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Liza Was Hesitant

It was hard to imagine that they could make clothes from scratch in a day.

But I at least wanted clothes that she could wear tomorrow before we left.

After thinking about it for a moment, Mr. Halton nodded and said that it could be ready in a few hours.

He then called to one of the workers in the back of the store, and a woman appeared.

She was carrying a measuring tape which she used to take Liza's measurements.

In the meantime, Mr. Halton called over a different woman, who then started to discuss something with Ms. Claire.

Apparently, they were talking about undergarments.

It was for such things like this that I was glad that Ms. Claire had accompanied us.

But then I started to hear things like, 'You've grown so much!' Uh, were they talking about Ms. Claire now?

"And the total cost will be..."

"Yes, here it is..."

"Thank you."

After everything was finished, it was time to pay.

It all ended up being a little more expensive than when I had bought clothes, but she was a beastkin, so it had to be a special order.

I then took out my money and paid Mr. Halton.

“Mama!”

“Wuff.”

“Ms. Lyra, Johanna. Thank you for watching over Leo.”

“Not at all. Good Leo waited very quietly here.”

“And we were able to pet her.”

As soon as we exited the store, Liza ran to Leo and threw her arms around her.

I suppose she felt some kind of sense of freedom seeing Leo, after being surrounded by strangers.

I walked over to them as well, and thanked Ms. Lyra and Johanna.

While Ms. Lyra was used to being around Leo, Johanna did not have much opportunity to be with her, and so she seemed quite pleased.

Her usually cool expression was now a big smile.

I suppose that in spite of the air she gave off, she liked cute things.

“Next is the general goods store.”

“Yes. Mr. Haines’s store.”

And so we left the clothes store in order to head to our next destination.

...Previously, we had been intercepted by Nick and some other ruffians.

It was only a few months ago, but felt like the distant past now.

“Welcome. It’s been too long, Lady Claire. And you too, Mr. Takumi.”

“Hello, Haines.”

“Hello, Mr. Haines.”

“...Hello.”

We went into the gigantic building and greeted Mr. Haines.

Liza greeted him as well, though she stayed behind me.

Apparently, she still felt hesitant when meeting new people.

This time, Ms. Lyra and Johanna came with us into the store.

Nicholas stayed outside with Leo.

It had been decided that the other two women should come, because we would be buying things for a girl.

It was best to have as many opinions as possible... Even though it might make the trip longer.

“And what brings you here today?”

“We are here to buy some things for this child here.”

“Oh, a beastkin. In that case...”

Mr. Haines looked at Liza with some surprise, but then started to recommend various items.

And so we went around the store and looked for things that Liza might need.

As it was such a large store with so many things lining its shelves, Liza couldn't stop looking around her as we walked.

She would occasionally stop, but when I asked her if there was something she liked, she would just shake her head.

“Mr. Takumi. What about this? Isn't it perfect?”

“That's a nice bag. Liza, what do you think?”

“Hmm... I'm fine...”

“I see...”

I picked up a bag that Ms. Claire suggested and brought it to Liza.

It was a shoulder bag, and too small for an adult like me or Ms. Claire. But it seemed like the perfect size for Liza.

There was even a flower decoration on the clasp.

However, Liza took one look at it and shook her head.

Even though she was staring at the flower part as if she liked it...

“Liza, you don’t have to be modest about it. If you want something, we will buy it for you.”

Unlike the last time I was here, I had money now.

More than I could even use.

Perhaps I was just showing off now that I was called papa, but I intended to buy whatever she wanted.

Of course, unless she wanted everything in the store...

“I’m...not...”

She shook her head again.

But she was still looking at the bag.

It was obvious that she actually wanted it.

Well, I would like it if someone that young was good at lying.

“Liza. You’re just being modest, aren’t you? It’s fine, I have more money than you think, alright? You really don’t need to worry about that.”

“But... You paid for the other stuff as well, papa. Grandfather told me that money is important and that it shouldn’t be wasted...”

After asking her about it, Liza began to hesitantly tell me the reason.

Apparently, it was because of what her grandfather had taught her.

Indeed, he was not wrong. Money was important and not to be wasted.

However, there was something more important for me.

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I Bought Liza What She Wanted

“Your grandfather was right, and it’s good to be wise with money. However, this is not a waste. I just want to see you happy. And it would make me happy to know that you weren’t hesitating on my account.”

“You would be happy, papa...?”

“Yes. If it’s something that you want and will make you smile, then I will be happy as well.”

“...Are you, sure?”

“Aye.”

“You won’t regret it later on?”

“Of course, not. Do I look like someone who would have second thoughts about such things?”

“No, you don’t.”

“Then don’t worry about it. See, Liza? What about this bag?”

Ms. Claire had been watching us with a smile. She then took the bag and showed it to Liza.

“Mmm...the flowers are pretty.”

“Do you want it?”

