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私、能力は

God bless me!

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I Said Make My Abilities Average!

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Chapter 90: Request Completed!

The village elder had contacted the lord and guild around before noon.

The evening of the next day, the transport team organized by the guild branch arrived at the village at the request of the lord.

They will depart for the capital early in the morning of the next day.

All the members of the transport team were hunters, and the leader was a guild senior officer.

It seems like he was a former B rank Hunter.

And maybe the lord isn't as bad as the girls thought, because he didn't use his own army nor doing thing such as [Steal credit!]And the[Red oath]girls were a little relieved.

On the contrary, because the other party are also hunters and guild officials, it will be easier for the girls to deal with them. The hunters who had their friends injured and killed by the Wyvern are somewhat frustrated but they are thankful to the girls.

“...Some parties were crushed by this Wyvern and it will be dangerous if more stupid parties come for revenge, thank you for capturing it.” (Guild Officer)

The guild Officer that's also the commander of the transport team said so, he lowered his head and signed the request completion certificate.

Because the girls handed the wyvern over to the guild, the request is now complete. It was somewhat better for[Red oath]compared to receiving an extra request like[You will need to deliver the wyvern as it is if you want alive completion certificate]

The responsibility will now be on the guilds side.

Thus, [Red oath]has completed the request and achieving a A evaluation of[delivery of the wyvern alive] without taking care of transportation ...

“So this person is?” (Guild Officer)

The commander of the transport team asked as he sees the bound man next

to the wyvern.

“I am Boon Clift (ブーン クリフト: Būn kurifuto), I used to work in the royal palace as a court magician before.” (Clift)

“Eh? Uhm, you mean that Boon Clift the court magician, do you?” (Guild Officer)

The commander of the transport team asked with a surprised voice.

“To think there’s someone who still remembers my name” (Clift)

He spoke with humble word but his expression completely betrayed it. It is the so-called [\[doya face\]](#)

“Actually, I was living in the mountains and studied the wyvern. Like how to make him understand what people say, or asking him not to attack people.

If I finished my research with that result, the villagers in the territory of wyvern won’t be attacked anymore.

Unfortunately, it seems that the Wyvern have caused some casualties by counterattacking against those who are trying to kill the Wyvern ...

I would like to make use of the research results for this territory and kingdom ...” (Clift)

Actually, that man, Boon Clift was pleading to Mile and other girls.

He want to tell the truth to the transportation people, so please don’t stop him halfway. He promises he

will not tell a lie. The girls

can point out if there is a lie after he is done talking. Also

, after that, he want the girls to testify only the objective facts they actually heard, not their own speculation.

Indeed, the majority of the information the girls got is from this man talked unilaterally.

It was fair and convincing to talk about only the facts that the girls actually heard.

And until this moment, there's still nothing to point out that he's telling a lie.

"... and, when the results have been improved to some extent.

The Wyvern was caught by these girls there and was about to be killed.

I tried to buy it with money, but they gave priority to the requests they received.

Our Negotiation has not been established, when being told that it will be killed...

So I tried to save him.

No, that's not it, I am sorry!

So, I'm trying to trick the girls and planning with this Wyvern to defeat the girls to escape.

If anything, I think I will take this Wyvern to serve for the lord to make up for everything he has done..." (Clift)

...Certainly, there is no lie. At this point...

"That's it" (Clift)

"...Huh?" (Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

The[Red oath]is surprised with the too simple explanation.

Indeed, there's no lie. But ... something was off.

"..." (Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

Guild officer and hunters were also looking complicated.

Even there're some hunters who died or got injured and were forced to retire from Hunter career but now that they heard everything, they can't just simply kill the Wyvern.

"... is that true?" (Guild Officer)

The guild officer asked the girls about it and[Red oath]can't do anything else but confirm it.

"Well, even everything he said is true ... but there's something I do not understand ..." (Rena)

Rena answers with uncertainty.

Because everything they heard from him: is he want to get Mile's body for his pet dog and the story about how he got [Low Breath] as friend. But even if the girls tell the hunters about it, he will likely to argue as it was for buying time to free [Low Breath]. And the girls don't even know if his story was the truth.

Beside he acknowledge the attacks himself and even apologizing ...

Of course, it is an illegal act to attack Hunters of the guild. But if it is only that extent, usually the Hunter parties or the Hunter Guild only talk about compensation and punishment.

However, because the perpetrator side is not a hunter this time, The Guild don't have the authority to give punishment, and can only leave him to the hands of the lord or the country. But he already promise to serve the lord to make up for their sin, it seemed they won't get heavy punishment.

After a while, eventually, that old man, the court magician Boon Clift, was decided to accompany the transportation team as a third party with good faith, not as captured criminal.

He claimed that he attacked Mile's party in order to aid [Low Breath] and he only tried to threaten but didn't plan to kill or cause injury

Well let alone [Low Breath], Boon Clift only released water magic to restrain the girl without excessive injury

... maybe he wasn't so bad as a person.

Just because he had no common sense.

And three girls: Rena, Maevis and Pauline were familiar with a certain person like that.

Therefore, they show some sympathy to him.

Only Mile thought that he wanted to hurt her body, but she never said that.

In the first place, these Hunters are merely transportation party, they don't have great authority.

No matter how much the girls explain to them, it makes no big difference.

It was also doubtful whether or not, the story he told the girls are enough to serve as an evident.

So, at the most, it's only to change the hunters's treatment with him during escort. So Mile decided not to explain the details to the transport team.

Originally, All of information the girls had, was heard from Boon Clift, if he denies it, that everything he is talking about are only to help the Wyvern there's nothing they can do.

More importantly, Both Mile and

[Red oath] didn't want to deal with Boon Clift any longer.

The next morning, the [Red oath] left the village earlier than the transportation team and aimed for Hermolt Town.

They don't want to leave the same time with the transport team nor feel like going out later than them and overtake from behind.

So, The girls had no choice but to go ahead.

And the way to the capital, the four girls were talking about things that interested them before that they finally remembered.

"That's right, The Devil ... I wonder, what they are doing in that place before...?" (Maevis)

"Well ... I wonder if they were planning something ..." (Rena)

"Now, I'm curious ..." (Pauline)

Not only Maevis who had some knowledge about the Devil but Rena and Pauline also felt something suspicious about them.

"Well, we don't even know if he is telling the truth.

It has nothing to do with the request, so I can't confirm it nor we can help it."
(Mile)

Three girls were amazed at Mile's lazy words, but they were right so they can't say anything back.

"Well, that's true, the request was completed with an A evaluation and additional rewards.

It was a great success, so let's go out and have some fun!" (Rena)

Rena also agreed with Mile.

That old man, Boon Clift, they don't know anything about him nor they want to deal with him any longer, so it can't be helped.

After all, regardless of what, [Red oath] has no power to decide it.

They report everything to the guild, and then it depends on the lord.

Certainly, there's no point in thinking.

That old man will be punished by the law of this territory.

That's it.

Although it's a law, so it's likely to be operated flexibly according to the circumstances of powerful persons, that is unavoidable.

Before noon of the day, the [Red oath] arrived at Hermolt Town and was processed at the guild branch there. The details were reported direct to the guild master.

And, the girls received a reward with the additional fee from the lord.

The lord who is usually stringy for paying money also showed a good spirit this time.

The guild officials and hunters of transport team arrived later, fell asleep as they were tired after eating until full at the inn.

And the next day, they went back to the kingdom's capital.

"Well, it's been a while, will you tell us some [Japan Fukashi talk] again?"
(Rena)

Although everyone were asking for a change of pace, Mile can't come up with a good story does.

(Uhm ... are there ... anything good ...

Low Breath, Urashima Taro, [Ura]the back, [Shima Darou]is it a stripe?

No ... No.

Low Breath, Urashima Taro, [Ura]the back, gami Mitaro ... , no no no!

Let's get away from Low Breath!

Sales girl princess [売り子姫: Uriko hime] ...,Comiket [コミケットか: komiketto ka!]

Woman without buying [買わず女房: Kawazu nyōbō] ..., Hankura bride![ハンクラ嫁かつ: Hankura yome ka~tsu!]

A hardened old man ... Do you have a “soft old man” or something?

Torotoro's old man and ...) (Mile's inner thought) (Sorry I can't get the puns well)

“Not yet?” (Rena)

“Please start already!” (Pauline)

The girls begin to demand, Mile getting more and more impatient.

It was a slump (スランプであった: Suranpu de atta). Pathetic(哀れ: Aware), Mile.

(Dr. Slump[Dr.Suranpu], Pathetic-chan? (哀れちゃん: Aware-chan), no no no no no no!) (Mile's inner thought)

Five days to the Kingdom.

I wonder if Reni-chan is safely operating the bath. Would

she become a black company that handles orphans?

For the moment of peace of midday waiting in the kingdom, the four go forward.

Leaving behind the vast mountainous area behind it ...

“Are you still thinking?” (Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

“Well, please wait a little more!” (Mile)

Chapter 91: New beginning at 16 years old . . .

Today, Rena was celebrating her 16th birthday with everyone.

Now Rena is 16 years old.

According to their birthday, Maevis' current age is 17 years old,

Rena is 16 years old,

Pauline is 15 years old,

and Mile is 13 years old.

Maevis's birthday will be coming soon.

The only minor in the party is Mile.

However, even a 10 years old regular hunter can be considered as an adult, and there is no age restriction for alcohol in particularly.

Whether the regular hunter is 15 years old as an adult or not isn't a problem.

They only need to consider age when that hunter involves with employment and legal differences and parental responsibilities *etc.*

(Marcella-san trio and others are already in the third grade ... I wonder if everyone is doing well ...) (Mile)

As for Mile, classmates other than the Marcella-san trio were treated like below the cat.

(I'm already 13 years old ... Because my birthday is early, everyone is still 12 years old.

Speaking of age 13, in Japan I will be called chuuni ...

Speaking of chuuni, I'm reminded of words [Chuunibyouto] But It is a word that have nothing to do with me.

Indeed, I only have half power of an ancient Dragon. The mystery invisible existence called Nanomachine will listen to my commands and answer any questions. Met up with this world's admin, and he allowed me to keep the memory of my previous life...) (Mile)

Mile broke down on the floor. orz

"Recently, there aren't many interesting requests ..."(Rena)

Rena muttered in front of the request board of the guild.

On the board, several requests were affixed like scouting, material collecting, hunting, escort request and the like...

Scouting on the status of monsters in mountainous areas.

Investigating the reason why monsters living deep inside the forest appear near villages and towns.

And, searching for a MIA party.

Rescue, investigate the cause, collect the belongings, *etc.* with additional fee respectively.

And those quest were concentrated in a certain town.

"... Hermolt Town, sounds familiar..."(Maevis)

"We just went to catch Wyvern there!"(Rena)

"Ah, the bird monster Low Breath!"(Mile)

Maevis muttered, Rena answered and from behind, Mile hits her own hand as she remember it.

"No, as I said, Wyvern is not a bird ..."(Maevis)

"Well, that was a bit boring because we just did a request there ..."(Rena)

Maevis and Pauline panicked looking around when Rena said that.

... Fortunately, it seems that no other hunters were listening.

Well, even Maevis and Pauline also have such feeling.

However, they wouldn't say that in front of many people in Hunter Guild, which seems like looking down on their daily lives"those quest were a bit boring because they were just ordinary jobs".

That statement is bad.

Hunters are mostly swordsmen, only a few are magicians, and no-one has storage magic with stupid capacity like Mile.

People can only earn as much money for their daily life by ordinary materials collection and hunting requests.

Rena soon noticed that and she looked awkward.

"Anyway, we need a non-contractor, unpopular request that transfer from the province to the capital. Doing such things also gives high contribution to the guild!"(Rena)

Rena rephrased her words quickly.

Well, if she is going to say it that way, she doesn't have to stand in the corner.

If there are many requests it will be good for hunters as well as for the guild.

Then again, as their real intention, it's unsatisfactory for young hunters to continue to receive such boring requests to earn living expenses.

When you reach a certain age or get married and must take care of your wife or child. Hunters must do everything for earning living expenses.

But young people are still prone to the feeling of [wanting to do a big job] or [want to raise their name]

And for the time being, Rena is aiming for B rank. Maevis is dreaming that she will reach A rank as a knight. Or become stronger compared to other members of [Red Oath]

No, that's also wrong.

Mile and Pauline aren't like that. As young hunters only Rena and Maevis have such feelings

"... I wonder what to do ..."(Rena)

Mile pointed to a single request troubling Rena.

"Rena, this ..."(Mile)

[Special request set. If you receive any of these requests in Hermolt town. You don't have to pay penalty fee for failure, and there's no time limit.

Remuneration will be paid according to the outcome] (NOTICE)

"What is this! Request with such appropriate condition, This is the first time I see it!"(Rena)

"... is that because there's no contractor?

That also means that it's dangerous with the amount of compensation and the probability of failure is high ..."(Pauline)

"Oh, there's no mistake, and it's also to put in more than one request at the same time"(Maevis)

Maevis nodding with Pauline's words.

"This is it, right? Leria-san told us before ... "(anonymous)

"Ah,[Red Request], The request that have a big negativity!"(anonymous)

"Because we have no trouble with this, we will receive this[Red Request]"
(Rena)

Leria, the receptionist heard Rena's voice, shrugged her shoulders with the face that she already gave up. (Poor Leria's common sense)

And Mile feels something unusual about the "Special request "because of the word[set]

(Will they ask if i want fries with that? ...) (Mile)



ΘHermolt Town – Hunter guild

"Oh, it's you girls again..."(Hermolt Guild master)

Six days after that. [Red Oath]came again to Hermolt town. The girls visit the hunter guild branch and then meet the guild master.

"Well, with the last quest, I already know about your skills. Even so you don't have to push yourself too hard. And you can stop investigating at the time you think it is dangerous. I have already processed the order in the Capital..."
(Hermolt Guild master)

It really can't be helped, The guild Master says so.

"Well, last time you really saved us with Wyvern quest, I was thankful for that.

The lord also praises the ability of Hunters, his attitude towards the guild also improved a bit.

Now, I will briefly explain the outline for the time being. For details on requests, ask the receptionist on the first floor.

First of all, the monsters became strange in forests and mountainous areas. There are a lot of monsters appearing.

Normally you can't find monsters that easily. On the contrary, some monsters that should not be in such a place appears.

Therefore, several hunter parties were damaged.

Some of them didn't come back ..." (Hermolt Guild master)

"So you're dispatching us to search for the MIA hunters?" (Maevis)

With Maevis's question, Guild Master shakes his head.

"No, no matter how injured or hurt while the hunter receives a request or harvesting materials. It's self-responsibility because they have received incompatible work.

There is no such thing as the guild dispatching hunters to search for MIA hunters ...

Well, there are occasions when their family member or good friends or someone they know, put out search request with money.

Our request is searching for the missing investigation team dispatched by the guild.

