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Liza woke me up

Apparently, it was a good thing that I treated him differently compared to other people, and Mr. Ekenhart thought of me as a friend.

When it came to sword training, we were master and apprentice. But with everything else, considering Leo and the Gift, we were close to equal standing.

What is it, Mr. Takumi?

Ah, nothing at all. In any case, I have no intentions of going with Ms. Anne, so please don't worry about that. I'll be much too preoccupied with my work in Range village.

Mmm. Well, I am relieved then. Hahaha!

Your Grace, perhaps you have had enough wine now?

What are you talking about, Sebastian? This is a friend, who may be a son in law eventually. Of course I will drink!

I suppose so.

No, no. A son Nothing has been decided yet!

Hahaha!

Hohoho!

Wuff

While I was happy to be called a friend, this talk about being a son in law was much too soon. I had already told him that.

I suppose it was mostly a joke, and he was just teasing me. After all, both he and Sebastian burst into laughter.

They were really amused Well, that was fine.

As for Leo, she let out a sigh and closed her eyes.

Sorry, Leo. All of this talk is probably very boring for you

Papa and mama!

Gah!

Wou?

The impact caused me to wake up.

When I opened my eyes, Lizas head was on my stomach, and she was clutching onto Leo.

She had woken up and charged into us

Liza. Charging and grabbing like that Well, its probably fine for Leo, but dont do that to me.

Okay!

Wuff?

You dont mind, right, Leo?

Wou.

I said as I gritted my teeth at the pain.

While I didnt mind being hugged, it was quite different to come suddenly while I was asleep.

Liza was short, so her head rammed into my stomach, and I couldnt breath for a moment.

As a beastkin, Liza was also stronger than humans However, Leo had soft fur, so she would be fine.

Good morning, Mr. Takumi.

Ah, good morning, Ms. Lyra.

Yes. Uh, sorry about last night

Not at all. You two seemed very comfortable. Besides, it was nice to sleep while leaning against Leo.

I sat up and got to my feet. And then I heard someone greeting me from the other side of the room.

When I turned, I saw Ms. Lyra. She had an apologetic expression as she bowed her head.

Last night, even while being teased, I stayed and talked in the dining hall until it was quite late.

Eventually, Mr. Ekenhart fell asleep on the table, and so I left him to Sebastian while Leo and I returned to my room.

Sebastian had laughed about how Mr. Ekenhart did not let go of his wine glass, even while sleeping.

In any case, when Leo and I reached our room, we saw that Liza was sleeping comfortably on the bed.

And she was clutching onto Ms. Lyra.

Apparently, she could not make Liza let go, and ended up falling asleep as well.

After all, I had been away for quite a long time.

I also felt bad about waking them up, and so I just used Leo as a blanket and pillow.

Thanks to the bath, Leos fur was very fluffy, and enveloped my body. And Leos warmth kept me from getting cold during the night.

While beds were nice, sleeping like this wasnt bad either.

Leo also seemed to be happy about it.

But Ms. Lyra apologized for taking over the bed. While I didnt mind, I suppose she felt bad as a maid.

Wuff.

Yay, mama!

Hey, its morning. Dont fall asleep again.

Okay. Mama is so fluffy!

Wuff-wuff.

Liza seemed a little jealous that I had slept on Leo.

And so Leo gestured for her to come, and so Liza jumped on her happily.

And while I warned her, she seemed to be playing, so it was unlikely that she would go to sleep.

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

The dining hall fell into a great confusion ...I-I see. Yes! I would never suggest anything else Mr. Takumi? Ah, it's nothing! Ms. Claire had asked me with an embarrassed expression, and so I nodded frantically. But then I looked towards Ms. Lyra and my voice trailed off. It was not

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

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I'm very sorry. Ah

No, I don't mind Is something the matter?

Uh, no It's nothing. I prepared the necessary things for the morning. Well then

Yes, thank you.

Sister Lyra, was she in pain? Was it because she slept with me?

Uh, No. It's not your fault, Liza. She wasn't in pain or anything. It's fine.

Really?

Aye. She should be fine by the time we are ready to go downstairs.

When our eyes met, she suddenly became embarrassed. I suppose she remembered what happened in the bathing room.

Regardless, I assured Liza that she was fine, and would be back to normal soon.

Mr. Takumi, are you awake?

I am. You can come in.

Yes, excuse me!

Moments later, there was a knock on the door, and I heard Tilura's voice.

She sounded as cheerful as always.

Good morning.

Morning, Tilura.

