

Beloved Dog 831

Chapter 831

Something was strange with Liza

I suppose she would also want to keep the teeth, because Sherry was a fenrir.

Leo was even more special, but fenrir teeth were harder than metal, and were charged with magic energy as well.

According to Sebastian, the teeth were even combined with metal to create strong and sharp swords and magic tools.

As Sherry was still young, I didn't know if hers could be used...but perhaps they would be valuable later.

"Ah, Liza. Will you be alright while I am away?"

Right now, she was used to being here, and there didn't seem to be a problem...

"Yes...I'm fine. It will be a little lonely...but mama is here. So I will wait...and be the first person to greet you when you come back..."

"I see. Thank you. Yes, you will be the first one to see me."

"Wuff-wuff!"

Yes...now that I thought about it, when Leo was still small, she would always wait and greet me while I came back.

"Haha. You too, Leo. Will you two greet me together?"

"Yes, okay. We will wait..."

“...Liza?”

“Wuff?”

I laughed and petted Leo, but then realized that something seemed strange with Liza.

Earlier, she had looked like she was having fun while packing. But there was none of that now.

Leo noticed as well, and she was looking at Liza with a puzzled expression.

“It-it’s nothing... I’m fine...”

Liza raised her head and smiled...but it looked like she was forcing it.

There was no cheer in her voice and she was holding her stomach.

“...Does your stomach hurt?”

“No...”

It looked like she was in pain but was trying to bear it.

Perhaps she had eaten too much... But it was the same amount as always...

What if something in the food had gone bad? But we had all eaten the same thing, and Ms. Helena would not have allowed it.

“Wuff. Wuff...”

“Uh... Liza. You don’t have to lie. Just tell us how you feel. And then Leo and I won’t worry.”

“Really? You won’t be mad?”

“Of course! Right, Leo?”

“Wuff!”

“Uh...my stomach does hurt. I’m sorry... Please don’t be mad...”

“What are you saying! Why would we be mad!”

“Wuff! Wuff!”

“I’m sorry...”

“Uh, I’m not blaming you. You really should feel free to say something if you don’t feel right. Okay?”

In the slums, she had learned that it was better to not say something when she was a target, and felt any pain. She said it resulted in being hit less. So maybe it was related to that.

“Uh... Well, I suppose you should rest then. That would feel better, right?”

“Yes...”

“Wuff... Kuuun...”

Liza’s past aside...I was a little frantic, and not able to think very straight.

Leo was also a little confused by how sudden it was. And she peered down at Liza and sniffed...

Chapter 832

I had the others look at Liza

“So...are you sure it’s not because you ate too much?”

“Yes...I don’t think so. I ate just a short while ago...”

“That’s true. And it was the same amount as always... Ah, I know! I could make a herb with Weed Cultivation...!”

“Wuff! Wou-wou!”

I recalled that I had an ability for such times as these. I could make a herb to heal or ease the pain.

Leo also barked in agreement.

“Uh... Herb for stomach pain...uhh...hmm...”

However, perhaps because I was so anxious, I had trouble thinking of anything.

Besides, I didn’t even know what was causing the pain. So it was possible that a herb would not have any effect.

I didn’t want to give her something strange... And I was not qualified to be able to tell what was bothering her...

“Mr. Takumi? Excuse me... I heard noises... Is something the matter?”

“Ah, Ms. Lyra! It’s Liza!”

“Wuff! Wuff!”

My shouts and Leo’s barking must have been heard and thought strange. And so Ms. Lyra had come to check up on us.

“...I understand. I shall tell the others then!”

She said as she went to call the others.

“Wou...”

“Thank you, Leo.”

“Wou...”

“Yes, we’re not the only ones who are worried. The others will be here soon.”

“Yes... Sorry, mama and papa...”

In the meantime, Leo placed her palm gently on Liza’s hand. She really was worried...

“Hmm... Ms. Lyra. Ms Gelda. May I ask you something?”

“Yes, Mr. Sebastian.”

“Is Lady Liza alright?”

Shortly after, Ms. Lyra returned with Sebastian and Ms. Gelda.

