

Beloved Dog 931

Chapter 931

I was used to dealing with children because of Leo

“Alright, now why don’t you go back to playing with Leo?”

“Yes!”

“Thank you, old ma...mister!”

“Mr. Takumi, that was impressive. They wouldn’t listen to me!”

“Well, I think it helps when you try to speak to them at their level. Look Tilura, you’ll get left behind if you don’t go too.”

“I see... Ah, Liza, please wait!”

Tilura was quite impressed.

Well, she was only a little older than them, so it was not surprising that they wouldn’t obey her.

“You really are good with children, Mr. Takumi.”

Claire said with a smile as I returned to my seat.

I was a little embarrassed to realize that she had been watching me.

“Do you think so? Well, as I said before, they used to play with Leo a lot.”

Whenever I took Leo for a walk, the children in the neighborhood would gather in order to play with her.

Leo was really small back then, and so I would sometimes have to tell them to be careful around her.

Children often did not know how to treat pets with care...

Regardless, I did feel like children here were more honest and would listen.

In Japan, they would often get sulky, or have strange things they learned from their parents. Or they would only be interested in games.

I suppose they were smart in a way, and might be considered arrogant in this world.

"I am well connected with the orphanage, but still find that dealing with children can be difficult. You saw that quite clearly...when I had that trouble with Tilura..."

"Well, you are family and are sisters. So I think it's natural to assume that you understand each other."

"...What should I do to be more like you, Mr. Takumi?"

"Having someone like Leo with you helps... But, uh, talk from their level? And don't assume that they do not know anything."

"At their level... Well...you do squat down a lot, Mr. Takumi..."

"It makes it easier to understand. When you are at the same height when talking. You can look them in the eyes... That is important. At least, it was in the place that I came from. After all, they are looking at you and thinking of all kinds of things..."

"I see... Indeed, Mr. Kalis said that it is important to look into people's eyes when negotiating. Of course, as I was raised as a noble's daughter, that is not exactly new for me..."

"Indeed. When nobles are talking, looking away might make them think that you are trying to hide something from them."

I talked with Claire while watching the children laugh and play happily as they swarmed around Leo.

As a duke's daughter, Claire would have been well-educated on how to deal with others. Especially other nobles.

I imagined scenes of her wearing fancy dresses and learning how to dance. How to act at parties and how to eat properly...

Well, I didn't know what all of that was like, but I had seen such things in Japan.

Chapter 932

There was someone else who wanted to be hired as well

"That's a little...troublesome. I cannot really imagine what it is like for nobles to deal with each other. But I'm sure there is a lot of guessing as to the other's intentions... Ah, Sebastian?"

"Yes, Mr. Takumi. Lady Claire. I have just returned."

When I turned around, I saw Sebastian bowing politely. When did he get here?

He must have been listening to us for some time.

"Sebastian. How were things over there?"

"The fenrirs returned to the forest. They needed to get some exercise."

"I see. Well, if Sherry is with them, then they shouldn't take long."

"By the way, Mr. Takumi."

"Yes?"

“I was able to talk to the chief on my way back, and...”

“The chief?”

“Yes. I wanted to explain things to him again, and also apologize for our sudden visit. Otherwise, they will live in fear, wondering when we might come again. Especially since there is Leo and the fenrirs.”

“Hah...”

Well, it really was a big shock for them. They had to be assured that this was special, or they might assume that we would pay them a surprise visit again.

“Apparently, someone made a request through the chief... He wished to work under Lady Claire.”

“Me? But you are talking to Mr. Takumi?”

“Yes. Well...while it is related to you...he wants to work in the herb fields at Range village.”

“I see.”

“He did not apply for the job previously, but he made up his mind now after seeing Lady Claire. Also, he had recently started to feel as if he is not needed in this village. And he felt this even more strongly after speaking to Mr. Takumi and Ms. Delia.”

Started to feel that way after talking to us... Could it be that person?

“Who is it?”

“His name is Peter. I spoke to him a little. Apparently, he used to travel a lot when he was younger, and learned a lot about farming. And he used that knowledge to help Bleiyu village. Of course, these days, the younger people do everything. And so he doesn't have much to do here.”

“Oh, but it was all because of Old Peter that the Bleiyu fields grew to this size. We would never feel that he is unneeded...”

“The chief said the same thing.”

So it was Mr. Peter after all.

He had been talking about the next generation, but I thought it was mostly a joke.

But I suppose that he also felt that people would not like it if he said too much or interfered these days. And so he just sat on his chair and watched...

