MY BELOVED DOG IS THE STRONGEST IN ANOTHER WORLD

Chapter 5

Leo Had Become A Silver Fenrir

I looked at Leo.

Leo looked back at me with a puzzled expression. She didn't look like she would attack anyone.

It was true that her face was wild and fierce like a wolf now. And her body was much bigger. But there was no way that such a cute doggy would attack humans.

In any case, it seemed like the monsters here were much like the ones from games and cartoons.

... I really must be dreaming then.

The thought of light novels that I had been trying to ignore were resurfacing in my mind, but I pushed it away again.

"Uh, so... What is a Silver Fenrir?"

"That monster over there. Is it not?"

"Huh? Well...I suppose, yes. A Silver Fenrir."

"Wou!"

I just decided to go along with it.

Leo was a Maltese, but now that she had changed so much, she probably resembled these Silver Fenrir creatures.

"That is quite amazing. Having a Silver Fenrir as a familiar!"

"Oh? Is-is that right..."

"Yes. It is said that they are the most powerful monsters and would never yield to humans. Many people have tried in the past, but I heard that none have ever been successful. Besides, people cannot even hunt them. It is known that one must never get close to a Silver Fenrir!"

"...You're...the most powerful monster?"

"Grau!"

Leo looked quite proud of herself.

I could not wrap my head around the idea of a Maltese being so powerful.

"It is said that a Silver Fenrir is faster than the wind, breathes fire, cuts through anything with their claws, and breaks anything with their fangs."

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...Well, it is true that fire came out of her mouth a short while ago...

And she had bitten into the orc and cut it up with her claws...

Leo...were you not a Maltese after all? Are you a Silver Fenrir...?

"The shining silver fur of a Silver Fenrir is the symbol of their power. And it is even used on the crest of the royal family in this kingdom."

"...I see."

"Documents say that they can not only breathe fire, but can use all kinds of magic as well. But no one has ever seen it."

"No one at all?"

"Yes. Besides, witnessing such a thing would mean facing a Silver Fenrir. There is no way that someone could survive such an encounter."

"...But, I'm standing right next to one...."

"That is why this is so amazing! You have a Silver Fenrir familiar! This will go down in history!"

"....Uh...."

I would go down in history just by being with Leo. What the hell...

There was so much confusing information coming in that my head wasn't able to process it all.

For now, I understood that Leo was very strong. But she was like a buddy I had lived with for so long.

I didn't know anything about familiars, but I wasn't forcing her to obey me or anything.

"This is Leo. My buddy."

"Wou!"

I said, and then Leo licked my face happily.

"A Silver Fenrir is your buddy... Who are you..."

"...Just an average person?"

"You cannot be an average person if you are friends with a Silver Fenrir! You must be very famous!"

"No, I'm really not anyone special..."

"...May I ask you what your name is?"

"Of course. My name is Takumi Hirooka."

"Takumi...Hirooka... No, I have not heard that name before..."

"Right? So I'm not famous at all."

Indeed, she pronounced my name very oddly.

And she had pretty blonde hair, so perhaps she was a foreigner?

Now that I thought about it, I hadn't asked what her name was yet.

"I didn't catch your name yet. What is it?"

"...How rude of me. My name is Claire Liebert. Thank you for helping me when I was in danger."

She took a step back, held the hems of her skirt and then curtsied.

There was something about her that made me think she was a lady of the upper class.

I had never seen such a perfect curtsy.

But if we were talking about bowing heads to apologize to clients, I had done and witnessed it many times...

"...Is something wrong?"

"...Ah, no, not at all. It's nothing."

As she looked so beautiful while doing it, I could not help but stare in awe.

"Uh, Miss Liebert?"

"Please just call me Claire, Sir Hirooka."

"...Alright, Claire. But then you must call me Takumi. And you don't need to call me sir."

"Very well. Takumi."

So Claire was her first name and Liebert was her family name.

In other countries, the family name came after.

And her name wasn't Japanese at all! So she was a foreigner!

"Uh, so, Miss Claire..."

"Yes, what is it?"

"Why are you in this forest?"

"I came here to gather some medicinal herbs. But it seems I wandered deep into the forest while searching for them. I was so preoccupied that I didn't realize... And my horse ran away when the orc appeared."

"...I see."

A horse...huh...

Indeed, Miss Claire would probably look very good riding on a horse... But I was hoping for a car.

"And why are you here, Mr. Takumi?"

"...Hmm? That's what I would like to know."

"Wou?"

"Huh?"

"No, it's just that I was in this forest when I woke up. And I've been wandering around and trying to get out."

"....So you don't know why you're in the forest... How can that be...?"

"I really don't know..."

"I...see..."

In fact, I still suspected that this was all a dream.

While pinching my cheeks had hurt, it wasn't enough of a confirmation that this was real.

Come on. Wakeup!

You have to wake up so that you can play with Leo!

Huh? But they do say that dreams are a way of organizing memories...

But I had never seen this beautiful person called Claire before.

Was it a wish? Desire?

As I thought of such things, Claire addressed me in a hesitant voice.

"Mr. Takumi. Would you mind if I made a request?"

"...What is it? If it is something that I can do, please don't hesitate to ask."

"Thank you. I said that I came to this forest to search for herbs. Would you mind searching for them with me?"

"Herbs, huh? I don't know if I will be of much use, but I will go with you."

It must have been fate that brought us here.

Besides, how could I refuse the request of someone so pretty?