

Beloved Dog 601

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We all washed Leo

Ahaha! Mama got smaller!

Its true! How interesting!

Sherry is like that as well. I suppose its because they are covered in so much soft hair?

The fur gets stuck to her when wet. But the difference is so much stronger because of how fluffy she usually is.

Liza and Tilura seemed to think this was hilarious, while Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra were amazed.

I suppose they didnt have much experience with washing animals like this.

Alright, that should be enough. Now that she is completely wet You make bubbles with the soap

Yes.

Human hands really are so small

My hands are smaller, sister Claire.

Yes, Liza. But you will grow big one day.

After pouring hot water all over Leo, and getting out most of the dirt, it was time to wash her with soap.

I used water from a bucket to make bubbles with my hands.

However, Liza was getting bubbles everywhere as she showed her hands to Ms. Claire.

I suppose not making a mess was too difficult for her.

But when I looked, Tiluras clothes also had bubbles all over them.

Once its all foamy, we will use it to wash Leo. Like this wash it thoroughly A little stronger than that. Ah, Liza. Dont pull it like that.

Okay!

Well its going to take a lot of work to get her whole body oomph.

Indeed. After doing her stomach and legs, there is still her back

It really is hard when shes this big

While rubbing the soap into Leos fur, I explained to the others.

Leo didnt like it when you pulled, and so I told them to be gentle.

It was strange. Even when Leos fur was wet, it was so soft. And yet, when it came to battle, it could block Mr. Ekenharts sword

In any case, as Leo was so big, it would take a long time to wash her, even with multiple people doing it.

Mama is big again!

She is covered in bubbles.

Perhaps it was too much?

But surely it is necessary when washing fur?

Its fine. She was quite dirty, so its best to be thorough.

At this point Leo was covered in so much foam that she looked like a ball.

Liza and Tilura were delighted to see Leo look so fluffy once again.

Ms. Claire had her doubts, but I assured her that it was fine, since Leo had so much long fur.

Now, lets dump water all over her again. Ah, gently, of course. Leo doesnt like it when the soap gets in her eyes.

Yes.

I understand.

Okay!

SPLASH!

Heres more!

SPLASH!

!?

Leo had finally started to relax while having her bubble massage, but that came to an end as she was assaulted by hot water from all directions.

And while she was alarmed, she was probably getting used to it, and managed to stay still, even though she was breathing strangely through her nose.

Tilura and Liza really seemed to enjoy dumping water on her.

A little too much, and I had to remind them to be gentle.

Alright, Leo. Now can you turn the other way? Slowly?

We needed to wash Leos back now, and so I had Leo get up.

Leo seemed a little sulky as she got to her feet.

If she jumped up like she usually did, she would get water over everyone.

I didnt mind too much, but Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra were here as well.

Though, Liza and Tilura would probably enjoy it.

Now, pour hot water on her againand repeat the process.

Of course.

Yes.

Here it comes, mama!

I had Leo lie down and we repeated what we had just done.

Leo placed her head on her front paws and closed her eyes tightly.

It was hard doing her stomach, but this is worse Phew.

Indeed. She has less fur on her stomach The hair on her back is longer and more dense.

Mmmphphew. Yes, it is quite tiring.

You dont have to try so hard, you know?

No. While its a lot, I am still enjoying it. So its fine.

While Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra struggled, they did their best to wash Leos back.

Well, there was no need to wash her legs this time, so it was a little simpler, at least.

As for Tilura and Liza, they were just playing now. But it was fine.

I was glad that they were having a good time.

Even if it was a little strange, since they were helping to wash the strongest of all monsters

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

Leo finished her sausages Once we were finished talking, Ms. Claire and Mr. Ekenhart left the dining hall. They decided to sleep early, as they had a busy day tomorrow. But before leaving, they asked for some herbs to help them sleep, and so I had a maid bring me

We Went to Ractos with Liza I felt a little bad for Mr. Ekenhart, as he left looking quite disappointed about not being able to go to Ractos. Ms. Claire would be going instead. I still remember seeing her raise her fist in triumph at this. I suppose she was

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Having water splashed on me was fate

Nowthe last part is her face.

Yes.

Face

Unlike before, I spoke in a serious voice.

Because you had to be extra careful when it came to the face area.

If the soap got in her eyes or nose, it could cause pain or discomfort for Leo.

A little bit could not be helped, but I wanted to avoid it as much as possible.