“Perhaps he wishes to try something new. To challenge himself.”

“Something new?”

“The herb fields in Range village... No one has done something like that before. They could not do it, I suppose. At least in this country, no one has been able to grow herbs like that.”

“Well, it is different from food crops... Fewer people would have even tried it.”

I had Weed Cultivation, so a certain amount of success was guaranteed.

Regardless, this was something that the duke was backing, and so it would likely be an attractive project for Mr. Peter.

“Yes, Old Peter used to say that before. He wanted to try and grow new plants in this village.”

“But he was not able to?”

“Yes, Lady Claire. Currently, this village gets its food from the fields and wood from the forest. They are satisfied with that. I think he knew that many people would not agree, and so it was difficult for him to suggest it.”

“I see...”

Chapter 933

I decided to ask him about it

“Well, if you think of the village as a whole, it is not surprising. No one would wish for instability. When talking to the chief the other day, he said the same. Anxiety is the last thing that this village needs.”

It wasn't that the village was incapable of doing something new.

However, it was still a risk that would take time and effort.

If they were satisfied with the current state of things, then they would not be likely to agree to doing something that could fail.

And judging by what Ms. Delia said, while Mr. Peter wanted to do something new, he was not completely sure about how he would do it.

“He seemed to have decided on the matter himself. He is determined. Though, whether you and Lady Claire would want to hire him...that is a different matter.”

“And what is your opinion, Sebastian?”

“Hmm...I do not think we should hire too many people. Especially if they are not needed. But I think this case is different. Even if we are quite sure of success, it is still something new. And so we should be hiring people who are knowledgeable.”

“I see. Well, I do feel that it would be comforting to have someone like him with us. I want someone who I can confide in. Though, I wonder if anything can be done about the soil problem.”

“I do not know. Perhaps there is. But since he knows a lot about fields...he might be able to do something.”

When growing too many plants with Weed Cultivation, the soil would dry up and become like a dessert.

It was because all of the nutrients would be absorbed...leaving the land barren.

“Yes, while I have Kalis, it would be good for Mr. Takumi to also have someone to talk to.”

“So Claire is also in agreement. What about you...Ms. Delia?”

“Uh, me?”

“Of course. You will be Liza’s teacher. And since you were raised in this village, you know what impact it will have. If Mr. Peter leaves.”

I probably should ask the other villagers as well, but it would take a lot of time.

“Uh... Well, I think it would be great to have him in the same village. And since he hardly does any work in the fields, it should not impact Bleiyu very much. I think he passed on all of his knowledge... But...”

“But?”

“If he is going to another village... Well, as you know. He is very, very old. Even if he can move, he will not be able to visit Bleiyu very often..”

“That’s true...”

I had not heard about his age. But he looked like he was in his sixties.

“...Well, I’m sure we can figure something out?”

“You can?”

When it came to transportation, horses and carriages could be quite taxing. And they also took a lot of time.

But that could be solved with the help of fenrirs.

Also, if we had stations and inns on the way, you would be able to rest.

“In any case, it seems like Ms. Delia agrees. As do I... I really did want someone who I could talk to when it comes to fields.”

Even if I was using Weed Cultivation, I also wanted to learn more about plants.

If I made a mistake and ruined the soil, it would harm Range village as well.

“However, you will have to tell him about yourself, Mr. Takumi. Though, I suppose you already meant to do that.”

Sebastian was talking about my Gift.

“Well, I think I better go and talk to Mr. Peter then. While I am already positive about hiring him, I would like to talk to him about it first.”

“Indeed. Very well. I will tell the chief and arrange a meeting.”

“Thank you. What was the chief’s opinion?”

“He said that if it was what Mr. Peter wants, he would not stop him.”

“Well, that is fine then... Hmm?”

“What is that I hear?”

Just as I was feeling relieved, I heard a voice from far away.

Sebastian and the others heard it too, and they started to look around...

Chapter 934

The fenrirs did their best

“This voice...”

“Ms. Delia?”

“Uh, I think I know...”

“Wuff-wuff.”

“Leo?”

I asked Ms. Delia, as she had better hearing. But while she was answering, Leo suddenly rushed to my side and stopped.

Liza and Tilura were riding on her back.

“Wuff-wuff.”

“Uh, it’s the fenrirs?”

“Wuff!”

“Guff-guff!”

“And Fel... So I guess it’s Feri and the others. It must be coming from outside of the village then.”

“Wuff-wuff. Wou.”

According to Leo, it was the fenrirs howling.