Claire and Sherry came as well... Tilura was not with them, but I felt a little bad for making them come here this late.

Still, it was comforting to have someone reliable as well.

“What is wrong with her?”

“Hmm... I don’t know. Her stomach suddenly started to hurt.”

Sebastian felt Liza's head while I stood next to Claire.

As for Claire's question, I really had no idea... It had happened so suddenly.

"...Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi. Let us step away for now."

"Will she be alright, Sebastian?"

"If there is any medicine or herb that would help, please tell me so that I can make it."

"It is fine. Right now, it just seems like her temperature has risen. It should not be serious. We can leave her with Lyra and Gelda for now. Let us go. I doubt she will need any medicine."

"I see..."

"Wuff..."

Well, if there was nothing that I could do, then I would just get in the way if I stood around. And so I decided to leave with Sebastian and Claire.

Leo stayed, and still barked with worry...

"So, Sebastian. What is wrong with her? You said you don't need Mr. Takumi's herbs."

"While I have some knowledge, I am not a doctor. But like Sherry, I don't think it is an actual illness."

Chapter 833

Liza was growing

"While it is only a guess... I asked Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda, and they agree. And so they are checking it now."

"...Ah, do you mean...?"

Claire understood what he was implying.

“Sebastian. It is that thing, that means she is growing...?”

“We will find out soon enough...”

“Uh...what?”

What did they mean by that...?

However, judging by the situation and Claire’s words, I had an idea.

“Do you mean, that regular, uh, condition that happens to women?”

“I don’t know if I would put it like that. Not that it is my place to speak on it. But...yes.”

“I see...Liza... But even Tilura hasn’t...”

Apparently, my guess was right. So it wasn’t just Sherry who was getting older...

While that was a good thing, it was also something that I could not understand, as I was a man. But I had heard about how it affects one mentally.

Well, there was a lot of pain, after all. Liza had been trying to hide it, as she was afraid that we would not like her.

Old memories combined with anxiety could have put such fears into her head... It was certainly possible.

Even though it would never happen.

“Lady Claire, Mister Takumi...”

“Ms. Gelda. How is Liza...?”

After some time, the door opened and Ms. Gelda came out.

“Yes, it is as expected. Ms. Lyra is helping her now.”

“She must be quite startled...but she should be fine with Lyra’s help.”

“Yes. I hope you will help too, Ms. Gelda.”

“Of course. Certainly!”

So it was confirmed then.

Regardless, I was relieved that it was not any serious illness.

“Well, you must be happy, Mr. Takumi. They do grow up so fast...”

“Yes, Mr. Takumi.”

“Well...I suppose. It is good to know. Yes. I am relieved.”

There was a somewhat celebratory mood. But as I was not the person in question, it was hard to know how to react.

Hmm...? Wait a minute...

“...I don’t know how old she is exactly, as she was found by Mr. Reyndorf... But it does seem a little soon?”

“Yes, while it is different for each person... It does seem a little early.”

“It might have to do with being a beastkin. Of course, I do not know for sure.”

Well, it was possible that it was not that strange then.

There was a lot we did not know about beastkin.

Perhaps we could ask Ms. Delia about it? Well, I could not do it myself. It would have to be Claire or Ms. Lyra...

Chapter 834

Things calmed down

“I am relieved that it was not a serious illness... I was thinking about what I would do if it was something that could not be healed with herbs...”

“But if it is something that you cannot heal with Weed Cultivation, it would have to be an unknown illness.”

“Well, I believe that Mr. Takumi would be the kind of person to find a cure for an unknown illness.”

“I don’t know about that... Surely Weed Cultivation is not that capable.”

When we found Sherry, she was so badly injured that she could die. And while I had been surprised by how effective the herb had been, there were surely limits.

Though, I have made all kinds of herbs since then... Perhaps I could make something that was original and even more effective? So much that it could heal anything?

But then again, it might cause me to faint. And Mr. Euto said that using the Gift too much could kill you...

So I really should avoid attempting it if I could...

“Mr. Takumi, you can come in now. Though, I think she should take it easy for some time.”

“Thank you. Claire and Sebastian, I’m sorry for calling you at this time.”