As for the face Leo?

Wuff!

Ah, so thats how you use that big bucket.

I called Leo and gestured towards the bucket that was filled with water.

Leo finally opened her mouth and barked like she usually did. And then she moved to the bucket and put her face in it.

Now, we will use soap like with the rest of her body But be careful that it doesnt go into her eyes or nose. Do it slowly.

Yes, I understand.

Certainly. Excuse me, good Leo.

Also, while it is fine now, you should avoid using cold water during winter. It would be best to heat the water first.

Leo closed her eyes and mouth tightly again and let out a resigned sigh. And then the two hesitantly began to wash her.

For this part, Tilura and Liza just watched.

The climate around the mansion was quite warm, so it was fine now. But it would be much colder during the winter And I didnt want them to wash Leo with cold water.

Hmm? Well, I didnt actually know if there was a winter season here.

Now that I thought about it, I hadnt asked about the climate And considering that Ill be growing fields, I should ask about it

While its easier than the stomach and back, you also have to be more attentive

Indeed. I wouldnt want soap in my eyes or nose either. And Leo would be especially sensitive.

Well, Leo can bear a little discomfort. Right, Leo?

It doesnt seem like she agrees.

Haha. Just a coincidence.

After that, while Leo made weird noises through her nostril, we finished washing her face.

Alright, thats it, Leo.

And then Leo dunked her head into the bucket again and washed her face.

Good Leo really does not like hot water

Yes. She is perfectly fine when swimming in river water

Sherry isn't like that. She seems to enjoy her baths.

Wuff!?

Gah!

Leo had pulled her face out of the water and turned towards us in surprise.

Obviously, since she was wet, a great amount of water rained down on me.

I was close by, so it couldn't be helped, but I wished she was a little more careful. It caught me right in the face even though I knew I would get wet.

As Ms. Claire was behind me, I acted as a shield to protect her.

Leo. That's what happens when you raise your face so suddenly. A little is fine, but I was practically drenched from that.

Wuff

Leo looked at me apologetically.

Well, she was being careful in her own way, and refrained from shaking her body.

Mr. Takumi. Are you alright?

Yes, I'm fine. Though, a little cold.

We do not want you to get sick! Now, come over here and get warm.

Uh, but I'm still wearing clothes.

Nevermind that!

I chuckled and reassured Ms. Claire that I was fine, but Ms. Lyra reacted strongly.

I supposed it was because I said it was cold. But it wasn't bad enough to get sick or anything

However, Ms. Lyra pulled me over to the bathtub and urged me to get inside.

It was awkward to go in while still clothed, but she pushed me in anyway.

We all washed Leo Ahaha! Mama got smaller! It's true! How interesting! Sherry is like that as well. I suppose it's because they are covered in so much soft hair? The fur gets stuck to her when wet. But the difference is so much stronger because of how fluffy she

I Bathed with a Sulky Leo Wou Give up, Leo. From now on, you will have to bathe regularly in order to stay clean. Wouuu Leo looked at the floor sadly as she followed after me. She had been playing so excitedly in the river. So why did she hate

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Leos bath ended

Ah, if it's tangled, then don't do it by force

Don't worry, I'm used to it.

Haha, that's right. I'm sure that your beautiful hair is maintained very well.

Mr. Takumi likes my hair Yes!

Hmm?

No, its nothing.

As she had been in the forest and even fought orcs, Leos fur was tangled in different places, making it hard to brush.

And so I was going to warn the others, but saw that Ms. Claire was already going slowly, as if she was used to brushing tangled hair.

Well, Ms. Claires hair was quite long, so it probably got tangled often.

Good Leo. Do you feel itchy anywhere?

Wuff-wuff!

I see. So you are fine.

Mamas tail is so big!

Liza, do you like big tails?

Yes. They are so impressive.

Indeed. And Leos is especially nice.

Liza and Tilura had been put in charge of Leos tail.

And while brushing it, Liza sounded a little jealous.

Her tail was already quite big, relative to the rest of her But apparently, she wanted a tail like Leos.

I had heard that tails were important for beastkin, so perhaps that was why.

Now, unfortunately Leo, were going to have to dump hot water on you again.

WUFFF!?

You really should be used to it by now.

Wuff

Leo was surprised that we were going to do it again.

However, even before we came to this world, I had always washed Leo the same way.

So she should have knownunless she somehow forgot.

You are going to pour hot water on her again?