They're veteran hunters familiar with forests and monsters, with two scholars.

And there's also a female official of the guild accompanying..." (Hermolt Guild master)

The guild official seems to be able to use some magic.

Even if she can use moderate magic. The hunters are still thankful if they can receive any help.

And even if she was a young woman, there was no reason to refuse accompanying the hunter party.

After that, the guild master tells the girls to get more detail like:

items they need to gather, monsters that appear and needs to be investigated, notes, maps and materials, ... at the reception desk on the 1st floor.

And Guild Master cried out to the four girls that's about to leave the guild master room.

"About that guild official that's accompanying the missing investigation team..."(Hermolt Guild master)

Guild Master continued the words to the four people who stopped and looked back.

"... She is my daughter, I beg you!"(Hermolt Guild master)

To the guild master who lowers his head, four people gathered together and thumbs up.

"That wish ..."(Maevis)

"We just heard it! "(Rena + Mile + Pauline) (Noragami reference)

Following the words of Maevis, all of the [Red Oath]give their thumbs up.

Of course, it is one of several decided pose that they practiced for these scenes.

And in this country, like the English-speaking countries or Japan on the earth, the thumbs up has a positive meaning.

However, depending on the country, it may be an insult to insult the other party, so they must be careful.

Yes, it could be an act of shaking white flags to Buff Clan. (Baffu Kuran)

Leaving the guild master keeping his head down, the four of the [Red Oath]left the room.

Chapter 92: Sortie

There's a female scholar in the investigation team so the Guild Master's daughter was invited to come together so that she would not be alone in an all-men team.

Guild Master has various explanations after the girls listen to the details from the receptionist.

And the next day.

"Are you ready? Well then, let's go!"(Rena)

"Ooh!"(Mile + Maevis + Pauline)

"[Red Oath]'s sortie "(Rena)

It takes half a day to reach the village which the girls captured Low Breath before.

This place is even called as forest village, but it isn't really true.

It seems that this place is a "village in front of the forest"to the last.

The girls feel like if they stop by the village, they would be welcomed but will be asked a lot of questions so the girls decide to go on without visiting the village.

It was very convenient because they don't need to refill water or the like.

And soon, the girls passed through the [real entrance to the forest]

And in the forest.

Immediately after entering the forest, Mile thought that this forest was quite ordinary ..., the same as other forests, and a fang bear suddenly appeared.

[This is just like an RPG game. As soon as I left the[Village of the beginning], it seems that I encountered a boss suddenly. Unfortunate for the bear, the one that came out from the village was not a level 1 swordsman equipped with a

Hinoki stick, but an Onion Knight (Final Fantasy 3 job system. In which the Onion Knight is the strongest job in the game)equipped with a mystery sword] (Mile)

Hi gyi! (SFX)

"It's kind of dangerous for such monster to appear in shallow part of the forest..."(Maevis?)

Mile stored the bear in the storage, and the girls keep moving deeper in the forest.

"There seems to be many small animals, too ...

Well, I guess they are running away from the back of the forest"(Rena)

Just as Rena says, there are alot of animals and monsters appearing.

Among them, the girls only kill those that are dangerous for the village and things specified by the guild. And Mile putting all of them in the item box.

These things won't worth much, but it's better than nothing.

Besides, they are included in the contents of the request. The selling of the materials is just a separate fee.

Because the girls needed to hurry ahead in order to find the missing investigation team, the girls are only hunting the monsters that are in their way.

In the forest, it is quick to get dark.

It was around noon when the girls went into the forest. They decided to camp soon on the first day.

The next day, The girls will leave early when it's bright enough to move. So they finish dinner and sleep at once.

2nd day

"Just as I thought, it's really strange..."(Rena)

As everyone went into the forest on the second day, the deeper they went, they felt something strange.

Because this is the first time everyone get in this forest, they are wondering if"This area is always like this"

From then they keep comparing it to other forests.

First of all, on the first day there aren't many small animals or small monsters.

And even the number of medium-sized animals and monsters such as wild rats, horn rabbits, ... that prey on small animals was also small.

However, there are quite many figures of monstrous beasts and monsters, such as Fang Bear and Ogre.

Because they were included in the subject for killing. Everyone knocked them down and Mile stored them one after another in Storage.

... Normally, such monster can not be carried, so hunters can only cut out the proving part and left everything else.

Compared with other hunters, they earn a lot without hard labour.

The rate of monsters appearing is really strange. If there were disaster or some change in the territory, the small animals may move to another place.

Of course, even strong monsters, for the same reasons as small animals will also move following their bait. Like the Fang Bear that they first encountered ...

"When the number of small animals and monsters is this low, there are several reasons.

1, Their food has run out.

2, The number of things that feed on them increased.

3, For a lot of reasons other than food related, it became difficult to live here.

4, A massive death in a moment ... "(Rena)

As Rena speaking, Mile notices something and giving the hand sign.

Then she casually grasps the sling shot on the belt with her left hand, and pick up the pebbles from the pocket with her right hand.

Ba shu~! (SFX)

Mile shot the pebble, but it passed through the sky and disappeared into the shade.

"... Sorry, I missed it ..."(Mile)

"It's okay, I think it will come again"(Rena)

Yes, there was something spying on the girls from the top of the tree a little away.

Because she didn't know whether it was a human being so she used less force than normal and it was avoided.

Mile also got used to sling shot, and recently she has not used ballistic correction by nanomachines. Though it's not good to rely on nanomachines forever, but her aiming is already quite accurate.

It was avoided, not hit. In other words, that was the evidence that we were being watched by someone or something here.

"Well, ... there are no 1 and 2.

Wild grass, tree nuts and insects that are foods to feed small animals are still normal. The number of medium-sized animals and monster that feed on them are small as well.

And 4, there was no disaster that cause sudden mass death or a big change of environments ... "(Rena)

"Hey, Rena, what was earlier ..."(Maevis)

Rena keeps talking ignoring Maevis' words as if nothing had happened.

"Then, it's not a natural factor but some external factor.

And when the monsters's range of power suddenly changes..."(Rena)

"The occurrence of strong organisms, or the drastic change of the biosphere due to invasion, right?"(Mile)

Rena nodded, and Maevis and Pauline opened their eyes with astonishment.

"Hey, Mile, you speak difficult words, do you know the meaning?"(Maevis)

Pauline nods with Maevis's words. Mile is quite upset with the two

"I told you, I was the best at my home country school!"(Mile)

"No, that's because Mile crushed other honor students with magical skill ..."
(Maevis)

"Who said such a thing?"(Mile)

"Leri ... Ah, no... nothing!"(Maevis)

"Leri ... a-san, right!"(Mile)

"A wa wa wa..."(Maevis)

"Would you mind continue listening?"(Rena)

The three girls become silent with Rena's sullen voice with an anger mark on her forehead.

"Please!" (Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

"So, I thought it must be an Epic monster like Fenrir or Earth Dragon.

In that case, we just need to confirm the existence, we have done most of the requested tasks. And also, it seems like a little while ago ... "(Rena)

With such a monster, even if four A ranked hunter still can't defeat it or so.

Originally, the guild also worries about this would be a quest that need several high ranked hunter parties to solve it.

Which is why the request is only investigate the "cause" not a "resolution"

Then, after knowing the "cause", the guild will organize and execute the "resolution" accordingly. In order to do so. Such work is an investigation request.

"... Were we watched?"(Pauline)

As expected from Pauline, her nose tends to be sensitive with such story.

"Yeah ... It seems like something watching us from the top of the tree or running away in an instant, apparently not a human being ..."(Rena)

As usual, Maevis who always first searches for prey seems to have been shocked, as she was completely unaware of the hiding enemy.

Mile doesn't like to do this often and she was afraid that everyone would get used to it, so she did not use extensive detection magic.

However, because she was afraid of getting ambush, she use detection magic with a short distance, not to get surprised by hiding enemy.

(That how I noticed it, but Rena noticed without magic, is really amazing)
(Mile)

And the three girls respond to Rena's words.

"... a Devil?"(Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

Well, with a non-human being appears here in this forest. The girls remember the story that the elder magician was talking about. Of course, all members have forgotten about it long ago.

The expression of everyone was tightened.

But the girls are [Red Oath], they are proud to have the power of a medium rank C rank hunters, not a brand-new one. But can they say that they do not care if their opponent is a Devil.

After all, Devil is a tribe whose "talent excelled in magic"that other race called short as"Devil". (T.N: The word Ma can mean Devil like Ma-ou = Devil King, or can mean Ma-hou = magic)

Moreover, those who come to such a place can't be just those who have average ability. (T.N: don't use Mile as standard but use common sense as standard)

Regardless of what objective they have, only Mile's likely to be able to win one on one.

It is only saying "there is a possibility".

At best, two devil can be opponent with the four girls.

Of course, It's also an assumption that if the Devil is weaker than their imagination.

The Devil who appears in the ancient story was really strong.

... So, the girls had no choice but to pray that the old tale was exaggerated.

Yes, in line with Mile's "Japan Fukashi talk"...

And, unconsciously Maevis checks her clothes pocket.

There were two small containers delivered from Mile.

Before departing from the capital, Mile gives her a very small metal container (capsule) in case of emergency.

Mile had given to her after "Japanese Fukashi talk"

But she didn't understand what Mile mean by it will be "piece of bread"? (T.N: this world doesn't have cake so it change from piece of cake to piece of bread)

For a moment, the three girls glanced at Mile.

Chapter 93: Encounter

[Red Oath]are going further into the forest.

They follow the planned route of the investigation team received in the Hunter Guild.

Since the primary purpose of this request is to search the investigation team, they have no other options.

No, actually it's free request that they can decide to quit anytime. But [Red Oath]promised the Guild master"That wish ... we have heard it! "

There's no need to protect such forced oaths or promises.

The girls can just ignore it.

But promises based on faith must be kept. No matter what happens.

Even if the probability of survival is really low,

even if they can only find a part of a body or a piece of artifacts, they need to take it home.

The girls have such a firm belief.

"... It's decreasing"(Mile)

"Ah..."(Maevis)

Just as Mile and Maevis say, the number of monsters has decreased.

Which means ...

"They came! 300 m ahead, their number is eight!"(Mile)

Yes, that was because something that can defeat the monsters is close.

"They are not monsters like goblins or orcs. They are non-human being ..."
(Mile)

That was Mile's report. Mile can distinguish it because the reaction from search magic is a bit different from humans.

Rena also thought so, she didn't care.

"We will intercept! Their number is higher than us.

Our enemies seem to intend surprise attack.

But on the other hand, they don't know that we already know and ready to intercept their attack.

The surprise element is on our side, not their"(Rena)

Somewhat a pessimistic word.

If their enemies are the devil who appeared in the fairy tale or an old tale that Rena had heard from her father when she is still small back then, their winning chance is small.

In the woods, we need to have much better physical abilities than our enemies to shake the enemies who accustomed to the terrain.

We will get surprise attacked by the enemies and then they will escape. They will repeat it to exhaust our strength or they will finish us one by one.

With surprise counter attack, let's hope to thin out their number or their power. And the rest will play it by ear.

Afterwards, it will be good if we can live and return home.

Zaa~! (SFX) (Roar)

Suddenly, two shadows that came down from the trees.

"... Earth pillars!"(Rena)

"Water spear!"(Pauline)

Gan~! (SFX)

Doshi ~yu! (SFX)

Do sari~! (SFX)

The enemies seemed trying to disable the rear guard magicians in a blink of an eye, they quickly descended from the trees to jump to Rena and Pauline.

One crashed into the earth pillar made by Rena magic and fell to the ground.

And the other hit the spear of water cast by Pauline also dropped to the ground.

Even the spell name water spear, It's not water but ice spear.

The speed of enemy descent was also added to the momentum of the ice spear and stabbed the enemy.

"Huh...?"(Rena + Pauline + Mile + Maevis)

Although the girls can accurately grasp the timing of enemy raids with Mile's detailed detection report.

It was too easy for the enemy to collapse.

And they didn't use the magic that should be their force but went into a melee fight.

The girls can't help but surprised.

And when they tried to check the state of the enemy that fell on the ground.

"Freeze!"(???)

Looking at the voice's direction, there were four enemies there.

Perhaps the other two are hiding.

And, the 4 enemy who revealed are...

Having standing cat ear, falls and hangs dog ear, fox ear, rabbit ears.

... And the fluffy tails.

"B... Beastkin?"(Rena + Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

Yes, they didn't look like devil.

"If you don't want to get hurt, stop resisting and throw down your weapons"
(Beastkin)

Certainly, if they were going to kill from the beginning. The first attack would have been a throwing spear or bow and arrow rather than descent from the tree.

Even now, they still try to threaten instead of attacking right away.

For sure, they are just trying to capture us.

However, even if capturing is their primary purpose they might not harm us while capturing but that wouldn't guarantee the safety afterwards.

Either they will torture us until they get the information or sacrifice us to the evil spirit.

Besides, there was no reason to get caught in the first place.

Now that we know that the other party isn't devil, [Red Oath] have a large margin to fight.

Even beastkin's physical ability is superior to a human being, they are still inferior to magic beasts.

So, their plan are disable the magicians at first, but that plan has failed.

Perhaps, the beastkins still think that[Red Oath]are inferior in physical ability.

Even though they saw that two of their fellows were defeated in front of their eyes.

They still thought that they can handle it if they are careful enough.

"If you don't resist, we will not kill you. Lie on the ground and turn your stomach up"(Rena)

"WHAT ..."(4 beastkins)

The beastkins are angered with Rena's words.

It is unreasonable. It's the most humiliating "pose of perfect obedience"for beasts.

And even worse, it was a weak human girl that's telling them to do that.

Of course, Rena was aware of it.

That was clearly a provocation.

Taking prisoners in such a place is troublesome and Rena also knows they won't obediently listen.

So, She tried to bring it in a quick way, that is, to fight. "Because the opponent

has attacked first, we have the right to defend"

It isn't Rena's idea alone.

It's a pattern that the girls thought of for such cases when they need to report.

Of course, Rena doesn't intend to kill the beastkins. Rena decides to use this plan after the girls know their enemies aren't devil.

"This ... this girl ... how dare you ..."(Beastkins)

Four beastkins are clearly angry at Rena and seem like ready to jump at her at any moment.

They have some weapons in their hand but not a sword.

Perhaps it's not primarily for battle but a tool to act in the forest.

Mile is definitely stronger than the enemies.

Maervis will also have no problem if she is careful and use "true god sword" mode.

And while Pauline and Rena will need to protect themselves with the staff. They can't use powerful magic but short casting magic which can shoot quickly.

In some case that they can afford it, they may be able to use more powerful magic.

And both Rena and Pauline already finished chanting in their head without activating. They are putting the activation on hold and ready to cast anytime.

Mile is supposed to grasp the two enemies who seem to be hiding. So, no problem.

Rena thought so, protruding her left arm, with her palm facing upward and raised her middle finger.

