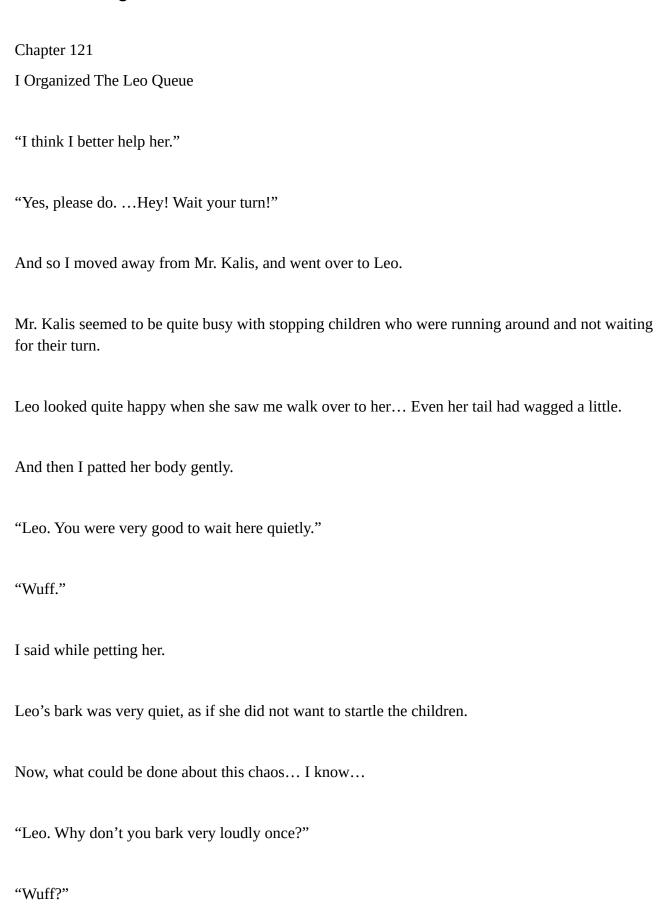
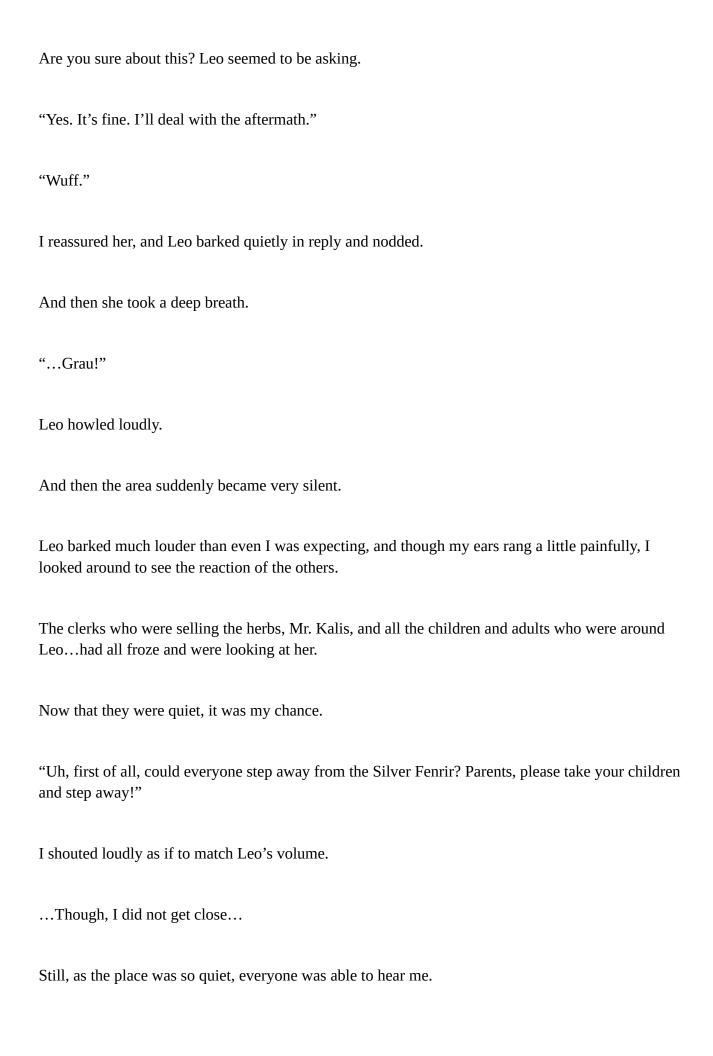
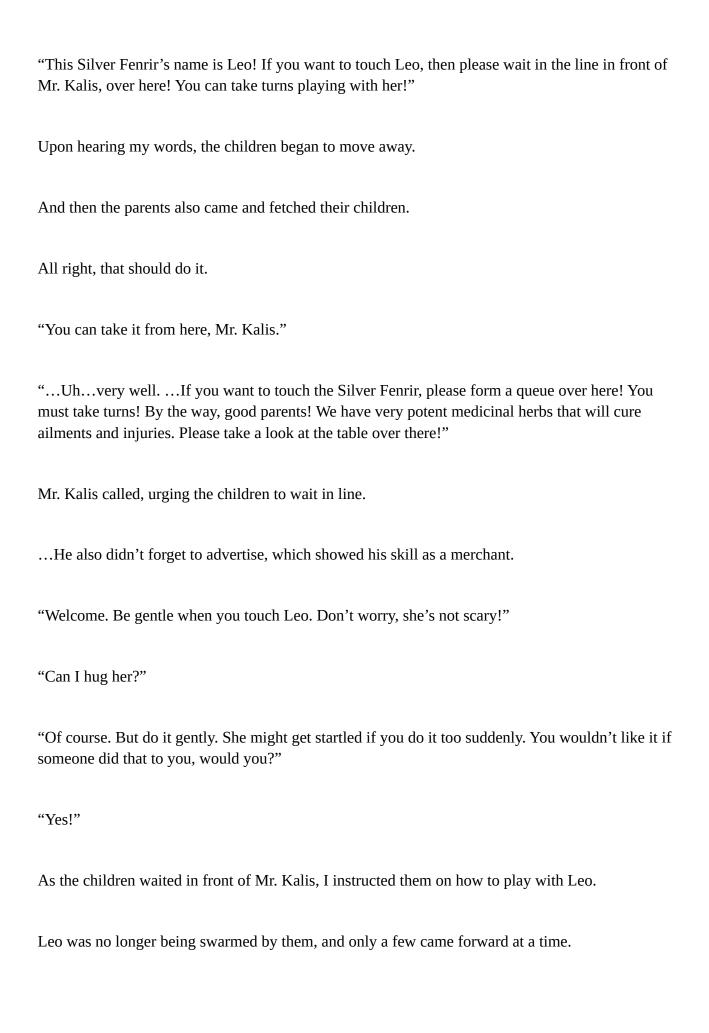
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After that...I don't know how much time passed. But I felt quite busy as I continued to guide the children forward. I didn't know where they were coming from, but the line never seemed to end. There were also some adults mixed in, but as long as they were respectful towards Leo, I didn't mind. "Aha! I see you're selling something here. Business must be booming!" It was just as my voice started to grow raspy from so much shouting, I heard a loud voice coming from the table where the herbs were being sold. "...What?" "Wuff?" Upon hearing it, even Leo and the children stopped what they were doing and turned to look. "Hahh!" With a shout, I heard the sounds of something breaking. I had to stop Leo from reacting and jumping forward, and then I looked between the gaps of the crowd to see what it was. What I saw was the remains of the display table after it had been broken in two.

