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Chapter 141

I Studied Medicine with Milina

“All right, that’s enough training for now.”

“You’re finished already, Mr. Takumi?”

As promised, I focused on training for one hour, and was able to do quite a lot.

It was less than usual, but I still had my sword swinging to do at night.

Besides, I will start training with Leo again tomorrow... We didn’t do it today because we had gone to Ractos.

“I have to study now. What about you, Tilura?”

“I’ll continue with my training!”

Tilura had looked puzzled as to why I was finishing early. But when I suggested she could join us, she returned to her training because she did not want to study.

I chuckled at this and left the garden and entered the dining hall... Oh, I better wipe off this sweat first.

Leo was following me, but Sherry stayed with Tilura.

Perhaps she knew that it would be boring if she tagged along?

“Sorry to keep you waiting, Milina.”

“There you are, master.”

Milina and Ms. Lyra were chatting in the dining hall.

They were both raised in the orphanage, and seemed to get along very well.

“So, studying medicine... Where should we start?”

“Master. You haven’t thought about that yet?”

“Wuff.”

When it came to actually studying it, I didn’t know what to do first.

Learn the different types of herbs? Look up ways to mix and prepare medicine? Study about the symptoms of diseases and what medicine is most effective?

What should we do...

Just then, Milina and Leo looked at me with exasperated expressions.

My authority as a master...!

Well, I never had any to begin with.

“If only Sebastian were here... I think he would have a lot to teach.”

“Mr. Takumi, I have something for you.”

“Huh?”

Ms. Lyra offered me a single volume.

I looked at the cover, and it read, ‘Medicine for Beginners. Basic Knowledge. ‘

“Is this from...Sebastian?”

“Yes. He said that I should give it to you if you looked troubled.”

“I see... Thank you.”

So Sebastian had predicted that we would not know where to start with our studies.

It was impressive, but also a little intimidating that he was so perceptive.

Still, I was thankful that he had gone through the trouble in spite of being so busy. And so I would use this book to study the basics with Milina.

“Milina. Today, we will study with this book.”

“Yes!”

“Mr. Takumi. Milina only just arrived today. So please keep it brief.”

“I’m fine. I want to study as much as possible!”

Milina answered Ms. Lyra energetically, but it was true that she had only just arrived here today.

And while she had friends here, she had left everyone at the orphanage.

She still needed to unpack her things, and she must be a little tired after traveling. So like Ms. Lyra said, we would keep it short for now.

“As for where we can study... Ms. Lyra, could we use the drawing room?”

“Yes, that’s fine.”

“All right, let’s go to the drawing room, Milina.”

“Yes, master!”

“Wuff!”

As we were allowed to use the drawing room, we decided to study there.

While we could have used my room, there was only one desk and chair.

For some reason, Leo’s reply was just as enthusiastic as Milina’s as we headed towards the drawing room.

...Could it be that Leo wanted to acquire knowledge of medicine as well?

“Please use these.”

“Thank you.”

“Thank you!”

Ms. Lyra prepared some paper for taking notes, as well as quill pens. We would use those to study.

And so we both sat down at the table and opened the book that Sebastian had given to us.

Leo loomed over me from behind so that she could look at the book too.

So you really do want to study...

“Hmm...hmm... I see.”

“Mmm... It’s so complicated...”

We read the book and then wrote down the important points onto the sheets of paper.

Apparently, Milina was finding it a little difficult to understand.

“...Master... Excuse me. But what does this mean?”

“Uhh...it means...”

Occasionally, she would ask me questions about the contents, and I would explain it to her as we read the book.

Leo was nodding in the back... Did she really understand?

“Hmm... This makes me want to conduct some tests with the herbs...”

“Are you going to use your ability, master?”

“Well, there is a lot that I would like to do... But...see here...”

When I considered using Weed Cultivation to test something I had read in the book, Milina showed deep interest.

She wanted to see my ability... However, I had to disappoint her by pointing to a section in the book.

“Uhh... It is dangerous for beginners to mix medicine out of curiosity. One must restrain the desire to demonstrate and acquire knowledge first.”

“That’s what it says.”

“...Too bad. I wanted to see you use the Gift.”

I had been thinking about combining the herbs... By doing this, you could make medicine with different kinds of effects.

However, the book warned against doing such things.

And I had to agree... I might accidentally make something toxic or with no effect at all.

“You want to see it that bad?”

“Yes. It’s not every day that you get to see such miracles!”

Milina answered with sparkling eyes.

Was it really something to be so excited over...? Well, I suppose it was similar to a miracle...

“Then I can show it to you tomorrow.”

“Really!? But, the book said...”

“I’m not going to be concocting anything. I’m just going to grow some herbs, since I have to do that anyway. That requires Weed Cultivation, so you can come and watch.”

“Is that so! Thank you!”

I made herbs nearly every day in order to send them to Mr. Kalis.

As I was only growing them, there was no danger.

So that was something that I could show Milina.

Chapter 142

I Trained With Leo

“Wuff! Wuff!”

“Okay. Okay.”

Leo started to bark every time me and Milina started to talk about something else, and it looked like we weren’t focused on our studies.

Hurry up and turn to the next page... That’s what she was saying. But was she really learning as well...?

And was it necessary...for a Silver Fenrir to study and learn about medicine?

“Mr. Takumi, Milina. Why don’t you take a break now?”

“Ah... I didn’t realize that so much time had passed.”

“It’s starting to get dark.”

As I, Milina and Leo concentrated on reading, Ms. Lyra called out to us.

And when I looked outside, I saw that the sun was already descending... We had been so focused, I suppose.

“Hmm. I guess that’s enough for today then.”

“Or we could continue studying after a short break?”

“Well, it’s almost dinner time. And there are other things that I’d like to do. So this is enough for today.”

“...Very well.”

“Wuff.”

As Ms. Lyra started to pour some tea for us, I told Milina that we would stop studying for the day.

It was just around the point that studying was becoming enjoyable, and so I understood why she felt like she hadn't had enough. But it wasn't good to study too much all at once...

Besides, this was her first day, and she was bound to become tired soon.

Even Leo was nodding her head in agreement... And she really had been looking at the book the whole time...

“Here you are.”

“Thank you.”

I thanked Ms. Lyra as I drank the tea that she poured and sighed.

We hadn't been moving, but studying meant using your head instead.

And so the delicious tea helped soothe my brain...

“This tea is so good. I've never had anything like it before.”