“... Yes.”

“Very well. Then we’ll buy this!”

“Thank you.”

While she still seemed hesitant, she finally admitted to wanting it.

As soon as Liza nodded, I decided to buy it as I handed it over to Mr. Haines.

Mr. Haines had also been watching us with a smile... It was a little embarrassing, not that I thought about it.

“Good, Liza.”

“Hehe...yes!”

I patted Liza on the head to hide my embarrassment.

Liza laughed happily, which was really cute.

Her tail wagged happily as if to expression her emotion, which quickly caught Mr. Claire and the other’s attention.

“Now, what other things do you want?”

“Uhh...”

Now that Liza understood that she didn’t have to hesitate, we went around the store and bought a few other items.

Ms. Claire and the others would also sometimes give their advice.

As expected, their varying opinions meant that we stayed in the store for quite a long time, but I didn't mind because Liza seemed happy.

Even if I felt bad for Leo and Nicholas.

We bought so much stuff that Liza could not carry it all by herself.

Still, Liza hung the bag from her shoulder and stuffed it with some of her new things.

One of the things she had wanted the most was a water bottle.

She said that this was so she could fill it with Leo's magic water.

That was how much she liked it.

"Still, was that really a good idea?"

"Indeed... She will have to be very careful with it... But I suppose it's fine because she's a beastkin?"

Liza was practically exploding with happiness, and her tail and ears were moving.

As we watching her, Ms. Claire and I talked about one of the things she had wanted.

Right before I paid for everything, Liza had stopped in front of the weapons corner.

And then her eyes seemed to sparkle as she saw a thick knife.

It wasn't like the small one I had bought for shaving, and was nearly fifteen centimeters.

Not only that, but the blade was curved and had a rather ominous look to it.

According to Mr. Haines, it was originally made as a hunting knife, but was not a weapon called a kukri.

As far as I was aware, it wasn't a European weapon, so it was surprising to see it here.

Regardless, Liza wanted it with the same excitement that she showed for the water bottle.

I now wondered if I had been so wise to tell her that she should not hesitate, and that I would buy her anything.

"What does being a beastkin have to do with it?"

"It is said that beastkin were originally hunters. So perhaps it is like an instinct for her..."

Her beast blood was calling... I did not like to think about it, but I suppose that could be a reason that she found a hunting knife so appealing.

In any case, it would definitely be necessary for her to be careful, and not take it out for no reason.

"We still have a little time left."

After paying for everything, we thanked Mr. Haines and went back out in order to reunite with Leo and Nicholas.

Liza immediately started to show Leo her new bag.

I checked my pocket watch. Indeed, there was still some time before we had to go and pick up the clothes from Mr. Halton's store.

Perhaps we could go to the orphanage so Liza could play?

"Papa! Mama says she is hungry!"

“Wuff-wuff!”

“Ah, now that I think about it, she hasn’t had lunch yet. And she waited so patiently, so we’ll have to feed her something special.”

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Street Stall Lunch

“In that case, let’s buy some food and eat it.”

At Ms. Lyra’s suggestion, we decided to leave the store and head to the main street where we could buy some food.

Leo remembered how we had bought all kinds of food when with Mr. Ekenhart, and so her tail wagged happily as we walked.

Liza rode on Leo’s back, and her eyes moved from one stall to the next.

“Oh, over there. That one over there tastes very good.”

“Is that so?”

“Yes. We found it the last time we were here with Mr. Ekenhart, and it was really good.”

I guided Ms. Claire and Johanna over to the stall that we had gone to before.

They sold a kind of fried pasta...that was like yakisoba.

I could see them frying a great amount of noodles on a large pan.

“I see they are cooking it. And there are a lot of vegetables.”

“It is very...brown.”

“It is not the most colorful dish, but it does taste good.”

Ms. Claire was surprised to see the noodles being fried with so many types of vegetables, while Johanna was more surprised by the color.

While it was not some kind of luxurious dish, even Mr. Ekenhart had enjoyed it.

Besides, there was something very nostalgic about it for me.

“Sorry to keep you waiting.”

Ms. Lyra and Nicholas had gone ahead and bought it for us.

There was enough for everyone.

“Here, Liza. Now get down from Leo while you eat. Or you might accidentally drop some on Leo’s nice fur. ...Leo. You should let yours cool down a little first.”

“Wow! It smells so nice!”

“...Wuff.”

I accepted the noodles from Ms. Lyra and handed them to Liza and Leo.

I told Liza to come down from Leo and stand on the ground... It would be a lot of trouble if I had to wash Leo’s fur later.

And since the noodles were hot enough for steam to be rising from them, I told Leo to wait for them to cool off first.

But Leo was impatient, and though she nodded, she did not sound pleased.

“Indeed, it is a very appetizing smell.”

“While it looks strange, it is quite fragrant.”

Apparently, Ms. Claire and Johanna were feeling more positive about it now that they had smelled it.

