

Chapter 166 - Nyammonite & Hiring Maids

A grandpa with a white beard, making it obvious that he's the principal, showed up.
That's Daylan-san, huh?

"Ooh, isn't that you, Moros. What's wrong? Is it work for the Dualbell Company?" (Daylan)

"No. Principal, I have come to ask you to introduce us to first-class maids who can take care of the mansion of Shuuya Kagari-sama, a good customer of us." (Moros)

I'm introduced by Moros-san.

"Hello, I'm Shuuya."

I bow my head politely after giving my greeting.

"Thank you for your politeness. I'm Daylan Resonante. I'm working as principal of this place and also as president of the company. Please follow me. I will guide you to the guest room."

"Okay." (Shuuya)

"Well then. This is how far I go. Shuuya-sama, see you soon again." (Moros)

"Ah, okay. Thanks for helping me out this far." (Shuuya)

Moros-san replied by bowing upon my words.

"Moros, thank you for referring a customer to us. Next time I will treat you to some good food and sake. See you." (Daylan)

"Yes!" (Moros)

"Please follow me this way." (Daylan)

I'm guided by Daylan.

I follow the old man who walks across the old school-like wooden floor with Rollo sitting on my shoulder.

Viine is next to me as well.

We were shown into the guest room, situated at the end of a hallway.

A long table and high-class chairs. The walls are decorated with paintings, and exclusive frames with thank-you letters from the country on parchment.

"Now, please sit down over here." (Daylan)

"Yes." (Shuuya)

"Nnn!"

Rollo jumps off my shoulder while releasing a throaty trilling.
She leaps over to the chair on the opposite side.
Turning around atop the chair, she bends her body, curls up and starts to sleep.
Like a snake that swallows its own tail, she has turned into a ammonite with her tail neatly running over her hind legs towards her head.
In a word, she's a nyammonite. One that has adorably rolled itself into a ball.
She appears to be asleep.
After watching Rollo's actions, Viine and I sit down.
Immediately following maids show up one after the other, placing black, round objects that seem to be pastries, black tea in an expensive-looking pot, colored candles that spread an incense-like aroma, contracts, ink and a quill on the table.
Moreover, an attractive, mature maid with a humble demeanor appeared.

"I am the Head Maid. My name is Sue. I have heard that you wish to buy maids from the Resonante Company on this occasion."

"Yes. I'm called Shuuya."

"Shuuya-sama, best regards." (Sue)

After bowing, Sue sits down next to Daylan.
That Sue spotted the nyammonite Rollo and squinted.
A smile naturally forms around her cheeks. I fully understand your feelings, Mrs. Maid!
Sue-san speaks up.

"There are three types of contracts: One where the maids take care of you for the whole life, one for a year and one for a month. Which one would you prefer?" (Sue)

How very simple.

"I will choose the lifelong one." (Shuuya)

Grandpa Daylan nodded, showing an understanding expression.

"Is that so? Then we will proceed with the premise that you will allow them to live in your mansion. And, that the maids will fully become assets that belong to you, Shuuya-sama. However, it's a custom, or maybe it would be better to call it natural, to hand a reasonable amount of money to the head maid who manages your maids." (Sue)

Isn't that like them being slaves?

"Understood. And can I have those hired maids promise that they won't leak their employer's information to the outside?" (Shuuya)

Daylan answered this question.

"In regards to this, you have nothing to worry. There are various people that buy maids. No matter what secret they might have, it's never leaked to the outside by the maids." (Daylan)

Major merchant = leader of a dark guild. Or something like that is possible, isn't it?
In that case it looks like they will be alright even if they see the bloody sight of a vampire type.

"I see." (Shuuya)

Next I was asked about my abilities as adventurer.

When that question came up, Viine replied with a slightly angry tone, but after remonstrating her, we continued the conversation.

In addition they asked me where to find the mansion.

Since there's nothing like an address system in this city, I simply explain that it's a big plot in the Martial Arts District with a street passing by not far from it.

