

## Beloved Dog 61

### Chapter 61

We sat around the bonfire with Ms. Claire

“So you don’t know much about the others?”

“Wuff. Wou-wou.”

Apparently, while she knew that she was capable of using other kinds of magic, she still did not know what kind of magic they were.

So I suppose we wouldn’t know the effects until she used it.

Well, Leo and I had only been in this world for a few days. Of course, there would be a lot of things we still didn’t know.

If anything, I had just assumed that she knew a lot, perhaps because she was a Silver Fenrir now, and would sometimes act like she was more familiar with this world.

Leo had looked very proud at first when she talked about the magic she could use. But her expression gradually became more apologetic as she was unable to explain some things. And so I ruffled her fur as I sat next to her.

“It can’t be helped if you don’t know. So don’t worry. It’s not as if I know a whole lot about my Gift...Weed Cultivation.”

“Wuff-wuff.”

I patted Leo on the back, and then she moved her face close to me, so I patted her on the head as well.

Her thick silver fur felt so nice.

With enough pats and words of encouragement, Leo returned to her earlier mood.

She was currently warming herself in front of the fire, and wagging her tail to show that she enjoyed being petted.

...While it was nice that she was wagging her tail, I was worried that she was too close to the fire, and that her fur might get singed.

And so Leo and I spent the time completely relaxed until two hours had passed. And then I heard a rustling sound coming from the tents.

Was it Phillip? However, it seemed a little early for them to come out and trade places with me.

As I thought this and looked towards the tent, I realized that the sound wasn't from the men's tent, but the tent where Ms. Claire and Ms. Lyra were sleeping.

...I wonder what it is? Nature calling?

I waited a little longer, and then Ms. Claire stepped out of the tent.

"Mr. Takumi. Thank you for watching the camp."

"Not at all. Are you all right? Having trouble sleeping?"

"No... It is not that... May I sit next to you?"

"...Of course."

Ms. Claire sat down next to me, on the opposite side as Leo.

I wonder what was the matter... If she wasn't having trouble sleeping, then it would be best that she get a good and long rest...

“I just...wanted to talk with you, Mr. Takumi...”

“With...me...?”

“Yes...”

I stole a glance towards Ms. Claire, and saw that her cheeks were flushed.

Was it because of the firelight or...

In any case, she wanted to talk to me. I didn't know what it was about, but I would listen.

Leo was being quiet so as to not bother us. She lay low on the ground next to me.

However, she was looking in our direction, as if she was curious.

“I...Mr. Takumi.”

“Yes?”

“I wanted to thank you...for taking me to this forest.”

“Ah... Uh... It's really nothing. I was personally interested in this forest as well.”

It was where we had first appeared when coming here.

I didn't know how we had been transported here, but there must be a reason that this place was chosen.

According to Ms. Claire and the others, this place was called the Fenrir Forest.

And now Leo was a Silver Fenrir. I felt that there had to be more to this forest than what we knew.

“Still, allow me to thank you. I very much doubt I would have been able to come if you weren’t with me.”

“...Yes.”

“Also, aside from thanking you...”

“Is there something else?”

“Well, no, but... It’s about the time when I asked you to come to this forest with me.”

“Ah...yes.”

I could not forget Ms. Claire’s expression then.

In my old world, I had been terribly afraid of my superiors when they were angry after I made a mistake at work. Yet her face had surpassed even them...

“I...Sebastian was rather upset with me after that.”

“Sebastian?”

While I understood that Sebastian was prone to lecturing her out of concern for her wellbeing, I found it difficult...to imagine him getting angry.

“Of course, Sebastian is often quite upset with me...”

“I see...”

Now that I thought about it, our first encounter had been the result of her leaving the mansion all alone.

And I did remember that Sebastian complained to Ms. Claire once we returned.

Well, I suppose it was the duty of a butler to berate a young lady who is reckless?

Ms. Claire did have a very carefree side to her.

The idea of Sebastian being angry with Ms. Claire was starting to look less and less unlikely.

“And...he said that if I asked you...that you would not be able to refuse...”

“Ah...”

“Because as a guest in the mansion, you are especially reserved. And while we have not been acquainted for very long, I can still tell by your personality that I had made the request in a way that would be very difficult for you to refuse. And I am sorry.”

Indeed, I was not the type to refuse such a request.

I did think it was something I needed to work on. But...before I know it, I often have people asking different things of me.

At work, my coworkers would ask for help, and my workload would increase to the point where I couldn't handle it.

“I pulled you along without really thinking about your position. ...And I apologize for that.”

“...No...it really is fine. It is true. Not only then, but in general, I find it hard to deny a request. However, I'm not lying when I say that I too am very interested in this forest.”

“Still, it doesn't change the fact that I practically forced you. And that is not becoming for the daughter of a duke.”

“The duke?”

Suddenly, it seemed like the conversation was blowing out of proportion...

“We are near the top, even among nobles. And so it is difficult for people to refuse us. While using one’s position is not always a bad thing, in our house, it is strictly forbidden to use our power to control others. And I feel as if that is what I did with you.”

“...I see.”

We were talking on a very different scale now... I really did not mind coming... However, I would first listen to everything that Ms. Claire had to say.

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### Ms. Claire’s Apology

“It is shameful for the daughter of a duke to use her authority in such a way. Besides...”

“Yes?”

“I knew that it was not in your nature to refuse, and took advantage of it rather forcefully. I can make no excuses for that...”

“I see...”

I really did not see myself as having been forced to do it... If anything, a part of me thought it was a great opportunity.

Well, I wouldn’t deny that I had been afraid of Ms. Claire in the moment, but that hardly made me feel manipulated.

Besides, I still remember everything she said on that day... And there had been nothing about her position or authority?

Perhaps it was just my way of thinking. But she had never brought up her father being a duke.

And yet, she was being very hard on herself now.

...In any case, I would have to answer everything she said, one by one.

But first...

“Leo.”

“Wuff?”

I turned to Leo, who had been listening quietly. And then in a small whisper so that Ms. Claire could not hear, I told her what I wanted her to do.

Leo nodded and then got up to her feet. And then she moved away from me and went over to Ms. Claire.

Then Leo lay down and rested her face on Ms. Claire’s lap.

“Good Leo? Mr. Takumi. What is this?”

“For now, I think you should pet her and calm down.”

“...Very well.”

And so Ms. Claire did as I said and began to stroke Leo’s head.

The texture of Leo’s lushious coat had a healing effect, and Ms.Claire’s stiff expression began to relax.

“Ms. Claire.”

“Yes...”

Oh. At the sound of my voice, she became tense again.

Perhaps she thought that I would be cross with her, just like Sebastian?

But please, just continue to pet Loe and relax...

