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Ms. Claire decided to praise Liza

“This...well, the fenrirs are obeying. But is it really cute?”

“Father! Liza worked hard, and so you should not say such things!”

“Ah, uh. Yes... Hmm... It is indeed cute, Liza.”

“Yes, it is. Very cute. Amazing, Liza!”

“Yay! Everyone likes it!”

Liza was happy to be praised by people other than just me and Leo, and her tail and ears moved busily.

It was proof of how pleased she was.

“...Well then. Since more orcs have come... Go, Fen and Riruru!”

“Grau!”

“Gaauu!”

“Huh?”

“Wuff?”

Liza suddenly lowered her hand and glared at the forest. And then she gave the order to the fenrirs.

Orcs?

I was confused for a moment, but then then the parents fenrirs immediately started to rush towards the forest.

Indeed, a single orc had emerged from the forest and was moving towards us.

“Leo. Did you notice?”

“Wuff...wuff...”

Leo shook her head and denied it.

She also lowered her head apologetically. But it could not be helped, as she was distracted by the parent fenrirs.

“No, it’s fine. No one would realize it when seeing that...”

While I consoled Leo, the parent fenrirs rushed towards the orcs. And for some reason, Liza, Sherry and Tilura were following after them.

“Still, Liza really does have sharp senses...”

“Because she is beastkin?”

“I didn’t notice either. Perhaps she heard some kind of sound.”

Indeed, Liza’s ears had been moving, so perhaps that was because she had heard the footsteps of the orc.

I had just thought it was because she was happy...

Regardless, none of us were worried that Liza and Tilura were running towards orcs now, because the parent fenrirs were with them.

The fenrirs had looked relieved, now that they didn't have to do the pose anymore...

"Well done, Fen and Riruru! Good, good!"

"Gruff..."

"Kuff..."

There was only one orc, and it was swiftly hunted down by the fenrirs. And so the guards were currently cleaning up.

Upon returning, the two fenrirs showed their bellies to Leo, and then Liza rubbed and praised them.

Not only was she not afraid of them, but they seemed to be quite close with them now. Perhaps a little too close... But well, I would just think of it as the innocence of children.

"So, you gave them names, Liza?"

"Yes! Fen and Riruru! Isn't that cute!"

She answered with a smile.

I guess everything was judged by how cute it was... Well, she was a young girl.

"Fen is fine, but Riruru... Are you sure about that?"

"Father, you shouldn't care about such details!"

"Hmm, really...?"

“Yes. Look, she is having so much fun...”

“...I suppose so. Yes, I should not say too much then.”

Ms. Claire stopped Mr. Ekenhart from saying anything.

While I had wondered about that too, I suppose it was fine, since Liza was happy.

Besides, I was also terrible when it came to giving names, so I could not criticize others.

I had given a girl the name of Leo, after all... Now that she was a Silver Fenrir, the name seemed to suit her, and Leo liked it. So it was fine.

...But if I even had to give someone a name again, I would be a little more thoughtful about it.

After that, Tilura and Sherry also defeated some orcs, and the day's training was finished.

There wasn't much to say about them.

Tilura had learned from her mistakes yesterday, and finished off the orc without ever being in danger.

She understood well how to slow down an opponent's movements.

As for Sherry...she might have wanted to copy her parents. And so she slashed them, and did not use magic. However, Sherry was still small, and her claws did not reach the orcs. In the end, Leo had scolded her, and so she used magic.

She also dodged the attacks adeptly this time. Though, Ms. Claire was still worried as she watched.

Even if you knew that she would not be hurt, the possibility that Sherry could be thrown into the air like last time had made her anxious...

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..."

Liza gave names to the fenrir parents "While one mistake could have led to an injury, you two still did very well. ...Perhaps next time we should switch your roles?" "I think it would be a little difficult for me to do what Phillip did..." "I suppose so. Sometimes I...

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...

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A bird flew in the sky

"In any case, it's all finished now. So it's time to prepare dinner... Hmm? What is it, Leo?"

"Wuff...wuff?"

After the orcs had been cleaned up, and the only thing left to do was eat dinner, I noticed that Leo was looking up at the sky.

But when I asked her about it, Leo wasn't quite sure either.

"What is it, Mr. Takumi?"

As I wondered about it, Mr. Ekenhart and the others also looked at me questioningly.

"Uh...it's Leo. Leo, is there something up there?"

"Leo?"

“...Didn’t something similar happen last night?”

“Wuff. Wou!”

I then looked up at the sky as well, and so did the others.

Like Ms. Claire said, this had happened last night.

And then Leo barked, ‘Yes, it’s the same!’

But it was a bird last time, wasn’t it...?

“Hmm? Bird...? Is it the same one?”

“It indeed does look like a bird.”

