

Beloved Dog 531

Chapter 531

Fenrirs could not swim

“Grau!”

“Grau-grau! Grrrr...!”

“They drowned!?”

“Can fenrirs not swim?”

“...Well, Sherry was not able to... are they alright?”

After looking at each other, the fenrirs jumped into the river.

It was deep enough that humans would have to swim.

Someone as large as Leo would be able to keep their head above water while standing, but fenrirs were smaller... And so they were currently splashing around as if they were drowning.

Uh...should we try to help them?

“...Leo?”

“Wuff. Wuff-wuff.”

Though, given their size, it would be quite difficult to help them.

If I jumped into the water, I would probably just end up drowning myself.

And so I asked Leo, but she said it would be fine, and we should just watch.

“Kyau! Kyau!”

“Gabububu...gabu...!”

“Gaaabb!? Gabu-gabu!”

Sherry watched her struggling parents and barked as if to cheer them on.

The fenrirs must have heard her, as they seemed to calm down after that.

And then, with bits of their back and head out of the water, they started to move slowly towards us.

Still, it seemed like they could not hold their breath for long, and constantly moved their heads up and down...it was somewhere between the doggy paddle and drowning.

Hmm... Well, though they were struggling, they were not in danger, at least...

We had all been quite nervous about the fenrirs at first, but that was long in the past now...

Even Ms. Claire looked a little surprised.

After some time, the fenrirs finally reached the other side, and spat out the water they had swallowed, and shook off the water from their fur.

While we were far enough that we did not get drenched, the water still flew quite far.

Still...it wasn't as bad as when Leo did it.

“Kyau! Kyau!”

“Grau. Grau?”

“Gau! Gau! Gau-gau!”

“Kyu...”

“Gau-gau...”

Sherry rushed towards the two fenrirs and barked.

While I could only see from behind, it was clear that she was happy to be reunited with them.

Then the fenrir with an especially imposing face, began to lick Sherry and press its face towards her.

They were also happy and seemed quite relieved.

However, the other fenrir looked at Sherry sharply and barked as if to scold her.

I suppose that one was angry that Sherry had gone off on her own again.

As Sherry barked apologetically, the other fenrir barked as if to say it was in the past.

Probably, the one licking Sherry was the father, and the angry one was the mother.

“Wou!”

“Kyain!”

“Kyaun!”

“Kyu?”

As I watched the reunion, which somehow didn't feel entirely harmonious, Leo suddenly let out a howl.

It seemed like she wanted them to greet her. But I understood why they would be more concerned with Sherry.

The two fenrirs looked surprised, and let out a yelp.

Sherry looked at them with a puzzled expression.

“Kyaun-kyaun!”

“Kyain-kyain!”

“Kyu...”

The two fenrirs then rushed towards Leo, and while totally ignoring us, turned over and showed their bellies.

It was that submissive pose that dogs did?

Leo used to do it when I got mad at her...

But these were wild fenrirs, and I suppose it was natural for them, as they knew that they could not beat Leo.

“Wou. ...Wuff?”

“Huh? Me?”

“Wuff-wuff.”

“...Fine.”

“You’ll be okay, papa!”

“Well, I’ll try then.”

Apparently, she wanted me to rub their bellies... Would it really be fine?

They showed no signs of going against Leo, so they probably wouldn’t attack...

And so I started to walk towards them.

Liza was cheering for me. But I felt a little conflicted, since she was still telling me to go to some fenrirs...

Still, I wanted to look brave in front of her, so I had to do my best.

Sherry stood still as she watched, and Ms. Claire seemed to be holding her breath.

Behind her, Ms. Anne was watching with a jealous expression. But I ignored her.

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I petted the parent fenrirs

“Uh...like this?”

“Gauu...”

“Gau-gau!”

“It seems like they like it...”

I went between the two fenris and used both hands to rub their bellies.

As they were so big, I could not rub their whole bodies at once, but I had plenty of experience with Leo, and knew which spots felt good.

Of course, fenrir might be different from dogs, but the two barked pleasantly, so I seemed to have succeeded.

“Wuff-wuff.”

“You too, sister Claire.”

“Me...? Well, if Mr. Takumi is fine... very well.”

Apparently, Leo wanted Ms. Claire to do it as well.

And so she made up her mind and approached us.

However, the two fenrirs suddenly jumped back up to their feet.

“Grrrr...”

“Gauuu....”

“Kyau!”

It was something that Leo sometimes did in the bath, where she would use her momentum while jumping up in order to spin in the air and land on her feet.

And then they started to growl at Ms. Claire.

So I was fine, but not her...?

Perhaps it was because I smelled like Leo.

“Kyau! Kyau!”

“Gau?”

“Gauuu? Gau-gau.”

“...Sherry?”

