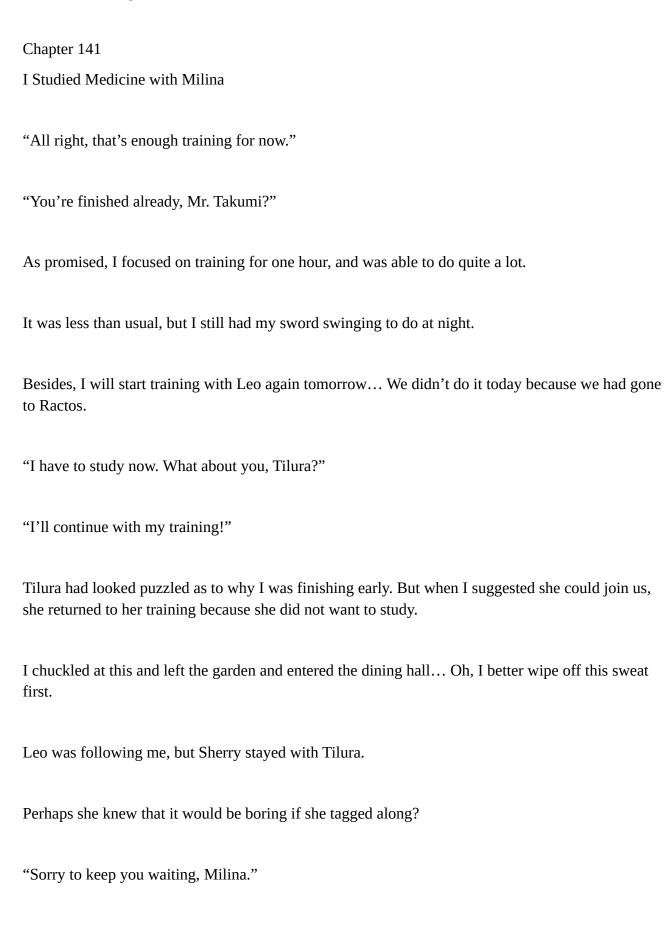
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"Hmm...hmm... I see."
"Mmm... It's so complicated..."
We read the book and then wrote down the important points onto the sheets of paper.
Apparently, Milina was finding it a little difficult to understand.
"...Master... Excuse me. But what does this 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."
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"...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.





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."



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."

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.

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

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.



"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.

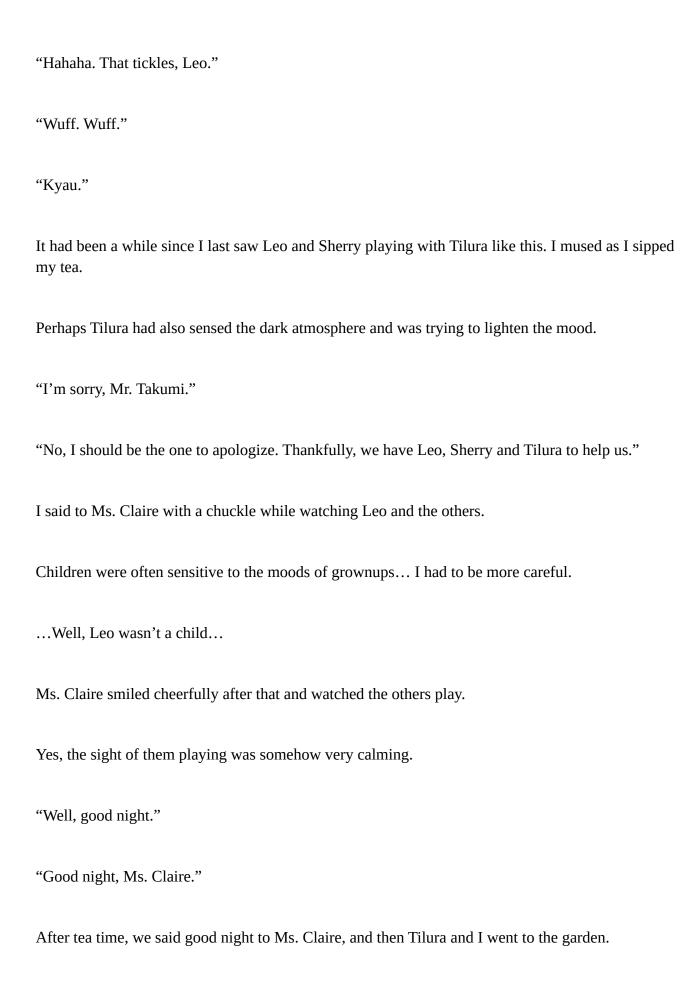
After running, Milia smiled happily as she caught her breath.

