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Ms. Johanna said something unexpected

That hat. It suits you, so you can be more confident, you know?

Confident If you say so, Mr. Takumi. But I don't feel What about you, Mr. Takumi?

I got used to it. It was more embarrassing wearing in town around strangers.

Well I can see how that would happen. I suppose I would get used to it too if a lot of people saw me?

That is no good, Lady Claire. It will be no good at all!

Johanna?

I have watched you for a long time, Lady Claire Even when you were young, you would sneak out with a sword and pretend to be your father

Jo-Johanna! Calm down.

I cannot calm down! I still remember how you fell down and hurt your hand While we worried, you said you wanted to become strong like your father. I remember it like it was yesterday!

Uh, Johanna. That's enough

No! Your cuteness is much more than that! Even when you ran and fell. You bore the pain and pretended to be strong. And when you understood that you were not suited to fighting, you cried angrily. I have seen it all! I know how you are in every state. And there are some things that should not be shown to others!

Ms. Johanna started ranting and praising Ms. Claire in a confused way out of nowhere.

Just because Ms. Claire might walk through the town in a strange hat? Not that she looked bad in it.

Also, I didnt know that happened when she was a child But I suppose it made sense, looking at Mr. Ekenhart and Tilura.

No you are saying too much, Johanna. Besides, when did I give up?

Huh? You havent?

Of course, not.

Even when you fell off a horse and landed on your face?

Yes.

And when you lost every race to the other children, including the ones that spent all of their time reading books? And you cried all night?

Oh, I was probably sick

And when they threw mud balls at your face?

You werent even there, Johanna. Oh, father must have told you

Yes, he sounded very amused. I had just started training then, so that I could be your guard.

All these stories about Ms. Claire were very interesting

Still, she had become tired quickly when first entering the forest. But she was dragging Ms. Anne the second time. But it seemed like she was not very athletic.

She probably did have the strength, which she inherited from her father.

She just did not know how to use it well.

More importantly, why are you so upset, Johanna?

Because more people might target you

Target me?

Ruffians! Once they see you, most men would become bewitched in an instant!

Apparently, she was worried about strange men approaching Ms. Claire.

She was starting to sound like Mr. Ekenhart.

Hah So thats what youve been babbling about? Dont worry, that will not happen. As if they would ever approach someone from a dukes house. They should be much too afraid.

Well even if they did, I will protect you, as your guard

Ms. Claire seemed like she wasnt fully aware of how pretty she was.

I thought she would be a little confident, even if it wasnt as much as Ms. Anne

Though, it was also hard to imagine a Ms. Claire who boasted about her beauty. It would be like a different person.

Sebastian wasnt the only one who got sick Mr. Takumi and Leo! And Lady Liza Werent you supposed to join us tomorrow? We had business in Ractos, and so we came a day early. I see. As we approached the campsite where they were preparing the tents, Ms. Johanna noticed

Sebastian became involved As we waited for dinner to be served, Tilura reported that she got permission from Rahle. Now that I thought about it, they seemed to be talking after training. Leo and Liza had been running with Sherry. But what did she need Rahles permission for? For the

Ms. Claire Enjoyed The Fried Noodles Mr. Takumi! It is so delicious! Haha. Indeed. While the appearance and smell are odd, it tastes much better than I expected! After taking a few bites of it, Ms. Claires eyes widened with surprise. Even if it wasnt quite perfect in my eyes,

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It was officially recognised by the others

Well, if you were to look very pretty around Mr. Takumi, then it might improve your relationship. That would be very encouraging for all of us who guard and watch over you!

What!?

Huh!?

Ms. Johanna had suddenly looked at me before saying something very absurd.

Ms. Claire was also stunned.

I just hoped that Sebastian was not listening in.

Wha

What is it, Lady Claire?

You say such ridiculous things! Why are you talking about Mr. Takumi all of a sudden!?

The master is quite fond of him. And since he has Leo, he is strong enough to

Thats true! But Mr. Takumi and I do not have that kind of relationship yet!

Yet?

Nevermind that! In any case, whether or not I want to wear this hatit has nothing to do with Mr. Takumi!

Butyou seemed to care last night?

No, I dont!

In any case, Mr. Takumi. Please look after Lady Claire.

Huh? Uh Haha

A few days ago, I had had a talk with Mr. Ekenhart and Sebastian. I suppose it was on a lot of peoples minds these days.

