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Mr. Ekenhart wanted to move his body

Tilura brought her sword and started to train with me, but For some reason, Mr. Ekenhart was with us.

Apparently, he could not relax unless he was active, and his body would start to get slow.

It sounded more like an excuse.

After all, that would not happen in just one or two days.

In any case, I decided to focus on my own training.

Now that she had Rahle, Tilura was even more determined than usual. Even though she had accomplished her goal of acquiring a familiar.

Well, I suppose it was a good thing that she became stronger.

Hmm. Mr. Takumi. Tilura.

Yes?

What is it?

After swinging his sword for a short while, he seemed to be satisfied. And so Mr. Ekenhart watched us for some time before calling to us.

And so we stopped and turned towards him.

I will not be able to instruct you directly once I leave. And so you should have Phillip teach you.

Phillip?

Mmm. He is the head guard of this mansion. Nicholas is more skilled with the sword, but He can use many different weapons. And since he is more flexible, he will be a good teacher for you two. Though, I expect that you will both train diligently regardless.

So Phillip was able to use all kinds of weapons I had seen him with a spear before. But I didnt realize that he was that versatile.

Judging by what I had seen of Nicholas, he was indeed very skilled with the sword.

But I suppose that Phillip was able to see things from different perspectives, and was a better fit to teach others.

After all, when we had fought as a pair, he was able to match me and fight in a flexible manner.

I suppose that showed how harsh Mr. Ekenharts training had been.

Well, I do feel a little anxious about leaving Tilrue in his care He can be rather thoughtless. However, I suppose Mr. Takumi can keep things from getting too extreme.

Haha, yes. Besides, Im sure he wouldnt go that far.

Well, I will be counting on you then, Mr. Takumi.

Uh Very well.

Though, now that I thought about it, I had the whole matter of the herb fields.

And so I would probably now be training with Tilura for a very long time.

Well, Mr. Ekenhart surely knew that.

In any case, it is time to really begin the days training. Leo is

She is making Sherry run again.

And Rahle is flying!

Mr. Ekenhart changed the subject and started to look for Leo so that we could train.

But Leo was currently running in a circle in the garden again. She was behind Sherry and chasing after her I felt a little bad for Sherry.

As for Rahle, it was several meters above Leo, and flying up in the air, looking very relaxed and content.

Rahle was a bird, and would like flying

Well, it would be difficult to run on the ground with Leo and Sherry, when you had a body like that

It was Tiluras Turn We chuckled and then I looked towards the river to see how Liza was doing. She and Ms. Lyra were happy that I had defeated the orc. She showed no signs of being overwhelmed. Well, they were quite far away, so it wouldnt have had as

I was asked about the fight with the orcs Well then, I was thinking about watching you train If you could start now. Sorry. I know youre already busy with the slums, and Ive gone and increased your workload. Hoho. It is fine. Besides, work that helps to improve the

Katana Training Hmm, you think so? But I was moving rather slowly Your Grace, I think you must teach them the basics of the katana first. Perhaps they do not even understand the difference. Mr. Ekenhart was puzzled at our reaction. And so Sebastian explained it to him, while Tilura

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We talked over dinner

In order to let Sherry rest, I called Leo over to where we were, and we started training.

It was the same as before, where we tried to hit Leo with our swords.

After the orc fights, Tilura and I were feeling more confident, but we still could not hit Leo at all.

I expected it, but she was so fast that it seemed impossible.

The fact that Leo was holding back just made it even worse I would do it one day!

Even though I thought this, Tilura and I petted Leo when we were done.

Damn it she really enjoyed that

As for Mr. Ekenhart, he was pulled away by Sebastian and the butlers.

I suppose he really did not have time for this.

Now, it can be while you eat dinner, but please listen to me.

After training, I sat down to dinner along with Leo, Sherry and Tilura, who had a great appetite. It was then that Mr. Ekenhart wiped his mouth and addressed all of us.

I will be leaving this house the day after tomorrow. In the meantime, I will send word to Ractos and the surrounding villages.

Do you mean about the fenrirs?

Mmm. It was very important that we were able to talk to the fenrirs in the forest. And while I will not defend anyone who ignores our advice and goes to the forest in order to challenge the fenrirs, it should be enough to tell the people that they are not hostile. Ideally, they would not purposely seek out any fenrirs, and run if they do encounter them.

It was one of the things we had asked Fen and Riruru.