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?"







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.







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.

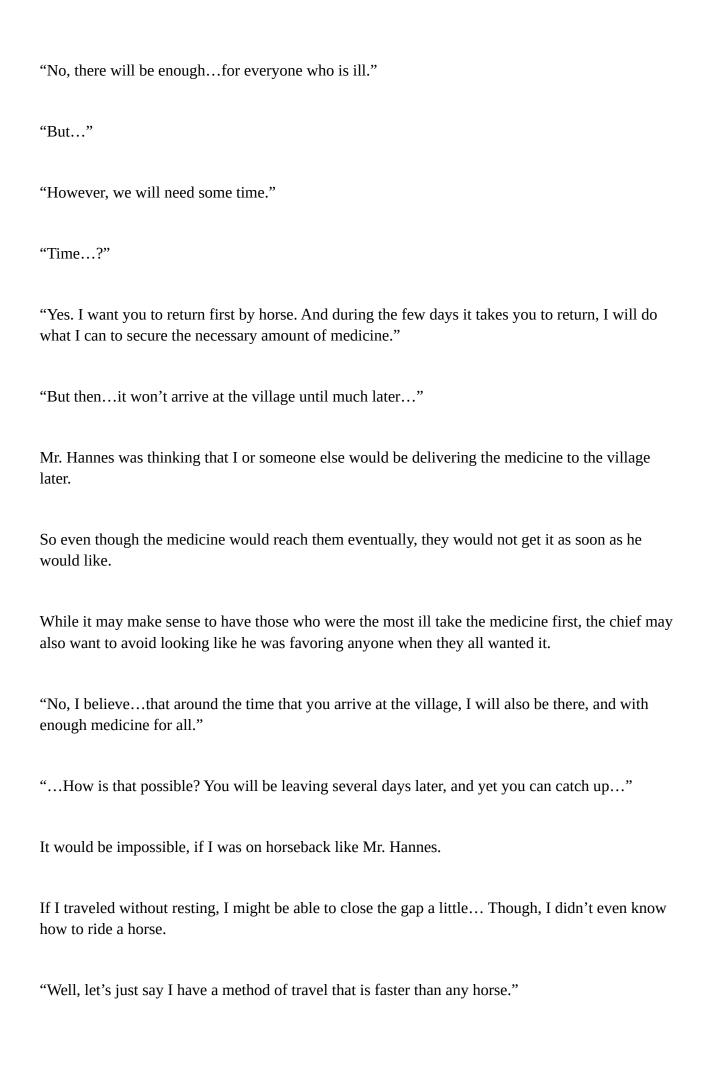
And I was already sending herbs to Mr. Kalis so that they could reach the people of Ractos.

"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 howhe 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 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."