“So they caught some prey.”

“Wuff!”

Leo said that this was how they alerted the others while hunting in the forest.

Now that I thought about it, Sebastian had said something about that.

With Feri, Riruru and Fen, they could easily take down an orc or some other monster.

“In any case, we should go and have a look, Claire. You too, Ms. Delia.”

“Yes, Mr. Takumi.”

They were probably howling like this, so that they did not surprise the humans.

“I will go and tell the chief about it. And I will also tell him about Mr. Peter.”

“Thank you.”

In the plaza, the old men and women had been watching Leo play with the children. And they now looked worried.

And so Sebastian would go to the chief and reassure him.

Awoooooo!

“So you replied to them. Thanks, Leo.”

“Wuff-wuff.”

As we started to move, Leo howled loudly at the sky.

Shortly after, we heard another howl from far away.

“This is...”

“Quite a hunt...”

“Wuff?”

“Grrr.”

“Woah, so many!”

“Amaazing!”

We arrived at the entrance of the village.

The three fenrirs were sitting there while wagging their tails. Though, everyone’s attention was on their pretty.

There were Audhumblas, orcs and other monsters including trolls.

“Kyau! Kyau!”

“Sherry!”

Sherry jumped off of Fen and ran towards Claire.

“I see. You helped too.”

“Kyu!”

Sherry ran around Claire’s legs and barked as if to make a report.

Apparently, she had joined the hunt as part of her training.

Indeed, when I looked closer, I saw that some of the monsters were partially frozen.

“Still, they were taken down without much outside damage. Very impressive.”

“Grr!”

“Kyau!”

Nicholas and Ms. Delia looked very impressed as they inspected the prey.

“Huh? But this orc and Audhumbla have a lot of wounds...?”

“...Kyau.”

“Grrr.”

“Ah, I see.”

Apparently, those were the ones that Sherry had attacked. She was not used to hunting, and so it was messier.

Still, she had clearly improved a lot since the last time she hunted in the forest.

And so Claire and I petted Sherry consolingly, as she looked a little sad after having hers compared...

Chapter 935

We decided to make a feast for the fenrirs

“Gau-gau! Grau!”

“Grrr!”

“Gau! Grau!”

“Uh, they want hamburgers, papa!”

“Thank you, Liza. I see, so that’s why they did it.”

It was not a particularly difficult dish to make, but I suppose it was not something the fenrirs could make on their own.

“They hunted because they wanted to eat hamburgers.”

“...This seems a little excessive, but... Very well. In any case, we should carry them back to the village.”

“Indeed. Ah, foreman!”

Well, there was no doubt that we had a lot of ingredients now. So I was not against making it... But there was so much. Regardless, Nicholas suggested we carry them into the village for now.

I nodded and was about to ask Leo for help. But that was when I saw the foreman.

“Oh, wha-what is it, Takumi...Mr. Takumi.”

“Why are you talking like that?”

“Oh, it’s just that I now know that you are connected with the duke... I do not wish to be rude...”

“It’s fine. I am not a nobleman or anything... I’m just like you. In any case, you are good at butchering monsters, aren’t you? I was hoping that you could help. We can share the meat with the village.”

“Re-really? Good... No one will complain if they get free meat. Very well, I’ll get the others to help too!”

“Thank you.”

And so we carried the monsters into the village, and then we worked together to make the hamburgers.

“Johanna, you will be with Mr. Takumi and Lady Claire. Phillip! Hurry up and start moving.”

“Yes.”

“Alright. Hah... My legs are still shaking, but I suppose I can do this much.”

“Guff?”

“Ah, Fel. You help over there. We will manage over here. Uh... And I guess the villagers can help as well.”

“Guff!”

Like this, the fenrirs transported the monsters, while the woodcutters chopped up the meat. Philip and the servants dealt with the parts that could not be eaten, and the servants helped.

Still, there was too much for even the woodcutters to handle, and so Leo helped by cutting the meat with her claws. Now that I thought about it, she had done the same thing in the forest with the orcs.

The children cheered as they watched.

“I was talking to the chief when we heard the noise. I did not imagine that I would see this...”

“Ahaha...”

Sebastian said with surprise.

It was not as if we had planned for this. The fenrirs did it on their own.

“Well, it seems like everything is fine here, so we can leave it to Leo... I have something to tell you.”

“Yes. ...Mr. Peter, are you alright?”

“Ah! Yes, I am fine!”

Sebastian then took us to meet Mr. Peter. As we would be leaving tomorrow, this might be our only opportunity to talk.

