

Beloved Dog 711

Chapter 711

We would open an interview venue in Ractos

As I could not be too confident with hiring people based on the resumes alone, I was grateful for Sebastian's suggestion about conducting interviews.

I had never been in charge of hiring personnel at my old job, so it would be best to be able to speak with the people face to face.

"Though, I may not be the best judge..."

"Do not worry. I and the others will be there to help you."

"Mr. Takumi, I will be with you as well."

"You, Claire?"

"As I said before, Lady Claire is a good judge of character. That has been proven."

Now that I thought about it, he had said that several times.

Most of the people who worked in the mansion had been found by her...

Like Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda.

"Yes, that does make me feel better then. I am not used to these kinds of things. So I would be grateful for your help, Sebastian and Claire."

"Yes, leave it to us."

“I hope you pay attention, Mr. Takumi. As it is nothing new to me.”

“Haha. I might be quite useless then. But I will do my best.”

I bowed my head and thanked them.

Perhaps I should start thinking about how I would act and what I would say... It reminded me about how I felt in the past, when applying for a new job. Only, most of my knowledge wouldn't help me here.

Besides, I was the one interviewing them, so it was different.

Perhaps I should just relax a little.

“Wuff. Wuff!”

“Leo. You already finished eating... But I don't think you can come with us... What do you think, Sebastian?”

“Leo is...that would be difficult. The place would not be big enough for her to go inside. Besides, her presence would intimidate the people. Even though many of the Ractos residents know of Leo by now.”

“Our purpose this time is to get to know them a little... They will be nervous enough dealing with the duke's house. And so we cannot add to that. I am sorry, good Leo.”

So unfortunately, Leo had to stay home this time.

“Indeed. Leo, that is how it is. Sorry, but you'll have to stay here. Well...I suppose you still could come to Ractos...”

“Yes. That would not be a problem. She could wait at Kalis's store.”

“Wou...”

“You will be introduced to the people eventually. Just wait until then.”

“...Wou.”

Leo would be quite welcome at Mr. Kalis’s store, so she could just wait there. However, Leo seemed quite disappointed by this.

“That’s right. We could call some children over for Leo to play with. Wouldn’t you like that, Leo?”

“Indeed. Kalis said that they sometimes ask if Leo is going to return.”

“Wou...wuff.”

Leo nodded as if she had no choice...but her tail was wagging.

“So, in five days...I will start making preparations. Also, I will give you the additional documents once they are organized, Mr. Takumi.”

“Yes, thank you.”

And so it was decided that the interviews would be conducted in five days.

Also, we would stop by at the orphanage, and talk about the possibility of people working at Range village.

In any case, I had to be careful that I remained calm, and did not make the interview too tense or add pressure.

It was with such thoughts that our tea time ended...

Chapter 712

A different way to pull carriages

“Are you really fine, Leo?”

“Wuff!”

After eating lunch, we were about to see the fenrirs off...but then Liza said that she wanted to test something.

“I like the carriage, but riding on mama is the best! But can mama pull a carriage?”

This made Leo want to try it, which led to us going out to the front, and a carriage was then attached to Leo.

One of the butlers attached the leather harness and then Leo barked enthusiastically with a nod.

“Should we really be doing such a thing to a Silver Fenrir...?”

“Well, Leo wants to do it, so it should be fine. It’s not like it will be dangerous.”

Claire did not seem convinced.

They held Silver Fenrirs in very high regard, so I suppose she would hesitate to treat one like a horse.

Not only that, but the fenrirs were also attached to other carriages.

There were three large carriages that could fit four passengers, and one smaller one for two people.

According to Sebastian, they had even more of them aside from these.

“Preparations are complete.”

“Yes, thank you. Lady Claire?”

“Us, yes. So, Mr. Takumi and Liza are going to ride in Leo’s carriage?”

“That’s right. Otherwise, Leo won’t feel like doing it.”

“I understand. In that case...Phillip and Nicolas can ride in Feri’s. Tilura, Sherry and I in Fen’s. As for Riruru...Lyra and Gelda.”

“Certainly.”

“Yes! ...To think that I could ride in a fenrir carriage.”

It really was a strange sight...

Though, I suppose it was similar to a dog sled.