Chapter 94: Chase

"This this ...

Do it! Be careful not to kill them!"(Beastkin)

Apparently, the beastkins still don't seem like they want to kill the girls.

Or at least, that's their intention.

However, when it comes to battle, things will not always go as planned.

Although the beastkins don't seem like they want to kill, who knows what will happen in the battle with weapons to attack.

Even if one side intend to avoid the vital point, if the enemy tries to avoid it and get a direct hit to their fatal part instead. Things like that often happen.

And just right after four enemies attacked, the two who were lurking emerged from the other side.

Rather than appearing at the same time, the other two appears with a moment of lag to add more confusion.

It was the way of those who were good at melee battle.

And[Red Oath]were upset, easily confused ... NOT.

There are 4 enemies in the front, Mile and Maevis will take one each.

2 enemies are ignoring the vanguards and aiming at the Rear guard magicians Rena and Pauline. The enemies thought that Rena and Pauline will not be able to chant with just a little time.

But Rena defeats one by fire magic and Pauline beats down the other one with ice magic that they prepared beforehand.

Rena's flame magic and Pauline's ice pillar magic both attack the belly area of the beastkins.

Fortunately, as Pauline rounded the tip of the ice pillar, the enemy didn't get severely injured, only got blown back.

Still, Rena's victim was severely injured, he suffered quite a burn on the

abdomen.

Apparently the beastkin didn't wear metallic armor or leather armor but rely on his own skin just like beasts.

Meanwhile, Mile took the enemy's attack with her sword, and use technique to sweep enemy's weapon away. And Maevis also use high-speed and powerful slash to blow her enemy's weapon.

Enemy's weapons could not compete with the power of the mysterious sword that Mile and Maevis wield.

Even losing their weapons, the stupid beastkins still didn't think that they have been defeated by human beings. Especially against young and weak human girls.

They are still trying to attack.

The beastkins didn't think that even with weapons they still lost so... how could they even think they could fight against such opponents with their bare hand.

And Mile and the Maevis easily beat them down with the sword's hilt.

And the last two enemies who are running behind the scenes are trying to strike Rena and Pauline, but Rena and Pauline hide behind Mile and Maevis, where they get protected and can chant spells.

Mile and Maevis point the swords to the enemies. Rena and Pauline is ready to cast spells in the rear.

8 enemies are already down to 2 enemies.

The 2 remaining enemies were upset and frustrated, but they can't escape by abandoning their collapsed fellows.

They tried to stand up against the [Red Oath] with a desperate look, then ...

"Run away!" (Rena)

"Oh!" (Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

Four people of [Red Oath] ran away.

The remaining enemies stood at a lost on the spot for a while.

And then they have a relieve look and rescue their collapsed colleagues.

While thanking God for their fortune ...

And while lending a hand to those who were injured, they withdraw.

[...Just according to the keikaku, now let's move] (Rena) (Translator's Note: Keikaku mean plan)

[Roger that!] (Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

The[Red Oath]girls whispered in a small voice and started quietly moving.

Of course, they are following the beastkins.

(Rena judge: even if we caught them and interrogate, I don't think they will answer obediently, and we can't act properly with a lot of prisoners.

We also can't leave them in the forest nor can kill them off)

The best course of actions is [swimming and tracking pattern]

... There was no twist, it was the name like that.

Usually, it's difficult to secretly track beastkin whose smelling and hearing are superior to human.

It is because they will notice other humans with their sharp perception ability and if human keep tracking at a long distance, they will lost their trace in the forest.

But now the beastkins are losing their sharp perception ability due to their injuries, blood and burned smells, pain, ... and they can't walk like normal anymore, they make various noises as they move.

If Mile use her Detection Magic, she could track them with any distance. But that's not the case for the party.

Thinking that way, Mile choose the way that everyone can normally track.

Thanks to these situations, the girls somehow managed to follow without being noticed.

"... what, that ..."(Rena)

Rena murmured as she astonishes.

Reflected before the [Red Oath]'s eyes are a camp site of the beastkins. The girls can see the injured beastkins entering one of those tent there.

That's good, the girls succeed to track the enemy's base.

The problem was a sight that spreads beyond that.

It is like an ancient ruin made out of cut stones that have crumbled in the middle.

There are many beastkins working with agricultural equipment like hoe and plow...

This is just like an "Excavation site of the ruins" that Mile remembered from her past life.

"...What will we do, now?" (Maevis)

"Even if you ask me ..." (Pauline)

Pauline answers to Maevis questions in a troubled way.

Rena also lost at words to an unexpected sight too.

"This is a Reconnaissance!" (Mile)

Only Mile is calm enough to analyze the situation and give out .

"Even though it's important to bring this information back in a hurry.

We still need to find clues about the missing investigation teams and hunters.

Besides, if missing people were caught we must check possibilities of escaping, taking hostages, being killed, ... before the guild or the lord lead a massive force to control the situation..." (Mile)

"Let's scout for tonight!" (Rena)

After hearing Mile talk about hostage, Rena's eye change to spacing out to observing like Mile as well.

After observing for a while, there are a lot of beastkins going in and out from the tent that those injured beastkins went in so far. It was a little noisy, after a while the beastkins movement stopped.

Apparently, the beastkins didn't intend to chase or capture the [Red Oath]

Perhaps the beastkins don't know the girls are already here.

[Red Oath] seems to be judged as harmless brand new rice girl party who lost and went too far into the forest. A brand-new party who encountered beastkins and ran away in a panic.

"...So, we need a plan..."(Rena)

In order to prevent the beastkins from discovering them.

[Red Oath] move away from the excavation site and decided to make plan for the night while taking a meal.

There is plenty of time, but cooking using fire is out of question. That's why meals are simple hard bread and dried meat and water.

It is still too early for dinner time but it will be bad to move or act immediately after a meal, so the girls eat a little early.

"There are five huts in total, if it was you, where would you keep the caught prisoners?"

And as we observe for a while, the tent that beastkins keep coming in and out is really suspicious place. But there's also a very high chance that we will be spotted if we search that tent"(Rena)

Everyone nodded with Rena's words. In places where there are many beastkin, the probability of being found is too high.

"Sneaking into all the tents is dangerous too, we will definitely be discovered"(Rena)

"... "(Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

"So, Mile, we are counting on you"(Rena)

"Huh...?"(Mile)

Mile suddenly shaken, dismayed.

"I know that you are thinking about us ...

But, this involves a lot of human's life. We must be serious.

You can use it, your [detection magic], with all your strength! "(Rena)

"...,Okay"(Mile)

It seems that everyone already know it and have the same thought.

Thinking that Mile's abilities are too convenient, if using it too much it will refrain everyone in the [Red Oath]to grow up. They also know Mile limit her ability to[a little useful magic that will not bother everyone even if 'my' Mile disappear]

And even everyone knew it, no-one said anything ...

Mile has resolved. This time, she will lift her limit up.

However, she will only use it this time.

From the next job, she will again only provide the convenience that three girls can continue their work without trouble when Mile suddenly disappear. They are still able to work as a good hunter ...

... However, She forgot to take Storage magic (Item box) into consideration.

Chapter 95: Good evening from the darkness

"... Let's go"(Mile)

"Oh!"(Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

In the darkness, the "Red Oath" start moving out.

Their aim is infiltrate the tent where prisoner is.

Mile have sufficiently accustomed her eyes to the darkness, but many of the beastkin have night vision as well as their good hearing and smell abilities.

Can we hide without cardboard for camouflage. (T.N: Metal Gear Solid refer)

But we can't afford to do that. So we have to do our best with what we have.

Three girls nervously think so.

... Yes, "three girls" are nervous.

The other one is ...

(Actually from when we begin to chase those beastkins, I already cast barrier to block all particles of smell and air vibrations so that they won't leak. They will not notice us, unless we are standing right before their eyes...) (Mile's inner thought)

Mile isn't nervous at all.

"The suspicious one is the hut in front of us.

There are more people compared to other huts.

Besides, the reaction seems to be more human than other beastkins ..."(Mile)

Actually I can understand more in detail, but it's too much to explain if I say that.

This would be sufficient.

"Let's go..."(Rena)

Rena nods to Mile and gives signal. Everyone nods and going smoothly between the trees.

"... Get down!"(Maevis)

Maevis instructed with gesture in a small voice and lies down.

If they don't get down, the beastkin who patrol nearby may see them.

Because they were a bit late to lie down Maevis thought that they were spotted for but, but the beastman didn't notice anything.

And when she is looking at the back of that beastkin, there's something like wings ...

"Bird race Beastkin ..."(Maevis)

"Oh, bird!"(Rena)

Rena sighs a relief with Maevis's word.

"Bird-san patrols around at night ..."(Mile)

Mile isn't convinced but she doesn't complain.

Anyway, the security is weak. The girls are thankful for that.

Well, with beastkin line of thought.

It's un-think-able for ordinary human to move in the forest at night. Let alone infiltrate the camp of beastkins that are superior in vision, smell and hearing. It's impossible to find this place before the sun went down.

And the female hunter party that fought with them already run away. They would run straight to the human village at the outer edge of the forest ...

The "Red Oath"finally reached the targeted hut.

Like the other four, this hut was poorly made that it's impossible to think that it was built with"an attempt to build a camp".

It seems like they simply cut the obstructing tree that was growing in the place where they were excavating and made them with whatever they got.

That's why there was a little gap between the wall part and the roof of the hut.

No, maybe they did it on purpose to[get lighting and air]

Anyway, that gap was a very convenient for Mile to look inside the hut and use magic.

Mile crawled up the wall, peeked inside through the gap. After confirming the situation inside she casts magic.

"... Sleeping medicine fog, wrapping those beastkin..."(Mile)

And the two guard beastkin fell asleep on the spot.

Mile did not realize, but it's only her who can get an outstanding effect with such appropriate spell.

For other people,[It will not have effect unless they can send their thought wave with exactly imaging in their head]

But Mile has an authority level of 5 for nanomachines. Even if it's not a thought wave but an [instruction], it would still be effective.

Therefore, nanomachines will work just by saying appropriate things lightly.

In any case, Mile's instructions are [Orders]for nanomachines.

What Mile doing is simply "I'm speaking what I thought"...

The entrance of this hut is facing the other hut so the girls can't simply walk in.

They can't afford to risk, so everyone, following after Mile, climbed the wall and get into the hut through the gap.

"... U~u!"(Pauline)

Even though they heard Pauline's groan, Rena and Mile neglected it with expressionless face.

Perhaps a certain part of her body got stuck because they are too big. A certain part in her body ...

Despite being able to get into the room smoothly, Rena and Mile feel very unpleasant.

"...Who?"(???)

To save oil and candle, the beastkins use firewood indoors. When hearing the

woman voice, Mile looks at the corner of the hut that was slightly illuminated by the flame.

That corner was divided like a prison with a solid wooden grid. There are a dozen people captured in it.

"Dorobo... (どろぼ...) No, we are hunters who received the search request"
(Mile)

"Why are young girls like you receiving such unreasonable requests ...?"
(Hunter)

Middle-aged hunter-like man who heard Mile's reply muttered so because he can't retort with loud voice.

Others are staring at the guard beastkin that won't wake up with a strange face because it's unreasonable.

There's no magic that can manipulate drug system in this world.

There were 18 people captured in the hut. 16 males and 2 females. One of them looks as young as Red Oath girls.

The survey team in request have six escort hunters, two scholars, one guild staff.

Well, the men around 40 years old doesn't feel like a scholar at all.

There's only one man about twenty years old and a young woman with good appearance, which seem like someone who grew up in good environment.

They must be the scholar and his assistant.

They are not wearing any armor but clothes easy to move.

Lastly, a lively girl in her mid-teens.

Although she's wearing leather clothes, it focuses on mobility more than protection.

Perhaps this girl is the daughter of the guild master.

Others seem to be escort hunters and ordinary hunters who happen to be caught. They seem like a male-only party that don't include women when receiving a dangerous request.

"... How much time did we have?"(Rena)

"Well, it's okay, they replaced watchmen just now, probably no one will come until dawn"(Lady)

The assistant lady answers Rena's question immediately. As expected of the assistant of a scholar, she works fast.

"I need to ask just in case, are you the guild's investigator party ?"(Mile)

Mile needs to confirm.

If the answer is "No, everyone is just ordinary hunters". It will be a big problem for "Red oath".

"Ah, yes, there are six escorts, a scholars, an assistant and the daughter of a guild master. 9 people, fortunately we're all safe.

After that, there are 2 hunter parties got caught, 9 people more, and totally 18 people got caught here"(Lady)

After hearing the lady reported that everyone in the investigation team was safe, "Red oath"girls felt relieve.

To be honest, the girls are worrying that the probability of survival is really low. Now they can finish their request without having a bad feeling.

Ecological environment was out of order, prey decreased, If they meet hungry monsters and get attacked, it was not amusing at all.

We can say that they were fortunate to be captured by the beastkins.

In fact, the number of missing parties isn't only two. So they are either killed while resisting the beastkins or were attacked by strong monsters.

"Well, we'll escape for the time being, as for the story, we will listen slowly after getting away"(Rena)

"roger that!"(Mile + Rena + Pauline)

Everyone in the "Red Oath"instantly responds to Rena's instructions, but the captive hunters are like...

"You say to run away ...

But the other party is the beastkins.

Their vision, nose, hearing are good.

They also have stronger physical strength, faster movement than us.

I do not think we can run away.

However, if only you that they still don't know about, they won't give chase.

Please, tell this information to the guild and the lord! And we have large scale force..."(Hunter)

"I refuse"(Rena)

"Huh?"(Hunter)

The leader of the escort party have a dumb face when Rena cuts off his request halfway.

"If we can't take you home with us, the amount of reward will go down!"
(Rena)

Yeah yeah, next to Rena, Pauline also nods.

Chapter 96: Escape!

"Stupid fellow, if you get caught too, who will inform the guild about this.

And then we must wait for other party to save us again, If we repeat doing that, we will not be saved for a long time..."(Leader Hunter)

Go tori (SFX)

While other hunters are talking, Maevis is casually slashing the wooden grids with her sword.

The wooden grids are clean cut.

"Ohhh" (Hunters)

Everyone looking at her in astonishment and then they begin to praise her.

Maevis feels slightly shy. Rescuing captured people from bad persons is a good thing.

For Maevis that always admires the knight, it's probably the time of bliss.

"Huh..."(Leader Hunter)

Escort leader also *dumbfounded* and stared with his eyes open wide.

Even if it's made of wood, wooden grid isn't something a young girl can easily cut off with one lightly swung sword.

No, that should have been like that.

In the first place, to escape, they were checking the strength of the grid many times before.

"... I need to tell you, I am the weakest in this party"(Maevis)

Maevis noticed the gaze of the leader of the escort party, murmured with a bitter smile.