To not attack humans to let them run away.

The fenrirs never meant to attack humans who minded their own business anyway, and so they readily agreed..

Perhaps it was also because Leo was there.

Obviously, we told them they did not need to show mercy to reckless humans that attacked them.

Our intention wasnt that the fenrirs should not defend themselves.

There is Sherry as well. And so I would very much like to avoid any persecution of the fenrirs by selfish humans.

Kyau.

Mmm. Well, if they went against a large pack of fenrirs, then the damage to the humans would be great. That is something to avoid as well.

Well, if the humans try to go to the forest to exterminate the fenrirs, I will take Leo and persuade them against it.

I think you mean threaten However, when the time comes, I will likely have to rely on you two.

Wuff? Wou!

Ms. Claire must have been thinking the same thing as me, as she started to gently pet Sherry, who was eating.

And while Mr. Ekenhart seemed to flinch a little at the idea of using Leo in such a way, he also nodded in agreement.

Well, we will send out the notices and then wait and see. But aside from that When returning to the mansion, I think that I will stop by at Range village.

You will?

Yes. There are things that I cannot know unless I see it in person. Besides, if my Claire is going to stay there, then I should make an official visit.

Your Grace, is that really proper?

Well, who knows about that? I dont really care about what other nobles might do. But I govern these lands, and considering what is to be done there, I would like to speak to the chief and have a look for myself. Also, there is Anneliese.

Me Ahoh, of course

The reason that Sherry was not injured Hmml guess its 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. Thats why she wasnt injured. ...That isso

Tilura thought of a name Yes, father. Tilura. A familiar is not just some servant. You cannot force it to do things, you know? Yes, of course! Just like Sherry, we will be good friends! Wuff? UhTilura. Leo thinks you forgot her. Tiluras reason was simple. She thought the Copper

Liza was able to understand the bird monster The birdie said the same thing that mama said to you. Mama didnt 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

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When you say Ms. Anne It is because her father was the one who set the orcs on them

Yes, Mr. Takumi. While an apology was made to the chief, there are people in the village who were actually injured. Thanks to you and Leo, no one was killed. But it was bad enough that things could have easily become that serious. And so even if it was Barsler who did it, it would still be for the best if she apologized in person. It could affect her future, after all. It does not matter that she is a noble

Lady Anneliese seems to not think that a duke and his guest would usually go out to such a village. Indeed, normally they would come here. And the chief has already done that before. So there is no problem. If anything, going to them now will help strengthen the trust they have in the duke. Some other nobles might feel differently, but that is how this house is.

Indeed. It is important to think about the people. I think it is a good thing. Even though I don't know much So it may not be very convincing.

In this country, a duke was the second most powerful after the royal family.

And so it was not necessary for someone like him to visit a small village.

I knew that, but being reminded of it now made me like him even more.

I suppose it was because I used to be someone who worked near the bottom

The people liked him because he didn't rely on his authority, and thought about their needs as well.

It was the kind of thing that Mr. Ekenhart and Ms. Claire could do, but perhaps not Ms. Anne.

Not at all. I think you are quite right, Mr. Takumi. It is important to hear the opinions of people like you, who are not nobles. One does not want to be a dictator.

Of course, there are some lords who have actual charisma, and can lead their people

Did you say something, Claire?

May I say something?

It does not sound very good. But if you must.

Ms. Claire was staring or glaring at Mr. Ekenhart now.

I had a feeling, judging by the flow of conversation, what she might want to say. Still, Mr. Ekenhart told her to continue.

I suppose words were more damaging when they came from his own daughter.

Father, you are simply not charismatic enough. The people will not follow you if you remain silent. You need to slowly build up trust, so they will follow you. Well, you do have the strength to bring them by force, but

Ahahathat is true

Even if I know it, it still stings to hear it from you. In any case, I would not use force with the people. And so I have no choice but to go slowly. I will do my best to make the land safe and fulfill my role as the lord.

Well, with charismatic leaders, it can often give rise to conflict. It is because you are the way that you are, that we servants trust you and this house.

You are suddenly very complimentary. Why is that?

Ms. Claire said just what I expected her to.

But Mr. Ekenhart already knew it himself, and so it didn't do too much damage.

Well, no father wanted to hear from his daughter that he had no charisma to speak of. It was quite depressing.

That was when Sebastian came in with some encouraging words, which the other servants nodded to.