“It was dark last night, and so I couldn’t see it clearly. But it does look the same.”

“A bird!”

“Yes, it’s a bird.”

The sun had mostly set by now, and close to it, a bird was flying in the sky.

Indeed, it did look like the same bird from yesterday.

Mr. Ekenhart and Ms. Claire seemed to agree.

Liza and Tilura were just happy to see it.

“Though, it does seem a little large, doesn’t it, Mr. Takumi?”

“Is that so? Well, I haven’t seen many birds here...”

“I suppose that is true...”

“Father, it looks big to me as well. Though, it is too far away to be sure... It is unusual to see birds flying so high up.”

“Hmm. I agree. But I never heard of any large birds living in this forest... But then again, there are fenrirs, so perhaps we just didn’t know about them.”

The fact that Mr. Ekenhart had even asked me, showed how much I had started to fit into this world.

And even though there was still a lot that I didn’t know, it made me happy.

Well, perhaps it was a rare bird?

But why was it flying up there now...

If it was the same bird, that was flying in the same place...

And it was alone, so it wasn’t migrating... Besides, it was flying above our heads, like it was trying to stick around.

“Perhaps it is a monster.”

“A monster?”

“Yes. There are monsters that look like giant birds. Though, they have never been sighted here... But they live in the mountains north of Ractos.”

“That would explain its size... Though, it still seems rather big? Bigger than any of the monster birds that I have seen...”

“Indeed, even in the mountains, they are not that large. ...Well, now that I think about it...”

“What? Sebastian?”

“Well...while it has never been confirmed...there were stories about how there used to be a giant bird monster in the mountains. And the other monsters would obey it.”

“A large monster that controlled the others?”

“Yes. Of course, it would be very difficult to get close to such a monster. But perhaps...”

“Sebastian. You think that the bird from that mountain has now come out here?”

“It is certainly possible. After all, there are no other places where large bird monsters appear. Even though it’s a monster, I doubt it has come all of the way here from a place that is so far away.”

“...I see.”

Indeed, outside of the forest, the lands near Racctos and the mansion were mostly flat. So it was doubtful that there were bird monsters there.

There were no trees to rest in or hide...

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The herbs were surprisingly effective “...!” The moment that the herb touched the fenrir, it unleashed a faint light, and the wounds began to close as if time was being rewound. And once the light faded away, so did the herb that was in my hand. Even the fenrir’s broken...

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Leo wanted to use magic

“But Sebastian, even if you haven’t seen it, the other monsters were obeying it, yes? Then why is the monster in the sky alone?”

“I was wondering about that as well. However, since there are no other places with monster birds, I thought... Well, it is just a theory.”

“Hmm...it has been flying up there for some time. And yet we have seen nothing else.”

“Indeed. Leo, what should we do?”

“Wuff? Wuff-wuff. Grau!”

I asked Leo, since she had been looking up at the sky the whole time.

“You...can do that?”

“Wuff-wuff!”

“I see.. But, that could just provoke it, right?”

“Wuff! Wuff-wuff. Grau.”

“Hmm. Well, from what I can see of the parent fenrirs, you are probably right. But...”

What Leo was saying was simple.

If we were curious, we could just knock it out of the air and talk to it. Ask why it was flying over this area.

If it was a troll or orc, then I would just leave it to Leo. However, this was a flying monster.

No matter how strong Leo was, I had my doubts if she could reach it.

But Leo said it could be knocked out easily with magic.

Magic, huh... Sherry had used magic that could easily freeze orcs. And Leo was a Silver Fenrir, so perhaps she could do it.

That being said, it had not done anything yet. So maybe it was safer to do nothing. But Leo said it was not a dangerous monster, so it didn't matter.

Hmm... It would definitely be a quick solution... What should we do?

As I could not decide myself, I told the others about what Leo had said.

"Hmm... Indeed, they would not be a threat if Leo is here. I doubt anything is more dangerous than Leo..."

"Yes. And with it flying up there, who knows when it might attack? But if it is intelligent enough to order around other monsters, then it might be smart enough to stay away from Leo... But we cannot be sure."

"I agree. While we don't know the full extent of it, we know that Leo is strong. And so we should just leave it to her."

Everyone else seemed rather enthusiastic about it.

As for Tilura and Liza, they were looking on with hopeful expressions. They wanted to see Leo's magic.

...But Sherry and the two fenrirs had moved away. Their tails went between their legs, and they pressed into each other and shook. How scared of Leo were they?

“Wuff?”

“Hah. Well, everyone wants you to do it, Leo. ...And you seem like you really want to use magic?”

“Wuff!”

Leo’s eyes seemed so happy, which told me that she wanted to do it.

She always wanted to use magic whenever there was an opportunity. And right now, she was wagging her tail.