“In any case, I don’t think we should go too far... How about going half way to Ractos and then coming back?”

“Yes, Mr. Takumi. I had Johanna go on ahead, so we should see her as long as we stay near the road.”

“I understand. Alright, Claire, Liza. Let’s get in then.”

“Yaay! Do your best, mama!”

“Wou!”

Claire was still a little doubtful...and so was I.

Besides, there would be no driver this time.

Because the others said that it would feel wrong for a human to hold the reins with Leo... And since Leo wanted the fenrirs to race with the same conditions, none of the carriages would have drivers.

When giving orders, we could do it by voice.

Though, the carriage pulled by Riruru and Feri did not have anyone who could talk to them. But the fenrirs would be able to understand, so it would probably be fine...

We would also have Rahle fly above and watch us. And so we would be alerted if something happened.

“Alright...I’ve never sat in this one before...but it should be fine.”

“Papa!”

“Oomph. Liza, could you move your tail, I can’t see anything.”

“Okay!”

After I got in, Liza sat down on my lap. She was light, so I didn’t mind, but it would be difficult to give Leo orders if I couldn’t see. Though, I suppose Leo would be fine even if I didn’t say anything...

Chapter 713

The fenrir race begins

“Well then... What is this atmosphere?”

“Oh, the fenrirs are also excited!”

“Wou...”

“Grrr...”

“Gau...”

“Grau...”

They were all growling as if they were determined to win... Oh, was this a race? Like a dog race?

“...Wou?”

“Ah, fine. Uh, just don’t do anything dangerous, alright? Okay. Now, go!”

“Grau!”

“Gurr!”

“Gau!”

“Gaau!”

And like that, they all started to run at once.

As expected, Leo took the lead immediately.

But the fenrirs were also following close behind. It was hard to see them as the same fenrirs who had been lying on their backs and being petted just a moment ago.

“Hey, wait. Leo! And you fenrirs too! Slow down a little!”

“Wou?”

They were running so fast that it was difficult to breathe.

If this continues, it might get dangerous!

Claire and the others who were inside of the carriage would be fine, but Liza and I were in the driver's seat. And Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda were also in a similar position.

It was like being blasted from the front by a giant fan.

"Hah...! Hah...! Leo, you might be fine, but think of us for a second... It is very uncomfortable..."

"Wuff!? Wou..."

Finally realizing what was happening, Leo slowed down and barked apologetically.

As it had become like a race...so she had probably gotten carried away.

Once Leo slowed down, the other fenrirs did as well. That was good... If they had kept running, then I would have to ask Leo to go and stop them.

"Hah... I couldn't breathe!"

"See? Even Liza had trouble. I understand that you got excited, but you can't run too fast."

"Wou... Wou-wou... Wou."

Leo apologized, and I was sure that she would not do it again.

However, she also said something else... About how it was different when we rode on her back.

"...Now that I think about it, I never had trouble breathing while riding Leo. It's not like we don't feel the wind, and still have to hold on tightly..."

"Yes, it's fine when we're riding on mama."

While she was running faster than a horse now, it was still slower than when she ran to Range village.

Liza also seemed to think this was odd, and she tilted her head and ears to the side.

“Leo. Is it that...you are doing something while we are riding on your back?”

“Wuff? Wou!”

Leo turned her head while still running and barked.

She sounded quite confident, as if she wanted me to praise her.

“I see... So, what is different?”

“Wou. Wou-wuff. Wuff-wou!”

“I see...”

According to Leo, she was making a thin wall in front of her to decrease the amount of wind resistance.

That was why the wind that hit us from the front was not as strong, and so we had no trouble when riding on her.

However, since we were riding on the carriage, there was too much distance between us, and so the wall was not as effective.

Was this magic that all Silver Fenrirs could use? Well, considering how fast Rahle and the fenrirs were, it would not be surprising if they could do it as well.

Perhaps it was something monsters could do.

If humans could use it, it would certainly make things more convenient when riding horses.

“In any case, it is clearly different when riding on a carriage. But as long as you are careful it should be fine. Hmm...I think you can go a little faster. Try raising the speed slowly.”

“Wou!”

“Woah! So fast!”