Regardless, I could do nothing but smile awkwardly.

Uh, but isnt it Mr. Ekenharts wish, that we all continue to wear the hats when we reach the village?

Yes, indeed. I thought it was a good idea.

But then That means everyone in the village will see her?

Oh!

Ms. Johanna finally realized it, and seemed quite troubled.

As for Ms. Claire, she was still glaring at her.

Though, I noticed that her cheeks were a little flushed as well.

The conversation had gone back in a strange direction. But I was in no position to say anything to Ms. Clarie.

Not yet

Grau!!

Leo!?

What?

Kyau?

The carriage has stopped

Did something happen?

Lady Claire. Mr. Takumi. Please be careful.

After stopping once for a lunch break, we continued on our way towards Range village for some time. And just as the sun was starting to set, I heard Leo barking outside of the carriage.

It was not her usual barking. She sounded like this when she detected danger. And so we all looked outside in alarm.

But I could not see anything, and eventually, the carriage slowed down and stopped.

We had not planned to stop here, so something must have happened after all.

Ms. Johannas hand went to her sword as she jumped out of the carriage.

Johanna! Its monsters! They are not coming towards us yet, but stay on your guard!

Understood, Phillip!

Let us go and see as well.

Yes. Ah, I will get down first. You can be last, Ms. Claire

Thank you, Mr. Takumi.

Monstershuh? Apparently, they were not coming towards us, but I still wanted to be sure.

While I was still not good enough, I had trained a lot.

Sebastian, what happened?

Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi

Sebastian had also gotten down from the drivers seat.

Johanna and Phillip had unsheathed their swords and were scanning the area. But the other guards and carriage were up ahead, and acting as a defensive wall.

After all, this was the carriage that Mr. Ekenhart was supposed to ride in. And so protecting Ms. Claire would be their top priority

But for some reason, I could not see Leo anywhere. Perhaps she had gone ahead with Mr. Ekenhart and Liza?

The new tea was ready Well, perhaps I should have made something that was easier to eat
Something that you used a knife and a fork They could still use a knife to cut the hamburgers, but it
would be a little difficult, as the bread was quite thick. The

Ms. Claire was very worried The sausages were prepared, like you requested. Will you go and take a bath now, Mr. Takumi? Wuff! Wuff! Yes. I would like to take a bath and warm myself. Can I leave Leo to you? Certainly. Mr. Takumi, here. Yes, thank you. Leo started

I hadn't thought about where I would live Mr. Takumi should be fine But good Leo Wuff? Hmm. You mean the house is too small. After looking at me, Mr. Haines glanced over to Leo, who was playing with Rosalie. Leo noticed this and turned to us questioningly. Indeed, it

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There were Trolls on the road

As Phillip said, there are monsters. Trolls up ahead. But it's quite unusual for them to be lurking around here

Trolls? What about the others?

Yes, they have gone ahead in order to get rid of the danger. However I'm sure they will have nothing to do, as Leo and His Grace went first.

Fatherhah

It won't be dangerous if Leo is there. Besides, Rahle is also flyinghuh? I don't see Rahle anywhere

Kyau! Kyau-kyau!

I am not worried about father. I'm sure he is excited about it According to Sherry, Rahle is with them now.

Haha, that is true. And thank you, Sherry.

Kyau!

But Liza is with them

Ms. Claire was worried about the children getting mixed up in all of the fighting. But considering what happened in the forest, Liza was probably excited to be there.

Tilura as well. Though, I did feel a little bad about Ms. Anne.

She was the only one who could not fight Oh, well.

Leo, Liza. Are you alright?

Wuff!

Ah, papa! Yes, we are fine! Mama and Rahle defeated them in no time.

Mr. Takumi. I had a feeling this would happen, but there was nothing for me to do.

Well, youre the one who is supposed to be protected, Mr. Ekenhart. So maybe it is a good thing?

I know that. But when it comes to fighting, I get restless. Besides, there was no real danger

Well, I think Ms. Claire will let you know how she feels later

Hmm

Leo had returned while carrying Liza, and so I called out to them.

Even though I knew they were fine, I always asked out of habit.

Regardless, they both looked to be in a good mood. Unlike Mr. Ekenhart.

Uhhh, we got down from mama, and then she began to run at a great speed. And then Rahle came from the sky. And they beat the trolls in no time! It was amazing!