“Well, let’s eat then.”

“...Mr. Takumi. Are you going to eat while standing up?”

When I held my fork and was about to eat, Ms. Claire looked at me with a baffled expression.

“Uh, yes. That’s what you usually do when you buy food from street stalls...”

“I-I see. Well, this is a new experience for me... I am sorry.”

I didn’t think there was any need to apologize. But I suppose the idea of eating food right after buying it on the streets was unusual for her.

It probably seemed very ill-mannered.

“Mr. Ekenhart didn’t seem to mind doing it?”

“Well, father doesn’t mind doing such things...”

“Ah, that is true...”

“Lady Claire. Perhaps we should move somewhere else?”

As we wondered what to do, Ms. Lyra made a suggestion as she returned with a lot of meat skewers she had bought.

When had she bought all of that...

But I had eaten them before, and knew that they were delicious. So it was not a wrong decision on her part.

“Well... While I would rather go somewhere else... The food might get cold.”

“Indeed. And it will not be half so delicious.”

Clearly, Ms. Claire greatly preferred to eat at a table.

But the longer we stayed here indecisively, the colder the food would become.

“...Very well. We will eat here!”

“Are you sure?”

“Yes. Since Mr. Takumi recommended this, we should eat it while it is the most delicious. It would be such a pity if it were to get cold.”

Mr. Claire said, finally making up her mind.

“Thankfully, it seems like we haven’t attracted much attention. So there should not be a problem if we eat quickly.”

While there were some people looking in our direction, as Ms. Claire said, it wasn’t like everyone was staring at us.

Besides, it was just Leo who they were looking at.

Unlike the first time we were here, where Sebastian was in the lead, and Leo was in the back at a short distance, Leo would attract more attention than us, even if we were close by.

“Indeed. Let’s eat it up now.”

“Yes!”

“Then I’ll eat too…”

Ms. Claire wanted to take advantage of this moment, when eyes were on Leo, and she began to eat.

Ms. Lyra, Johanna and Nicholas also started to eat. Leo’s food had cooled off enough as well, and she was able to eat.

Liza had been watching us, but upon seeing us eat, she took a bite of the food as well.

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Ms. Claire Enjoyed The Fried Noodles

“Mr. Takumi! It is so delicious!”

“Haha. Indeed.”

“While the appearance and smell are odd, it tastes much better than I expected!”

After taking a few bites of it, Ms. Claire’s eyes widened with surprise.

Even if it wasn’t quite perfect in my eyes, it was a new experience for her.

Ms. Lyra also seemed to be pleasantly surprised by it. And so I was glad that I had made the recommendation.

Liza was eating hers greedily. Leo had eaten it before, and so it was no surprise to her.

Ah, Leo… That’s right. I had forgotten about what happened when Leo ate it.

The area around her mouth was already filthy. I would have to give her a bath once we returned to the mansion.

“Hah... That was good. While Helena’s food is excellent, it is nice to taste what the town had to offer on occasion.”

“Hehe. I don’t know if Ms. Helena will be happy to hear that.”

Having her food praised was one of the things that she lived for. And so she might feel a little bit upset at Ms. Claire’s betrayal.

Well, perhaps it would motivate her to make something even more delicious...

“But still, that was not enough.”

“...Indeed.”

The portions had not been very large, and so even after eating them, we were not quite full.

“Well, didn’t Ms. Lyra buy some meat skewers? Where is she?”

“Yes, what is it?”

“Um...”

I suddenly remembered how Ms. Lyra had bought a lot of the barbecued meat, and so I turned and saw that she was leaning in front of Leo and taking the meat off of the skewers so they would be easier to eat.

I had thought that it was odd that she had bought so much, when no one had asked for them. But I suppose it was to give to Leo...

Liza was also next to Ms. Lyra. And judging by how she was chewing, she had probably received some as well.

Well, I suppose it was a good thing. Both Leo and Liza would become all the more fond of Ms. Lyra now.

Besides, Leo had been waiting so patiently while we were shopping, so she should be able to eat to her heart's content.

“And there are plenty of other things to eat.”

“Oh, do you have any suggestions?”

“If you don't mind them being the same things I ate with your father, yes.”

And so I waited for Leo to finish eating, and then we continued to walk down the street so I could show Ms. Claire the other stalls.

“Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi. Over here.”

As the fried noodles were not enough to satisfy her, we continued to search for the next delicious meal. But this time, we wanted to find a place where we could sit down and relax.

Ms. Lyra then guided us away from the main street and to the same cafe that I had visited with Mr. Ekenhart.

As Ms. Lyra was from the orphanage, she knew the town quite well. And this cafe was known to have few customers, as it was rather hidden away.

It would be a little awkward to bring Mr. Ekenhart or Ms. Claire to a busy place. Even more so when Leo and Liza were with us.