When I turned around, I saw that Phillip and the guards had rushed towards Ms. Claire.

I suppose they were concerned, not that the fenrirs looked hostile.

But just then, Sherry moved between them and Ms. Claire and barked.

The two fenrirs looked puzzled as they barked at her.

“Kyau! Kyau!”

“Gau...”

“Guff...”

Sherry explained to them, and then they finally calmed down.

However, that wasn’t the end of the matter.

“Grrr...”

“Kyain!”

“Kyaun!”

“Leo?”

Leo moved next to Ms. Claire and growled at the fenrirs.

It seemed like she was upset, because she was the one who had sent Ms. Claier.

Upon seeing this, the fenrirs went into a submissive pose again.

“Wuff? Wou-woud! Grau!”

“Gau...”

“Gau...”

“Kyau-kyau.”

And then Leo barked as if to lecture them.

The fenris were shaking, and their tails went between their legs.

Sherry barked and nodded understandingly.

“Uh...Leo?”

“Wuff. Wou-wou.”

“She said that it’s fine now!”

“I see...”

As I felt bad for them, I started to pet the fenrirs again.

And then Ms. Claire approached us.

“Ms. Claire, like this... Pet them gently with your palm.”

“Very well. I will try.”

“This is not fair at all! I want to... Let go of me!”

“No, Anneliese. This is no time to startle the fenrirs.”

Ms. Claire seemed to enjoy the soft feel of the fenrirs as she petted them.

While I could hear Ms. Anne causing a scene in the back, I pretended not to hear.

Hopefully, Mr. Ekenhart will keep her back.

“Gau?”

“Grr...”

“Gau...”

“Kyau.”

While Ms. Claire and I petted the fenrirs, Leo started to bark at them.

I could feel them trembling, which showed how scared of Leo they were.

The fenrirs barked weakly and nodded.

For some time after that, Leo and the fenrirs talked as Ms. Claire and I continued to pet them. And Leo made them promise to not attack any humans or disobey me.

I didn't know why the last part was important... I was not their owner.

In any case, as the fenrirs were being calm not, Mr. Ekenhart and the others were able to pet them as well.

Leo, Liza and Sherry were keeping watch, and the fenrirs seemed to enjoy it. So there was no problem.

Though, Sherry got a little carried away, and jumped on her father's stomach, which seemed painful.

I suppose even if orc attacks were nothing, it was different if it was another fenrir...

And so with a feeling of relief, I moved away and talked with Sebastian and Ms. Claire.

The others were all gathered around the fenrirs.

Ms. Anne and the maids seemed to be especially fond of them.

Even Johanna was there as well.

Though, Phillip and the other guards still looked cautious...

As for Mr. Ekenhart, he was talking to Ms. Anne, but seemed to be in a good mood.

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The reason that the fenrirs came

"Well, it seemed like they were talking to good Leo earlier. But what did they say?"

"It was about why they had come here."

While Leo was talking to the fenrirs, Liza interpreted, and so I understood.

I had a general idea of what Leo was saying. And Ms. Claire could understand Sherry.

However, only Liza could understand the two fenrirs.

They were very intelligent, and could convey some things with gestures, but there was a limit to that.

“Why they came here... Surely it was to get Sherry?”

“That was one reason. But you know how Sherry used magic to fight the orc? That’s how they sensed her presence, and came to see how she was doing...”

“And what else?”

“Similarly, they sensed Leo’s presence once we entered the forest. And so the fenrirs had moved deeper into the forest.”

Leo’s senses were sharper than the fenrirs.

However, Leo was larger and had a stronger presence...which was easier to detect.

And so while Leo could not sense fenrirs that were far away, they were able to sense Leo.

“While Leo said that they would submit due to their instincts, they still tend to hide until they actually encounter each other. And so...they probably tried to avoid being seen, the last time we were here.”

“So that was why we could not find them. Though, we didn’t even find any traces, so perhaps we were in the wrong area.

“Indeed.”

As there was no guarantee that a Silver Fenrir would be friendly, it made sense that they would want to avoid it, instead of being in a situation where they had to submit.

They could not resist once they did meet, but if they had to fight, then they would be in great danger.

As for where they were located, we had found Sherry on the other side of the river. And this time, that's where the two fenris had come from as well. So they must live deep into the forest on that side.

So it was no wonder that we did not find them.

It was mostly luck that we had found Sherry, who had wandered off because she was curious.

"The fenrirs intended on hiding until Leo left. But then they recognized Sherry's magic. Of course, it was still dangerous, and so the pack decided to remain hidden, but..."

"Sherry's parents had different ideas, I suppose."

"Yes. A long time had passed since she disappeared...and here she was in the forest again. And so they could not help but approach this place, where Sherry was."

