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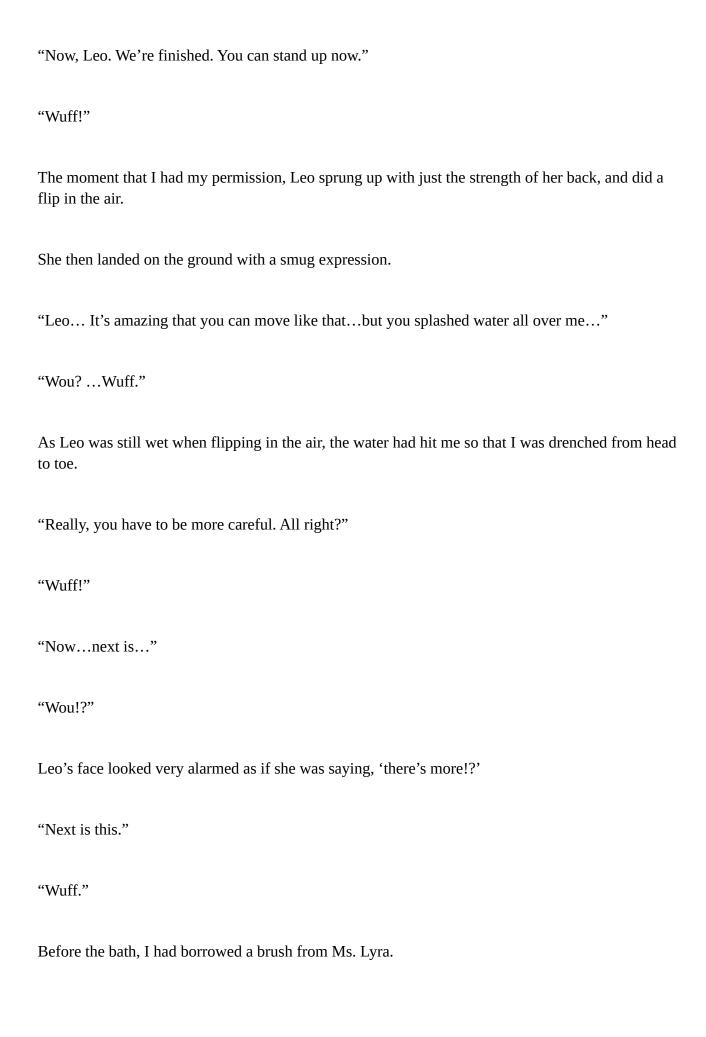








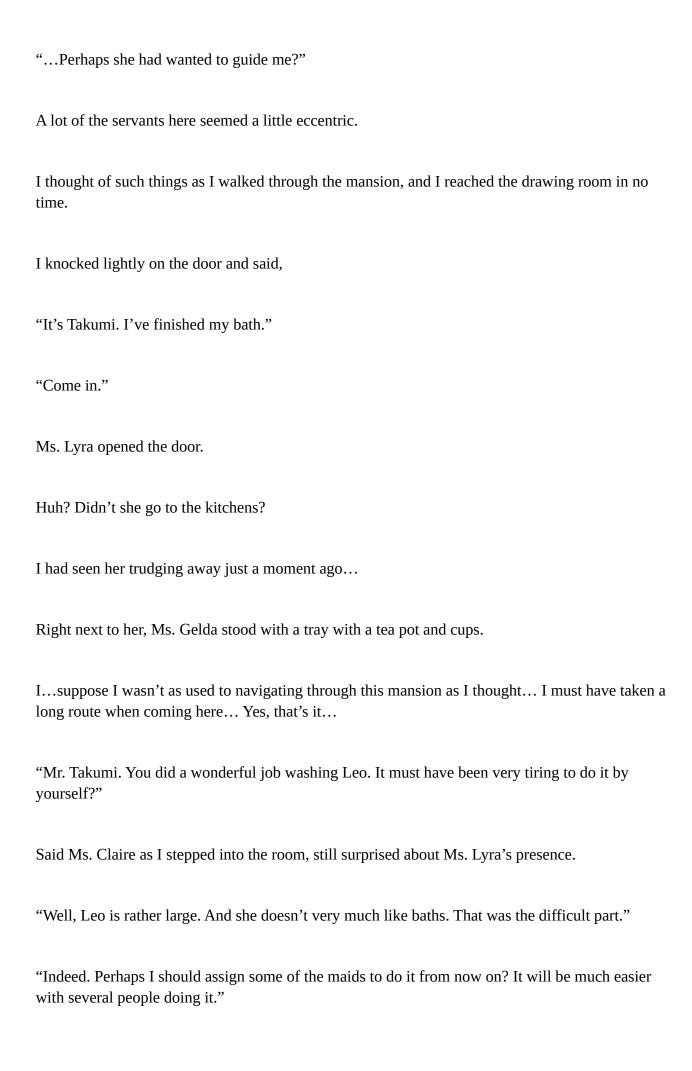
Like the other areas, I had to wash the soap several times before all of the dirt and color fell away.