“Sorry to keep you all waiting.”

Just as we moved away from the main street, I had asked Nicholas and Johanna to buy some food from a few stalls that I recommended.

I had already talked to Ms. Lyra about coming to this cafe, and this way, we wouldn't have to worry about the food getting too cold.

"This... I have never seen it before. What is it?"

"Uh, well..."

What Nicholas and Johanna had brought was some grilled dumplings and soup noodles.

Of course, they were made of different ingredients than I was used to. But the noodles were in a kelp broth and tasted delicious.

I explained this all to Ms. Claire, but was also surprised to learn that Nicholas and Johanna had been running.

It was soup... But they carried it without spilling anything. Was it a special skill they had?

"Hah... They were both very delicious. Thank you, Mr. Takumi."

"Don't thank me. Thank the people who made it."

I talked with Ms. Claire as we leisurely drank tea.

Leo was lying down on the ground and yawning, while Liza sat on her back.

She was probably quite satisfied after all of the food that Ms. Lyra had prepared for her. But maybe she had eaten a little too much?

"Indeed. Still, it was all food I have never eaten before. But you knew about them, Mr. Takumi?"

"Well, yes. I saw them when I came with Mr. Ekenhart. So I knew that they tasted good. Besides... some of them were like food back from home. Not exactly the same, of course."

Ms. Claire started to ask me about the food, and so I told her about them. Obviously, I had to be careful when talking about other worlds when we were outside.

Still, I told her what I could. How they were different or what was usually used, etcetera.

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Liza's Clothes Were Ready

"I see. So it's a little different then. But could the same thing be made, if you searched for the ingredients?"

Apparently, Ms. Claire was interested in the food from my world.

She was always curious about things that she didn't know about.

"I don't know if you could replicate it perfectly... Besides, a lot of it depends on the person who makes it. But perhaps you could make something very close."

"I see. I would like to eat such food one day."

"Yes."

It was very nostalgic for me.

Even if I had only been in this world for a few months, I did miss some of the food. It was what I was raised on, after all.

Once the business with the herbs was settled, and I had more time, I could try and search for things...

It might be fun to consult Ms. Helena about it.

"Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi. The clothes should be ready soon."

As we were talking, Ms. Lyra pointed to a clock.

“Well then. Let us return to Mr. Halton’s store.”

“Yes. It was fun to be able to relax and talk here. Thank you.”

“Not at all. Thank you.”

We stood up from our seats and thanked each other.

Ms. Claire smiled, and she looked so bright under the light of the sun, which had started to set.

“Sorry to keep you waiting. The clothes are ready.”

“Thank you.”

We entered Mr. Halton’s store and picked up the few items of clothing that had been modified for her.

Now she wouldn’t have to worry about clothes for some time.

“Well, why don’t you try them on, Liza?”

“I can?”

“Aye, of course. They are your clothes, after all. Ms. Lyra, could you?”

“Yes, certainly. Mr. Halton. Where is the changing room?”

“I will take you to it.”

Ms. Lyra took the clothes, and with Liza, followed Mr. Halton to the changing room.

“How do I look, papa?”

“Oh, it suits you well, Liza.”

“You look adorable, little Liza.”

“Eheheh...”

With Ms. Lyra’s help, Liza was able to change quickly. And when she returned, she swirled around as if to show off her new clothes.

She really seemed to like them.

Both Ms. Claire and I agreed that she looked good.

The clothes were made of a soft fabric and looked quite comfortable.

As for her tail, there was a hole in the back of her skirt, where her tail could come out of.

“...Oh, I’m going to go and show mama! Let’s go, sister Lyra!”

“Hahaha. I’m sure Leo will be happy. Sorry, Ms. Lyra.”

“No, not at all. Let’s go then...”

Liza must have been very excited, as she soon headed out the door with Ms. Lyra.

I suppose it was because she had never had clothes bought for her before.

“Mr. Takumi. We have also prepared this. What do you think?”

“A hat?”

“Yes. While I certainly have no such feelings, some people would look at beastkin with suspicion. And so there may be times when it is best to hide it...”

Mr. Halton had produced a knitted hat.

Only there were two bump-like protrusions on the top, that would cover her ears.

And the sides had elongated flaps with buttons, so that it could be strapped around your head.

So he had made this hat to cover Liza’s ears.

While he was being vague, considering what had happened in the slums, it would not be a surprise if there were people with ill will towards her.

Thankfully, Mr. Halton or Mr. Haines had not been like that. But there had definitely been some odd looks as we went around town.

Though, in most cases, Leo would notice it first, and move so that Liza did not notice anything.

“So you went out of your way to make it. Thank you.”

“Not at all. It is because you are a valued customer.

Mr. Halton said with a bow.

He did not want Liza to encounter any trouble. He was a kind man.

“Some of the clothes have also been altered so that she can cover her tail if necessary. We will do the same with the newly tailored clothes as well.”