"I see... Yes, a parent would not be able to ignore a daughter who had gone missing."

"Like Silver Fenrirs, they see family as being very important."

As I talked about the fenrirs, Sebastian nodded with satisfaction.

Regardless, there was no doubt that the fenrirs cared about family.

But as a pack, their survival instincts were strong, and they cared about the safety of the whole pack. So it was understandable that they were against going for Sherry.

Perhaps even if they are monsters, if they have a certain amount of intelligence, they will care about family.

I didn't know if orcs had the concept of family. They got made if they saw fellow orcs in front of them, but they never tried to protect each other either.

And trolls...I hadn't met enough of them to say...

"Hmm... So Sherry's parents came to get her... What will you do?"

"..."

Sebastian asked Ms. Claire.

Ms. Claire closed her eyes and thought about it.

They cared about her, and came even if it meant facing Leo. And so I doubted Sherry would be sad to go with them.

If anything, she might be happier with her parents... Well, I thought like that as a human.

"...I will respect Sherry's wishes. If she wants to go back, she should go and live with her family. ...Even though I will be a little sad."

"Yes..."

After thinking about it, Ms. Claire said that she would respect Sherry's wishes.

Aside from Ms. Claire, all the people in the mansion were quite fond of Sherry, so it would be a sad parting...

But she had finally reunited with her parents. And it would also be sad to part with them once again... And so it would be a difficult decision either way.

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Sherry made her decision

“...Previously, Sherry said she would stay at the mansion...well, with you, Ms. Claire...”

“Yes. And I was happy, of course... But she might change her mind now that her parents are here. After all, Sherry is still young...”

Judging by how sad Ms. Claire’s expression was, she probably thought that Sherry was going to choose to leave.

“Leo.”

“Wuff?”

“Could you ask Sherry and the fenrirs, what they intend to do?”

“Wuff.”

“Kyu?”

After talking to Ms. Claire, I went over to where Leo was.

Regardless of what Sherry chooses, I wanted Leo to act in between them.

As for Ms. Claire, she went to the excited Sherry.

Though, Sherry must have sensed that there was something different about Ms. Claire, as she tilted her head with a puzzled expression.

“Wou!”

“Gau!”

“Gau-grau!”

“Kyau!”

Leo barked once, and the fenrirs and Sherry got up and sat down. Sherry was looking up at Leo, but the other two had their heads bowed.

“Wuff?”

“Ms. Claire?”

“... Yes, very well.”

Ms. Claire had an air of determination now.

“Sherry, there is no need to give me an answer immediately, but... No, I should not say it in such a roundabout way...”

“Kyau?”

Ms. Claire shook head, and Sherry looked at her questioningly.

“Fenrirs are monsters that live in the forest. So perhaps you would want to live with your parents. But we are humans that live outside of the forest. We can be together right now, but we will have to leave eventually...”

“Kyau...”

Sherry seemed to detect what Ms. Claire was going to say, and she barked weakly.

Liza, who was riding on Leo, and the rest of us humans watched them silently.

Even Ms. Anne was keeping quiet, though she seemed like she wanted to say something.

“Sherry? If you want to stay with me, then you are welcome. But if you want to return with your parents, then I will respect that, and release you from the familiar contract.”

“Kyu...kyu...?”

“You cannot choose both. We have to return to the mansion eventually. Just like how the fenrirs will return home. And so you must choose who you will go with.”

“Kyu...”

Well, the forest would always be here, so even if Sherry chose to go with Ms. Claire, she could always come back to visit them. If Leo was there, then the fenrirs would detect her presence quickly, and then could come.

However, that was not the same as being together all of the time.

Perhaps this was too difficult a decision for someone as young as Sherry...?

Still, it would not be much better for Ms. Claire or Leo to decide for her.

Besides, it was not Ms. Claire’s style to ignore Sherry’s will, and force her own. And so I wanted to support her.

Previously, she had said that it was wrong to use her authority as a noble, and regretted forcing me to go to the forest.

“...You can decide later. We will be in the forest for a few more days, after all. However, you must decide before we leave...”

“Kyu? Kyu...”

Sherry seemed to think about this for a moment, and then barked.

I guess she really could not decide immediately... I just hoped she would be able to decide by the time we leave...

As I thought this, Sherry raised her head and started to run.

“Kyu!”

“Ahhh! ...Sherry?”

“Kyau, kyu!”

Sherry had bounced up from a sitting position and then pounced onto Ms. Claire.

It was so sudden that Ms. Claire raised her voice in surprise, but managed to catch Sherry.

And as Ms. Claire wrapped her arms around her, Sherry barked and buried her face into Ms. Claire’s chest.

“...Are you...sure about this...Sherry?”

“Kyau!”

Sherry barked loudly.

“...Ms. Claire?”