Afterwards they asked in detail about the mansion's size, how many people are capable of staying there, whether it has a garden and such. I answer all of it.

"Understood. Next, Shuuya-sama, you can only choose the maids that will personally take care of you and the Head Maid." (Sue)

"I can't choose the others?" (Shuuya)

"You can't. But, please don't worry. The maids, who will have various duties, are excellent servants living in the boarding school. We will choose appropriately and send them over to your mansion, Shuuya-sama." (Sue)

I suppose I will leave this part to the professionals.

"Roger." (Shuuya)

"Then please wait a moment. I will bring in the school's best personnel." (Sue)

Having finished her explanation, Sue stands up with nimble movements and leaves the guest room after bowing.

After a short while she came back while leading many young servants.

"Shuuya-sama, First, over here you can see excellent personnel that's capable of serving as combat asset, guard, head maid, caretaker, and handling all kinds of maid work. Their names are: From the left the human Susanne, the human Isabell, the fox beastman Krychiwa, the human Deyul, the human Anna, and the elf Seyla." (Sue)

All of them wear a headdress with small frills attached, and a lovely brooch at their collar.

Their appearances with their frilly aprons and navy blue dresses with long skirts that seem to be backless are cute and very charming.

...The puffs of their long skirts, the contents of their paniers, made me extremely curious.

I wonder whether I will find voluptuous thighs with garter belt panties below.

That must be it. After a long time I might have heard god's words again, to start a Flipping-Up-Skirts Research Society.

No, wait, no good, I must not. I got to select maids.

I will stop my perverted thoughts at this point, and check the main points with the customary Magic Observation.

While recalling a basketball manga, I check out the girls with Magic Observation.

...All of them appear to be fairly trained. It's obvious from them manipulating the mana within their bodies.

...Hoh. It's several of them, but there are some excellent ones among them. Aren't there several women that can use Magic Combat Style at around the same level as adventurers and martial art practitioners?

It's strange why those girls, who seem as if they could earn plenty of money elsewhere, work as maids, but I think I've found what I'm looking for.

Let's choose those girls.

"Only Isabell, Krychiwa and Anna are to stay here, everyone else, please leave the room. I'd like to interview those three." (Shuuya)

I judge that only those three possess quite the high combat abilities.

"I-Is that so? Understood." (Sue)

"Should I go outside as well?" (Daylan)

"Yes, please do." (Shuuya)

Daylan and Sue-san accompanied the young servants and left the room.

"Master?" (Viine)

"Viine, you stay here." (Shuuya)

I held myself back on retorting, "What's the point in you going outside?"

"Yes." (Viine)

Next Rollo, who had been asleep after curling up on the chair, got up with her eyes wide open.

"Nyaoa."

She releases an air punch towards Viine.

I thought that she was asleep, but it looks like she properly listened.

She's meowing as if making a retort, but I ignore it.

I shift my eyes at the maids.

The one I found interesting on a first glance is Isabell.

Short, black hair that's flowing down to the left and right, and slightly big outer canthi with thin eyebrows.

Her height is around the same as Rebecca's, but you can immediately see her abundant twin mountains through the curve in the fabric.

Given that the navy blue dress is slightly bulging, I can't make out her style, but well, she looks good.

"Well then, you guys, line up over there." (Shuuya)

"Yes."

"As you wish."

"Yes!"

As instructed, the servants line up at the wall.

With a feeling of having become a judge in a reality TV show where designers compete with the clothes they made, I touch the Kaleidoscope to boot it up.

Frames are added in my visual field, and the resolution increases.

The girls started at my right eye with startled expressions.

This reaction is inevitable.

I check the ∇ mark at the border of their framed figures.

I scan them, but all of them are fine.

There are no strange bugs in their heads.

Great, I feel slightly relieved.

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Brain Waves: Stable

Body: Normal

Gender: Female

Overall Physical Strength: 12

Elenium Integration: 190

Weapons: None

Isabell has a high Elenium value.