“Thank you so much for your consideration.”

He had even thought about hiding the tail, which would be much more difficult.

Liza's tail drew attention because it moved with her emotions.

And when hiding her ears, she would have to hide her tail as well.

I thanked Mr. Halton and paid extra for the hat.

“Grau!”

“What! Is that Leo's voice? ...!”

“Mr. Takumi. Something is happening outside... Oh!”

Just as I was about to leave the store with Ms. Claire, we heard Leo barking loudly.

Leo was usually so calm. What had happened?

It had to be something important for Leo to bark.

And so I left Ms. Claire and rushed outside.

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Leo Was Angry

“Leo...!”

“Grrr...!”

The moment I stepped out of the store, I felt the tension in the air and stopped.

Leo usually sat while she waited, but she was now standing and barking towards the road.

It looked like she was about to pounce on something...

“Mr. Takumi!”

“Tsk!”

“...! Leo!”

“Grrrrr...!”

Ms. Claire and Nicholas also came out of the store, but stopped in their tracks.

I tried shouting Leo’s name, but she did not turn. It was as if she could not even see me.

“Good Leo. Please calm down!”

“Leo!”

“Grrr...!”

Ms. Lyra and Johanna were standing next to Leo.

But Leo didn’t seem to hear them either.

...What on earth...?

And where was Liza!?

I moved to the side and saw that Liza was near Leo’s face.

However, she stayed still as she squatted on the ground...

And she was holding her head... Is that!

“Liza!?”

“Papa!”

While she was holding her head protectively, I saw something like blood between her fingers.

No, it was blood.

I shouted, and then Liza raised her head to look at me.

And I saw that a thin stream of blood was flowing down the right side of her face.

Had she been hurt!?

Was that why Leo was so angry?

“Papa! Mama is angry!”

“Leo, calm down! Liza, it’s alright now!”

“Grrrrr...!”

However, Leo would still not listen to me.

Damn it. What had happened! Liza was hurt and Leo was angry...

But as I wondered what to do...

Leo lowered her posture and I could see that she was about to jump.

In order to calm her down, I started to move towards her.

However, there was some kind of magic pressure emanating from Leo, and I found it difficult to move.

I just needed to make her hear me...

“Grrr... Gah...!?”

“Noooo!”

“Liza!?”

While I tried to move forward, Leo was just about to jump. That was when Liza moved in front of Leo while shouting.

While it would have been easy for Leo to push her away, she held herself back in spite of her rage.

She looked at Liza questioningly, and seemed to calm down a little.

“Hey, Leo! What are you doing!”

“Grau!? ...Wou...wou...”

I moved between Liza and Leo and grabbed the sides of Leo’s face.

Leo finally noticed me and her voice changed to one of sadness.

It was then that I could hear the voices of those around us.

“We probably shouldn’t stay here...”

“Wou...”

“Mama. Are you alright?”

While Leo hadn’t attacked anyone, she had become quite mad.

I could see that some spectators had gathered around us, and they had expressions of fear.

Even though some of them would not know that she was a Silver Fenrir, now that they had seen Leo like this, it was no wonder that they were afraid.

And now that they were talking, even more people began to gather around...

I had thought that the people of Ractos were getting used to Leo. But this might change things for the worse.

As I wondered what to do, Liza reached out towards Leo’s front paw.

Liza was hurt...she should be treated at once.

But I could not use Weed Cultivation here... In that case!

“Ms. Claire, Ms. Lyra! Please ride on Leo! You too, Liza!”

“Ye-Yes.”

“Very well.”

“Kya!”

“Leo, you have to run. Move away from this place!”

“Wuff!”

After seeing that everyone was on, I shouted to Leo.

Leo seemed like she expected me to be mad at her, and so she was confused at first, but then nodded. Yes, she could hear me just fine now.

“Nicholas, Johanna, I’m sorry!”

“Yes, leave this palace to us.”

“Please protect Lady Claire!”

“I will!”

And with that, Leo started to run. And I ran right next to her.

The people who had been surrounding us quickly moved out of the way. Well, perhaps it would be more accurate to say that they ran away out of fear.

While we moved away from the crowd, I thought I saw a familiar face, but this was no time to be thinking of such things.

And so I pushed it out of my mind and focused on running.

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I Scolded Leo

“Ms. Lyra, please guide us to some place that isn’t crowded!”

“Certainly!”

Mr. Lyra knew the town much better than me, and so she was bound to know of a good place.

And so for awhile, we continued to run farther away from the main streets and Mr. Halton's store.

As Leo was adjusting her speed for me, I was somehow able to keep up.

"Turn to the right here...just a little farther!"

Thanks to Ms. Lyra's guidance, we were headed to a secluded spot.

The passersby looked at Leo with astonishment, but it could not be helped.

"Turn this corner and...here it is. Hardly anyone passes through here."