“...Umm. It seems that you believe you abused your authority, but I don’t agree with that. Not even a little. In fact, I don’t even think you were speaking to me as a daughter of a duke during that time.”

“...”

Alright. She was listening.

Leo. Please stay there and keep being petted.

I said wordlessly to Leo as our eyes met. And then I continued to speak.

...But I wasn’t even sure if Leo understood what I wanted.

“I won’t deny that I was a little overwhelmed when I saw you rebuke the servants. However, it wasn’t directed towards me, and yet you still apologized to me about raising your voice. And that was enough for me.”

“Mr. Takumi...”

“And while you may say that you took advantage of my character... I do not feel as if I’ve been used. If anything, I saw it as a convenient reason for me to come to this forest. ...Furthermore...”

“?”

“How could a man like me not feel happy about having a beautiful woman make a request to him?”

“...Oh...Mr. Takumi...”

Ms. Claire’s cheeks flushed... Perhaps I had said too much?

Oh, well. There was no taking it back now.

Besides, her expression had relaxed greatly.

And it was a little difficult to see such a pretty face be tense for so long...

“...But, are you really certain about it?”

Ms. Claire was still not wholly convinced.

Hmm... In that case...

“In that case, Ms. Claire. Please tell me the reason that you wanted to come to this forest. And then we can consider this entire matter settled.”

“...If that is what you want, Mr. Takumi. Of course, I already did mean to tell you.”

“...Yes, you did say that.”

“It was just that I assumed then, that it would be only you and Leo who were with me. And that we could talk whenever we wanted.”

“Ahaha. Well, not Sebastian, Ms. Lyra and the guards are here too.”

“It is not something I want Sebastian to hear... But I can speak of it now. Everyone is asleep.”

“Indeed.”

So, Ms. Claire was finally going to tell me why she wanted to come to this forest.

The reason that warranted berating her servants and asking me rather vigorously to accompany her... I had been so curious that I only slept for about eight hours at night...

No, that was a joke. Such pointless and unspoken thoughts drifted in my mind as I waited for Ms. Claire to begin.

"I... I have no actual interest in the forest itself. My real interest is with the Silver Fenrirs."

"The ones that aren't Leo?"

"Yes. Different Silver Fenrirs... To borrow your words, Mr. Takumi, the Silver Fenrirs of this world..."

"Hmm... And why are you interested in Silver Fenrirs?"

"It is because... Well, my encounter with Leo is part of the reason..."

Here she paused once and seemed to be deep in thought.

In the meantime, Leo continued to lie there quietly under Ms. Claire's hand.

As she petted Leo, Ms. Claire's face showed a gentle smile that was quite different from her expression earlier.

Leo's healing ability was impressive...

Perhaps this is what they meant when they said Silver Fenrirs were the most powerful... As the silly notion came to me, Ms. Claire seemed to have gathered her thoughts.

"I...when I was born... To be precise, as far back as I can remember...from that time...a certain rumor spread through the household among the servants."

“A rumor?”

“Yes. They were saying that I was the founder, the first lord of the Liebert house, now reborn.”

“Reborn... Was there a reason for people to think this?”

“That... It had to do with a painting.”

“A...painting?”

“There were several such paintings. They showed the growth of the first lord of the Liebert house. And one of the paintings was that of a baby. ...And I looked just like it.”

“You did? ...Was the founder of your house a woman then?”

“Yes. But in spite of being a woman, she stood on the battlefield and bravely routed out the enemy forces.”

So the founder was...a woman... Given the stories of battle that led to becoming a noble, I had assumed that she was a man...

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Ms. Claire told me the reason that she wanted to come to the forest

“And even as I grew older, I was mirroring the portraits that depicted the growth of the first lord.”

“So you were the spitting image of her...?”

“Yes. And so the servants of the Liebert household had great expectations as I was raised. I was the first founder reborn. Someone who would surely bring great prosperity to the house...”

“What...about the others...such as your father?”

“...Oh, my father didn’t believe that just because we looked alike that we were the same person. In fact, he would often tell me that I must not believe the stories and try to copy what she did. He said that I must think and live in my own way.”

“...He sounds like a good father.”

“Yes... Both Tilura and I were doted on greatly by him. ...That is, of course, outside of the times he would speak of marriage...that is...”

“Hahaha... But perhaps it is because he has some great plan?”

“If he does, I had no time to consider it when I was being crushed by the sheer numbers of suitors he pushed onto me!”

Apparently, her father had made her meet many suitors.

Obviously, I had no idea what it was like to be a father who wanted his daughter to get married.

I didn’t even have any children.

“...But I digress... It was because of my father’s words that I was able to live without having to think about these stories about being a reborn ancestor. However...”

“Yes?”

“For some reason, hearing people talk about the legends and stories of Silver Fenrirs makes my heart leap in my chest with excitement.”

“It does...”

My eyes nearly traveled down to Ms. Claire’s ample chest, but the power of will stopped them.

I would not want to be rude..

“And I feel like that when I see Leo. Something just wells up inside of me when it comes to Silver Fenrirs.”

“Hmm...”

“I don’t know the reason for this. And felt that the only way to find out was to come to this forest where my ancestor first met a Silver Fenrir.”

“However... There is no guarantee that there will be another Silver Fenrir, is there? Besides, you’ve already met Leo?”

“If I cannot find one after searching the forest, then that cannot be helped. I will give up when that time comes. As for Leo, I cannot explain it. But while I do feel an excitement, it is not as strong as when I hear about other Silver Fenrirs.”

“So you are searching for a Silver Fenrir who is not Leo... Is that right?”

“I think that is what it is. However, in any case, it is not an impulse that I cannot control. And so I intend that if we do not find any hints or clues to finding a Silver Fenrir tomorrow, then I will abandon this endeavor.”

“Will you really give up?”

“Yes. Just coming here has put not only you, but Sebastian and Lyra...and others at risk.”

“...”

“What lies at the end of this fascination with Silver Fenrirs... I think about it often. And so for me, this expedition is not only a search to see if they are really in this forest, but also a hope that if they are not, that I can then move on and think of other things.”

“I see...”

“...I can...hardly say such things to Sebastian and the others.”

“But why is that? Surely they would understand if you explained it to them?”

“...As I said earlier...it was the servants who started and spread the rumors about me being the first Liebert. Now, if Sebastian were to know that such a rumor has become a burden to me, he may feel responsible.”

“Ah...that is true.”

While it wasn't the sole reason, the rumor had perhaps been an impetus that made Ms. Claire curious of Silver Fenrirs.

What would Sebastian do if he knew... I think he would feel responsible... I was not sure what his exact age was, but he did look like someone who had been around for a long time.

And seeing as how concerned he was for Ms. Claire, and how she trusted him, he was likely a butler at the Liebert house since she was born.