Thankfully, Mr. Kalis's ability as a salesman had meant that most of them were sold, and so only a few herbs were scattered on the ground.

...Still, while it was my ability, it hurt a little to see the herbs I made on the ground like this...

"Customer, what do you think you're doing?!"

"AHHH!? I'm no customer! If you don't want any more trouble, hand over the profits you made just now!"

While Mr. Kalis tried to deal with the situation, the man was in no mood to calm down.

If anything, from what I could hear, he was threatening to cause more damage unless they gave him some money.

"Leo, you wait right here. It will cause a bigger scene if you get involved."

"Wuff?"

But I can handle it so easily? Leo seemed to say in reply, but I told her to stay put. And then I walked towards the voices in the crowd.

I moved through the spectators until I had a clear view of what was happening. There was a man there who was shouting angrily.

"You again... Weren't you arrested?"

The man turned to look at me.

He was one of the men who had threatened us the last time we had all come to this town to shop.

They had been arrested and taken away by the town guards... Were they really released so quickly in this world...or country?

He had a mohawk, shoulder pads with spikes, and studded leather armor. Furthermore, he was wearing spiked gloves. Like someone from a post-apocalyptic world.

"Eh!? Who the hell are you?"

Apparently, the man didn't recognize me. Well, Leo had been the one to deal with them. Ms. Claire was beautiful enough to leave a lasting impression, but I hadn't even been standing in the front. "You tried to attack us before, and the guards arrested you." "So you're...one of them!" He finally remembered me, and then he pointed his gloved hand at me as if he had found his new target. He was holding a small knife. So that's what he had hit the table with... "Well, your fenrir isn't here to save you this time... You're just smallfry now." "Hahh... I guess you'll have to be arrested again." The man had seen that Leo wasn't with me, and suddenly looked confident and relaxed. Chapter 122 I Confronted The Man Who Caused The Ruckus "I just escaped from there, and I am not going back!" "[" Apparently, the man had escaped from the prison.

He shouted such things as he raised his hands and then lunged forward with the knife he was

carrying.



So he was waiting for me to let my guard down... However, before I could even register the danger, Leo jumped over the wall of spectators and landed so that her paw pressed down on the man's stomach. After being stepped on like this, the man let out a croak like a toad that was being squashed. And then he stopped moving. Apparently, Leo had been watching the man and detected his movement. "Thank you, Leo. You saved me." "Wuff. Wuff." I thanked Leo and patted her on the head. She was still stepping on the man. You should be more careful. Leo seemed to say, but it was hard to take her seriously when she was enjoying being petted at the same time. Just then, applause erupted around us. It then grew louder as it spread. They were applauding Leo and I for taking down the man. I could also hear voices shouting. "That was amazing, mister!" "The way that the Silver Wolf swooped in...it was so gallant." "Thank you, mister."

"Leo is so cute."



Ms. Claire looked a little puzzled by my words. The thing was, I didn't even realize that I was angry. And even now, I wasn't sure that I was. "But more importantly, what should we do with him?" Ms. Claire asked as she looked towards the man who Leo was holding down. We could just call the guards and have him arrested again. But it could be very troublesome if he escapes again... "Tsk." While the man seemed to be in pain under all that weight, he still glared and clicked his tongue at us. He clearly wasn't sorry... Also, Leo? Are you putting less pressure on him than it looks? If Leo put all of her weight down, she could easily crush a human to death. There were children here, and I did not want them to see a man get squished, while blood and other things flew in the air... So perhaps Leo was being extra careful. "Indeed..." "What should we do, Sebastian?" Sebastian thought for a moment and then walked towards the man without answering Ms. Claire's question. Then he said to the man, "Did you know that this store belongs to the duke?"



The man went pale and then became speechless when he heard Sebastian's words.

After hearing all of this, he finally understood the situation that he was in.

However, Sebastian looked like he was enjoying this...his voice was extra low and threatening. And yet he also sounded calm, which made it all the more frightening.

Perhaps Mr. Kalis knew what was going to happen, and that was why he pitied the man?

"...Now do you understand the position you're in? Ah, there is no use trying to run away. You are being held down by the great Leo. A Silver Fenrir... She will not allow you to leave."

"...So it's a Silver Fenrir..."

"Grrrrrr..."

Chapter 123

The Man Finally Understood His Situation

After listening for a full minute, the man understood that Leo was a Silver Fenrir, and what it is that he had done.

Leo seemed to have joined Sebastian, and was now growling in a low and threatening way... Leo really did like to join in on the fun.