“Fine. However, don’t do anything that can hurt the rest of us, okay? Also, it is likely intelligent, so don’t use anything too powerful.”

“Wuff!”

The powerful fenrirs were scared, and so I had a feeling that if Leo went all out, she would affect the people around her as well.

And so while I have my permission, I told Leo to not go too far.

After all, if the monster was intelligent, then perhaps we could talk to it.

“Uhh, I think we should move away, just in case. You too, Liza.”

“Okay!”

“Oomph! There, there... You too, Mr. Ekenhart.”

“Mmm, very well.”

“While I have seen Silver Fenrir magic before, this will be the first time I see serious attack magic.”

“Yes. I wonder what it will be?”

“Kyu...kyuu...”

“Grau...”

“Gau...”

While Leo would likely be considerate of us, I still thought that it would be best to move away.

And so I called Liza, and caught her after she jumped off of Leo’s back.

The others were clearly very excited to see Leo’s magic... Especially Sebastian and Ms. Claire.

In any case, we moved away a few meters, close to where the Fenrirs were waiting.

Sherry and her parents were still shaking.

...The humans and beastkin were excited, but not the Fenrirs.

I suppose they knew something instinctively. Perhaps it was a fear towards Silver Fenrirs...

Leo’s powerful magic hit it

“Alright, everyone is out of the way. You can do it now, Leo!”

“Wou! Wouuuu...grau!”

“Kyau!”

“Woah!

“How bright!”

Once everyone had moved away, I gave Leo the signal.

She barked in reply, then growled as if charging up her power. And then her fur seemed to shine for a few seconds, and then with a great sound, a beam of light shot up towards the sky.

It was so bright that it blinded us for a second.

Was it like a more powerful version of the light magic that I used...?

Perhaps she meant the flash of light to blind the monster, so it would fall out of the sky.

However, I was wrong.

The light seemed to have shot out from between Leo's eyes.

And it went towards the monster in a straight line. There was a loud crackle and a flash.

“Is that...lightning magic...?”

“How powerful... To unleash something so bright and so fast... I doubt a human could use such magic.”

“Indeed. It was surprising when it was unleashed, but the speed and that sound and flash. It is proof of how powerful it is.”

“Silver Fenrirs... No, good Leo's magic...how amazing. It is definitely something worth witnessing.”

“Mama, that was amazing!”

“Quite, brilliant, good Leo!”

“Kuuunn...”

While everyone was impressed by Leo, and overjoyed, the fenrirs whimpered as if scared.

“Uh...it is going to fall, isn't it...?”

“It seems like it...”

After being hit by Leo's lightning, the bird monster stopped in the air for a second, and then started to dive towards the ground, head first.

“Uh, Leo? Wouldn't it be dangerous if it fell down like that?”

“Wuff. Wou!”

“Grau!? Gau-wou!”

“Gauuu!”

“Kyu...”

I asked Leo from a distance, and then Leo nodded and then started barking at the parent fenrirs.

The father fenrir...Fen, looked surprised for a moment.

‘Uh, us!?’ He seemed to say. But then they quickly got up and rushed to the spot where the monster was sure to land.

While Riruru went too, Sherry stayed on the spot and whimpered.

So, she was leaving the monster to the fenrirs. But what were they going to do?

I wondered, but all we humans could do was watch.

A large monster was plummeting from a great height. It would be dangerous if we tried to do something.

“Grau!”

“Gaau!”

“Oh?”

I wasn’t sure if it was unconscious, or if Leo’s magic was so strong that it could not move, as it was perfectly still while falling.

As for where it would land...it seemed to be right on the tents that we slept in, as that was where the fenrirs were running.

When they were close to the tents, the fenrirs jumped high into the air.

And like that, they crashed into the bird monster that was falling...

The fenrirs were knocked back from the impact and landed on the ground.

As for the monster...

“Uhh... Isn’t that just worse than free fall?”

“Wuff?”

It bounced away after being rammed by the fenrirs from the side. And then it was thrown towards the ground with great force.

Still, it was not a straight downwards fall, so it slid over the ground and stopped close to the forest without making a sound.

As for Leo...she had been concerned about the tent. But perhaps she had expected the fenrirs to save the tent in a more gentle way.

Still, I could not blame them either.

“...Wuff. Wuff-wuff?”

“Uh, yes. Indeed. Let’s go.”

“Mr. Takumi. Can I go too?”

“It should be fine, since Leo is here. I will go too, since I am interested.”

“Me too!”

As Leo asked if we should go see the monster, I nodded and agreed that we should.

And then Mr. Ekenhart, Sebastian, and the others came as well.

Eventually, it was everyone nearby... but the fenrirs were here, as were Phillip and Nicholas, so we should be safe.

As for Ms. Anne, she had been so shocked by Leo’s magic that she was covering her eyes.