In other words, he was among the servants who began the rumor.

“I'm sorry, Mr. Takumi. To get all wrapped up in someone else's sentiments... I must look rather foolish from the outside, making so much over so little...”

“No, not at all. Besides, I'm glad that I was able to find out what was bothering you.”

“You are very kind, Mr. Takumi... Ah...”

“What is it?”

“Well...It's... Everything I told you now. Could you keep it a secret from Sebastian and the others?”

“Hahaha. Very well. I swear that what we heard here shall not leave our lips. Isn't that right, Leo?”

“Wuff!”

“Thank you. Mr. Takumi and Leo.”

There was no tension left in the air now, and for a time, I continued to sit there with Ms. Claire and Leo peacefully.

Ms. Claire even spoke a little more about her reasons for being interested in Silver Fenrirs and her ancestor.

Well, there were other questions I had as well, but I thought that I would ask her another time...

I felt quite satisfied already, seeing Ms. Claire's blushing and bashful expressions.

After some time had passed, when it was nearly time to trade places, I heard a voice coming from the direction of the mens tent.

“Ah, Mr. Takumi. Lady Claire. Thank you for taking the first watch. You seem to have been enjoying yourself?”

“Mr. Phillip.”

It was Phillip the guard who would take the next watch.

For some reason, Phillip looked like he was trying to hold back a smile as he walked towards us.

And had he always been this talkative?

He had seemed so much more formal and orderly during the day...

“I see that you're back to your old self now that Sebastian isn't around, Phillip.”

“Oh... How rude of me. Well, seeing as that old watcher of watchers isn't here, I thought I might as well take it easy.”

“...So, this is how Mr. Phillip is usually like.”

He certainly had a casual way of talking.

Of course, I did find it a lot more approachable than the formal way of talking... That was good, right?

## Chapter 64

### Sebastian was Awake

“Hahaha. Yes, this is how I usually talk, Mr. Takumi. However, Mr. Sebastian always rebukes me, saying I should be more careful when serving a duke.”

“I see... And so you’re letting it go now that Sebastian isn’t here...”

“Yes, yes. Something like that.”

Phillip said with a light chuckle as he sat down by the fire.

“Now, Mr. Takumi. It’s time for us to trade places.”

“Yes. I am starting to feel sleepy.”

“Shouldn’t you also get some rest, Lady Claire? Mr. Sebastian will be angry with you again if you aren’t fully recovered tomorrow.”

“...Very well.”

And so Ms. Claire and I stood up in order to prepare for tomorrow by getting some sleep, just like Phillip suggested.

Even Leo, who had been lying down comfortably as Ms. Claire petted her, also stood up. I supposed she wanted to sleep with me.

As we rose to our feet, Phillip smiled with amusement and said,

“Lady Claire. You really shouldn’t think too much of the past. Sebastian and I work at the mansion because you are there.”

“...Phillip... You were listening to what I said?”

“...What could you be talking about?”

Phillip looked away in order to escape Ms. Claire’s glaring eyes. It was such an obvious attempt at feigning ignorance that I thought he was going to start whistling to himself.

...Apparently, Phillip had been listening to our conversation.

Uh. I hadn’t said anything strange, had I?

The thought of him hearing everything that I said to Ms. Claire was also a little embarrassing.

It was too dark to see clearly, but I hoped that my face wasn’t turning red...

“...Ha... Let’s go then, Ms. Claire.”

“...Indeed... I would like to interrogate Phillip a little further...but from the looks of it, he will not be answering my questions.”

“Yes. Well, then. I leave the watch to you, Phillip.”

“Aye! I’ll protect you, so sleep well!”

And with that, Ms. Claire and I returned to the tents.

Ah, that's right.

"Ms. Claire."

"...Yes?"

Just as Ms. Claire was about to enter the tent, I remembered something and shouted out to her.

She turned around and I walked up to her and took out some herbs from my bag.

"I thought you might want to eat some of this before sleeping."

"What is it?"

It was too dark to see it clearly, but it was black dried flower.

I handed it to Ms. Claire while explaining its effect.

"It's a herb that helps you sleep well. Eating it before going to bed will cause all of the day's fatigue to disappear."

"Is that so? ...Was this also made with Weed Cultivation?"

"Yes. I made it while conducting different experiments."

"...Your research... I hope that it won't be long before you will tell me all about what you are doing?"

"Yes, of course. It's nothing that I need to hide. And so I will tell you when we have time."

"Very well. Good night, Mr. Takumi."

“Good night.”

And then I went to the mens tent.

But when I glanced over my shoulder, I saw that Ms. Claire had not moved, and was eating the herb I had given her.

When she was done, she stepped into her tent.

...I do hope that she feels well tomorrow.

The herb that I had given her. I had made it while thinking of those supplements they used to sell while I was working. They always had these taglines about how effective they would be during those times when you were still tired after sleeping.

I had tried eating it before bed yesterday, and woke up feeling very refreshed.

Though, only trying it once myself was not a guarantee that it would work for everyone, but I felt that it would be fine.

And so I ate some of the herb as well as I entered the tent.

Leo was too big to fit inside, and so I would lay out a blanket on the ground in front for her to sleep on.

Her coat was so long and thick, that I was sure that the cold would not bother her.

I even asked her about it, and Leo nodded that she was all right.

And so I petted her lightly as she rolled up into a ball, and then I got inside of the hemp sleeping bag that was in the tent...

Once inside, I closed my eyes. That's when Sebastian suddenly called to me.

“Thank you, Mr. Takumi.”

“...Sebastian. You were awake?”

“Yes.”

Had Sebastian also been listening in on my conversation with Ms. Claire?

Well, the distance between the tents and the bonfire was not that far, so perhaps they could hear us.

“...Did you hear us then?”

“Yes. I did not think that Lady Claire would eventually feel troubled over the rumor that we servants spread.”

So, Ms. Claire was right. He did feel a degree of responsibility over it.

“Sebastian. That’s...”

“I know. Lady Claire does not wish me to feel any responsibility over it. And so we will speak of it no more. But I would still like to thank you for listening to her. I think that being able to confide in someone would have lifted some of the burden from her shoulders.”

“I...do hope so.”

I would be happy if just by listening to her, Ms. Claire would feel even a little bit easier.

“Well, then. Good night, Mr. Takumi.”

“Yes. Please rest well until it is your turn to take the watch.”

“I will. I am no longer young, so I will have a difficult time tomorrow if I don’t sleep.”

“Hahaha. But you are still in the prime of life.”

“I do hope so. Hohoho.”

After we laughed over this, we quietly went to sleep.

There were times when you did see Sebastian’s age while looking at him. But he was so energetic... Even today, he had walked through the forest and searched for a camping spot and even helped pitch the tents.

