

## Beloved Dog 941

Chapter 941

The hamburgers were made in random shapes

“Mr. Takumi, it became a strange shape...”

“Haha... Well, you are not used to doing it. Besides, the taste should be fine. Hmm?”

Claire was using both hands and doing her best.

I chuckled and reassured her. But when I turned to actually look, I saw that she had made it a triangle for some reason.

I told her to make it round...

Well, it was not too thick, so it should be able to cook well enough. There was no need for it to be round.

“Ah, yes... Like this...”

“Mr. Takumi?”

“Just wait a minute. Uh, make it small...there!”

“Like this...?”

“Ah, it’s mama’s hand!”

“It really is. That’s amazing.”

“No, Mr. Takumi did most of it.”

I had made some adjustments to the shape so that it looked like Leo's paw, much to Liza's delight.

"This way, you do not look like you failed. You just made an interesting shape."

"Yes... Thank you, Mr. Takumi."

We weren't working at some fancy restaurant, so this was fine.

It was better for Claire to think of this as fun than difficult.

"I want to do it too! Mama's hand...it's hard."

"Haha."

"Then I'll do Rahle's beak!"

Liza and Tilura started to copy us, and then the servants and the others started to try to make them in other shapes as well.

Some looked like the mansion, while others were shaped like Sherry. I was surprised by how artistic some of them were...

"Wuff-wuff!"

"I see, I see. You like it. Hmm... Each one tastes a little different as well."

Leo barked happily as she tore into the hamburgers after they were cooked.

I tried some as well. Each had a slightly different taste and texture, which meant you didn't get bored of them.

For Leo and the fenrirs, we just put the cooked meat onto plates, and added some vegetables from the village. Only humans ate them with bread.

As for sauce, they had a tomato sauce that was similar to ketchup.

“Mr. Takumi. I see that there are all kinds of hamburgers. But they are all good.”

“Yes...depending on the types of meat or other ingredients you use, the taste can change quite a lot.”

“Hehe. Helena will be happy.”

Claire seemed to be enjoying them a lot, and she ate them without bread, so that she wouldn't become full too quickly.

“Kyau!”

“It's good, isn't it, Sherry? Are you enjoying yours, Delia?”

“It's delicious.”

“Kii...”

“Ah, Rahle. Was it difficult to eat?”

“Kii, kii.”

Chapter 942

Everyone enjoyed the hamburgers for the second day in a row

As there were many people and fenrirs gathered, everyone did not eat in the same place, but chose a spot that they liked.

Sherry, Liza, Ms. Delia and Tilura were eating in a place that was not very far from me and Claire.

Rahle was with them, but seemed to have difficulty with eating. And so Tilura cut the meat into smaller pieces.

As for the fenrirs...

“Guff-guff!”

“Ohh... They sure are eating quickly.”

“Grrr!”

“Woah! I’m sorry...”

“Foreman, if you do that while it’s eating, then it might tear your hand right off!”

“Phillip, they would not do such a thing. Still, it is not good to bother them while they are eating.”

“I’m sorry...”

Apparently, the villagers were interested, and they watched as the fenrirs ate.

Phillip and Johanna were also with them, and they seemed to be blending in quite well.

Farther off, Sebastian could be seen with Mr. Peter, Ms. Lyra and the other servants and villagers.

The old men and women were arguing as always, and there was an overall very peaceful, festive mood.

“Well, good night. Mr. Takumi.”

“Good night, Claire.”

After the hamburger party, Leo and the fenrirs went to the camp near the forest, and Claire and I returned to the house that we were staying at.

As we planned to return to the mansion tomorrow, we would go to sleep early tonight.

There was something refreshing and a little embarrassing about saying goodnight to Claire in front of her room.

I suppose it was because we usually said it in the dining hall or drawing room.

“My clothes... Ms. Lyra must have done it.”

When I entered my room, I saw that my clothes were clean and neatly folded.

On closer inspection, they had also been repaired a little. Even if they didn't look new, it was difficult to tell that there had been holes before.

She was a lot better at sewing than she let on.

“Papa. Feri and the others were amazing! I wish I could be so useful.”