"No, the weakest one is me ..."(Pauline)

Pauline retorts to Maevis as she's cutting the wooden grid with water magic. This magic was taught by Mile.

The leader of the escort party was dumbfounded again as he looks at the cutting edge used on the wooden grid.

"We don't have time to discuss! If we get caught, we just need to beat them at that time!

Well, let's go!"(Rena)

Everyone nods to Rena and stands up one after another. The Lead hunter also stands up.

"If you don't extinguish the fire, the light will leak when we open the door. Can you use water magic..."(Leader hunter)

"Oh, we won't leave from the front door ... But, well, extinguish the fire isn't going to hurt anyone"(Mile)

Following the leader's advice, Mile waved her hand lightly and extinguish the firewood

... without water.

"Huh..."(Leader Hunter)

Hi ~yun! (SFX)

Mile pulls out her sword and swings it with the speed that's faster than any hunters' eyes can see.

And then she grabs the walls and gently pulls a part out.

There was a hole with a large size that even adults could easily pass if they crouch.

"....."(Everyone)

"Now, quick!"(Maevis)

Maevis hurried the dumbfounded hunters that stopped their movements. Everyone kept their mouths silent as they went out from the hole.

Mile is going first and leading everyone. That was because she can see through the night and she has the detection magic that can detect the presence of a monster as soon as possible. And she can clear the tree branches for everyone.

Behind Mile is Rena, as a rear guard magician.

Maevis is going last to protect everyone from the back.

Pauline is in the center, and ready to go to the front and the back anytime.

Since the rescued hunters are robbed of their weapons, with bare hands they can't fight properly.

There are four magicians including two girl, but they can barely use any attack magic. So right now the [Red Oath] was in the position to protect everyone.

As soon as she entered the grove from the open space.

Mile attached a piece of wood painted with "magic luminescent substance" on each person's back and feet so everyone could see their feet and follow others back

With this everyone can easily proceed in the darkness.

Of course, if Mile feels the sign of the enemy, Mile will instruct everyone to remove the wood piece painted with "magic luminescent substance" immediately.

And when they got some distance from the beastkin' camp, everyone takes a break.

Escape in the dark night exhausts both their strength and energy vigorously and it's inefficient to keep moving when you're exhausted.

It will be serious if you are toppled over and injured.

If that happens, we will slowdown even more.

Besides, the beastkins haven't noticed their escape yet.

While everyone was resting, Mile picked a suitable tree and had cut off the good branches.

And then she scrapped them at great speed. Of course, it is a place that the hunters can not see.

Mile had them finished in an instant, and returned to the place where

everyone is taking a break.

"Everyone, please choose the one that fits your hands!"(Mile)

"Huh..."(Hunters)

Everyone is dumbfounded with dotted eyes, looking at the massive amounts of wooden swords and wooden spears that Mile gives out.

"Where did you ..."(Leader hunter)

"I made it just now"(Mile)

"..... "(Hunters)

After silence for a while, the hunters silently start picking what fits their hands.

As expected, the hunters who received dangerous requests. Their adaptability is quite high.

Although these swords and spears are made by wood. They are solid wood, so even if you use them to fight with an iron sword, they will not be broken or cut easily.

Unless the opponent has considerably skill and a good sword.

Besides, wooden swords and spears can be used as walking staves or clear the branches of trees or high grasses and drive away monsters and animals.

The hunters had experience with fighting, so even with wooden weapons, it's still better than nothing at all. Their facial expressions became better than before.

(U fu fu, just according to the Keikaku) (Mile) (Translator's Note: Keikaku mean plan)

Gyin! (SFX)

A pair of shining eyes staring at Mile.

That was a young girl in her mid-teens. Yes, she is the daughter of the guild master.

[Why is she staring at me with such eyes ...

Do you think that guild staff will lose face if you get helped by girls of your age more or less.

Or is she worrying about her father, the Guild Master's face? (T.N: face as honor)

It's better if I talk with her to change the mood]

Thought so, Mile spoke to the girl.

"Well, we were asked by your father ..."(Mile)

"Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!"(Young girl)

"Shh.... "(Hunters)

Everyone suddenly warned the young girl who loudly raised her voice at once.

"Sorry..."(Young girl)

Realized that her loud voice was bad. The girl apologized frankly.

"Well, anyway, did you really meet my father? When, where, how ?"(Young girl)

The young girl is blushing a little as she ask Mile in a small voice.

"Do you need to ask? At the Hermolt hunter guild, your father is the guild master right?"(Mile)

"Huh?"(Young girl)

"Huh?"(Young man)

"Eh?"(Mile)

"Hey ... "(Young woman)

At that time, someone called to Mile from behind.

As Mile turned around, that was the scholar's assistant fluffy woman. (T.N: fuwa fuwa = fluffy)

"I'm the daughter of the Guild Master ..."(Young Woman)

"Huh?"(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

All of [Red Oath]are amazed.

"You shouldn't lie, a fatty old man like him can't have a daughter like you!"
(Rena)

Rena is rude.

"...People often say so..."(Young woman)

The young woman has a delicate face as she says so.

"Then, you are the scholar's assistant ..."(Mile)

"No!"(Young girl)

"Huh?"(Mile)

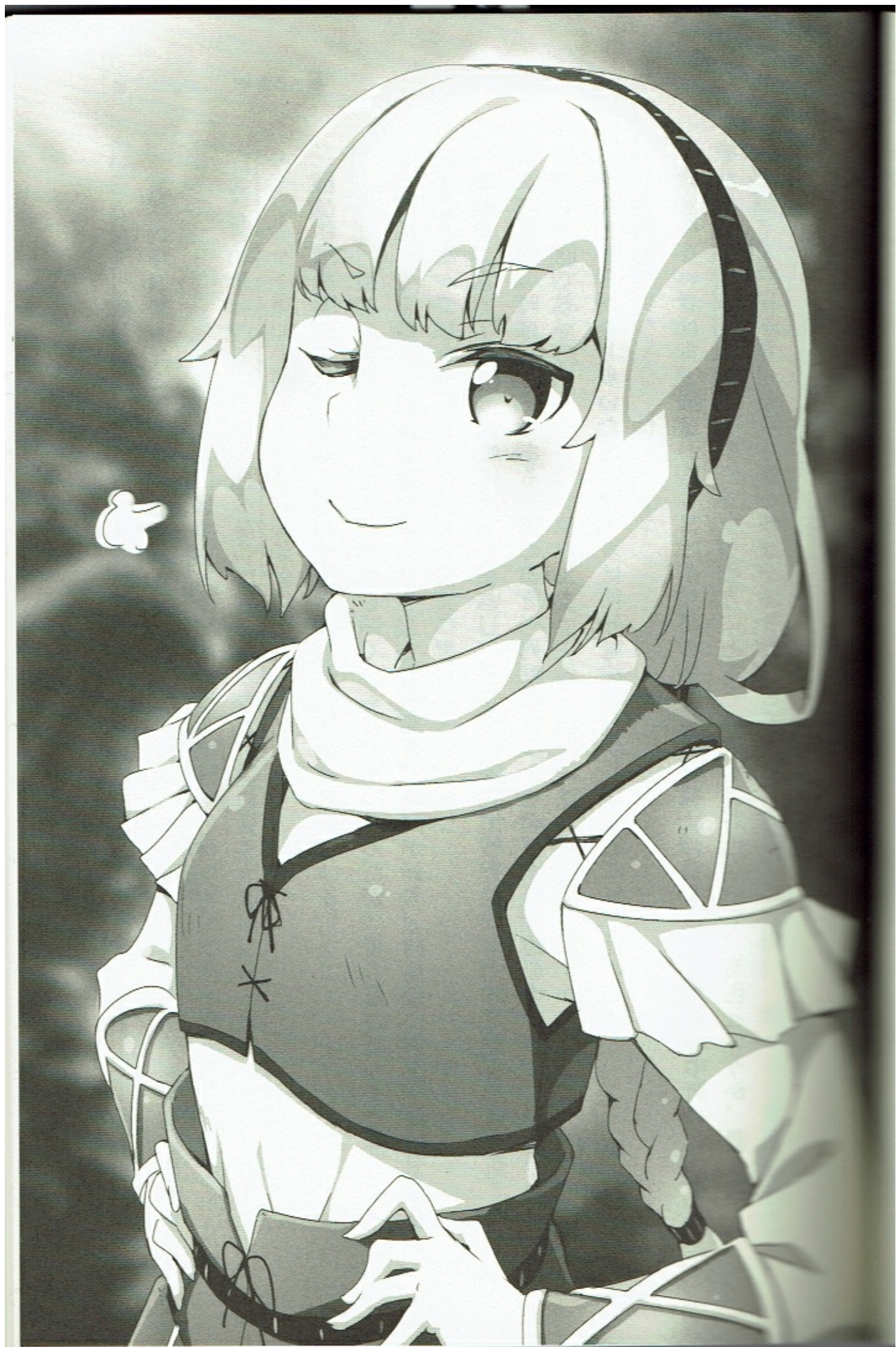
Then, who is this girl ...

Another one calling to the confused Mile.

"The assistant is me"(Young man)

"You are the Scholar's assistant? Then, then... don't tell me ..."(Mile)

"That's right, I am Doctor Kulereia, the royal scholar!"



The young girl put her hands on her waist in a proud manner. Sticking out her chest.

"Dwarf ..."(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

"Elf ~!"(Kulereia)

"Shh.... "(Hunters)

"Sorry..."(Kulereia)

Chapter 97: The devil's deception

After break, everyone forms a line that starts moving again.

[Actually, I intended to ask and listen various things at the first break.

But because I wait until everyone catch their breath, wait for weapons choice and then wasting a lot of time with that fuss. I could not confirm the situation.

I can't waste time, we will take a break many times anyway, so I listened to their story at the next break.

It's impossible for ordinary people to talk about important story while walking the night forest in one column anyway] (Mile's inner thought)

After walking for a while, Mile noticed a strange reaction of detection magic.

(... brown?) (Mile)

Those who don't have hostility are blue, those who have hostility are red, those who don't have both are yellow and those in between are displayed with mixed colors between them. And the display a little ahead is brown.

No, rather than brown I should say it's ocher color ... and it was quite close.

Only a little bit and we will reach the brown marking, I will see it soon...

...(A Wild) Large monster or animal feces appear.

It seems that brown is mark of attention so we will not to step on it.

It was both useful and useless ... anyway we were saved.

(Oh, that's right!) (Mile)

Mile stops and is giving instructions to everyone in the rear row.

"There is a big feces, so please be careful! And we will take a break shortly!"
(Mile)

The others walk carefully while paying attention to feces. And then they find a suitable place ahead and take a break.

And Mile went back a little. To the place of the feces

"Make a fragile container with the thin earth cover, coat the outside with magical power, give it strength, put feces in ..." (Mile)

Of course, putting feces into a container by magic, not touch directly.

And Mile was doing something suspicious.

"Among the smell of farts, it's a protein system that becomes a source of particularly bad smell ...

A gas such as ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, indole, skatole, volatile amine, etc..." (Mile)

Mile put various things taken out from the item box in containers and transform them with magically degenerate and mix.

And lastly Mile drops some suspicious pebbles.

Mile gave an order "magical pebbles that keep heating for a long time"

Nanomachines stuck to pebbles follow Mile's instructions "Continue to heat up for 24 hours or until this container breaks"

At the moment the nanomachines stuck to the pebbles were dropped into the container, they realized their fate.

(Ayaaaaaa !!) (Nano Machine+)

Mile covers the containers again with magical coating and fixed it carefully at base of the tree branch.

And then she ties the white handkerchief out of her pocket to that branch.

It's not a mark but white colour stands out a lot.

It also have Mile's odor so the probability that the chasing beastkins missing it is quite low.

"Thank you for waiting! Well, let's go!" (Mile)

Mile who went back to the place where everyone was taking a break, as if nothing had happened. And she started leading the party again ...

The next morning, when the sun rise.

A morning watchman headed to hut that held prisoners to replace the night watchmen.

At the moment the door was opened, that sight was reflected in their eyes.

The wooden grid cut with a sharp cut, fragments of a scattering everywhere, the night watchmen are unconscious on the chairs, a large hole opens in the wall opposite the entrance...

"The prisoners had escaped!"(Watchman)

The watchman shouts with a loud voice

"Damn, that's why I told you to make a better accommodation facility!"
(Chasing Team Leader)

That's fast organized party to capture escaped prisoner. A man who was given the command, was complaining while chasing.

Nevertheless, what he said still showed he is a good beastkin, because he never said words such as "I will kill you"

But no matter how good he is, those who come to the battlefield as soldiers will kill people without hesitation if he received order.

The number of capture party is 20 beastkins.

Even they chasing in a hurry, they didn't forget to check the confiscated weapons *etc.* before going. The prisoners had escaped barehand. The beastkins have nothing to fear in the battle with bare hand humans in the forest.

They even think that 10 people were too much, but they are still careful with those who came to rescue.

And because they didn't know the number nor the identity of the rescue party, they increased double their number to be safe.

(Beastkin leader POV)

From the report, there seems to be some female hunters lost and run away after they had a fight with our comrades but I can't imagine such young girls who run away after meeting our comrades could do anything.

I'm still wondering a little that our comrades said that they were easily

defeated those hunters and chased them away. But why didn't our comrades catch them.

Well, I doubt they are the one who rescue the prisoners.

Beside, if I was a human and met beastkins in the forest, I would get surprised and ran away.

There is no particular problem if they didn't spot our camp.

Having a lot of unnecessary captives has no advantage in the first place

The chasing team leader thinks so.

[As long as no major problems occurred, humans will not cause trouble to the beastkins.

Although our relationship isn't good, we still have the peace-treaty for the time being.

That was to avoid war.

To avoid our relationships worsened any further.

It was decided that humans or beastkins that cause trouble have to take responsibility by themselves, not the whole race.

Both humans and beastkins had known that fact.

So, we must absolutely recapture those who ran away.

Even worst case, the information leaks, I don't think the humans can move large army so soon.

It will take time to do so, and I'd like to secure surely enough time to finish our work here instead of withdrawing

Just 10 more days, it will be manageable ...

I don't believe that the humans can run a long distance in the night.

Humans should know, even if they try to get away as soon as possible it's inefficient to move through night and accumulate fatigue physically, mental power. And when it got brighter, they could hardly move with those injury and fatigue. It is really stupid thing to do.

The leader thinking as he follows the olfaction, night vision, judgment.

The scout suddenly stopped, and the leader also frustratingly stop himself somehow.

The following people also stopped and gathered.

"What happened?"(Leader)

"Yes, that ... "(Scout)

Looking at the way the scout points, I saw a white cloth that looks like a marker on a tree branch and a container like a pot placed on the base of the branch.

"...What's that?"(Leader)

"Well..."(Scout)

Even I'm curious about it. Time is important now.

As long as we stop here, they still keep moving and the distance will be longer.

However, I couldn't leave this suspicious thing as it was.