“Ms. Lyra's tea is always delicious.”

“Thank you.”

Milina was surprised by how good the tea was.

The tea leaves would have been of very fine quality, and it was brewed most expertly. And so it would be very different from what she was used to at the orphanage.

I watched as Ms. Lyra prepared milk for Leo and then I sat back and relaxed.

Then Ms. Gelda came in and said that dinner was ready, so we all moved to the dining hall.

We were told that the things we used to study would be taken to our rooms... Thank you.

“You’ll be with us today, Milina.”

“Me...? Are you certain?”

“It’s fine, because you are here as a guest today.”

While she would be treated as a servant tomorrow, she was a guest today. And so she would eat at the same table as Ms. Claire.

This was her first time in the mansion, and the great dining hall and huge table... It was no wonder that someone raised in an orphanage might hesitate.

“Why don’t you accept the kind offer?”

“If you say so, master... I will.”

Milina nodded and then sat down at the table.

She was sitting next to Leo...on the other side that I was sitting.

As always, Ms. Claire sat at the other end, and Tilura, who had finished training, sat next to her.

Sebastian must have still been busy, as he was nowhere to be seen.

Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda stood waiting as always, but... I thought Ms. Lyra had gone to put away our studying materials. Yet she had returned already...

“This is delicious. I never dreamed that I would eat something like this!”

As soon as she started eating, Milina let out a cry of emotion at how good the food was.

This was no surprise, since Ms. Helena had worked hard to make it.

“Hehehe. I’m sure Helena will be happy to hear you say that.”

Ms. Claire watched with amusement as Milina gushed about the food.

Upon realizing that she was being watched, Milina looked a little embarrassed, but she could not win against her appetite, and she continued to gorge herself.

After that, dinner and tea time ended uneventfully.

Milina went to her room with Ms. Gelda.

I went out to the garden to practice swinging with Tilura.

As I hadn’t been able to train much due to my studies, I focused on my swings more than usual.

“Good work, Tilura.”

“I did my best today. And I’ll do my best tomorrow!”

After finishing, I said good night to Tilura and then washed up before returning to my room.

“I suppose I should read ahead.”

“Wuff. Wuff.”

When I returned to my room, I noticed that the book we had been reading was now lying on my desk.

Ms. Lyra must have put it there.

And so I sat down and started to read it.

If I was going to be called master, then I should at least prepare ahead for tomorrow’s lesson.

“Wuff.”

“You can read, Leo?”

“Wuff.”

As Leo had muttered as if deep in thought while looking over my shoulder, I asked her.

Leo nodded... So she could read... That was amazing. Silver Fenrirs...

Though, I didn’t know how much of it she understood.

“Hmm...hmm... I see.”

“Wuff... Wuff-wuff.”

And so Leo and I read the book together late into the night.

While it meant less sleep, this was still important.

After breakfast on the following day, I went out into the garden with Milina in order to show her Weed Cultivation.

I had already finished my training with Leo, and so I moved over to a secluded area and used Weed Cultivation.

...Once again, I hadn't been able to hit Leo... I knew it wouldn't be easy, but it still made me feel frustrated.

"I saw you use it before, but it really is strange."

"Yes. Even I think so, and I'm the one using it."

Milina muttered as she stared at my hands intently.

While it was my own ability, the sight of plants growing rapidly out of the ground was something that I never got used to.

"You really are amazing, master!"

Said Milina with shining eyes as I finished using the Gift, and handed the day's herbs to Ms. Lyra.

It was a little embarrassing.

"Mr. Takumi. Nick has arrived."

"I see. I'll go right now."

Ms. Gelda had come to tell me that Nick was here.

I met him in the waiting room and handed him the herbs that Ms. Lyra had put into a bag, and then my work for the day was over.

...While I usually had to rely on my ability, my job often felt like it was almost too easy...?

I used to have to sweat a lot with my previous job, so it felt questionable to have it so easy now.

Well, I wanted to live a slow, relaxed life. So maybe this was fine after all.

Chapter 143

Nicholas Returned to the Mansion

“I’ve returned.”

“Nicholas.”

Just as I was going through the entrance hall in order to return to the garden to train, the front door opened and Nicholas entered.

After that, Sebastian was called, and they went to the drawing room in order to hear the report.

I was told that I could attend.

“So, Nicholas. What did His Grace say?”

“Lord Ekenhart...”

Apparently, Nicholas had been able to meet Mr. Ekenhart at the halfway point between this mansion and the main residence.

This was due to the fact that Mr. Ekenhart had been taking his time and traveling at a leisurely pace.

It turned out that my herbs had also been useful, and Nicholas thanked me.

I was glad to hear it.

“I see... Very good. Well, you must be tired, so you can go and rest.”

“Yes.”

After finishing his report, Nicholas left the drawing room.

As it would have been a tough ride, he would be quite exhausted.

“Now, I must relay this information to Lady Claire.”

“Yes.”

And so Sebastian left in order to speak to her.

I stayed behind with Leo and Ms. Lyra.

As for Milina and Ms. Gelda, they were in the garden watching Tilura and Sherry.

“Watch and wait, huh...”

I thought back on what I had just heard.

Before leaving to see Mr. Ekenhart, Nicholas had done some searching in Ractos as well, and had a grasp on the malicious store.

I suppose he had also spoken with Sebastian as well.

He even knew that the count was involved, that they had been buying all the herbs and medicine in the town, and that they had started selling shortly after the spread of the disease.

After telling everything to Mr. Ekenhart, the reply had been to wait and see.

“Even someone like Mr. Ekenhart isn’t able to take action immediately...”

As the store was in his territory, he could easily have it shut down. Only, it could lead to other complications with the noble house later on.

And so he would rather act once they had irrefutable evidence.

That’s why Sebastian has been so busy these days.

Also, Mr. Ekenhart himself was going to look into this matter with the count.

While it was unlikely to be resolved soon, I still wanted to do something about this store that was hurting the people.

“But I suppose there is no point in me thinking about it.”

I drank the rest of the tea that Ms. Lyra had poured, and then I went out into the garden to switch gears.

“Why are you running too, Milina?”

“Ha...ha... Because I’m quite confident in my athletic ability...”

When I arrived at the garden, I saw that Milina was running with Tilura and Sherry.

Sherry always ran with her, but I didn’t see why Milina needed to run as well.

After running, Milia smiled happily as she caught her breath.