I suppose it was too bright for her, as she had looked at it directly... In any case, I would leave her in Ms. Lyra’s care.

Speaking of Ms. Lyra, she was currently comforting Sherry, who was scared and away from her parents.

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Leo silenced the bird monster

“Hmm... Is it alive?”

“Wuff.”

“It looks a little burned. So that is Leo’s magic...”

“Indeed. It is so big...”

With Leo, we all went to see the fallen monster.

It was bigger than I had imagined when seeing it from below. Now only was it larger than a human, but it was also bigger than the fenrirs.

Still, it was smaller than Leo, unless you counted its wingspan.

It was currently lying limply on the ground. It was covered in feathers like a normal bird, but was slightly burnt and smoke was rising from it.

But in spite of that...I could see feathers that shone like copper.

I could not tell from below, but it seemed to have a pretty, reddish black color.

...But Leo's had blackened most of it.

"Leo. I think you might have done too much?"

"Wuff..."

I asked Leo, after seeing that it did not move at all. Leo was tilting her head to the side as if puzzled.

Apparently, Leo really had tried to hold back so that it didn't die.

Well, even if she held back for the attack, the actual fall would have done a lot of damage...

If it was a human...or most living creatures, you would likely die from the impact of such a fall.

"Wuff...grau!"

"Kii...ki!?"

"Oh, it moved. So it was just unconscious then..."

"Well, we should move back, just in case..."

"Indeed."

Leo had barked at the monster.

It was likely to confirm that it was still alive. But it did look like she was going to attack.

In any case, it worked, as the monster suddenly raised its head.

It seemed surprised and confused as it moved its head and looked around.

“Uh...what should we do?”

“Wuff. Wuff-wuff.”

“I should talk to it? But I wouldn’t be able to understand what it is saying.”

“Wuff-wuff.”

“So Leo is going to translate...fine. I’ll try then. Uhh...are you okay?”

“Kii? Kiii!”

“Grau!”

“GIIIIII!!!”

After making sure that Mr. Ekenhart and the others had moved back, Leo and I moved close to the monster.

The monster then looked at me with sharp eyes... And after I asked the question, the monster raised its voice at me angrily as if I was the culprit.

While its body did not move, it turned its beak towards me.

But Leo quickly barked at it, which frightened the monster.

Oh, so it knows that it is no match for Leo then... It was intelligent.

In that case, we might be able to talk to it... I hoped that we could.

“Uhh, you should calm down... I’m sorry that we attack you... But we wanted to know why you were flying over our heads?”

“Kiii...kii-kii...”

While I didn’t know what it was saying, it seemed to understand me.

And so Leo interpreted for me, and we continued the conversation.

While we were talking, the bird moved its wings, flinging off the soot that was the result of Leo’s magic.

And while it wasn’t the same as taking a bath, it looked a lot better.

Perhaps it had used some kind of magic as well... I wondered.

It had very sharp eyes, as if it was a hunter looking at its prey. But since Leo was here, I knew that it would not do anything.

The tip of its beak was bent. It made me think that once it grabbed onto something, it would never let go...

At such close range, it looked like a falcon...no, an eagle, perhaps.

A golden eagle... In any case, it was much larger.

Even if you ignored the fact that it was a monster, it had the kind of impact of something that would be the king of all birds.

Though, it would occasionally shake at the sight of Leo. And it seemed to be still suffering from the effects of the magic attack. And so it did not seem that threatening at the same time...

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Something was approaching “Wuff... Wou?” “She is saying that there is a presence and smell that is both familiar and unfamiliar...” “Familiar and unfamiliar...” Perhaps it was because the herbs were still having an effect... But she could even smell it. We had just eaten lunch, and so the area...

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Sebastian remembered something

“So, what is the monster saying?”

“After Leo frightened it, it does not seem hostile anymore. Is it safe?”

“Indeed...”

Leo had finished talking with the bird monster, and so we moved away.

I wanted to talk with the others for now.

We were dozens of meters away, so as long as we didn’t raise our voice, it would not hear us.

As for the monster, it was currently being watched by Leo and the fenrirs... I felt a little bad for it.

Apparently, the monster had said something about how it could easily beat two fenrirs. But as long as Leo was there, it would do no such thing.

It was intelligent enough to know that Leo was a Silver Fenrir.

And so for now, I told the others that we were safe as long as Leo was with us.

“So, Silver Fenrirs really are on a different level. A monster of that size... It must be incredibly strong.”

“Yes. And yet it is no match for good Leo... That gives you a good idea of how powerful Silver Fenrirs are. Still...there is something about that monster that is...”

“Sebastian. Have you seen it before?”

He had said that it might be the monster in the northern mountains... Had he seen it before?

Perhaps it had flown near to Ractos?