I see. Im glad that you were able to watch them.

Yes!

You did well, Leo.

Wuff-wuff.

In any case, I left Mr. Ekenhart with Ms. Claire, and listened to Liza's report.

Leo likely used her claws and fangs as usual, but according to Liza, Rahle was able to cut the trolls by using its wings like blades.

I had no idea it could do that I thought that it would use magic, or attack with its beak.

And I was surprised that it could attack like that while still carrying Tilura and Ms. Anne on its back.

Perhaps it was still excited after the battle, as Rahle was flying in a circle above us.

I was a little worried about Ms. Anne I hoped that she didn't get sick up there.

Wuff-wou?

Yes. There was a troll last time as well. Though, Sebastian said that it's unusual for them to be here

Mr. Takumi. Is that true?

Ah, Sebastian. I was just wondering

As I was nodding to Leo and thinking, Sebastian had overheard me and showed interest.

He wasn't eavesdropping, was he?

Mr. Takumi, Leo. You saw a troll here before?

Yes. I can't say the exact location, but it was close by. And Leo defeated it.

Wuff!

I see Unlike the Fenrir forest, this one is connected to Rahles mountain Perhaps something happened over there? No, but surely that wouldn't cause trolls to come down Besides, that was quite a while ago. And there were no other reports of trolls between Range village and Ractos

Sebastian started muttering to himself.

Well, I didn't know what the reason was, but perhaps Rahle would know?

Rahle was the lord of the northern mountain, apparently

Uncategorized

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

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

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

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I asked Rahle why there were trolls here

If its related to Rahles mountain, then we should probably ask about it. Leo, could you call Rahle?

Wuff. Awooooo!!

Kii!

What is it?

We were having such a good time flyingwhat happened?

I had been worried about Ms. Anne, but she was fine, and clearly enjoyed flying.

She was quite different from Sebastian.

Even though she didnt like the swaying of a carriage.

UhhRahle, there is something that I want to ask you.

Wou?

Kii!

In any case, I think you should come down, Tilura and Ms. Anne. It will be easier to talk that way
Apparently, Rahles mountain is connected to that forest, and

And so I asked about the mountain, forest and trolls.

Hmm, I seeso thats why.

Silver Fenrirs have such an effect by just existing.

Wouwou-wou!

I know. You didnt do anything wrong. There, there.

There, there, mama!

According to Rahle, it was probably because a Silver Fenrir was approaching.

As Rahle was not there, it did not know the exact situation. But it suggested that the other monsters must have sensed Leos approach and gone wild.

And then the trolls may have been chased out of the forest.

Leo had also passed through here when without me in the past. But as she had been running quickly, things might have settled before trolls or other monsters were driven out.

Well, when it was Phillip or Sebastian, she had apparently run from the mansion without resting.

When it was with me, we would rest or go at the same speed as the horses, so there was plenty of time for the trolls to come out of the forest.

It might be necessary to search the forest once. This road is connected to Ractos, so it will be a problem if monsters come out regularly. And while trolls could be dealt with by a group of soldiers, there are other monsters as well. We do not want innocent civilians to be attacked.

Indeed. Besides, these roads will be used more often, once we start transporting the herbs.

Yes. We might ask for Rahles help when the time comes. We will discuss the matter after we return to the mansion.

As Leo, Rahle and the guards were with us, it was not really a problem that the trolls appeared.

However, it would be different if it was just a merchant caravan.

Things would be a lot more easier if there were also fenrirs in this forest who we could communicate with

So then, Mr. Takumi, Lady Claire. We shall be camping out here tonight.

Yes. Then Leo, Liza and I will go and collect branches to use for the fire.

And I will talk with Anne. She is still excited after her flight, and will surely seek to bother other people.

After we had dealt with the trolls, we continued on our journey until the sun set. And so we prepared the camp site.

Apparently, Ms. Anne had enjoyed riding on Rahle so much, and was trying to talk to everyone about how wonderful it had been

I didn't know if it was because Rahle was flying slower than usual, or she just liked flying.

As for Mr. Ekenhart, he had already gotten off of Leo and was headed towards Rahle.

He probably wanted to talk to Tilura about what it was like to fly.

In any case, we had to gather some branches.