"... Did they think that it would be difficult to escape with this, so they put a landmark so they can come to pick it up later?

Don't they think that we can trace this landmark so precisely.

Did they think we couldn't find it, or ..."(Leader)

A trap?

Even though I'm thinking about that, but I couldn't leave this alone and go ahead, what if I was wrong.

Besides, I do not know the reason why human hunters bother brought this things that seem to be heavy.

What did those hunters that didn't know our beastkin's existence, they just came to search for the missing hunters?

"... Did they find something near the excavation site and try to take it home?

No, because what we are looking at the site is ..."(Leader)

Again, there was only one conclusion.

"Check it out! Be careful, take it down gently!"(Hunter)

Following the instructions from the leader, several young people gathered at the root of the tree marked with white cloth.

And the magical coating of the container disappeared at the moment everyone gently touched the container placed on the branch of the tree about 160 cm in height from the ground.

Pa~an! (SFX)

The container burst with an explosive sound, the contents scattered around.

The container itself was very thin made only by hardened soil. It didn't self-destructed yet only because of the magical coating outside.

Otherwise, it would have been broken just by the weight of the contents and the internal pressure increased.

The thin fragile container fragments didn't cause harm to the beastkins...

However...

Batari (SFX) (splash I guess)

Bata bata (SFX)

Of 20 people, several people fainted on spot without a voice.

Those beastkins have whitened eyes, blowing foam and are cramping. There're beastkins who is incontinent and soaks their groin.

Geee ~e! (Beastkins)

Gyaaaaaaa! (Beastkins)

There're beastkins suffering in the stomach and vomit.

The leader holds his nose and breaths with mouth, tries to make himself consciousness while yelling ...

"... ..., withdraw! Take the fallen guys away too! They will die if we leave them there!!"(Leader)

After plenty of seconds, after spitting up the (rainbow) stomach juice, the

beastkins want to escape as soon as possible to the direction of the leader while grabbing their fallen comrade and dragged.

However, the bodies of those beaskins had a mystery mucus and stinky body. It wasn't a level that a beastman good with smell can bear.

Even those beastkins who drag their comrade keep vomiting with tears and runny nose, their face was soooo messy. They try their best to keep themselves consciousness.

Some of them couldn't bear it anymore and collapsed on spot.

"Take off your clothes! Breathe out with your mouth, keep your consciousness!"(Leader)

If they let go of clothes penetrated with liquid, it will be a little better.

After that, we have to leave the site as soon as possible

It is no longer a chase with trace or capture.

Olfactory? Everyone already take heavy damage and can't even use it for several days.

Combat? In such a state that we can't stand straight?

"We will head straight to the water field and then return to the excavation site ..."(Leader)

The leader ordered the change of destination.

It is natural. If you do return as it is, everyone remaining in the excavation site will be destroyed as well.

It was such a bad smell.

The leader muttered with an expression of agony.

"It's a devil's deception ..."(Leader)

And at that time "a lot of small things that can not be seen by the eyes" jumped out of the ruptured container and flew aiming at the water field with full speed while crying.

Chapter 98: Status

Translator's Note:

To avoid confuse, I will explain something in this chapter.

The beastkin Clan here have 1 leader. (I will change to commander in this chapter)

The last time is the 20-man party leader. (I will change to 1st chasing party)

This time is another chasing party (I will call him 2nd chasing party leader)

After "that", the chasing beastkins returned home in the afternoon.

The beastkin commander refused them to approach his tent. The Report became a Yelling Report at a sufficient distance.

And immediately, a new chasing party was formed.

If the human hunter used sneaky tactics like this means that they aren't in a state to fight properly.

The second party is focus on maneuver ability, only a few experts, 12 beastkins were selected.

It's not like the beastkins thought that the escaped hunters were no big deal with 12 members, in reality, they could not afford any more.

The interceptor team who came home yesterday evening is still suffering from injuries to move at full speed.

And now, 20 more members are out of war potential.

Those who are good at watching or gathering information than battle *etc.* must keep guard on this place in case of emergency.

Majority of beastkins left are workers, not only their fighting power is low but their first priority is digging the site.

They also can't let female or children go either. Even if the hunter's combat

strength is low.

Besides, there's no way that the Beastkins who're proud of their strength would stay behind and let noncombatants, women and children fight.

It will take two days to get out of the forest for a weak person, non-hunter.

Nearly half a day has already passed since they escaped,

If the beastkins pursued with full power, catching up isn't difficult.

Normal humans won't have physical strength if they don't rest when running away. And the hunters must take care of all prisoners, they will hardly have any strength left to fight like normal

The commander who thought so and give order to 12 beastkins chasing party.

The captain of the first party had warned them repeatedly about "Place that should never be approached"

"... It's about time and be careful everyone ... Gu~haa!"(2nd chasing leader)

The 2nd leader roaring to warning everyone.

"Avoidance! Big turns and detours!"(2nd chasing leader)

Even though they are still have some distance their sharp nose still catch the stinky odor, and they feel like vomitting already just with that.

The beastkins greatly make a detour and wasted a considerable amount of time before discovering the smell of the humans who fled again.

Meanwhile, the "Red oath"took another break to restore everyone's stamina.

And Mile finally can ask about the circumstances from the captured hunters.

Because moving at night was bad, they took a lot of short breaks.

We can force moving when we are tired, if any of us get hurt, our moving speed will rather be slower.

Finally the second long break, Mile distributed good digestible food and water taken out from storage. The long rest became a light meal and explanatory meeting.

Explanation was done by the guild staff Teffie.

According to Teffie's story, the lord makes a request to investigate the forest errors.

And the survey team was assembled. The leading is Doctor Kulereia, the scholar elf who's an experts on forest ecology and her assistant, escort hunters, and staff member Teffie.

Although funds are paid by the lord, the investigation team is hosted only by the guild.

Teffie thought that the lord seems like planning to press the responsibility to the guild in case of something happening rather than leaving discretion to the guild. "Red Oath" somehow is convinced.

And since Doctor Kulereia was the only woman in the investigation team, Teffie volunteer to accompany as a guild employee.

She also heard from her father, the guild master about "Red Oath"

"And when we were investigating, we were caught and surrounded by a large number of beastkins"(Teffie)

"... "(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

Four members of "Red Oath" are listening careful to the story.

"That's all"(Teffie)

"Huh?"(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

"That's really everything that happened"(Teffie)

"Short! Description, ultra short!!"(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

The girls are somewhat disappointed.

"Oh, what are those beastkins and what are they doing over there?"(Rena)

Rena pushed further.

Yes, we must confirm it before we can talk.

"Well, even if you ask me ... we were caught and can't ask them anything

Do you think they happen to hold an important conversation in somewhere

we can hear..."(Teffie)

(...Hey...!!) (Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

And someone else answers from behind.

"It seems to be some excavation, not an ore mine, It must be a ruin or something ...

But apparently they have found nothing yet.

But they don't even know if the object of interest is really there. to that extent ...

It seems to be some sort of secret things that they don't seem to understand well themselves.

Perhaps they were asked by someone else to work on that site"(Kulereia)

With Dr. Kulereia's explanation, Mile can't help but get curious...

"But even though it's secret, Dr. Kulereia heard it?"(Mile)

"I used a secret art against human beings and beastkin, that is used by our ancestor"(Kulereia)

Mile is amazed by Dr. Kulereia's answer.

"Oh, how amazing! What kind of art is that?"(Mile)

Mile doesn't know whether it was a poor idea but Dr. Kulereia's eyes shine brilliantly, or she just simply wanted to brag. The doctor tells the secret art with a doya face.

"You do it like this.

Bring your hands together, put them under the chin, make your eyes feel lethargic, and say this to the Beastkin Guard:

[I am bored. Mister, please tell me something funny ...(Like what are beastkins doing here?)]"(Kulereia)

(T.N: because literal translation is kind of hard to understand for Dango so I fix it a little, it doesn't really change the meaning)

(Wow aaaaa) (Everyone + Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

Everyone doesn't say a word but...

Dr. Kulereia is an elf, so even she looks like 15-16 years old, but her real age is...

(Elf, scary!!) (Hunters)

And the men were trembling with fear.

Elves in this world do not stretch their ears sideways like Japanese comics. At most they are "somewhat sharper than humans"

So it's difficult to tell if they are hidden by hair.

The beastkins probably thought that as well. Mile and the Doctor were just like some child/young hunters or something.

Mile, unlike commanders of beastkins, had estimated that everyone would take around a day and a half to go to that "Village in front of the forest".

Her estimate was more accurate because she was there.

It can't be helped that the beastkin commander mistook the estimation.

He never knows that there's a leading hunter that can scout in the night that even surpasses beastkins. Also she has sufficient water and food, and she doesn't need to carry them as baggage. She can even use marking to lead everyone in the darkness, *etc.*

Furthermore, 1 day and half is the result of Mile asking variously things from Dr. Kulereia, assistant, and Guild Staff Teffie that cause the speed to decrease.

"Are the elves living in the forest?"(Mile)

"Do you understand the meaning of serving as a field-word doctor assistant?"
(Mile)

"Is your father the one who arrange your future to be a guild employee, I mean you have qualifications of rank C hunter for the time being, is not it?"

(Mile)

Guild Master, uhm... (are...) what was he called again ...

Mile was judging that it would be difficult for everyone who had escaped on the verge of being worn out in need of sleep to continue walking to the village

with insomnia, so far they only have breaks not sleep.

Although we are still able to keep waking up, soon due to fatigue the hunters may start falling. If that happens, the speed of progress will decrease greatly.

We have to take a long break and take a nap.

If the trace is lost completely in that trap and the tracking ability is lost.

The time loss due to returning to the excavation site and changing to another team will take another half a day. If there is no effect so far, it will take several hours to recapture the smell.

Actually, that "trap" was way more effective (super effective) than Mile's imagination, but Mile never knew it.

Anyway, I want to earn as much distance as possible before everyone's fatigue reach its peaks.

After escaping, we walked all night and the next day until sunset without any beastkins catching up. We can manage to take a long break, to have a decent meal and take a nap.

The next day, as soon as it became bright enough to walk, we will immediately travel and go through the "Village in front of the forest" aiming for Hermolt Town at once and intending to arrive at the town in the evening.

In this situation, the village is never a safe place.

If a lot of beastkins attack the village, the villagers will suffer .

Rather than involving villagers in danger, we will aim straight to Hermolt Town.

Those captured hunters get to eat a lot of warm meals after a long absence, lying down and taking a nap.

There's someone still awake, staring at vegetables and meat that remain fresh for some reason.

That was Loli-grandma, Doctor Kulereia

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*Next morning

The sun already rise.

Mile take out breakfast with classic menu because there's no time and give out to everyone. It's only simple hard bread, dried meat, soup. After having breakfast, everyone is preparing for departure.

"... Here they came ... Twelve beastkins, from behind, it seems they still haven't discovered us yet"(Mile)

"How do you know?"(Hunter Leader)

"...Isn't it a violation of the rules for Hunters to ask other hunter's secret?"
(Mile)

"Well, I'm sorry"(Hunter Leader)

Escort leader obediently apologized to Mile.

Unlike "Dragon Breath"which we had a joint request before, this party seems to be neat.

"Our party will deal with those beastkins, you will command the research team and other parties.

Don't kill any of them and protect yourself to not be killed by enemies. Injury is acceptable"(Rena)

"Oi, Wait... wait a minute! What on earth do you intend to do!

In the first place, the one in charge of command is me ..."(Hunter Leader)

"You are just hunters who don't have decent weapons.

Besides, we received a request to "search and rescue the research team"

So we will beat the enemy for rescue.

The request you received is "escort"

Then, please escort the research team behind you"(Rena)

"..."(Hunter Leader)

The hunter leader can't say anything back to Rena's remark.

However, he couldn't oppose an enemy using metal weapon with just wooden sword and spear.

Even if the wooden weapon is durable, it will break after a few attacks or blocks.

"Then, your vanguard can lend me the sword ..." (Hunter Leader)

"Is there swordsman stupid enough to lend their beloved swords to others before the fight with the enemies!" (Maevis)

"I guess not..." (Hunter Leader)

Maevis yells at the leader and he shrugs his shoulders.

However, it seems he got conscious that what he said was unreasonable.

"You don't have to worry, because yesterday, we also easily repelled 8 beastkins..." (Pauline)

"What?" (Hunter Leader)

The hunter leader is dumbfounded with what Pauline said.

He thought the girls were lucky to reach the camp with the beastkins' surveillance without encountering the beastkins.

"There's no time, they will probably attack when they found us.

They will probably try to prevent us escape to seal the information ...

It is useless to run away now, so let's deal with them right here and now" (Mile)

"...I understand" (Hunter Leader)

There is no time to talk any more. The leader inevitably nods with Mile's words.

"... It seems they already woke up and is preparing" (2nd Chasing Leader)

"Really..."(Beastkins)

The hunters moving speed was faster than the leader's thought.

But they were rushing hard to catch up and managed to catch up before the hunters leave the forest.

From the smell, he knows the hunter didn't move at all from a while ago.

He hoped he could attack while the hunters were sleeping. But as they get closer, he realizes that the hunters already get up and prepare for battle.

However, there're still no problems.

The hunters are totally 18 unarmed people including noncombatants.

Even if there are several rescuers, the beastkins believe they are better than human hunters.

The leader thought they already did it and wasn't worried at all about capture.

"Okay, surround them. And then threaten them to surrender"(2nd chasing Leader)

The leader believed that the hunters would give up and surrender at the time they knew they were surrounded and overwhelmed.

[The hunters had been caught once, they should understand that even if they get caught, we will not harm them and we will release them after our work on that site is over.

we explained many times to them and they should believe it from our treatment.

Besides, they have no weapons, I did not think they would resist us with the risk of dying]

Certainly it probably will be like that.

If there is no red oath there ...

"Enemies Spotted!"(Maevis)

Everyone became nervous with Maevis's cry.

12 chasing beastkins were somewhat unexpecting of the Red Oath's appearance.

Yesterday, eight beastkins didn't report the strength of Mile's party. But report they have defeated and chased the four hunter girls away to keep their face. (T.N: face as honor)

And they also didn't know that the "Trap" was set up by Mile.

So it can't be help that the chasing beastkins underestimated "Red oath"

They thought that there's no problem.

They noticed that they were already found by the hunters so the beastkins revealed their appearance without surrounding the hunters.

In front of the escaping hunters that try to defend themselves with the big trees in the back. There are four girls that they doesn't recognize trying to protect all the hunters.

(Are they the people who came to rescue? 4 girls ...

It was the girl party in the report of the watchman team yesterday,

Those idiot, they didn't realize they were followed!) (2nd Chasing Leader)

The leader understood the reason why the hunters can escape. But now it is not time to think about that.

"As you can see, you are surrounded. Stop useless resistance and surrender.

It is impossible for the two little girls that have decent weapons to protect you all.