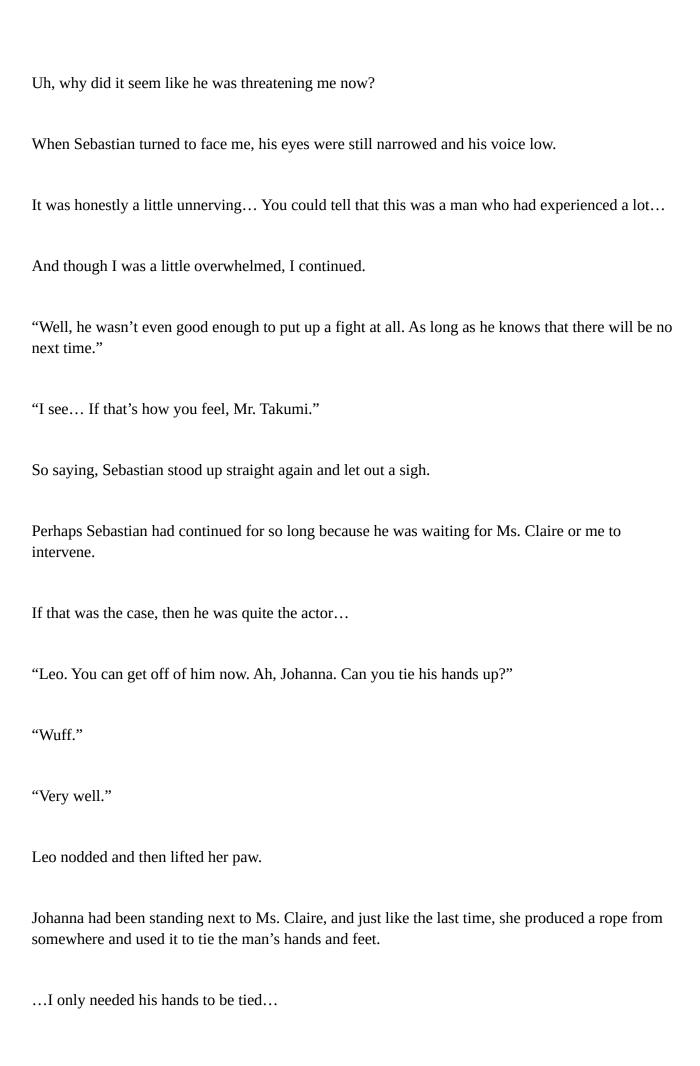
Now that I think about it, he had just called Leo a wolf last time, and this time he seemed to think she was a fenrir.

I suppose it was because he didn't know about Ms. Claire or the duke's family.

Now that he knew who it was he had antagonized, and what could happen to him now, the blood seemed to drain from his face as he grew pale.

I didn't know that humans could even look that pale.

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"He-help me! I was acting out of impulse!"
"Do you really think that's going to get you out of this...?"
"I-I'm sorry! I repent! But just spare my life!"
The man began to plead desperately with Sebastian.
"Sebastian...don't you think you're going a little too far...?"
"Hmm. But it's important to put the fear into them. Or they might do the same thing again..."
Ms. Claire muttered with uncertainty as she watched Sebastian threaten the man.
Someone who would do the same thing after being caught once needed to learn to be afraid, or they
would just repeat the same thing again.
Well, I did think he had accomplished that now...
Besides, there was something very cowardly about the man.
"What should we do...?"
"I beg you! Spare me!"
Sebastian continued to threaten the man, as if he was still undecided.
This was getting very drawn out?
"I think he gets the point, Mr. Sebastian."
"Mr. Takumi... He attacked you as well, didn't he? You wish to forgive him?"
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As the man had no will to resist now, he just lay there quietly.

"Now, you finally understand what you have done. Are you remorseful?"

I asked. The man nodded repeatedly, like some kind of broken doll.

"O-of course. I am so sorry... While I didn't know, I caused a lot of trouble..."

The man said as he nodded at me.

So he was capable of speaking politely after all... Though, the mohawk moving up and down ruined the effect a little...

Now, what should we do from here...

After Johanna finished tying the man up, he sat upright. I watched him and pondered the question.

As the binding around his hands and feet were also connected, the only thing he could move freely was his head.

"Ms. Claire and Sebastian. I suppose it would usually be up to the duke to decide the man's fate. But would you mind if I handled it?"

"...Indeed... The table was broken, and there was other damage to the store... But it was you who he threatened with the knife. So I do think that you have that right, Mr. Takumi."

"Well, you were also the one to restrain him. While this is not the passing of authority, I suppose we can turn a blind eye this time... Don't you agree, Mr. Kalis?"

"Yes... I will leave it to Mr. Takumi. We made more than enough profit off the new products in order to cover the cost of the table."

Ms. Claire, Sebastian, and Mr. Kalis all agreed.

Even Johanna and Nicholas nodded.
Well, perhaps there was a lot of trouble that would come if the duke dealt with it, but Sebastian and the others said they would let it pass this time.
I was grateful for how accommodating they all were.
"But, what about everyone else who is gathered here?"
"Of course, it is something that everyone should know. Do you all understand? The duke's family is not involved in this matter."
The spectators who had been watching all nodded at Sebastian's words.
As they all seemed to trust the duke, perhaps it wasn't necessary to speak so threateningly, Sebastian?
In any case, I was glad to see that everyone was satisfied here.
Now, I had to think about what I would do with the man.
"Leo could eat"
"Ahh!"
"Wuff"
I had only muttered it as a joke, but the man shuddered, and Leo shook her head with disgust.
Don't worry, even I wouldn't make Leo eat a human.
"Well, I was just joking But still"





I could just make a lot of herbs at once and deliver them, but Ms. Claire and the others would be so

worried, and probably won't let me do it.

There was the chance that I could faint again... Besides, I also wanted to make herbs for my training, so it was best not to push myself too far.

In that case, it was necessary to make smaller and regular deliveries.

"Obviously, it would be quite a hassle to deliver them here regularly."

I doubted that I, Ms. Claire or Sebastian could deliver them each time.

I had my training, and Ms. Claire and Sebastian were busy with other duties.

We only came today, because it was the first day that they were being sold.

"In that case, I thought I could hire this man to pick up the herbs from the mansion and deliver them here. And I suppose he could do some chores around the store when not making deliveries..."

"I see... So you want to make this man deliver them... But do you really think that he will deliver them as you say?"

Mr. Kalis understood my intention, but still didn't look convinced.

Indeed, while fear might insure that he didn't go against us again, he still might try and run away.

I wasn't exactly sure what to do about that... I had just said what was on my mind, and perhaps needed to think about it more.

"Hmm... Mr. Takumi. What will you do if this man escapes?"

"Well...I'm not quite sure..."

I admitted to Sebastian that I had not given it enough thought.