As the forest was close, it would not be difficult unless they were wet from the rain

Rahle had returned home Now that I thought about it, Sherry would also get tired first when running with Liza. So in terms of energy, she definitely had Tilura and I beat. While Leo might have regained her pride, I had lost mine Well, maybe I didn't have much to

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

Sebastian rode on Rahle Is it comfortable? Its amazing! Not as soft as Rahles feathers, but flying won't be scary anymore! That is good to hear So, you are next, Sebastian. ...Mr. Takumi Yes, very well then. The saddle was made so that two people could ride on it. Though,

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There was a creature that seemed familiar in Range Village

Well then, according to our plan, we will arrive at the village tomorrow after lunch?

Yes. While there were some interruptions, we are not behind schedule. And so we can rest and eat before continuing on to the village.

Very well.

After dinner, Mr. Ekenhart and Sebastian talked about the plans for tomorrow.

So we would arrive in Range village after midday.

I wondered if everyone was well.

I hoped that the children would play with Leo again, and get along with Liza.

As for the branches used for the fire, a lot of them were wet from last night's rain. However, I was able to dry them out with Weed Cultivation.

It was so convenient that I ended up having Liza and Leo gather more and more branches to dry, and so we had too much. However, since they could be used tomorrow, it would not be a waste.

Mama, is it good?

Wuff!

Do you like it, Rahle?

Kii!

In the meantime, Liza and Tilura were feeding Leo and Rahle sausages and other meat.

They were perfectly capable of eating alone But the reason was the Sherry had been looking at Ms. Claires food hungrily. And so Ms. Claire started to feed her, and then Liza and Tilura copied that.

Once everything was decided, we all retired to our tents to rest.

But even with Leo and Rahle around, we had someone keep watch, because of the appearance of the trolls.

Like in the forest, my watch was with Leo and Liza Though, Liza did not stay up for long.

And unlike previous times, I did not end up talking with anyone, and it was a peaceful night

Are we really going to go like this, father?

Of course. It would be much more fun, wouldnt it?

Hah Very well.

It looks very cute, so Im sure they will be kind about it?

The following day, we departed for Range village. And after resting to eat lunch, we were now at the final step before arriving.

Ms. Claire was still uncomfortable about wearing the hats, but Mr. Ekenhart was clearly looking forward to it.

As for Ms. Anne, she showed none of the excitement that she had yesterday after riding on Rahle.

She was very nervous, and looked at Ms. Claire almost pleadingly.

After all, she was here in order to apologize to the villagers.

While Mr. Hanes had forgiven her, mostly because of Mr. Ekenhart, she did not know how the other villagers felt about it.

Besides, Ms. Claire and Mr. Ekenhart had made suggestions saying that they would be angry and throw stones or try to hit her

Of course, they intended to help her in any way they could. But in the end, this was something she had to do herself.

While she was not the person to give the orders she had still been the one to make the suggestion.

On the other hand, the villagers were quite gentle in general. So it would take a lot for them to view her so severely.

After seeing Ms. Anne throw herself to the ground and beg for forgiveness, they may feel less angry

Kyan! Kyan!

Hey, be quiet!

Your Grace, Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi. And Leo Welcome to our village.

Mmm However

Dog?

Wuff. Wuff-wuff!

Hey, Leo. I understand how you feel, but stay calm.

Papa. That one looks like Sherry!

It does but it's not the same animal, alright?

We arrived in Range village and came out of the carriage.

As Mr. Ekenhart had sent word ahead, Mr. Hannes and the villagers came out to greet us.

Well, that was fine. The problem was that there were dogs with them, who were barking at us.

Leo was happy and wagged her tail with excitement.

Liza looked at them as if puzzled. But they were dogs, and quite different from fenrirs.

While they were smaller than Sherry perhaps it was all the same for Leo.

And so instead of surprising them with our hats, we ended up being the ones who were surprised.

No, the villagers were clearly looking at our hats, so they were surprised as well.

In any case, it would look like Ms. Annes apology would have to wait a moment

We finished preparations I know, Liza. After we return from Range village, why don't you have a ride on Rahle as well? I can! You can, Liza. Right, Rahle? Kii! Rahle and Tilura nodded happily. Tilura saw Liza as a younger sister, and Rahle liked carrying people. So everyone was

Tilura wanted to ride on Rahle again Ah, if were going to Range village, how long will it take? Hmm? Ah, thats right If Claire and Tilura are going, then a few servants will have to go too. And well travel by carriage again. ...Then it will take a little

Mr. Ekenharts Departure And so while in the submissive pose, Leo was petted by not just Liza, but Ms. Lyra as well. Obviously, she no longer looked like an intimidating Silver Fenrir. But I suppose it was a worthy trade off for Leo. Well, I would join them and pet

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The dogs jumped towards Leo

Kyan-kyan!