While she was tired, she was clearly having fun. So I suppose it was alright.

“Anyway, I’ll be training here until lunch. Is that fine?”

“Yes. Then we can study after that!”

But first, I had to train.

Moving my body would help me forget all those unpleasant thoughts.

As there was currently no good way to deal with the store, I had been feeling a sense of anger.

After that, I continued to train until Ms. Lyra came to call us.

As studying would take up a lot of my time, I had trained harder than usual. Milina seemed a little worried, but it was fine, as I had the herbs.

...I just had to be careful that I didn't get sleepy while we studied.

“I'll study hard!”

After lunch, we went to the drawing room like yesterday in order to study.

As I had been reading late last night, I was quite ahead already.

Thanks to this, I was able to answer Milina's questions smoothly.

...So it was worth the reduced hours of sleep.

“Mr. Takumi, it's time for dinner.”

“Thank you. Milina, that's enough for today.”

“Yes.”

I nodded to Ms. Gelda, who had come to tell us that dinner was ready, and we finished studying for the day.

We were going through the book at a much faster pace than I expected. I wasn't sure if it was because I had read ahead, or because it was just easy to understand.

But I went over everything in my head as I headed to the dining hall.

As Milina was now here as a servant, she would eat with them.

They had a separate place to eat their meals.

“Mr. Takumi, I just talked with Sebastian.”

“I see.”

During dinner, Ms. Claire talked about what she had heard concerning her father.

She had an angry expression, which suggested she too felt frustrated that they were not able to do anything about the store.

We had to wait for Mr. Ekenhart to provoke the count into action, or for Sebastian to find concrete evidence...

“Wuff.”

“Kyau. Kyau.”

Seeing that we were in a dark mood, Leo and Sherry tried to cheer us up.

Yes... There was no point in brooding over it like this.

Thanks to their efforts, we were able to get through dinner amidst a peaceful atmosphere.

“Hahaha. That tickles, Leo.”

“Wuff. Wuff.”

“Kyau.”

It had been a while since I last saw Leo and Sherry playing with Tilura like this. I mused as I sipped my tea.

Perhaps Tilura had also sensed the dark atmosphere and was trying to lighten the mood.

“I’m sorry, Mr. Takumi.”

“No, I should be the one to apologize. Thankfully, we have Leo, Sherry and Tilura to help us.”

I said to Ms. Claire with a chuckle while watching Leo and the others.

Children were often sensitive to the moods of grownups... I had to be more careful.

...Well, Leo wasn’t a child...

Ms. Claire smiled cheerfully after that and watched the others play.

Yes, the sight of them playing was somehow very calming.

“Well, good night.”

“Good night, Ms. Claire.”

After tea time, we said good night to Ms. Claire, and then Tilura and I went to the garden.

We did our daily sword swings, and then retired.

I then read what remained of the book on medicine, and then went to bed.

Tomorrow, I would have to ask Sebastian if he didn't have any other books.

Chapter 144

A Villager Visited the Mansion

After that, the next few days passed by uneventfully.

In the mornings after breakfast, I would train with Leo and use Weed cultivation.

And then I would hand them to Nick, and continue training.

In the afternoon, I would study with Milina.

When I asked Sebastian, he gave me some medium-level books, and so we used those now.

...Compared to the first one, it was a lot harder, but we somehow managed to go through them and discuss what we learned.

After dinner, I practiced my swings, studied ahead, and then went to sleep... This was repeated over and over.

As for Milina, she learned to be a servant in her free time.

"Lady Claire, you have a guest."

Days later, after we had finished eating lunch, a visitor came to the mansion.

Ms. Lyra came to the dining hall and announced it to Ms. Claire.

“To see me? But there were no plans for such a visit...”

Ms. Claire looked puzzled by this, but followed Ms. Lyra out of the dining hall... Well, that’s what I thought they would do, but then Ms. Lyra turned to me.

“I think it must be related to you as well, Mr. Takumi. Will you come with us?”

“Me? Very well.”

In what way could this guest be related to me...?

But when I thought about it, the only thing that came to mind was the herbs. It was something that all the servants of the house knew about...

While it was strange, I got up from my chair and followed Ms. Lyra.

Leo, Sherry, and Tilura decided to stay behind.

It was a good thing, as Leo usually startled people she was meeting for the first time.

“Forgive me for disturbing you at this time.”

“Who are you?”

“My name is Hannes. I’m the chief of Range village. This is my granddaughter, Rosalie.”

“I am Rosalie.”

“Range village...”

Upon entering the drawing room with Ms. Claire, an old man and a young girl got up from their chairs and bowed.

They introduced themselves and then Ms. Claire sat down on the other side of the table.

...Where should I sit...? Next to Ms. Claire?

While uncertain, I sat down anyway... And no one said anything, so it was probably fine.

“I am Claire. Claire Liebert. And I am currently managing this estate.”

“Lady Claire... Ah...we have heard stories. I came here today so that I may ask for your help.”

“I will listen to what you have to say.”

“Thank you.”

After being encouraged to talk by Ms. Claire, the old man...Mr. Hannes, began to explain.

“Currently, an illness is spreading through Range village.”

“An illness?”

I couldn't help but mutter.

Hannes glanced towards me, but continued.

“Yes. At first it was just one of the young ones. But then it started to spread day after day...”

And now, the majority of the village has fallen ill... That's what he said.

“But not you two, Mr. Hannes?”

“Both my granddaughter and I were ill at one point. But after testing various medicines, we realized that Ramogi was the most effective.”

“So we drank Ramogi and were healed.”

Rosalie added.

She looked to be about ten years old. Maybe a little older than Tilura, and looked very lively.

Though, she also seemed quite nervous, as she was in front of Lady Claire.

“You drank the Ramogi... So it must be the same illness that we saw at the Ractos orphanage.”

“I see. But, why have you come here?”

“The Ramogi that we used was the last in the village. And so we went to Ractos in order to buy more...”

“But there was hardly any left to buy...”

Because of the malicious store, there was not a lot of good Ramogi in stock in the town.

Other stores were restocking it now, but there was still not enough to meet demand.

And while I was sending some to Mr. Kalis, it wasn't a lot.

“But we continued to search the town...but every store was low... But then one kind person suggested a certain store to me.”

“But when we went there...they gave us some strange medicine.”

“Strange medicine...? Could it be...?”

“Yes. It must be that store that Sebastian is looking into.”

So after walking around Ractos, they reached that store...