And so I washed myself thoroughly with soap. Then I rinsed it off and sat in the tub that was large enough for me to stretch out my legs. "Ahh..." It really could not be helped that I let out a sigh after sinking into the hot water. Taking a bath was the best thing to do after exercise. And washing Leo had been quite exhausting. And so I enjoyed the water and relaxed while massaging my tired arms. Chapter 43 Leo's fur glistened after getting out of the bath After taking my time and thoroughly warming up in the hot water, I got out and dried myself with a towel before putting on my clothes and stepping out of the changing room. As always, Ms. Lyra was waiting right outside of the door. And since she told me that Ms. Claire and Tilura were in the drawing room, I decided to go there. "Is Leo over there as well?" "Yes. She is with the ladies." In fact, yesterday, I had gone from my room to the bath, and then returned on my own. So I knew where it was within the mansion. And so I didn't need Ms. Lyra to guide me. She seemed a little agitated as she said, 'I'll go put on some tea,' and then headed to the kitchens.



"Hmm... I think that for the time being, I can manage it. Besides, I wouldn't want to push any difficult work onto them. And I think that it's best that I am there until Leo gets more accustomed to it."

"I doubt the maids would mind... But, that's true. It's probably better for you to do it until she gets used to it."

"We are ready to wash the great Leo whenever you need. So please ask if you require assistance!"

For some reason, Ms. Lyra was very enthusiastic.

Could it be that Ms. Lyra... Wanted to touch Leo's fluffy fur so bad?

Well, Tilura had become addicted to it, and so it was no wonder that others would as well.

"Very well. I will leave it to you when Leo is ready. But for now, there is a possibility that Leo might try and resist. And that could be dangerous now that she's so big."

"The great Leo might resist..."

Ms. Gelda must have imagined Leo in a rage, as she suddenly became very pale.

Indeed, if that did happen, the frail Ms. Gelda could be thrown into the air quite easily.

Of course, Leo was nice and wouldn't do such a thing.

However, Ms. Gelda was clearly still scared of Leo.

That too would take time to resolve.

"Mr. Takumi! Can I go with them when the time comes?"





It seemed to be about some Silver Fenrir legend, but as I had never heard the legend before, I couldn't really understand what they meant. Perhaps I should ask? But just as I was about to address Ms. Claire, she turned to look at me. "Mr. Takumi. It's about the forest where I first met you." "Ah, yes. The forest where you searched for the Ramogi. What about it?" "There is a legend that the founder of the Liebert house used to go there." Chapter 44 The First Forest was the Duke's Forest "...The founder of this house. Do you mean the one who befriended the Silver Fenrir?" "Yes. And it's said that the founder first met the Silver Fenrir in that forest. And the legend says their relationship was that of friends of equal standing." So they first met in that forest. But how exactly had he managed to be riend a Silver Fenrir? From what I had heard, they listened to no one, and were feared as unbeatable monsters. Of course, when I looked at Leo, it made me think that Silver Fenrirs wouldn't attack anyone. But that was just in Leo's case. Perhaps the Silver Fenrirs that were born and raised in this world did attack people?

"And how did the first duke befriend this Silver Fenrir?"

"...That...is not known."

"No one knows?"

"There are legends passed down orally, including ones that were only shared through the family, as well as documents written about the first duke. However, none of this has explained how the Silver Fenrir was befriended."

"...I see."

"However... Some of the texts say that the duke was in danger, after being surrounded by fenrirs in the forest. And then the Silver Fenrir appeared."

"A pack of fenrirs... Are they different from Silver Fenrirs?"

"Normal fenrirs are different from Silver Fenrirs liks Leo. They are small and slower. Of course, they are still fast compared to humans, and are dangerous monsters that can use fire and ice magic. Also, even though their claws and fangs aren't as sharp as those of a Silver Fenrir, they will still cut through humans with ease."

So, while these fenrirs were weaker, they were still very dangerous monsters for humans.

...I could only imagine how the first duke felt when being surrounded by a pack of them. It would have felt like you were already dead.

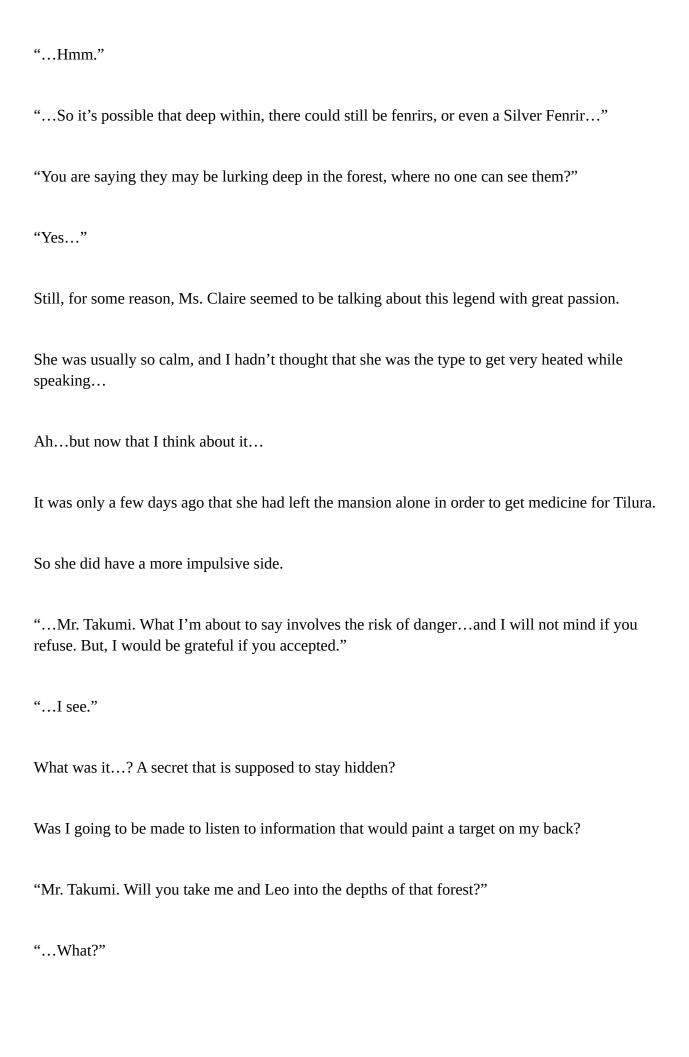
"Because the duke was surrounded by fenrirs, and then encountered a Silver Fenrir in that forest, it is now known as the Fenrir Forest."

