

Beloved Dog 681

Chapter 681

Tilura wanted to discuss something

“Perhaps we should have just had the lands absorbed into Hart’s.”

“Having territories that are too large will make the other nobles angry. And that could lead to them distrusting the government.”

“It’s so troublesome. Well, the royal family mostly leaves the lords to their own devices without interfering, so it should be fine. Ah, that’s right!”

“What is it, Your Excellency?”

He suddenly looked towards me and raised his voice as if he had remembered something. I did not like his look at all...

“Takumi. Are you interested in nobles? You know, if Anneliese turns out to be a failure, and we have to find someone else... Well, you seem like a good enough chap, and you have Leo. No one will complain too loudly about it.”

“Yes, Mr. Takumi...would be able to deal with any arguments very easily...”

“While having him as a neighbor would be good... My true wish is for him to stay here... Hmm...”

“Hey, hey. What are you all talking about? I would not make a good lord at all. My only goal is to plant herbs in this village!”

Having Leo, and the cooperation of Claire and the duke in order to grow herbs in Range village...I could not ask for more than that.

I just wanted to live a slow and relaxing life.

“Don’t worry, Leo will deal with any enemies you will make!”

“No, no! Also, please don’t agree with him, Mr. Ekenhart...”

And so I had to persuade them against the idea until Sebastian arrived and told us that it was lunch time.

Though, since they were laughing later on, I suppose it was partially a joke.

“Sister, Mr. Takumi. And Leo...”

“What is it, Tilura? You don’t seem well?”

“What happened?”

“Wou?”

After lunch, we were relaxing outside, when Tilura approached us.

It was unusual to see her looking like this, and so we were all a little concerned.

“Um...it’s about Rahle. Something is wrong...”

“With Rahle?”

“I saw them all playing together a moment ago, and they seemed fine. Leo?”

“Wuff.”

All of us were puzzled by this, as we had not noticed that there was anything different about Rahle.

When we went to look at the future farm lands, Rahle had been carrying Tilura and seemed to be having fun.

But since Rahle was Tilura's familiar, perhaps there were things that she could sense.

"I don't know how to explain it...it feels as if Rahle is scared."

"Scared... But copper eagles are very strong monsters. And with Leo here as well... It is a little strange to be scared."

"Yes... And it's not Leo that Rahle is scared of."

"Perhaps Rahle did some mischief... No, I doubt that. Maybe Leo would."

"WOU!? WOU-WOU!!"

"Sorry, sorry. Yes, you wouldn't do it either. ...But you used to chew up things and make a mess."

"Wou..."

Leo had a lot of free time when she was smaller, and so she would sometimes do that.

Of course, I scolded her when that happened...but not too much, as I knew she probably felt some stress from being left alone.

In any case, Leo was much smarter now, and understood that you shouldn't do such things.

I apologized and petted her.

"It must be something very serious to scare Rahle... Perhaps there is some danger... Leo? Do you sense anything?"

"Wou? Wuff-wuff."

“She doesn’t... In that case... Well, Rahle is right over there. It doesn’t really look scared to me.”

“Indeed. If anything, it looks like it is having fun.”

When I looked, I saw that Rahle was playing with Liza and the other children. Ms. Claire also agreed that it did not look scared.

Chapter 682

Rahle was scared of a certain person

“But sometimes...Rahle shudders and pulls its head in...”

Like a pigeon? Maybe it was just cold?

I didn’t know much about birds, but it seemed like they generally flew away when they were scared.

“Hmm... But if Leo doesn’t sense anything, there really shouldn’t be anything dangerous here.”

“Yes. Sherry is the same, and seems to be having fun.”

“But I really sense it! I’m not lying!”

“Don’t worry, Tilura. No one is calling you a liar.”

“Wuff.”

“Fine...”

At that age, I suppose she was sensitive to the idea of adults thinking that she was making things up.

“Well, since Rahle is your familiar, there are things that only you can feel.”

“Yes, Tilura. We do not doubt you. After all, Rahle is still new here, and there is a lot that we do not know yet.”

“Yes... But why is it like that?”