“No...I have not seen it in person. However, I think I might have seen an illustration of such a creature...”

“From a book, eh? Perhaps there was something written about this monster then.”

Was there a book of monsters?

“In any case, we’ll leave Sebastian to remember whatever it is he forgot. Now, about what Mr. Takumi heard...”

“Yes. Um...the monster sensed Leo’s presence...and came to look.”

“Hmm. Just like Sherry’s parents, then.”

“Indeed. As that monster can fly, it can sense things from very far away. Though, not as accurately as Leo or the fenrirs... It just knows the general direction.”

Leo and the fenrirs could detect the precise locations of orcs within the forest.

Leo could also tell the distance and how many there were.

However, the bird only had a vague idea that there was something like a Silver Fenrir in the distance. It did not know how many or the exact location.

“I suppose it found us because we were in a clearing. if we were in the forest, it likely would not have been able to find us.”

Apparently, while flying up there, it had been surprised to see not just a Silver Fenrir, but fenrirs and even humans together. The shock had nearly made it fall from the sky.

The others all nodded, but Liza alone looked puzzled. She didn’t know much about Silver Fenrirs, and just thought of Leo as a gentle mother.

“So, it was looking at us curiously. Since we were all together.”

“And it is the same monster that was flying up there yesterday?”

“It appears so. After watching us for some time, it was debating whether it should make contact. ... And then Leo used magic, forcing contact between us...”

Even if we did not do anything, it was possible that the monster would have approached us on its own then.

However, if that did happen, it might be afraid of Leo or attack the fenrirs. So perhaps it was not a bad thing that it was hit directly by magic, and knocked out of the sky...

Well, I was not quite sure...

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...

The Monsters Were Fighting “...Huh...? “What!?” “Is this true, Mr. Takumi!?” “However, we cannot sense anything...” “Leo’s senses were very sharp to begin with. And then she ate the herbs.” “So that means...” “Her senses have sharpened even more. And so I think that she is able to detect far...

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The bird monster wanted a friendly relationship

“So if it is so scared of Silver Fenrirs, then surely it would not have attacked? It just wanted to make contact, I suppose?”

“It seems that way...”

“Mr. Takumi. Is that why you were so surprised earlier?”

One of the reasons the monster was thinking about making contact was because there were humans here.

However, it seemed to think that if it did contact us, then maybe humans would not threaten its territories later on.

It had left the other monsters to come here, and become someone’s familiar.

By making that contract, it would ensure the safety of its land.

As for what Ms. Claire asked...while I was surprised by what I had heard, I was satisfied to hear that it was not looking to fight.

The problem was what came after that.

The monster said who it wanted to make the contract with.

And that person was...

“Uh, well, it is possible that Leo just interpreted it wrongly...”

“What are you saying?”

“Well... the monster wanted to make a contract with one of the people here. Apparently, it was after inspecting us from the sky... Because it would be able to protect that person...”

“Hmm... Well, even if it is no Leo, it’s still a strong monster. Most humans would not be able to beat it. And so it would be a good protector. At least more than Sherry. ...Though, something that large would not be able to stay with you all of the time...”

“Kyau!? Kyua-kyau!!”

“There, there...”

“Kyu...”

Sherry was protested furiously at Mr. Ekenhart’s insult. And so Ms. Lyra had to pet her in order to make her calm down.

“Well, it can fly and survive Leo’s magic attacks. You could hardly ask for more in a guard.”

“And so who is this person?”

“Uhh...”

Mr. Ekenhart asked. And everyone turned towards me with great interest.

Ms. Anne looked especially eager, as if she thought she was the person. What an unfortunate misunderstanding. She was already muttering something about what she would feed it...

And so I turned away from them and looked at the person it had chosen.

“...Huh? Me!?”

“Yes, that’s right. It wants to be your familiar, Tilura.”

“Oh, Tilura...”

“Um...is that alright?”

“It should be fine if you make the contract properly. Like Sherry, it will not be able to harm you. Isn’t that right?”

“Mm. yes.”

“Me... Uh, are you sure?”

“Yes. Leo says that it wants to be your familiar. Well, unless Leo heard wrong. I suppose I should ask her again...”

“Mama didn’t hear it wrong! The birdie did want sister Tilura. Uhh...the small girl with red hair...”

I suppose it had seen Tilura with Leo and the fenrirs...

Mr. Ekenhart seemed impressed by it as he rubbed at his beard.

Everyone else was surprised.

As for Liza, she seemed to have been listening to Leo as well. And while that was how Leo interpreted the bird's answer, Leo might have been wrong...

"Well, yes. But perhaps it is some misunderstanding of Leo's?"

I wondered, but Liza shook her head.

Hmm? Was she not listening to Leo after all?