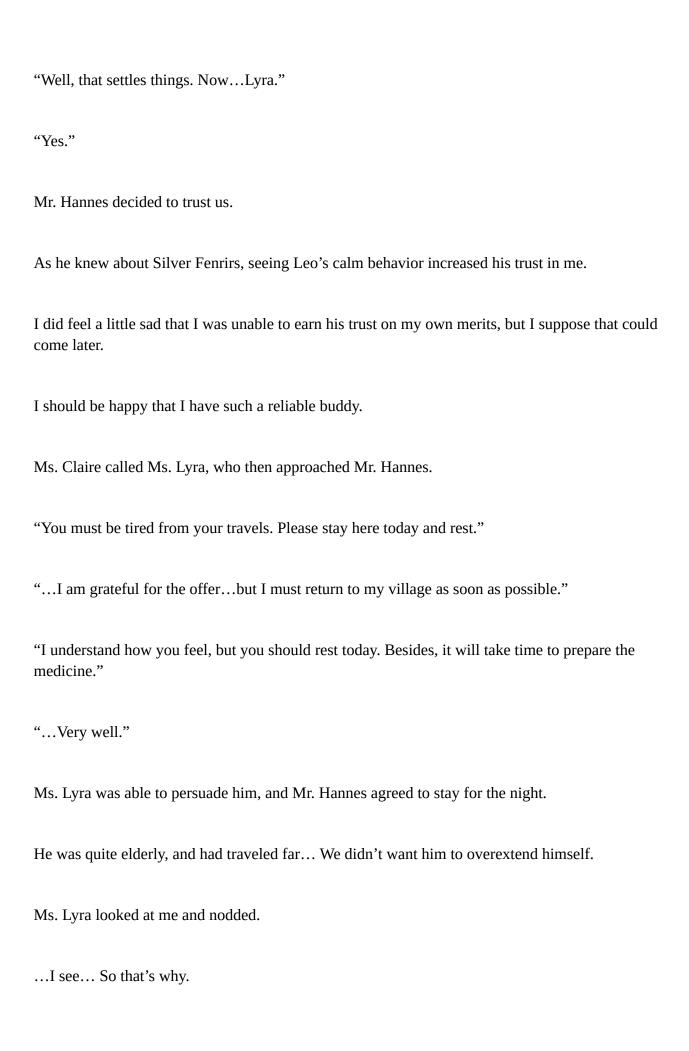


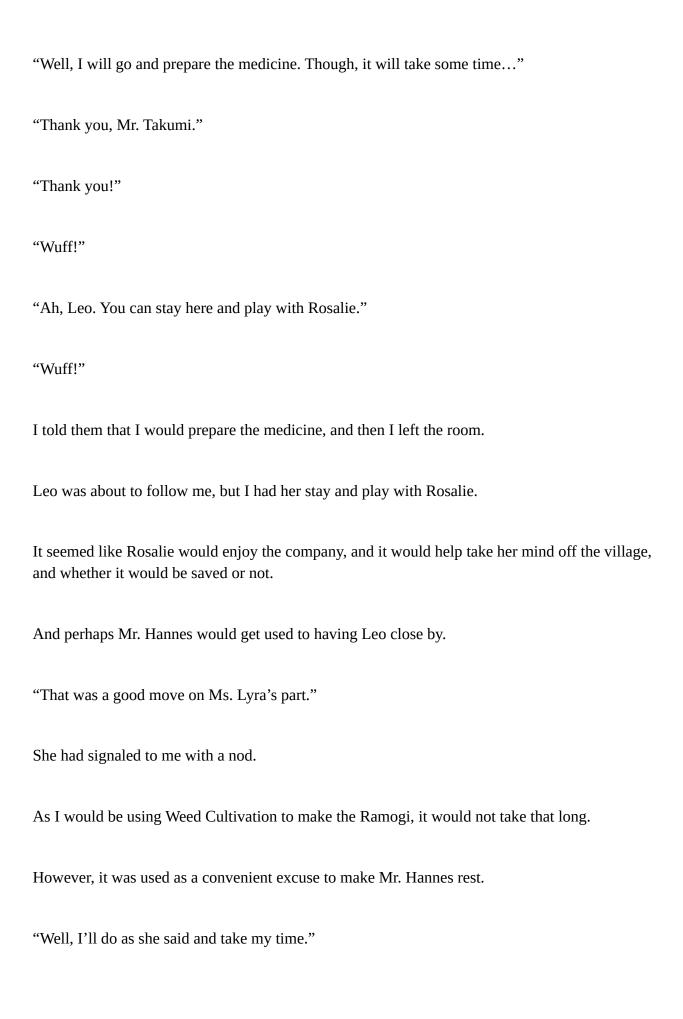






"...But, Silver Fenrirs are not supposed to be so gentle..." Mr. Hannese stared in disbelief. He was watching Rosalie pet Leo. If you knew anything about Silver Fenrirs, you would find it difficult to believe such a sight. But Leo was quiet and gentle. "Wuff. Wuff." "Aha! Hahah. That's amazing." Leo 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."