And yet he never showed how tired he was. Clearly he was young enough.

It was with such thoughts that consciousness faded away from me.

...Thanks to the herbs, I was able to fall into a deep, dreamless sleep.

Perhaps these herbs are more effective than those supplements with the suspicious marketing?

I think I will call them good sleep herbs.

The next morning, when I awoke from my sleep, I felt completely refreshed and without feeling anything from the previous day. And so I became sure that the herbs were effective.

## Chapter 65

### We Started To Search Through The Forest

“Good morning, Mr. Takumi.”

“Good morning, Ms. Claire, and everyone.”

In the morning, I got out of the tent and washed up at the river. Then I returned to the fire to see that Ms. Claire was sitting there.

Johanna sat next to her, and Ms. Lyra was already using the pot and preparing breakfast.

As for Phillip, Sebastian and Nicholas, they were discussing how we would go about exploring the forest.

...So I was the last person to get up...

And so I greeted Ms. Claire and then the others.

Leo had also woken up before me, and was waiting behind Ms. Lyra.

Clearly, she was quite hungry.

“Mr. Takumi. Thank you for the herbs last night. I was able to sleep very well and feel none of the fatigue from yesterday.”

“I’m glad that it was so effective. I tried it myself, and it does seem that I was successful in making them.”

“Lady Claire. What are these herbs you speak of?”

Johanna, who sat next to her, seemed very curious.

“Mr. Takumi gave them to me last night before I went to sleep. He said that they would help to rid me of any tiredness...”

“Well, it’s supposed to help you sleep. And I suppose a good and deep sleep is what helps get rid of the tiredness of the day.”

“You have such a herb...”

After that, since Sebastian and the others also showed an interest, I decided to share it amongst them.

Of course, I did not have much with me, but there was enough for everyone to use for a night.

It hadn't been decided yet how long we would stay here, but I told them to use it whenever they wanted.

After that, Ms. Lyra was finished cooking.

And so I handed Ms. Lyra her share of the herbs while accepting my breakfast.

It was the same orc meat we had yesterday.

Because we needed to eat it before it went bad.

Once we were finished, we would explore the forest.

While being with Leo meant we wouldn't have to worry about being attacked by monsters, it also wasn't efficient for us to explore as one large group.

And so I, Leo, Ms. Claire and Sebastian would explore the forest.

Phillip and Nicholas would explore the area surrounding the camp, drive away any nearby monsters and look for traces of fenrirs.

Ms. Lyra would stay in the camp and watch the fire, and Johanna would keep her safe.

"Well, then. Let's go, Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi and Leo."

"Very well."

"Yes."

"Wuff!"

Sebastian took the lead, Leo and I followed, and Ms. Claire was in the back.

As long as Leo and I cut down the bushes and trees, it would be easier for her to walk.

...Though, this was mainly thanks to Leo's body being so big.

We moved farther away from the river and continued to walk silently through the forest for some time.

After about an hour had passed, the area grew dense with trees to the point where the sunlight barely got through, and it became quite dark.

"...It's getting dark."

"Indeed... At this rate, it will be too dark to see anything that might approach us. Lady Claire, are you all right?"

"I'm still fine. I'm not at all tired like I was yesterday."

Unlike yesterday, Ms. Claire was having no trouble keeping up with us.

There wasn't much to carry this time, and it was easier to walk, thanks to Leo using her body to press down or break away any branches and plants that were in our path.

"...Still, it will be quite dangerous when we can barely see our feet. I suppose I have no choice then. Though, I had wanted to save my magic energy for emergencies."

"...Magic?"

"Yes. I will use some light magic."

So saying, Sebastian raised the short sword that he was using to cut down the branches.

“Light Elemental Shine.”

Sebastian chanted, and the raised blade began to glow.

“Now it will be easier to see our surroundings.”

The sword was now emitting a light that was so bright that it hurt to look at it directly.

And so the dark forest brightened up, even though we could barely see our feet a moment ago.

It wasn't quite as bright as being directly under the sun, but we could now see quite deep into the forest.

“What convenient magic.”

“It's simple magic. All I did was create some light. You will be able to do it as well with some practice, Mr. Takumi.”

“Magic... Will you teach it to me when we return to the mansion?”

“If you wish.”

“Hmm... I could also teach you a little...”

“Hohoho. However, Lady Claire. Surely you must recall that it was I who taught you the basics of magic? And so you must agree that I am more suited for the job?”

“...But I have studied since then! I can teach him as well!”

“Hohoho. In that case, I shall leave it to you, Lady Claire. You must be very pleased, Mr. Takumi.”

“...Yes.”

I muttered quietly.

What was this...? It seemed like Sebastian had a habit of trying to match me up with other people.

It seemed rather strange, since he was Ms. Claire's butler?

And he had done something similar with Ms. Lyra... What was his goal here?

We continued to talk like this as we walked deeper into the forest. However, we did not find anything that day.

We checked our watches to keep track of time so that we would be able to return to the camp before the sun came down.

On our way back, I talked with Sebastian and Ms. Claire about it, and we decided to explore in a different direction tomorrow.

And in spite of the fact that we did nothing but just walk, Leo seemed to have enjoyed it beginning to end.

Perhaps it was because she said that there was something about the forest that felt nostalgic.

And then two days passed. We continued our search, but did not find so much as a trace of the fenrirs being there.

We did not lack for food, as Leo would take down any orcs we happened to encounter, but we were running out of vegetables.

And so after dinner, we talked about the search.

"This will now be the third day of the search and the fourth day since we entered the forest... And yet we have nothing to show for it."

“Yes. We have also been searching this area, and have found nothing aside from orcs...”

“...”

“Maybe there really aren’t any fenrirs in this forest?”

“Wuff?”

The question had come from Johanna.

It was no surprise, seeing as we had found nothing in spite of searching for so long.

Even Leo looked stumped.

Yesterday, we had even extended the time we spent searching, and went far deeper into the forest. And yet there was nothing.

We could get by on the orc meat.

And there was a river for water. However, people were starting to get tired.

By now, they had all eaten the herbs that I had given them.

That would happen if you had to sleep in a tent for so many nights.

“Tomorrow, if we cannot find anything after searching, then I will give up and we will return to the mansion.”

As we surrounded the fire and talked, Ms. Claire had been looking down the whole time as if deep in thought.

Perhaps Johanna’s question had been the trigger. But Ms. Claire had made the decision to return.

## Chapter 66

### The Last Day of the Forest Search

“Are you sure, Lady Claire?”

“Yes. I doubt staying any longer in this forest will be much good. We should withdraw before everyone grows too tired to walk.”

“Yes, that is true, but...”

Sebastian had a harsh expression as he listened to Ms. Claire’s decision.