Do you know that we will not harm you?" (2nd Chasing Leader)

Although the beastkins were surprised to see that the hunters had "weapons" even though they were just wooden. The beastkin leader didn't mention it.

In bargaining, the first step is: making themselves as high as possible to overwhelm.

However, the "Red oath"...

"Why do we have to trust the bandits and surrender, aren't you stupid?"
(Rena)

"No! We are not bandits!"(Beastkin Leader)

The leaders of the beasts denies, but Rena doesn't stop with just that.

"Suddenly attacking us in the woods, take away our weapons and luggage.
And even hold us in prison.

If you are not bandit, what are you doing?

Or is it normal for beastkins to do such bandit act like nothing?

Then, I will explain it in our Kingdom and spread this knowledge.

We should properly communicate with the manners of the beasts, so that we don't misunderstand each other, for the sake of the future ...

Well, could you tell me the name of your beastkin representative who taught you so?

You must also tell the name of the witnesses properly, too!"(Rena)

"Wh...h...h...h...at..."(Beastkin Leader) (in raw is just na..na...na...na...na, I guess the leader want to say what = nani)

The Beastkin leader can't find any word to talk back with Rena.

If such thing is spread, the honor of the beastkin will fall to the ground.

Moreover, It will be spread with his name, he will not be able to live in the village. Not just him but his family, his relatives.

However, there is no mistake in what the little girl before him say.

[If it turns out like this, we must catch everyone who is here by all means.
After done with the work at the site. We will withdraw.

Of course we must give back all the weapons and luggage and hide the real reasons.

Talk about the ubiquitous circumstances, release them, solve misunderstandings]

"... It can not be helped, I didn't want to do anything rough, but with that kind of attitude. I can't help but use my strength!"(Beastkin Leader)

"He~e, try to show off your ability, right ..."(Rena)

Rena is toying with him.

The leader ordered with a sharp voice.

"Do it!"(Beastkin Leader)

The beastkins also have no killing intent and they really seemed to be considering not to injure people when they first caught the survey team and the hunters.

For such opponents that they don't intend to kill or cause serious injury, the girls can fight with a tremendous advantage.

There used to be such a topic when the girls talked about before.

So,"Red Oath"decided to fight properly as well. Other than Pauline.

Pauline, who had finished casting spells because of Rena who keeps speaking, instantly cast her magic to the beastkins that's heading towards her.

"... Ultra Hot Shower!"(Pauline)

Sha wa wa wa wa ~ (SFX)

A shower of reddish water that falls on three beastmen who came towards Pauline.

"Aaaaaaa!"(3 beastkins)

To the beastkins who are sensitive to smell and the like, it was very very very very ... painful. (T.N: in raw really have 4 of totemo = 4 of very)

They are rolling round the ground.

$12 \div 4 = 3$

Pauline's portion is already over.

However, as a precaution, Pauline casts the next magic and holds it ...

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"True Godspeed Sword, 1.4 times!"(Maevis)

It's normal that Beastkins are superior with both agility and strength compare to humans.

If Maevis doesn't use full power from the beginning. Even fighting 1 vs 1 is already hard, and here she must do 1 vs 3.

However Beastkins are only superior compare to normal humans.

Compared with well trained hunter, they are at most a few percent difference.

However, Maevis used "True Godspeed Sword, 1.4 times!"

With "True Godspeed sword" mode alone, Maevis wouldn't hardly be able to compete against three beastkins.

But if Maevis "True Godspeed sword, 1.4 times" plus with body strengthening magic.

Calculation will be 1.4 times x 1.3 times. If compare to an A ranked hunter, she will be about 1.15 to 1.2 times faster.

Of course, that doesn't mean Maevis can win an A rank hunter.

There're still the differences in technique, experience, endurance,...

And this time, her opponents are just beastkins who depend sole on the physical ability and neglect the study of technique.

And there's also the difference of the reach.

Maevis is using a short sword but the beastkins are only using machete or axe that's un-suit-able for battle.

And it creates the differences in reach and handling speed. And above all, Maevis is a vanguard swordman that is trained by Mile.

She won't lose to three beastkins that only rely on their physical ability.

"Uooooooooooooo!"(Maevis)

When you use too much strength, the muscles become hard and the speed will go down.

That's why Maevis uses less strength to get 100% speed!

Whether the opponents using a machete or an axe. No matter how they attack, Maevis can easily block/parry by her un-break-able sword.

With Maevis's speed and technique, she already predicted all of opponents attack. She timing their attack and flips their weapons off their hand.

And then tilted the sword by 90 degrees, struck to the opponents's body.

... Because it is a double-edged sword, it is meaningless to use the back of sword, they will die.

"Gua~!"(Beastkin 4)

"Uguu~!"(Beastkin 5)

She takes down 2 beastkins on spot the last one (6) is dumbfound with his eyes open wide.

Mean while, Rena had started fighting in a disadvantaged state.

Because she was talking with the beastkin leader until the last minute, she couldn't ready a spell like Pauline.

She's in a state that all magician absolutely wanted to avoid. Starting a battle at a relatively short distance against a quick enemy with good physical ability.

However...

"Gue~!"(Beastkin 7)

Rena thrust the tip of her staff into the beastkin's belly, and that beastkin stopped moving.

"E..."(Beastkin 8 + 9)

Even one beastkin is down, the remaining 2 beastkins are smirking.

Their opponent is just a little human girl magician that doesn't have enough time to cast magic.

The 2 beastkins are carefree thinking so and rush to Rena.

Rena shakes the staff used to strike the first beastkin. She already finish the short cast magic in that instant.

"... Hot Inferno!"(Rena)

A spiral wind, a very weak air vortex cover the 2 beastkins. There're some red powder with that air ...

"Gya hiiiiiii~!!"(Beastkin 7 + 8 +9)

Three dog beastkins including the one knock down on the ground screaming with their throats, overflowing tears from the eyes, rolling around the ground while having runny nose.

Rena had used a non-killing magic. Teach by Mile and Pauline.

"If it's non-killing magic, you don't have to worry much about allies and third parties. And you will use less magical power consumption than large flame magic"(Rena)

... Maevis who heard that line of Rena was like "Eeeee"

Pauline nodded with Rena

And Mile was like:

"If we're talking about Non-killing and flashy magic[Starlight Breaker]is the coolest...

starlight-breaker2.gif

But when I'm thinking carefully, Starlight breaker!

There no way that no one will die with that spell! I noticed an extremely thing and stopped teaching Rena"

... Mile was a girl who was devoted to common sense.

And the last three headed to Mile included beastkin leader.

Normally, the leader is the strongest of a party will likely battle with the strongest in the "Red oath". But he isn't attacking Maevis.

Apparently it seemed that he had beast instict or something, he realized that

the strongest among the four is Mile.

Unfortunately, He doesn't seem to be able to sense how strong Mile is ...

When Mile tried to fight with the leader, a Fire Ball flying from the other side toward Mile.

"Oh, a magic attack?"(Mile)

Yes, Beastman certainly has lower magical power than humans and other magical races. But that was a "common theory"to the last.

Most of beastkins can't use magic, and even if they can use, they are weaker than the average of humans.

But not everyone.

Some beastkin are as good as human beings. But that number is way less than that of humans.

Even number of tribes themselves is much smaller than that of humans, we can't deny that"there are few beastkins who are good at magic"

And that minor who can use attack magic are naturally enlist in army.

Leader and magician Beastkin (Beastkin 10) bombarded Mile with their maximum fire power.

It seemed that Mile was highly recognized.

Even Mile thought that"beastkin can't use magic", But when she was attacked sudden by magic. It was nothing more than a little surprise.

Mile received the machete with the sword held with only the right hand and repelling the Fire Ball by the back of her left hand.

And the that Fire Ball hit the belly of the last beastkin (Beastkin 11) behind the beastkin leader.

"Huh..."(Beastkin Leader + Magician)

The beastkin leader and magician(10) are dumbfounded when seeing the last beastkin (11) blown away with the fire ball hit in the belly.

There was no explosive effect on the Fire ball so he isn't heavily injured. As

the fire ball hit, it quickly diverged and disappeared and the temperature was low. It seem like he didn't receive much damage.

However, both the beastkin magician and leader were shocked and stopped moving while holding weapons.

"Too~ya!"(Mile)

As Mile entangled the sword, she flipped the leader's weapon away and struck his flank with the sword's handle.

The beastkin magician tried to chant the next spell in a hurry, but immediately stop the chant while halfway.

Yes, he noticed their circumstances.

Maevis also defeated the third enemy (beastkin 6).

So only the magician (10) and the beastkin with less damage (11) are left

That magician understood that the winning chance is zero.

And now, if them, the last 2 are defeated, the hunters will annihilate their friends ...

Humans want to escape from the forest as soon as possible, they will not take seriously injured beastkins who are unlikely to walk as prisoners.

Even if they were left without being killed to avoid war between a beastkin and a human. How long will it take for them to be rescued by the beastkins in the camp site?

And until then, the dying beastmen will become great preys for monster or animals.

To prevent it, it was absolutely necessary for the last two to be healthy.

The beastkin with less injury will contact the camp site while the magician will heal the beastkin friends with healing magic as much as he can, protect them from monsters and wait for rescue.

Of course, he don't know if it will work.

Humans may try to kill all of them without being concerned about the war.

Since it was the beastkin side that attacked first, the humans can tell that it was legitimate defense.

And us beastkins actually don't want war with humans will withdraw.

However, there was no other choice.

Only the magician and lightly injured beastkin are in a state that can talk straight. The magician was the current responsible person.

And the magician cried out in a loud voice after deciding.

"We surrender! Don't kill us!"(Beastkin 10)

Chapter 101: Interrogation

"Well, what shall we do ... It's hard to take all of them ..."(Rena)

"Shall we kill them?"(Pauline)

Pauline answers lightly to Rena.

The beastkins are trembling.

Of course, the girls aren't serious, they're just trying to scare the beastkins.

However, looks like Pauline is having fun with it.

"Wait please!"(Hunter leader)

It isn't the beastkins but the hunter leader raise objection.

"Although I don't understand the situation well.

It will be troublesome if we do something wrong.

It may lead to a full conflict with the beastkins, please try to be a bit more peaceful ..."(Hunter lader)

He seemed to be serious about this.

"It depends on whether they answer to the interrogation"(Pauline +Rena)

However despite Rena and Pauline's threat, the Beastkins hardly said anything.

The interrogation over a couple of hours, they only tell us the reason why they caught the survey team and the hunters. But they aren't talking about what they were doing at that site at all.

Well, I don't need to hear that the reason for capturing everyone to prevent humans from knowing about that site...

I didn't want to torture them but this is troublesome. For now I should ask them first.

"You guys, what are you trying to do, searching for something?

Or perhaps, you have been asked by someone else

But it just means you are being used.

Do you not understand?"(Mile)

"How did you know about it? We aren't saying anything ..."(Beastkin)

"Wait, fool! Do not talk!"(Beastkin leader)

A young beastkin mutter as he's suprised and the beastkin leader yelling at him.

(And I smirk as I watch it.

Although I'm only just confirming what I heard from Doctor Kulereia. It's good, now that I know that information is right.)

"It seems impossible to get more information if we don't torture them..."
(Mile)

"Shall we kill them then?"(Rena)

"Oi Oi Oi Oi!!"(Hunters)

Rena lightly adds a suggestion to Mile. Of course everyone rejects it right away.

"It's just a joke!"(Rena)

But, the voice of everyone's heart was one.

(That doesn't sound like a joke) (Everyone)

And the beastkins were trembling with a blue face.

"Actually, I would like to take two or three beastkins.

However, when their comrades come, they will use [my fellows were kidnapped by humans]like a reason to attack or start war with humans"(Hunter Leader)

Escort party leader told everyone and then turned to beastkins.

"You must understand, right? Our relationship had been really bad lately. If this got out, it might become a conflict.

And a lot of humans and beastkin will die. Even women and children will be involved. Hundreds, no, thousands will die ... All of that will happen because of

you!

Yes, you are going to kill humans, beastkins, women, children! Do you understand.

Hey!

This may become war, foolish beastkins!"(Hunter leader)

Compared to humans, beastkin's facial expression is hard-to-read, but right now it became easy to read.

Astonishment, dismay, reluctant, ...

"No, what we're going to do is..."(Beastkin)

"Shut up!"(Beastkin Leader)

A beastkin leader stops the young beastkin that plan to talk.

"Do not speak anything anymore!

I will order you as a leader.

Don't speak to a human unless you have Chieftain's permission!"(Beastkin Leader)

When the leader add "Only the Chieftain's permission can cancel his order" but he doesn't think they will come back alive.

That means his subordinates will be unable to talk to human beings for the rest of their life.

The command of the "leader in action" had that authority.

By chance the chieftain is dead, they will need the permission from the next Chieftain of their clan.

Even if their clan is annihilated, in that case they can join another clan and ask the Chieftain there to cancel the order.

"Ah ~"(Hunter leader)

The Hunter leader dropped his shoulder.

"No good, these guys won't talk anymore ... No matter how we torture them" (Hunter leader)

"E~e! What's that"(Rena)

"There would be no choice, beastkin is such race!"(Hunter leader)

Even though Rena protested, there's nothing we can do anymore.

"Let's go, everyone"(Hunter leader)

"EEEEeee~!"(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

"Red oath"raises a surprised voice to the remark of the hunter leader.

That will be no good. The girls went through some trouble to capture them as a source of information. It is natural that they should keep at least 2 or 3 of the beastkins. It may affect the amount of remuneration as well.

"Why, why? 2 to 3 beastkins, or at least even 1 of them!"(Pauline)

Pauline argues but the hunter leader's response doesn't change.

"I told you already. Bring an uncooperative beastkin to the town when we are trying to escape. Even that alone was enough trouble, and also..."(Hunter leader)

"Other chasing units, obstacles and conflicts?"(Mile)

"Yes, that's it"(Hunter leader)

The Hunter leader nods to Mile.

"Besides, no matter what I say.

This is a serious politics problem.

Can you girls take responsibility?" (Hunter Leader)

"..."(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

When the Hunter leader says so, the girls can't say anything back anymore.

As expected of Mile and Co. They don't feel satisfied

"Wait a moment, please!"(Mile + Rena + Pauline + Maevis)

With that said, the four girls went a little away from the others and started talking secretly.

"Sorry to keep you waiting!"(Mile)

After a few minutes. "Red Oath" finished their meeting and came back to everyone.

"All right, let's leave all the beastkins here ... Alive"(Mile)

Mile speaks on behalf of "Red oath"

And all hunter members, guild staff Teffie, and the beastkins are relieved.

It seemed like a big deal for 9 hunters, Doctor Kulereia and the assistant man.

But Mile wasn't so amused.

"By the way, beastkin-san"(Mile)

Mile speaks to the beastkin leader.

Others can't speak anymore, so there's no other options.