"Hah... Phew..."

"Are you alright, Mr. Takumi?"

"Yes, somehow... Hah..."

It was a small clearing, but big enough for Leo to rest.

Now that I thought about it, we had also just passed Ms. Isabelle's store... That was why the streets looked familiar.

"Hah... Ms. Claire, Ms. Lyra. Could you help Liza get down. Leo."

"Wuff. Wuff."

"Yes."

"Certainly."

“...Papa?”

“Don’t worry, Liza. I’ll have that injury treated.”

I told Leo to lie low so that the others could get off. She seemed to look a little crestfallen, as she assumed that I was angry at her.

Once Liza was on the ground, I checked her head.

She had been holding her hand against the cut, but it had not stopped the bleeding.

Perhaps she was too weak to hold it firmly.

While it was not a deep cut, and there wasn’t that much blood, it still looked bad.

I told her not to worry, and then I looked around.

“Good, there is no one here...”

Still, I made sure to hide behind Leo as I put a hand on the ground and activated Weed Cultivation.

Perhaps it was affected by my franticness, but the Loe seemed to grow faster than usual.

I then picked it and changed it into a usable state.

“Liza, come over here...”

“What is that?”

“I’m going to heal that cut. Then it won’t hurt anymore.”

I called Liza over and gently placed the Loe on her forehead.

“!”

“Just wait a moment, okay? Then it should feel better...”

Liza grimaced at first, but I told her that the pain would pass.

Leo and the others watched with worried expressions.

But I had seen the effects of Loe before, and was sure that she would be completely fine.

“...Huh...? It doesn’t hurt?”

“Yes. You’re all fine now. And there is not even a trace left.”

Liza’s eyes widened with surprise when the pain faded away.

While the blood remained, there were no scabs and scars left on Liza’s face, much to my relief.

“Hah... She is fine now.”

“It doesn’t hurt anymore... That was amazing, papa!”

“Haha. Really?”

“Little Liza, I am so glad.”

“What a relief.”

“Yes!”

Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra were also happy to see that she was healed.

Ms. Lyra then started to wipe all of the blood off of Liza's face.

"Now... Leo?"

"Wu-wuff!? ...Wou."

And so I left Liza to Ms. Claire and Lyra's care, and turned my attention to Leo.

Leo looked a little nervous, like she was dreading what was to come.

"...Wuff. Kuuun..."

She barked apologetically and then lay on her back.

That was Leo's surrendering pose.

Before she was a Silver Fenrir, she would do this when I had caught her in some mischief.

"Leo... Surely you understand that you cannot do such things in a town full of people. Do you know how many you frightened? And they were starting to understand that you aren't just a scary monster..."

"Wou..."

I talked to Leo as she lay on her back.

Even though Leo would not harm anyone intentionally, had Liza not moved in front of her and stopped her, Leo would have likely jumped out and knocked over a lot of people.

And those people might have been injured.

If that happened, Leo may not be able to enter this town anymore.

While Ms. Claire and the others would defend Leo, the townspeople would not like it.

“Don’t you see what it could mean? If you are no longer able to visit this town, then you won’t be able to eat any of the delicious food anymore...”

“Wait, papa! Mama did nothing wrong. She was angry for me!”

“Liza?”

As I started to lecture to Leo, Liza suddenly threw her arms around Leo protectively.

Hey, Leo... We’re not finished here. Don’t make that facial expression just because you like having your belly rubbed...

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Chapter 378

I Asked Why Leo Was Angry

“Mama was angry...because I got hurt!”

“...Now that you mention it, how did you get hurt?”

Once Leo’s anger had subsided, my mind had been full of the need to treat Liza’s injury.

But after that was done, I had to think about the people in the town, and talking to Leo... And so I had forgotten about asking the reason.

I supposed it showed how much I had lost my cool as well.

“Lyra, what happened?”

“Yes... It was when Lady Liza was showing her new clothes to good Leo...”

Ms. Lyra had been with Liza, so she would know what had happened.

“She was very happy as she showed off the new clothes. And good Leo was also quite happy.”

I couldn't help but smile as I imagined the scene.

“Aside from me, Nicholas and Johanna were also there and watching. But then good Leo seemed to discover something, as she turned her head.”

“Is that right, Leo?”

“Wuff.”

Leo was still having her belly rubbed, but she nodded.

“Right after that, I heard the voice of a young man who was shouting. And then a rock came flying.”

“Shouting and then a rock...”

“Yes. It sounded like ‘You monster!’ It was going towards Liza. But it was so sudden that Johanna and I could not react in time. And then one of the rocks hit... Oh, I am so sorry. It was our fault for not watching her more closely...”

So someone had called Liza a monster and threw a rock at her... I had seen someone familiar when running. Could it be...

As I thought about it, Ms. Lyra bowed her head and apologized.

“No, there is no need for that, Ms. Lyra. The only person to blame is the person who threw the rock.”