No, it wasn’t just Sebastian. Phillip and the guards and Ms. Lyra also looked deeply troubled.

But there was a reason that Sebastian and Ms. Lyra, who had initially been against coming here, had such expressions.

It was because they had all heard what Ms. Claire and I had talked about while I was on guard duty.

While Ms. Claire didn’t know it, I think she might have sensed something.

As for me, I just kept my mouth shut.

It seemed that the way it had spread was that Phillip had told the other guards, and then Johanna had told Ms. Lyra.

When resting in the tent, and as people changed shifts, they would ask me if it was true that Ms. Claire was troubled over it, and I didn’t know how to respond.

In the end, Sebastian had calmed them all down by declaring that they would get to the root of her troubles by exploring the forest.

All of them seriously wanted to do something to help her.

Ms. Claire really was loved by the servants.

“I can’t just continue to involve all of you in my whims. And so if we don’t find anything tomorrow, we will return to the mansion.”

“...I understand.”

With Sebastian leading the others, they all nodded with looks of disappointment.

Of course, I felt the same.

Especially since I had heard the words directly from Ms. Claire.

If only we could find something that was connected to the fenrirs or Silver Fenrirs.

But no matter how much I wished for this, we could not find anything.

Regardless, the matter had been settled, and so we went to bed, knowing that tomorrow was the last day.

While the order in which we took the watch changed every day, we were paired up the same as during the first day.

Once, orcs had attacked us in the middle of the night.

Well, it was when Johanna and Ms. Lyra were on guard duty. And Leo, who was supposed to have been asleep, got up quickly and turned them into meat.

And so in preparation for tomorrow, I ate some good sleep herbs and went to bed.

It was the last one that I had saved after sharing the rest with the others.

Now, I hoped that we would find something tomorrow!

The next day, after we finished eating breakfast, we left Ms. Lyra and Johanna at the camp and the rest of us stepped foot into the forest.

We also set the time for returning to the camp later than usual, so that we could search for as long as possible.

In fact, since it would be a waste of time to go back in order to eat lunch, Ms. Lyra had given us some orc meat that had been cooked in herbs that we could carry with us.

And so we would eat that for lunch, and have a proper dinner when we finished our search and returned in the evening.

Unlike previous days, we would enter the forest from an area that was reached after crossing the river.

As the river only went up to your thighs, it wasn't too hard to cross as long as you were careful so that your feet didn't slip.

Of course, you still got wet. And that was why we had been avoiding it.

Now that Ms. Claire had decided to return, this was no time to hesitate just because our feet might get wet.

And so even Ms. Claire did not care about getting wet as she crossed and joined us in searching.

Well, it wasn't as if we had searched everywhere on the other side before crossing the river. However, if this was the last day, we might as well try and step out into completely new territory. That had been Phillip's opinion.

And so a few hours after crossing the river, we walked through the dense forest.

Sebastian and Phillip used magic to light our path as we advanced.

“...We really can't find anything...”

“Indeed...”

“...We should take a rest once. I think that everyone is tired after searching for so many days in a row.”

As Phillip and I confirmed that neither had found anything, Sebastian glanced over to Ms. Claire and suggested that we rest.

As I had eaten the herb the night before, I wasn't carrying any of the fatigue from yesterday. However, it was a little tiring to walk nonstop.

Besides, I could see the tiredness starting to appear on not just Ms. Claire, but the faces of the others as well.

And so perhaps we should rest and eat lunch.

Though, there were no clearings nearby. So we just sat randomly on the ground and ate the food that Ms. Lyra had prepared for us.

“Are you all right, Ms. Claire?”

“...Yes, I think so. I am indeed tired, but I've gotten used to walking in the forest during these past few days.”

“So you can still walk then?”

“Yes, I'm fine. This is the last search. I really must find traces of the fenrirs, no matter what.”

That being said, we had not found anything of the sort yet.

And while she said she was used to it, we had been walking for days now. She could be more tired than she realized.

Hell, even Sebastian was massaging his feet as he ate, as if he was in pain.

And he always put an effort into hiding that he was tired. I assumed that Ms. Claire had been doing the same...

“What should we do, Leo?”

“Wuff?”

“If we don’t find something soon, we’ll have to return to the mansion without obtaining anything. That would mean Ms. Claire had forced everyone to come here for nothing... I’d really like to prevent that from happening.”

“Wou...wuff? Wuff-wuff!”

“Hmm? What is it, Leo?”

I had been muttering to Leo, who was sitting next to me and eating sausages. And then after a moment of thoughtful silence, she suddenly started barking at me.

What is it...? Monsters?

“Are there monsters about?”

“Monsters?”

As I asked Leo, Sebastian immediately reacted.

“Wuff-wuff.”

But Leo shook her head to say that it was not the case.

Sebastian and the others sighed with relief, and then they went back to eating their lunch.

“Then what is it, Leo?”

“Wou... Wuff. Wuff.”

Leo pushed her face towards my hand and licked it once. And then she pointed her nose to the ground.

...Huh...?

“Wuff-wuff-wou-wou.”

What...? Weed Cultivation?

...!

“I had forgotten!”

Yes, I had Weed Cultivation.

And unlike magic, it did not use up magic energy.

I didn’t understand the details of how it worked at all, but I had never felt tired after using Weed Cultivation.

And there were so many useful things that I could do with it!

Chapter 67

I made something useful for exploration with Weed Cultivation

Everyone seemed to be a little surprised by my sudden outburst, but this was no time to be concerned with such things.

If anything, I wanted to apologize that I had forgotten about such a useful Gift.

...Why had I forgotten about it... I had even given them herbs that I made with Weed Cultivation...

We were in the middle of the forest.

Which meant standing on soil.

So I should be able to grow some plants.

If I could do that, then the rest was easy.

“Excuse me, Ms. Claire. And everyone else.”

“What is it, Mr. Takumi?”

“Why did you shout so suddenly?”

They all looked at me oddly.

And so I bowed my head to them.

“I had forgotten something very important. And I’m terribly sorry. I had this all along. Weed Cultivation!”

“...Indeed, you do have that Gift, Mr. Takumi. But what about it?”

“With it, I should be able to do something about everyone’s tiredness, as well as make the search much easier!”

“...Really?”

“...Mr. Takumi. But isn't your Gift something that makes plants? Like Loe... And you did give us something to help us rest...”

“That's it. I had been doing some tests. And the herb I gave to you was the result of those tests. Not only that, but it was a plant whose appearance and effect had been completely unknown to me.”

“What do you mean?”

“Hmmm... I don't think we have time for a detailed explanation, so I'll avoid that now. In any case, please let me test to see if I can use Weed Cultivation here.”

“...Of course.”

I said, and everyone decided to watch me quietly.

I also patted and thanked Leo for reminding me.