Good morning, sister Tilura!

Wuff!

But I thought Tilura would go to Rahle today. I wonder what happened?

We had gone with her yesterday, and she seemed to have become very used to being around Rahle

Aren't you going to meet Rahle today?

Oh, I already did! In fact, I came to call you because we were not eating breakfast in the dining hall this morning!

Were not? Then where will we be eating?

Hehe. Thats a surprise! Liza, lets go and wash up!

Yes! Ill be going, papa and mama!

Go along then.

Wuff!

Mr. Ekenhart would be leaving tomorrow. So I wasnt sure what reason they had to eat anywhere else today.

Well, I would find out soon enough, so I just had to get ready

I see Its the back garden then

Yes. Like this, I can eat with Rahle!

After I was prepared, Tilura took me to the garden behind the mansion.

Normally, we would train with swords here Leo would run around.

A table that was large enough for ten people had been set out, and chairs prepared.

Ms. Claire and Mr. Ekenhart were already sitting, and the food had been served.

Good morning, Mr. Takumi.

Good morning. You too, Mr. Ekenhart.

Mmm.

Are you feeling alright?

Tilura woke me up Well, that is fine. But that wine yesterday I drank too much.

Really, father While Im not looking

We got to talking quite a lot last night. I probably should have said something as well.

Aha hangover.

After greeting Ms. Claire, I took a seat at the table.

While it was the same seating as always, Rahle was next to Tilura this time.

As for Mr. Ekenhart, he looked a little pale.

Apparently, it was because of all the wine he had last night.

Back when I had first started drinking, I had suffered hangovers as well It had been very bad.

And it was not a good enough reason to rest from work, so I just had to take medicine and go.

Ms. Claire sighed and glared at her father. Wellit wasnt something that could be said in front of her

Well, leaving that aside Eating outside sometimes is rather nice. Even though we did plenty of that in the forest.

Indeed. It is quite refreshing. Though, this back garden is a little plain

It had to accommodate Leo and Rahle If we leave the garden, then we will be much farther away from the mansion

It was kind of like having a picnic.

Unlike in the forest, we were not surrounded by tall trees, so it was very open.

But as Ms. Claire said, there were no other plants or flowers, so there was not much to look at.

If there were such things, they would get in the way. Leo and Rahle would probably end up stepping all over them.

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

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

Ms. Claire decided to praise Liza Thiswell, the fenrirs are obeying. But is it really cute? Father! Liza worked hard, and so you should not say such things! Ah, uh. Yes Hmm It is indeed cute, Liza. Yes, it is. Very cute. Amazing, Liza! Yay! Everyone likes it! Liza was

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There were some familiar monsters

Tilura was very excited this morning. Its a good thing that she is having fun, butshe spent time bathing Leo yesterday, so perhaps she wanted to spend more time with Rahle.

Sister, thats a secret!

Oh, it is?

Apparently, after greeting Rahle, Tilura had the idea of eating breakfast outside.

I suppose she was excited about being able to be together I thought about it with a smile.

However, Mr. Ekenhart seemed less cheerful about it, as he had a hangover. And Tilura had crashed into him when waking him up.

Well, as long as she is happy, I don't mind eating outside But

Are you talking about that?

That

Ms. Claire and Mr. Ekenhart followed my gaze.

Why is Fen and Riruru here? I thought we separated from them in the forest

Mm Sebastian, you explain it.

Certainly. Uh, it was early in the morning. I received an emergency report from the soldiers who were on guard duty. They said that two fenrirs were sitting in front of the gate.

In front of the gate?

Fen and Riruru were currently lying on their backs and getting rubs from the servants.

They did not seem like monsters or wild animals at all

Yes. Right in front of the gate. And so I rushed to go and see They were sitting, just Leo is sitting right now.

Wuff?

Leo was sitting next to me politely and waiting for the meal to begin.

She tilted her head when all eyes turned to her, but some drool nearly fell from her mouth.

Some delicious food was placed on the table in front of her, so it could not be helped.

Im very sorry, Leo. Let us eat and continue.

Indeed.

Leo cannot wait any longer. So lets start.

Yes.

Kii!

Kyau!

Wou!

After Sebastians suggestion, we all started to eat.

It was one thing for humans, but Leo, Rahle and Sherry were also tired of waiting, and so they immediately started eating.

I had heard yesterday that Rahle enjoyed meat, and so it pecked at the cooked meat and ate it.