With horses, they had less energy, and the carriage, baggage and passengers affected their speed. But with Leo and the fenrir, there was an entirely different problem.

Speed really wasn't everything...

Chapter 714

We turned around and headed towards the goal

“Oh, Leo. I can see Johanna up ahead. So turn around when you reach her. But be careful, because you are connected to the carriage.”

“Wuff!”

“Oh! How fun!”

Just as it started to become uncomfortably fast again, I saw Ms. Johanna on a horse up ahead.

And so I asked Leo to slow down, and make a wide turn around so she could go back in the opposite direction.

As it was the first time, there was some strong centrifugal force, but not enough to make us fall out.

Liza seemed to enjoy it, and laughed as if she were riding on a roller coaster.

The fenrirs behind us followed Leo's lead, and made a turn around Ms. Johanna.

“Ms. Johanna. Thank you!”

“Not at all! I shall follow you back as well!”

“Alright, Leo. Now run like you did earlier. Let’s go back to the mansion!”

“Grau!”

And like that, Leo ran ahead of the pursuing fenrirs. She maintained a speed so that we were barely comfortable enough and could breathe.

I just hoped that all of this exercise would relieve them of any stress... Well, it was probably not necessary for the fenrirs that usually lived in the forest.

“Phew... While it wasn’t bad, it is still tiring when you’re going that fast. Good, good. You did well, Leo.”

“Hah-hah...! Wuff!”

“Ahh! That was fun!”

Once we arrived at the mansion, the carriage stopped and I sighed with relief.

Leo sat down and wagged her tail while looking at us for approval. And so I petted and praised her.

Liza was jumping around excitedly and wagging her tail as well.

And then shortly after, the other fenrirs and carriages arrived.

What was unexpected was that while Leo was not tired at all, the fenrirs were panting loudly.

“Mr. Takumi. Leo, Liza. Welcome back. It really was much faster than a horse. How did it feel?”

“Yes. It was definitely faster than when pulled by a horse. The time...”

“...It was not even half as long compared to a horse. Even a horse that isn’t pulling a carriage.”

“I see. Well, while there are some issues...having a Leo carriage might not be a bad idea.”

“But you are the only one who could ask a Silver Fenrir to do such a thing. Hoho! ...So, what was the problem?”

“Uh... When you are in the driver’s seat, it is much too fast.”

“Ha...ha... Nicholas, are you alive?”

“I...I managed...hah...hah...”

I talked to Sebastian while petting Leo and watching the fenrirs.

Apparently, he had been keeping time.

It really was like we were racing.

However, while we talked, Philip and Nicholas came stumbling back.

They were panting. But they would have been riding inside of the carriage. So what was wrong?

“Si-sister... I feel sick...!”

“Ti-Tilura...hold it in. You don’t want to become like Anne or father... Ugh...hah...pew...”

“Tilura... Claire...?”

Tilura and Claire followed next, and they were covering their mouths with their hands.

Both looked at the ground like they were trying to hold something back...

Chapter 715

They were affected by the shaking

“Mr. Takumi... I’m glad that you are alright...”

“I’m sorry! Ugh...gah...! Excuse me...”

“Ms. Lyra...and Ms. Gelda have left...”

After getting out of the carriage, Ms. Lyra had looked fine at first, but on closer inspection, she looked a little pale.

And then Ms. Gelda and her ran towards the door while covering their mouths.

Well, we had seen something similar on the way to Range village. They must have gotten sick...

Huh? I wonder why I didn’t feel sick at all?

The first thing I thought of, was that perhaps because I was used to riding trains, this kind of thing didn’t affect me as much.

“Uh...are you alright?”

“I...am fine. Well, it was a little bad, but... I’m sorry you had to see that.”

“Not at all. Perhaps you should get some rest?”

“Lady Claire, here is some water.”

“Thank you, Sebastian...”

She drank the water and looked a little better.

“Are you okay, sister Tilura?”

“I don’t feel good... It reminded me of when I hid in the carriage... Thank you, Liza.”

“Grandfather told me to do this when someone isn’t feeling well.”

“Wuff...”

Liza was gently patting Tilura on the back. And then Sebastian gave her a cup of water as well.