We sat down at the table facing Mr. Peter, but he seemed very nervous for some reason.

He had seemed so calm when I talked to him before with Ms. Delia. I suppose it was because of Claire.

Not only that, but this would be similar to an interview.

“Uh, I did not realize...that I would be the only one here...”

“It cannot be helped. Everyone is busy now. Even the chief is over there with the others.”

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Mr. Peter’s interview began

“Well, there is no need to be so nervous. We are not going to eat you or anything.”

“That doesn’t sound like a joke when there are fenrirs nearby...”

“Ah... Uh, in any case, we just want to talk. Just act like that time when we talked with Ms. Delia.”

However, with Sebastian and Claire here as well, it was difficult for him to relax.

Regardless, I went straight to the subject.

“So, Mr. Peter. I heard that you want to work at Range village?”

“Y-yes. Um...I believe that it will be the first time growing herbs in a field like that. And since this village is stable without me...”

“I see...”

“And it might be troublesome to do new things in this village. Of course, they did not say anything to my face, but... I really do feel that I am no longer needed here.”

“I don’t think that is the case. Ms. Delia was telling us about how much you have contributed to this village.”

“I have only just arrived yesterday, but I also doubt the villagers think of you like that... Considering how much you have accomplished.”

“Hah... Well, they are kind. Perhaps I am overthinking it...”

“Yes, you definitely are. But while I’m sure they would be happy to keep you, I understand you still want to work with herbs?”

“That is the biggest reason. And this is something big...that the duke is involved in.”

After all, if all he wanted to do was something new, then there were other things he could do.

“I have traveled to different lands in the past. Though, it was decades ago... Before Delia came here.”

“When you were young.”

He would have been the same age as me or Claire back then.

“Yes. Um, embarrassingly, back then...I was young and foolish. And I thought that I could make a change in this world...”

“I think everyone thinks that. You feel invincible. I suppose the growth makes you feel special.”

“...I don’t relate to that, but I see that you felt that way too, Mr. Takumi.”

As long as such thoughts did not go in a strange direction, you would eventually realize how things are.

Sebastian was also nodding as if he understood. I might have to ask him about it later.

“Well, as I traveled around, I realized how ignorant I really was... Still, I took the knowledge that I had accumulated in various villages, and decided to use it to help Bleiyu.”

“Well, it seems like everything worked very well in the end?”

“Yes, in the end. Still, I realized how safe I could travel on the duke’s lands. But when I went outside of it...”

He paused and looked at Claire.

“Do not mind me. Whatever you say will not leave this room. Even if it is insulting against other nobles, the fault is theirs.”

“Ah, uh...yes. Well, in other territories, there would be so many monsters on the roads. And some places even had bandits who would rob travelers and merchants. Of course, I am not saying that it was this way in every other territory, but...”

Chapter 937

Some roads were safer than others

“I suppose the nobles are not aware of such places. Even in Ractos, there are slums that are less safe.”

“Indeed... It is the duty of the landlord to ensure that people can live in peace. However, there is a limit to how much you can do. And there are those who escape detection.”

A matter of safety. Even in Japan, it was difficult. So I could only imagine how it was like in a world where information did not move as quickly.

Besides, there were also monsters in this world...

“I traveled alone. Of course, sometimes, I would travel with merchants as well, but... That was only temporary. I could travel without worrying too much on the duke’s lands, but it was rarely the case elsewhere. That is why I tried to stay here while traveling, as much as possible.”

“Well, my father has no control in other lands.”

“Here, soldiers patrol the area regularly, and deal with monsters and bandits. However, nobles with less...resources may not be able to maintain their own army.”

“Still, my father said that things have improved greatly compared to how they were in the past. Of course, there is still room for improvement...”

“Regardless, there are few monsters on the main road here. And for that, I am grateful.”

“Grateful... My father is merely doing his duty...”

“And so, when I heard that his daughter, Lady Claire, was going to start this new business, I thought that I could be of use. I was able to acquire this much knowledge and travel safely because of him, after all.”

“I see... Mr. Takumi?”

“Uh, I don’t know if I should answer this... Um, still. Why didn’t you apply before? Like Ms. Delia? Surely you would have heard about how we were hiring?”

It was not that I thought he was lying to us. I’m sure that he was very sincere about his gratitude.

Besides, Claire and Sebastian were very good at telling when someone was lying.

As for me... I was not confident. But I felt that he was not the kind of person to do that.