Now, lets continue The two fenrirs were sitting in front of the gate. Thankfully, I had told the people here about what happened in the forest. And so no one panicked and attacked them. However, they were definitely surprised, and there was a little confusion.

Indeed

If someone did attack them, and they fought back, who knows what would have happened

Buff!

Leo, thats bad manners. Focus on eating.

Guff!

Fen and Riruru had promised that they would not attack unprovoked. And so they were sitting there quietly.

Still, the guards should be praised for not attacking them.

But then again, they were used to seeing Leo. That probably played a big part.

While eating, Leo barked with food in her mouth as if to say, I will punish them if that happens!

Regardless, I was glad that that did not happen, as I warned her.

Well, aside from that they were also carrying orcs in their mouths.

Orcs?

Yes. Apparently

Fen and Riruru had come with their prey, as if they were hunting dogs.

And upon seeing Sebastian, they put the orcs on the ground as if an offering. At the same time, their bellies were growling.

If they were hungry, why didn't they just eat the orcs? Thought Sebastian, but even when asked this, the two fenrirs did not eat it.

Shortly after, Ms. Claire and Sherry woke up.

And so they were informed, and Sherry was able to interpret for them. The fenrirs wanted to eat cooked orc meat.

They could not forget how delicious Ms. Lyras cooked meat was, and so they had come here in order to eat it again.

As for how they found the mansion, they followed our scent while sending Leo and Rahles presence.

Well, they were fenrirs, so I wasnt surprised that it was easy for them.

Still, it felt like we had fed some stray dogs, and they would not follow us forever

But since they had come all of this way, it was suggested that they could eat with us. Especially since Tilura already wanted to eat outside with Rahle.

The servants then greeted them, as a way of getting used to them. And the two fenrirs lay on their backs in order to get the belly rubs that they had also acquired a taste for in the forest

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

Breakfast was not in the dining hall Im very sorry. Ah No, I dont mind Is something the matter? Uh, no Its nothing. I prepared the necessary things for the morning. Well then Yes, thank you. Sister Lyra, was she in pain? Was it because she slept with me? UhNo.

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

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Ms. Anne regretted her earlier words

Ah, by the way. Where is Ms. Anne?

I asked as I watched the two fenrirs being petted.

Mr. Ekenhart hated getting up in the morning, but was still here. So it was odd that Ms. Anne was not

She is in her room. Hahif she was going to regret it, she should not have said such a thing

What do you mean? Did something happen?

I am talking about what she said yesterday before leaving the dining hall.

Ah.

About bathing together.

Apparently, she had gotten carried away, and later regretted it.

She had turned red right after saying it. So perhaps her regret had only increased since then.

She should not have said it then But I suppose it could not be helped.

I often said things that I would regret later.

So there was no need to be frantic after all.

It looks like it.

She didnt really mean it

I did get a laugh from seeing Anne roll around on her bed. Would you like to take a look, Mr. Takumi?

No, even if you say it was amusing Well, it does sound No, I am fine.

Mr. Ekenhart and Sebastian realized that there was no need to rush things after seeing Ms. Annes state.

As for Ms. Claires invitation, I turned it down.

It was one thing for two women, but she would likely not appreciate being seen by me It might just make things even worse.

Regardless, Ms. Claire clearly saw her as a target for mockery right now.

In that way, she was a lot like her father.

Wou!

Grau!

Gau!

Kyau!

After breakfast, we drank tea and relaxed.

Leo and the others were playing a short distance away from the table as I watched.

Leo would bark an order, and Fen and Riruru would obey and move.

For some reason, Sherry was moving with them, while Liza laughed while riding on Leos back.

After Fen and Riruru were petted and calmed down, Ms. Helena cooked their orc meat, and they were able to eat to their satisfaction.

As there was plenty of meat left, it would be used for lunch and dinner as well.

It was like this in the forest too but its so strange that things can be so peaceful in spite of there being so many powerful monsters around us.

Indeed. It is all because of Leo and Mr. Takumi, Im sure.

I didnt do anything Its all Leo.

And Leo is with you. In any case, I would not have believed it possible a short while ago

Mr. Ekenhart muttered as he watched Leo and the others.

Ms. Claire agreed, and said that it was thanks to me. But I had barely done anything.

In any case, humans and monsters while we werent exactly enemies, they were powerful and dangerous next to humans. So it was nice to see everyone playing so peacefully now.

Oh, Rahle looks so good!

Kii!

Aside from Leo and the others, Tilura was enjoying her time with Rahle.

Currently, Rahle was spreading its large wings, much to Tiluras delight.