"I want to avoid useless conflicts, and you are the same, right?"(Mile)

The leader nods.

"Then, what will the beastkins do if the human side brings soldiers?"

The Human lord may raise voice calling you are "Illegally invading", that's not really the matter though.

But at that time, will you withdraw?"(Mile)

"...can not understand"(Beastkin Leader)

"Ee..."(Mile)

Mile has a Puzzled face with Beastkin leader's reply.

"It can't be help.

You are trying to find something, right?

How long will it be done.

And if you can't find anything. Will you give up and withdraw empty-hand.

Or will you keep staying there ..."(Mile)

"Aah~..."(Beastkin Leader)

The beastkin leader finally understood that Mile wanted to avoid fighting. But

he didn't answer because he didn't want to leak information, It was not very pleasant.

"... It can not be helped Rena, Pauline. Although it was labor work but please do it"(Mile)

Rena and Pauline nodded to Mile as they approach the beastkins who were tied up.

And ...

Baki! (SFX)

"Gyā a~a ~!"(Beastkin)

Boki! (SFX)

"Guwa a a~a ~!"(Beastkin)

They start the labor work as requested by Mile.

... Yes, it is "Broke work"

Main target, the foot.

Chapter 102: Break Work

"Wh...wh...what did you say!"(Beastkin Leader)

Apparently the beastkin leader doesn't seem to understand Mile's intention. He yells in a panic against Mile's ridiculous instruction.

"I told you, we will do some[Break work]...."(Mile)

"No...no! I mean I heard that but what do you mean!!"(Beastkin Leader)

The Beastkin Leader doesn't understand what Mile's talking about.

"Uhm...

We want to escape and return to the town as soon as possible.

But that was impossible, as long as you guys are still here.

That's why, in order to delay you chasing us or relaying the info to your clan.

We will break your feet to get us enough time to get away..."(Mile)

Stunned beastkins look at the girls as if they were monsters while Mile replies to the Beastkin Leader.

"Hi~, ... stop ..."(Beastkin Leader)

Boki (SFX)

"Gyā a~a!"(Beastkin Leader)

There is healing magic in this world.

If this world doesn't have it, Mile wouldn't think of such unreasonable method.

Because no matter what world, there is still"After effect"

If the wound is a clean cut or a simple fracture. It will likely completely healed without scar or any after effect.

But it's not absolute, and there is a possibility that after effects may remain on the joint part or skin.

However, if you use healing magic, you will be completely heal.

And this beastkin party also has magician.

Zuru..... (SFX) (T.N: Trembling*)

"Huh?"(Beastkin Magician) (T.N: The magician get surprised, not talking with Mile so he can still talk)

Zuru zuru zuru..... (SFX) (T.N: Trembling*)

"Eeeeeeeee?"(Beastkin Magician) (T.N: The magician get surprised, not talking with Mile so he can still talk)

Mile comes closer to the Beastkin Magician and grasps him.

The Beastkin magician screams in surprised as he is dragged and pulled away from the others.

"Fire wall"(Mile)

"Wha...! Swirl of magic, Protect me[Magic Shield]!"(Beastkin Magician)

Suddenly get attacked by Mile's magic, the Beastkin magician immediately casts defensive magic.

The Fire wall is blocked by the defense magic and doesn't reach the magician, but he is surrounded by the Fire wall. The magician has no choice but keep up the defense magic.

He doesn't know when Mile's attack magic will stop or ... until ...

Both Beastkin magician and Leader got Mile's intention.

If the magician has enough Magic Power left, he can use healing magic to heal everyone.

He can full-heal one beastkin and use him as a messenger.

After that, the magician will stay here and treat other beastkins until he runs out of Magic Power And then he will rest to recover Magic Power and treat the rest of them.

Even if a monster comes out, the magician and those who have been healed will be able to repel them.

And even those with one broken foot will still have fighting power left.

... To buy time and delay the response of the beastkins as much as possible.

Mile is going to exhaust the Magic Power of the Beastkin magician for that.

"Gu, gu, gū ~u ..."(Beastkin Magician)

Mile took her eyes off the struggling magician and looked at the other beastkins.

Rena and Pauline had already finished the work.

Their faces were a good smile filled with "Job well done"

By the way, Maevis isn't doing anything" As a person aiming to be a knight. It's against chivalric code ... to harm those who lost their fighting strength..."

Rena and Pauline understand and say "It's okay"

"You... this [Human] ..."(Beastkin Leader)

The Beastman Leader swears and groans.

Other beastkins are prohibited from talking to humans, so they cannot voice their grudges.

And the [Human] here seems to be more poisonous than [Devil]

... The funny thing is, if both the attackers and victims are humans and not beasts, the victims may say a line like [You Beast]

"Even with one foot, you will be fine for a while.

The magical beasts will not understand that you are injured and there aren't any monsters that would dare trying to attack this number of beastkins.

Well then, please do your best!"(Mile)

Mile urged other hunters to prepare for departure.

Leaving 12 broken beastkins on the spot.

Of course, She didn't forget to save the magician on the verge of being exhausted by Magic Power and flames before departure.

And, also to break his foot ...

"... Damn, Demonic girls!"(Beastkin Leader)

Even though the leader is swearing, they understand.

Rather they should be thankful to get out alive with just broken feet.

Other fractures with swords like broken arms and ribs can also be cured using healing magic later.

So they aren't really angry.

However, the fact that they failed in their duties, and that they also lost to the four young human girls was a big problem.

But right now, there's something more important to think about.

"Bonzu, for the time being, you should take a good rest, and recover your Magic Power as soon as possible.

We won't be healed unless you can use healing magic!"(Beastkin Leader)

"Yes, I understand ..."(Bonzu)

The leader instructed Bonzu to rest to recover Magic Power.

And the problem is when his Magic Power recovers.

(...If we decide the first one that gets healed will become the messenger.

But what if we get attacked by monsters or animals?

Can we get through only with those who can not move?

Then the first few people must be left as a self-defense force, the one who will become a messenger should be at least the 4th one ...

Then, the contact with clan will be delayed for a whole day.

Did they plan this? ...) (Beastkin Leader)

Actually, thankfully the girl broke Bonzu's feet as well or I must choose to "Send Bonzu as a messenger to notify the clan and leave everyone here!"

I was grateful that I didn't need to choose such options.

If anything happen to Bonzu who go alone or us who're injured and left here. I

may regret for a lifetime with my choice ...

(No way, did she think of that when she breaks Bonzu's feet, so that I don't have to choose...

No, it's impossible! For human girls to be considerate like that ...

They just break our feet. It's only that ...) (Beastkin Leader)

Even he thought so, The leader remembered the face of a little girl and his face is smiling without knowing.

However, it was no use to care about the girl.

Even beastkins has a nature that aiming to be strong men, but they also has a nature to care and protect young child as well.

So it was a matter of course that he care about Mile and Rena.

Maevis and Pauline? Since adults are self-responsible, they must take care of themself.

And of course, Mile didn't think that far or anything.

When she released the Magic Power exhausted beastkin magician from the fire wall.

She broke his feet reflexively. "Ah, I forgot to break his feet"

It was just that.

Why did she break it?

It was because there was a beastkin that everyone forgot to break his feet.

Chaper 103: To Hermolt Town

After dealing with the beastkins, "Red Oath" and 18 people safely get out of the forest and were on the main road to Hermolt Town.

Even though they call it mainroad, it's only a small mountain road that is

enough for one horse carriage to pass, and in order for 2 carriages to avoid each other, you have to use the evacuation space in some places.

As first, everyone doesn't plan to stop by the "Village in front of the forest" because we don't want to involve the Villagers.

But now, they don't have to worry about the Beastkin's pursuit unit.

Still, they spent more time to deal with the beastkins. So if they visit the village now. They will be late to get to Hermolt Town before dark. That's why they didn't stop.

And no one complained about it.

"If there is a prisoner of war ... if there is a prisoner of war, the amount of remuneration will ..."(Pauline)

"Geez! I get it.

You girls (ne-chan-tachi) already took prisoners of war but for our convenience that you must release them!

I will tell the guild properly.

And we will add it to your total rewards!

Hey, guild ne-chan, is that right"(Hunter leader)

"Yes, I will also confirm it from my side!"(Teffie)

As Pauline continued to persistently murmur too much, the Escort leader finally lost his patient and made promises without confirmation.

And the leader remembered Pauline's appearance that broke the beastkin's feet happily.

If his opinion recommendation end up unsuccessful then... and his body trembling just by imaging.

"... By the way, Doctor Kulereia ..."(Mile)

"Yes?"(Kulereia)

When Mile suddenly spoke to her while walking, Doctor Kulereia turned around.

"Well, do you know Teresa-san of the Hunter Guild Kingdom Branch?"(Mile)

"Ah~ ..."(Kulereia)

When heard Mile's question, Doctor Kulereia had a tired face as she replied.

"Again, how many times is it until now...

Well, she seems young, so there are many people thinking she is an elf or a half elf, but both her parents are ordinary people ...

Well, there's a possibility that elves' blood sleep her ancestor in many generations ago.

And by chance that blood awaken in her who is just an ordinary human being"
(Kulereia)

"Whaaaaaaaat?"(Red Oath + Teffie + Hunters)

Not only Mile and Red Oath, but also Guild Master's daughter Teffie and escort hunters were also surprised.

Apparently Teresa was quite a celebrity in that direction.

"... In the guild, we don't dig up personal things. So none of us dare to ask her about that.

But everyone thought she was an elf or a half elf ..."(Teffie)

Teffie is amazed.

For women, the secret to keep youth is worth a thousand gold.

If that person is an elf, they can peacefully give up. But if that person is the same human being as them. They can't help but get jealous.

"Gigigi ..."(SFX)

Apparently, it seems Mile stepped on a landmine.

The Capital and this Hermolt town aren't so far.

The distance of 5 days travel is "Relatively near" in this world.

Moreover, both of them are same citizen and guild staff of the Kingdom.

It was not weird to have an exchange between the guild staff.

"That girl ..."(Teffie)

Mile was like fly away, frightened by the terrifying Teffie murmuring.

And evening.

Before the sun settled, everyone somehow arrived at the Helmort town. And they headed straight to the guild.

On the way, several hunters saw the party and those hunters rushed to the guild branch in a hurry.

Perhaps, those hunters are familiar with the guild so they run to inform the guild.

And when everyone arrives at the guild.

"Tef...f...i...eee"(Guild Master)

The guild master was waiting in front of the guild. As he saw Teffie, he's spreading his arms and running at full speed with a face full of tears and a runny nose.

"Teffie!"(Guild Master)

The Guild Master was quickly avoided by Teffie before he can hug her. And he caught up with Doctor Kulereia who was behind Teffie as it was because he couldn't see well with tears.

"Aaaaaaaa ~ !!"(Doctor Kulereia)

"... That's why"(Mile)

Mile reports to Guild Master who has swollen both cheeks. As he listens, he scratches and nods.

Mile reports with a "Request completion report"

Within the "Red oath", it seemed natural that Mile, who seemed to grasp the full picture of the incident this time, was assigned a reporting role.

Three other girls usually treat Mile as "A little disappointing child", but they

knew that her ability to compile and explain the report was superior to them.

And the report of the investigation team was scheduled after Mile's report ended.

And the "Red oath" withdrawn.

"... After this, we will report to the lords as soon as we receive a report from the investigation team, we will consult with you at that time to decide the amount of compensation, please come here again tomorrow.

It was hard work this time. And I will never forget that you saved everyone ..."
(Guild Master)

In truth, he would have liked to say that he was thankful for saving his daughter.

But right now he is a guild master so he can't say things like that.

"Red oath" nodded and left the conference room.

"... It's over, is not it?" (Maevis)

"Good work ..." (Pauline)

The Client probably wouldn't expect all of the survey team survived.

Furthermore, nearly half of the missing hunters were rescued as well.

The other hunters would have been a victim of strong monsters or something that's hunting in different area.

Even just half of hunters were saved are good enough.

Maevis and Pauline are also having satisfied faces.

"Then, we will pay three times the price of dinner for today, we can have a special gorgeous meal, is it okay?" (Rena)

"Oh!" (Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

Everyone agreed with Rena.

The next day, the "Red oath" are coming to the Hunter Guild in the morning.

Of course to receive the reward.

After receiving it, they planned to head to the Capital by foot.

When we went to the reception desk, everything was handled properly and I was given a reward immediately.

"Checking the cause of things happen in forest fee.

Deal with a number of dangerous monsters fee.

Special remuneration for rescuing Doctor Kulereia, an important person and her team.

And the fee for rescuing 9 missing hunters.

Also even a little, the guild will also pay honorarium"(Guild Clerk)

"But giving us the honorarium when they are losing their weapons, it didn't sit well with me..."(Rena)

Pauline also nods with Rena.

Mile when saw that figure of Pauline was shocked.

(And it is unbelievable! This is just like TV TOKYO got a special program said that the earth is going to be destroyed. But this is a rarer event compare to that!) (Mile's inner thought)

TV Tokyo is an amazing television station that keeps broadcasting regular programs quietly, even when there's a World War or a Major disaster occurs.

Western Sun TV, East TV Tokyo are said to be japan's pride.

For TV circle to broadcast about adventurer, no this must be about Hero.

And Mile was a faithful TV watcher in her past life ...

(T.N: Help me to fix about this info if you spot any mistake please, I translate it literal from what Author write but I don't really understand much about TV Tokyo or Sun TV)

"No, that's not the case. Think about it, no-one can get the honorarium if you need to do all that.

When you're rescuing the hunters on site, Not only you must protect the hunters but also confirm their lost equipments there, check the surrounding to find the stolen weapon, confirm the payment, ... etc

There's a possibility that things went bad and we end up unable to rescue the hunters at all with the time we waste to confirm and check ..."(Guild Clerk)

With explanation of the receptionist, Rena somehow accepts it.

"Well, then it can't be helped ..."(Rena)

"And we also add compensation for releasing the beastkin prisoners and compensation for information gathering"(Guild Clerk)

And the receptionist placed a leather bag on the counter.

"Oooooooooo!"(Red Oath)

Red Oath are amazed at the quantity of gold coins which was much more than they expected.

It is impossible that the contents are silver coins or copper coins.

"By the way the guild master wants to talk, I'd like you to come and visit us in his room as soon as possible, please"(Guild Clerk)

As the receptionist 's words,"Red oath"walking towards Guild Master's room with a light feeling, thinking that he wants to thank for helping his daughter, detailed explanation of the reward or something.

And the Guild Master and Doctor Kulereia greet the girls in the room.

"I want you to go back to the beastkin's camp site in the forest again, you are requested by the lord"(Guild Master)

"Eh?"(Red Oath)

Red Oath are surprised by the sudden request, the guild master continued.

"This morning, I sent out the report to the lord.

And he asked you girls for a nominated request.