And he was only right to question me.





"...Uh, what do you mean?" "It means that I'm going to hire you. Don't worry, while I did say that I'd put you to work, I do intend to pay you." "You're going to hire someone like me?" The man could not hide his surprise at this. Indeed, it was quite abnormal to hire someone who had attacked you with a knife. However, in spite of the fact that he had done something bad, I didn't know if I'd be able to sleep well at night if he was executed immediately. In this country, such insolence against the duke might be worthy of a harsh punishment, but I was born and raised in Japan. I wanted him to have a chance of reform before something irreversible happened. ...That being said...I would have to ask if he had any other criminal record as well. "It really depends on whether you want to reform and live a proper life. Also, we will cast the tracking spell on you. And should you try to run..." "Wuff!" "I-I won't run! I promise!" Chapter 125 I Decided To Hire The Man As if to continue from where I left off, Leo showed her fangs and growled. With a pale face, the man promised that he would not run away.

As for whether or not he was to be believed, it all came down to how he worked from here on out. But now that he knew that Leo was a Silver Fenrir, he should understand that he could not escape. And so I doubted he would try anything foolish.

"So, will you work for me?"

"If you will have me...yes! I will do my best!"

The man seemed very moved by my words as he nodded and accepted.

"Well, Sebastian. Please do it."

"You will be hiring a criminal. Are you sure about this?"

"Yes. I believe if set on the right path, he will be reformed. Of course, should he try and escape, I'll send Leo after him."

"You are too soft, Mr. Takumi. From my point of view... Well, I respect your way of thinking. Very well. I will cast the spell."

Sebastian was probably right, and I was being too soft.

It was clear that he was a criminal, and there was the possibility that he would repeat the same offense again.

However, for some reason, I could not ignore him so he would be sent off to be punished.

"Now then... Black Element Mark Pursuit."

Sebastian had nodded at me once before turning to the man.

Then he held his hand over him and chanted the spell and unleashed the magic.



"Since you saved me, allow me to call you brother from now on!" "Well, I suppose... But you better work seriously, all right?" "Yes!" The man smiled and nodded. However...it definitely felt strange, being called 'brother' by someone who looked like they stepped out of a post-apocalyptic setting... "Ah, Mr. Kalis. Do you have a minute?" "Yes. What is it, Mr. Takumi?" While I was dealing with the man, Mr. Kalis started selling the herbs again as if nothing had happened. That was quick... He was certainly a tough salesman... But I called him over so that I could explain what would happen now. "Mr. Kalis. From now on, this man will be delivering the herbs for me. And when he's not doing that, you can make him do odd jobs around the store." "Umm...while we could use the help, are you sure about this?" "It should be fine. Sebastian had cast a magic spell on him, and he understands what will happen if he disobeys. ... You will work hard, won't you?" "Yes! I won't do anything that would disgrace you, brother!"



"There is no doubt that you're too soft, Mr. Takumi. However, I still commend the way you took care of the situation. Otherwise, it would have ended with a very harsh punishment."

"Yes. It would be different if we were seen as being too lenient. It could cause confusion in the lands that we govern."

"So leaving it to you was likely the right thing to do, Mr. Takumi. ... That man... Nick. It's all up to him now."

"I'm sure that it will be fine. And if not, Leo will deal with him."

"Wuff. Wuff."

According to Ms. Claire and Sebastian, as the part of the duke's family, they could not have handled the situation in the same way.

Those who stood on top had to be fair, or it would be difficult to govern.

And in any case, there was no way that he could escape from Leo... And now that I've been training, even I could restrain him with ease.

"Welcome back! What happened outside?"

"We're back, Tilura."

"Tilura, Takumi was doing something very interesting."

After Ms. Claire had led us back into the store, we were greeted by Tilura, who had been waiting patiently inside.

Leo was still playing with the children, and I was sure that she'd be able to handle them on her own now.

Besides, Mr. Kalis and the other clerks were also used to being around her.

Ms. Claire then happily told Tilura about what had happened.

Sebastian also filled in some details as they talked, and we enjoyed our time and relaxed qwhile sipping some tea. And then a moment later, Nick walked in the door.

"Hey, brother! I came to call you because they finished selling all of the herbs."

"I see."

Mr. Kalis must have sent him in to call us.

Since the herbs were all sold, we all stood up from the table and went outside.

Chapter 126

I Heard Some Rumors

"Mr. Takumi, we finished selling all of the herbs that you provided."

Said Mr. Kalis when we stepped outside.

Now that the herbs were sold out, there were no more customers around the table, and only a few children and their parents were left playing with Leo.

At least Leo seemed to be enjoying it...

On the other hand, the herbs had sold out, and it was still a little before midday...

I should be happy that things were going well, but was there really such a high demand for them?

"Mr. Kalis, is the number of people who need herbs growing?"

"Indeed. Apparently, some dishonest physicians have infiltrated the town and started doing business lately..."

Sebastian asked Mr. Kalis this question.

It did seem like there had been a lot of people coming to buy them.

Well, many of them had likely come to see Leo, just like Mr. Kalis had predicted, but the fact that they had sold out so quickly suggested there was still a high demand for them.

... However, what was this about dishonest physicians now?

"People are selling herbs of bad quality, or weakening the effects by adding other things to the powdered herbs, and yet still sell them at normal prices."

"Oh... So there are people who do such things..."

Physicians that sell inferior medicinal herbs, huh?

There were people like that in my old world too. So I suppose it was the same wherever you went.

But Sebastian's eyes were shining with a suspicious light... It was a little scary...

"It is quite bold of them to do such a thing on the duke's lands... This might become very interesting."

"Sebastian enjoys crushing those who use cowardly methods. ... Perhaps it is like a hobby for him."

"Lady Claire, that is not true at all. It's only that I cannot forgive dishonesty. ... Hehe. I will make a report to His Grace as soon as we return..."

While Ms. Claire explained this to me, Sebastian denied the accusation.

However, his words and overall air after that seemed to suggest that she was actually correct.