Leo also turned towards them and looked worried. Though, she did not move too much, as she was still attached to the harness. I had to remove that soon.

“Hah... I feel much better...”

“Are you sure you won’t rest?”

“No, since this is a rare opportunity, I would like to listen as well.”

While I helped the butlers remove the harnesses from Leo and the fenris, Claire drank her water and rested.

And though she probably should rest more, she at least looked better than before.

Tilura and Liza were also sitting and resting a short distance away.

“Mr. Takumi. We finished inspecting the carriages.”

“How are they?”

Sebastian had been checking their state after disconnecting the fenrirs.

Due to their weight, and also being made of wood, it was necessary to make sure that they had not been damaged.

It was like doing maintenance on a car, but it had to be done more regularly.

“There were a few parts that will need to be replaced.”

“Is that because of the speed it was going?”

“Yes, the speed does cause extra stress on the carriage. I’m sure the people who rode on it were able to feel it firsthand.”

“Indeed... Carriages always shake, but not that much. I thought that I was immune to it, unlike father...”

“That is what happens when you have it pulled by something that is faster than a horse. Hmm. I suppose it was not a good idea. Even though Liza and I were fine this time, it might be different if we tried again... Especially if it was a longer distance.”

The longer the distance, the more likely it was that the carriage would break. And it would be even worse if we got sick as well.

“Well, since this was the only time we will do it, there is no point in looking into it further...”

“Hmm. I was wondering if we could use it for delivering the herbs...”

“Mr. Takumi. Do mean when transferring the herbs from Range village to other towns?”

“Yes. It would be convenient to be able to deliver them so quickly, wouldn’t it? And it would mean that Claire would not have to spend as much time traveling.”

“Ah, I did not consider that. Indeed...shorter delivery time is...very appealing.”

Chapter 716

I told Claire and the others about cars

While talking to Claire and Sebastian about saving time, and Leo pulling the carriage, a certain thought popped up in my mind.

How it would be very convenient to have a means of high speed travel. Even if it wasn't quite the same as a train or driving down a highway.

However, in the end, it would rely on a living creature, a monster. So you would need to rest. Besides, it was not something that could become widespread, like horses...

Fenrirs didn't just live anywhere.

“A carriage made of metal would be too heavy for the fenrirs to pull. Well, nevermind that then.”

“Well, such suggestions can have an effect later. Now that I think about it, did you old home not rely on carriages and horses, Mr. Takumi?”

“Ah, yes. I told you about it before. Uh... Of course, I am no expert and could not make anything like that.”

It was a while ago...I told them while riding in the carriage with Claire and Ms. Lyra.

The only thing I knew about cars was that the engines used fuel to move the wheels... I could not explain how it all worked.

While I had a license, I didn't own a car and rarely drove. If I had to take the test again, I would probably fail.

“Um... How fast were these metal vehicles?”

“Uhhh...well...”

Seconds per kilometer was probably something they wouldn't understand...

And so I would have to compare it to something that they had experienced.

“The speed that Leo and the others were running at in the beginning. That might be a little faster than normal...I think? Though, you could go twice as fast if you wanted.”

Race cars went at such a speed that driving on the freeway felt slow.

“Faster than that...I can not imagine it...”

“Haha. Well, the conditions are also quite different. Ah, perhaps Rahle could?”

“Rahle?”

“Though, it is probably too dangerous to test it out... But if Rahle were to dive down directly from the sky...it might match that speed.”

“Oh...I would not want to experience that...”

They said that birds swooped down incredibly swiftly when catching their prey. However, it would be dangerous, even with a saddle. So it was best to not test it.

Sebastian had ridden on Rahle once, and he was already shivering at the thought.

“Still, Mr. Takumi. Wouldn't there be a lot of shaking then? Or perhaps you are used to it now?”

“I wouldn't say that I'm used to it. I'm sure that I would have become sick if I rode it much longer. However...it does not shake as much as a carriage.”

“These metal carriages sound amazing.”

“Hmm. It is probably more to do with the roads. As for these metal...uh, they are called cars. They have systems that reduce shaking.”

Suspensions. And the tires were made of rubber as well.

“What is different about the roads?”