“Not at all. We were worried as well.”

After talking with Claire and Sebastian in the hallway, Ms. Lyra came out and reassured us.

And so I thanked the others and returned to the room.

Liza was resting in the bed, while Leo looked at her worryingly. Ms. Gelda was waiting.

“Are you alright?”

“Wuff?”

“Yes... I feel better now. Sorry, papa and mama.”

“Hmm? There is no need to apologize.”

“Hoho. Just like Mr. Takumi.”

“Yes. Both Liza and Mr. Takumi apologize too much... I suppose they are alike.”

Unlike before, Liza was able to smile, which showed that she really did feel better.

“Well, in any case... There is still pain, yes? So you must rest for some time.”

“Yes, that’s what sister Lyra said. But...”

“Huh?”

“You are leaving tomorrow... I want to go too...”

“Oh...”

She had been looking forward to the trip to Bleiyu village.

Even though it was just close to the village, we would be traveling for around two days... Also, we would be separated for some time after that.

“Mr. Takumi. While she is not ill, she needs rest...”

“Indeed... It is not like you can rest peacefully outside. It would be best to wait and see. After all, her condition might get worse.”

Well, if that happened, I would just cancel the trip entirely...

“Uh, what about delaying the trip by a few days? We can contact Ms. Delia and inform her about it.”

“Yes, that would be the best solution.”

“We would all be worried if she got worse and you were not here, Mr. Takumi. And so I agree that you should stay here for now.”

Chapter 835

Worrying too much had the opposite effect

“Well, in that case...”

“You can’t do that. Papa.”

“...Liza?”

I had made up my mind to delay the trip, but just as I was about to say this to Sebastian and the clothes, Liza stopped me.

I sensed a strong will in her voice, and so I looked at her with surprise.

“I don’t want to be the reason you can’t do what you want... You helped me a lot, and I’m able to have lots of fun. If I cause more trouble...I won’t like myself...”

“...”

As she talked, her eyes welled up with tears.

While I had been thinking about her... I suppose that could also end up being a burden.

Now that I think about it, when I caught a cold as a child, my uncle and his wife took time off of work in order to care for me. And I had felt bad.

As an adult, I realized how much they cared for me, and there was no need to feel bad about it... But in Liza’s case, her past experience probably made her feel even stronger about it.

“Wuff...”

“Kyafu...haha. Thank you, mama.”

“Wuff.”

As I pondered on those words, Leo pushed her nose towards Liza and licked her face.

Leo was a lot better at consoling people.

In any case, it was obvious what I should do.

“...Alright. As you say, Liza. I will go to Bleiyu village.”

“Yes! I don’t want you to feel bad because of me...”

“What are you saying? That would never happen. It’s always the opposite.”

“Really?”

“Yes. But...you might be a little lonely for a short while...”

“Okay... I will miss you. But it will be worse if you can’t do what you want. So I’ll be fine!”

“I see... Thank you. I’ll go and come back as soon as possible!”

“Yes!”

“Wuff!”

While going to Bleiyu village was my own personal request. We had now involved other people like Phillips and Ms. Delia. So it would inconvenience a lot of people if we canceled it now.

And even if it was delayed, we would have to contact them and change the schedule.

So I thought it would be best to just go. Of course, I would also return a little earlier than planned.

“In any case, it is decided... I will depart for Bleiyu village tomorrow.”

“I did not realize how Lady Liza would feel about it. I am sorry.”

“I understand her a little. As the daughter of a duke, any action has wider consequences. So when I was young and got sick, my father and mother would take care of me.”

“Yes, that happens sometimes... But Lady Claire, if you know that...then why did you go to the forest alone?”

“At that time, I could only think about Tilura... Anyway, we don’t need to talk about that now.”

“But it was because of that, that I was able to meet Claire. And come to the mansion. So I would not blame you.”

I could see that Mr. Ekenhart was very protective, and it was little wonder, after losing his wife.

As for her going to the forest for the Ramogi, Sebastian’s view was understandable, but I could not agree.

What would have happened had she not gone... Leo and I would have been lost in the forest for several days.

In any case, back to the subject at hand... There was one other thing to discuss in regards to my trip to Bleiyu village...