Ms. Anne was watching all of this with a slightly bewildered expression.

Indeed, the members of this family certainly seemed to be closer to the servants and common folk compared to other nobles.

They were friendly, and so I liked them.

Mr. Ekenhart also apologized to Mr. Haines You can stand back now, Anneliese. Really? But I havent done anything yet Anne, its enough. Besides, I think your presence here is just confusing Mr. Haines. ...Very well. Ms. Anne seemed like she hadnt had enough yet, but she somberly got to

Mr. Hannes met Ms. Anne I am quite old And so my son and his wife told me to take Rosalie with me, just in case something happened. They could come with me, as they were busy in the village So thats why Rosalie was here. Indeed, Mr. Haines did

There was no time for Ms. Claire to learn household chores Even if Ms. Claire was going to Range village with me, as Sebastian had said, she would have to return to the mansion quite regularly. And so we had to consider what would be efficient Clearly there was no

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We would all visit Range village

Well, we have gotten side-tracked. I was talking about going to Range village.

You look embarrassed.

Ive never seen father embarrassed before

Nevermind that! Range village!

What about Range village?

It is not like there is anything in particular I have to do. But I want Claire and Mr. Takumi to come with me. Just the village, you do not have to come to the main house.

Me and Ms. Claire?

Well, aside from the matter of the herb fields, I thought it would be best to see it at least once. While Claire will probably be going back and forth a lot, she will stay there for quite some time. What do you say?

Indeed I have never been to Range village. So I would like to see it.

As someone who has been there, it is a quiet and relaxing village. Though, I suppose it was partially due to not being busy making wine. Very well, I will go as well.

Aside from the issue of Ms. Anne, we intended to start a business in Range village, so it was best to go once and talk about it.

If Ms. Claire and Mr. Ekenhart were going, then I had to go as well.

Even if Mr. Haines had already agreed to it, I wanted to see the village again, and Leo would want to play with the children.

Besides, it would be nice to introduce Liza to everyone.

Wuff-wuff!

Yes, of course, you will go too, Leo.

Wuff!

Where are you going, papa and mama?

You know Rosalie, who visited before? We're going to the place where she lives. Besides, we will live there eventually. And you will come with us.

I see! I can't wait to meet Rosalie again!

Mmm, it would be good for Liza and Leo to go as well. Well, it is decided then.

Leo must have remembered playing with the children, as she started to wag her tail excitedly.

It was unusual for Leo to join in a conversation while she was eating Or so I thought. But when I looked, her plate was already empty.

In fact, everyone aside from me and Ms. Claire had finished eating as well.

Even Ms. Anne

Father, I will go too!

You too, Tilura? Hmm Well, I have no objections to it

Tilura, you did not study at all while in the forest, did you? What about that? I know that you grew in the forest, and even acquired a familiar. But you cannot ignore the rest either, you know?

Yes, Ill be fine! I know that I have to study hard for Rahle as well. And so I will study!

Really? Well, I suppose it is fine then.

Ms. Claire, you seem a lot less strict about studying than before?

Well, because I saw her in the forest. And thought that perhaps being outside was good for her. Her meeting with Rahle also has had a great effect.

Indeed She has grown

Tilura had raised her hand and said that she wanted to go with us.

She was even more curious than Ms. Claire, so I had expected it.

Perhaps Ms. Claire had been like this before her mother died.

HmmI guess it is fine then. I will allow Tilura to go to Range village then. My journey back would have been boring, but now my two daughters will be coming back with me half of the way.

Is that why you wanted them to go?

What are you talking about?

Apparently, Mr. Ekenhart had also expected Tilura to say that she wanted to go.

So he was probably just pretending to consider it.

He then looked away awkwardly as if to avoid my gaze, but it just made it more obvious.

Sebastian had been watching, and he just let out a sigh and shook his head

It seemed that Range village did not discriminate against beastkin In that case, it should be fine to take Liza to Range village. As long as Mr. Takumi and Leo are there, there should not be a problem. While the children of the village might do something rudelike Rosalie Hmm.

We would use both of the materials And so I have a suggestion. Why not use both stone and wood materials? Both? Yes. First, have the rooms that you and Leo and Lady Claire will live in made of stone. And the other rooms can be made of wood. While

I Suggested Joint Management Hiring her is not the problem. It is what people will think. It is possible that it could hurt the reputation of this house. ...Because she was hired by a commoner? That is one reason. While the people of Range village and the other people you

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Tilura wanted to ride on Rahle again

Ah, if were going to Range village, how long will it take?