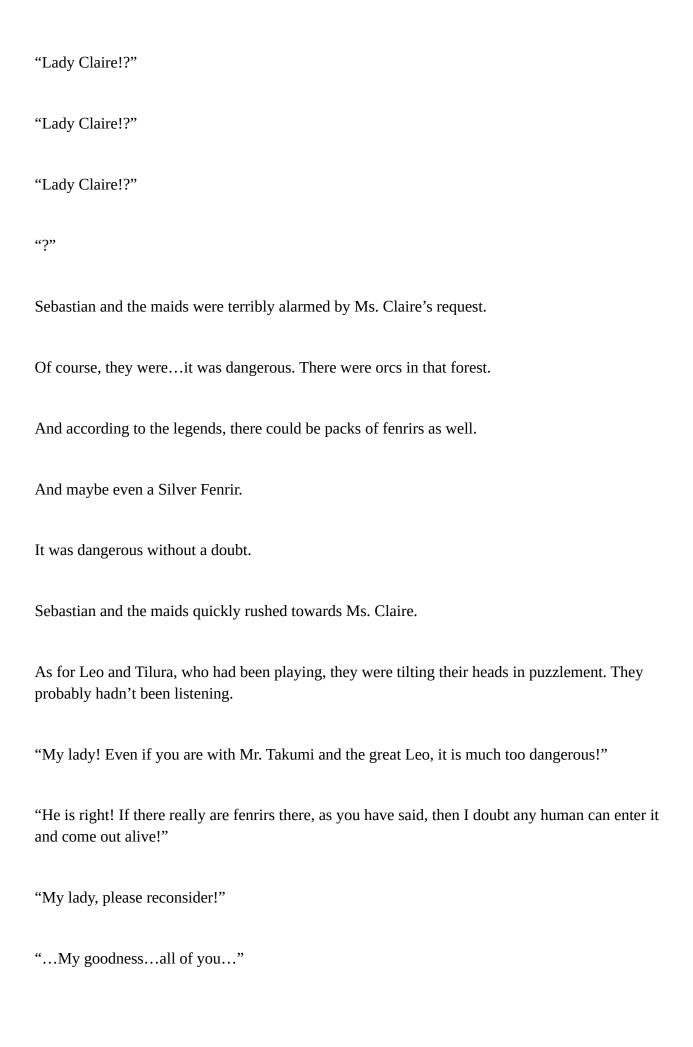
"Fenrir Forest..."

From what I had heard, fenrirs were very dangerous monsters.

And so if it was a place where one might encounter them, then it was no surprise that the forest would be named after them.







The three of them were desperately trying to stop Ms. Claire. Well, she was the kind of person to enter a dangerous forest alone just to find herbs. I doubted Ms. Claire had said it as a joke. She might really just put it into action. And so it was no wonder they were frantic. "My lady! Please, please reconsider!" "Yes. If anything were to happen to you!" "We're begging you! Reconsider!" "…" Oh? Ms. Claire had fallen silent? Chapter 45 I had an idea of what Leo was trying to say Had she lost under the pressure of Sebastian and the maids? While I may have just looked like a bystander, after hearing Ms. Claire talk about the Fenrir Forest, I was now quite interested in that forest we had appeared in.

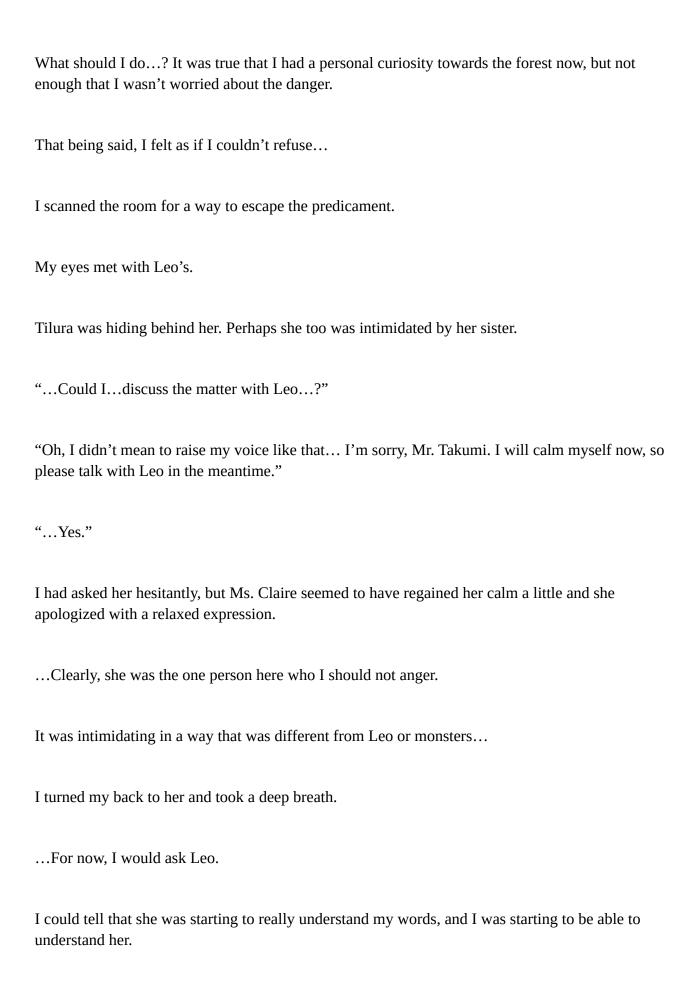
Perhaps I could find out the reason that I was brought to this world.