“Indeed... There is no reason for it to feel threatened.”

“Wou-wou!”

“Well...I have no idea.”

“I think that it’s probably because of me!”

“...Mr. Euro?”

“Ahaha! I was eavesdropping on you.”

“That is very bad manners, Your Excellency.”

While I was trying to think of a reason for it, Mr. Euto suddenly appeared behind us.

Ms. Lugretta scolded him for his ill manners, but he paid her no mind.

“It wasn’t anything secretive... Still, you think that it’s because of you? But I don’t think Rahle even knows who you are.”

“Actually... I had forgotten about it. But we met a long time ago.”

“You did?”

“Yes. But I will tell you about it some other time.”

“I see...”

He said, glancing over to Ms. Claire.

I suppose he did not want to talk about his age around her.

That suggested that it was not just a few years ago. It could be decades or even hundreds of years ago that they met... If it was that long ago, then it wouldn't be strange for him to forget about it.

“But Rahle is a copper eagle. They are incredibly powerful monsters.”

“That is true. It could probably destroy this country if it wanted to. Not that I would allow that to happen.”

“Are you stronger than Rahle then?”

“Yes, yes. Uh, Rahle, is it? I am indeed stronger than that copper eagle.”

“Wou!”

“Sorry, not you, Leo. But let's play again some other time.”

“Wou!”

“Your Excellency, it is dangerous to boast so loudly around a Silver Fenrir. Please be careful.”

I suppose he would be able to defeat Rahle easily because of his Gift.

I believe that it was magic control or something... Infinite magic and energy. It made sense that he was stronger.

As Claire and Tilura didn't know about it, they probably didn't believe him... Well, maybe Tilura did. She still had a pure heart, but I hoped that she would not grow up to be too naive...

Chapter 683

The reason that Rahle did not want to be enemies with humans

"I fought with this Rahle a long time ago. And after my overwhelming victory, I made it promise to avoid attacking humans. Well, I don't speak bird, so who knows if it even understood? At that time, it was the leader of a large group of monsters in the area."

"Ah...I see."

This was before he made this country. And while things were peaceful now, this used to be monster territory, and was filled with powerful creatures.

No one was able to do anything, and it was all they could do to defend themselves when a monster occasionally came out and invaded their land. But Euto had used his Gift to decrease the number of monsters and bring stability.

"Wuff..."

Leo shook her head and let out a sigh.

Even if it was a long time ago, she still thought it was sad that Rahle had lost.

"Ah, it's looking this way...it seems it really was because of Mr. Euto then."

"See? I didn't even beat it that badly. Just enough so it wouldn't be able to fly for some time. I don't know why it is that scared."

"That sounds pretty bad to me."

"Poor Rahle..."

I didn't know who was in the wrong. Probably both of them.

I could understand why Tilura looked sad about it.

“Huh. Hamburgers. I don’t even remember what they tasted like. But I’m pretty sure that they were delicious.”

After we learned about what was agitating Rahle, we went back to inspecting the land. And then Tilura took Euto to speak with Rahle. And it was now time to prepare dinner.

It was decided that I would cook for the people of the village...

Of course, since there were so many people, Liza, Ms. Lyra and the other servants, as well as the villagers, helped me.

Part of it was because I wanted to do something for the village that was accepting me. But Euto had also requested something from his old world.

Well, I had no idea how to make more traditional Japanese food. And the ingredients would be difficult to come by anyway. And so I just went with hamburgers, which were safe and easy.

As for Rahle, it had nearly flown off when Euto tried to talk to it. But Leo barked and made it stay on the ground... The poor thing.

However, once it was established that he was not hostile, they seemed to be able to converse and enjoyed their time together. In the end, Rahle did not look very scared.

That being said, it would sometimes flinch when Euto spoke to it. So it might still be scared subconsciously.

To cause Rahle to experience such trauma... It must have been very scary...having to fight Mr. Euto during that time.

“Why don’t you just ask someone to make it? Or make it yourself?”

“I can’t cook... And no one I knew cooked either. Besides, I was much too busy to be thinking about such things.”