“Oh, I don't think you should be copying them. Also, you shouldn't worry about being useful right now. More importantly, were you able to become friends with the children?”

“Yes! Thanks to you and mama!”

“Haha. I suppose we did help. But it was because you put in the effort and wanted to be friends with them.”

After talking a little, Liza yawned and fell asleep.

I don't know if it was on purpose, but she fell right onto one of her tails, so that she didn't get hurt.

I then put a blanket over her as she slept peacefully.

I suppose that she was tired after all that running and being in a new place.

“Ah...I’m...also quite tired. I better go to sleep.”

And so I lay down in the bed and closed my eyes.

Now that I thought about it, we hadn’t slept in the same room since I left the mansion. I mused while my consciousness drifted off completely...

Chapter 943

There was still a lot to consider regarding the fenrirs

The next day, we woke up early and ate breakfast. And after finishing up with preparations, we left the house.

We had already told the village of our departure, and so Ms. Delia, Mr. Peter, Mr. Kanat, as well as the woodcutters, were waiting for us by the village entrance.

Leo, the fenrirs and servants were also waiting for us there, and so we could leave for the mansion at once.

“Leo. Are you and the fenrirs going to be fine?”

“Wuff!”

“Guuurr!”

They would be carrying most of the luggage.

While petting them, I made sure to see that nothing was tied too tightly.

“If the fenrirs don’t mind, perhaps we could put saddles on them. Then it will be easier to strap everything on.”

“Indeed...that would make things easier.”

Obviously, Leo and the fenrirs were very different from horses. And so some of them may not like having something like that on their back.

Perhaps it would be fine if they got used to it. But I didn’t want to force anything on them either.

“Even if they are fine with carrying people or pulling a wagon, having a saddle strapped to their back is a different matter. I suppose we could ask them and find out which fenrirs would be cooperative?”

“Yes. There is a lot to consider... Well, we can discuss the matter again once we return to the mansion.”

“Mr. Takumi. Nicholas and I will be staying here for now. We will see you again at the mansion.”

“Oh, really?”

As I petted Leo and talked with Sebastia, I was then approached by Phillip.

Apparently, they were going to stay in the village for a little longer.

“There are the horses we used when traveling here. And so we have to take them back with us.”

“Ah, that’s right. And there is a limited number of people who can ride on the fenrirs.”

“Well, Phillip. Thank you for everything.”

“Not at all. We barely needed to do anything here as guards. There was nothing really dangerous. We probably were not needed... Still, I had a good time here. I suppose I should be grateful to you.”

“Haha. Well, it was a relaxing time. I will see you at the mansion then.”

“Yes.”

Our time together had brought us closer, and we were able to talk more casually.

After hitting his hand against his chest, Phillip turned around and walked back to the village.

“Mr. Takumi...”

“Ms. Delia. Thank you for helping us during our stay. Uh, we will be meeting again soon. So please do not cry.”

“But...”

“Are you sad, sister Delia?”

I suppose that was how attached she had become.

“Liza. It’s just that I had such a good time during Mr. Takumi’s stay... So I’m a little sad. That is all.”

“Oh. Well, I was sad too, when he left. But it just makes it better when you meet again. So don’t worry. You will be that much happier next time.”

“Thank you, Liza...”

Ms. Delia cried without restraint as she hugged Liza.

Liza was kind, and so she patted her consolingly with her tails.

Chapter 944

I left Bleiyu village to Fel



“Guff. Guff-guff!”

“Fel. I sell. So you will be staying here.”

“Guff!”

Fel moved closer and nudged its nose against Ms. Delia and then barked.

Yesterday, Fel, Leo and Ms. Delia had been talking.

Fel lived in the forest near Bleiyu village, but did not belong to any pack.

Feri had even invited Fel to join theirs, but Fel had refused.

“Perhaps I shouldn’t be asking you, but...please look after the grave of Ms. Delia’s mother. Alright?”

“Guff!”

“Mr. Takumi...thank you!”

Ms. Delia was so overwhelmed with emotion that she was sobbing.

“Delia was always like this. Crying whenever something happened. After my predecessor died, she cried for days.”

“Ah, I see. Well, he was the one who raised her.”

The foreman chuckled as he saw us.