Yes. After removing the dust with the brushes, I pour water over her one last time. And then I dry her off with a towel and brush her one last time, and then its perfect.

Alrighthat should do it. She is clean. Leo, your bath is finished!

Wou Wuff!

Even if you do not do it every day, that was a lot of work. Mr. Takumi, from now on, you should leave it to us.

Mama looks so nice!

Leo looks better when her fur is shining.

When I announced that the bath was over, Leo sighed as if she had been waiting a long time. But then she was cheerful again.

I petted her gently and praised her.

Up until now, Ms. Lyra had been in charge of drying Leo with a towel. And that was hard enough. But now she was saying that she would wash her as well.

And while it would mean less work for me, I would feel bad leaving it all to her. And so I would later suggest that we could take turns.

Now then Woah!

Wuff?

Ahh!

Kya!

Nya!

Waah!

I suppose Leo had been holding back the urge to shake, and finally felt like she was free.

And so before I could move away, Leo shook her body as hard as she could.

We had just poured the hot water on her, and so she was still soaking wet as the water flew.

Of course, it rained down on all of us.

And everyone raised their voices in alarm.

She must have really wanted to shake off the water, as she did it without restraint, so it was like a storm all around us.

Well, I was already wet but still

Don't look so surprised, Leo. I told you before that you need to move away before doing that.

Wouwou

Hah Well, it took a lot longer than usual, because I had to teach the others. So perhaps it could not be helped. In any case, Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra. Are you alright?

We went to Ractos with Liza. I felt a little bad for Mr. Ekenhart, as he left looking quite disappointed about not being able to go to Ractos. Ms. Claire would be going instead. I still remember seeing her raise her fist in triumph at this. I suppose she was

Ms. Gelda had jumped to conclusions. In the end, we ate what was initially served, as well as the new food that Ms. Helena brought, and it was a satisfying dinner. Only, Ms. Claire looked at her father, who ate ravenously, with a slightly angry expression. As for Sherry, since

I comforted Tilura. Well, it looks like they will arrive safely. We're 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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Everyone was wet

Right after shaking, Leo looked at us with a puzzled expression, and then looked startled when she realized. And then she bowed her head apologetically.

It had taken longer than usual, and she had done it without thinking. Still, I wish she had moved away a little

I then turned to Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra, who were soaking wet.

Liza and Tilura were already wet, and seemed to find it amusing.

That was a surprise Sherry does it sometimes. And so I am used to it. But its quite different when you are that big

I-I am fine. While it was quite sudden, I didnt expect to come out of this completely dry anyway.

Mama is amazing!

Well, she doesnt like it when her fur is wet and sticks to her Ah!

What is it, Mr. Takumi?

Uhhplease dont look at me like that Uhand dont get too close. For your own good as well.

UmIthink you should stay away!

Why? Did I say something rude?

Mr. Takumi? Oh! Lady Claire!

What is it, Lyra?

Your clothes are

Oh!? UhIm terribly sorry! You too, Lyra!

What!

After hearing Ms. Lyras word, Ms. Claire finally understood the situation, and moved away while apologizing with a look of embarrassment.

No, I shouldLeo should be the one to apologize.

In-in any case, you two should go first

Ye-yes! Of course.

Excuse me!

Huh? What happened to sister Claire and sister Lyra?

I think they were cold?

Wuff

Liza and Tilura were puzzled as to why Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra had left in such a hurry

Leo would have usually sighed with exasperation when I was in awkward situations with women, but this time, she groaned apologetically.

Liza and Tilura. Its not good to stay wet for too long, so you should go with them and dry off as well.

Uh, okay! Lets go, sister Tilura!

Yes, I understand!

Hah

Wuff?

Well, well wait here for a bit

Wou

I leaned against Leo and rested until my heart calmed down

Wellwhen youre wet, your clothes stick to you

Up until Leo had shaken, they had been careful to avoid getting too wet.

After that, I left Leo to Ms. Claire and the others, who had changed, and since I felt a little chilled, I went back into the hot water.

By the time that I was completely warm, I was back to normal.

When I got out, I saw that Leo had been dried, and she was sitting there quietly. The others were gone.

When I asked Leo, she said that since it was late, Ms. Claire had taken Tilura to her room, while Ms. Lyra had gone to put Liza to bed.

I suppose they were still embarrassed

And so I changed into the clothes that had been left for me, and realized that my face was growing hot again. It would be best to wait a little before returning to my room.