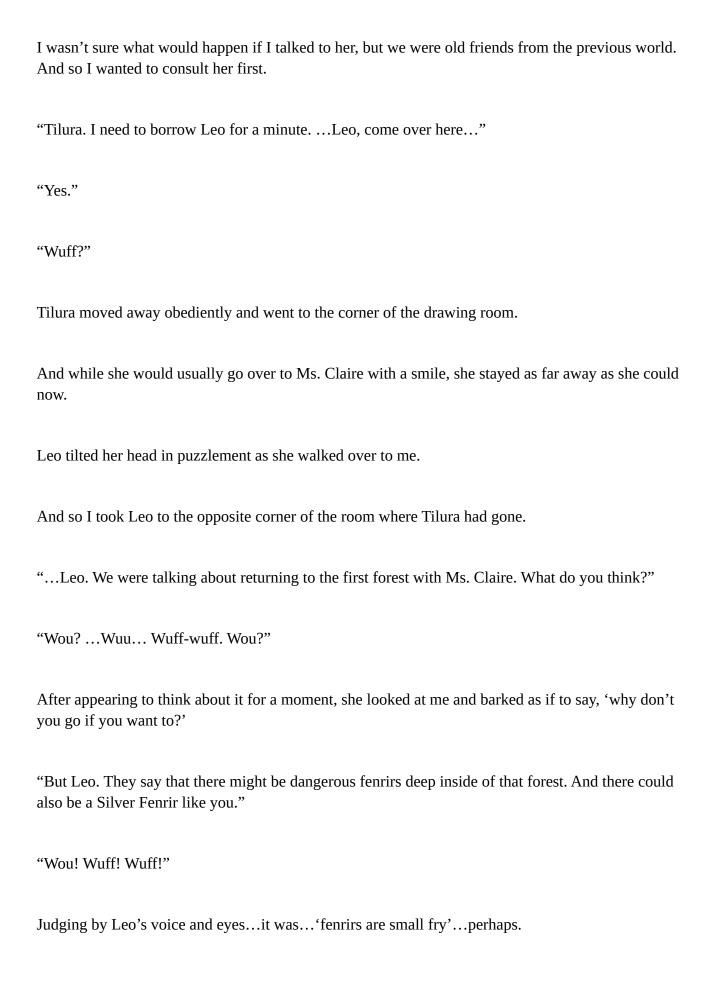
Well, even if I discovered the reason and found a way to return, I had no intention of doing that.

Here, I would not be overwhelmed by work, and I could spend more time with Leo.

But nevermind that. Right now, we were talking about Ms. Claire.







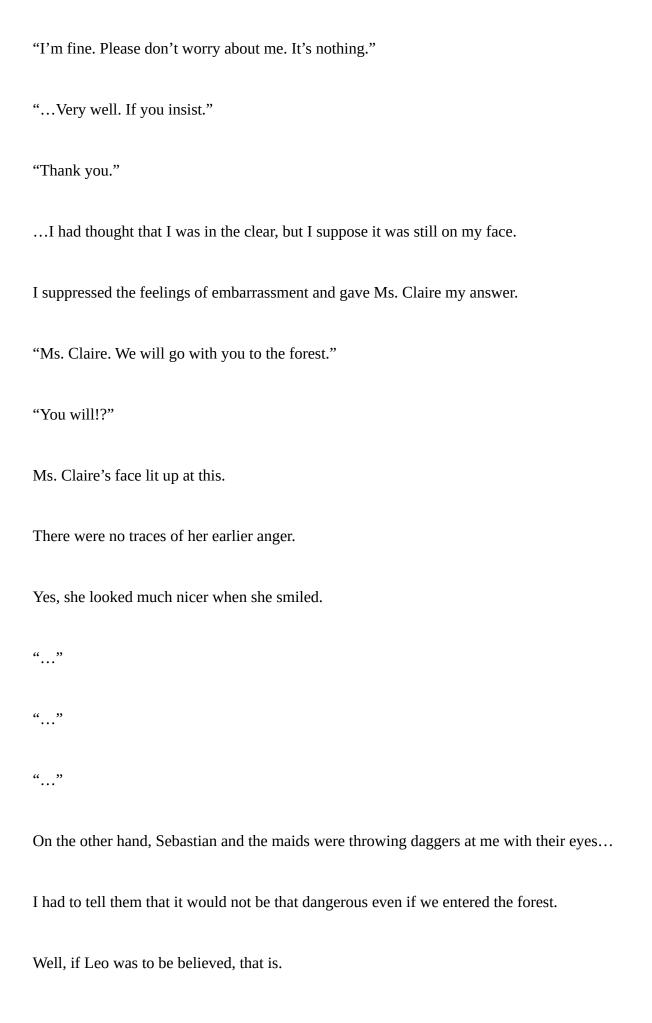
It had sounded like they were very dangerous monsters for humans, but I suppose they were nothing for Leo... "...You may not think much of fenrirs, but what if there is a Silver Fenrir as well..." "Wuff! Wuff-wuff! Wou!" Uhh... Even if there is a Silver Fenrir, it's a comrade and won't attack? "...Are you sure about that?" "Wou! Wuff-wuff. Wuff-wuff. Garr! Guff! Wou!" That was a long one...Uhh... Silver Fenrirs never attack their own kind. They will welcome me as a friend. And even if a pack of fenrirs attack, I can defeat them easily...? "Welcome as a friend... But what if the fenrirs attack in a larger pack than you are thinking? Besides, there are other monsters as well..." "Wuff-wuff-wuff! ...Wou-wou-wuff-wuff-grraar... Gar-garr!" I was starting to be able to understand Leo a lot more clearly... It doesn't matter how many fenrirs there are. I can defeat them easily. Besides, Silver Fenrirs are superior, and they should submit at the sight of me. And the other monsters are all small fry too! I can defeat all of them! ... I think that's what she said. ...Huh? Me and Leo were having a proper conversation now...? She had always tried to convey things to me with strangely human gestures, but it was quite different to understand each other so clearly.