"In any case, Mr. Takumi. About the future of the herbs..." "Yes." Mr. Kalis ignored Sebastian and turned to me. The future... If we could sell this much, perhaps I should start growing more of them? "In terms of amount, it can either be the same or just a little more. Aside from that, I would like to increase the amount of Ramogi as well." "Ramogi? Is there so little of it then?" I had made Ramogi many times, so it would not be difficult to do. Well, I still had to be careful about fainting, so I couldn't just grow a lot of it without thinking. "Yes. Recently, there has been plague that is spreading in a nearby village and this town. And while it can be treated with Ramogi, as there are so many people who have fallen ill, there is currently not enough Ramogi to go around. Besides, with dishonest physicians selling their herbs as well, it doesn't always reach those who need it the most." "I see...the plague..." "Thankfully, our shop is owned by the duke. And I've seen the quality of your herbs, Mr. Takumi. And so if we focus on selling Ramogi here and help quell the plague, it would really help with our reputation." Unlike those other diluted ones, my herbs would be very effective. And with Weed Cultivation, I can make herbs that are in the best state for maximum effectiveness.

If we sold these good herbs, then it would help the duke's business and keep sales stable.

...If things go well, word might have spread quite far by the time Mr. Ekenhart reaches his house. "As for the herbs that Mr. Takumi will make, I will handle the arrangements." "Sebastian...thank you." Just a moment ago, Sebastian had been gleefully thinking about what he would do to the immoral physicians, but he now returned to himself and started to talk with Mr. Kalis. Well, I'm sure that it will be fine if I leave it all to Sebastian. He just needed to tell me how many herbs I had to make later on. "Leo. You seem to be enjoying yourself." "Wuff." "Hehehe. Good Leo has become quite popular with the children of this town." "Of course, she is! Because she is so cute and gentle!" I moved away from Mr. Kalis and Sebastian as they talked, and stopped in front of Leo, who was playing with the three remaining children. Leo was wagging her tail happily as she played with them. Ms. Claire also watched with a smile. Tilura seemed very proud for some reason... I suppose she was happy that someone she was close with was now popular with others. I petted Leo as the children wrapped themselves in her fur or rode on top of her back.

She had done so well today... With the handling of Nick, attracting customers, playing with the children. It was all because of Leo that we got through it.

"Brother... Sorry to disturb you, but there's something I want to ask..."

"What is it, Nick?"

As I was petting Leo, Nick came out of the store and approached me.

However...being called 'brother' from someone who was older than me was...awkward, but I decided to not think about it too much.

And so I moved away from Leo so that I could listen to what Nick had to say.

"Brother. Just earlier, you were talking about that guy who sells inferior goods, yes?"

"Yes, we were."

"This guy... He came in from a different town. But I heard him say that he was connected to a certain nobleman."

"A nobleman...? And you really met this person?"

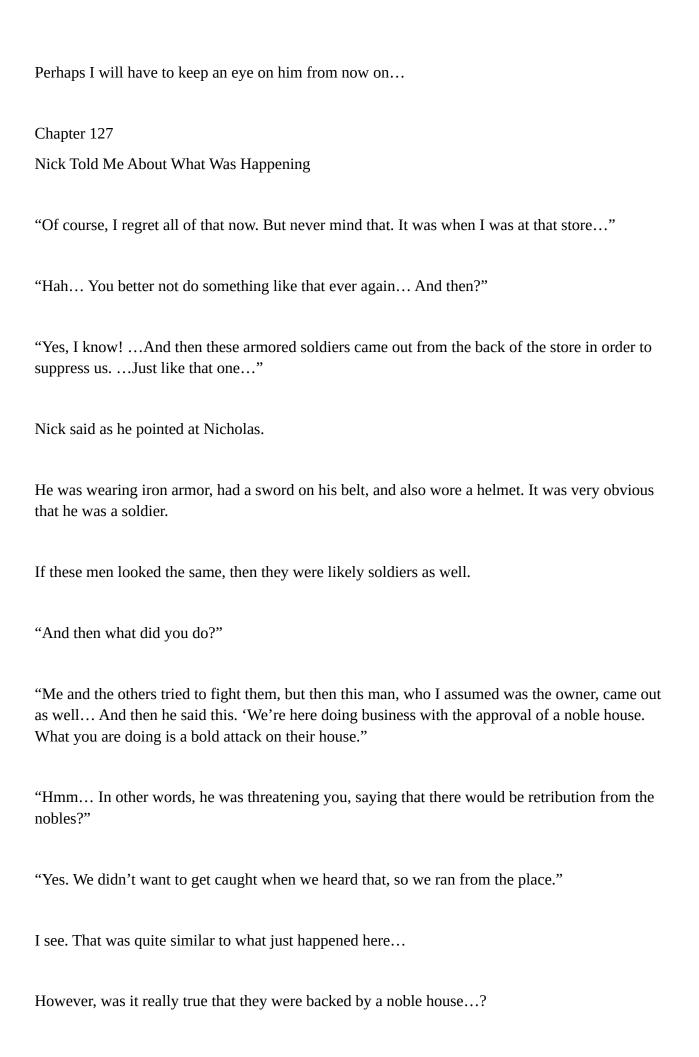
I suppose he was talking about a noble who wasn't the duke.

Because I couldn't believe that Sebastian or Ms. Claire would be involved in such a thing.

"Well, just once, when I went to shake down the store..."

"Nick..."

He only seemed slightly embarrassed by this. I would have hoped he would be more apologetic.





Upon hearing what I had said, Sebastian and Ms. Claire groaned and were deep in thought.

If this involved other nobles, then merely punishing the sellers would not be enough to put the matter to rest.

I didn't know much about the world of aristocrats, but when it came to the relationships of powerful people, they would usually develop into complex problems.

"In any case, I will have to report this to His Grace."

"Yes... Sebastian. Father wouldn't have arrived at the house yet, would he?"

"Indeed. From the mansion to the main house...he has probably not even reached the halfway point yet."

"Would it be possible to catch him if you sent a messenger?"

Ms. Claire wanted to send a messenger to Mr. Ekenhart right away.

"...While it won't be easy...it must be done. His Grace will be able to plan our course of action after hearing the news."

"Yes. And then he'll be able to act as soon as he reaches the house. Unless, of course, he decides to return here instead."

"Indeed... In any case, it would be best to get this news to him as quickly as possible. Nicholas?"

"Yes!"

Once they had come to this conclusion, Sebastian shouted Nicholas's name.

"Go and investigate the facts of the matter at once. And when that is done, make preparation and pursue His Grace. And, of course, do not forget to send someone to contact the mansion as well."