Chapter 836

The traveling would be fine

“I will be leaving Leo here. I think Liza will be too lonely if we both leave.”

“Indeed... I’m sure it would be very comforting to her if Leo was with her.”

Well, I would have to persuade Leo to stay later.

Though, given how worried she looked, I doubted it would take much for her to understand.

“However, how will you travel, Mr. Takumi?”

“...Without Leo...you will have to go by horse.”

“Perhaps you could ask Tilura if Rahle could carry you...”

“I don’t know about that... Especially with Phillip and Nicholas there...”

“Hmm... Have you ever ridden on a horse, Mr. Takumi? From what I recall, you have not really had much opportunity since coming here?”

“I’m sure I could sit on a horse with a little help... But I don’t know about holding the reins and actually controlling it...”

I had never experienced it before, and so suddenly riding one was asking a lot from an amateur.

“We can use Rahle’s saddle, and attach it to a horse. That way, you can ride behind Phillip or Nicholas.”

“That saddle... Yes, that would make things easier.”

“Though, there will be more weight for the horse to carry. So it will not be able to run as fast. It is a good thing you left two days for the journey.”

While it would have probably been possible to go there in one day, I had planned for a two day journey. And so it should be fine.

I would not be delayed, even without Leo.

“In that case, everything will work out.”

“Yes. I will have everything prepared before Mr. Takumi’s departure tomorrow morning.”

“Thank you.”

“...In that case, it will be difficult to meet halfway. Especially since I have to check up on Liza. Oh, well. I will give up this time.

“What was that, Lady Claire?”

“No, nothing at all...”

So Claire had not given up going to Bleiyu village after all... She had not talked about it these past few days. But I suppose it was because she was thinking of a different way to leave the mansion.

Well, if Leo was here, there was nothing to worry about. And surely she would be safe if she left with Sherry.

However, I did want her to stay in the house this time. Especially because of Liza. And so I hoped that she would give up.

Perhaps we could all go out on a trip somewhere next time... If Sebastian allowed it.

And if we could find a good location.

If it was a place that Tilura and Rahle could go, we could all spend more time together, which would be nice...

“Liza. Are you really fine?”

“Yes...I’m fine. You don’t have to worry about me.”

“But... Well, I’ll do what I can.”

“Wuf..”

After Sebastian promised to take care of everything, and Claire returned to her room, I asked Liza again.

Even though I knew that I was not supposed to worry too much, I could not help it.

“As this is the first time, there will be a lot that you don’t know. And it is different with everyone. But once you get used to it, it is nothing to worry about.”

“I suppose...”

Ms. Lyra said with a smile. But as someone who did not know what it was like, worrying was about all I could do...

Chapter 837

Liza quickly fell asleep

After that, Liza smiled and quickly fell asleep.

Perhaps she had been very tired.

I smiled, and Leo also sighed with relief.

“She must have been anxious about a lot of things. But she seems quite calm now. Likely because you were here.”

“Indeed. She is sleeping soundly. Thank you, Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda.”

“Not at all. We were just doing our job. And we are always happy to help.”

“I am glad that everything was fine. Now...please excuse me.”

As Leo and I would not have been able to do much on our own, I thanked them again, for helping us this late in the night.

Of course, I was also thankful towards Sebastian and Claire.

“We will go now. I am sure that everything will be fine. But just in case... I will wait outside. So please call me if you need anything.”

“Thank you. But...surely you will be tired if you wait...”

“No, we are supposed to take care of you. So it is nothing.”

“Yes, it will be fine.”

“But still... Hmm...”

Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda were about to leave after seeing that Liza had fallen asleep.

So as to not disturb her, they were going to wait outside. But they wanted to wait, just in case Liza woke up and needed something.

However, I felt restless about the idea of them being there all night.

Even if it was expected of them... I was not used to it.

“...Ah, I know. Leo?”

“Wuff?”

“Why don’t you sleep with Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda? That way, they won’t have to be in the hallway, and it will not be cold. Leo is more comfortable than any bed.”

“Wou!”

“Oh, we are not worthy of...”