And I doubted it was related to the Gift...

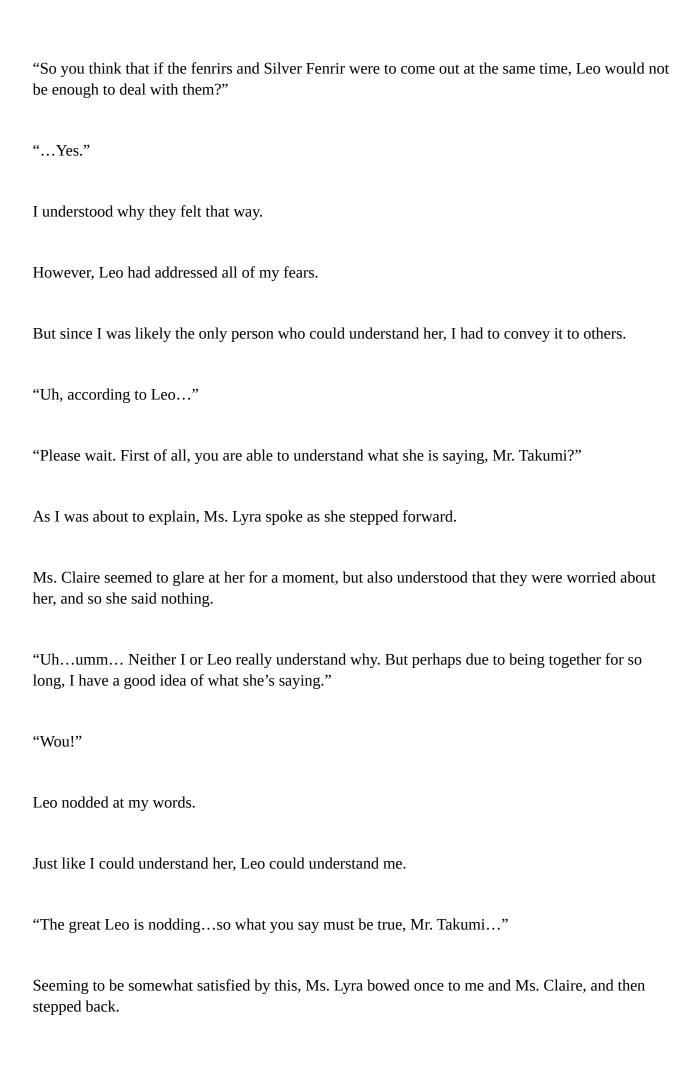
"Leo... How is it that I can understand what you're saying?"