“Well...at the time, I did not really understand what was wanted. No, I still do not... Of course, it is not that I was suspicious. But when you are as old as me, you do not act so boldly...”

“Hmm. Now that I think about it, there was no applicants that were as old as Mr. Peter.”

Sebastian had chosen the people from a list. I had just assumed that he excluded people that he thought were too old.

Or perhaps only young people wanted the job.

“Sebastian. I know that I just left everything to you. But how did you spread the news about the recruitment?”

“Well, this is not something to discuss publicly... However, I suppose Mr. Peter is not going to spread the news everywhere...”

“Sebastian seems to be enjoying this...”

After pondering it for a moment, Sebastian made up his mind and then cleared his throat loudly.

As Claire said, he was clearly enjoying this moment... He was now able to speak and be the center of attention.

I suppose it was what he did best...

Chapter 938

I heard about the recruitment method from Sebastian

“First, it is necessary to decide on the range.”

“Range?”

“Yes. Obviously, recruiting from a larger area will mean more applicants. However, if we did across the entirety of the duke’s lands...well, that is far too wide. It would result in many difficulties.”

This time, he limited it to the area surrounding Ractos.

“After that, we must send messages to all the villages and towns within that range. Obviously, it cannot be sent to every individual. And so it is sent to a representative of that place.”

“Like the chief?”

“Indeed. Whoever is in charge of organizing things and leading the people.”

“In Bleiyu, the chief gathered everything together and told us about it. Well, the young adults.”

“We leave it up to the representative. They can decide who to relay the information to. Of course, when hiring for a noble, they generally tell everyone who is able to work. But in villages with smaller populations...they might hide the information from people who have important jobs... People they do not want to lose.”

“I can see why. It would hurt the whole village if they left...”

“Yes. It’s not like drafting soldiers into the army. So they can do what they want with the information. But they generally like to tell those who are unemployed or people who can leave without causing any trouble. And then the representative gathers the information on them and sends it back to us.”

“I see... And once you receive it, I suppose you look into them?”

“If they are being hired to work in the duke’s house, we have to make sure that they are trustworthy. And so we may do a background check. However, we do not meet them directly, but question those around them first.”

I suppose that was all very important for nobles.

If they just hired anybody, it could ruin the order of the house, and lead to all kinds of troubles...

The people trusted the duke, so he had to be extra careful about such things.

Sebastian continued to talk happily on the subject, and eventually told me about the times when they hired from orphanages.

He had told me previously that they were loyal to the duke, as he was the one running the orphanage. But apparently, this also had to do with their education.

Regardless of their background, once they are in the orphanage, they are protected and watched closely. And so in general, they did not become involved in crime afterwards.

So for Sebastian, there was no need to do any background checks on them.

“Uhh, so... Mr. Peter, I suppose you talked with the chief?”

“I was there, when it was told to the others. The chief told us the details at that time... But as I said before, I am very old. And so I could not do anything too bold... That’s how I felt at the time. Besides, the elderly here still have their own roles. So I thought this was just something for the young people... Even if the idea of working for the duke did appeal to me.”

“I see...I see...”

In other words, he thought it had nothing to do with him. It was not that he wasn't interested. It just didn't seem like a realistic possibility at first.

So he had not applied and come to Ractos.

But his interest had not died, and after seeing Claire, and realizing he really could leave Bleiyu without inconveniencing others, he finally decided to ask the chief and Sebastian about the matter...

Chapter 939

I answered Mr. Peter's questions

Mr. Peter said that seeing Claire with Leo and the fenrirs also helped him make his decision.

Leo was a Silver Fenrir, and so it just made this new project of the duke seem even more new and exciting.

Well, it was just about distributing more herbs. So it did not seem very exciting to me...

Regardless, he knew that it was likely that he would be rejected due to his age. However, he wanted to show his gratitude as well. And so he took advantage of this opportunity.

“I'm sorry. But there is something that I was wondering about...if you do not mind?”

“What is it, Mr. Peter?”

Once the explanations were finished, it was Mr. Peter who now had a question.

“Um, I assumed that Lady Claire was representing her father, and managing this business... But it seems like Mr. Takumi was talking mostly... I know you have some connection to the duke, but...”

“Ah, so you are curious about me.”

“No... Well...I just thought it was strange... I am sorry.”

“There is no need to apologize.”

Now that I thought about it, we had not told him the details. About how Claire and I would manage it together.

“Perhaps you will not like this... But for employees who work in the fields, which would include you, Mr. Peter...”

“Yes, of course.”

