are going to fight! And so I had to call you!" "Huh? They are going to what...?" She sounded so happy, so I was confused. Well, it was clearly nothing serious, judging by her expression. Perhaps they had found a monster to battle? "Hurry, hurry! Mama is waiting outside!" "Uh, alright then. Sorry, Ms. Lyra..." "Not at all. We will clean up here."

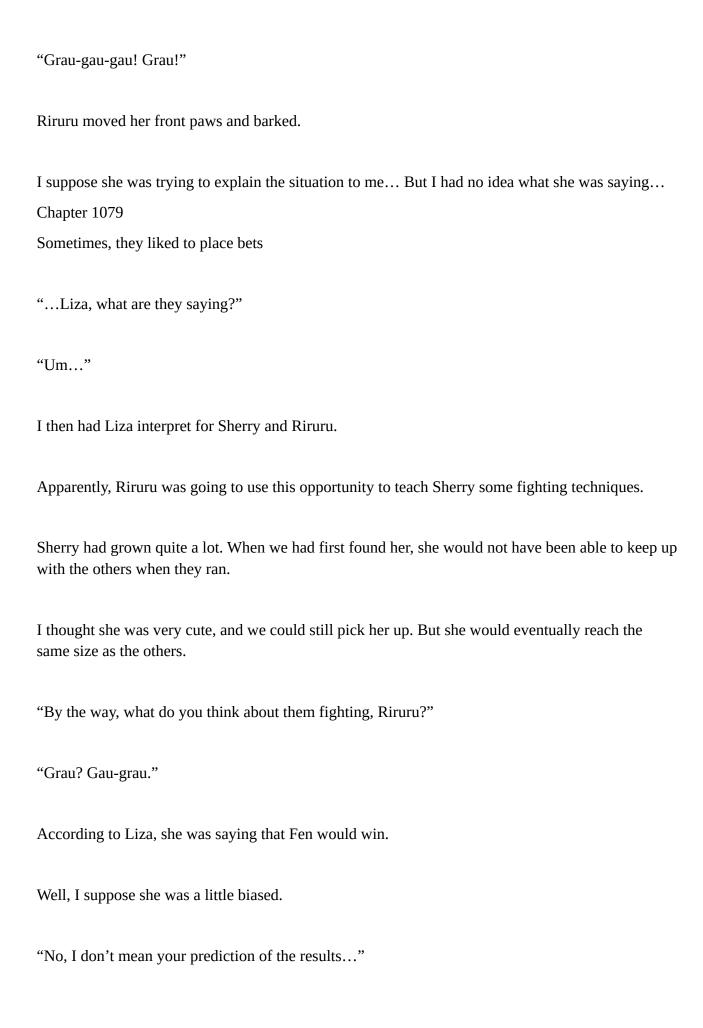
It was rare for her to be this strong-willed about something... Perhaps visiting the slums and the graveyard had had a good effect on her. I thought as I nearly tripped in the hallway... She sure had a strong grip... Chapter 1078 The fenrirs were going to compare their strength "So, why are you here...?" "Wuff?" I asked while climbing down from Leo. I had assumed that she knew everything, but she tilted her head to the side. We were currently at the spot where we had once defeated the orcs and trolls. As far as the eyes could see, it was just fields of grass and a few scattered trees. Here, the fenrirs were sitting in a row while facing us... It seemed like they were about to start something. "Mr. Takumi." "Claire. Uh, what is this?" "Allow me to explain." Sebastian said as he stepped forward.

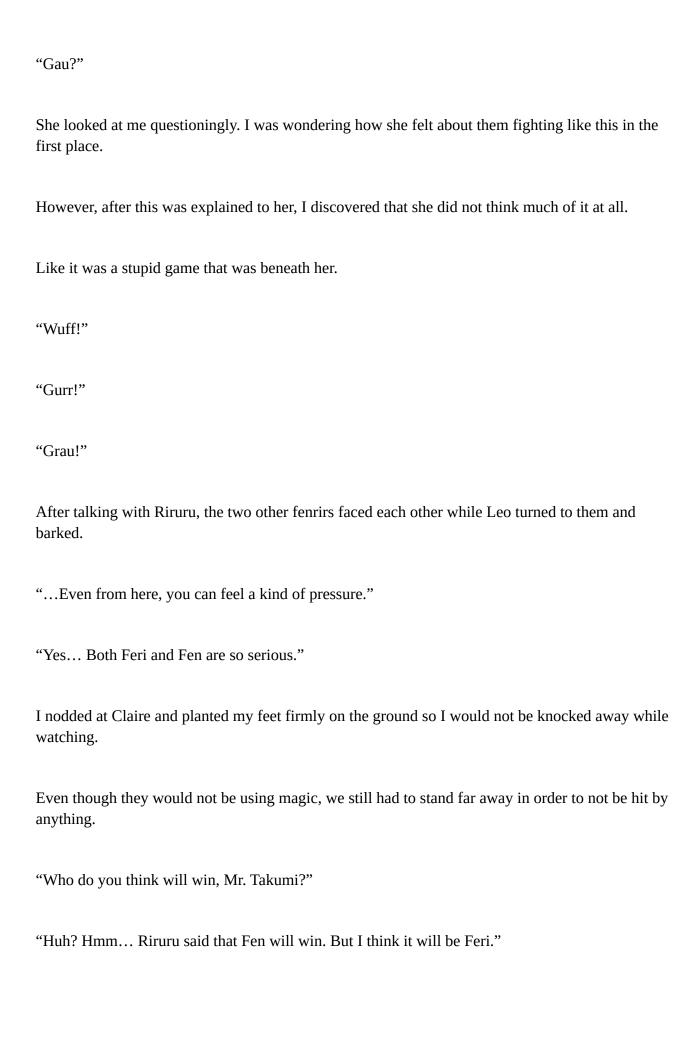
Liza pulled me out of the room.