“As the leader of my village, I have some knowledge of medicine. And so I could tell that there was something wrong with what they were selling.”

“My grandfather is amazing.”

Rosalie said boastfully.

While she was nervous, she couldn't help but be happy about her grandfather being able to tell that the medicine was bad.

“Yes, it's a good thing you didn't buy it.”

Ms. Claire said with a smile.

“But finding out that our last hope was selling fake medicine...we were at a complete loss.”

The medicine was of bad quality, so it couldn't be helped that people would call it fake.

“And yet, I was desperate. And so I continued to search Ractos...when I heard rumors of a certain store. And when I followed them, I arrived at a store run by a Mr. Kalis.”

“And they were selling the herbs and medicine that were out of stock.”

“However...it was still not enough to heal everyone in the village.”

That was obvious. I was the one supplying that store with herbs. And an entire village... Well, even if it wasn't everyone, it was still a lot of people, and I couldn't make that much.

And I was already sending herbs to Mr. Kalis so that they could reach the people of Ractos.

“And so we asked Mr. Kalis.”

“He said that the store was owned by the duke. And he told us that if we came here, you might be able to help us.”

“I see. So it was by Mr. Kalis’s recommendation that you visited.”

Mr. Kalis knew how the herbs were being made.

And so while he didn’t tell them how...he must have thought that their problem could be solved if they came here.

Perhaps Ms. Lyra had also heard of the matter in advance.

And so she wanted me to be here.

“Please. Will you help us...!”

“Please!”

Mr. Hannes and Rosalie stood up and bowed to Ms. Claire.

Ms. Claire saw this and stopped to think.

“Mr. Takumi. Could I have a word with you?”

“Yes.”

“Hannes, Rosalie. Please wait one moment.”

And so while they waited, Ms. Claire and I talked to each other in hushed voices.

Chapter 145

I Thought of a Way to Send Ramogi To The Village

“What should be done... I know that you can make the herbs, but...”

“The problem is the number that I am able to make...”

“I don’t want you to push yourself too hard. ...But...”

Ms. Claire wanted to help Hannes and Rosalie.

Of course, I did as well.

I didn’t know how far away this Range village was, but they had come all of the way here.

“You could send fewer herbs to Mr. Kalis?”

“But then there won’t be enough to go around for the people of Ractos.”

I wanted to avoid that.

As the malicious store was still there, I didn’t want to decrease the number of herbs.

“In that case...”

“Hmm... Mr. Hannes.”

“Yes?”

“How long would it take to travel to your village, if one were to go by horse?”

“...You would have to pass through the town of Ractos... So, that would be three days.”

“I see... Thank you.”

After hearing this, I started to think again.

As Mr. Hannes didn't know who I was, he was looking at me oddly. But I couldn't be bothered by that right now.

“Ms. Claire, three days on horse. How long would that be on Leo...?”

“I believe...it would be...around one day...?”

“I see... Then I might have an idea.”

And so I told Ms. Claire what I had come up with.

Simply put, I just had to avoid using Weed Cultivation too much in one day.

If I could not prepare enough at once, I just needed to do it over several days.

Thankfully, I had a reliable companion called Leo.

“I understand. I think that might work, Mr. Takumi. And since you would not be pushing yourself too hard, Sebastian won't object to it.”

“I hope that is the case.”

Now that I think about it, Sebastian isn't here.

Since he thought of things from different angles, I wasn't actually confident that he would agree...

“Hannes. We have decided to help you.”

“You will!?”

Ms. Claire told him our conclusion.

Mr. Hannes and Rosalie looked overjoyed.

“This is Mr. Takumi...our physician. He will deal with the matter.”

“You...”

“Uh, I’m Takumi. Sorry for the late introduction. But I will prepare enough herbs for your village, Mr. Hannes.”

“Thank you. Thank you.”

Mr. Hannes cried tears of gratitude as he bowed his head to Ms. Claire and me.

He must have been incredibly worried about his people... And after all the searching he had done in the town.

“Mr. Hannes. Can you go ahead and return to your village?”

“I can but...what about the medicine...?”

“It will be prepared. Though, it won’t be a lot.”

“So it won’t be enough for everyone in the village...”

Mr. Hannes’ face suddenly darkened.

Well, of course, he would think that.

“No, there will be enough...for everyone who is ill.”

“But...”

“However, we will need some time.”

“Time...?”

“Yes. I want you to return first by horse. And during the few days it takes you to return, I will do what I can to secure the necessary amount of medicine.”

“But then...it won’t arrive at the village until much later...”

Mr. Hannes was thinking that I or someone else would be delivering the medicine to the village later.

So even though the medicine would reach them eventually, they would not get it as soon as he would like.

While it may make sense to have those who were the most ill take the medicine first, the chief may also want to avoid looking like he was favoring anyone when they all wanted it.

“No, I believe...that around the time that you arrive at the village, I will also be there, and with enough medicine for all.”

“...How is that possible? You will be leaving several days later, and yet you can catch up...”

It would be impossible, if I was on horseback like Mr. Hannes.

If I traveled without resting, I might be able to close the gap a little... Though, I didn’t even know how to ride a horse.

“Well, let’s just say I have a method of travel that is faster than any horse.”

“...You do?”

“Faster than a horse?”

Mr. Hannes and Rosalie looked like they didn't believe me.

I wasn't sure if there was anything faster than Leo in this world. Maybe there was. But it was not something that someone from a small village would be able to imagine.

“Uhh, wait one moment.”

“...Ah.”

“I'll go and call Leo.”

“Yes, of course.”

I said to Ms. Claire, and then I left the room and went to the dining hall.

“If you are looking for Leo, she is out in the garden with Lady Tilura.”

“Thank you.”

When I went to the dining hall, there was only a maid who was cleaning and putting things away.

Apparently, they had become bored of waiting for me.

“Leo. Come over here!”

“Wuff?”

I went out into the garden and called Leo, who was carrying Sherry and running with Tilura.

I felt bad to disturb their training, but I called Leo and we returned to the drawing room.

...I should take Sherry down first.

“I’m back.”

“Wuff.”

“AHHH!”

“It-it’s a fen...fenrir...?”

And so Leo and I entered the drawing room again.

Leo barked once and then Mr. Hannes and Rosalie turned to see her, and their faces grew tense.

“Don’t worry. This is Leo. She won’t attack humans.”

“...Are you...certain of that...?”