All the involved hunters and Doctor Kulereia were also clients"(Guild Master)

"Eh, the hunters of the escort party weapons ..."(Mile)

"It was just a side free quest. You don't need to do it if you can't.

And you don't need to return it if you don't want"(Guild Master)

"Oh, I see..."(Mile)

Mile was relieved by the reply of the Guild Master.

If they had to find and get back the stolen weapons after returning, It was somewhat troublesome ...

"If you do something wrong with beastkins, the relationship with the whole beastkin race will deteriorate.

In the worst case they may return to a revealed hostility against humans.

Do you understand that? "

Four girls nod to the Guild master.

"So it is impossible for the local lord to judge things lightly and move army unless he had the country's judgment ...

However, we can't leave the beastkins alone.

It takes a lot of time to get messenger from the Capital.

And if we don't know the purpose of the beastkins, the same thing may be repeated again.

And ... "(Guild Master)

"And?"(Red Oath)

"The Lord wants the treasure that the beastkins discover"(Guild Master)

"Ah ..."(Red Oath)

The Red Oath are convinced.

Chapter 104: And again to the forest

"The lord is never a bad person.

Well, as a noble it's normal he has pride and ambition. But at least he has consideration for citizen and take care of them ..." (Guild Master)

(Well, I guess it's just like "Taking care of livestock".

To get tastier milk and flesh ...) (Mile)

It was what Mile thought as she listen to the guild master's story, but of course she didn't say it out loud.

"And of course, this is also for the development of his territory and his own luxury, money ..., greed ... So he wants to collect it" (Guild Master)

From Guild Master's word, Red Oath are doubtful that the Guild Master dislikes the lord.

"So, he had a nomination quest for you girls.

You know the whereabouts of the beastkins and you can also come in and out of there.

You have a high chance of success and survival chance for this quest" (Guild Master)

It's an honor for hunter to receive a nomination request from the lord.

It means that the country recognized their proficiency and credibility.

It's only lower than the nomination request from the royal family.

If that was an ordinary hunter, he will be happy like crazy to hear that from the guild master and accept right away.

Yes, if that was just an "Ordinary hunter"...

"So, what is the requested content?" (Rena)

Rena confirmed to the guild master calmly.

"Well, confirm the movement of the beastkins, confirm what they are

searching for at the excavation.

And if it's possible, take it from the beastkins"(Guild Master)

"....."(Red Oath)

[Red Oath]are silent.

"Could I ask you one thing?"(Mile)

"Yes, what is it?"(Guild Master)

Mile asked the guild master.

"Isn't that just theft, you want us to become thieves?"(Mile)

"Huh...?"(Guild Master)

Guild Master is agape with what Mile pointed out.

"No, it isn't. Because it's in our territory ..."(Guild Master)

"But, that forest isn't managed by the Lord, is it?

It's just some beastkins gathered or hunted over there to acquire things by themselves.

Don't those things already become theirs?

It's a criminal act to capture our hunters. But unless we heard the decision from the country, can we really decide how to deal with the beastkins by ourselves?

And is there any problem with the collecting activities the beastkins are doing?

And isn't it also a criminal act when you rob what they discover?"(Mile)

"....."(Guild Master)

Mining a large amount of arbitrary reserve resources of other countries is a big problem, it's a diplomatic problem.

However, it is not a problem for civilians to collect small materials and treasure hunt in other countries.

If they are banned, hunters will not be able to move across countries.

This time, the beastkins seem to be doing a large-scale excavation, but it was "digging to find something" and it wasn't "mining a lot of resources"

So, as a result of robbing the excavated "A small amount of harvest", who is the bad guy here ...

"Well, that's ..." (Guild Master)

Hearing the unexpected point, Guild Master can't say anything back.

"Can I consult within a group for a moment?" (Mile)

Mile asked and with the approval of the guild master. Red Oath moved to the next room.

And a few minutes later, 4 girls came back to the guild master room again.

"We decided to accept it as a result of consultation" (Mile)

After hearing that, the Guild Master had a sigh of relief.

It is natural. To think the request of nomination from the lord may be refused.

Not only that would worsen the mood of the lord.

This branch will be judged as incapable and unreliable branch that refuses the nomination request from the lord, and that's just a beginner party.

If this news got out, this branch may become the laughing stock for neighboring guild and hunters.

"Normally, no hunters would refuse a "Nomination request" that was extra money and point". Unless that request is dangerous or there's "something" undesirable.

In her past life, Mile also read fantasy novels well.

So she considers the possibility that the purpose of excavation is a pattern such as "Resurrection of the demon kingdom" or "Solving the seal of the evil spirit"

And of course, 3 girls have been listening to various stories from Mile for nearly a year also consider that.

Everyone decided to undertake this nomination request.

Of course, that was because the Nomination request from the lord is delicious as a promotion point to B ranking, which also improves the credibility of the party.

And the last reason is: When [Red Oath] refused, another party would be accepting it instead.

Because they are worried that the other party would be captured or killed by beastkins.

Even the girls know that they are not responsible for anything but it would leave a bad after taste.

And, as an extra reason is "To get back the confiscated hunters's weapons" ... Why are the girls fond of doing in troublesome job?

Well, but that was how [Red Oath] is.

"Ah, of course.

It doesn't really matter with that.

The lord is also not seriously thinking that 4 new hunter girls can take back the treasure, that's why "if possible" "was attached" (Guild Master)

Guild Master was relieved that Red Oath accept the request but he notice that he forgets to mention important things.

"Oh, that's because Doctor Kulereia will accompany you, so please escort and take care of her" (Guild Master)

"Wh, what was that! I have not heard!" (Rena)

Rena protests, but Maevis, Pauline and Mile remained calm.

Do you think for what reasons that Doctor Kulereia stay here?

It was only Rena who didn't notice.

It's not strange to be accompanied by a scholar because where they are heading is an excavation site.

Doctor Kulereia who is an elf and a scholar who probably is an important person. And she was the main member of the first investigation team.

"And the lord seems preparing some kind of reinforcement even if it's not ready yet. It will catch up with you later ..."(Guild Master)

Whether it is really a reinforcement or not,[Red Oath]think its purpose is to monitor the process of getting the treasure.

What everyone's thinking about are "war soldiers"

"I wonder what kind of reinforcement are they ... how many people will help?"(Rena)

Guild Master awkwardly answered Rena's question.

"... Only one"(Guild Master)

"Haaa?"(Red Oath)

"... Yes, only one ..."(Guild Master)

He re-confirmed it.

Well, that person is just a watchman. He may get in the way and won't be useful.

Maybe his action has nothing to do with helping the [Red Oath], only to report the results.

It would be better if we don't have.

(...let's shake it off then) (Red Oath)

4 girls were thinking about the same thing.

After that, the girls talking with the guild master a little more.

And everyone started departing immediately.

Actually, the girls wanted to relax for about a day, but time was important for this request.

If they start soon, they might avoid the 2nd chasing beastkins party that's waiting to recover. And of course, those beastkins might not inform the main camp in the excavation site yet.

Still, if those beastkins still can't move with the broken feets, the main camp in the excavation site may find it strange and dispatch some more rescue

beastkins.

Anyway, if the girls want to intrude the camp, they should start as soon as possible.

Doctor Kulereia seemed to be preparing in anticipation from last night.

And, of course, [Red Oath] that have all goods in Mile's "Storage" can start immediately.

"Well, let's go!" (Rena)

"Oh!" (Mile + Pauline + Maevis)

"... Oh!" (Kulereia)

3 girls reply to Rena right away.

And a little later, Doctor Kulereia also replies.

"...Maevis, here you are ..." (Mile)

After leaving the town, Mile gently came to Maevis.

"This is....." (Maevis)

"Yes, it's an additional part of the just in case ... only just in case ...

If you use it, I will replenish it again, so please do not hesitate too much.

If you don't use it, we will face hardships in emergency, Okay ..." (Mile)

"I got it, thank you for letting me use it ..." (Maevis)

Maevis received 3 capsule shaped containers and put them in her pocket.

This makes a total 5 of dubious capsules.

If she doesn't use it early, Mile will be replenishing more and more and the pocket will become bad.

Maevis is in trouble with such a feeling ...

Chapter 105: Go to excavation site

The girls went through "the village in front of the forest" and entered the forest.

They trusted Doctor Kulereia's word that she was good at running through the forest and ran with full speed.

Five people running through the forest at much faster speed than when they were escaping.

Because it was already evening and the inside of the forest was starting to get dark. Mile put wood pieces painted with "Magical Luminescent Substance" on everyone's back.

Formation is a single column.

It is a single vertical, or "jet stream attack"

But It's forbidden to use other people's head as a stepping stone.

The order are Mile, Rena, Doctor Kulereia, Pauline and Maevis.

With the doctor who is a VIP, it's natural that she is next to the best fighting power among the 4 girls of the "Red Oath".

Healer Pauline and magician Rena are place in the middle because they are weak against surprise attack.

And, in preparation for surprise attack from behind, Maevis is going last.

"Right now, at best, that beastkin party messenger may have already arrived at the camp site. And the camp site may also arrange another party to search for that 2nd party..."(Mile)

Mile thinks if a messenger moves at full speed with beastkin's physical ability and the experience in the forest. It will take one day to reach the excavation site.

And the time they start moving depend on their magician's magic power recovery speed, healing magic skill, and whether the leader preferred inform the clan or priority of the team's safety.

"To avoid encounter with that broken party or a rescue team. We will avoid that place and then take a straight route to the excavation site.

By the way, there's another place I absolutely want to avoid ..."(Mile)

Although other girls don't know exactly what [Another place]that Mile's talking about, but because Mile says that,"Red Oath"acknowledge it without thinking deeply.

"...U~!"(Kulereia)

After entering the forest and traveling for several hours to the excavation site, Doctor Kulereia suddenly closes her nose and mouth.

"What's wrong ..., ah that's right, ... elves have better nose than humans ...

Everyone, we are making detour! This is [Another place that we absolutely must avoid]!"(Mile)

"I never think that it would be such a thing when we took a considerably early break near the feces.

And the beastkins take must longer than expected to catch up with us..."
(Rena)

Pauline and Meevis nods to Rena.

Mile isn't considering to remove that thing, to the extent that she is rather moving another way instead.

Perhaps Mile thinks that it may become a safe area that no monsters or beasts dare to enter. But in the first place nobody will try to escape into that place.

The beastkins seemed to make detour to the opposite side.

There're evidence that the re-build team had detoured way farther than Mile. Well, they are more sensitive to smell than humans. Our limit range to that place is shorter than the beastkins, so we wouldn't be noticed moving near that place.

And, without encountering the beastkins, "Red oath"and Doctor Kulereia after a day and a half traveling from Hermolt Town. They finally reach the

excavation site without fail.

"We have been moving with full speed for a day and a half after leaving Hermolt Town.

Because we already reach the site, let's take a good rest here tonight"(Mile)

No one opposed Mile's proposal, and everyone nodded.

The area is already dim.

Mile picked the appropriate grassland and took out the tent from the item box.

It isn't folded but an assembled one...

Recently, Mile noticed it.

In other words, it doesn't matter whether she put a folded one or an assembled one in the item box. So she doesn't bother to assemble or disassemble it every time anymore.

"Huh...?"(Kulereia)

Doctor Kulereia agape looking at Mile.

The other three don't care at all, they are casually fixing the four corners of the tent, digging drains around the tent.

In the forest, wind and rain may take down the tent so they need to prepare thoroughly for possible emergencies. That was the secret of longevity.

"Why, why are you not folding it!"(Kulereia)

"Well? It's troublesome and it's a waste of time to fold and assemble over and over"(Mile)

Doctor Kulereia is amazed at Mile's reply.

[In any case, the capacity limit of storage magic is determined by the correlation between weight and volume.

Regardless of how light it is if the volume is too large, the storage still hit its limit. The same with heavier weight and small volume.

Both the volume and the weight determined the storage limits.

That's why, the stored items must be as light as possible and as small as possible, and it was common sense.

And even if it can be stored, the amount of magical power and the mental burden to keep the storage are different depending on the amount.

If you fold it, the volume will drastically decrease.

The tent is what takes the most space. By sparing a little effort of folding and assembling, we can save a lot of storage limit and magic power mental burden on the magician.

... Just how much magical power is this girl can afford! And her unconscious control power is also excellent!

Also when we're escaping, "vegetables and fruits are just like what we bought in the market", "Orc meats are fresh like just hunted" were clearly abnormal.

Besides, a large amount of wooden weapons that she suddenly makes without any effort, shiny pieces of wood that can be seen in the dark.

And she has physical ability to lightly treat beastkins like nothing...]
(Kulereia's inner thought)

The reason why Doctor Kulereia followed "Red Oath" is of course to see what the beastkins are doing and discovering as a scholar.

However, as a doctor individual, she wants to stick to this girl.

There's a rule that we shouldn't question Hunter's past or ability.

The doctor is aware of that, what is pretty much common sense.

So she refrained from directly questioning Mile.

However, she is curious and concerned, she can't help it!

"Uaaaa~aaa!!" (Kulereia)

"What's wrong, Doctor?" (Mile)

Doctor Kulereia cried out suddenly, Mile surprised and asked ...

"Nothing, nothing!" (Kulereia)

While staring at Mile, Doctor Kulereia pretended like nothing.

Mile stretched a string around the tent.

Then she connects a wooden pieces and two pieces of metal to it.

Yes, it was a "Naruko" a tripwire.

Until now, we were all sleeping in the open air because Mile used barriers and warning magic.

But then there's a possibility that Red Oath can't keep their guard up when they need to rest if Mile is absent.

Mile thought about the warning method that anyone could use even without her.

Also, this time Doctor Kulereia is accompanying them.

In front of the doctor, Mile can not use too much fancy magic.

Evening supper, it was a degree that light cooking instead of proper dish.

With unusually fresh ingredients from the item box.

Doctor Kulereia worried about whether it's safe to cook with the fire while close to the beastkin's camp.

Mile properly explained to give her a peace of mind.

"Ah, smoke and smelly particles are magically collected to a solid mass, so it's okay.

Here, this is the fine particles of smoke and smell collected and compacted"
(Mile)

"....."(Kulereia)

Doctor Kulereia silently watched Mile pointing at a dark mass.

"Today's [Japanese Fukashi talk]!" (Mile)

The girls rest early today.

"And the thief defeated the bad Earl.

Then he left the princess, the old man, the faithful dog, his colleagues and go alone...

After that, the police guy rushed to the scene said to the princess.

[He steals strange things. Your underwear!]"(Mile)

(T.N: Sorry I can't find any puns or relate in Mile's story this time

Reader Guest-san tell me that underwear and heart sound samilar in some case so I guess it was that)

Bu fu ~u! (SFX)

Three girl of "Red oath"had listened calmly and found it fun.

But Doctor Kulereia is spewing the soup she is drinking from the mouth and nose, and is struggling with pain in her nose.