Hmm? Ah, thats right If Claire and Tilura are going, then a few servants will have to go too. And well travel by carriage again.

Then it will take a little longer than by horse. Four or five days at least. Unless we are in a rush.

After the decision was made, we finished eating our dinner and relaxed with some tea.

I then got curious about how long it would take, and so I asked.

Four days by carriage

In that case, Leo, Liza and I will leave a few days after.

You arent coming with us?

I want to let Leo run her fastestwell, quite fast, sometimes. Usually she has to hold back.

Wuff!

Yes, yes, I see that you are happy. But dont lick me right after you have drunk your milk.

Wou?

With papa and mama!

Leo liked to carry people and run.

And while she couldnt run too fast with Liza, I wanted her to be able to run more than usual.

It would surely help to relieve stress.

I see. Good Leo can run faster than a horse. Last time, you also went after the chief, didnt you?

Yes. Even if we dont go too fast, we should arrive in the village in one day. Also, I want to make some extra stock of herbs in the meantime.

Hmm, I see. But then, wont your arrival be at night?

Yes It was like that last time. Even if we leave in the morning, it will be after sundown when we arrive.

I see Then we should meet just outside of the village. And then we can camp outside, and then go together to the village when the sun comes up.

Is that necessary?

Mr. Takumi, since the duke is going, the village will want to welcome him properly. While we will send a messenger ahead tomorrow, it will be inconvenient for the village for them to arrive during the night. We should give them time to prepare. I am sure there will be a feast, after all.

Of course There are preparations. Very well. We can meet up in front of the village then. We can decide on the exact location tomorrow.

Mm. Thank you.

I could have also just gone ahead But as we were supposed to go together, I suppose it was fine.

It wasnt like we were in a hurry.

Mr. Takumium

What is it, Tilura?

Uhh Do you think I could go while riding on Rahle? If Leo is there, then it should be fine, if something happens

Uh, hmm Well, that is true, but

Wuff!

So Tilura wanted to ride on Rahle.

I suppose she asked me instead of her father or sister, because this plan relied on Leo.

Ms. Claire seemed a little surprised by this suggestion, and Mr. Ekenhart was sad that she didnt ask him.

Are you sure? Well, you flew from the forest, so it is probably fine, but

Wuff-wuff!

Very well. Since Leo says that it will be fine, you can go. Wellif Mr. Ekenhart agrees, that is.

Thank you, Mr. Takumi and Leo! Father, what do you say!?

I was hoping to travel with you for a few days Are you sure? Flying is one thing, but you will have to match Leos speed as well Even though Rahle is faster than a horse.

As for that, it will be fine. There is nothing to slow you down in the sky. so I think Rahle should be able to move at the same speed. Maybe even faster?

WUFF!? WOU-WOU!

Leo says she wont lose if she runs her fastest Well, perhaps?

Wou

Tiluras nerves were calmed Phew Are you tired? No, Im fine! We stopped on the way to the forest, so that the horses could rest. Tilura was leaning against a tree. I had asked her, as she looked like she was out of breath But she replied loudly, as if

Birds were not a good fit for the rooms We arrived in front of the door. And then we stopped and considered the problem. Well, it was mostly Rahle, who looked at the entrance with a puzzled expression. As long as Rahle didnt spread out its wings, then it was

Rahle was sorry Tilura, are you alright!? Sister! Yes, Im fine! Shortly after, the carriage carrying the others arrived as well. Ms. Claire immediately jumped out and rushed to Tilura. As for Mr. Ekenharthe was looking this way, but perhaps he didnt want to show his distress, as he did

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Sebastian explained happily

Leo was not at all happy at the notion that Rahle might be faster than her. But flying and running on the ground were just too different.

As for the effect of wind while flyingI would have to ask Rahle. But with running, the terrain affected you a great deal.

In the air, there was no one in the way. No obstacles like trees or buildings.

Roads and slopes meant nothing, so as long as it wasnt raining or there werent strong winds, then flying would be advantageous.

From what I had seen, Rahle was holding back when flying from the forest, and so it shouldnt have any trouble keeping up with Leo.

Even if Leo was faster if she was at full speed, there was no chance Rahle was slower then when Leo ran with passengers.