"Understood."

So it was Nicholas who was going to have to go after Mr. Ekenhart...as he was chasing someone on horseback, he would have to ride hard with very little rest... I know... "Nicholas. Wait a minute." "What is it, Mr. Takumi?" I stopped Nicholas and then searched inside of my bag. Oh, there. This is it. "Take this with you. It's a herb to heal any muscle fatigue. And this one will get rid of tiredness." "I can have these?" "Yes. I'm afraid it will be a very taxing journey." I said as I handed the two types of herbs to him. I had made them for my training, but I was sure they would be useful here... It was just too bad that I didn't have more. "I accept them...gratefully." "Yes. Please stay safe."

Nicholas accepted the herbs carefully and then nodded once towards Sebastian before running off

into the town.

After hearing this order, Nicholas immediately made to leave.

It will be tough, but good luck.

"Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi. Lunch is ready, so please come this way."

"Thank you, Mr. Kalis."

After seeing Nicholas off, we all ate lunch, which Mr. Kalis provided for us.

And since Leo could not enter the store, we decided to eat outside at Tilura's suggestion.

Sebastian, Johana, and Mr. Kalis joined us.

And while Mr. Kalis's food was no match Ms. Helena's cooking, it was adequately delicious.

Apparently, it had been bought on the streets by the other store clerks.

If we ever had time, it might be nice to go sightseeing and buy food there.

"Mr. Takumi. About your schedule after this..."

We were almost finished eating when Ms. Claire brought up my plans for the rest of the day.

"If you don't mind, I was hoping you would accompany me for a while?"

"I don't mind. Where are you going?"

"There is an orphanage in this town. You see, this talk of plagues and bad quality herbs has made me anxious..."

An orphanage, huh...? They had such facilities in Japan. Fortunately, I had never been in one.

I didn't know what they were like in this world, but Ms. Claire seemed to be worried about the children there. And since I had no plans in particular, it might be a good idea to go and see it. If it turned out that they were also affected by these bad herbs, then I might have to use Weed Cultivation. Thinking this, I answered Ms. Claire. Chapter 128 We Went To The Ractos Orphanage "Very well. Then we'll go to the orphanage after lunch." "Thank you. Tilura. You'll be able to see the others again." "Really!? It's been so long!" Once it was decided that we would go to the orphanage, Ms. Claire thanked me and then addressed her sister, who was stuffing her face with skewered meat. Judging by Tilura's reaction, she had been to the orphanage before. "Well, Mr. Kalis. I look forward to working with you in the selling of the herbs. ... And Nick, you better work hard." "Yes, of course." "I know, brother!" After lunch, we said goodbye to Mr. Kalis and Nick then left the store.

...I was a little worried about Nick, but Sebastian said he would have someone keep an eye on him,

so it was probably fine.

Besides, there was the magic spell.

"Still, an orphanage, huh...? Do you go there often, Ms. Claire?"

"Yes... I try to visit it at least once a month."

On our way there, I asked Ms. Claire about the orphanage.

Apparently, managing the orphanage was one of the duties of nobles. And nobles who governed towns would always establish one.

They were run with the taxes they collected. And though they differed greatly in wealth depending on location, as this one was owned by the duke, it was modest but comfortable.

"Of course, it is still not much compared to the average household..."

While they were run on taxes, as the duke's business was succeeding, he taxed the people very little.

Which meant less funds for the orphanage. Though, these funds were also supplemented from the duke's own pockets.

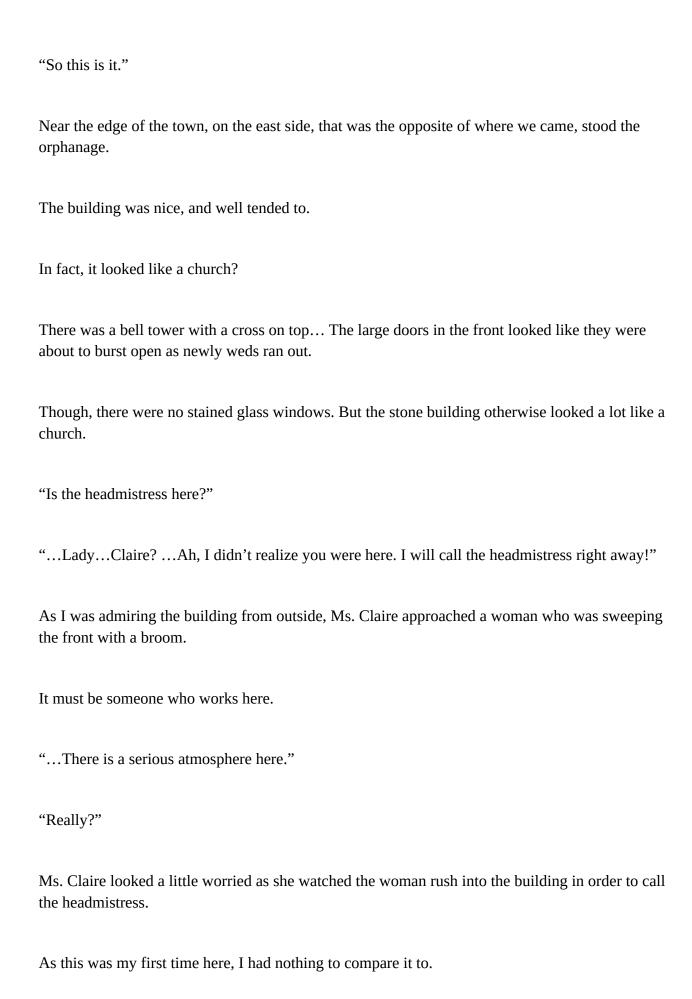
On top of that, people who were raised at the orphanage would often be hired as servants or soldiers. And they would in turn, help support the facility as a way of giving back... Such was the environment.

By the way, Ms. Lyra, as well as Ms. Gelda and Johanna, Nicholas and Phillip, were all from the orphanage.

... About sixty to seventy percent of the servants in the mansion were.

Sebastian said that it was better to hire people who were guaranteed to be loyal.

"This is the orphanage, Mr. Takumi."