“Yes. While Leo is a Silver Fenrir, she listens to what I say and is very mild-mannered. Right, Leo?”

“Wuff!”

“...Silver Fenrir...”

After hearing this, Mr. Hannes seemed to calm down a little. But he was still clearly afraid.

It was as if telling him that she was a Silver Fenrir reignited his anxiety... Well, this was to be expected, I suppose.

Chapter 146

Children took to Leo very quickly

“Wuff-wuff?”

“Hmm? Ah, wait a minute. ...Uh, Rosalie...right?”

“Yes. I am Rosalie!”

After hearing Leo, I turned and addressed Rosalie.

She looked nervous, seeing as how I was the man who had brought a Silver Fenrir into their presence.

“There’s no need to be so nervous. Leo likes children. Why don’t you play with her?”

“...But won’t it try to eat me?”

“Leo wouldn’t eat people. Don’t worry... See?”

“...It’s so soft.”

“Wuff! Wuff!”

While Roalie had been afraid of being eaten at first, I assured her that it was fine, and then took her hand.

I had her touch Leo’s fur. Once she felt how soft it was, her expression relaxed.

Leo also barked happily.

“Leo likes to play with children, and would never hurt anyone.”

“...But, Silver Fenrirs are not supposed to be so gentle...”

Mr. Hannese stared in disbelief. He was watching Rosalie pet Leo.

If you knew anything about Silver Fenrirs, you would find it difficult to believe such a sight. But Leo was quiet and gentle.

“Wuff. Wuff.”

“Aha! Hahah. That’s amazing.”

Leo barked, and then Rosalie got on top of her back as they played.

Children sure adapted quickly.

“Well, as you can see... It’s possible to ride on Leo. And that’s how I will catch up with you.”

“...It can carry people...”

“Yes. Leo is faster than any horse, and so the journey will only take one day at the most.”

I didn’t know how long it was exactly, but given Leo’s speed, it was a good estimate.

Though, I had yet to make Leo run at full speed. So perhaps she was even faster.

...But then again, I might fall off. So I would have to limit her speed a little.

“I see... In that case, I can understand. You have a Silver Fenrir who obeys you... That makes you trustworthy, I think.”

“I’m glad that you believe me.”

“Well, that settles things. Now...Lyra.”

“Yes.”

Mr. Hannes decided to trust us.

As he knew about Silver Fenrirs, seeing Leo's calm behavior increased his trust in me.

I did feel a little sad that I was unable to earn his trust on my own merits, but I suppose that could come later.

I should be happy that I have such a reliable buddy.

Ms. Claire called Ms. Lyra, who then approached Mr. Hannes.

“You must be tired from your travels. Please stay here today and rest.”

“...I am grateful for the offer...but I must return to my village as soon as possible.”

“I understand how you feel, but you should rest today. Besides, it will take time to prepare the medicine.”

“...Very well.”

Ms. Lyra was able to persuade him, and Mr. Hannes agreed to stay for the night.

He was quite elderly, and had traveled far... We didn't want him to overextend himself.

Ms. Lyra looked at me and nodded.

...I see... So that's why.

“Well, I will go and prepare the medicine. Though, it will take some time...”

“Thank you, Mr. Takumi.”

“Thank you!”

“Wuff!”

“Ah, Leo. You can stay here and play with Rosalie.”

“Wuff!”

I told them that I would prepare the medicine, and then I left the room.

Leo was about to follow me, but I had her stay and play with Rosalie.

It seemed like Rosalie would enjoy the company, and it would help take her mind off the village, and whether it would be saved or not.

And perhaps Mr. Hannes would get used to having Leo close by.

“That was a good move on Ms. Lyra’s part.”

She had signaled to me with a nod.

As I would be using Weed Cultivation to make the Ramogi, it would not take that long.

However, it was used as a convenient excuse to make Mr. Hannes rest.

“Well, I’ll do as she said and take my time.”

I muttered as I went to the back garden.

There, Tilura was still running with Milina and Sherry.

“There you are, Mr. Takumi. Will you train with me?”

“Sorry, but there’s something I have to do, so I won’t be able to train.”

I had to make the Ramogi for Range village.

However, I didn’t want to decrease the amount that I sent to Ractos either.

In that case, I had to train less, so that I wouldn’t have to make any herbs for recovery.

I doubted that I would be pushing myself close to the limit, but it was best to be safe.

“I understand. I hope it goes well!”

“Thank you. You too, Tilura. Also...don’t forget to study, all right?”

“Uh...yes.”

Tilura’s face darkened when she heard that, and then she returned to her training.

“Master. You’re not going to train today...? What happened?”

“Ah. It turns out that I have to prepare more Ramogi than usual.”

I then told her about our visitor, Mr. Hannes.

“If that is the case, I will assist you. I now have a grasp on handling medicine, after all.”

“Thank you.”

So saying, with Tilura training in the corner of my eye, I started to use Weed Cultivation.

I left the gathering to Milina.

While she still wasn't used to doing this, she would get the hang of it eventually.

I had been the same at first...but after trying it many times, I became accustomed to it.

“I'm amazed every time I see your ability, master.”

“Well, there are limits to it.”

We talked as we worked to make the Ramogi medicine.

After it was gathered, I placed my hands over them to turn them into a dry state. And then Milina separated them and wrapped them up.

After repeating this for some time, we had a lot of medicine ready.

It was more than what I had made at the orphanage.

“...I suppose this is enough for now.”

“That was a lot of work!”

Milina said, but I wasn't tired at all.

But then again, the Gift wasn't related to using physical strength.

While I didn't feel like I was going to faint, and thought I could keep going, it wasn't good to test your luck.

I will make more tomorrow. And I should have a decent amount by the time that Mr. Hannes leaves.

Chapter 147

The Girls Happily Played with Leo

“Mr. Takumi, Lady Claire told me about what happened.”

“Ah, Sebastian.”

Just as I had finished creating the Ramogi, Sebastian, came out into the garden after talking to Ms. Claire.

“I do hope that you are not overusing the Gift.”

“Yes. I still feel fine... But I'll be extra careful. Milina, that's all for today.”

“I understand.”

I answered Sebastian as I handed the last of the Ramogi to Milina.

She wrapped it up in cloth and the job was done.

“Mr. Takumi. I finished my training!”

“Good work, Tilura. Here's your herbs. Don't forget to eat them to help with recovery.”

“Yes. Thank you!”

“Master, when did you make those...”