While Ms. Claire was fine, Ms. Lyra might still be in my room

I was able to borrow a cape I see. You may enter. But what brings you here at such a late hour? Uh, I have some business that I forgot about After arriving in Ractos, I banged on the door and called for the guard. There was a small window

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I received a big welcome It stopped raining? Wuff? Just when we had almost arrived at the mansion, the rain started to die down, and then stopped completely. I looked up at the sky while taking off my coat. I felt a little lighter then. But I was still wet.

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I went out into the back garden

Leo I know you just bathed, but lets go outside.

Wuff.

I thought that it would be good to cool off, and so I headed out into the garden with Leo.

Leo seemed to have realized the reason, and so she followed me quietly.

Hmm, since its the middle of the night, its quite cool and comfortable

The gentle wind felt nice against my body, which was warmed from the hot water.

Ah, nevermind me

Some of the servants had come out to check on the herbs. And they were about to bring out some tea when they saw me, but I told them that I was fine.

Kiii!

Oh, Rahle?

Wou.

As I was enjoying the cool breeze, I heard a familiar cry from the night sky above.

Leo was sitting next to me, and she barked in agreement.

Kii Kii?

Good evening, Rahle. Sorry, but Tilura is already sleeping.

Kii.

Rahle landed next to us and cried as if a greeting. Then it turned its head around like it was searching for someone.

As Leo and I were here, it probably thought that Tilura would be with us.

I apologized to Rahle, and it raised its right wing as if understanding.

Leo and the fenrirs were like that as well. I suppose the monsters here were good with gestures.

Ah, by the way Can I ask you something, Rahle?

Kii?

Since Rahle was here, I decided to ask something that I had been wondering about.

Thankfully, Leo was also here to act as a translator.

I dont know much about birds, but I thought you would have trouble seeing at night?

Kii Kii? Kii-kii.

Wuff. Wuff-wuff. Wou.

Huh? Is that so

Upon hearing the question, Rahle tilted its head as if puzzled.

According to Leos translation, birds here were able to see just as well as humans during the night.

I see

Well, maybe it was just something that I misunderstood. After all, owls could see well during the night.

Kii. Kii-kii.

Wou. Wuff-wuff.

Hmm? Is that so?

Kii. Kii!

Wou!

Uh, different from edible birds Well, yes, Rahle isnt like other birds

Rahle continued to cry in order to tell me something.

According to Leo, it was the birds you could eat that couldnt see well at night So I guess she was talking about chickens?

Thank you, Rahle. I learned something useful.

Kii!

Wou.

You really cant say no to Leo, huh. Like she is your leader?

Kii-kii!

Wou-wou.

Because Leo will turn you into roasted chicken? Well, I suppose she could do that

When I thanked Rahle, it raised its wing as if to say that it was nothing.

And then Leo nodded.

Unlike Tilura, it probably treated me like this because of Leos influence. It was almost like it was trained.

But perhaps it was not surprising, since Leo had knocked it out of the sky with magic.

She had changed so much from that small and cowardly maltese.

Though, she was still weak to the shouting of humans.

Do you eat birds too, Rahle? I know that youre a monster, but

Kii? Kii-kii.

Wuff. Wou.

I see they are just food.

Apparently, Rahle liked all kinds of meat. And even if it was a bird of a similar shape, it was still food.

Well, I suppose Rahle was at the top when it came to bird monsters, so it didnt matter.

Mr. Takumi. There you are.

Ms. Gelda?

Wuff?

I continued to talk to Rahle a little longer after that, and then I made my way back to my room. And while in the hallway, Ms. Gelda called to me.

It seemed like she had been searching for me. Has something happened?

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 wasn't tired anymore. Please leave her to me. If she wakes up, I will help her get ready and

Rahle did something dangerous Alright, Leo. Let's go too! Wuff! Chase after them! We should go too. Indeed. Will Tilura be alright? I understand that you're 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 had done well ...Leo? Wuff? Wuff-wuff! Good morning. There, there. What happened? I was standing where the servants had gathered, and so I could not see what was happening, as Leo and the fenrirs were blocking my view. Rahle was also spreading out his wings, so I could not

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Mr. Ekenhart had called me

The master wants to see you. He said that he wanted to talk to you while the others were away

Mr. Ekenhart? Do you know what he wants to talk about?