“Thank you, Leo. You made me remember something important.”

“Wuff!”

Leo wagged her tail happily and barked as if to say that I was welcome.

Really, why had I forgotten... I had even been studying it.

The reason was clearly my own carelessness, but now was not the time for regrets.

And so in order to use Weed Cultivation, I placed my hands on the ground.

...First, I needed to make sure that I could do it.

I used Weed Cultivation and tried to grow the first plant that came to my mind.

And then a few seconds later, a Loe plant sprouted from between my fingers.

“All right. Now I know that I can do it.”

“So this is Weed Cultivation... Mr. Takumi’s Gift...”

“To think that it can grow from nothing...”

As Phillip and Nicholas had never seen Weed Cultivation before, they were quite astonished. But they hadn’t seen anything yet.

For the first time since I came to this world, I was excited at the idea of really making good use of this ability as I focused on using it.

During these past few days, as we explored the forest, I had been thinking about plants, and what effects would be useful. And so I would make them now.

...In spite of thinking of such things, I had never thought to actually use Weed Cultivation. I wanted to go back in time and punch myself.

In any case, I had to focus now.

I didn’t want to make something that was unsatisfactory.

And so I brought up images of the plants that I had thought about, and began to make them grow in the spaces between the trees.

“I finished.”

“So many...”

“Mr. Takumi. What kind of plants are these?”

The others then helped me pick the finished plants.

Not only that, but I then held each plant and changed it so that they would be effective as medicine.

During previous experiments, I had discovered that Weed Cultivation was able to change plants into a state where they would have maximum effectiveness.

Though, it was mainly because I had known that I was able to dry the Ramogi with my hands.

And so I tested it with others, and fresh plants dried in a second.

“Uh, here. Ms. Claire, Sebastian, Phillip and Nicholas. Please eat these.”

“...Are you quite sure?”

Ms. Claire held the dried plant in her hand and looked at it skeptically.

The others reacted in a similar way.

Well, I could not blame them.

While they were green leaves, the leaves had purple lines running through them. And some might feel that they looked poisonous.

“It’s fine. See? \*gulp\*.”

“...”

In order to show them, I ate the leaf myself.

It was in no way delicious, but since Leo was looking at me as if she wanted some too, I gave her some.

This seemed to satisfy the others, and they all shoved the leaves into their mouths.

And while they scowled at the taste of the leaves, they chewed and swallowed. And after a few seconds had passed, their expressions changed.

“This is...amazing! I have never felt so energized before!”

“Yes, it’s true... Mr. Takumi, what a wonderful plant you have created.”

“It’s...astounding...”

“I feel like I do right before I start training!”

Ms. Claire, Sebastian, Phillip and Nicholas were all surprised as they began to move around.

...It was good that they weren’t tired, but perhaps moving around so much would just make them tired all over again?

“Wou! Wou!”

Leo was also full of energy now, and she began to run through the forest while adeptly weaving through the trees.

...Or maybe she had always been like this?

“I’m glad that they were effective. Now, try...these ones.”

“There’s more?”

Asked Ms. Claire as she accepted the herbs.

“Yes. These should help with exploration. ...Ah, before you eat them, Sebastian and Phillip, could you turn off the magic lights?”

“...Are you sure? We won’t be able to see our surroundings.”

“Yes, that is fine.”

And so they dismissed the magic lights.

After feeling the immediate effect of the herbs, they were more willing to believe me now, and so obeyed.

Good... Because I think that having a bright light around after eating these might be a little painful...

“Mmm...gulp.”

Everyone ate the two leaves I handed them at once.

It didn’t look as poisonous as the first one, but the taste was even worse.

And though they grimaced, I saw that they all swallowed their leaves.

Oh, I have to eat mine as well.

“...Mr. Takumi...this...it should be too dark to see our surroundings, and yet I can see just fine!”

“The forest is bright? No...it just looks bright...is that it?”

“To be exact, it’s a herb that allows you to see clearly even when you are in the dark and there is only a little light.”

“Amazing.”

“Indeed...”

Phillip and Nicholas looked at each other and nodded in surprise at being able to see so clearly.

But wasn't it a little too early to be this surprised? After all, they had only eaten two types.

Chapter 68

Leo detected something inside of the forest

“Oh, we will surely make much better progress in the search with this.”

“Indeed. While we do have light magic, it does not illuminate very far.”

“Yes, there are always places that are too dark to see.”

Sebastian and the others were very impressed that they could now see the forest clearly without any light.

However, Ms. Claire seemed a little strange.

...Had she noticed it then?

“Mr. Takumi. I don't know if something has come over me, but...I feel as if I can now sense the presence and hear the voices of the forest creatures...”

“Ms. Claire, it's not your imagination. That is the effect of the second herb.”

“This...”

After they had eaten the herbs that revived their energy, I had given them two different herbs together.

One was the herb that allowed them to see in the dark with only a little light, which Sebastian and the others were so impressed with.

And the second was a herb that enhanced your ability to detect presences and sounds that were around you.

With this, we should be able to detect any fenrirs if they were close by.

“Here...have some too, Leo.”

“Wuff...munch...wou...”

“It tastes bad...? Sorry about that.”

I called over Leo, who had been running around wildly, and fed her some of the herbs.

However, the taste had not been to Leo’s liking.

She lowered her head with a disgusted expression, but ate the rest anyway.

Good girl, Leo.

As Leo ate, I looked to see how the others were doing.

“This...I can see my surroundings without light. On top of that, I can even detect creatures and sounds that are far away and blocked by the trees...”

“Nicholas...in that direction...it is probably an orc. So this is what it’s like to have your senses sharpened.”

“Indeed. I can even hear their breathing. It is as if I can see them.”

“This really is the perfect herb for exploring a forest. ...With these sharpened senses, I think that we might just discover something today!”

They were all feeling the potency of the herbs.

Sebastian was impressed by the effects, Phillip and Nicholas were comparing what they sensed and confirming that they were correct.

The tired expression Ms. Claire had a moment ago was completely gone, and she looked quite elated and immediately started to search for some clue concerning the finrirs and Silver Fenrirs.

“Wuff!”

Oh, Leo had finished eating her herbs.

The reason I had Ms. Claire and the others eat it, was to make it easier to navigate through the forest.

But Leo’s senses were already incredibly sharp.

She had even detected the orcs much earlier than Phillip and the guards.

And I thought that if those senses were sharpened even farther, then she might be able to find something.

“Leo... Anything different?”

“Wou...wou!”

Her expression looked sharper than before as she moved her head to scan the area. However, it seemed that there was nothing here.

“Well, tell me if you do see something.”

“Wuff!”

Leo nodded in reply.