“Mr. Takumi... Sherry says that she wants to be with me...”

“I see... That’s good.

“Yes...yes...”

While I couldn't understand Sherry, I had an idea of what she was saying.

Ms. Claire's shoulders had shaken, and then she turned in order to reply to me.

And while she was smiling happily, there were also tears in her eyes.

Clearly, she was very moved by Sherry's decision.

I smiled back, and Ms. Claire nodded over and over again...

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The fenrirs treated me as a boss

"Kyau!"

"Ah...oh...hehe...Sherry..."

"Wuff-wuff."

Sherry stretched and licked the tears off of Ms. Claire's cheek.

It was like she was comforting her and saying that there was no need to cry.

Leo also nodded approvingly.

"Ms. Claire...I'm so happy!!"

"Woah, Ms. Anne!?"

"Anne!?"

Ms. Anne had somehow freed herself from Mr. Ekenhart, and had approached us while screaming and crying.

Tears were flowing like a fountain, even if she was happy about Ms. Claire and Sherry.

Well, I could understand her...

While it had nothing to do with her, she was more moved than Ms. Claire. Perhaps she was a surprisingly compassionate person.

“Now Anne...calm down. You’re ruining the moment.”

“...Kyau.”

“Uhhhh...okay...”

Even Sherry was sighing with exasperation.

And so Ms. Anne moved back to where Ms. Lyra and the others waited. But the damage had already been done...

It was no wonder Ms. Claire was muttering with annoyance.

“...Hmm! Well, fenrirs. Sherry has decided to stay with me as a familiar... Will you allow it?”

After coughing, Ms. Claire wiped her face and turned towards the two fenrirs.

“Grau...grau-gau!”

“Gau!”

“Uhh...?”

“No problem! That’s what they said.”

“Thank you, Liza. ...What a relief...”

“Can they really decide so easily? Well, not that it’s a bad thing.”

After seemingly thinking for just a few seconds, the father barked loudly and nodded.

And then a moment later, the mother barked and nodded as well.

It was clear what the answer was, but Ms. Claire had still looked towards Liza for confirmation.

“Grau-gau! Gau! Gau.”

“Wuff-wuff? Wuff!”

After that Leo and the fenrirs began to talk about something.

According to Liza, it was only natural for Sherry to become a familiar to the person who saved her.

“But it wasn’t me. It was Mr. Takumi who saved Sherry when she was dying...”

Ms. Claire muttered. But I hadn’t decided to bring Sherry back to the mansion.

What would have happened if we left her... She would have been well enough, but she was still young and didn’t know how to fight. So it was possible that she would be attacked by monsters again.

Perhaps her parents or other fenrirs would have saved her first...but it was impossible to know.

Regardless, Ms. Claire’s decision to bring her back had likely saved her.

Aside from that, it was apparently an honor for a fenrir to be around a Silver Fenrir. And so they were proud of Sherry.

They had only come to take Sherry, if Leo happened to refuse her.

“That’s fine...but why are you asking me?”

“Grau...gau. gau.”

“Gufff...”

In the end, the fenrirs showed their bellies to me again. Apparently it was to show they were not hostile, and also their way of asking us to take care of Sherry.

In any case, they seemed to like it when I petted them.

“Wuff. Wuff-wuff.”

“So it was because you told them, Leo...”

Leo barked in my direction.

Apparently, she had told the fenrirs that I was the leader.

But it wasn’t as if I had any say in the matter...

Dogs and wolves tended to have a packing order. And Leo had put me on the top.

It was Mr. Ekenhart who had the most authority and ability. Or even Leo. But I decided not to think too hard about it.

“It is quite a sight. Seeing humans and fenrirs together like this. Though, I am included...”

“Yes, you were petting them a moment ago.”

After that, we returned to our lunch, which had been interrupted by the appearance of the fenrirs.

Well, we were almost finished anyway... Only, Sherry said she wanted to treat her parents to some delicious food.

And the parents seemed to be hungry, and so Leo approved that they should join us.

Currently, I and Mr. Ekenhart, who had finished eating, were cooking some of the orc meat for the fenrirs to eat. Ms. Lyra and the guards were also helping.

And like that, we watched the strange sight of Sherry and the fenrirs happily eating the food.

Ms. Claire and Ms. Anne were with them, and seemed to be having fun.

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We talked about making the forest a little safer

“It was only yesterday that we thought of fenrirs as being dangerous for humans. And now we have a friendly relationship.”

“Well, it all thanks to Leo. And Sherry as well.”

“As for Sherry, it was mainly because of Mr. Takumi and Claire’s actions. However, seeing such ferocious beasts acting so gently... Others will not believe it when I tell them about how I petted a fenrir...”