Thanks to the herbs, the scars had disappeared, and he looked less intimidating.

“Chief. Thank you. We had a wonderful time here.”

After leaving Ms. Delia with the foreman, I went over to the chief, who was speaking with Claire.

“Ah, it was just Kanat and Delia who helped you. I should be thanking you for helping with those herbs.”

“I’m glad that your back is better. Though, Delia is the one who found the herbs.”

“Hmm... But I have never seen herbs like that around here... But if you insist.”

“Ahaha...yes.”

“Mr. Takumi. You didn’t tell him?”

“Only Mr. Peter and Ms. Delia.”

Claire whispered so that only I could hear, and so I whispered back.

“And thank you, Mr. Kanat.”

“Not at all. I didn’t do anything...”

“In regards to the konjac, Sebastian has arranged for a wagon to come and pick it up from Ractos.”

“Yes...of course!”

As the fenrirs could not carry the barrels, Sebastian decided to use transportation wagons instead.

Now we just had to wait for them to be delivered to the mansion...

“Now, let us start the journey to Ractos.”

“Yes. Leo, I’m counting on you.”

“Wuff!”

“You can do it, mama!”

“Thank you, good Leo.”

After saying goodbye to everyone, we got onto Leo and the fenrirs, and departed for Ractos.

Tilura and Johanna were already riding on Rahle, and were high up in the sky. I hoped that Johanna would get used to it soon.

I rode on Leo with Liza and Claire.

As Sebastian gave the signal, the fenrirs started running at once. And I listened to Leo and Liza shout happily as she started to run.

Chapter 945

Traveling by fenrir had a lot of advantages

“It really is more comfortable than riding on a horse. Though, not quite as stable, as there is no saddle...”

“Indeed. The fenrirs have such soft fur, at least. How do you feel, good Leo?”

“Wuff!”

“Mama says she is fine!”

“Thank you, Liza.”

While we were making our way to Ractos, Sebastian approached us while riding on Feri. He was impressed by how the fenrirs compared to horses.

“Kyau!”

“Hehe. Sherry seems to be having fun as well. But it’s dangerous, so don’t stand up or move around so much!”

“Kyau!”

Sherry was riding with Ms. Lyra on Riruru’s back.

Even though it didn’t shake as much as a horse, it would still be dangerous if she happened to fall off.

But Ms. Lyra was supporting her, so it should be fine.

“Still, it is quite strange. Even if they are running so fast, you do not feel the wind as much compared to horses.”

“Ah. Leo told me that they use magic to stop the wind. Though, it does not block it completely.”

“Wuff!”

“Guurr!”

“I see... So fenrirs can use magic like that as well. How interesting.”

“It’s probably not magic that humans can use, Sebastian. Well, I suppose that doesn’t matter.”

We took a short lunch break after that, and a few hours later, we arrived close to the eastern gate of Ractos.

When I looked at my watch, I saw that five hours had passed since we left the village. The same journey had taken a day by horse, so that was quite a difference.

“It is also less tiring to ride the fenrirs. I suppose this is partly because you spend less time riding.”

Before going through the gate, everyone dismounted.

“Father always looks so normal when he rides for long hours. But I could never do that. I much prefer sitting in a carriage. Ah, thank you, good Leo.”

“Thank you, mama!”

“Wuff!”

I had been riding behind Phillip, when on a horse, so it wasn't as tiring. Still, I could imagine what it would be like for Claire.

“Ah! Well, I will go on ahead and look at the progress with the roads to the east gate. Lady Claire, you should go with Lady Tilura.”

“Very well.”

As if suddenly remembering, Sebastian then headed to the east gate.

From where I could see, there were already people gathered there. And so if Leo and the fenrirs went, then they might cause a scene.

As for Tilura and Claire, they would now go straight back to the mansion.

Chapter 946

Preparations for the new roads were going smoothly

“...I see that they had stacks of bricks over there.”

“Yes. Rocks would be cheaper, but since this is the first one, we decided to use bricks. Father seems to be rather excited about this project.”

“Haha. Mr. Ekenhard probably thought it just sounded interesting.”

We sent a signal to Rahle, who was staying up in the sky, and waited for them to come down.