I handed Tilura the herbs for muscle fatigue now that she had finished training.

As Milina had been watching me grow the Ramogi, she looked quite surprised. However, it was easy for me to use my free hand and make a different kind of herb at the same time.

Well, I suppose it was easy because I had done this work so many times.

“Wuff. Wuff.”

“Leo?”

As I stood up and started to stretch my limbs, Leo returned.

Wasn’t she supposed to be with Mr. Hannes and Rosalie?

Ah, Rosalie was still on her back... I guess they were out here to play.

“Good Leo!”

“Kyau!”

“Wuff. Wuff.”

Tilura and Sherry saw Leo approach, and then they ran towards her happily.

Knowing Tilura, she was likely to become friends with Rosalie very quickly.

And Rosalie didn’t look like she was particularly shy either.

And so Milina and I watched as Tilura hugged Leo, or rode on her with Sherry as she ran around.

As expected, Tilura and Rosalie became friends immediately.

I'm sure it helped that they had a playmate in common, with Leo being there.

"...Milina. You can play with them too if you want?"

"No, I don't..."

She looked a little restless as she watched them, and so I suggested that she should join them, but she refused.

However, I could tell by her words and expressions that she actually wanted to.

Now that I think about it, Milina hadn't played with Leo at the orphanage, because she was talking with us.

And while she had opportunities to be with Leo since coming here, she was mostly busy with her studies.

"Well, I think Leo and the others would be happy to have another person to play with."

"Bu-but..."

I pushed the back of the hesitant Milina towards Leo.

"Leo. Do you have a minute?"

"Wuff?"

"What is it, Mr. Takumi?"

"What's the matter?"

"Kyou?"

I called Leo while pushing Milina.

Then the others asked what had happened.

“Could you let Milina join in?”

“Wuff! Wuff!”

“Of course, she can. Let’s play together, Milina!”

“Ms...Milina? It will be fun if we all play.”

“Kyau-kyau!”

“...Yes...”

When I asked them, Leo barked happily, and then the others all agreed to welcome her.

Upon seeing this reaction, Milina finally nodded and ran towards Leo and the others.

“Are you sure, Mr. Takumi?”

“Well, she seemed busy with studying and her duties as a servant. So I think it would be good for her to play with the others once in a while.”

I answered to Sebastian while handing him the wrapped up Ramogi.

“This is for Range village. I intend to make some more tomorrow, but this is all I can make for today.”

“I see.”

Sebastian took it and went back into the mansion. I then sat down and watched the others play as I rested.

It was soon dinner time, and as it was also getting dark, play time with Leo ended.

It must have been very fun, as Milina looked disappointed.

I would be sure to allow her to play again sometime soon.

“Can we really...join you?”

Mr. Hannes asked when he came to the dining hall and saw the kind of food that was put on the table.

“It is fine. Even though this is the house of a duke, we do not strictly follow such formalities at all times. You should enjoy your time here until tomorrow.”

“...Thank you.”

“Thank you!”

But even after hearing Ms. Claire’s assurance, Mr. Hannes still looked nervous.

I doubted he had ever eaten with a noblewoman in such a mansion before.

And I could understand how he felt.

As for Rosalie, her nervousness had vanished after playing with Leo, and so she thanked Ms. Claire cheerfully and began to eat the food.

Ms. Claire smiled as she watched.

“It’s delicious!”

“Rosalie...”

“It’s fine. It’s a good thing to express your delight when eating good food. Isn’t that right, Helena?”

“Yes. As a cook, such words are more encouraging than anything.”

Mr. Hannes scolded Rosalie for speaking loudly after eating.

But Ms. Claire assured him that it was fine.

Besides, Ms. Helena seemed delighted to see someone eating her food with such relish.

Children were so honest with expressing their emotions, and so it was nice to see it.

“Now, I hope you will rest easy here today?”

“Yes, thank you for preparing a room for us.”

“Good night, Lady Claire.”

After we had finished eating, Mr. Hannes and Rosalie were led out of the dining hall by one of the maids, and taken to the room that had been prepared for them so that they could rest.

“Mr. Takumi. Do you have a minute?”

“What is it?”

After Mr. Hannes was gone, I stood up in order to practice my sword swings, but then Sebastian stopped me.

“It’s about the matter of you going to Range village. I suppose it will be just you and Leo who are going.”

“...That’s true.”

I answered while thinking about it.

While Ms. Claire and the others had herbs, it would not do for them to go to a village where a disease had spread.

Besides, Sebastian and the others were busy dealing with that store.

He was gathering information and monitoring it, so it would be best if he didn’t leave the mansion.

Chapter 148

I Decided to Learn Magic from Sebastian

“I was thinking, Mr. Takumi, that I should teach you to use magic, just in case.”

“Magic...”

Now that I thought about it, Sebastian had explained magic to me when I first came to this mansion.

Though, he hadn’t been able to finish, as Tilura interrupted him.

When looking into my Gift in Ractos, it was revealed that I had an aptitude for magic as well, so I should be able to use it if I wanted to.

“Currently, you are training to use the sword, with His Grace as your tutor. However, there will be times when a sword alone is not enough to deal with a situation.”

As I had not been training for that long yet, I could hardly be considered a full-fledged swordsman.

While I had been able to deal with Nick, that was not enough to make me feel confident at all.

What if I were to meet someone who could easily outclass my meager sword skills... I could rely on Leo, but it was good to have options.

“Indeed... As Leo is always with me, I doubt such a thing will happen any time soon... But you never know what could happen. Perhaps it is necessary.”

“Yes. After all, you might encounter monsters on the way. Of course, I can only teach you simple magic... But I think it would be good if you learned a few spells before your departure.

“Very well. It’s to protect myself, after all. Thank you.”

I had seen a few different spells up until now.

None of them seemed like they could help me fight monsters, but they would still be useful.

So, what kind of magic would Sebastian teach me...

And so it was with a feeling of excitement that I returned to the garden where Tilura was.

“I wasn’t able to concentrate much today.”

After doing my swings with Tilura, I returned to my room with a feeling of regret.

My excitement for learning magic had distracted me.

Tilura had no such problem with concentration... I had to do better.

“Wou.”

“Yes. I have to concentrate when the time calls for it.”

I agreed as Leo looked at me admonishingly.

But from tomorrow, there will be magic and training, growing herbs and studying medicine... That was a lot to do...

The next day, Mr. Hannes and his granddaughter ate breakfast and departed for their village.