Still, I would be worried if you were riding for such a long time

If Mr. Takumi says its fine, it probably is, but Yes, that is a concern. Even riding a horse for that long would be tiring. And you might fall off

Really, Tilura Sebastian?

Yes

The biggest concern was that Tilura would become tired.

Even if she was fine while grabbing onto Rahle, if her grip became loose, then she might fall off.

Ms. Claire then sighed and called for Sebastian.

Did she have an idea then?

Lady Claire had predicted that Lady Tilura would want to ride on Rahle again.

Yes, I knew that she would. But I did not think that it would be this soon.

Thank you, sister!

I dont understand how you feel. Even I wish I could ride on Leo more often.

Ms. Claire said with a gentle smile.

In any case, I suppose I should think of our next opportunity to allow Ms. Claire to ride on Leo.

Perhaps we could ride Leo when we unite, and finish our journey to Range village.

While it has only just started, it will be completed in a few days. It should be enough time, if you leave a few days after His Grace.

What is it that you are talking about?

Sebastians eyes flashed as if he had been waiting for someone to ask the question.

What indeed. It is A saddle!

A saddle? Like the ones used with horses?

Yes, unless you know of other uses for them. Riding can be a burden for both the horse and the human. But the saddle helps to alleviate it. A saddle will help to prevent Lady Tilura from getting too tired while riding, and will also support her so that she does not fall off.

While I had not ridden a horse since coming to this world, I had seen plenty of other people ride them.

That being said I was not very knowledgeable about saddles.

And so Sebastian saw his opportunity to tell me about them.

Ms. Claire and Mr. Ekenhart looked a little annoyed by his explanation. However, I was grateful, and listened carefully.

Besides, its not like they would have been able to stop him.

As this would help Tilura ride on Rahle, she was listening with shining eyes.

This seemed to light a fire within Sebastian, and he started to speak even more passionately as he continued.

With a saddle, you will be able to attach stirrups. So you will have a place to rest your feet and gain greater stability and peace of mind. Lady Tilura will have nothing to fear while flying, and Rahle will not have to be anxious about her. And since Lady Tilura will be securely fixed to the saddle, there will be no chance of her falling off, even if Rahle did those wild moves again!

Oh That is amazing, Sebastian!

Is it not? Is it not?

I see With a saddle and stirrups, Tilura will be quite secure while in the air.

It would prevent her from getting too tired, and make it easier for Rahle to move.

After all, it would be difficult to fly while Tilura was scared or moving unpredictably.

Mr. Ekenhart and I nodded understandingly.

Tilura was overjoyed.

As for Lizashe looked puzzled but thoughtful.

But Sebastian was satisfied by Tiluras reaction. He smiled with a nod, and then continued

Rahle did something dangerous Alright, Leo. Lets go too! Wuff! Chase after them! We should go too. Indeed. Will Tilura be alright? I understand that youre worried, but good Leo will look after her. So she will be fine ...She looks like she is having fun, but it is scary.

Rahle liked being on the roof Ms. Lyra smiled and greeted me. While it must have been tough, staying in the forest and cooking, I was glad to see that she wasnt tired anymore. Please leave her to me. If she wakes up, I will help her get ready and

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We would ask Rahle to wear the saddle

And furthermore! Putting a backrest on the saddle will increase the stability. There will be no worry of Lady Tilura falling off.

Oh!

However There is one thing that Im worried about

What is it?

Will Rahle accept this saddle

Ah

It used to live in the mountains before becoming Tiluras familiar, and had no contact with humans. Perhaps it will not like the idea of having something attached to it.

A wild animal No, a wild monster. And so Rahle would not be used to such things.

And even if it wasnt, wellit was like how dogs often did not like it when humans tried to put clothes on them.

Some of them got used to it, but Leo never did

Since we could communicate better now, Leo might agree if I asked her. But when she was still a maltese, I had worried that she would be cold during the winter, and tried to get her to wear something, but she ran away at full speed.

Wuff?

No, its nothing There is no need to put something on you right now.

Leo had noticed that I was looking at her, and so she tilted her head questioningly.

Mornings and nights were not very cold here, and she had even been fine with sleeping out in the forest.

Besides, it would be very difficult to make clothes for someone of her size. And she was comfortable enough without a saddle, thanks to all of her soft fur.

Rahle wont like it?

You will have to ask Rahle.

Can you do that, Tilura?

Okay! I will do that later!

She could always take Leo with her when asking. However, that would be threatening, so it was better to avoid such methods.