They werent the pretty wings of a peacock, but they certainly had a strong impact and looked cool.

It was no wonder Tilura was so happy.

The servants also smiled as they watched the scene in the garden.

Unlike the first time they had seen Leo, they were not scared. It must be because they were used to it now.

After all, Leo was larger and stronger than any other monster.

Mr. Takumi. Sorry to trouble you while you are resting, but Ms. Helena wishes to discuss something with you

Ms. Helena?

Yes. It is related to cooking

Hahvery well.

As I watched, Ms. Lyra came to tell me that Ms. Helena wanted to discuss something.

Ms. Helena, what is it?

Im terribly sorry for calling you But I could talk about it in front of Lady Claire and the others.

After being told by Ms. Lyra, I had gotten up and walked back into the mansion.

I had assumed that she would be in the kitchen, but Ms. Helena was waiting in the hallway, where a small table and chair had been prepared.

It was nice that we could sit down and talk, but were they allowed to do this in the hallway?

I asked Sebastian, and he made sure that no one would pass through here for now. I want to talk without being disturbed. After all, we cannot use the drawing room. And I felt bad about calling you to the kitchen.

The kitchen would have been fine In any case, what is this about?

The dining hall fell into a great confusion ...I-I see. Yes! I would never suggest anything else Mr. Takumi? Ahits nothing! Ms. Claire had asked me with an embarrassed expression, and so I nodded frantically. But then I looked towards Ms. Lyra and my voice trailed off. It was not

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

I talked with Ms. Anne As for where the fenrirs slept, Leo had decided it. But Sebastian felt that it was still important for there to be human watchers as well, and so nothing changed there. Well, the fenrirs could only bark, and could not communicate with us in detail.

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Ms. Helena had something to discuss with me

Umafter returning from the forest, Im sure you hear about it from Ms. Gelda. About getting fat from eating too much, and how to deal with it.

Ah. She did say something about that. How your food was so delicious that it was easy to eat too much. At least Mr. Ekenhart, Tilura and I exercise a lot with our trainingbut for the others

Yes. Its not like Lady Claire said anything to me directly, but Im a little worried. After all, it has happened to some of the servants already. And so I wanted to speak to you about it. Simply decreasing the portions is not enough Of course, I do want people to be able to eat as much good food as they want

I see

In other words, she wanted to talk to me about diet.

For those who did not exercise, eating too much food that was high in calories could cause them to gain weight.

I talked to you before about creating new dishes, didnt I? While this is a little different, I wanted your advice

I do remember. As for thinking of dishes that will help you lose weightthat would be new. However

Is it too difficult?

That was often a subject of discussion in Japan.

Some things were effective, while others were not.

I didnt know a lot about it myself I never ate that much to begin with, and I couldnt cut down, as I barely had enough energy to keep up with all of the work I had to do.

And you dont want to change the portions?

Yes I know that is one way, but I would like to avoid it. If I make something good, I want people to eat plenty of it. It would be a different matter if I lacked skill and the food tasted bad

I see

As a cook, she wanted people to enjoy her food and eat as much as they liked.

While I had never worked as a cook, I understood the feeling.

It was hard work and a lot of thought went into it. So having people enjoy it would be one of the greatest feelings for a cook.

In that case Perhaps you should think about the ingredients.

The ingredients?

Yes. That could change things Perhaps there are ingredients that will help you lose weight.

I dont know about that Well, I have mostly just thought about how things taste.

Indeed

This wasnt a world where you could easily find out the nutritional value of food.

Im sure they had some concept of what was good for you, but dieting was a different matter.

Considering many people came from the slums, or Sebastians past, it was likely that they didnt care, as long as something was edible.

In any case, food that was effective for dieting

Well, I had no idea if the food we had in Japan even existed here.

Besides, I didnt have much knowledge of such things anyway. But as long as Ms. Helena was relying on me, I wanted to cooperate with her.

Hmm They have potatoes in this world. So maybe something like konjac?

Though, that had little taste by itself. Other than that Ah, I know

Are there any soybeans?

Soybeans were nutritious and good for dieting.

It could be used for all kinds of dishes, and you could make tofu and bean sprouts.

Soybeans? What are they like? I have never heard of them

Hmm Well, they are about this big and

Apparently, Ms. Helena had never seen them before.

I wondered if they didnt exist, but then I remembered that things had different names here.

And so I tried to explain it to Ms. Helena.

Oh, sooy.

Sooy?