“Well, from what I’ve heard, it does seem like you’ve been involved in a lot of difficult troubles...”

Like battling monsters and founding new countries or fighting wars.

And who knew what he was keeping a secret or would tell me later.

Currently, we were probably the only two people in this country who were originally from Japan... Or any other world. Or with the Gift.

But wait... When we ate at Ractos that one time...

Chapter 684

Cooking time

“They had udon noodles.”

“Udon, huh? Yes, I’ve seen them. They had different kinds of noodles here. But the taste was different, wasn’t it?”

“Hmm... Well, I’m not a food enthusiast or anything. But I thought it was quite similar.”

“Oh? Perhaps they have improved since then.”

It had been in a clear soup, And while not completely the same, it had definitely been close.

“Well, it’s not like all the food in the other world was better anyway.”

“That’s true. The ingredients are different, and the food here is also delicious.”

“Yes, yes. Also, just because you make something that is good, does not mean it will become popular... It has to catch people’s attention and look nice as well...”

“Papa! I brought it!”

“Sorry to keep you waiting, Mr. Takumi.”

“Oh, thank you, Liza. ...And thank you, Ms. Lyra.”

They had brought the ingredients such a ground meat, that I had asked for from Mr. Hannes and the villagers.

It was the most important ingredient, but we did not bring any with us, and so I had to ask them for it.

Liza was excited to be able to make them again.

“Oh, I won’t delay you by talking anymore then. Perhaps I will go and pick on Rahle a little?”

“Haha. Please don’t do that too much. Ms. Lugretta will be angry with you.”

“Ahh. She is always telling me how to act. But that is not a bad thing...”

And so I left him to his devices and then started to make the hamburgers with the villagers who had come to help.

Of course, we made it the same way, without onions, so that Leo would be able to eat them as well.

While they may not be as good without onions, they should still be delicious enough for the villagers.

...Now that I thought of it, was it really true that Leo still couldn’t eat the same things as before? Perhaps I should ask her about that.

“...Like this, papa?”

“Oh, you’re even better at it now. Yes, that is right. And then put a dent right here.”

“Yes, you did that before! Uh, like this... Uh, there is a hole in now...”

“Haha. You pushed it too hard. Don’t worry, you can just fill it up again.”

“Okay!”

I wasn’t sure if she was actually getting better, but I thought it was important to praise her for trying.

“Mr. Takumi, like this?”

“Yes. Very good, Ms. Lyra. You are clearly used to cooking.”

“No, not at all...”

“Mr. Takumi, what about this?”

“Please look over here as well, Mr. Takumi!”

As everyone was used to cooking, they all did it well, as if it was not their first time. And so there was nothing for me to do but watch.

“Mr. Takumi, over here!”

“No, here first! Hey, don’t push me!”

“Ple-please calm down, everyone. I will check all of them!”

For some reason, the villagers all wanted me to check their work.

While most of them were good, there were some that were misshapen or too small. And so I gave some advice as if I was some professional.

Chapter 685

Pandemonium while cooking

“They finished cooking!”

“Thank you. Please put them over here!”

“Yes!”

“Here is the cheese and vegetables!”

“Just put them in the bread then!”

“There are not enough vegetables or cheese!”

“Here is more!”

“Take it over there!”

“Ah, are you okay, Liza?”

“It was hot! But I’m fine!”

“Be careful that you don’t get burned!”

The atmosphere while making the patties was pretty relaxed.

However, things changed once we started to cook them...and then place them in the buns with the cheese and vegetables.

Even though it was simple work, we had to prepare enough for a whole village, and there were a lot of people helping, which made things busy.

While it would still be good when cooled, it would taste the best when freshly cooked.

The guards from the mansion were helping to carry the food. They did not have wagons with them, and so they had to be carried at once, which required a lot of strength.

Even though Johanna didn't join with the cooking, she carried trays in each hand and moved like a professional waiter, which was surprising.

When had she learned to do that?

"Mr. Takumi, the fire is weakening!"

"Leo... No, tell Sebastian and the butlers to bring more firewood!"