Additionally, aside from the saddle for Lady Tilura, I mean to order a second saddle that can be attached behind it.

Behind?

We will also have to ask Rahle about it, but By having this other saddle, Rahle will be able to carry two passengers. Besides, that person can also make sure that Tilura is secure. And so it should be someone who is used to riding a horse. While Rahle is much different from a horse, that person will be well experienced with saddles.

But Sebastian, we were not even sure if Rahle could carry Tilura How will it be able to fly with a second person

One of the reasons Rahle had chosen her was because she looked light

Even if the second person was light as well, the overall weight would be similar to an adult.

Yes. And so we will have to ask Rahle about it first. But I think it will be fine.

You do?

I suppose it was fine to go ahead and make it, but why was Sebastian confident that it would be fine?

Rahle had never carried someone while flying before. And so it wanted to test it with someone light like Tilura. However, with the saddle, it will be easier to maintain balance. Of course, if it doesn't work, that is fine as well

It will surely be fine. Rahle said it was easier than expected!

Really?

Yes. And so while flying Though, Rahle called it swimming in the air Rahle wanted to try different tricks

Ah, that's right

As it was easier than expected, Rahle got carried away and started rotating or moving up and down.

And so if the saddle is completed, then going to Range village should not be a problem. Well, at worst, she might have to ride with Leo, or stop somewhere to rest.

Wuff!

If Rahle was fine with it, it would open so many possibilities with flying.

Well, since she was not used to it, Tilura may still get tired on the way.

And so if that happened, she could come down and rest or travel with us.

Leo nodded as if to say that she could be relied on.

Sebastian explained happily Leo was not at all happy at the notion that Rahle might be faster than her. But flying and running on the ground were just too different. As for the effect of wind while flying I would have to ask Rahle. But with running, the terrain affected you

I comforted Tilura Well, it looks like they will arrive safely. Were back! Wuff! After watching Tilura and Rahle for some time, the large building finally came into view. Somehow, Tilura had managed to stay on this whole time. Perhaps Rahle had sensed her fear, as there were no more

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I talked about giving Leo a bath

Tilura, while asking Rahle is fine, you also have to get used to it too, you know?

Yes!

Merely preparing a saddle was not enough, and so it was decided that Tilura would train a little before the journey.

Of course, that just meant she would ride Rahle for short amounts of time.

Alright, that is settled then. And so from tomorrow, we will prepare to go to Range village. Mr. Takumi, Tilura. Dont forget to train before going to bed.

Father, you just want to move, dont you?

Thats not true.

We had finished talking, and so everyone was ready to leave.

Ms. Anne had been quiet the whole time, and appeared to be deep in thought. I suppose she was thinking about what she would say in Range village.

In any case training

Im sorry, Mr. Ekenhart. Could I return to training tomorrow?

Hmm? Well, I suppose it is fine for one night. But why?

Well, I wanted to give Leo a bath. She is quite dirty after going to the forest. And I want to clean her before we leave.

Wuff!?

Hmm Leo has beautiful, silver fur But now that you mention it, it does look a little dull

Since Leo would be seen by the villagers, I wanted her to look good.

Well, she would get a little dirty on the journey, but it was better than nothing.

Leo, there is no point in being surprised now. I already told you about it.

As she mostly played in the river, it is not too bad. But there is still some sand and dust in her fur.

Indeed. It is best for good Leo to have a beautiful coat. Very well, you do not have to do your training tonight.

Thank you.

Besides, Im sure it is a very difficult job. If anything, it might be more tiring than training.

While I was used to it, it did take some strength when bathing Leo.

Mr. Ekenhart looked a little interested, but not enough to join us.

However, someone else's hand was then raised.

I would like to help wash Leo!

Tilura!?

Now that I thought about it, she had wanted to bathe with Leo before.

If Tilura is there, then I'll wash mama too!

Liza Hmm. I don't know

Mr. Takumi, we could help wash Leo then.

Ms. Lyra?

You refused my help before, since Leo was not used to being here. But I think it should be fine now

I suppose

Wuff

Kyau?

Grau! Wou

While Leo was still disappointed in the whole thing, she did not resist it as much. So it would probably be fine.

However, that was also because I was careful after talking to Leo about why she didnt like baths.

As for Sherry, she could not understand what the problem was for Leo. I suppose Ms. Claire was much better at washing her?

Ah, thats right.