Well, it is a similar plant to what you are describing. It is often used for emergency food. Though, some villages eat them as a snack after cooking them. I believe they can be poisonous if not cooked?

Ah, roasted soybeans. Yes, you can add different kinds of seasoning.

I remembered that my grandmother used to make it.

Dinner portions were insufficient Mr. Takumi, sorry to disturb your rest. Dinner is ready, so please come down to the dining hall. But if you are too tired, we could bring it up to your room? Ah, no. I was just relaxing a little. I will head down there immediately.

Sherry had become fat from eating too much Im sure Lady Claire would have prepared some food if she knew Why didnt she ask her? Kyukyu I see. Uh, papa Sebastian was right. Ms. Claire doted on Sherry, and would surely ask the servants to bring her some food. Liza

Street Stall Lunch In that case, lets buy some food and eat it. At Ms. Lyras suggestion, we decided to leave the store and head to the main street where we could buy some food. Leo remembered how we had bought all kinds of food when with Mr. Ekenhart, and

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I suggested she use soybeans

Seasoning?

Well, you can eat it plain, but surely it would taste better with something added?

Hmm. I see. I am sure that you are right. I have only eaten them plain up until now

Yes, they wont taste that great if you only fry them.

Well some people might prefer it, but I thought it would be better with some seasoning.

Since you suggested it, Mr. Takumi, it must be good. I believe that it was discovered by someone very important long ago, and raised as crops

Perhaps that person had also been from Japan, and had knowledge from his past life?

I didnt know if there were actually such people.

Regardless, there was a reason that I thought of it.

It was the noodles I ate in Ractos.

I could have sworn I tasted soy sauce in it.

It was very faint, but if it was indeed soy sauce, then there must be soybeans here.

Still, are you certain that it would be good for dieting?

Hmm. I am not that knowledgeable about it But it is supposed to be nutritious and rich in fiber.

Fiber? What is that?

Umsomething required for expelling excess substances from the body? Uhh

I was not really sure how to explain it.

Regardless, I told her that it helped with the expelling process, and it was good for you as long as you did not eat too much of it.

In other words, its good for your body, and is filling so that you arent likely to eat too much?

Something like that. Of course, eating too much of anything is bad for you. So you should take it and make a healthy dish with it

Healthy? I dont know Well, I suppose it is a good ingredient to start with. I shall look for others to use as well. Thank you for your advice.

Not at all. I could only offer vague knowledge

No! I hadnt thought much about ingredients like that, and so it was worth talking to you about it. Otherwise, I would have continued to only care about how things tasted.

Ah, I know. Perhaps Tampopo tea would also be good?

Tampopo? What is that?

Its a plant. And you can make tea from the roots that is all. It is very good for you.

It had just popped in my head, but perhaps I should have suggested coffee instead.

The tea that they served here looked and tasted like black tea. It was very delicious, but I thought it might be nice to have something different once in a while.

Well, with coffee, factors such as bean selection, blending, and roasting methods can lead to changes in flavor and potency. And so thought Tampopo tea might be easier to convey.

Plant roots and you are sure there is no poison in it?

Tampopos are not poisonous. Also since its not raised as crops, I might be able to make it.

You can?

With Weed Cultivation. If it is categorized as a weed and not something grown by people, I should be able to do it.

Your ability. It may be something that is undiscovered here. And yet you can make it out of nothing

I have to try it first. I'm sure that there are many useful plants outside of medicinal herbs.

I was quite sure that they were not poisonous, and you can even eat the leaves.

Though, you had to cook them properly, or they would not taste good.

As soy was a crop, I could not grow it with Weed Cultivation, but Tampopos should be different.

It was possible that it already existed here under a different name, but that wouldn't be a problem.

This would be my first time using my ability for something other than herbs, but it seemed like a good idea. After all, it wasn't called Herb Cultivation.

Weed was a rather vague category, but I was sure that there would be plenty of other useful plants.

And I should search for new directions to use my Gift

It was a serious problem for the women. Ms. Helena's first thought was to make food that was delightful to look at. In fact, the servants also agreed that such elevated presentation would make the food feel even more delicious. Indeed, the taste can be affected by that as well.

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Sebastian explained it excitedly. Well, the demonstration can come later. For now, we should talk about the herb fields. Mr. Haines, I assume you have already decided to give your permission? ...Yes. We would gladly welcome Mr. Takumi and Leo to the village. And we have no reason to object.

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We would make meals

Very well, I shall think of dishes that will use the sooy.

And I will try to make Tampopos.