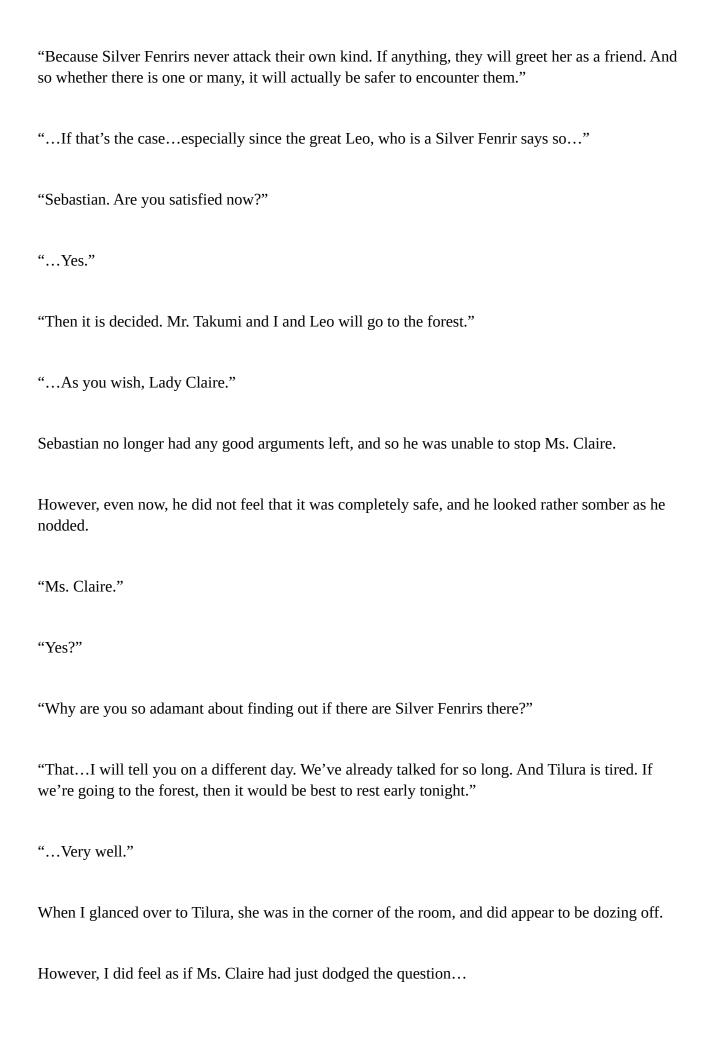












Perhaps she saw the doubtful look on my face, as she then put her face near my ear and whispered.
"I will tell just you and Leo when we are on our way to the forest. I don't really want Sebastian and the others to know."
"Very well."
I nodded and she then moved away and smiled.
What was this reason that she didn't want the others to know about?
Well, she said that she would tell me, so I would just have to wait.
"Lyra. Please take care of Tilura."
"Certainly."
And so Ms. Lyra picked up Tilura and carried her off to her room.
Not only had she eaten a lot, but we had been talking for a long time about something she wasn't interested in, and so she had become sleepy.
There was still time until dinner, so she could take a nap for now.
"So, Mr. Takumi. I will talk to Sebastian about preparations for going to the forest."
"Okay."
Ms. Claire was going to talk with Sebastian then.
Would she berate him for pressuring her earlier?

...No, if anything, he might start lecturing her about this sudden decision to go to the forest. And so Ms. Claire and Sebastian left the drawing room. Only Ms. Gelda remained, and she was giving Leo some milk. I watched Leo drink and spent the time relaxing while drinking tea. ...Well, the tea had become cold after sitting there so long. But it was fine, because it tasted good. "Ah, Ms. Gelda. Can I have another cup of tea?" After drinking tea in the drawing room, Tilura woke up from her nap, and Ms. Claire finished talking with Sebastian, and so we had dinner together before retiring early for the night. As I had taken a bath after lunch, I returned to my room right after the post-dinner tea time. "Phew... I didn't expect to return to that forest..." "Wuff?" Leo was tilting her head and looking at me. It was like she was asking what was wrong. "Well, we had wandered through it for quite a while. And since there were orcs...I thought that we'd never go back again." "Wuff! Wuff-wuff."

Then why are you going? "Because Ms. Claire seems like she really wants to go. It's also the first place I came to in this world. So I am curious about what we might find." "...Wuff! ...Wuff?" "What is it, Leo?" While talking, Leo seemed to have found something, and she was looking at my desk with a questioning expression. But I hadn't put anything on the desk... Ah, I did place that plant that I had made with Weed Cultivation. The one that I had never seen before. "Wuff?" "Ah, that. I don't know why, but it started growing when I used Weed Cultivation. Since I've never seen it or heard of it before, I put it there so I could study it later. ... Don't eat it.... Ah! Hey, Leo!" "Chew-chew... Wuff!" "...You ate it... It was probably some kind of medicinal herb...I hope it's not poisonous... How do you feel, Leo?" "Wuff? ... Woo... Wuff-wuff!" Leo suddenly became very excited. I'm sure she was holding back a little, as she was so big, but her tail was wagging furiously. "...What?"

"Wuff-wuff! Grau! Grauu!"
Uh, let's seeyou're full of energy and can run for miles now?
What effect was this?
If she felt like she could keep running, was it exhaustion recovery? Energy enhancement?
"Leo Do you know what effect the plant had on you?"
"Wuff-wuff. Wuff-woof-wou-wou!"
Leo was shaking her head and wagging her tail as she tried to explain to me.
She said that she didn't feel any fatigue, and that her body felt like it was in better condition than usual.
"So your body is in better condition?"
What does this mean?
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There was something new added to the breakfast menu
She had eaten what I thought was a medicinal plant, and now she felt stronger Was it something that raised your physical ability? Your stamina? Well, I guess that was the same thing
What ifIafter making the Loe, had continued to create another amazing plant
In any case, until further research makes the answer clear, I would grow them in the back garden.
This one, I had been able to make without any information, as it was just based on a random

thought.