Both Claire and Sebastian were very interested in this subject... Even though we had not decided to do anything.

“Indeed... Well, the roads here are often gravel, aren't they?”

“Yes. Though, in large towns and cities like Ractos, they have roads paved with stone... But most of the other streets are gravel.”

“While waved roads would be fine, it is hard to have any stability with gravel.”

“That is true. So it was different where you came from, Mr. Takumi?”

Hmm. How should I explain to them about asphalt...

I doubted they would be able to make it here.

Chapter 717

We talked about road maintenance

“Places with a high population had roads that were all made of the same material. It was something between stone and gravel, I suppose... And the cars had rubber tires that decreased shaking.”

“Rubber?”

“Hmm. I have heard of it. A material that stretches. They make it in the south. Well, that is what I have heard.”

Natural rubber was made from the sap of rubber trees.

Perhaps I could use Weed Cultivation to grow it? But if I didn't know how to turn it into rubber, it would not be that useful to me.

“Well, we had this material called rubber, and it was attached to the wheels. Here, you use wood, yes? So it would not matter that much...”

“I see... So it would be difficult...”

Sebastian looked disappointed. He clearly liked that idea of doing something that was new.

“I do have one idea. Why don't you use them to make a flat road?”

“Ah, bricks. Lady Claire?”

“They have roads like that in the royal capital. At least, the roads where carriages pass through. I remember being very surprised when father took me there.”

So they had brick roads in the capital. Perhaps it was Mr. Euto that made them make it.

“The roads won't get muddy after it rains, which makes them well suited for carriages. And the horses will also find it easier to run.”

“Hmm... Normally we would use cut out stone, but bricks are easier to change shape and place together without gaps. However, they are not as durable.”

“Yes. They are more likely to crack...especially if they are used for a long time.”

Both had good and bad points.

“Bricks would likely be cheaper...but that might not make a difference in the long term.”

“Well, it depends on how much you want to spend on maintenance... Well, considering the amount of travel time that could be saved, perhaps such things should be considered.”

“Thank you, Mr. Takumi. This was all very interesting. Sebastian, we will have to talk to father about it. But it does seem like something that would be beneficial for the people.”

“Indeed. There is a lot of traffic around Ractos, so they should be happy about it. It might increase the number of things that come into the town.”

While we had started by talking about the carriage shaking, the conversation had moved to road maintenance.

Well, even if it didn't save that much time, I was still glad that I was able to talk about it.

“Yes. Since it could be a very big project, it will have to be considered carefully before anything is done.”

“Well, we were already planning to make a road to connect Range village and Ractos.”

“Huh? A road to Range village?”

“Of course. Since we will need to transport your herbs, and Lady Claire will be traveling often. It was something that we had already planned to do.”

“I see...”

This whole business of the herb fields was expanding more than I thought.

Though, I should have expected it, since there had been talk of spreading it all over the territories.

Regardless, it was not a bad idea to test making a brick road between Range village and Ractos for now.

Currently, the road only went halfway, and was gravel. That was why Mr. Ekenhart and Ms. Anne got sick.

“...If there is a road, then maybe there should be a relay station and a stable as well.”

“What do you mean?”

“Well, Mr. Ekenhart said that when traveling long distances, he will sometimes change horses in towns or villages. So we could have a checkpoint...”

“Hmm. That is an interesting idea.”

“Yes, Sebastian. Could you tell us more, Mr. Takumi?”

As there would be living creatures involved, it would cost even more money. And so I wasn't actually thinking about it seriously...

Besides, we had already talked for so long that it might be best to discuss it at a different time.

Chapter 718

We saw the fenrirs off

“Well, we can talk about that another time. I think the fenrirs will be wanting to return to the forest soon. Or it will get dark again.”

“...Indeed. Now that I think about it, we have been talking for some time.”

“Yes. Th-thank you, Lyra.”

“Not at all.”

While we were absorbed in the conversation, we were standing outside of the house.

Thankfully, Claire had fully recovered now, but Leo and Tilura looked bored. Also, the fenrirs were sitting nearby and waiting.

We could talk after the fenrirs left.

Also, since I rested yesterday, I wanted to get some sword training done.

Ms. Lyra had even brought us some tea, as if she knew we would be thirsty.