Wuff!

Wou? Wuff-wuff.

You sure are popular, Leo. No one is scared of you anymore.

The people of the village had a few dogs with them. Some were interested in Leo while others were more cautious. But once Leo moved towards them and licked their faces, they warmed up to her.

Or maybe they just surrendered.

Kyau?

You can go play if you want?

Kyau!

So Sherry wants to play too. You should go too, Liza.

Yes. See you later, papa!

Sherry looked restless as Ms. Claire was carrying her, and it was clear that she wanted to join Leo and the dogs.

And so Ms. Claire agreed and put Sherry on the ground. She wagged her tail and went running to the others.

As Liza wanted to join them, I suggested that she should, and so she went running off while wagging her tail.

Wouwuff?

Kyan!

Huh?

I noticed that while they were playing, there was one dog that seemed hostile, and would charge into and try to bite Leo.

But due to the difference in size, and Leos silver fur, it was clear that it did not hurt at all

The dog was probably still a puppy. It was small enough to pick up with one hand, and it had white fur.

It made me a little nostalgic Oh, maybe it would hurt itself if it charged into Leo.

Hey, come over here!

? Ruff!

There, there

Wuff?

Grrr

Now, now. You have no way of beating Leo, so why not play nice?

Ruff!

Wou

Dont be so sad Leoit will get used to you eventually.

I went over to the dogs and clapped while calling the one who attacked Leo.

It looked at me, and after tilting its head once, wagged its tail and ran to me.

It was rather friendly to other people, it seemed

Once I thought that it was calm, I held close to Leo, but then it bared its teeth and started to growl again.

This made Leo rather sad, and I had to comfort her.

Leo, this dogits a maltese, isnt it?

Wuff.

Leo nodded in agreement.

While it was still youngthe short fur and dark eyes and nose

Also, the folded ears were very cute, and it had a short muzzle.

Leo had been like this when I first found her Even though she was silver now, and much bigger and stronger.

Mr. Takumi, do you have a moment? Im sorry to bother you, but we have to speak with the chief

Ah, I understand. Alright, dont get in any fights, Leo.

Wou! Wou-wuff.

Yes, its true that this little one started it. But just be nice, alright?

Wou

Wuff!

As I was reminiscing, Sebastian came to call me.

Thats right, I had to talk with Mr. Harnes now.

Huh? What is Ms. Claire going to do?

While I was walking towards the chiefs house with Mr. Ekenhart, Mr. Harnes and Sebastian, I saw Ms. Claire walking past us.

As she was going to manage the business with me, I thought she would accompany us.

I will be here. I have to keep an eye on Sherry and Anne.

I see

Im really, really sorry!

In a place where all of the other villagers were gathered, I heard Ms. Anne shouting loudly.

I could tell that they were stunned by her intensity. Well, I would just leave her to Ms. Claire then.

First of all, thank you for coming to our humble village, Your Grace.

Yes. Well, no need to be so formal. We already talked about it at the mansion.

Thank you.

We were in the largest building in the village. Mr. Harness house.

Aside from Sebastian, we were all sitting down. And then Mr. Harnes stood up and bowed to Mr. Ekenhart.

One day, I would have to be able to do such formal things as this Though, it would be awkward around someone like Mr. Ekenhart.

Leo started a diet plan for Sherry Besides, it is probably easier in some ways when they are a familiar. Really? Yes. Because no matter what happens, you can speak to each other. Ah, that is true. It is very convenient to be able to understand each other. But I

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

Fenrirs appeared from the forest Still, are you sure, Leo? I know you said that fenrirs arent a danger to you, but Wou. Wuff-wuff. Wou-wou. Even if they do come, youll deal with them easilyright. Well, Im sure you can But go easy on them, alright? Wuff. If there were

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We talked with Mr. Harnes

So, what happened with those dogs? I do not remember them being here the last time

Yes. They were not.

First, Mr. Ekenhart asked the thing he had been wondering about.

After Mr. Takumi and Leo saved our village, we had to think of other ways to stay safe. Of course, we will fight if monsters attack, but it would be nice to know beforehand.