"Understood!"

Unlike a gas stove, it was difficult to control the heat. And so we had to add things that burned, like wood and branches... Still, since there were a lot of people, there were also a lot of helpers.

The villagers had given us some of their extra firewood and then Leo and Rahle, with the help of Sebastian and the others, had gone outside in order to gather more.

They made several trips already, but we had still run out again.

"Please be careful when cutting the vegetables! We're not in a rush!"

"Don't worry, I'm used to doing this."

“Don’t melt the cheese too much. It will be dangerous.”

“Yess!”

There wouldn’t be much of a problem if we could all calmly work, but things had become hectic, and I started to not know what was happening around me. And so even if they were experienced cooks, I thought it was not a bad thing to remind people to be careful.

While we all wanted to eat delicious food, it was important to stay safe as well.

“Mr. Takumi, we have brought more tree branches. Leo and the others seem like they are getting impatient.”

“Thank you! Please put them over there. As for Leo...tell her to wait just a little longer!”

“Certainly!”

It was probably Mr. Ekenhart, Euro and Sherry that were waiting with Leo. But it’s not like we could hurry up.

When making this much food, if you waited for all of it to be finished, the ones you made first would get cold. And so we served the children and dogs first, and the other villagers.

Normally, we would have prioritized feeding Mr. Euto or the duke, but since they wanted to eat with me, they would be served last.

“Here are more!”

“Thank you! Let’s do it, Liza!”

“Yes, let’s do our best, Rosalie!”

Ms. Lyra, Rosalie, and Liza were in charge of cooking the meat. I had heard Liza make a noise that sounded like a scream earlier. But though I was worried, she was fine.

“Gyaaa!”

“...Your Excellency, it’s your fault for doing something as rude as stealing food.”

“No, you deliberately dropped it on my head, didn’t you? Lugretta!”

“Hardly... I would never do that. Now, why don’t you go back and wait with Lord Liebert.”

“But he...is tangled in it too...?”

“...”

“Father, what are you doing? We already ate it before, so you should just wait patiently...”

“That is true. But... The smell was just so good. Sorry, could you help me? I think that I am stuck...”

Chapter 686

Ms. Lugretta dealt with them

“Ms. Lugretta?”

“Let us leave them here so that they will be sorry. Please, pay them no mind and focus on the cooking.”

“Uh, alright...”

I had heard a scream, and so when I went to look, I saw that Mr. Euto and Mr. Ekenhart had fallen into the pile of logs and branches.

Apparently, they had been snitching food, and so Ms. Lugretta had deposited the wood on top of them. I had no idea how she was able to carry so much.

“Hah. We’re finally finished. Everyone, thank you for your help!”

“And thank you, Mr. Takumi!”

“We are used to working together to make food for the village like this. But you must be quite tired, Mr. Takumi?”

“Haha. I guess I am a little tired. But don’t worry, I train a lot, so I will be fine.”

“I see. I wish my husband would train as well.”

Everyone was smiling with looks of accomplishment... Yes, and no one was injured. That was good.

And so I took Liza and Rosalie and we joined the others.

“Thank you for cooking, Mr. Takumi.”

“Wuff! Wuff!”

“We managed to make enough for everyone. ...You two look a little tired?”

We went to the large table that had been prepared, and then Claire and the others stood up to greet us.

Except for the two that had caused a scene earlier. They were leaning over the table and looked tired.

“I made sure to scold them for you. Mr. Takumi and the people of the village were working hard to prepare this food, and should not have been bothered.”

“Really, father... It was probably your idea, wasn’t it?”

“Claire...no, it wasn't me...”

“Don't try to deny it, Hart. It is too late for us...”

Mr. Euto clearly just wanted to hide his own guilt... Though they behaved rudely, it was really not a big deal.

“In any case, since the food is ready, let us eat it before it gets cold.”

Mr. Ekenhart said, trying to change the subject.

Claire looked at him and sighed.

“Here you are, Lord Euto.”

“Yes. Let's eat then.”

“...Why does mine look a little misshapen?”

As everyone started to eat their food, Ms. Anne muttered as she looked at her plate.