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."



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..."

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

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









"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.



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.

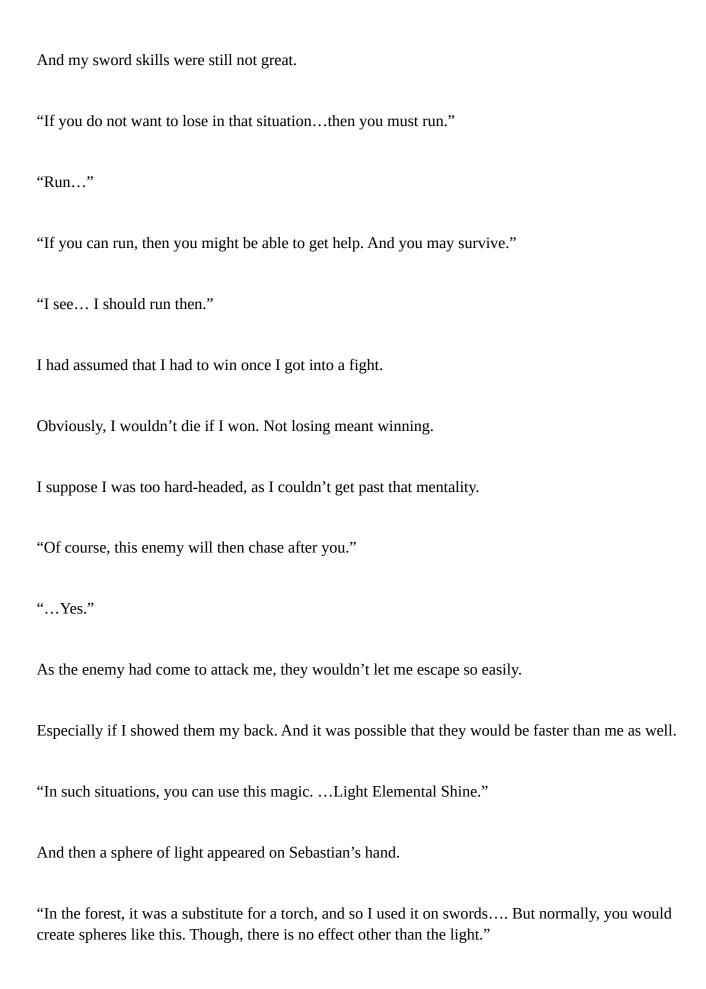
And if it really took as much training as Sebastian said, then I would not be able to use it right away.

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."

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"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.
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"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.

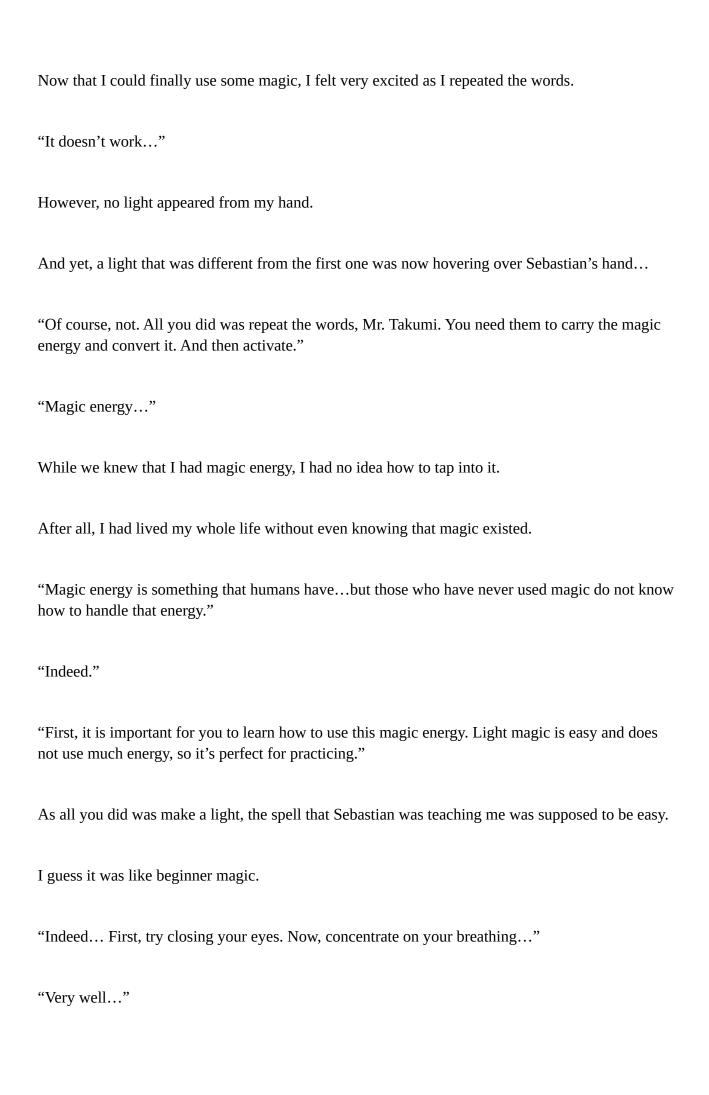
And so you had to go at it with the intention of pushing and overwhelming the enemy.