Hmm. Indeed. You would have time to run away or prepare to fight.

Yes. From what Mr. Takumi told me, Leo is able to detect monsters that are still far away.

Indeed.

And so remembering this, we decided to search for something that could do the same.

Which were dogs?

No We were thinking of wolves, first.

Wolves Yes, they do have a sharper sense of smell compared to humans. However, isn't that a little dangerous?

Yes we occasionally see wolves in the forest to the north but they are fast, and we are unable to catch them.

I have never seen any wolves myself, but they were likely similar to the fenrirs.

Though, they must be much weaker, if the villagers were trying to catch them.

In the first place, if you want wolves to help you, you must make a contract. And so we decided to start with dogs, and train some of the villagers to be stronger. And then later, we might be able to catch a wolf

I see. Once the dogs grow, they will become quite fast. And so raising them will make it easier to understand wolves, which will make it easier to catch them in the future.

Yes. The village must be able to protect itself without the duke or Mr. Takumi's help. Of course, we are grateful for what you did. It was the news about Mr. Takumi and Lady Claire that made us decide on it.

What did it have to do with us moving?

After all, we would be bringing guards for Ms. Claire. And then there was Leo and Sherry.

Surely it would be safe enough?

While it happened so suddenly, you helped us. With both the disease and the monsters. And so now we want to help you. Of course, we are also trying to continue with production of the wine. Though, we do not have grapes yet, so we are just making preparations.

Hmm. I see. Butwell What do you think, Mr. Takumi?

Why are you asking me?

While I am the lord of these lands, you are the one who is going to live here. I would ask Claire, but since she is not here I want to know your opinion.

How very well.

I was the one who would be making the herb fields. And the one living here. So I would have to talk with Mr. Harnes a lot.

Uh First of all, I'm grateful for your consideration. It shows how much you and the people here have accepted us.

Yes.

However, I really don't think it is necessary for you and the villagers to worry about our protection. Because we have Leo and the guards. They will be able to deal with any monsters that might attack. Besides, I have been learning to use a sword from Mr. Ekenhart so I should be able to fight much better than before against orcs.

Indeed. It is not as if the guards are only for Claire. They must protect Mr. Takumi, Leo, the herbs and wine. This very village too.

Really?

Yes. Isn't that right, Mr. Takumi?

You're asking me again? Uh, I suppose.

I did not want the villagers to be forced to do something they couldn't. They were not trained to fight in the first place.

I liked this village because the people had fun and played with Leo.

A bird flew in the sky. In any case, it's all finished now. So it's time to prepare dinner. Hmm? What is it, Leo? Wuffwuff? After the orcs had been cleaned up, and the only thing left to do was eat dinner, I noticed that Leo was looking up at

Sebastian remembered something. So, what is the monster saying? After Leo frightened it, it does not seem hostile anymore. Is it safe? Indeed, Leo had finished talking with the bird monster, and so we moved away. I wanted to talk with the others for now. We were dozens of meters

Tilura was tired and went to sleep. Ah, it's so soft and fluffy! Kii! Tilura was quite bold. And so she grabbed onto the bird, much like she did with Leo. I suppose she didn't think it would hurt her. She was quite similar to Mr. Ekenhart when it comes

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I told them to not worry too much

The plan is to have enough herbs for all of the dukes lands. Of course, not every type of herb, but We will still be growing a lot in this village. And by making a new kind of wine, this villages importance will grow. After all, it isnt just me, but the villagers will also help in the operation.

Yes We will all work together to make the wine.

While we wont know if it will be popular until we sell it it might become something where there is great demand. In any case, if that happens, you will have to make a lot of it. I dont think you will have much time to go chasing wolves so that you can train them.

Additionally, Mr. Takumi has already signed a contract with me regarding the herbs. And so it is only natural for me to provide soldiers It will be the same with the wine. By putting it under our management, we will see more profits. That will then allow us to make these lands safe. Fixing the roads and increasing the number of soldiers who can deal with monsters. Maintaining villages and townsetcetera

There are other things too, but that is the gist of it.

In the end, the herbs and wine will keep them very busy, so it is best that they not be distracted by other things

Though, the last time I was here, Mr. Harnes had told me about how people were leaving the village, and how they had little time to spend with the children, due to making the wine.