“Thank you for your hospitality, Lady Claire.”

“Thank you!”

I stepped outside with Ms. Claire in order to see them off.

Ms. Claire smiled at their words and nodded.

“Wuff. Wuff.”

“Good Leo. We’ll be waiting for you in the village!”

Leo went up to Rosalie in order to say goodbye.

Rosalie smiled and petted Leo.

They were good friends now. That was nice to see.

“Keep them safe, Phillip.”

“Yes, my lady.”

Phillip nodded at Ms. Claire and got on his horse.

While Mr. Hannes and Rosalie had come here by themselves, Phillip would escort them back.

This was to protect them and ensure that they made it back to the village.

“Well, I’ll see you there, Mr. Hannes.”

“Yes. I’ll be waiting for you.”

I said to him as he and Rosalie got onto their horses. And then they trotted off into the distance.

Still, Mr. Hannes rode well for a man of his age.

...I suppose I should also learn how to ride a horse?

Well, there was so much to do now, so that could wait.

Besides, I can just ride Leo.

“Well, I’m going to go train and make some herbs.”

“Thank you, Mr. Takumi.”

“Not at all.”

And then I went to the garden with Leo.

There, I joined up with Tilura and Sherry, who were waiting, and we trained together.

After that, I had Milina help me as I grew more Ramogi and other herbs.

“Phew... That’s enough for today.”

“Good work, master.”

Thanks to Milina’s help, I was able to prepare quite a lot of Ramogi.

Mr. Hannes had told me how much they needed, and this still wasn’t enough. But at this rate, I would be able to prepare eighty percent by the time I had to leave.

And then the rest could be grown when we arrived or during breaks on the way.

Though, it was sometimes hard to have to keep reminding myself to be careful and not push myself too much.

“This portion is to take to Ractos tomorrow. Also, as I’ll be away from the mansion for a while, there is a little extra for that as well.”

“Aye, I see.”

It was even harder, since I had to consider the amount to send to Ractos as well.

I wouldn’t be able to make any for them while I was away, so I had to make extra now.

That was why I barely had enough to take to Range village.

“Master, what about this part...?”

“Ah, that...”

After giving the herbs to Nick, we ate lunch and then I started studying with Milina.

While we usually studied until evening, as I now had to take magic lessons with Sebastian, it was cut short to just a few hours.

“Mr. Takumi. It’s time.”

“I understand. Milina, sorry that we have to cut it short today.”

“It’s fine. I still have things to learn as a servant of this house. So I’ll concentrate on that.”

As Ms. Lyra had come to tell me that it was time, we finished studying.

I felt quite bad for Milina about this, and apologized.

However, as she was also learning to be a servant, there was a lot that she had to learn, and so she was fine prioritizing that for now.

I was grateful for this as I went out to the garden where Sebastian waited.

“Now, let us begin, Mr. Takumi.”

“Yes, thank you.”

I arrived in the garden and Sebastian’s magic lesson began.

As it could be dangerous to use magic indoors, we decided to do it in the garden.

Thankfully, Tilura wasn’t out here today.

Ms. Claire had taken her away to study.

“Now, magic is... Well, do you remember what I explained to you previously...?”

“Yes, I do.”

Something about requiring magic energy and using chants to convert it...I think.

By vocalizing it, you decide the attribute, like fire or water. And then you decided how to activate it.

He had been in the middle of talking about using magic without chanting, but then Tilura had interrupted us.

Chapter 149

The Importance of Not Losing

“If you remember, then I can leave out the details. ...While I will be teaching you magic, Mr. Takumi, it may not necessarily be something you can use in actual combat.”

“I can’t use it during combat?”

Yesterday, Sebastian had said that I should learn magic for situations where a sword would not be enough.

But if it was more likely that it wouldn’t be useful during combat, then was there really a reason that I should learn it?

“The magic that you can use during combat is magic without chanting. However, it will take a lot of training for you to be able to do it. First, you must learn to use simple magic and get used to chanting. Then you will be able to do it silently.”

“I see...”

Indeed, what he had said before...was that you would not have time to chant long spells during a fight. And so it wouldn’t be practical in battle.

And if it really took as much training as Sebastian said, then I would not be able to use it right away.

It was just like sword training, and it would take some time...I suppose.

“However, please rest assured. Of the kinds of magic that require chanting, I have selected one that could be of use in battle.”

“There is such a magic spell?”

“It’s one method. And it depends entirely on how you use it.”

I guess it was like my Gift then.

Something that seems useless at first can be very useful if you know what to do with it.

There had been a time when I didn’t think weeds had any use at all.

“Now, the first is a spell to create light. I’ve shown it to you before.”

“Yes... In the fenrir forest.”

It had been dark and difficult to see things, and so he had used this magic to create light.

But what good would that do during combat?

“Yes. Normally, it would be used to illuminate dark areas so you can see.”

“And how would that serve me? Well, aside from when I’m in a dark place...”

“I know why you would think that, Mr. Takumi. It does not seem like it would be useful in combat. But you just have to think differently.”

“Such as...?”

“When you are fighting someone, Mr. Takumi. Do you feel like there is no option but to win?”

“Well...yes. If I lost...then I might die.”

If I was fighting against a monster, then they would be definitely trying to take my life.

To be precise, they would try to eat me.

I had to fight and win in order to survive.

Now, if it was a human, perhaps they might not kill me. But I think that I would take damage in some way or another.

“That is true. There are times when you must win no matter what... But the truth is, you really just need to avoid losing.”

“Not losing? How is that different from winning?”

“Indeed... For instance, what if you are attacked by a monster in a wide open space. And Leo is not with you.”

“Yes.”

I imagined the scenario that Sebastian spoke of.

“And all your acquired sword skills will not be effective on this monster. What would you do?”

“...I would try to figure out why my sword is ineffective, and how I can change that.”

“Yes. That is not wrong. But if you cannot find a way to make your sword effective, then defeat is guaranteed.”

“That’s true.”

In this situation, I would have nothing in my future but a quick death.

A situation where I had to lose.. I didn’t want to think about it. And there was only so much that I could do.

And my sword skills were still not great.

“If you do not want to lose in that situation...then you must run.”

“Run...”

“If you can run, then you might be able to get help. And you may survive.”

“I see... I should run then.”

I had assumed that I had to win once I got into a fight.

Obviously, I wouldn't die if I won. Not losing meant winning.