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.



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?

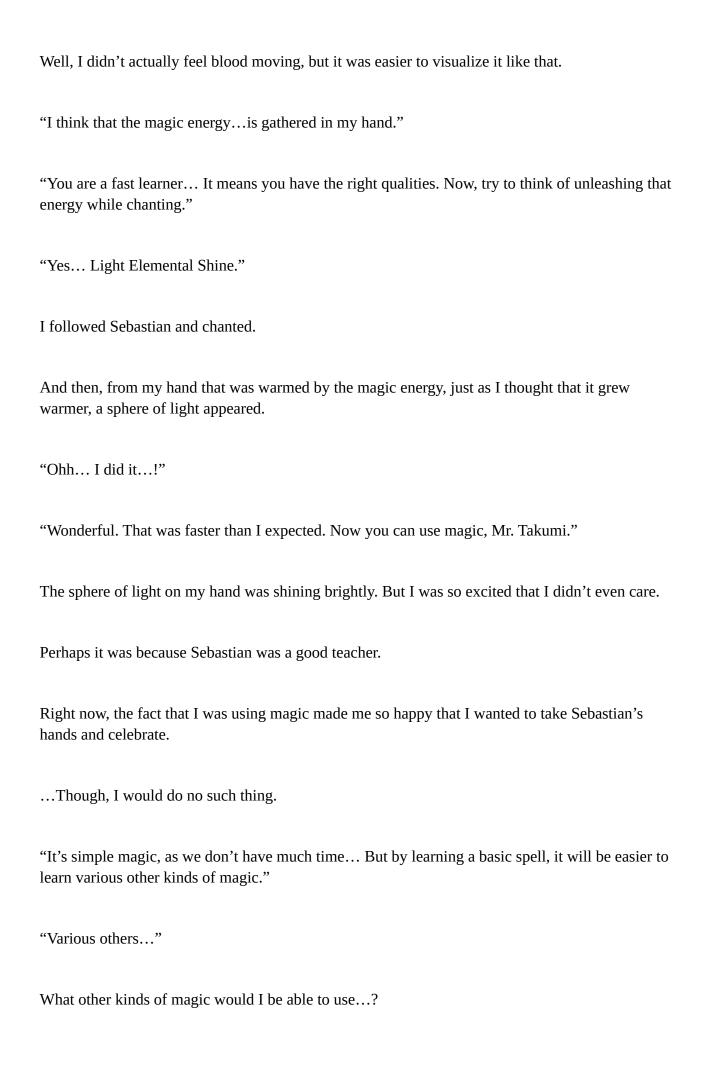
"Do not forget the feeling of that magic energy. And then, as if squeezing it out, try and move that warmth to where the magic is activated. ... Though, this works differently from person to person."

"...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.



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.