So even for just testing out Weed Cultivation, I would have to reconsider my process
And so it was with thoughts of methods for testing tomorrow that I got into bed in order to sleep.
"Hey, Leo. I understand that you're full of energy after eating it, but calm down"
"Wuff! Wuff!"
"Alright, alright I'll play with you just a little. And then you have to sleep."
"Wuff!"
I had wanted to go to sleep early, but due to Leo's renewed energy, I was forced to play with her until midnight.
Once she was satisfied, she rested the top part of her body on the bed and then fell asleep.
Since it was a good opportunity, I used Leo's fluffy fur as a pillow and went to sleep. It really was comfortable
Maybe I could make a pillow with any fur that she sheds.
But I haven't seen her shed any yet Maybe Silver Fenrirs don't shed?
It was with such thoughts that I slept on my Leo pillow until morning.
I got up the next morning, and then woke up Leo, who was still sleeping with half of her body on the bed.
"Isn't it uncomfortable to sleep like that?"





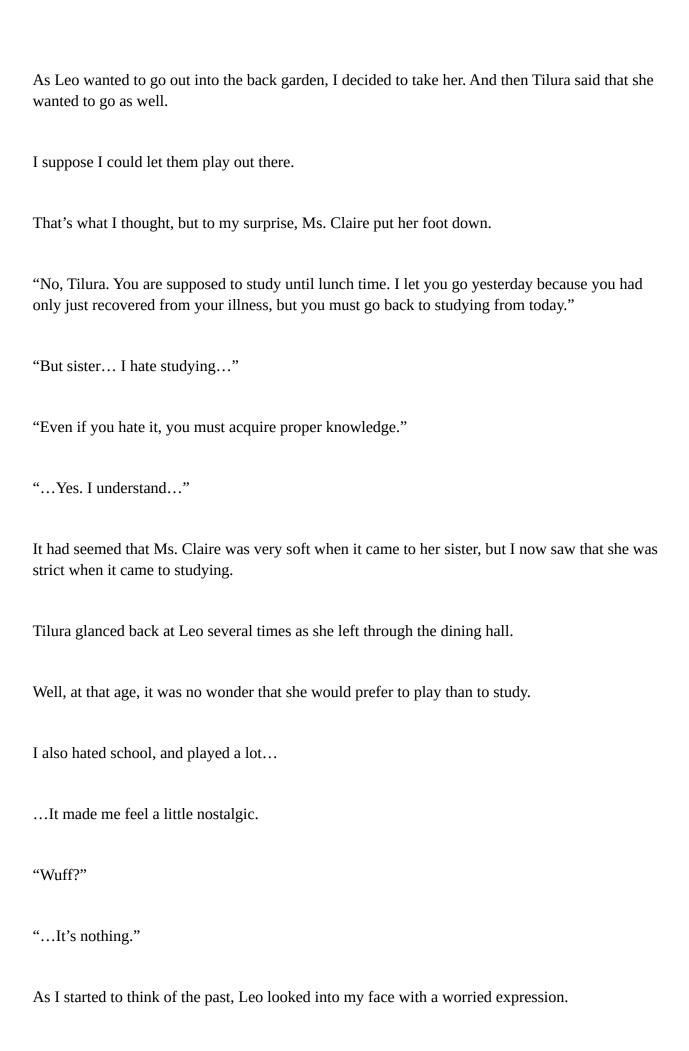


Once the plates were empty, I thought we would move to the drawing room for tea time...but apparently, the meal wasn't finished. Because a dessert had been prepared with the same crust for the toad in the hole. "This is...very sweet and delicious." "Isn't it? I didn't expect a Yorkshire pudding to come out..." "It's so sweet!" "Wuff! Wuff!" Yorkshire pudding. I suppose it was like a garnish dish that used the same crust as the toad in the hole. Normally it was supposed to be had with a meat dish, but this one had whipped butter on it, making it a sweet dessert. The texture was fluffy and chewy. Both Ms. Claire and Tilura were smiling and seemed to be enjoying it greatly. Leo also liked sweet things, and was eating it just as eagerly. I guess girls really liked sweet things. Though, I like them quite a lot as well.

At Ms. Claire's order, everyone started eating.







I patted her big head and then turned to Ms. Claire as I had just remembered something. "By the way, Ms. Claire. When will we go to the forest that we talked about yesterday?" "Indeed... Sebastian?" "Yes. ... Though I'd rather you did not go...ahh! Uh, preparations to go to the forest, yes... We can have everything ready today so that you can leave tomorrow." "I see... Then we shall go tomorrow. Is that all right, Mr. Takumi?" "Yes. I have nothing else to do here other than to test Weed Cultivation. So we should go tomorrow." "Wuff." Leo nodded as if to show her agreement. And so it was decided that we would head to the Fenrir Forest on the next day. As I had only been in this world for a few days, it hadn't been long at all, and yet it felt like it. It was the forest that I had woken up in to find that Leo had grown. And where we had encountered monsters. Also, it was where we met Ms. Claire. "... As so much has happened, I feel a deep connection, perhaps."

With tomorrow's plans decided, Ms. Claire and Sebastian left in order to see to it that things would be ready.

I muttered under my breath so that no one could hear.

And so I went out to the back garden along with Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda. As soon as we arrived, Leo started to run around. Was she just excited or was it for exercise...? Well, since both Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda was here, perhaps this was a good opportunity. "Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda. Would you like to try riding on Leo?" "Are you sure?" "...Is it really all right?" Ms. Lyra must have wanted to ride Leo, as she looked quite happy. But Ms. Gelda had always been a little afraid, and seemed worried at the prospect of riding Leo. "It'll be fine. Hey, Leo. Come over here." "Wuff!" I called Leo who was running around, and after she came to me, I told her to carry Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda. Leo must enjoy carrying people, as she looked at the two maids and then wagged her tail. Ms. Lyra was already fond of Leo, and should be fine. But Ms. Gelda... At this point, she was used to being in close proximity to Leo, but she froze up once she had to climb up

"Ms. Gelda, don't worry. Don't be scared... Ms. Lyra, please help her."