“Yes, good Leo’s fur is so soft and warm... Oh, no, but we couldn’t...”

While it was not an ideal solution, they would be quite comfortable if they leaned against Leo and slept.

It would be better than standing or sitting in a chair.

When I asked Leo, she nodded happily, but Ms. Gelda and Ms. Lyra were hesitant.

“Well, just indulge me and Leo, if you will? She would be very happy to... Though, it might be even harder to get up if something does happen...”

“No, we will have no problem getting up.”

“Are-are you certain?”

Obviously sleeping in bed would be the best, but they wanted to stay close by. And so they might as well be in the same room.

“Wuff. Wuff.”

“Leo would be happy to? As long as you do not mind.”

Leo actually sounded impatient, and she was already lying down and wagging her tail.

She did like sleeping with people. We had done it often when she was smaller.

“We do not mind, but... Very well. As long as Leo is fine with it.”

“Thank you.”

“Wuff!”

Ms. Lyra finally agreed and bowed to Leo.

They then sat down and leaned against her, and Leo curled up as if to wrap around them gently.

Chapter 838

Morning of the departure

“Leo is so soft. This is better than a bed of the highest quality.”

“It is true. I understand why Lady Tilura and Liza are always hugging Leo. Thank you.”

“Wuff-wuff.”

I heard them whispering happily as I drifted off to sleep.

With hopes that Liza would be feeling better the next morning.

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“Papa. Get up, it’s morning!”

“Hmm? Liza...?”

“Good morning!”

“Wuff!”

I woke up to the sensation of being shaken.

When I opened my eyes, I saw that it was Liza. She seemed well, and Leo barked right behind her. So I was the last to get up then.

“Good morning you two. And Ms. Lyra and Ms. Gelda.”

“Yes, good morning.”

“Good morning!”

I sat up and greeted the other two who were in the room.

Usually, I woke up quite early, so this was a little embarrassing.

“Ooomph. So, how do you feel now?”

“Hmm. Fine... There is a little pain, but I’m fine!”

“I see. Well, take it easy, alright?”

“Yes!”

“Lady Liza. I will bring you some breakfast now.”

“No, it’s fine. I want to eat with Claire and Tilura and Sherry!”

“Very well. Gelda, go and tell Sebastian.”

“Yes, certainly.”

“Thank you, Ms. Gelda and Ms. Lyra.”

“Not at all. It’s best that she be allowed to do what she wants.”

Well, it was not like she couldn’t move. And it would be better if she could be around Sherry and Rahle.

“Oomph...ah...”

“Wuff!?”

“Oh... Are you alright?”

“Yes... I don’t know... I feel weak...”

When Liza put her feet on the ground and tried to stand, she swayed a little.

It seemed like she didn't know why. Did she feel dizzy?"

"Lady Liza, you must go slow. Mr. Takumi, I will look after her."

"Wuff..."

"Yes, thank you."

And then Ms. Lyra took Liza out of the room.

I suppose she would need to get changed as well. And so I would leave it to Ms. Lyra.

"Wuff..."

"Well, you cannot do everything, Leo. But maybe you can carry her later."

"Wou..."

I petted Leo consolingly.

"Ah, that's right. As I discussed with the others yesterday...I will be going to Bleiyu village without you. So you must look after Liza. As she will have to rest for a few days. So make sure that she does not play too much, alright?"

"Wuff. Wuff-wuff. Wou!"

As Leo had good ears, she would have been able to hear us when we were talking... I had seen that her ears twitched at the time.

And so unsurprisingly, she nodded now and told me to leave everything to her.

Everyone saw us off

“And if you need anything, just ask Ms. Lyra or Sebastian. Though, I doubt anything will happen so soon.”

“Wuff-wuff.”

I talked to Leo while preparing and checking my things.

As we had been here for some time now, I doubted that anything would happen to inconvenience her.

After that, I waited for Ms. Lyra and Liza to return, and then we headed to the garden in order to eat breakfast.

As Rahle was here, we had all gotten used to eating outside...

“Mr. Takumi. Are you ready?”

“Yes. I just have some clothes and my sword. So it was easy... The rest is being prepared for me. I’m grateful for that.”