“It will be me, who you speak to directly, and receive orders from.”

“Is that so? Well, I know you are deeply involved, but...”

“Claire and I will be managing the herb fields in Range village together. It’s just...we have not really started yet. And so the knowledge is not widespread. I suppose most people are like you, and think it is all Claire.”

“You just call her by her name...I see...”

“Mr. Takumi is the owner of Leo. Someone who has a Silver Fenrir might be seen as more important than a duke. That being said, it is not something that needs to be known far and wide... We are in a cooperative relationship. There is really thought of rank or anything like that.”

I never understood why people should think that I was important. It was Leo who was impressive. Even though she used to just be my little maltese dog.

As to how I referred to Claire...well, she asked me to during that one time when she got drunk.

“...Silver Fenrirs. Ah, the legend of the duke’s household.”

“You have heard of it?”

“Most people here have heard the story. Though, I was not completely sure if the rumors about Leo were true at first. It was hard to imagine a Silver Fenrir with a human friend.”

“Well, in any case... If we do hire you, you will be working for me. Even if you would rather work under Claire...”

“Of course, that does not mean you will not be doing my family a great service. I will be staying in Range village as well, and be involved with the work there. After all, it is my job to deal with the distribution.”

“Ah...”

“Well, you have heard everything now. It is not too late to change your mind, Mr. Peter. I promise to not hold it against you.”

It was my belief that if he was not satisfied, then we should not hire him.

There were surely things he could still do here, after all.

Of course, with Claire and Sebastian here, he might feel that it would be too rude to turn us down. And so I tried to put his mind at ease.

Chapter 940

We made a lot of hamburgers

“Yes. As Mr. Takumi says, even if you make a different decision, we promise to not think ill of you.”

“Indeed. There is a lot of information that has not been made public yet. We did explain some of it to those who arrived for the interview, but you wouldn’t have known about it.”

“Th-thank you... Hmm...”

Mr. Peter looked a little relieved. He sighed and considered the matter.

Perhaps he needed more time? I wondered, but he quickly raised his head.

“I have decided. Mr. Takumi. Lady Claire. If you will have me, I would like to help with the herb fields!”

“Are you sure? You will have to be working under me...”

“Yes.”

“Very well. Sebastian?”

“Yes, I think we should welcome him officially into the team. Of course, the project has not started yet, so he will have to stay here for some time.”

“Mr. Peter. Thank you for your decision.”

“Not at all, Lady Claire! Please raise your head. I will do my best to use my knowledge and experience in order to help you!”

“Mr. Takumi, perhaps we should tell him. Since Ms. Delia already knows.”

“Ah, that’s right. ...Mr. Peter. Now that it is decided, there is something else that you should know...”

It might be a little cowardly to talk after the fact.

Regardless, I told him about Weed Cultivation, and how failure was unlikely. Well, Sebastian did most of the explaining.

And while he was a little astonished at first, he had lived much longer than Ms. Delia, and so he was able to process and understand it more quickly.

Especially since he had more knowledge about the Gift.

“Ah, papa! Preparations are finished! Let’s make the hamburgers!”

“Wuff-wuff!”

“Haha. Alright then...”

After making a report to the chief, Mr. Peter and Sebastian went their separate ways, while I returned to the plaza with Claire.

Liza and Tilura were excited to make the hamburgers.

Leo was also wagging her tail as if hungry.

Even the fenrirs looked like they wanted to help. But with those paws...it would be difficult.

“I appreciate that you want to help, but you did enough by hunting. Besides, didn’t you help with cutting the meat?”

“Kyau?”

“Gurru!”

Clearly, Sherry had not. But the others looked proud, so they must have helped Leo.

“And so you should just rest and wait until they are done.”

“Guuuru!”

“...Wuff-wuff.”

“Haha. Yes, thank you too, Leo.”

I said as I petted them.

“Mr. Takumi. It is quite sticky...”

“Well, it’s raw meat with egg in it.”

“Sister Tilura. You do it like this.”

“It’s hard...”

And so with the help of the villagers, we got to work.

As it was her first time doing, Claire seemed to be struggling with the sensation of handling raw meat.

Liza had done it a couple times before, and was able to help with teaching the others.

We had to make a lot, as the fenrirs would be eating them, as well as people from the village and the mansion.

Once the meat was ready, the old men and women would cook them, since that was the easier job.

Everyone had their own role, and it was efficient.

In the meantime, the children played with the fenrirs, while the woodcutters would distribute the leftover meat to the other villagers.