“Now, Sebastian and Ms. Claire. Apparently, there is nothing here. And since we have rested enough, perhaps it is time to continue the search.”

“Indeed. I feel a lot better now, thanks to you, Mr. Takumi. And so we should be able to explore much farther than usual.”

“The ability of Weed Cultivation is amazing. I was surprised when you made the Loe, but I hadn’t realized that it could also be used in this way.”

“Hahaha. It was because I was able to borrow the back garden and do some studying. And this is the result.”

“Weed Cultivation... I’m sure there are even more ways to use it.”

“Indeed.”

Because it had ‘weed’ in the name, people were bound to think that it was a useless ability that just created unwanted plants. But with a little thought, there was so much that you could do.

Once we returned to the mansion, I would use the garden again and study it more thoroughly.

And so we went deeper and deeper into the forest.

On the way, we encountered some of the usual orcs, but this time Phillip and Nicholas defeated them.

According to them, their senses had been so sharpened that they were able to predict how the orcs would move. And so dodging their spears and cutting them down with swords had become much easier.

Next to me, Leo looked like she really wanted to hunt orcs as well, but I had her sit this one out.

Because the others wanted to test out their newly sharpened senses.

After that, we continued to walk deeper into the forest.

However, even with these sharpened senses, and being rejuvenated, even though we were able to travel for long distances, we were still not able to find anything.

As the sun was starting to set, it was nearly time to return to the camp.

Because we could not camp in a place that was so densely packed with trees that they completely blocked the light above and the surrounding view.

Besides, Ms. Lyra and Johanna were still at the camp site, and we had already decided to return to the mansion tomorrow.

With Weed Cultivation, we could probably keep exploring without getting tired, but at this point, it felt like we had already spent too much time here.

Tilura was also waiting for our return.

“...There really is nothing...”

“...Yes.”

Ms. Claire muttered in a disheartened voice.

“The sun will be setting soon...it cannot be helped. We must...”

Return.

Everyone knew what Sebastian was going to say.

However, at that same moment, Leo interrupted Sebastian and barked!

“Gau! Gau-gau!”

She turned to the left from the direction we were headed in and barked.

And the way she barked was clearly different from when she detected that there were orcs.

“...What is it, Leo!? Did you find something?”

“Wou-wou...wuff...gau!”

Leo turned around and answered me.

This... Monsters were fighting each other?

“Sebastian. Up ahead...where Leo is looking...she says that there are monsters fighting.”

“Monsters... Are they orcs? But I don't think that orcs would fight each other...”

“Wou! Wou! ...Gau!”

Uhhh?

Not orcs?

Then what kind of monster is up ahead?

“Wuff-wuff...gau gau!”

Leo raised her front paw as if performing a military salute. And then she shook her head and pointed her paw at Ms. Claire.

Umm... Leo is a Silver Fenrir.

But then she shook her head to say it wasn't that.

And then she pointed, meaning it was related to Ms. Claire...!

Fenrirs!?

Not Silver Fenrirs, but were similar to Leo, and related to Ms. Claire. That must be it.

"Ms. Claire!"

"Yes?!"

"She says that she's found...fenrirs."

Chapter 69

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 away things that even you cannot.”

“...I see.”

Still...there really were fenrirs here then...

As we had been on the verge of giving up, the others were very surprised.

Ms. Claire and Sebastian had reacted the most to this.

And I could hardly blame them.

“Leo. Are the fenrirs attacking a monster?”

I had heard that they hunted in packs.

In that case, they likely traveled as a pack and attacked other monsters.

And though we might be safe as long as Leo was with us, it seemed unwise to carelessly go too close to them.

“Wuff-wuff... Gau-wuff-wuff!”

But Leo shook her head to my question.

It was the fenrirs who were being attacked by something?

But what monster could be in this forest that was stronger than fenrirs...

Orcs were no match for them. And Leo agreed.

“Ms. Claire, Sebastian. It seems like the fenrirs are being attacked. Are there monsters who are stronger than fenrirs in this forest?”

“A monster that attacks fenrirs...”

“I do believe that there are monsters that would attack fenrirs...at least, if there are many of them, and they are attacking a single fenrir... Perhaps a troll...”

“A troll... What kind of monster is that?”

“They are giants who are three meters tall. And they have such monstrous strength, that they can knock down trees with a single hand. And while it is said that they are weaker than fenrirs, if there are multiple trolls and only a single fenrir, then it may be a fair fight.”

“I see... Leo. What kind of monsters are attacking the fenrirs?”

“Wuff...gau-gau-gau.”

Five large monsters that walk on two legs... Yes, Sebastian was probably right, and they were trolls.

“I believe you are right, and they are trolls. Leo says that there are five of them.”

“I see...”

“Let’s go and help the fenrirs then!”

Ms. Claire had been silent up until now, but she suddenly shouted.

“But Lady Claire, there are five trolls. And we are not enough to go up against such an enemy!”

“But...!”

“Wuff!”

Just as Ms. Claire was about to answer to Sebastian’s protest, Leo interrupted them.

“Good Leo?”

“What is the matter?”

“Wuff-wuff... Gau-gau!”

Leo raised her paw as she had before.

And her claws were fully extended.

“Leo seems like she wants to fight.”

“Good Leo... However, five trolls are surely...”

“Wuff-wuff!”

That again... Does a strong enemy even exist for Leo?

“Uhh, Leo says that five trolls are just small fry. And it’s a simple job.”

“Even trolls...”

“Good Leo. Can you do it?”

“Wuff!”

As Ms. Claire made the request, Leo nodded firmly as if to say that we should leave it to her.

“Very well... Can you lead us to them, Good Leo?”

“Wuff!”

Leo nodded once again and then took her position right in front of Sebastian, and then she started to lead us.

After we walked for some time, the presences that only Leo had sensed, were now sensed by the rest of us.

“So these are the presences that Leo was talking about.”

“It looks like it...”

“This...is it a one-sided fight?”

One of them, likely the fenrir, was not moving much.

And it was surrounded by five monsters that were probably trolls. They seemed to be moving in and out around the fenrir over and over again.

“Apparently, the trolls are surrounding the fenrir and attacking it little by little.”

“...How horrible...”

“We must save it!”

“Yes, let’s hurry!”

Everyone felt sorry for the fenrir that was being attacked.

Was it because it was a lone creature that was surrounded by a group?

Or was it because they had become close to Leo, who was a Silver Fenrir?

“Leo. You go on ahead!”

“Gau!”

And so I had Leo run ahead of us.

She would definitely reach them faster if she went alone.

Leo barked once and then dashed off like the wind.

While I could no longer see her, my sharpened senses could tell where she was.

A large figure was moving towards the fenrir and trolls at an astonishing speed.

And before I knew it, she had reached them.

A second later, one of the trolls disappeared.