No, I do not. I was merely told to call you, unless you were sleeping. But you were not in your room when I checked

If she didnt have to wake me up, then it wasnt anything serious.

Perhaps he was just bored and wanted someone to talk to.

Ms. Claire would have rebuked him and told him to go to sleep.

I see. So its not urgent then. I had become a little overheated after my bath, and so I was cooling off in the garden. Sorry to have caused you trouble.

No, its nothing. Well, he is waiting in the dining hall.

Yes

Wuff.

Oh, youre coming too, Leo? You could go ahead and sleep with Liza if you want.

Wuff-wuff. Wou.

Uh, its just Mr. Ekenhart. Ill be fine alone. But you can come if you want.

Wuff.

And so Leo and I followed Ms. Gelda to the dining hall.

Excuse me. I have brought Mr. Takumi.

Mr. Ekenhart, you called?

Ah, Mr. Takumi. You came. Im glad that you werent asleep.

Im sorry about my master, Mr. Takumi.

No, its fine. Still, wine?

Mr. Ekenhart was sitting in his usual chair with a glass. Sebastian was waiting behind him.

Mr. Ekenhart was glad to see me, but Sebastian looked at me apologetically.

Well, I wasnt really sleepy, so it was fine. I did feel a little bad for Ms. Lyra

I was also curious about Mr. Ekenharts drink.

It was pink, so it must be that mixed wine Perhaps it was to help him sleep?

It is so delicious that I had to have some.

Wuff!

Ohh Leo seems to be rather tense around me tonight?

Ah, Leo. Calm down. Its just unusual for you to call me out like this.

Hmm. I see. Well, Leo is rather sharp.

Huh?

In any case, sit down so that we can talk.

Yes.

Will you drink?

I'll have some wine too then.

Of course.

Did Mr. Ekenhart have something serious that he wanted to discuss?

I thought as I took a seat. And then Leo sat down between us.

And though she was sitting, she was looking towards Mr. Ekenhart so that she could move at a moments notice.

That being said, if there was anything here that would make Leo cautious, then surely there was no way I could deal with it?

In any case, since Sebastian had asked, I decided to have some wine as well.

From previous experience I knew that I did not get drunk, so there would be no problem.

Besides, it would be easier for Sebastian than preparing some tea.

Please drink

Thank you.

Ms. Gelda placed a glass in front of me and Sebastian poured the wine.

I thanked them and then Ms. Gelda left the room.

Hmm, it really is delicious

Hahhyes.

Mr. Ekenhart said as he drained his glass in one gulp.

Well, that was like him.

Sebastian then poured him another glass. I suppose he cared more about the atmosphere than warning him about drinking too much.

I suppose Sebastian knew what Mr. Ekenhart wanted to say.

The complaints were heard ...Mr. Takumi wants to confide in me What is it? Ms. Claire was tilting her head with a puzzled expression, but looked a little happy as well. Thats enough talk about me. Why are you here, Mr. Ekenhart and Ms. Claire? Were you not able to

Leo discovered something Ms. Claire often seemed like she was holding something back. Perhaps she felt that it was necessary, as the dukes daughter. But from mine and Mr. Ekenharts point of view, it looked a little suffocating. But it was because of that, that the current Ms. Claire was

I decided to keep watch, like the last time Sebastian had asked me to gather some tree branches, but before heading out, I turned to another spot that I had been wondering about. Near Johanna, who was pitching a tent, I saw that Mr. Ekenhart was trying to pick up

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He questioned me as a father

Now, Mr. Takumi

Yes.

He looked as the wine was poured into his glass He seemed very thoughtful.

As the air had grown a little serious, I nodded cautiously.

What was he going to say?

Claire

Yes?

What do you mean to do in regards to your relationship with Claire?

Huh?

Wuff?

I was quite surprised by this.

This was all about Ms. Claire then?

Even Leo was surprised.

Umm Your Grace?

Mm I got ahead of myself. I am sorry.

No

Wuff

Sebastian had coughed, and Mr. Ekenhart apologized.

He had practically shouted it. Perhaps he was a little drunk then.

Phew And so, Mr. Takumi.

Yes.

Mr. Ekenhart emptied his glass again in order to calm down.

Perhaps he should pace himself a little?

But Sebastian refilled his cup calmly, so perhaps he was fine.

So, I wanted to ask you about Claire and if you have any plans.

Uh, well My plans are to go to Range village with her, and work on the fields

That is fine. I have my permission. Your idea was good Instead of hiring her, managing it together. However, that's not what I meant

Well, I thought of it on a whim What did you mean then?