I suppose I was too hard-headed, as I couldn't get past that mentality.

“Of course, this enemy will then chase after you.”

“...Yes.”

As the enemy had come to attack me, they wouldn't let me escape so easily.

Especially if I showed them my back. And it was possible that they would be faster than me as well.

“In such situations, you can use this magic. ...Light Elemental Shine.”

And then a sphere of light appeared on Sebastian's hand.

“In the forest, it was a substitute for a torch, and so I used it on swords.... But normally, you would create spheres like this. Though, there is no effect other than the light.”

“...Indeed.”

I closed my eyes for a second because the sphere was so bright. But as Sebastian told me to touch it, I put my hand over the sphere.

However, when I tried to touch it, my hand went through as if nothing was there.

There was no warmth either. It was just light.

“You can use it as a sphere like this or put it into weapons. Regardless, your aim is to blind the enemy with the light.”

“And then I can run away?”

“Exactly. Though, it depends on the enemy... Most of them would become cautious and think you will do something. And if you take the opportunity to run, you might be able to gain some distance. Besides...”

“What?”

“Regardless if they are monsters or humans...they determine things by sight, don't they?”

“Yes.”

Though, some may be able to just detect a presence... Normally, you had to see it.

And it didn't matter if you were human or monster.

“Now, what was your reaction when I made this sphere, Mr. Takumi?”

“...I thought it was very bright.”

“Exactly. So you will be able to blind someone momentarily. Of course, it is not as effective during the day, but if this were in a dark place at night...”

“It might be enough to stop someone in their tracks...”

After all, a light had suddenly appeared right in front of them... They would not be able to see.

It would be a good way of taking someone by surprise then.

Chapter 150

I Was Able to Use Beginner Magic

“And with that alone, you can make an opening to escape. And depending on how you escape, you may be able to survive.”

“Thank you. I hadn’t thought about that before.”

“Well, it’s because you started training with the sword. You only think about using the sword to defeat your enemy. Everyone is like that in the beginning. And so I think it was a good opportunity.”

Like Sebastian said, if you are wielding a sword but only thinking of running, you will not be able to hit anything.

And so you had to go at it with the intention of pushing and overwhelming the enemy.

No one would be scared of someone who was hesitant and trying to retreat.

“Now, since you understand how important running away can be, try and use some magic. It’s simple, so you’ll be able to do it quickly. First, chant like I do... Light Elemental Shine.”

“Very well. ...Light Elemental Shine.”

This was a magic lesson, not a lesson about running away.

Now that I could finally use some magic, I felt very excited as I repeated the words.

“It doesn’t work...”

However, no light appeared from my hand.

And yet, a light that was different from the first one was now hovering over Sebastian’s hand...

“Of course, not. All you did was repeat the words, Mr. Takumi. You need them to carry the magic energy and convert it. And then activate.”

“Magic energy...”

While we knew that I had magic energy, I had no idea how to tap into it.

After all, I had lived my whole life without even knowing that magic existed.

“Magic energy is something that humans have...but those who have never used magic do not know how to handle that energy.”

“Indeed.”

“First, it is important for you to learn how to use this magic energy. Light magic is easy and does not use much energy, so it’s perfect for practicing.”

As all you did was make a light, the spell that Sebastian was teaching me was supposed to be easy.

I guess it was like beginner magic.

“Indeed... First, try closing your eyes. Now, concentrate on your breathing...”

“Very well...”

I did as Sebastian said and closed my eyes and breathed.

“And in that state, move your consciousness over to your body. And then, you should feel parts of you growing warmer. Near your head and heart...”

“Temperature...yes...here and there. I feel a faint warmth.”

“Those are parts of the magic energy within you. As the energy circulates through your body, being able to feel it is the first step.”

“...Yes.”

I did as Sebastian said and concentrated on my body...and then I could feel my head and heart grow warm. And then my hands, feet and shoulders as well.

I had never felt anything like this in my old world.

It was only a faint warmth, but it was calming as well.

Perhaps it was because it was my own magic energy?

“Do not forget the feeling of that magic energy. And then, as if squeezing it out, try and move that warmth to where the magic is activated. ...Though, this works differently from person to person.”

“...I'll try.”

Uhh, as I was going to do light magic, I should send it to the palm of my right hand.

I would then send the energy that I felt the most clearly... Ah, something was moving.

The faint warmth began to slowly move towards my right hand... It was like blood coursing through my veins.

Well, I didn't actually feel blood moving, but it was easier to visualize it like that.

"I think that the magic energy...is gathered in my hand."

"You are a fast learner... It means you have the right qualities. Now, try to think of unleashing that energy while chanting."

"Yes... Light Elemental Shine."

I followed Sebastian and chanted.

And then, from my hand that was warmed by the magic energy, just as I thought that it grew warmer, a sphere of light appeared.

"Ohh... I did it...!"

"Wonderful. That was faster than I expected. Now you can use magic, Mr. Takumi."

The sphere of light on my hand was shining brightly. But I was so excited that I didn't even care.

Perhaps it was because Sebastian was a good teacher.

Right now, the fact that I was using magic made me so happy that I wanted to take Sebastian's hands and celebrate.

...Though, I would do no such thing.

"It's simple magic, as we don't have much time... But by learning a basic spell, it will be easier to learn various other kinds of magic."

"Various others..."

What other kinds of magic would I be able to use...?

Maybe fire magic, like what Leo did to light the bonfire?

Or water magic? It wasn't suited for drinking, but you could use it to wash dishes.

What magic could I use? What magic did I want to use? There was no end to it once my mind started going.

"So I'll be able to use different kinds of magic."

"Of course. You have a lot of magic energy, after all. And while it may take some time, I'm sure you will be able to use many different spells."

Indeed, when I was checked in Ractos, I was told something about having a lot of magic energy.

In that case, perhaps I could use magic that would serve me during combat...?

...Of course, I had to train to use magic without chanting, so it would take some time.

"With magic, there are some that you really have to understand the spells, and some that use a lot of energy. And so you must study them and be sure of how much energy to use, or it will not do."

"Still, I'm very happy that I'm able to use magic now..."

With magic that required a lot of energy, I would have to gather that much energy in my hand in order to activate it. And that would take practice, I suppose.

As for studying in order to understand spells, that was obvious.

It was only thanks to Sebastian's explanation and demonstration that I was able to learn the light magic so quickly.

I suppose it was also because it was beginner magic.