“Leo! Sister! Mr. Takumi!”

“Kii!”

“Wuff-wuff!”

“Tilura!”

We talked about the bricks until Rahle descended, and Tilura called to us.

Ms. Johanna looked very stiff, but it was clear that Tilura really enjoyed these journeys through the sky.

Even though she had been crying the first time.

“Tilura, we will now make our way back to the mansion. Are you alright?”

“Yes, I’m fine. Rahle isn’t tired either.”

“Kii!”

Claire was a little worried, as they were up there the whole time, but Tilura seemed like she had energy to spare.

Rahle also flapped its wings as if to reassure us that it was fine.

“Besides, it won’t take much time at all with Rahle.”

“That’s true. Still, you will be careful?”

“Yes! I’ll be waiting for all of you at the house!”

“Wuff-wuff!”

“Ah...Ms. Johanna. Please take this...”

“...Are these the herbs for fatigue?”

“Yes. Sebastian said they helped when he rode on Rahle.”

I probably should have given them to her earlier, but I had missed the chance to do so.

Ms. Johanna still looked grateful as she received them. Then we stepped away from Rahle so as to not get in the way.

Ms. Johanna immediately stuffed the herbs into her mouth, and Rahle flapped its wings and rose up into the air. I just hoped that Ms. Johanna would not choke on the herbs.

“Now, let’s go to Ractos. Liza, over here...”

“Thanks, papa.”

“Wuff.”

“Yes, let’s go. Ah, Sherry, you’re with me?”

“Kyau!”

Sherry jumped down from Riruru's back and ran to Claire's feet.

Apparently, she wanted to walk with us.

Around the gate, there were about ten guards patrolling, while others carried the bricks and materials. There seemed to be a decent amount of traffic today.

While there were some people who looked surprised by the sight of the fenrirs, they did not seem to be afraid, so it was fine.

"Hmm... I see..."

"Sebastian?"

"What is it?"

"Oh, Mr. Takaumi. Lady Claire."

Sebastian had been talking to a middle-aged man near the bricks, and he seemed to be deep in thought.

It wasn't until we were quite close that he noticed us.

"Is there a problem here?"

"I don't know if I would call it a problem. But it does require some consideration."

"What is it?"

"Hmm... We will get in people's way if we stay here. So I will tell you as we walk."

"Very well."



And so we entered the town through the eastern gate and made our way to the western side.

“For the most part, things are going smoothly. Though, we are still gathering all of the materials. But everything is according to schedule.”

“It did not look that way to me.”

“Indeed... One of the purposes of the roads was to hire more people from around Ractos. However...”

Chapter 947

There were a lot of applicants

“As you know, Mr. Takumi, there are a lot of unemployed people in Ractos...such as in the slums. So the more people we employ from there, the smaller the slums will become.”

“Because they will be able to get out with a stable income.”

“Of course, we cannot hire too many of them. Especially when many have unknown backgrounds.”

“But Sebastian, does this mean that...?”

“It is what you are thinking, Lady Claire. There were more applicants from the slums than expected. I was talking to the person managing the gathering of materials earlier. He also said there were many applicants.”

“So that is what you were talking about.”

“Yes. While it is all simple work...it is also quite physically demanding. Though, many people from the slums cannot read or write, so they are more suited for this work.”

As Nick had told me before, not being able to read or write had a great effect on who would hire you.

That was why people like him found it harder to get out of the slums. And such people sometimes ended up committing crimes.

“Previously, when hiring people for such work, they would not get so many applicants. So it happened rather suddenly.”

“Suddenly... Why is that?”

“Well, nothing of this scale has been done before. As far as I know, anyway. So I suppose it is not exactly comparable.”

“So...could it also be because of Mr. Takumi and Leo?”

“Me?”

“They are the ones who captured Dean.”

Worriedly, I looked over to see if Liza was alright. But apparently, she was not even listening. She seemed to be enjoying looking at the people and the stores.

That was good... I did not want her to be reminded of what had happened.

“He was practically the ruler there. So perhaps that now that he is gone, people are able to act more freely.”

“...That is possible. He would have stopped a lot of people who wanted to leave. They were threatened and had their movements restricted.”