She seemed much better since I last saw her. I didn't know if it was due to her personality, or because of Claire's help. But I was glad of it. I suppose it was also because she expected it to happen.

“Ah, that one was made by Liza. While this is her second time, it was still not perfect...”

“I wanted to cheer you up with some food... I'm sorry...”

Apparently, Liza had noticed that Ms. Anne had not been herself earlier.

Usually she would pat Liza on the head or play with Sherry. But she had not done that at all...

And so not only had Liza shaped the patties, but she also cooked them for Ms. Anne. She even put the burger together and served it on the plate. She must have really been worried....

Chapter 687

Everyone enjoyed the food

Liza had been looking at Ms. Anne and wondering if she was bullied. Perhaps she was thinking about her time in the slums...

“Liza made it? Oh...thank you. How nice of you. ...And...it is very delicious.”

“Really? Papa, she said it is good!”

“That’s great.”

“Wuff! Wuff! Guff-guff.”

“...Leo, calm down a little.”

“Leo really does like the food that you make, Mr. Takumi.”

“Wou! Wou!”

“Hehe...Leo always looks happy when she is eating sausages, but she is even happier now.”

“Haha. I hope so.”

“Wou!”

Claire smiled and Leo barked in agreement.

Now that I think about it, she really did eat it so eagerly... Even though it wasn't very good manners, I was glad that she liked it.

This was probably how Ms. Helena and the cooks felt when we enjoyed their food.

"...In any case, you'll have to take a bath when we return."

"Wou!?"

"Mr. Takumi, you are smiling."

"Phew...it really is delicious. Mr. Takumi's hamburgers. But these do seem a little different."

"Ah, because of the ingredients."

"Ingredients? But it looks exactly the same."

"The meat isn't exactly the same as last time. And the bread and sauce is also different."

"Ah, I see."

At the mansion, most of the meat had been orc.

On top of that, the bread there was...a lot more expensive, as would be expected of such a house.

The sauce used in the mansion was also similar to demi-glace, while this was closer to ketchup.

Sauce made by professionals was more refined in flavor, while this one had a more homemade feel.

Still, both were good, and it was clear that everyone was satisfied.

“I don’t mind, as it is still delicious. Hah... It’s been so long since I ate a burger... I didn’t even remember what they tasted like.”

“Haha, I’m glad that it was to your liking then.”

“Yes. Thank you, Takumi.”

As he had been in this world for so long, Mr. Euto would not even remember what most food from his old world even tasted like.

“But it is one thing for us... But what about the others? Especially the women? These are high in calories, aren’t they? Even with vegetables.”

“Ah, well, I only thought about the taste...”

“Mr. Takumi. What are calories? Is there something we should know about in these things you’ve been feeding us?”

After Mr. Euto’s statement, Claire and the others suddenly became very concerned about the hamburgers.

Well, they had mentioned being concerned about their diet before, and yet I had been quite thoughtless when making these... I had only chosen it because it was easy, and delicious and could be made with different variations.

And so I felt a little nervous when Claire looked at me for an explanation. Well, what should I say...

Chapter 688

We would have to think of dieting methods

“...So, you will become fat if you eat these?”

“Well, if you eat a lot of them. Calories are about the energy your body uses. And since most foods have them...depending on how much you eat, you may gain a lot of weight.”

Everyone, including Sebastian, listened with great interest as I explained.

And though she had already finished eating, Claire's hand was already shaking with regret.

"But I also ate it a few days ago..."

"Yes, that should be fine."

"It is so delicious! And it was made by Liza! And yet...it's going to make me gain weight?"

"Uh, Ms. Anne? I just said that if you eat too much of it."

"But it is more likely, isn't it? To think that I will have to abstain from something so good..."

"Anne, I understand how you feel, as I also enjoyed eating it. But you just have to think of it differently. After all, Mr. Takumi said that it is energy. So you just have to exercise after eating it!"

"Ah, that is true, Ms. Claire! If I exercise, then the energy will be used for that!"

"Well...that is true..."