“Well, now that we have quenched our thirst, it is time to say our farewells to the fenrirs. Mr. Takumi...let us talk later.”

“I will join you.”

“Uh, yes. Of course.”

They were more interested in it than I expected.

Well, regardless of what would be decided, it was not bad to make suggestions.

Though, by the looks of things, I might not have much time to train...

“Grrr. Guru. Gurrr...”

“Uh, thank you. For the delicious food and time spent with the Silver Fenrir. The hospitality made us feel that we are welcomed by the humans. That’s what he said.”

“We are also very happy to have been able to spend time with fenrirs. Thank you.”

“Gau?”

“Kyu.”

“Gaauu!”

“Kyau!”

We were now standing in a line in front of the gate.

As always, Liza was very good at interpreting for the fenrirs... It was an interesting sight, seeing Claire and Feri bowing to each other.

Tilura was holding Sherry, who was also saying goodbye to her parents.

Well, they would probably be back for food, soon enough.

“...Grrr. Guru?”

“Sister Claire. He’s asking if he can come back for more hamburgers.”

“Thank you, Liza. Yes. Come whenever you like. You are very welcome here.”

“He really does like them...just like Leo.”

“Wuff. Wou-wou!”

“Ahaha. Thank you.”

Feri was wagging his tail happily.

Well, there was no harm in him coming back. And the people of the mansion were used to being around fenrirs now.

And Liza would enjoy making them again.

“So...uh...what are they doing?”

“I don’t know...”

The fenrirs had turned to the forest as if they were going to leave, but then they stopped with serious expression. It was almost like they were waiting for something.

“Guur?”

“He wants someone to do the signal.”

“Signal? Oh...they want to race again.”

“Wou. Wuff-wuff.”

“Well, I guess they couldn’t run their fastest while pulling the carriage...”

“Then I will do it...”

“Guur.”

They sure had a lot of energy...

“...Go!”

Sebastian stepped forward in front of the row of fenrirs, and after raising his arm, lowered it while shouting the word.

“Kya!”

“Woah!”

“Ahh!”

There was a sudden gust of wind, and Claire, Tilura and Liza raised their voices in surprise.

And when the wind died down, the fenrirs were already far into the distance...

Was Sebastian alright?

“...Sebastian?”

“I had a feeling this might happen... I should have stood more carefully.”

“Are you alright?”

“While I’m a little dirty, I am fine.”

While I didn’t think the fenrirs had rammed into him, Sebastian had still fallen onto the ground.

Still, he got up and brushed the dirt off. He did not appear to be injured.

If I were ever in the same position, I would be sure to spread my feet so that I was firmly planted on the ground...

Chapter 719

We talked about post horses

“So, about what you were saying earlier...”

After seeing the fenrirs off, I trained with Tilura until it was dinner time.

As always, Leo made Sherry run. Though, not as much as she used to. I suppose it was because Sherry had lost weight.

That meant her diet would likely be ending soon. But perhaps there would be some fenrir combat training next.

Regardless, after we had finished eating, Sebastian approached me.

“Uh, you mean about having places where you could change your horses between towns and villages?”

“Yes. As they are living creatures, they would need rest. Unless you are in no rush or part of a caravan. Also, it would cost money to trade, and so you wouldn’t do it if it wasn’t necessary.”

“Well, it does mean selling your horse and buying a new one. While it is better than exhausting the horse, it is not an option for everyone. Mostly, it is for rich people who want to save time while traveling long distances.”

Even if you had a good horse that would fetch a good price, you would still take a loss. And most merchants and travelers would not want that.

The first thing I thought of, was just to have a place where you could trade horses in order to shorten the amount of time spent resting. But it would need a little more planning.

“Of course, the rider would need to rest as well. So there should be a tavern or inn. That way, they could earn an income.”

“I see. An inn...”

“Well, since there may not be that many people who use it, having an inn might help to cover the costs... But it might be more complicated than that.”

Even if we built such a place, if not enough people used it, we would just be losing money.

I could imagine Mr. Ekenhart using it gladly, but he might be the only one...

There was the possibility of it being more of a charity establishment, but it should at least break even then. Or it will not last.