The people had all lived in fear when he was around. So it made sense that more people would not want to leave and get honest work.

“I see... So maybe it was because of me and Leo.”

“Rumors of you two have spread throughout Ractos. And not all of them are the truth...”

I had heard about that. How rumors of the capture of Deam had spread.

Some of them were quite far-fetched. People were even saying that Leo and I would jump out during the night and arrest anyone who tried to do anything bad. And other stories painted us as villains.

It had been quite alarming when I first heard them, but I was used to it now. Besides, it wasn't like there was anything that I could do about it.

Once rumors spread, you could not erase them.

At least people were less scared when I went out with Leo, even if she stuck out so much. But on the other hand, they would also look at us with some kind of hope or expectation as well.

I didn't know what they wanted us to do, but we probably couldn't even do it...

## Chapter 948

It would be difficult to deal with matters immediately

"If only there was something that could be done about the slums..."

"I understand that you can only hire so many people at once... But surely there are other things that could be done?"

"There are forceful methods, I suppose. But there would be objections. I think it would be difficult to do in Ractos."

"People come and go all of the time... Many pass through on their way to the royal capital. So even if everyone was removed from the slums now, it would just fill up again over time..."

"The fenrir forest to the south is very big, and connects to other territories. It is the same with the forest around the northern mountain. People go around them and through Ractos from other territories."

“I see...”

We continued to talk while heading towards the west gate. According to Sebastian, most of the people living in the slums were from other towns and villages. Though, a few were also criminals who were on the run.

Also, there were orphans like Liza. As many could not afford to take care of their children.

The orphanage could only take in so many of them, and they were full at the moment.

“It seemed to me that there were a lot of abandoned buildings there. I suppose that makes it easier for people to end up living there.”

It sometimes happens in Japan. Where people would use abandoned buildings without permission as a hideout.

Though, you would be arrested if caught.

Still, it cost money to properly manage buildings and ensure that no one went inside. So a lot of times they were just left as they were.

“Well, the buildings are being torn down a little by little... Most of them are old, and would probably collapse on their own.”

“As for what to do with the people... Some may commit crimes against the other townsfolk... Also, they may deter any new people who would consider moving here...”

“Yes, it is quite difficult...”

“In any case, there is nothing that can be done right now. And so we should return to the mansion and think it over.”

“... Yes.”

We were close to the west gate now, and no one had any good ideas.

So I nodded at Sebastian and turned my mind to other things.

“...There really are a lot of people with those ear hats.”

“Hehe. Yes. Now Mr. Takumi and Sebastian could wear them, and no one would even notice.”

“Claire... I only wore it that one time because of Liza...”

“Hmm... The day has finally come... Lady Claire is the one teasing me...”

“Oh, I was not teasing you. I truly think you two would look adorable.”

Sebastian could only sigh at this. In no world would someone like him look adorable with those hats.

“Wuff!? Wuff-wuff!”

“Hmm. Leo? Ah, so you’re hungry.”

Leo noticed the food stalls and started barking.

The people here were used to seeing Leo, and one person was purposely fanning the food so that the scent of sausages wafted towards Leo.

...It was good that they weren’t scared, but now we were always seen as people who would buy a lot of food...

At least Leo didn’t run to them immediately. She knew how to wait. And the fenrirs would not run out before Leo did...

We took a short snack break

“It’s still too early for dinner, but she did run quite a distance for us. Very well, Lyra and I will buy her something.”

“I’m sorry.”

“Not at all... Oh, and for the fenrirs as well.”

“Hehe. They are all hungry. And you too, Sherry?”

“Kyau!”

Leo and the fenrirs were lined up with their eyes shining and their tails wagging.

Even Sherry was eager to eat something. Though, she had not been running like the others...

While Sebastian and Ms. Lyra went off to purchase the sausages, we moved away from the street so that we wouldn’t get in people’s way.

“Gau! Gau! Gau!”

“Guurr! Guru!”

“Hey, now. Don’t take sausages away from the others. Besides, there will be plenty of delicious food when we return to the mansion.”

“Gurr...”

As I was watching them eat, I saw Feri growl towards Fen, as he had finished eating first.