Uhh, well, I think it would be best if I showed you how to do it first.

Together?

Wellif you insist, Mr. Takumi.

No, no! I dont mean it like that. Um We would be wearing clothes that can get wet. And then I can show you how to wash Leo. I didnt mean it the other way!

I explained frantically.

It had almost sounded like I was using Leo as an excuse to take a bath with Ms. Lyra.

Rahle did something dangerous Alright, Leo. Lets go too! Wuff! Chase after them! We should go too. Indeed. Will Tilura be alright? I understand that youre worried, but good Leo will look after her. So she will be fine ...She looks like she is having fun, but it is scary.

We would ask Rahle to wear the saddle And furthermore! Putting a backrest on the saddle will increase the stability. There will be no worry of Lady Tilura falling off. Oh! However There is one thing that Im worried about What is it? Will Rahle accept this saddle Ah It

I comforted Tilura Well, it looks like they will arrive safely. Were back! Wuff! After watching Tilura and Rahle for some time, the large building finally came into view. Somehow, Tilura had managed to stay on this whole time. Perhaps Rahle had sensed her fear, as there were no more

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The dining hall fell into a great confusion

I-I see.

Yes! I would never suggest anything else

Mr. Takumi?

Ah its nothing!

Ms. Claire had asked me with an embarrassed expression, and so I nodded frantically. But then I looked towards Ms. Lyra and my voice trailed off.

It was not because I imagined anything.

Regardless, the whole misunderstanding was my own fault.

Hoho. You sure are young.

I am reminded of my own youth That was so long ago.

Sebastian and Mr. Ekenhart. This is not funny. You should be helping me!

No, there is nothing for me to say

You reap what you sow, Mr. Takumi. I remember panicking when I was in a similar position. I was caught courting multiple women and

I dont want to be compared to you, Mr. Ekenhart

Mr. Takumi, that is rather rude, dont you think? I have feelings too.

I had seen Sebastian and Mr. Ekenhart laughing at my expense and with no intention of helping me out of the current situation.

And I was so flustered that I said something that was probably rude, but this was no time to be thinking of such things.

Besides, he was asking for it.

Ummwellits really nothing

Mr. Takumi Do-do not worry about it! I understand. And I am prepared to do what I can to help!

Did you really understand!

So Mr. Takumi was actually

What, Ms. Claire!?

OhI could hardly say the rest

You do misunderstand then! Or perhaps you No, no, its not that at all

Hohoho

Ahahaha!

Alright, thats enough! Really, Ms. Claire youLyra, was it? What is wrong with you? Causing such a ruckus

Ms. Anne?

While the chaos was getting worse, there was a loud bang that echoed through the dining hall.

It was the sound of Ms. Annes hand slamming onto the table.

Everyones eyes turned to her, and all was quiet. And while Ms. Anne then raised her voice angrily, she was like a savior to me.

Making such a fuss over that. Are you not ashamed? You should learn to compose yourself.

You say that, Anne, as if you didnt have thoughts yourself?

Of course, I did. And yet I did not make as much noise as all of you.

Wellthat is true, but

In any case, it is a natural thing. There is no need for such alarm!

I suppose, but it does not sound convincing coming from you.

And she red in the face.

Sh-shut up!

Oh, she does not sound or look like a proper lady now

Grr!

Ms. Anne was scolding everyone angrily.

However, Ms. Claire soon regained her calm and fired back, causing Ms. Anne to grind her teeth.

She could be quite aggressive when she wanted to Well, when around Ms. Anne, she seemed a lot more like other women her age.

And in spite of all the times they were angry at each other, they also had a relationship similar to friends

In any case, it really is not a big deal! Just go and take a bath if that is what you want. I will return to my own room!

Uh, Ms. Anne Thank you.

Ms. Anne spat as she left the dining hall, clearly overwhelmed by Ms. Claire.

And so I called out to her and thanked her with a bow of my head.

Regardless of intent, she had helped to calm things down. It would have probably been worse if it was just me

I made too much Loe Well, since I made it without permission, you might not want it yet I can always just keep it. ...As it is a rare herb, we would gladly accept it regardless. I see, because we are going to the forest. Yes. But with Leo and

Ms. Claire and the others would be very busy And so I agreed with Mr. Ekenhart that I did not want her to be put in danger. Though, from her perspective, it probably looked like I was doing something dangerous. And it probably caused her to worry. I would have

I left Ms. Anne to Mr. Ekenhart I am quite sure that the people already trust you enough. Well, if you say so, Mr. Takumi. Your opinion is worth trusting. Isn't that right, Claire? Don't bring me into it. But well, Mr. Takumi does have a different way of viewing

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Ms. Anne was good at dropping bombs

There is no need to thank me. But perhaps we could bathe together next time? I could help wash your back. Well, good night then

What!?