“Still, we should have anticipated such a thing. Not just for Lady Liza, but also to protect you and Lady Claire...”

Ms. Lyra bit her lip and looked quite troubled.

Well, while I didn’t expect such things from her, the other two were guards, so they probably should be cautious of such incidents.

“Raise your head, Lyra. There is no point in moping about what has passed now. You can think about what you should have done once we returned to the mansion.”

“Yes, Lady Claire.”

Ms. Claire talked to Lyra in a firm voice.

While I didn’t blame her at all...I suppose it was different because they were servants to nobles.

Perhaps I would have to talk to Ms. Claire later. I didn’t want Ms. Lyra to be punished over it...

“In any case, what about this person who threw the rock?”

“I do not know. The voice was not familiar, and he was hidden in the crowd. And that is when good Leo...”

“Ah, that is when Leo became angry.”

“Wuff!?”

As Leo had seen it happen, she was angry and about to pounce on the culprit.

I nodded with satisfaction at this explanation, but Leo looked at me with alarm. I suppose she thought I was going to scold her again.

“Yes. It was very... I could feel a kind of pressure, and could not move...”

Ms. Lyra looked towards Leo as she recalled the moment.

I had felt it as soon as I left the store.

What was that... Something from Leo had weighed down on me... It was a strange feeling.

But I wasn't scared, because it was Leo.

Of course, it was different with everyone else

In any case, thanks to that, no one around us had been able to move.

Also, Leo's fur had been shining a little... Perhaps it was also reflecting the sunlight. But it seemed prettier than usual.

“Leo. What was that?”

“Wu-wuff? Wuff-wuff... Wuff.”

“Uhh...”

According to Leo, she did not understand it herself. But she was angry and her whole body had been tense.

Perhaps when Silver Fenrirs become tense like that, it results in some kind of phenomenon...

It must be related to magic energy.

Well, if Leo didn't understand it, then it would be very difficult to explain.

But I would just assume that it was something that Silver Fenrirs could do.

I then related this to Ms. Lyra and Ms. Claire.

Because they were not able to understand Leo.

Chapter 379

The Culprit Was Someone From The Slums

“I see... Good Leo... Um, Silver Fenrirs. I now understand why humans are no match for them.”

“Indeed. Even well-trained guards like Nicholas and Johanna were unable to move.”

It was the same with me... I could barely move at all.

Every step felt incredibly heavy as I tried to make my way towards Leo.

The only reason that I made it in time was that Leo was charging up her energy...

So in a way, it was a good thing that Leo was so angry.

If she had decided to act while holding back a little, like she did with the orcs, then she would have moved immediately.

“So, Leo. Did you recognize the person who threw the rock? You saw him before he threw it, right?”

“Wuff. Wuff-wuff.”

“I see... It’s what I thought then...”

“...

Leo nodded and answered when I asked about the culprit.

Liza could understand Leo as well, and she looked at me, but kept silent.

“What did good Leo say?”

“Uhh...”

I then explained it to Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra.

That it was one of the people who had attacked Liza in the slums.

Ms. Lyra had said that it was the voice of a young man, and considering that he called Liza a monster, it had to be the person I had seen in the crowd.

I suppose one of them just happened to be near Mr. Halton’s store...

Previously, they had fled when they saw Leo, but this time, he had stayed and thrown a rock. He had guts at least. Though I didn’t like to praise him.

Had I been there, I might have become just as angry as Leo.

I was still angry right now, but knew that I had to stay calm.

“I see. Someone from the slums...”

“That’s what Leo thinks. And I saw him myself, so it must be true. Still, Leo. Couldn’t you have stood in front of Liza or taken her and run away?”

“Wou... Wuff-wuff. Wuff.”

Hmm You aren’t used to hostile humans, so it’s difficult to know what to do?

...Well, that was true. She never had to worry about enemies when we were in Japan.

She was a friendly dog, and most of the people in this world were also nice to her... I suppose it was mainly because of the duke.

Monsters were one thing, but I suppose she didn't know how to react when facing humans.

Besides, the hostility was towards Liza this time.

"Sorry for scolding you, Leo. I didn't realize it was because you were protecting Liza. And Liza, thank you for stopping Leo. That was very good of you."

"Wuff. Wuff-wuff."

"Ehehe..."

Now that I knew the reason, I apologized to Leo and patted her on the stomach.

Leo sighed with relief and barked comfortably.

"Still, little Liza. Aren't you angry at the person who did that? Of course, it was good that you stopped Leo..."

Ms. Claire asked.

It wasn't that she thought Liza should be angry and fight back. She was just curious. After all, Ms. Claire had not seen her in the slums.

She had done nothing wrong, but was insulted and then had a rock thrown at her. Surely that would make you angry! Damn it!

...Oh, now I was getting worked up again.

Leo seemed to notice this, and she suddenly shuddered.