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I talked to Mark, who had thrown the rock "You hurt a girl by throwing that rock. Not only that... but Leo, the Silver Fenrir that we were with, became angry because of that. Things could have turned very bad if no one came in to stop it." "I don't care..."

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Liza was able to understand the bird monster

"The birdie said the same thing that mama said to you. Mama didn't hear it wrong!"

"Is-is that so? Liza, you can understand what that monster was saying?"

"Yes!"

Liza nodded energetically.

I had heard before that beastkin were special for beast type monsters... But I thought that was only for monsters that walked on four legs, like Leo and Fenrir.

Hmm... Well, perhaps these birds were in the same category.

“Uh, well... So, the monster really does want to make a contract with Tilura.”

“Is that so...hmm...”

Even if it did, it was Tilura’s choice, and she should not feel forced to do it.

I didn’t really know much about monsters and familiars. Was it unusual for a monster to want to become one? Well, Sherry had been like that.

Well, Leo had been there at the time. And it was also because Ms. Claire had saved her.

Though, Leo was also here now... Perhaps it was the power of a Silver Fenrir then... I would have to praise her later, and give her some sausages.

“I think it is a good thing, Tilura. While you are training, you are still just a child. So I would worry less if you had a strong monster who could protect you. Don’t you agree, Mr. Takumi?”

“Me? Well... Tilura did say that she wanted a familiar, after she saw Sherry. So I don’t think it is a bad idea. It will definitely be safer. If Tilura likes the monster, that is?”

“I think so too. I have Sherry, and Mr. Takumi has Leo. But more than a guard...I hope that it can be a good friend to Tilura.”

Mr. Ekenhart approved of the idea.

The reason was that Tilura was still young. And even if she could defeat an orc, she was still an easier target, and it could be dangerous.

Especially since she was the daughter of a duke.

For some reason, he asked for my opinion as well, and so I agreed with him. Though, I also expressed that it should only happen if it and Tilura could get along.

There was no point in having a familiar if you did not like each other.

Ms. Claire agreed as well. She thought a familiar should be a friend more than a guard.

While Tilura could play with other children if she went to the orphanage, the only one close to her age in the mansion was Liza. So she only played with her or Leo and Sherry.

So considering that, having a new friend would be a good thing.

Of course, if they were a good fit, that is.

“Hmm, indeed. While it’s easy to focus on the advantages, there are other things to consider as well.”

“...Hmm, it is difficult. But she really does want a familiar.”

“In that case, perhaps she should talk to it first? With Liza and Leo there, she will be able to communicate with it.”

“Yes, I will do that!”

“That is good. It is important to communicate. And then if Tilura does not want to, we can politely ask it to go away.”

“Uh...why did you choose me?”

I had taken Tilura and returned to Leo.

The bird-like monster, which had been huddled in fear, fluttered its wings excitedly with delight by Tilura's arrival.

Leo and Liza interpreted...well, mainly it was Liza.

She was riding on Leo's back and looked happy. I wasn't sure if it was because we were relying on her, or if it was a game for her...it was probably the latter.

"Kii! Kii-kii!"

Tilura had seemed like she did not know what to say. And so she started with that question.

The large monster was intimidating, but she was brave, just like her father and sister.

Mr. Ekenhart and the others were watching nervously from the back... If he was so worried, he should join us.

It's not like he would be in the way or anything.

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I practiced signals with Leo "With such things included, Tilura must train so that there will be no problems when she encounters some orcs. While her skill is improving, actually facing them will be a different matter." "Indeed. I think that my hands started to shake the first time that..."

Chapter 558

Tilura spoke to the monster

“Uhh, want friendship with human. So chose to become a familiar! That’s what it said.”

“Huh, I didn’t get that from Leo’s interpretation, but it has an interesting way of talking.”

“Wuff...”

Suppose it was because it was a bird.

Leo sounded a little discouraged that she had not been able to convey everything, but it was not her fault.

“Hmm. But why did you choose me?”

After hearing Liza’s interpretation, Tilura asked again why it had chosen her.

“Kiii...kii-kii.”

“This birdie also wants to carry people and fly. It says that it wants to take someone up to a high place where you can see the view together.”

“I see. Hmm...”

Earlier, it had been saying something about its homeland being threatened...

Well, I suppose it did not have many opportunities to carry someone.

“But if you just want to carry someone, then it does not have to be me.”

“Kiii...kii...kii-kii.”

“It says that it can’t carry heavy people. Balance is important when flying.”

When you have your feet on the ground, you would be able to maintain your balance. But in the air, things were more unstable.

There were strong winds as well.

Out of the people here, Tilura and Liza were definitely the lightest.

Though, that was merely because they were still young right now.

“But then it could just be Liza?”

“Me? Sister Tilura?”

“Kii? Kii-kii! Kiii!”

“Wuff!”