Mr. Ekenhart seemed to be deep in thought. Apparently, he was finding it hard to imagine Claire exercising that much.

"You don't seem to be at all interested, Lugretta?"

"I train every day without fail. It is as Lady Claire said. You just need to move your body after eating. I already do that, as someone who has to guard His Excellency. And so eating can do me no harm."

"But I don't even need a guard. Well, I suppose it is good to have a messenger, though."

Not only was Ms. Lugretta was not interested in what I was saying, but she continued to eat with complete calm.

In fact, she even started to eat more of them.

Indeed, what she spoke of with Mr. Euto was true. And it was best to be prepared...in case something did happen.

Though, it seemed like such things were rare. But she still took her job as a guard very seriously.

But I also wondered if she was eating a little too much.

Eating too much would make it difficult to move...

Besides, how did someone so small even eat that much?

“Ah, Mr. Euto.”

“Hmm? What is it, Takumi?”

“I don’t know much about dieting... What do you think? I wouldn’t want them to get hurt by exercising too much.”

“Hmm. It is good in moderation, but they might go too far. Horse-riding is good exercise...hmm.”

I had been working at a black company, and thought little about such things in the past.

And though I had to eat in order to have enough energy to work, I often did not have much time, and just relied on energy drinks and supplements.

“Indeed. Perhaps the best way is just to change the way you eat? And as a last resort, you could always eat a little less.”

“I don’t think that is very healthy.”

“Indeed. Some people might even become sick. You should definitely avoid restrictions to that degree.”

“Yes, that is true. Still, you remember stuff like that from your past life?”

“Well, some things leave an impression, I suppose. Hmmm... Yes, now that I think of it. There was something I remember that was low in calories.”

“What was it?”

Chapter 689

Diet food

“Njnac. It’s made from potatoes and is highly nutritious and tasty.”

“Njac...from potatoes. Oh, konjac.”

I had talked about it with Ms. Helena before.

It was very popular for dieting, as it was rich in fiber.

Though, we also had the dandelion tea.

However...

“I can’t think of any dishes that use it. Even if it’s good on its own...it will take some thought.”

“I’m even more clueless, as I didn’t cook at all. Except for barbecuing meat.”

“Well, I guess I will talk to Ms. Helena about it later.”

“And who is that?”

“Ah, the head cook at the mansion. I always confide in her when it comes to cooking.”

“Hmm. Well, then it’s perfect. The mansion is close to Ractos, isn’t it?”

“Yes.”

“In that case, you will surely find the konjac in Ractos. They grow it here these days. Though, it was not always the case. And Ractos is a town where all kinds of things are gathered.”

“I did hear that there is a lot of trade happening there.”

“Yes, yes. It’s not especially large compared to the cities to the south, but you can find almost anything that comes into the country. After all, nearly everyone, including nobles, have to travel through it in order to reach the royal capital or the north.”

There were monsters to the north, and monsters and forests to the south. So if you wanted to travel safely, then it made sense to go through Ractos.

That must be why there were so many merchants and travelers on the main street. It was lively, and there were rare things.

“In that case, I suppose Ms. Helena and I could search for it together when we return.”

“Mr. Takumi! Let us search for it right now!”

“Indeed! It should be acquired at once and turned into a delicious dish!”

“Claire, Ms. Anne...”

They had been talking heatedly a moment ago. But it seemed like they had been listening to us, and so they quickly returned and insisted that we start the search at once.

“Anneliese. You do realize that you are going to the main house with me? There is no point in you going off to search for anything.”

“Ahh...”

“...After seeing father and Anne, I have regained my calm. I’m sorry, Mr. Takumi.”

“Haha. It’s nothing. I was amused.”

Claire realized that she had gotten carried away, and apologized.

Neither me or Mr. Euto cared about such things, and just smiled awkwardly.

“Ah, also... Mr. Ekenhart?”

“Wh-what is it, Mr. Takumi? You don’t think that I...these calories? Well, I would rather eat what I want, and not care about such things...”

“Uh, no. It wasn’t about that...”