As I was not a cook, I could not give her much advice on how to cook them, so the rest was up to her.

Ah, there is also one other thing

I decided to tell her about konjac as well.

Here, it was just called jac. As I knew they had potatoes, it was not surprising that they had it here. But I was still not sure how or why the names were both similar and different in this world.

Mr. Takumi, what did Helena want to see you about?

Oh, it was about cooking.

When I returned to the back garden, Leo and the others were still playing, while Mr. Ekenhart and Ms. Claire drank their tea leisurely.

Tilura had also joined in with Liza and Leo.

She had been playing with Rahle before, but currently, Fen and Riruru were standing on their hind legs while placing their paws on Rahle. Perhaps Liza had taught them a new pose. She was clapping her hands with delight.

Now that I think about it, I dont believe I asked you. Do you cook, Mr. Takumi?

Well, its notlike I cant at all. Though, I would be very bad compared to Ms. Helena. However, I do have some knowledge, and so she wanted to confide in me.

Hmm, I see. Claire is not like that.

Father, there is no need to say such things. Still Mr. Takumi is cooking. I think I would like to eat that.

As I had lived alone for a long time, I was able to cook.

Though, most of it was simple, like just frying stuff in a pan.

I did not have Ms. Helenas experience or sensitivity when it came to flavor.

Then perhaps I can make something? Though there is no guarantee that it will taste good

Oh, you heard me Well, if it is not too much trouble

Haha, trouble. If anything, I feel that you have to eat it.

Oh, Mr. Takumi? That should be amusing. Since I am leaving tomorrow, it would be nice to be able to eat it today

Today? Well I guess.

Good!

I had suggested it half jokingly.

My cooking was no match for Ms. Helenas, let alone Ms. Lyras. But if they wanted to eat it, I suppose that I could try.

After all, I wanted to repay them for feeding me all of this time. Though, whether my cooking would suffice was a different matter.

But Mr. Ekenhart was interested as well, and so I agreed to it.

I had no other plans for the day Aside from making the Tampopos.

Milina was handling the medicine now, and I had made herbs for Ractos yesterday.

I wanted to make a little more, but I could do that when making the Tampopos before midday.

Mr. Takumis cooking I wonder what it will be? It could be something that we dont have here. I am looking forward to it.

Uh, I wouldnt expect too much Im not very good. You might be disappointed? Besides, the ingredients might not exist here.

However, I was going to make something simple, and not anything that required rare ingredients. So it would probably be fine.

Wuff-wuff!

Mama!

Oh, what is it, Leo?

Wuff-wou!

I see Yes, you liked it, didnt you, Leo?

Leo likes it? Something other than sausages?

Well, probably not that much But there was one thing I used to make that she really liked.

But as I was so busy, I could not make it often.

Aside from sausages, for some reason, Leo liked to eat what I cooked over dog food.

Even if it was rather expensive dog food.

That being said, we could not communicate then like we could now. But whenever I started to cook, Leo would wag her tail and bring her bowl.

At first I didnt give her any, as it contained things that dogs couldnt eat. Though, I eventually only used seasoning and ingredients that dogs could eat.

Yes it had been a long time. And so I suppose I would make that.

Im sure that Ms. Claire and the others would like it too, and it was easy.

As long as I didnt overcook it. But it should be fine if I made it with Ms. Helenda. Besides, I knew that the ingredients definitely existed in this world

There were some familiar monsters Tilura was very excited this morning. Its a good thing that she is having fun, but she spent time bathing Leo yesterday, so perhaps she wanted to spend more time with Rahle. Sister, thats a secret! Oh, it is? Apparently, after greeting Rahle, Tilura had the

I Thanked the Head Cook for Making Dinner I talked with Ms. Claire and Tilura amidst a harmonious atmosphere, when the doors to the dining hall opened and the food was carried in on a wagon. Tonights dinner was a saut meat with sauce, a salad with a much thicker

Things went smoothly this time Anne. Walk more normally. Ah, dont grab my arm like that! Ms. Claire, I cannot go on While Tilura and Mr. Ekenhart seemed like a family on a hiking trip, Ms. Claire and Ms. Anne were bickering. The reason was that Ms. Anne was exhausted

Chapter 618

I decided to make Leo happy

Alright, Leo. Its been awhile, but I guess I can make that thing you liked?

Wuff!?! Wuff-wuff! Wou!

Oh, mama is so happy! What are you going to make, papa?

Just a simple dish.

I see! Im looking forward to it!

Something that would make Leo this happy I wonder what it is?