“Not at all. Though, it will have to be reduced a little, now that Leo is not going. But it should be enough for the trip there. Ms. Delia and Mr. Kanat are prepared to receive you, so you should not have any trouble after arriving.”

“Haha...I hope they don’t prepare too much. Or it will look strange.”

After eating breakfast, I grabbed my things. It was time for our departure.

When I went to the entrance hall, Claire and the servants were gathered there to see me off.

Sebastian made some final inspections to see that everything was packed.

Without Leo, we would not be able to carry as much food. But it would not be a problem, since it was only for two days.

“Please be careful, Mr. Takumi. I will pray for your safe return.”

“Thank you. Well...I have trained a lot with the sword. So I should be fine.”

“You can defeat orcs quite easily. That being said, there is that incident in Range village. So you must be careful.”

“Also, don’t worry about Liza. We will take good care of her in your absence.”

It was relieving, knowing that Claire would also look after her.

“Alright, Leo. I’m leaving you with Liza now.”

“Wuff!”

“I am here too!”

“Yes, thank you, Tilura.”

“Papa, I’ll be good while you are away!”

“Yes. I’ll come back as soon as I can.”

“Kuuunnn...”

“Don’t worry. I won’t get into any trouble this time. So I won’t need your protection.”

“Wuff!”

At first, I thought Leo was lonely, but it turned out that she was just worried. After all, I had been injured by orcs once while she was away. So it was understandable.

Now that I think about it, we hardly ever traveled while separated...

It was just that time when I was in Range village, and I had Leo deliver something to the mansion

Still, I was used to being in this world now, and had Phillip and Nicholas with me.

“And Ms. Delia will be there. So nothing will happen to me.”

“Wou. Wuff...wuff-wuff!”

“Ah, that’s a good idea, mama!”

I petted Leo’s jaw in order to reassure her. And then Leo barked as if she had just thought of something.

Liza seemed to agree as well. Her idea was that if the fenrirs came while I was gone, she would send them to Bleiyu village in order to protect me...

Chapter 840

We went to Ractos first

“I don’t know about that... It will cause a scene in the village. I will be fine, Leo. Don’t make them do that, alright?”

“Wuff...”

Leo barked with disappointment.

They were already sensitive about fenrirs, because of Ms. Delia. And so it was not a good idea to send fenrirs over there.

It was true that I wouldn't be afraid of orcs or trolls with them around...but it would just scare the villagers instead.

That was no good if my goal was to observe how people in the village lived normally, without any distractions...

"In any case, I will be careful and come back soon. So you be good, alright? And take care of Liza."

"Wuff."

"Alright then... I am going."

"Goodbye, Mr. Takumi! We await your safe return!"

"Wuff!"

"Kyau!"

And so I opened the door and went outside.

"Sorry to keep you waiting, Phillip."

"Not at all. After what happened last night, it is to be expected."

"Sorry that our plans were changed. In any case...before going to Bleiyu village, we must go to Ractos!"

I climbed onto the saddle, and Phillip held the reins in the front as the horse started to move. And then it trotted slowly away from the house.

"How does it feel to ride a horse?"

"It kind of hurts..."

“Haha! It is very different from Leo.”

“Well, it is not unbearable. So I’ll be fine.”

After we had ridden down the town road for some time, Phillip asked me how I was doing, as it was my first time.

Your body moved up and down a lot while riding a horse, and sometimes my body would rise off of the saddle and come down hard, which could be painful.

Furthermore, it was a lot faster than a carriage, so I could feel the wind and pressure... Even with Phillip right in front of me...

But the journey had only just begun. I would have to get used to it quickly if I wanted to survive until the end.

But by riding on a horse, I now understood how much Leo cared about the comfort of her rider while she was running.

She used magic to reduce the wind resistance, and also ran so there was minimal shaking up and down.

Though, there was also the fact that Leo had very soft and fluffy fur, which was quite different from a hard horse saddle.

...Thank you, Leo. I would be very happy if you continue to run in that comfortable manner while carrying me or Liza.

I thought with gratitude. And like that, I headed towards Ractos while riding on the back of Phillip’s horse.