Liza seemed a little puzzled, and then the monster started to say something frantically.

And then Leo barked and nodded.

“Liza. What did it say?”

“Ummm. It saw that mama and I are always together. And so it couldn’t possibly ask...”

“I see...”

Indeed, Liza was always riding on Leo’s back. Even when Leo was slaughtering orcs.

This was mostly done so that Liza would not try to fight, and to keep her safe.

The monster observed this from above, and since it was scared of Leo, it wouldn't try to separate them.

If only it understood how cute Leo was.

“Ummm. Well, so it just chose me because of my weight then?”

“Kii-kii. Kii!”

“Hmm. It says it feels something. It is vague, but it feels it.”

“Feeling... Well, that is often quite important.”

It probably wasn't instinct, but it seemed to think that it would go well. In any case, she had heard its reasons, so now it was just up to Tilura to make a decision.

I did think it was rather odd that a monster wanted to carry someone and fly around, seeing various sights from above. But it was not a bad thing.

...Huh? Leo liked to carry people as well... And the fenrirs enjoyed being petted.

The father fenrir was quick to wag his tail when I said something... Perhaps humans and monsters were able to become friends quite easily.

Of course, ones that had a certain level of intelligence, that is... Though, with orcs and trolls, they attacked humans as soon as they saw them. So intelligence was not everything.

“Ah, that's right, Tilura.”

“What is it, Mr. Takumi?”

“Leo is here, so it will be perfectly safe... Why don’t you go and try touching its wings? And if you like it, perhaps it will help with your decision?”

“That is a good idea!”

“They look very soft! Of course, I’m sure it’s not as soft as mama!”

“Wuff!”

“Kii?”

The idea suddenly came to me... The monster had such shiny wings, which were made of pretty, bronze feathers.

And while they looked soft, one would not know until they tried touching them. Perhaps Tilura would take a liking to them, and that could be one reason to consider making the monster her familiar... Well, maybe that was a little shortsighted.

Still, Tilura liked touching Leo and Liza’s ears.

Tilura nodded at my suggestion, and then approached the monster.

While riding on Leo’s back, Liza talked about how soft the feathers looked, and then she rubbed her cheek against Leo’s fur and laughed.

Leo was quite pleased by this.

As for the monster, it seemed a little puzzled at first, but it was not on its guard, and it was clear that it would not harm Tilura.

Well, it wouldn’t attack the person it had chosen...

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Liza interpreted “The tail really absorbs a lot of water...” “It was heavy. Thanks, papa!” While it could not be dried completely with just a towel, I was able to get most of the water out. The fire would do the rest. Later, I might have to brush her along...

Chapter 559

Tilura was tired and went to sleep

“Ah, it’s so soft and fluffy!”

“Kii!”

Tilura was quite bold.

And so she grabbed onto the bird, much like she did with Leo.

I suppose she didn’t think it would hurt her. She was quite similar to Mr. Ekenhart when it comes to these kinds of things.

Liza was also very curious, but her times in the slums had made her cowardly as well.

She was fine once she got used to someone, but she was often scared at first.

It had been like that with the fenrirs, and me and Leo as well.

“Kii? Kii! Kii!”

“Oh, you’re being enveloped!”

The monster was a little surprised by how bold Tilura was, but after seeing that she was happy, it wrapped its wings around her.

It was so big, that Tilura was completely buried inside, but her voice was happy, and it was clear that she was fine.

“Haaah... It feels so nice...I’m getting sleepy...zz...zzz...”

“Kii?”

“Tilura?”

We heard a yawn and then in the next moment, she seemed to have fallen asleep.

The bird gently poked her and then tilted its head to the side.

I tried calling to her as well, but she did not answer.

“She must have been really tired.”

“Indeed. She would not be used to camping out in the forest, and then there was the battle with the orcs... And then she became so excited when the fenrirs arrived.”

As we could not just leave her like that, we took her away from the monster, and the maid carried Tilura back to the tent so that she could rest.

The question about making it a familiar had not been answered yet. But since it was no danger to us, it stayed in the camp while we prepared dinner.

Of course, Leo stayed close and kept an eye on it.

Still, it was no wonder that Tilura was tired after doing so many things that were unfamiliar to her. Besides, this time, we were trying to avoid relying on herbs for recovery. And she had also been quite nervous.

She did not get that much sleep yesterday.

Currently, Mr. Ekenhart and I were talking while watching the monster.

“When Tilura wakes up, we’ll have her decide, and then we can return tomorrow...”

“Are you sure? I have only fought a few times so far.”

“There is no need to rush. I have confirmed that you can fight well enough now. It is the same with Tilura. Besides, it is not like fighting is going to be your main occupation, is it?”

“That is true.”

“If that were the case, I would be a lot more thorough with teaching you... But I cannot do that, since I already asked you to work on the herb fields.”