I dont know, but Im looking forward to it.

While I didnt say what it was, Leo seemed to understand, and her tail wagged happily as she barked.

Now I felt like I should have made it sooner.

Well, I will tell the others in the kitchen then. Is it okay if I make it for lunch?

Yes, thank you.

Sebastian had been listening, and offered to tell Ms. Helena and the other cooks. He seemed in a good mood as he left, so I suppose he had high expectations as well.

I was starting to feel the pressure, but there was little chance that I would fail.

Now, I better hurry up and make the herbs so that I can go to the kitchen.

Wuff, wuff!

Leo, there is still some time left, so calm down.

Kyunn

Since Fen and Riruru are still here, why dont you run around the garden? They say that exercise is a good appetizer.

Wuff! Grau!

Leo barked with approval at the suggestion, and then ran off towards the fenrirs.

Ah, Liza went to Well, I guess they could play together.

Shortly after, I saw Leo chasing after Fen, Riruru and Sherry. I suppose it was a form of training.

Perhaps in order to escape this, Rahle had flown back up to the roof Those were some good instincts.

By now, they had removed the tables and chairs that had been used for breakfast.

Mr. Ekenhart returned to the mansion in order to prepare for his journey, while Ms. Claire also prepared to go to Range village.

Also, she said that she had to go to check up on Ms. Anne In other words, make fun of her.

Tilura had been told to go and study.

So, Mr. Takumi. What will you be making today?

Sebastian. When did you get here?

Just as I was about to start with making the herbs, Sebastians voice rang from behind me.

Perhaps Ms. Helena had told him about how I was going to try to grow the Tampopos.

Sebastian was always curious about new things.

I suppose he liked it, because it would allow him to talk about it in the future.

Hohoho. It sounded very interesting. And so I wanted to watch.

Well, I don't mind. It's not like there is anything to hide

So Ms. Helena had told him after all.

And so I squatted down and placed my hand on the soil.

Well, I don't know what it is called here, but I'm going to make something called a Tampopo.

Tampopo?

Yes. It was a very common plant where I came from. You would just see them along the roads.

I see. Then perhaps they do not exist here.

Hmm. It was too early to say.

After all, aloe and yomogi existed here with different names.

Regardless, it would be faster to just show Sebastian, rather than explain it.

As he had a lot of knowledge, he might have seen it in a book.

Still, I didn't even know if I could make it.

In any case, I will give it a try.

Yes. I have high expectations.

I might still fail Well

As Sebastian smiled, I closed my eyes in order to concentrate.

I then envisioned a regular Tampopo.

On the side of a road It sprouts from between the cracks and blooms into a pretty flower.

Hmm It seems to have worked.

Oh?

I felt something move from between my fingers.

And the plants started to grow rapidly. The familiar leaves spread out and the flower bloomed.

The numerous yellow petals and circular shape It was indeed a Tampopo.

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

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

Liza was scared of the fenrirs You always like to pet or hold Sherry, but you havent really approached the adult fenrirs. ...Papa noticed then. Recently, Liza had become less reserved, and more like an ordinary, playful child. And so I was wondering if there was a reason that she

Chapter 619

The name of the plant

This is it.

Oh, it is quite pretty. HmmI think

Have you seen it before?

I have tried to study plants ever since you arrived. It looks like a dandeleon. They are not really seen in this country. But there was a garden of them in a far, far away country. It was said to be very beautiful.

You got that from a book?

Yes. I have not seen them myself.

Well, it did sound like the English name, but a little different?

Regardless, it was not categorized as a crop after all That was a relief.

So, what are you going to do with them?

These dandeleons. As you call them. I suppose Ms. Helena didnt tell you? Uhh I am going to use their roots to make tea.

I explained as I pulled it out from the ground and showed him.

Tea? Do you dislike the tea we serve that much then?

No, its delicious, and I am grateful. However, this tea Uh, it contains something not found in other teas.

Oh?

While I did enjoy their tea, I was starting to really miss drinking coffee.

Well, this wasn't exactly the same thing, but acquiring coffee would be a lot of work. So this seemed like a good place to start.

Besides, coffee beans would probably be considered a crop, so I wouldn't be able to make them the same way.

As for the taste it might not be to everyone's liking. But it is similar to something I used to drink. And I wanted to drink it again.

Basically, while it wasn't the same, if they didn't have coffee here, then I was willing to use this as a substitute.

I did not know enough about caffeine to explain it to them so that they would understand. And so I just said that it was something that I wanted to drink.