But Mr. Ekenhart meant to hire more people for the winemaking as well, so perhaps they would not be too busy. Though, the new people would have to be taught how to make the wine, so it would still be busy for quite some time.

I wanted to avoid a situation like before where they were constantly working. And so did Mr. Ekenhart.

Though, taking care of dogs was a lot of work too But at least they could play with the children.

However, when it comes to making wolves your familiar, that was a different matter. It would be one thing if they just trained them during their free time, like a hobby. But that probably wouldn't be enough.

Regardless, maybe Mr. Ekenhart saw their desire to be able to defend themselves as mistrust or maybe he wondered if they would revolt against him. No, I was probably overthinking it.

And after the previous monster attack, it was understandable that they would be cautious.

Indeed so you thought of that much already. I'm sorry that we were so presumptuous.

No, I'm happy for your consideration. You can discuss the matter with Mr. Takumi, and decide on the village's direction.

Me?

Even if it is just about what to be done now, there is plenty of value in speaking with Mr. Takumi. Isn't that right, chief?

Yes. He is able to make us see things in a different light. I shall try to ask for his opinion in the future, when making decisions for the people.

I'm sure that I will make mistakes as well, so please tell me when I do.

Certainly.

The villagers tend to agree with each other, which makes things peaceful except when they go in the wrong direction. But it is the duty of a leader to put them on the right path. If Claire and Mr. Takumi are here, that should not happen. So things will be easy for me!

I hope you don't expect too much from me. I'm just the person who makes the herbs. Also, do you only care about taking it easy?

Dont worry, Mr. Takumi. I shall make sure that His Grace works properly once he returns to the mansion.

What!?

After all, there is a lot of work piled up. He will not be able to relax for quite some time.

Tsk

Mr. Ekenhart was very disappointed at Sebastians words.

Well, he was the duke Even if he had authority and wealth, that also came with a lot of responsibilities.

HmmI see

Yes. And so for now

The talk of dogs and wolves was finished, and so we moved to discussing plans for the herb fields.

The first thing to prepare was the land. As had been decided before, it would be to the north of the village. All of the way up to the forest. That would be very big.

Of course, we would not cover all of it at once. But it gave us plenty of room to expand as needed.

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.

We started to explain to Mr. Haines Huh? Well, most of the children seemed to enjoy playing with Leo. The parents were all happy to see it as well. So it wasn't just the children, but the adults also accepted Leo? Yes. Leo and Mr. Takumi saved the village. Of

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

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Someone was advising the villagers

As for the land where the house would be build for me and Ms. Claire, it would be to the north of the chiefs house, and next to the farmland.

Because it would be more convenient if we lived close to the fields.

However

Isn't that too much land?

Really? It seems quite normal to me If anything, it could be bigger.

Indeed. It will be small compared to the mansion.

Perhaps we should make some adjustments?

It was no use trying to persuade Mr. Ekenhart and Sebastian.

Of course, we were just looking at a map, but the space that we would be using would take up half of Range village.

Surely that was too big.

Even for someone of Leos size, it was excessive.

But the good Leo will be able to run around.

Yes, but it still does not need to be that big. Besides, I think Leo would rather play in the village with the children.

And so we agreed to discuss the matter later, and I requested that it be smaller.

If they kept it like that, I did not want to think about how expensive the house would be to build and maintain.

That's right, chief. There is something I wanted to ask you.

What is it?

Just when we were about to finish, Mr. Ekenhart suddenly wanted to say something to Mr. Harnes.

About the wolves or dogs. Could you have been receiving advice from someone outside of the village?

Oh why do you ask?

Because you were talking about familiars. While it is not rare I think it was odd for you to speak of that. Most people in your position would only see monsters as threats. Though some would use orcs as food.

I had heard about familiars from Ms. Claire, as soon as I came to this world.

While I didn't really see Leo as a familiar, Ms. Claire and Tilura had monsters that obeyed them, and so I was used to the idea of them.

However, I had never seen any others in Ractos. So they were clearly not common.

If you weren't trained, then even orcs were dangerous monsters. And so the idea of fighting and making them obey you was kind of odd.

You are right. After Mr. Takumi left this village, we all talked about it. And around that time, a traveler stopped by.

Oh?

Just as Mr. Ekenhart suspected, there had been someone who gave them that idea.

This person was quick to see that we were troubled, and agreed to give us some advice. It wasn't an order or anything. Just that there were ways to acquire familiars. It was merely a possibility. If anything, it was suggested that this was dangerous, and we should not do it.