While Sherry being here was important, it was probably mostly thanks to Leo that the fenrirs did not attack us.

Also, they probably enjoyed being petted and fed now... Which was kind of strange because they were wild animals.

“...While I always thought of this forest as being dangerous, it hardly seems like it now.”

“Well, I can defeat orcs now. And the parent fenrirs can beat trolls... And then there is Leo.”

“Indeed. Hmm...if the fenrirs are protecting this forest, then the safety of the area around Ractos is somewhat secure...”

“What are you thinking about?”

“Well, humans should not enter the forest light-heartedly, and harass the fenrirs, but... As long as there are fenrirs, the monsters will not multiply too much, and it will be less dangerous. Besides, if they can promise to not attack humans...”

I suppose Mr. Ekenhart was thinking about using the fenrirs to keep the area safe?

As there were many orcs in this forest, and even trolls the deeper in you went, it was not a safe place for humans.

Not only that, but it was even named after the fenrirs.

Because of this, people did not go close to it. Well, except some brave fools...

Ms. Claire had been one of them.

There could even be Silver Fenrirs like Leo if you went deep enough. But for now, we only know for certain that fenrirs lived there.

If a human went in without thinking, they wouldn't stand a chance. However, if the fenrirs promised not to attack them, it was possible that it would be safer.

Well, there were still other monsters.

“Are there any known cases of humans being attacked by monsters?”

“Not that I am aware of. According to those adult fenrirs, they live deep in the forest, so they rarely encounter any humans.”

“In that case, what is the point of making them promise?”

“Well, while rare, people still go in. So it is only in hopes that such a person can survive... Though, there is little to be done if they get attacked by orcs. But as people who know there are fenrirs here, it would give some peace of mind.”

“I see... Then perhaps you could ask them to decrease the number of orcs and other monsters a little. See, they seem to have quite an appetite, after all...”

“That is...that would be best... Do you think they will agree?”

“You can just make a request, and not force it...”

“Yes. I can ask them, but be ready for a rejection.”

I suppose he would not publicly announce that there were fenrirs here... But he still wanted to avoid having people attacked.

The parent fenrirs were quietly eating now. But that was because Leo was here.

And the rest of us were all related to Leo or Sherry. But it would be a different matter if it was some complete stranger.

Ms. Claire had once told me that this was the forest where the first head of their house encountered a Silver Fenrir. And so it was like a sacred place.

But still, some people entered it as a shortcut or out of curiosity.

“Fenrirs...uh, Leo. Do you have a minute?”

“Wuff?”

Mr. Ekenhart and I were about to call the fenrirs, but then we called Leo instead.

We could not talk to the fenrirs without Liza. So it would be faster to go through Leo.

“...In other words, decreasing the number of orcs will make the forest a little safer.”

“Wuff... Wuff-wuff?”

“The fenrirs probably stay within a small area? That’s what she said!”

Liza was riding on Leo’s back and interpreted for Mr. Ekenhart.

Yes, yes. Very good.

The reason that the fenrirs came “Well, it seemed like they were talking to good Leo earlier. But what did they say?” “It was about why they had come here.” While Leo was talking to the fenrirs, Liza interpreted, and so I understood. I had a general idea of what...

Liza was scared of the fenrirs “You always like to pet or hold Sherry, but you haven’t really approached the adult fenrirs.” “...Papa noticed then.” Recently, Liza had become less reserved, and more like an ordinary, playful child. And so I was wondering if there was a reason that she...

The reason that Sherry was not injured “Hmm...I guess it’s because she is a fenrir. To not be injured after being hit so hard...” “Wuff. Wuff-wuff-wou!” “Uhhh, she says that fenrirs are able to protect themselves by enveloping their bodies in magic energy. That’s why she wasn’t injured.” “...That is...so...”

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We asked the fenrirs

“It doesn’t have to be over a vast area, good Leo. Just bringing their number down a little will be enough.”

“Wuff... Wuff!”

“She said ‘very well!’”

We were only in a small corner of the forest.

Obviously, it would be impossible for the fenrirs to keep track of everything.

Well, I did wonder if the number of orcs here decreased, then perhaps others would come from elsewhere.

“Wuff. Grau, grau! Wou?”

“Grau...gau!”

“Gau-gau!”

After listening to me and Mr. Ekenhart, Leo walked slowly towards the fenris, who were still eating. And then she began to explain it to them.

The father fenrir looked a little sad to have his meal interrupted, but he nodded in agreement. And the mother did as well.

It seemed like they were saying, ‘leave it to us!’

But I wondered if the rest of their pack would agree to it.

And then they continued to talk after that.

“Wuff! Wou-wouf. Wou-wuff.”

As I was a little worried, I decided to ask Leo. But she nodded and explained to me that it was fine.