A drink that you like. It must be quite good then.

Uh, some would say so. But not everyone. But it's good for you and might help you lose weight.

Oh! That is wonderful.

However, I wouldn't drink too much of it at once. Well, I suppose the same could be said about tea as well.

Why? Is there poison in it?

No. Well, you might have to use the bathroom more often.

Ah, I see.

While it looked and tasted like coffee, it was not as bitter.

I used to drink a lot of coffee for work, and started to like the taste. It was almost like an addiction. So I would have been perfectly happy if it was bitter.

Regardless, with coffee and tea, if you drink too much, the caffeine might make you need to use the bathroom.

I suppose that had some health or dietary benefits.

I don't know a lot, but I think this tea should be more healthy than the one we usually drink.

And just like the medicinal wine, it is good to drink such things.

While there was still much I was unsure about, it was best to try and stay healthy.

It would make it harder to get sick, and you would heal quicker if injured.

And being healthy led to being more energetic and looking more youthful.

Like Sebastian Well, now that I think about it, he didn't seem to be concerned with his health, in spite of looking young and having energy.

Perhaps people in this world don't have to worry too much about eating healthy food?

I suggested she use soybeans Seasoning? Well, you can eat it plain, but surely it would taste better with something added? ...Hmm. I see. I am sure that you are right. I have only eaten them plain up until now. Yes, they won't taste that great if you only fry

Sherry was tired from running. As Sherry had been jogging around the garden, it was not surprising that she was tired. Unlike the time before we went to the forest, Leo was not chasing her. So she ran at a slower pace, but for a longer time. ...Leo might get

We Decided to go to the Fenrir Forest. Wuff-wuff-wou. Wou! Wuff-wuff. Uh, now it was Fenrir's know to submit. It's in their instincts. And even if they attack by some mistake, I'll defeat them all, so it's okay. Something like that? It probably wasn't what she was saying word for word,

Nick Was Happy

And how do you turn it into tea?

Uhjust wait one moment. There. That should do it. It can be brewed like any other tea now.

That really is a useful ability Hmm. And it smells very nice.

Dandeleeon tea has a distinct smell.

With Weed Cultivation, I could dry it in an instant and turn it into powder.

Indeed, it was so useful that I sometimes relied on it too much.

Weed Cultivation had the ability to turn plants into their best state.

I suppose it turned out like this because I had been thinking about tea.

Apparently, it could also be used for medicine, but you used the whole plant, and not just the roots.

Now, could you please deliver this to the kitchen? I made a promise with Ms. Helena.

Certainly. And what will you do, Mr. Takumi?

I will continue to grow herbs. Some for Ractos, and also more for testing. I havent made more since returning from the forest.

Indeed. Very well then.

I wrapped up the powder in some paper and handed it to Sebastian.

Ms. Helena would make it into tea.

After Sebastian left, I started work on the herbs.

Though, my back hurt a little from all of the squatting

If only there was some herb for that?

Well, the ones for fatigue and sore muscles were probably enough.

Oh, brother! Its been a while!

Nick Well, it hasnt been that long.

What are you saying! You went to the dangerous forest for days And I didnt see you the whole time!
I was looking forward to this!

Uh Right. Anyway Here are the herbs for Ractos. Give them to Mr. Kalis.

Aye! I will deliver them safely no matter what!

I mean, if you find yourself in danger, you can just drop them

Nonsense! You made these precious herbs. And so I will not fail you!

I see Well, thanks.

It was hard to imagine that this was the person who had once scattered my herbs all over the ground.

Your herbs are very popular in Ractos, and they fly off of shelves. Mr. Kalis is very grateful towards you.

I should be thankful to him instead But are they really that popular?

Yes! After that Deam bastard was arrested, the crime rate dropped. And so people know to not go against you or Leo.

That seems excessive and more than just gratitude

Those who have committed crime are now shaking with fear, thinking that you will eventually come to bring them justice.

It was starting to sound like how Fen and Riruru could not go against Leo.

Though, they hadnt done anything badbut still.

I didnt really want to be viewed like that. I wasnt a duke like Mr. Ekenhart.

I had no real authority.

All I wanted was just to live quietly and relax.

With Leo and Liza laughing

Still, I was using this special ability at the same time that such thoughts went through my head.

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I found out that I had the Gift of Weed Cultivation My name is Isabelle. Im a stingy old woman who runs this magic item shop. Its nice to meet you. Im Takumi. Takumieh? Alright, then put your hand on this crystal ball. All right. I moved over to Ms.

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