However, the woman had been looking at the ground as if she was deep in thought. And that's why she hadn't even noticed it when Ms. Claire approached her. "Lady Claire, Lady Tilura! Welcome!" "Anne, it's been a while." "It's good to see you!" A thin, middle-aged woman appeared, along with the woman who had been sweeping. So this was the headmistress... And just like the first woman, she was also dressed similar to a nun. It was black cloth that covered her from head to toe... It must be quite hot during days with strong sunlight. "While we are always pleased to welcome you two here...Right now..." "Did something happen?" Head Mistress Anne looked at them apologetically. The other woman was also looking at the ground. Has something happened? "No...it's just...most of the people here have become ill from the plague. And so I cannot allow you two to come in. If you should also become ill..." "I see... So that's the reason. And what medicine?"

Apparently, the plague had spread through the orphanage.

I didn't know what kind of illness it was, but regardless, I understood why they didn't want to let the duke's daughter in.

"Medicine...we gave them some that we acquired cheaply...but it did not have much effect."

"No effect... Sebastian?"

"Yes. Ms. Anne, this store you bought it from. Did they say anything about being connected to a noble house?"

Ms. Claire and Sebastian suspected that the medicine was connected to some malicious traders.

If they were mixing the medicine with something else, it would weaken the effects, so it was no wonder they would not get healed.

"Huh? Yes. They did say that the store was managed by a noble. And so we thought they would be reliable..."

"I knew it..."

"So it wasn't about your house, Lady Claire?"

Apparently, she had assumed that it was run by the duke's family.

Perhaps it was only normal for the common citizen to assume that it was lord of the town when they heard 'noble.'

"No, we are not involved in that store at all. Besides, I've heard that they sell goods of low quality. ...Sebastian, this..."

"It will be necessary to act at once. If left alone, it will have great consequences for the house's reputation. ...It was a good thing I had sent Nicholas on ahead."

"...So you aren't related to them, Lady Claire... I did not know..." "Anne. So everyone here is still troubled by the plague?" "Yes... No one has recovered, so they are still bed-ridden. And we don't have enough money to buy more medicine... I'm very sorry, Lady Claire." "There is no need for you to apologize. It is the fault of the store who sold it to you." So the people of the orphanage were still suffering due to the cheap medicine they had bought... Chapter 129 The Sickness Had Spread Through The Orphanage "As for how we will deal with this store, that can wait one moment. We must first tend to the people of the orphanage." "Indeed. ...Mr. Takumi, can you give them some herbs?" "Very well." "...Who is your companion? And...that wolf...?"

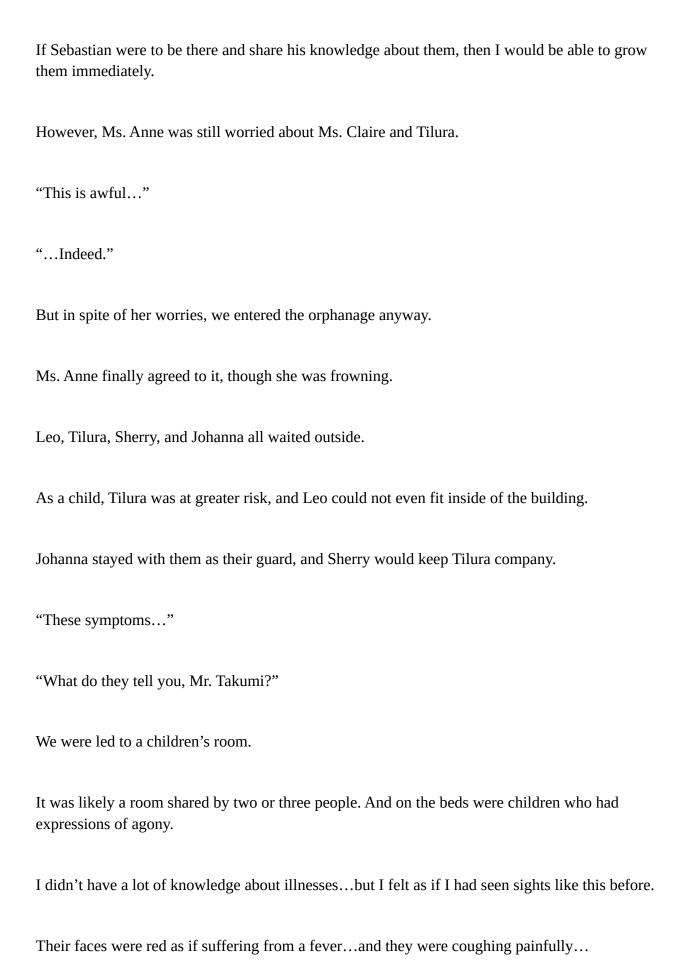
Mr. Claire made the request. So it was my turn to act then.

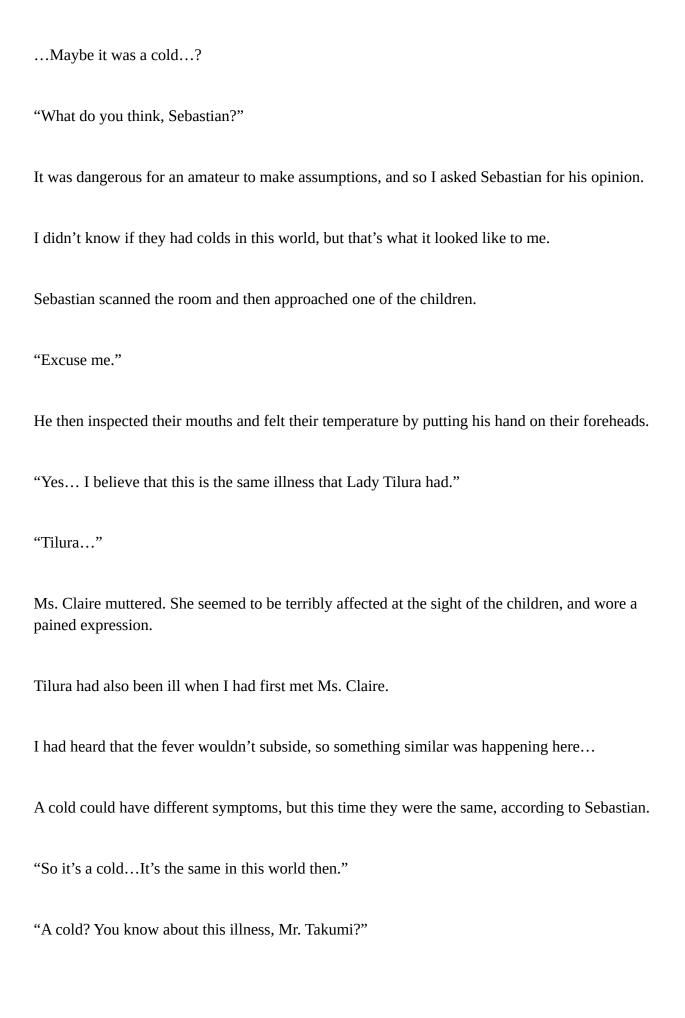
After all, I had Weed Cultivation, and could make something proper and of good quality.