Apparently, the parents had the highest rank within the pack. Also, they had been troubled recently, with monsters entering their territories.

In order to maintain a natural balance, they would not hunt more than necessary, but since decreasing their number a little would be easy, the rest of the pack should agree to it.

Besides, they could not say no if Leo asked them...

“Well, if they do not mind, then it should be fine.”

“Yes...”

Mr. Ekenhart said a little awkwardly after hearing Liza interpret for them.

As for the matter of attacking humans, they also agreed that they would avoid it as much as possible.

In fact, this was the first time they had even seen humans. And that was why they spent a lot of time sniffing us, so that they would remember the scent.

“In any case, the negotiations are settled then.”

“Indeed. Well, if they ever do attack humans, it will only be for self defense...”

“Of course. They must survive as well. And protect their families. It would be dangerous if all you did was run away.”

That was true... Well, Sherry showed how difficult it was to be injured. But humans might use magic and other weapons.

If someone was foolish enough to not just enter the forest, but to go and attack the fenrirs, then it could not be helped if the fenrirs put up a fight.

But that was unlikely. Most people would just run away.

And so this rare encounter must be fate... Well, for Sherry and Leo.

As we were able to have a friendly relationship with the fenrirs, I did not want them to get hurt or attack others.

After that, I continued to talk with Mr. Ekenhart and Sebastian while the others went back to eating. And when the fenrirs were full, they lay on the ground with satisfaction.

The others started to pet them, and the fenrirs purred happily. Even if they were large, they acted a lot like pet dogs now...

I suppose it was because they were fluffy, and obedient around Leo. But the fact that they looked so cute made me really want them to live in peace.

“By the way, Liza?”

“What, papa?”

“Wuff?”

I thought the fenrirs would return to their pack after eating, but they stayed and continued to be petted. And so I turned to Liza, who was riding on Leo’s back.

Leo also looked at me questioningly, but it had nothing to do with her.

Still, since she wanted attention, I slowly petted Leo as I asked Liza the question...

Fenrirs could not swim “Grau!” “Grau-grau! Grrrr...!” “They drowned!?” “Can fenrirs not swim?” “...Well, Sherry was not able to... are they alright?” After looking at each other, the fenrirs jumped into the river. It was deep enough that humans would have to swim. Someone as large as Leo would be...

The fenrirs treated me as a boss “Kyau!” “Ah...oh...hehe...Sherry...” “Wuff-wuff.” Sherry stretched and licked the tears off of Ms. Claire’s cheek. It was like she was comforting her and saying that there was no need to cry. Leo also nodded approvingly. “Ms. Claire...I’m so happy!!” “Woah, Ms. Anne!?” “Anne!?” Ms....

I petted the parent fenrirs “Uh...like this?” “Gauu...” “Gau-gau!” “It seems like they like it...” I went between the two fenris and used both hands to rub their bellies. As they were so big, I could not rub their whole bodies at once, but I had plenty of experience with...

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Liza was scared of the fenrirs

“You always like to pet or hold Sherry, but you haven’t really approached the adult fenrirs.”

“...Papa noticed then.”

Recently, Liza had become less reserved, and more like an ordinary, playful child. And so I was wondering if there was a reason that she was staying away from the fenrirs.

“So you are. But why? Everyone else is petting them...”

“Because...they are scary...”

“Scary?”

“Wuff?”

When they were on their stomachs with their tongues sticking out... They just looked like a dog though?

Leo was also surprised by this.

But now that I thought about it, Liza had also been scared of Ms. Anne at first.

She had said that she was scared of her sharp-looking hair.

“They are so big...and while I can manage Sherry...not them...”

“Well, they are big, but... What do you mean, manage?”

“Wuff... Wuff, wuff-wuff. Grau.”

“Ah, I see...”

Apparently, she was talking about having to fight them.

Sherry... Well, after seeing her fight the orc, it was true that Liza was faster. So as long as she didn't get hit by magic, she would be fine.

Though, Sherry could also cover her fur in magic energy, which prevented her from getting hurt when being thrown by the orcs. But perhaps Liza hadn't thought of that.

In any case, that was why she was afraid of the fenrirs.

But Leo was even stronger... I suppose she was an exception... She had also been scared of Leo at first.

Leo had been quite sad about it at the time.

Hmm...perhaps it was a feeling that had to do with being a beastkin.

It seemed that there was also a connection with beast-type monsters, and if one had a mindset similar to the law of the jungle, it wouldn't be strange to want to avoid getting close to powerful monsters...

"Well, I understand how you feel. Right...Leo?"

"Wuff."

"?"

Leo and I looked at each other and nodded.

She quickly lowered her body, so she must have understood my intention... Good Leo.

But Liza seemed puzzled by this.

And so I stretched out my hands and picked up Liza off of Leo's back.