But something had to be done right here, right now... And judging by the looks of Feri and Fen, it would be difficult to stop them. Leo would probably be able to stop them, but they might voice their dissatisfaction later. "Uh... First of all, no magic! If you used magic, it would put everyone else in danger!" "Wuff! Wuff?" Leo was saying that she could block the magic for us, but the rule would still stand. I really did not want them to go all out. "You may not be able to avoid minor injuries, but don't go too far!" We decided on other rules after that. Like not targeting specific areas like the eyes. Any minor injuries or scratches could be healed with Loe, but I still wanted them to hold back. "...Why is Riruru and Sherry here? I thought this was between Feri and Fen?" "Grau? Gau-gau!" "Kyau!" For some reason, they were also sitting in the line as if waiting. Apparently, while they were not as pumped up as the other two, they also wanted to fight. However, it seemed less aggressive, almost playful...

They were similar to wolves, who lived through hunting in packs.





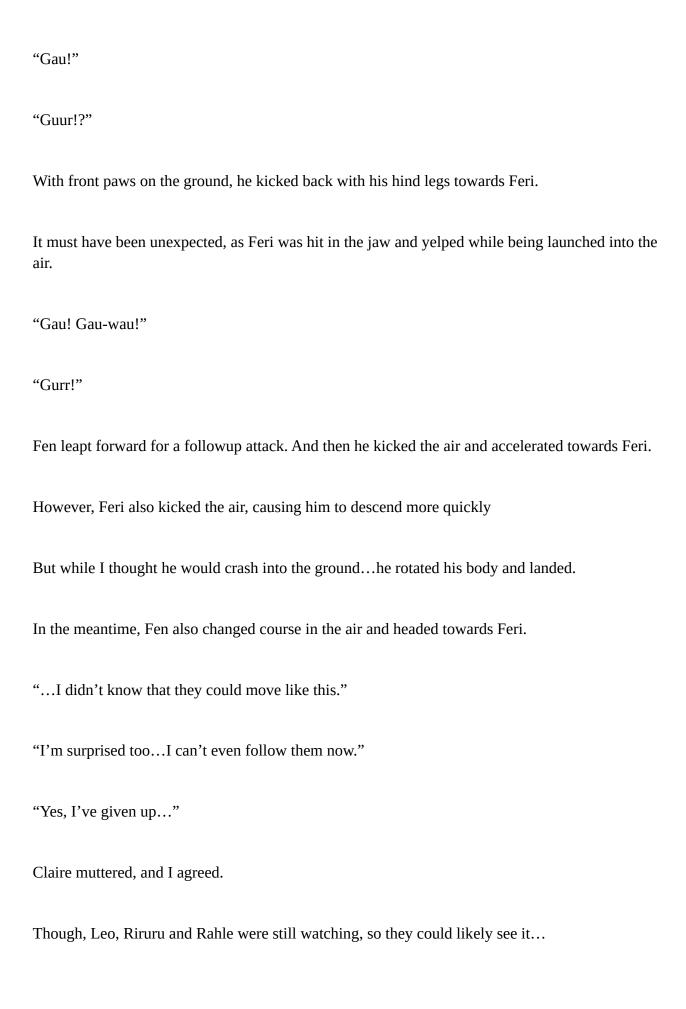




"...Wuff... Wou!!"







"Woah...! Thank you, Riruru."

"Gau."

For a second, I saw them clash and then the ground cracked and a shockwave shot towards us.

It was a little surprising, but Riruru blocked it with her magic.

"Are they really not using magic...? Thank goodness Mr. Takumi stopped them."

"I did not think it would be like this. So I'm relieved as well..."