Leo must have killed it as soon as she arrived.

“We must hurry as well!”

“Yes!”

Said Ms. Claire, and everyone began to run.

And while the trees prevented us from running at top speed, it was still better than walking.

And Ms. Claire did not even care about the tree branches and plants that hit her as she ran.

After a few more minutes, we arrived at the scene where the fenrir was being attacked.

“Wuff!”

You’re late. Leo seemed to say as she turned to us and barked. Then she sat down.

When I scanned the area, I saw that it was a decent sized clearing.

The sun could be seen above us, and it was already starting to descend.

And on the ground surrounding Leo, were four bodies that must have been the trolls.

They were all slashed and burned.

Not only that, but there was even one that had been frozen with its arms raised.

Leo had done all of this.

As Sebastian had said, the trolls were large and looked to be three meters tall. And their thick arms held clubs.

I didn’t want to think about what damage they could inflict with those weapons.

...Of course, it hadn’t seemed to matter much for Leo.

Considering Leo’s speed, even if these clubs were the size of humans, the trolls wouldn’t have been able to land any blows.

Once we were sure that all of the trolls were dead, we caught our breath after running and then approached the sitting Leo.

However, Leo did not move from where she was.

Usually, Leo would come over when we moved towards her... I wonder what was the matter?

“Leo... What is it?”

“...Good Leo. Where is the fenrir?”

“Wuff...”

## Chapter 70

The monster we saved was on the verge of death

While I was wondering what was wrong with Leo, Ms. Claire was more concerned about the fenrir that was supposed to have been attacked.

Well, I suppose I was the only one who would think it was strange that Leo was just sitting there without moving.

But after Ms. Claire and I called to her, Leo barked weakly and then rubbed her nose against the ground, which had been drenched in red.

...No...that wasn't the ground...there was something there.

“Leo...is that the fenrir...?”

“Wuff.”

“The fenrir...”

“So there really are fenrirs in this forest.”

What Leo was rubbing her nose against was a living creature that was a mixture of brown and red.

And it looked similar to Leo. Like it was a dog or a wolf.

However, it was no larger than a medium-sized dog, which seemed very small compared to the silvery Leo who sat behind it.

But now that I thought about it, fenrirs were supposed to be considerably smaller than Silver Fenrirs.

Leo would occasionally glance at us and then continue to rub her nose against the fenrir.

“What is it...Leo?”

“Wuff...wuff...”

Leo barked despondently.

“May I take a closer look?”

Sebastian squinted his eyes and moved closer to Leo.

At the same time, I moved to stand next to Leo.

And then Ms. Claire followed to stand next to me.

“...These are...terrible wounds...”

“I had thought that the fur was brown, but...”

“How horrible...”

Sebastian’s hand touched the fenrir as he inspected the wounds.

Upon seeing this, Leo stopped rubbing her nose over it.

And as Ms. Claire and I watched, we realized that we had misunderstood.

I had assumed that the fenrir's fur was a brown color, but it was not.

So much blood had flowed from the wounds and then it had been covered in dirt as the trolls attacked it.

There were patches that weren't caked in soil, and you could see that the fur was still white. This was proof that it usually had a clean, white coat.

"Wou..."

Leo sounded very worried about the fenrir as she looked at Sebastian.

"Hmm... This..."

"How bad is it, Sebastian?"

"...I think that we arrived too late... While it is still alive now...that will not last for long..."

"...No... And after it took us so long to finally find one..."

"..."

"Wou..."

Apparently, the wounds were very bad.

The trolls must have beaten it severely.

On closer inspection, one of its hind legs was broken and bent in a strange direction.

Perhaps the trolls had hit it with their giant clubs.

The broken leg would have prevented it from running away, and then it must have been surrounded...

“Wou...wou-wou...”

“Leo...”

Leo had a pleading expression.

And then she barked in the same way that she did when asking me to do something.

Apparently, Leo wanted to help this fenrir.

“...Isn’t there anything we can do?”

“...While I do have a little knowledge, I am no doctor. And...I doubt that even a trained doctor would be able to do anything now...”

While Ms. Claire asked Sebastian if there wasn’t any hope, he replied that there was none.

The blood was still continuing to flow from the fenrir’s wounds as it pooled on the ground.

It must not have any energy left, as though it was still breathing, it could not move its body or raise its voice.

...Seeing it in such a state...even though it was a monster that attacked humans, just like orcs and trolls...and the fact that it resembled a dog...or a wolf, and looked so much like Leo, made me want to do something.

But...I wasn't a doctor or a veterinarian.

So there was nothing that I could do.

And so I just bit my lip and watched the fenrir that was sure to die.

"...Good Leo...Mr. Takumi...is there really nothing that we can do...?"

"...Lady Claire. The wounds are too deep. It is too late..."

Still wanting to help it, Ms. Claire now turned to me and Leo. But at Sebastian's words, she closed her eyes tightly with regret.

"...Wuff...kuuun."

Leo also entreated...

And I bit my lip even harder.

"There is nothing that we can do..."

"While it is a monster, and this is the way of nature...I do feel so powerless..."

Even Phillip and Nicholas were muttering sadly.

They were all affected by this situation of wanting to help the fenrir, but being unable to do so.

...Suddenly, I relaxed my jaw.

There was a taste that remained in my mouth.

...It was the taste of the herb I had eaten earlier.

It was likely still there because I hadn't had any water since then.

And then I was reminded of something.

"...Sebastian."

"...What is it, Mr. Takumi?"

"The Loe I made before. You said that it's able to heal wounds in an instant, yes?"

"...Yes... Loe does have that ability...but not when the wounds are this serious..."

"Bu...if it's not Loe..."

I would use Loe as a reference and make a different herb!

A herb that can even heal fatal wounds.

There was no time to think about taste.

Besides, with Loe, you extracted the gel from the leaves and covered the wounds with them.

In that case, I should make something similar. It just had to be something that was highly effective.

"Mr. Takumi?"

"Sir?"

I could hear Ms. Claire and Sebastian calling to me, but I ignored them and focused as I put my palms on the ground.

“...”

And I waited silently for some time.

They then understood that I was using Weed Cultivation, and so they watched me without saying anything.

A few seconds later, a small light, which had never shone before, flashed between my hands and the ground, and then a white leaf began to sprout from the ground. It was similar in shape to Loe.

After about twenty seconds, it was fully grown. And so I picked it and cut it open with the short sword that Sebastian handed to me.

And then I pared it as if it was an apple.

Once that was done, I approached the fallen fenrir that was in front of Leo.

“Mr. Takumi...”

“Wou...”

“...I’m sure that it will be fine.”

As the others gulped, Ms. Claire and Leo spoke to me, but I just reassured them and then touched the fenrirs wounds with the herb.