It is just that with Claire. You seem to have come rather close.

Ah Well

Apparently, Mr. Ekenhart was concerned with how close we had become.

Of course, I care about her opinion, and so just hearing from you alone does not mean much. Still, if both of you choose the same thing, then I will allow it.

His Grace wished to see his grandchildren.

Grandchildren!?

Sebastian! I did not say that!

Indeed? But it seems like you were pushing Mr. Takumi to

No, I did not push anyone

Grandchildren But we weren't even dating

Uhh In other words, you want to know if I like Ms. Claire?

Mmm That is what I've been saying.

No, you were using vague expressions Well, I suppose the meaning was mostly the same.

It is obvious, even when viewed from a distance, that you do have feelings for Claire. And she knows that as well. But I am not sure how deep it is

Obvious. So even people aside from Mr. Ekenhart knew?

Both Sebastian and Leo were nodding, so I suppose it was plain to see.

After all, I hadwell, Leo had rescued her. And then she let us live in this mansion and took care of us.

I learned so much from her and Sebastian. And she treated me equally in spite of her position, which gave me a good impression.

There was no reason for me to not like her.

However

Im sorry. As for how I feel. I cannot answer it.

What? In other words, you know how she feels, and yet you want to just continue to toy with her?

Your Graceuse this

No, no, no! Not at all. And Sebastian, dont give him that sword right now! Where did it even come from!?

The moment that I refused to answer, Mr. Ekenhard glared at me angrily.

It was very scary!

Not only was I no match for him in skill, but I had never seen him look so intense before, and so I denied it frantically.

Besides, Sebastian was handing him a sword. That was not funny!

Aside from Mr. Ekenhart, everyone in the mansion adored Ms. Claire, so I really had to tread carefully here

No. But just in case, it might have to be used.

Might have to No, that wont happen!

Really?

Yes!

But you cannot answer the question about Claire Does that not mean that you are toying with her?

Sebastian put the sword awaysomewhere.

And so I ignored him. Still, why was Mr. Ekenhart jumping to that conclusion

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I decided to leave them and go to sleep Sebastian!? Sebastian!? It is late. You must be quiet, or you will wake up the others. Unless you do not mind disturbing their sleep, even though it will affect their performance tomorrow. Sebastians voice was very thorny indeed. I quickly opened

More people would be going to the forest Wait a minute, Mr. Takumi? Ms. Claire? As I looked at Liza and waited for her answer, Ms. Claire suddenly interrupted me. Well, uh If little Liza stayed at the mansion, then she would be alone. Butwell. As long as you and

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I Answered Mr. Ekenhart Seriously

While nothing clear had been said, it was true that I often felt that Ms. Claire was fond of me. There was that one time when things had been particularly intimate.

And then Mr. Ekenhart had ruined it.

I cannot answer it now.

Why is that? I can sense that Leo is tense, so it would be nice if you could just hurry up and tell me

Grr

I repeated that I could not answer, and then Mr. Ekenhart glared at me.

And Leo stood up and glared back at him.

Mr. Ekenhart was overwhelmed and seemed to shrink back.

I suppose it was because he brought out the sword

Its fine Leo, you dont need to intimidate him.

Mr. Ekenhart loved his daughter, and would not attack me out of nowhere.

In any case, it seemed like he would not let me go unless I gave him an answer. And it would affect how he treated me tomorrow. So it was best to say something.

Um Well, the truth is that I dont know.

You dont know?

Yes. I have never been close with someone like her before So I dont know my own feelings Well, I am indebted to Ms. Claire, you, and the people of this house. And while I like her as a person, I dont know if those feelings are romantic yet

So you lack experience I see. But even if its just light-heartedly, why not reciprocate a little?

No Wouldnt that be toying with her?

Well, you might become serious if you try?

His Grace failed many times in such a way when he was younger. Until he finally married his late wife

In spite of what he said earlier, Mr. Ekenhart was now suggesting that I didnt have to be serious.

Surely that would just lead to a situation where he cut me down.

It was true that I could change eventually

But after hearing how many time Mr. Ekenhart had failed, I did not think it was a good idea.

Also, while I am allowed to live here and make money selling herbs, I am still being protected by you.

Well, that is true. Though, with Leo, it is also like we are being protected.

Wuff!

Leo, this is no time for boasting.