"...Papa, are you..?"

"Don't worry, Leo is here. You have nothing to be afraid of. But it will be sad for the fenrirs, if you are scared of them, right?"

"Uhh, it will?"

"Wuff-wuff."

I didn't know how the fenrirs actually thought, but I tried to appeal to Liza's good nature.

They were Sherry's parents, after all, and we may meet them from time to time. Besides, it would not hurt to be friends with fenrirs.

...Also, I remembered a little girl who used to play with Leo, when she was small.

She had really enjoyed being with Leo.

Besides, I wanted Liza to have fun with the fenrirs, rather than being afraid of them.

While she seemed to have her doubts, Liza did seem to feel sorry for them. And so after thinking about it for a moment, she stopped moving and tilted her head.

“Sherry, sorry to bother you.”

“Kyau? Kyau-kyau!”

“Grau?”

Sherry had been running happily around her parents, but I had her stop, and then placed Liza on the ground next to them.

Sherry immediately barked and showed that she was happy that Liza had come to her parents.

She probably saw Liza as a friend, and was happy to see her introduced.

“Uhh... Papa...?”

“It’s fine. I’m here. And so is Leo.”

“Yes...”

As the fenrirs looked at us curiously, I held Liza’s hand towards them.

First, the father.

As they seemed to dote on Sherry, they would probably react gently towards children...

That was what I thought.

But Liza was looking down, and her body was shaking.

I told her not to worry, and that it was not dangerous. And like that, she hesitantly touched the fenrirs's stomach.

I succeeded in removing Liza's fear "Soft..." "Right? See, they like it if you pet them like this." "Hmm... Like this?" "Grau..." "They like it. See?" The fenrir's fur was soft and fluffy, and Liza petted him gently. "...It's fine?" "Aye. They won't hurt you. Now, over here." "...Okay." "Kyafu..."

I petted the parent fenrirs "Uh...like this?" "Gauu..." "Gau-gau!" "It seems like they like it..." I went between the two fenris and used both hands to rub their bellies. As they were so big, I could not rub their whole bodies at once, but I had plenty of experience with...

The fenrirs treated me as a boss "Kyau!" "Ah...oh...hehe...Sherry..." "Wuff-wuff." Sherry stretched and licked the tears off of Ms. Claire's cheek. It was like she was comforting her and saying that there was no need to cry. Leo also nodded approvingly. "Ms. Claire...I'm so happy!!" "Woah, Ms. Anne!?" "Anne!?" Ms....

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I succeeded in removing Liza's fear

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"Hmm... Like this?"

"Grau..."

"They like it. See?"

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"...It's fine?"

"Aye. They won't hurt you. Now, over here."

"...Okay."

"Kyafu..."

I then moved Liza's hand over to the mother fenrir.

She was less afraid now as she stretched her arm out.

The mother fenrir was calm, and immediately barked with approval.

"See? It's alright."

"Yes...it is..."

"Wuff-wuff."

"Mana, it was fine!"

The fear was completely gone from Liza's face now, and she smiled with relief and nodded.

Children really were quick to adapt.

...Well, everyone here was like that.

I suppose it was because they were used to being with Leo and Sherry.

“Wou!”

“Grau!”

“Nya!”

After we finished petting the fenrirs, Leo barked at them.

Upon hearing that, they jumped up and sat in an upright position.

They had lined up at Leo’s command, it seemed.

“Wou-wou, grau!”

“Grau!? Gau-gau...sniff-sniff...”

“Graff!? Guff-guff...sniff-sniff...”

“?”

Leo then pulled Liza’s sleeve towards the fenrirs.

Watching it from the side, it kind of looked like Leo was sharing her prey with them. But that was not the case.

And while Liza was no longer scared, she seemed like she didn’t quite understand what was going on.

As for the fenrirs, they looked surprised for a moment, but then they nodded and began to sniff Liza’s face.

Was it so that they could remember her scent?

And so I asked Leo, and she said that now that they didn't see Liza as an enemy, they should remember her appearance and scent.

So I was right.

As for why the fenrirs were surprised, it was because Leo said that Liza was her daughter.

Well, given that they looked nothing alike, their reaction could not be helped.

In any case, I knew that Leo saw Liza that way now.

Yes, even if they looked different, they really were like a mother and daughter...

"Mr. Takumi...the plan during this time had actually been to make you team up with Phillip and fight some orcs..."

"That's right... I was just thinking about that. But...apparently, the fenrirs want Leo to see them fighting... Well, I suppose it will be good for Sherry to watch."

"...Yes, and it would be a rare sight to see. Though, we already saw Leo fight. And she is much stronger. "

"Haha...that is true."

As a show of loyalty towards Leo, and to thank us for the food, the fenrirs had then said that they would hunt the orcs.