People would have to work there, after all...

I was starting to be reminded of my old job.

Sometimes, there would be a new plan, but after some consideration, it is rejected because it is not profitable. That happened a lot.

There were a lot of other reasons that it could happen as well.

But that didn't matter right now.

"Yes, adding an inn. That could work. In fact, something like that was considered in the past."

"It was?"

"Yes. But the conclusion was that it would be difficult...due to expenses."

"If anything, there are probably more people who would be interested in the inn, than trading a horse."

"Yes, because it will be a resting place for travelers. Most would rather sleep under a safe roof, than camp outside."

Especially someone like me, who was not really used to camping.

At least I was with Claire and the people of the mansion. They had good tents and equipment. Which was at least more comfortable than sleeping out in the open.

Though, the average traveler would not be able to camp out in the same way.

Many just made a fire and slept around it.

“Indeed. Traveling at night is dangerous, so it is normal to rest. And being able to rest at an inn would make a big difference.”

“Especially if it is a long journey. Sometimes, people travel for weeks. You would become very tired. Even I get tired, in spite of all the help. ...Thank you, Mr. Takumi. For the herbs.”

“Ah, yes. Even with plenty of rest, you can still wake up tired.”

Chapter 720

There were problem with the plan

“However, even if the issue of expenses is solved, it would still be difficult.”

“What other problems are there?”

“First, there are the horses. It will take time to gather enough horses to place at each station.”

“That is true.”

“But Sebastian, can’t we just buy some from other nobles?”

“That is possible, but it will not be cheap. Still, it is worth looking into.”

Sebastian then told one of the other butlers to make some calculations regarding the cost of securing the horses, and hiring personnel.

While nothing had been decided yet, he liked to act quickly.

I suppose it was the way that Mr. Ekenhart liked to do things.

In the end, he was the one who would decide whether a project was worth doing. So we just needed to gather information as much as possible. In preparation for a presentation...

“Aside from that, there is one other problem, Mr. Takumi.”

“What is that?”

“Monsters. The villages and towns have guards, and so monsters usually stay away... But if there is a post in a secluded area...there will be no way to protect yourself.”

“We could station some of the duke’s soldiers there. But they are limited in number.”

“Though, His Grace would no doubt be overjoyed at the idea of training more of them.”

“Haha... He is already starting with Marco.”

“Hah... I understand the need to train soldiers, but I don’t know why my father has to do it himself.”

“It is a hobby. And so there is nothing to be done about it. Besides, the soldiers that result from it are some of the finest. You cannot stop someone who shows results.”

Increase soldiers... If we suggested it, Mr. Ekenhart probably would be very happy.

It was a pretty intense hobby to have, but thanks to it, there were a lot of reliable guards here, like Phillip. And so Sebastian would not try to persuade him to stop.

In any case, there were monsters in this world. And so you had to prepare for them.

If we were going to hire people to work there, then we had to offer them protection as well.

“Wuff! Wuff-wuff!”

“Huh? Leo... I don’t know about that.”

“Mr. Takumi. What did Leo say?”

As the three of us considered the problem, Leo suddenly started to bark.

The fact that she was able to make suggestions like this showed that she was able to follow the conversion.

“Uh, she is saying that we could leave it to the fenrirs...”

“The fenrirs?”

“Well, they are stronger than most monsters. But would they really do that?”

“Wou. Wuff-wuff!”

“Uhh, she says they will do it if she asks.”

“But we are already asking the fenrirs to hunt orcs in the forest and to not hurt humans. Surely we cannot ask them to do more...”

“Indeed, Lady Claire. Good Leo, we are grateful, but we do not want the fenrirs to be pushed too hard. After all, we are trying to build a good relationship with them.”

“Wuff? Wuff-wuff. Grau!”

“Uh, she says they would be happy to do it if you gave them hamburgers.”

“Wuff-wuff. Wou!”

She was saying that the point of working was to eat good food.

Hmm... Well, it could be one reason. But I wasn't sure if it would really persuade them.

If Leo asked them, it would be an order that they could not refuse.

But if they didn't want to, it could cause trouble in the future...

Though, perhaps it was a strange concern coming from me, since I had been thinking about using them to pull carriages.