Indeed. It is a dangerous thing to attempt. Though, it was fine with Claire and Tilura.

I think that was due to Leos presence.

As I said before, that was why we got dogs first. Well, the traveler was the one who brought us the dogs. The first time we talked, it was after I left the dukes house.

That is not much time at all

I was surprised as well. But the traveler supposedly had some special method of transportation

After what happened last time, weren't you suspicious?

At first, I was. However

Mr. Harnes suddenly hesitated. And the rest of us looked at him with puzzled expressions.

I am not sure if I should say this

We will not repeat it. Go on. As the duke, I can take responsibility for any trouble that might be caused.

I understand.

It was strange for him to worry this much. Was there some big problem?

Surely he wasn't being threatened. He would not trust a person like that.

Still, after hearing Mr. Ekenhart's words, he made up his mind and nodded.

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

Mr. Ekenhart also apologized to Mr. Haines. You can stand back now, Anneliese. Really? But I haven't done anything yet, Anne, it's enough. Besides, I think your presence here is just confusing Mr. Haines. ...Very well. Ms. Anne seemed like she hadn't had enough yet, but she somberly got to

The dogs jumped towards Leo. Kyan-kyan! Wuff! Wou? Wuff-wuff. You sure are popular, Leo. No one is scared of you anymore. The people of the village had a few dogs with them. Some were interested in Leo while others were more cautious. But once Leo moved towards them and licked

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The traveler was an important person

We were shown a crest.

Crest? In other words, this person was a noble?

It is something that proves you are a noble. A commoner would not have it. However, surely the villagers wouldn't even know what it is?

Wellit was a crest that everyone in this country would recognize.

Could it be

Do you mean it was the royal family crest!?

Yes. I wondered what would bring them to a village like this But it was without a doubt the royal crest.

I see And they were traveling However, could it be possible that they are an imposter That would be a grave crime. Perhaps they borrowed it No, that wouldnt happen either

I did not know much about crests either, but Mr. Ekenhart and Sebastian were very surprised.

With crests, it was to prove that you were part of that family. So you would not allow anyone else to hold it.

There were exceptions, like when I went to capture Deam. But that special. In general, it did not happen. Especially not for a traveler.

Are you sure that you havent made a mistake?

I thought so too But it had the Silver Fenrir. After seeing Leo, I would not mistake it

Yes, both our house and the royal house have the Silver Fenrir on our crest

I had never seen the royal crest, but I had seen the dukes a number of times.

It showed a Silver Fenrir baring its fangs and claws. It symbolized victory over their enemies.

And what about this person?

Well

Mr. Harnes became hesitant once again.

If they were a traveler, they may have left the village already.

Currently they are living in a house on the edge of the village.

Why is that? While I didn't expect to find someone from the royal family here, is there a problem with us meeting?

No there is not. They said they would like to meet you, as it has been so long

So it really is someone from the royal family then

If it was on the edge of the village, could it be that house where the merchant was placed after we captured him?

It seemed very rude to put a member of the royal family in such a place But I suppose it was fine if they cleaned it first.

But why were they there if they didn't have a problem with meeting Mr. Ekenhart? It sounded like there was some other reason.

Um I am sorry. Apparently, they had heard that this village was visited by a Silver Fenrir That is why they came.

For Leo? Well, it was not like it was some secret. I suppose word had spread.

Indeed. Leo attracts a lot of attention We walk together in Ractos, so its no wonder that other people know.

Thank you. I did not wish to cause trouble for Mr. Takumi and Leo, who saved this village And so I had told the other villagers to not talk about Leo as much as possible.

Hmm So, this person heard of Leo and came all of the way here?

Yes. Silver Fenrirs are the strongest monsters. And since they are rare it is possible that this one is plotting something and if that is the case, it must be defeated

Defeat Leo?

Yes. That is what they said.

If they are from the royal family, then they would be human. Surely a human could not defeat a Silver Fenrir

I think so too, Sebastian. However if they are from the royal family and say they will beat a Silver Fenrir and they travel I must be that person

I Learned About the Duke and Silver Fenrir Connection The royal family uses the Silver Fenrir on their crest, as they symbolize a country that cannot be defeated. On the other hand, the Liebert crest shows the fangs and claws, which symbolizes how we will defeat any foe. Also this is

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