That was very kind of them. And since they were intelligent, perhaps that was how they thought when it came to food.

There were old stories like that, about returning debts.

"Wuff."

“Grau!”

“Gau!”

Leo barked, informing us that orcs were approaching from the forest.

And then the two fenrirs crouched low and prepared to pounce.

As for the orcs, they were being lured in by Phillips and the guards again.

The fenrirs were going to go into the forest to hunt them, but Mr. Ekenhart and Ms. Anne said it would be better this way, as we would be able to see them.

That was true...

Still, they had sent all of the guards out this time, and so there would likely be more orcs than usual.

This was because the fenrirs were confident no matter how many orcs came. But it worried me that there were no guards protecting Ms. Claire and the others, just in case...

It seemed like everyone was so eager to see the orcs fight, and had lowered their guard perhaps too much?

While I thought of such things, Mr. Ekenhart and I were here, so it should be fine, even if the orcs tried to attack someone else.

And Leo's senses were enhanced, so she would surely notice...

Liza was scared of the fenrirs “You always like to pet or hold Sherry, but you haven't really approached the adult fenrirs.” “...Papa noticed then.” Recently, Liza had become less reserved, and more like an ordinary, playful child. And so I was wondering if there was a reason that she...

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We watched the fenrirs fight

“Grau!”

“Gaau!”

The fenrirs barked eagerly towards the forest.

At the same time, Phillip and the guards ran out of the forest and towards us.

Behind them, I heard the sound of the approaching orcs. Uh...how many were there?

“Isn’t that too many?”

“...I think so, but... I suppose the fenrirs are fine?”

“Yes...”

“So many...”

“Wuff.”

Ten furious orcs stomped out of the forest behind Phillip and the guards.

It was no wonder the guards were running so desperately...

“Well, with so many orcs, I wonder how the fenrirs will fight.”

“Yes. But considering how it was with Sherry, it will probably be easy enough.”

And so I stood with Mr. Ekenhart and watched.

Leo also seemed calm, and Liza’s eyes shone with expectation...it was the same with Tilura.

As for Sherry, she was on Leo's head while watching carefully, as if she did not want to miss a single second of her parents battling bravely.

Ms. Claire looked a little worried, while Ms. Anne was excited.

“Grau!”

“Gaaaau!”

“Kyau!”

The two fenrirs barked at Sherry, as if to tell her to watch.

Sherry barked back, and then they jumped towards the orcs.

“Gyuo!?”

“Guffu!”

“Grau!”

By the time the orcs realized the fenrirs were going to attack them, it was too late, and the father fenrir had already bitten into one orc's neck.

Furthermore, he picked up the orc's body with his jaws, and threw him towards the mother fenrir.

Then the mother jumped up and slashed the orc with her claws.

And without losing momentum, she landed on a different orc.

After that, the battle was simple and one-sided.

No matter how much the orcs swung their arms or charged, they could not even touch the fenrirs. Instead, they got pierced by fangs and slashed by claws.

After just a few minutes, all of the orcs were dead.

“Awwoooo!”

“Woooo!”

“Kyaaaun!”

As the remains of the orcs rolled on the ground, the blood-soaked fenrirs howled towards the sky.

As if to reply, Sherry howled as well.

Was it a victory howl? Or to announce the end of the hunt?

“Mr. Takumi...what should I do...”

“What is it, Mr. Ekenhart?”

“I could barely see the fenrir’s movements... Only that they used their fangs and claws to overwhelm the orcs.”

“You too, Mr. Ekenhart...I couldn’t see them either.”

“I knew that they were dangerous monsters but...not to this degree... And they didn’t even use magic. It is quite a surprise.”

Apparently, the way they fought had surprised Mr. Ekenhart’s expectations.

When viewing them from far away, their movements had been a blur, and they were definitely faster than Liza and Sherry.

And it wasn't just me and Mr. Ekenhart who were astonished. Sebastian and the guard and servants were also surprised by the battle.

Ms. Claire sighed with relief that they were safe. While Liza, Tilura and Ms. Anne were overjoyed.

...Perhaps Ms. Anne was at a similar maturity level as Liza and Tilura...

“Grau!”

“Gau!”

“Wou!”

In any case, the fenrirs then returned towards us.

And they were both carrying the slain orcs in their mouths.

I suppose they were delivering their best caught pretty to Leo.

Once they sat in front of Leo with their offerings, Leo nodded and barked.

“Kyau!”

“Grau-gau!”

“Gaauu-grau!”

Sherry jumped off of Leo's head and to her parents. She hung on their bodies and pushed her face towards them to express her joy.

The parents also seemed to be happy as they greeted Sherry.

They really did look like a happy family... Even if they were surrounded by dead orcs...

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