I'm not mad at you, okay?

Anyway, I'll take in a deep breath and calm myself.

"Yes. I'm not angry. There will be no end to it if I am angry at every person..."

Said Liza in a sad voice. I suppose she was remembering her life in the slums.

Anger brought on more anger and could make this worse... Well, it depended on different things, but I suppose things would often go in a worse direction.

"I've been hurt many times because I'm a beastkin... But it just got worse when I became angry. And so I have to bear it... And then they get too tired."

"...I see."

Liza seemed like she was trying to hold back tears. Ms. Claire looked like she was at a loss for words.

Ms. Lyra was shocked, and Leo was looking at Liza with a concerned expression.

So, bearing it was the best way to make it stop for her.

It made me wish we had done a little more to punish those people when we found her...

No, as Liza said, that would just make them more angry.

Even if Leo was with me, and I was training, I could not become too confident.

Besides, if people started to hold a grudge against us, Liza might be hurt as well.

It was best to try and avoid incidents like these...

Chapter 380

We Comforted Liza

“Getting angry was no use. So was crying or apologizing. They just found it funny... And so I didn’t cry. I didn’t want my grandfather to worry about me... So I tried not to...”

“Liza...”

When she still had her grandfather, Liza was mostly protected.

However, once he passed away, there was no one to defend her, and she stuck out for being a beastkin.

I didn’t know when he had died, but regardless, the time she had suffered must have felt very long indeed.

Even now, she held back her tears with gritted teeth and forced a smile.

Ms. Claire, Ms. Lyra and Leo also seemed like they were at a loss for words.

Just what had been done to her... I could imagine, thinking back on the time we had rescued her.

Regardless, she had been covered in mud and scratches.

“...Little Liza!”

“Kya! ...Sister Claire?”

Ms. Claire seemed to be full of emotion as she imagined Liza’s past, and so she suddenly threw her arms around her.

Liza looked surprised at first, but didn’t seem to mind.

“You were very strong. But we won’t let anyone hurt you from now on! You can be proud and tell your grandfather that you really did do your best!”

“Sister...Claire. I did? Do you think he would be proud of me?”

“Of course! And if anyone says otherwise, I will be very angry with them! Now, there is no need for you to bear anything. From now on, you should only laugh!”

“Heh... Really? I did well then. While it hurt, I did do my best. Waahh...!”

“Yes, yes. It’s okay to cry now. Since you did so well. Cry as much as you want, and then you can laugh later.

“Sniff...yes. I would rather laugh... I want to have fun... Waaaahhh!”

Ms. Claire embraced Liza and patted her on the head gently.

Everything that Liza had been holding back until now was unleashed, and tears were flowing from her eyes.

While I could only imagine what she had experienced up until now. There was no reason for a child to have to bear such things. I knew that clearly.

And so I would have to think of ways to ensure that her life would be fun and full of smiles from now on.

“Sniff...”

“Have you calmed down?”

“Yes... I’m sorry.”

“It’s fine. You should cry when you want to, and laugh when you want to. You don’t have to hold back your emotions any more.”

“...Yes. Thank you, sister Claire.”

Liza had been crying loudly for some time.

And Ms. Claire didn’t mind that her clothes were getting wet, and she continued to hold Liza.

Ms. Lyra and I also occasionally patted her on the head comfortingly, until she finally calmed down.

Leo was still on her back in the surrendering pose...

I suppose she could not move, because Liza was clutching onto her fur with one hand.

“Papa, I’m sorry. The new clothes you bought...got dirty...”

“You don’t have to worry about that. If you can’t wear them anymore, then we will just buy new ones! Besides, we’ll have to do that anyway, since you will continue to grow.”

After she stopped crying, Liza let go of Ms. Claire and turned to me to apologize about the clothes.

There was some blood on them, and since they had dried, they would probably stain.

However, it’s not like it was her fault.

While it might be difficult to remove the stains, if it was too bad, we could buy more... Thankfully, I had plenty of money.

If anything, if she did get muddy after playing with Tilura, then I would just laugh and maybe join them.

And then we would both apologize to the person who had to wash them.

“Yes... Thank you, papa and mama and sister Claire and Lyra.”

“Hehe. Mr. Takumi, you will have to buy her lots of pretty clothes now.”

“And I will help you choose them.”

“Yes!”

While it wasn't everything that I wished to say, Liza nodded understandingly and smiled as she thanked everyone.

Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra smiled back at her.

“Wuff. Wuff-wuff.”

“Kyaha! Mama!”

“Hehe. I think good Leo is trying to reassure her as well.”

“Yes, indeed.”

Liza finally let go of her fur, and so Leo turned over onto her stomach.

And then she pressed her face against Liza and licked her cheek.

While it was nice that everyone was smiling amidst this peaceful atmosphere...

I was reminded of what a mess Leo made when she licked someone's face...