Mr. Ekenhart had been grabbing and eating the burgers without hesitation. It was clear that he did not care about his weight either. Besides, after hearing about it being energy, he seemed to have decided that he was fine, as long as he remained active.

“Since you finished your business in Range village, I was wondering when you will be going home?”

“Hmm, indeed... Sebastian. I think we will take it easy tomorrow, and leave the day after that. What do you say?”

“Yes. There should be no problem with that. The guards and horses will have plenty of time to rest.”

So, there it is, Mr. Takumi. We will leave the village the day after tomorrow.”

“I understand.”

Mr. Ekenhart had come to this village in order to see the lands that would be used for the herb fields. And to see if everything was fine after the orc attack. But the biggest reason was Ms. Anne.

But she had already apologized to the villagers, and met with Mr. Euto. If only she really would continue to change in the right direction...

Chapter 690

It was suggested that an inn be built in Range village

“Ah, that’s right, Hart. Don’t you think it would be best to have an inn built in this village?”

“An inn?”

“Yes. Up until now, there were few travelers, as it is far from the main road. But that won’t be the case any longer, will it? Besides, I had no place to stay when I came here. Of course, one could always camp outside... But Lugretta is quite picky about such things.”

“You must consider your position, Your Excellency. It would be one thing if you hid your identity, but you revealed yourself immediately. It would be a problem if you then slept outside.”

“That’s true...”

Mr. Euto raised his hands with exasperation.

When we had come to this village the last time, it was just me and Phillip, and so we stayed at Mr. Hannes’s house. But since Mr. Euto was royalty, I suppose it couldn’t be the same place.

That being said, they didn’t have any other good place, so he ended up staying in the repaired house that we had used previously.

“Hmm. An inn... Yes, it may be necessary. If Mr. Takumi makes his herb fields, then it will revitalize the village. And there is also the wine. Travelers and merchants might visit. A place for nobles will cost a lot and take time, though... And is probably not necessary. What do you think, chief?”

“I would hope that you did think it was necessary...but, it can come last, I think.”

Not only would the inn need to be larger, but they would have to choose the furnishings. Though, Mr. Ekenhart seemed like he didn't really care about such things.

“Umm, an inn...? Yes. We currently have houses that no one is using...”

As there were more than ten of us, we were also staying in similar houses that had been repaired.

Normally, the most important people, Mr. Ekenhart and Mr. Euto, would stay in the best house, which was the chief's. However, they both did not want to stay there... And so Claire, Tilura and Ms. Lyra stayed there instead.

I thought that Leo would sleep with the horses like last time, but the villagers had worked hard to make a place for her to sleep.

It was a quickly built shed, but there was straw and blankets on the ground, so she would be quite comfortable.

“However, once the fields are made, no one will be able to stay there.”

“Yes... As it was rare to receive guests in the village, they would usually stay at my house, or with Rai's parents.”

“Rai?”

“The house that is closest to the entrance. It is a little on the large side, so it is perfect.”

Now that I thought about it, that house was a little larger than the others.

I had gotten used to living in a mansion, but tried to not think of it as the standard.

“Still, if there really will be an increase in guests, then there must be increased lodging as well.”

“And so why not build an inn, like His Excellency suggests?”

“Well, the villagers are still working to repair the old houses, so it will have to be after they are finished... But there is spare land. And so it would not be hard to expand the village to the south or east sides.”

“I see. Then it is settled. Let’s see... Sebastian. Search for skilled builders in Ractos and neighboring towns, and have them help with the inn.”

“Certainly. I was already going to gather such people for the house that Mr. Takumi and Lady Claire are to live in.”

“Good.”

“But if it is the village inn, then surely we should build it! We do not need the duke’s help...”

“No, it is fine, chief. It is best to leave such things to competent people. Yes, you should focus on Mr. Takumi’s house. Not that you have to do anything, as we will be building that as well. Sebastian?”

“Yes, I will be sure to confide in the chief and make sure that everything goes smoothly.”

“Hmm. But... There is no need to be so serious about it. I’m sure Mr. Takumi and Claire will do most of the work. Leave the work to the young. That’s what I think.”