As for Ms. Anna, she looked at Leo and me with a puzzled expression. Now that I thought about it, we hadn't introduced ourselves yet.

"Mr. Takumi is a brilliant pharmacist. And this is Leo, a Silver Fenrir. ...Don't be afraid. Leo would never harm a human."



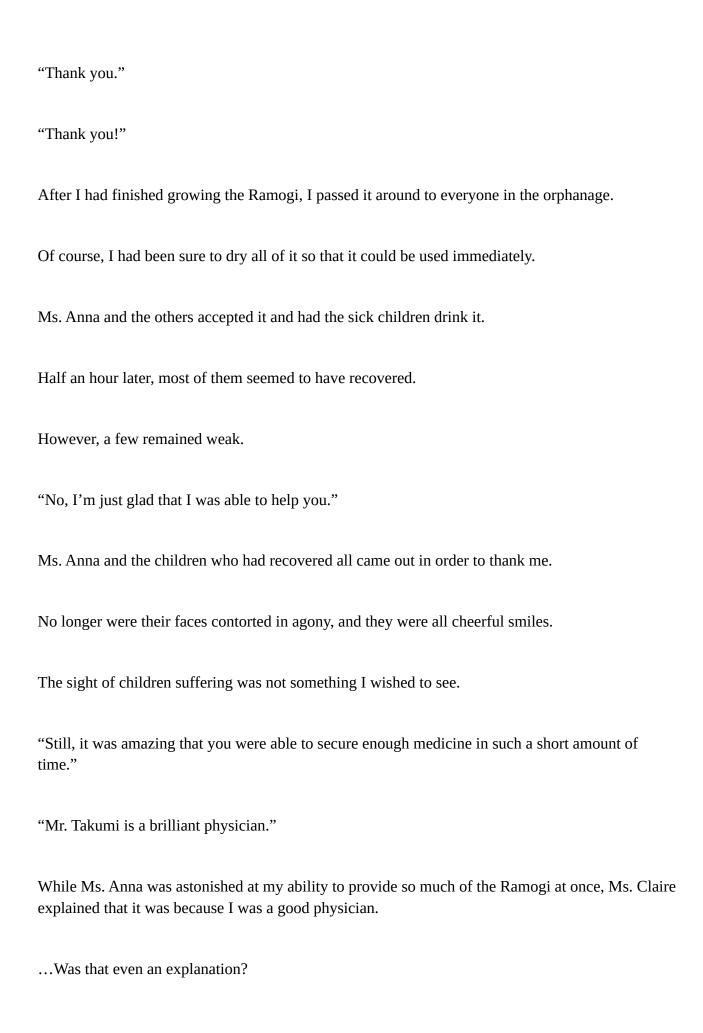








I Learned About What Happened At The Orphanage



"Also, anyone who didn't get sick should drink these." "That is the same thing that the others drank... But why?" "Prevention and precaution. Perhaps some are ill, and just don't know it yet as there are no symptoms." I didn't know if it was even a concept in this world...they did not seem to know much about medicine at all. Besides, there was also the latent period. But I didn't want to explain this, and just said it was a precaution. "You too, Ms. Claire and Sebastian. Also, Tilura and Johanna should take it as well." "Very well." "I will deliver it to them right away." And so I handed them the Ramogi. Sebastian immediately went to deliver it to Tilura and Johanna, along with some water. Tilura had been sick only a short while ago, so she was probably fine, but there was no harm in being safe. That's why I had made extra herbs. Besides, if it was spreading through the orphanage, then it was probably spreading throughout the area. It would be best to make some for the servants once we return to the mansion as well.

"Still, it's a good thing we were able to tell what illness it was."

"Indeed. However, Ramogi is supposed to be quite affordable in this town... Anne. What is happening?"

"Well...once it started to spread, people started buying all of the Ramogi from the stores. Though, I did hear that there are people who are testing with different herbs in order to find a cure."

I suppose those with money were doing what they could to help heal people by conducting tests with herbs and medicine.

However, that had resulted in there not being enough for the orphanage.

"I went around the town and asked at different stores, but it seems that starting around two weeks ago, all the herbs would be bought as soon as there was new stock. And it was as I was wondering what to do that I heard of a new store that sold Ramogi for cheap..."

"I see. And this is the store that claimed to be connected to a noble house."

"I'm back."

As I was talking to Ms. Anna, Sebastian returned.

And so Ms. Claire told him what we had just heard.

"So that's the reason... It would explain why we couldn't get Ramogi for Tilura."

They had not been able to acquire Ramogi quickly when it was Tilura who was ill.

And now it seemed like it was because there was none being sold in town.

That's why Ms. Claire had left the mansion.

"There is something suspicious about this store and the blight"
"Indeed It will require a thorough investigation."
Ms. Claire and Sebastian were muttering to each other. But could there really be more to it?
"What is it?"
"Mr. Takumi. It so happens that the store in question appeared at the same time that the illness started to spread."
"From what we heard, the store appeared over two weeks ago. And the sickness started to spread around two weeks ago as well. And it was during this time that the stores started to run out of their stock of herbs"
"So you think that it was all planned by this one store?"
"No. I wouldn't go that far Well, I do think it was them who bought all of the herbs to create a shortage."
Hmm In other words, once they detected the spread of the disease, they opened the store.
And then they bought the stock from the other stores so that customers would come to them
"Perhaps they were reselling those herbs after mixing them with something else."
"That is definitely possibleLady Claire, I must leave you for now."
"Yes. I'm counting on you."
And then Sebastian left the room.
"Where did he go?"