And so Ms. Lyra helped push Ms. Gelda onto Leo's back, and then Leo ran around the garden.

Since it was their first time, Leo started by running much slower than she did with Tilura.

Ms. Lyra was cheering excitedly as she rode, but Ms. Gelda still appeared to be nervous.

"I've never seen Ms. Lyra in such high spirits before..."

Ms. Gelda was...uh, well. I would let her ride a little longer until she got used to it.

And so I watched Leo run around cheerfully as I put a hand on the ground, and started the tests for the use of Weed Cultivation that I had thought of yesterday.

When I had made the plant grow, I had not been thinking of an actual shape...

And so with trial and error, I thought of various things in my head and became absorbed in my study of Weed Cultivation.

Chapter 50

I Studied Weed Cultivation

The time passed as I continued various tests with Weed Cultivation, and before I knew it, it was midday.

Of course, Ms. Lyra and Gelda were not riding Leo the whole time, and they got off after about an hour and watched me work as Leo played.

Then Sebastian came and told us that lunch was ready, and so I stopped my studying for the time being.

"Well, I learned quite a lot."

Apparently, Weed Cultivation didn't just make plants that I knew about, but it could reflect my will and create plants that might not even exist.

Of course, it still wasn't just any plant. I could still not make vegetables, etcetera, but this was more than enough.

After eating lunch, I separated from Ms. Claire, who was still making preparations for tomorrow, and Tilura, who would continue studying, and I returned to the garden in order to conduct tests with Weed Cultivation, with plenty of trial and error.

During all of this time, Leo continued to run around in the garden.

"...You sure have a lot of energy, Leo."

Well, she had taken a break in between. She came to rest near where I was working, and upon seeing the plant I had made yesterday, she had happily devoured it and then went off running again.

"...So I'm clearly the reason that she is like this... But I suppose it's better than not having enough energy."

Just as the sun started to set, Tilura, who had to make up for time she didn't study while ill, finally came out into the garden when she was done.

She then ran around with Leo and then rode on her back. Sometimes they would just rub their faces together and jump around happily.

After some time, Ms. Claire and Sebastian finished making preparations for the forest journey, and so we joined them for dinner.

"Mr. Takumi. Do you still refuse to tell me what you are doing with Weed Cultivation?"

"Hahaha. I'm still studying it... Please wait a little longer."

As for Weed Cultivation, Ms. Claire's curiosity seemed to be without limit. Though I managed to evade it and finish dinner.

But Ms. Claire seemed a little sulky because of this, though she did smile once the york puddin dessert was brought out.

We rested a little after dinner, and then retired early because Tilura had become quite tired after running around so much.

Ms. Claire returned to her room, and I took Leo back to mine.

Then I left her there so I could take a bath alone.

"Phew... This really is a nice bath."

As I had spent most of the day outside, I had to wash my body thoroughly.

While Leo had been running a lot, she was going to the forest tomorrow anyway.

She would just get dirty again, so her bath could wait for when we returned from the forest.

I washed myself clean and then soaked in hot water until I was warmed to the bone. And then I returned to my room and played with Leo a little before going to bed.

I had been thinking about Weed Cultivation for nearly the entire day, and so my brain felt a little exhausted, even if my body was fine.

"And tomorrow...is the forest."

I better get some sleep then.

I said goodnight to Leo, who was rolled up into a ball next to my best, and then I sunk underneath the covers.



"Yes. Even if you and the great Leo will be with her, we cannot allow our Lady Claire to go with such small numbers. Lyra and I will be there to take care of her, and Phillip and the three other guards will escort us through the forest."

"Really. I tried arguing with Sebastian, but he would not hear of us taking fewer people."

"Hahaha. Well, it's because he is so concerned about you, Ms. Claire."

I suppose they could not allow a duke's daughter to go off with some strange man and his dog...his Silver Fenrir, for a few days.

Huh? But where was Tilura?

I thought that she would at least want to say goodbye to Leo, as they would not be able to see each other for a few days...

"Sister, Mr. Takumi, Leo! Please be careful! And come back soon!"

It was as I was thinking this, that Tilura burst out from between the servants.

"Tilura. You must continue to study while you wait."

"We'll try and return as soon as possible."

"Wuff...wuff-wuff."

"Yes...ah...Leo..."

I'm sure she actually wanted to come too, but we were going to the forest, which could be dangerous. And so we could not take her.

I was sure that she had heard plenty of that from Ms. Claire already, and had decided to be patient and see us off.

Perhaps Leo had realized this, as she licked Tilura's cheek and rubbed her face against it.

Tilura understood this to be a greeting for Leo, and so she smiled and waved at us.

"Well, let's go then, Mr. Takumi."

"Yes."

"Wuff."

"Good travels, Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi. Please return safely. We will all be waiting for you!"

"Take care, sister, Mr. Takumi, Leo!"

The servants all talked at once, and so it was quite loud and hurt my ears.

And so after being sent off by the servants and Tilura, I, Leo, Ms. Claire and the others left the

mansion.