Huh!?

Anneliese can be bold when she wants. Though, it often leads to trouble.

Ms. Anne turned for a moment and uttered those troubling words before leaving the dining hall.

In any case, I ignored the reaction of the others. I had to teach Ms. Lyra how to bathe Leo

Why is everyone making such a fuss?

I dont know, sister Tilura. Do you, mama?

Wuffwuff

Yes, those two didnt need to know.

Leo was looking at me with an exasperated expression.

While Leo would not like it, I would teach Lyra and the others and wash her until she was clean.

And then Ill brush her coat Leo liked that

Sorry to keep you waiting, Mr. Takumi.

After the chaos in the dining hall, I pushed Ms. Annes words out of my mind, and Ms. Claires suspicious stares, and went off to teach the others.

Ms. Lyra had been wearing her usual maid uniform. But as she did not want it to get wet, she changed into something else.

It was the ordinary kind of clothes that you would see people wearing in the town of Ractos.

But since I had never seen her wear it before, it seemed quite surprising.

I am here, Mr. Takumi.

Ms. Claire. As Ms. Lyra is finished preparing, let us go inside. Leo is waiting to not very happily.

Lady Liza and Lady Tilura are also excited.

Hehe. Yes. I'm looking forward to it.

Even if Leo hates it?

Oh, I don't mean it like that! I just want to help wash good Leo.

I see.

For some reason, Ms. Claire wanted to learn as well, and so she was here.

She was also wearing ordinary clothes, but they could not hide her overall air of nobility.

It reminded me of a rich lady who disguises herself as a commoner in order to go out into town.

In any case, Leo was currently awaiting her fate in the washing area.

Ms. Lyra had helped Liza and Tilura to change into clothes that could get wet as well.

I could hear their excited voices even before we entered.

Leo Are you really going to start like that?

I see

Mama's stomach is so soft!

Fen and Riruru were soft, but so is Leo!

When I stepped inside, I saw that Leo was lying on her back.

However, she kept her mouth and eyes closed and I could only hear her breathing through her nose.

It was clear that she was resigned to her fate.

However, Tilura and Liza were petting her obliviously, even though it was clear that Leo was in no state to enjoy it.

Well, I suppose I should hurry up and get this over with then

First You pour hot water all over her body to get her wet. This takes off a lot of the dirt.

Thatis quite hard

Lady Claire, allow me

I can do it. I want to wash Leo.

Yes

Here goes!

Mama, its some hot water!

As an example, I scooped up some hot water and poured it onto Leo.

The others then took turns doing the same with the bucket.

However, Ms. Lyra seemed uncomfortable with seeing Ms. Claire work.

I suppose it was because she was a servant?

Though, Tilura and Liza seemed to be having fun, splashing water onto Leo.

Leo had been closing her eyes, and so she flinched every time the water came from a different direction.

Still, she did not go wild or try to get away. Good girl.

So you did this all by yourself before. I didnt realize it was so much work

Haha Yes, she is big. But I always thought of it as good exercise.

It is very different from bathing Sherry.

I talked with Ms. Lyra and Ms. Claire as we continued to dump hot water on Leo.

Leo was larger than a horse, so it was similar to manual labor.

It had been easier when she was small, and I washed her with a shower head Still, I wanted her to be clean, and so it was worth it

I woke up comfortably In any case, thank you. For looking after her. Im sorry that you had to stay up late yet again. Wuff. Not at all. This is my job. Besides, I do enjoy taking care of children. I thanked Ms. Lyra, and apologized for the trouble. Leo

I talked about giving Leo a bath Tilura, while asking Rahle is fine, you also have to get used to it too, you know? Yes! Merely preparing a saddle was not enough, and so it was decided that Tilura would train a little before the journey. Of course, that just

I Taught Liza to Knock ...No, its not a mistake What is she thinking? Is her name even allowed to be here? Wuff-wuff. I dont think its as simple as it being a good opportunity Well, I will have to ask Sebastain. No, maybe I should ask her directly? The