Wou

In any case I suppose I want to become independent and try different things for myself first. And as I do that, I think things will become more clear to me. Perhaps I just want to buy time

Hmm I see

Hohoho

In spite of Leo and Weed Cultivation, I was still under their protection.

We had a contract and were selling herbs, they were doing a lot of the work for me, and helped me with so much.

Perhaps I sounded too formal or traditional, but I wanted to live independently first.

There was so much about this world that I didnt know yet, and I wanted to learn and become stable.

Mr. Ekenhart became thoughtful, and Sebastian laughed.

But they both seemed strangely relieved.

So, you are at least thinking about Claire seriously?

Ms. Clairemyself, Leo, Weed Cultivationand this world.

Mr. Ekenhart asked again and stared at me.

In spite of the fact that he had drunk a lot of wine, he was still intimidating. It reminded me that he was the head of a great house.

Still, I held my ground and answered.

He was the kind of person that watched closely to see if someone was lying.

I had seen him do it with Tilura before, and it certainly made me nervous to be his target.

Your Grace

What do you think, Sebastian?

He is not lying. I have watched Mr. Takumi closely, and he is not the kind of person to lie about such things.

Indeed. Exactly. Sorry, Mr. Takumi. I ended up testing you.

No She is your daughter, so it is only natural for you to want to assess potential partners Phew

Wuff

Sebastian and I had talked quite a lot since I came to this world.

And so it felt good to be trusted by someone who was trusted by both Ms. Claire and Mr. Ekenhart.

He questioned me as a father Now, Mr. Takumi Yes. He looked as the wine was poured into his glass He seemed very thoughtful. As the air had grown a little serious, I nodded cautiously. What was he going to say? Claire Yes? What do you mean to

Mr. Ekenhart had called me The master wants to see you. He said that he wanted to talk to you while the others were away Mr. Ekenhart? Do you know what he wants to talk about? No, I do not. I was merely told to call you, unless you were

More people would be going to the forest Wait a minute, Mr. Takumi? Ms. Claire? As I looked at Liza and waited for her answer, Ms. Claire suddenly interrupted me. Well, uh If little Liza stayed at the mansion, then she would be alone. Butwell. As long as you and

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Ms. Anne was the reason

Mr. Ekenhart trusted me now, and he apologized for the test.

Well, I understood how he felt, and it didnt bother me that much.

And so I smiled and let out a sigh of relief, as did Leo.

He really had been intimidatingand I grew nervous.

In any case, I would be careful to not do anything to lose that trust

Glughew I suppose I got a little frantic due to what happened earlier.

Indeed. Even if it was a fun situation, their opinions are the most important. Sometimes it is best to leave it to the young.

As a father, I wanted to question Mr. Takumi. Though, there was no need to worry

Um, what do you mean? Frantic?

Mr. Ekenhart drank his wine and let out a sigh.

Apparently, he had also been nervous, and was able to relax now.

I suppose he was talking about the bath, but why should he get frantic?

It was what Anneliese said.

Ms. Anne? Oh, about coming in with me?

Mmm. Well, while I doubted you would accept the offer. One is never sure

Well, I suppose it was flattering

Hoho. You are young, so its understandable.

Ms. Anne had said something shocking. But while she was very beautiful, she also had some very unfortunate qualities.

Regardless, it would have been very unfaithful of me to be thinking of Ms. Claire, while also accepting invitations from Ms. Anne.

That would be like accepting her marriage proposal.

Your Grace, you used to be the kind of person who would be fooled like that.

Sebastian. Dont talk about that! Besides, I was just being polite. A gentleman cant be rude and reject a lady!

Hoho The servants were so worried back then They thought your indiscretion would ruin you.

I dont remember doing anything to cause worry

We wondered if they wouldnt stab you And so we made sure to keep a guard or soldier around at all times.

So thats why Ah

Mr. Ekenharts relief did not last for long, as Sebastian started to bring up the past.

While he did look intimidating now, it was not too surprising. Even now, he was quite handsome when he shaved.

And given his position, all kinds of ladies would have been interested.

Nevermind me. Regardless, I am glad to know that Mr. Takumi is thinking about it seriously. Of course, I hope that they end up together in the end.

Together. Arent you getting ahead of yourself?

Well, a relationship between you two cant stay the same forever.

I suppose

The thought of my little Claire getting married

No, no. You really are moving too fast!

I still didnt understand my own feelings, and I wasnt sure about Ms. Claires either.