“While I am used to Feri and the others now, I think you might be the only one who would dare go close to a growling fenrir, Mr. Takumi.”

“Really? Well, I don’t think that Feri was going to do anything violent. If you talk to him patiently, he should understand.”

Sebastian said that he would never approach a fenrir that was showing its fangs.

Indeed, the possibility was a little frightening... But I was also sure that as long as you talked to them, they would understand you.

But perhaps it was because I had rescued and raised Leo.

“It’s good, isn’t it, mama?”

“Wuff!”

“Kya-kyau!”

“You like it, Sherry? Hehe. Oh, Liza. Please don’t tell Tilura about this.”

“But why?”

“Don’t you feel bad for her? That we are eating all this food while she is away?”

“Oh. Okay, I won’t tell her then.”

Claire then said that she would ask Ms. Helena to prepare something especially delicious for dinner when we returned to the mansion.

“Alright, Leo. Take us back to the house. It should not take long.”

“Wuff!”

After we were finished eating, we left Ractos through the west gate.

The journey took about an hour by carriage, but with Leo and the fenrirs, it should be about half an hour.

“Still, the slums really are a big problem.”

Perhaps it was not my place to be thinking about that. But I couldn't help it.

It was where I had seen Liza being tormented, and I had seen the orphans.

Surely there were many people there who could not leave, no matter how much they wanted to...

“The people there do not have their own homes. So they live in abandoned buildings. And as they could not work, they did not have enough food...”

Instead of just thinking about driving the people out, offering them a safe place to sleep and food could... Of course, that would be very costly.

Hmm...

“Wuf-wuff!”

“Ah, I can see the mansion now...”

As the large building came into view, I felt a tinge of nostalgia.

That big house was now a home that I was returning to...

Chapter 950

We returned to the mansion safely

“Ah, there's Rahle! Is Tilura there too?”

“I'm sure she is waiting for us.”



Rahle could be seen up ahead, right by the gate, much to Liza's excitement.

"Alright, Leo. We're almost there!"

"Wuff!"

"Ahahaha! Mama is so fast!"

"Kyah! Mr. Takumi, that was so sudden!"

"Well, we don't want to keep Tilura waiting."

While Claire was alarmed, she also sounded like she was having fun, so it was fine. I was just a little sad that I couldn't see her expression.

Leo then stopped a few meters away from Rahle, and then Tilura came out and started waving her arms and calling us.

"Thank you, Leo."

"Wuff."

I watched Liza and Tilura hold hands and greet each other, and then I petted Leo with gratitude.

Claire did as well, and then we waited for the other fenrirs to arrive.

"Oh, where is Johanna?"

"Now that you mention it... Tilura is over there, but..."

After the fenrirs arrived, Sebastian dismounted and asked about Johanna.

“Lady Claire, Mr. Takumi. Welcome back. Mr. Sebastian. Johanna has already gone inside. It appears that she is not well...”

“I see. She really is not used to riding on Rahle.”

“It looks like it. She reminded me of you, when you rode on Rahle that one time.”

According to one of the soldiers, Ms. Johanna was resting in the house.

I suppose the herbs were not enough to stave off that feeling of being sick.

It might be best to make some kind of medicine for that. I would have to give it some serious thought later.

Regardless, we then entered the mansion, while the fenrirs went into the garden.

“It’s nice being here after what seems like a long time... When I first came, everything felt too big, but it’s all so familiar now.”

After a nice greeting from the servants, I returned to my room to put away my things.

There was still some time until dinner, so we could relax.

“Wuff. Wuff!”

“Aha. That tickles!”

Leo and Liza were already playing.

They sure had a lot of energy in spite of traveling...

“Mr. Takumi. Do you have a minute?”

“Ah, Ms. Helena. What is it?”

We talked about Bleiyu village during dinner, and after having some tea, everyone decided to retire early for the night.

However, after I took a bath and was walking down the hallway to my room, Ms. Helena called me.

“Well...there is something I wanted to ask you. I’m sorry for relying on you so much...”

“I suppose it is related to food?”

“Previously, we talked about soy.”

“Yes.”

“They are supposed to be stored in a cool and dark place that is well ventilated... But, well...some of it was not stored right...”