“Indeed... Very well. Uh, I shall continue my training after I return to the mansion. And I’m sure Tilura will do the same.”

“Yes, good. Do not forget. I must return to the main house soon. I do think that this experience has helped Tilura reach the next level. ...Well, if she does accept the familiar, then no one will be able to beat her. Except for Leo.”

“Haha, indeed... That would be a relief. If she likes it... I think she must have, since she fell asleep so quickly.”

“Yes...”

As I looked at the bird, with its sharp beak and long talons, I started to think that it was just as strong as Leo.

It could even use magic. I didn't know how strong it truly was, but it was at least stronger than any human here... So it would make a very capable guard for Tilura.

Even if it was not as strong as Leo, it was something that was the strongest in its own habitat.

This was a world of magic, so I could not be sure, but it was probably an incredibly rare species.

"I just remembered! Your Grace! Mr. Takumi!"

"Ah... It is unusual to hear you shouting like that, Sebastian..."

"Indeed... In fact, I have never seen him do that before."

"Oh, pardon me. Ehem! I should stay more calm... Regardless, it has come back to me, Your Grace."

"What did you remember?"

Sebastian had suddenly rushed towards us while shouting at the top of his lungs.

He looked so frantic, that both Mr. Ekenhart and I were alarmed. As were the people who were preparing dinner.

Indeed, seeing Sebastian lacking composure was quite...

But what was it that he remembered?

"That monster. It rules the other monsters... But most importantly, that color!"

"Hmm... While not as pretty as Leo, it is still beautiful. A copper color, I suppose?"

"Yes. It does not shine as bright as Leo's silver fur, but it is still very pretty."

The monster had a dark reddish color.

It wasn't very shiny right now, as the sun had mostly set, but the firelight reflected on it quite beautifully.

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Chapter 560

The monster bird's identity

"A monster with copper colored feathers... And so big, though not as big as Leo... I believe that it is a Copper Eagle."

"A copper eagle? That does sound familiar."

"Of course, it does. Just as the book says, though it took me a while to remember...due to my old age. In any case, it is one of the most powerful monsters. It is said that they once destroyed whole countries."

"What!? I see... Well, are you sure it is the same monster? Why would such a monster be here..."

“Well, while they may be strong enough to do such a thing, they are not very aggressive by nature. Even if other monsters submit to them, they do not harm those who do not attack them. Of course, their monster subordinates might attack others on their own...”

“Not aggressive... Well, I suppose that makes sense, since it wants to bind the contract with Tilura, in order to protect its home.”

“But, can it really destroy a country? Leo seemed to have whacked it out of the air so easily...”

“Well, good Leo is especially powerful. After all, if a Silver Fenrir wished it, they could put the entire world in danger.”

“...Are you serious?”

“...”

Uh, is Leo really that strong?

Leo, who liked playing with children and wagged her tail when she saw sausages?

Could it be...when I talked about Deam previously, they weren't really making fun of me, but were genuinely worried about what Leo would do?

Hmm...I could only imagine scenes of Leo enjoying being petted and licking my face. I didn't have a good enough imagination to visualize her destroying everything...

While I looked puzzled, it did not look like they were joking.

...In any case, that was not important right now. We had to focus on this Copper Eagle.

“It is likely the monster that has been seen in the mountains north of Ractos. It spoke of a home, so it must live in a single place.”

“Indeed. And I suppose it would be too far away to sense Leo’s presence. Even though they can fly and see a great distance away.”

“Yes. It is a good thing that Leo was with us. There had even been a debate about sending soldiers to the mountains, in order to protect Ractos. It is possible that they might have ended up attacking, without knowing what it was they would face...”

“A monster with such destructive power. How reckless that would have been. In any case, they did not know... Still, including Leo, it is odd that there are so many powerful monsters here...even the fenrirs.”

“Ah... Well, Leo came with me.”

“That is true... Well, perhaps the Copper Eagle sensed us and was thinking about avoiding us.”

“Like the fenrirs, it is intelligent. So it would not be surprising. In any case, we should be grateful that it did not attack us...”

“...Mr. Takumi, I am sorry, but...”

“What?”

Mr. Ekenhart looked at me awkwardly.

I had a bad feeling about this.

“Can you go and confirm it with the Copper Eagle?”

“Me?”

Well, I had talked to it earlier... But now that I knew what it was capable of, I felt a little nervous.

I suppose Mr. Ekenhart felt the same.

“But you have Leo. It seems quite peaceful right now... And so you should be able to talk to it.”

“That is true, but...”

“We would not have had to worry about anything if Lady Tilura just made the contract...”

Indeed, it should be fine if Leo is there. And the Copper Eagle appeared to be in a good mood. So I suppose I could talk to it. But still...

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