We could not decide anything now.

Why do you want her to get married? She is the oldest daughter, your oldest child. Isnt she your heir? I heard that women can become the head of the family. If she were to marry into someone elses family. Unless there are other brothers and sisters.

Lady Claire and Lady Tilura are His Graces only children. Unless he has hidden illegitimate children.

Even I would not do that. As you said, Mr. Takumi, gender does not matter. The first head and founder of this house was a woman. As for the marriage arrangements, that would depend on you and Claire. Obviously, it will be no good if both my daughters left.

I see So even if Ms. Claire left, Tilura will be your heir

That is likely. But it could also be any child between you and Claire. Some may not like it, but they will have our blood, so it doesn't matter.

We had a visitor I see, that is good. Well, like that, we learned that there is a lot more to protecting a target, than merely becoming stronger. After seeing that we did not want to hear more, Phillip sighed in relief and his expression brightened. Well, now that I

I answered Mr. Ekenhart Seriously While nothing clear had been said, it was true that I often felt that Ms. Claire was fond of me. There was that one time when things had been particularly intimate. And then Mr. Ekenhart had ruined it. I cannot answer it now. Why is that?

A misunderstanding ...Well, I used to know Deam when we were younger. He never trusted anyone, and only thought of using others Though, I never imagined that he would become a boss of the slums. I see So you were friends? No. I never did like the way that he

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I was the Dukes favorite

A child with Ms. Claire The mere thought was embarrassing and much too soon. Well, at least I didn't have to worry too much about Tilura Well, who knew what would happen?

With Barsler, it has already been decided. Because he only has one daughter. It is best to decide quickly.

As Ms. Anne was an only child, there was no way that she would marry into another family.

Unlike Mr. Ekenhart, they cared a lot about their status, and so they would only be thinking about finding someone to take her name.

And we must avoid having you go over there

Uh, what do you mean?

Wellum

You are hesitating. Is there some problem? Well, Im sure that house will be struggling for a while.

Thats not what I mean Hmm

Mr. Takumi. His Grace does not want you to leave. Hohoho

Sebastian!

Not want me to I didnt realize you were that attached?

I dont mean it like that!

It did feel a little awkward to hear such words from an old man.

To have you and Leo go with Anneliese Of course, we would not want that. After all, there is the legend of the Silver Fenrir and our founder.

Ah It would look like the count stole your emblem?

Something like that

There was a legend that their founder was able to treat with Silver Fenrirs on equal footing.

And with the help of a Silver Fenrir, the founder had achieved many things and was able to rise to the rank of Duchess.

So they felt a sense of duty

It was even on the family emblem, and so people would likely spread rumors about why a Silver Fenrir would leave them and go to the count.

However, there was something a little odd in the way that Mr. Ekenhart spoke.

Usually, he sounded very confident, but there was none of that now.

And his eyes were shifting But it did not look like he was lying either.

So

Hmm?

What do you mean?

Its very obvious, Your Grace.

Tsk! I suppose I drank too much!

NoI dont think its the wine

My master has never been good at lying. That is one of the reasons that the people like him But it sometimes makes my job difficult

To me, it seemed like a good thing, but I suppose it could be troublesome when dealing with other nobles and people of the upper class.

Even in business, while not outright lying, such things may be important

In any case, it was one of the reasons that people followed him, so it was not a bad thing.

Hah Well, then There are not many people who I can talk to honestly. Of course, the thing about Leo is also true. Butif you were to leavewe would have fewer opportunities to talkmm

Isnt it just as I said, Mr. Takumi?

Haha, I can see that.

Huh? What are you two talking about?

No, it is nothing. Dont worry about it.

Mmm

Equal. While I had never forgotten that I was talking to a lord duke, apparently, Mr. Ekenhart saw it differently.

Well, even if I was trying to talk politely, I was probably quite rude, considering it was with a nobleman After all, I didnt know anything about manners and how to deal with people of the upper class

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

Sebastian had a difficult past How hard it must have been. If he had used violence, then perhaps he would have more to eat. More money and clothes But even if that was what others were doing, he swore that he wouldnt. That was impressive. With Liza, the boys were

Ms. Anne was the reason Mr. Ekenhart trusted me now, and he apologized for the test. Well, I understood how he felt, and it didnt bother me that much. And so I smiled and let out a sigh of relief, as did Leo. He really had been intimidatingand I grew