Krychiwa has a high physical strength value, and Anna is upward compatible to Isabell.

I think I will make Isabell the Head Maid and try to employ the other two as well.

『Are you going to hire these women?』 (Helme)

『Yes.』 (Shuuya)

『The human with the name Isabell seems to be good at manipulating mana.』 (Helme)

If the spirit Helme says so, then it must be true.

『Yeah. More or less they will be the ones who have to protect my home while I'm not there. I plan to choose women that seem to have combat abilities.』 (Shuuya)

『Yes, your decision is not wrong, Your Excellency.』 (Helme)

『I wonder. Okay, you can disappear now.』 (Shuuya)

『Yes.』 (Helme)

After Helme disappeared out of my visual field, I touch the attachment next to my right eye, turn my face in the direction of the door while my right eye returns to its usual state, and shout,

"——I made my decision. I will make a contract with these three." (Shuuya)

Once the principal and the others, who went outside, hear my voice, he opens the door.

"——So you decided? Which child will be the Head Maid?" (Daylan)

"Isabell." (Shuuya)

"Waa, me!? Thank you very much. I will have you allow me to do my job to the best of my abilities." (Isabell)

Isabell smiled delightfully all over her face.
The other two look disappointed with expressions full of defeat.

"Then, just as I explained before, please sign the contract." (Sue)

Since I'm urged like that by Sue-san, I scribble my signature on the document.
Just as it's written on the contract, I immediately take out a platinum coin from my item box and hand it over.
It costs so much because it's a contract with more than ten people, and not just the three I chose.

"...I can confirm, the contract has been established. Isabell, Krychiwa, Anna, congratulations. It's your official graduation from the Boarding School Resonante. From today onwards, Shuuya-sama will become your father, family and superior. Swear to serve him eternally." (Daylan)

Daylan orders the three servants with a strict tone.

"Yes. I, Isabell, shall dedicate my whole life to Shuuya Kagari-sama as his Head Maid." (Isabell)

After nodding, Isabell takes a step forward and makes a vow as if doing an athlete's oath of fair play.

"Yes! I, Krychiwa, shall dedicate my whole life to Shuuya Kagari-sama as his caretaker."

"Yes! I, Anna, shall dedicate my whole life to Shuuya Kagari-sama as his caretaker."

A little later the two make their oath with the same tone, too.
Somehow the mood is even more severe than at the time when I made a contract with my slaves.
It might be their pride as servants, though.
Naturally being swallowed up by this atmosphere, my inner self as flat-face comes out.
I open my mouth unconsciously.

"Please treat me well." (Shuuya)

The atmosphere becomes silent as death.
Shit, those weren't the words of an employer.

"...Haha, I will do my best from now as well, okay?" (Shuuya)

I try to smooth it over in a hurry.

"Ye-Yes."

"Best regards from now on."

"P-Please treat me well."

The maids have a slightly bewildered expression, but they bow their heads while replying politely.

"Well then, we will gather the other maids and have them board carriages, so please wait in front of the school gate, Shuuya-sama." (Daylan)

Daylan said and left the room.

"I will prepare several carriages." (Sue)

Sue-san departs as well.

"...Nyaa."

Rollo, who had unleashed cat punches, yawns.
Due that cute actions of her,

"Waaa." (Isabell)

"Cute." (Krychiwa)

"...Extending the forepaws and stretching the back, how adorable..." (Anna)

The three maids were apparently spellbound by Rollo's charm right away.
As if checking out the maids, Rollo trots while swaying her tail. She moves at the feet of the three maids and looks up.

"Nyao, nya."

Rollo meows as if greeting them.
After entangling her tail, she rubbed her head against the feet of the three in order, starting from Isabell on the left.

"Waaa." (Isabell)

"Not enough." (Krychiwa)

"Shuuya-sama, I want to touch the cat~." (Anna)

The three are excited with their eyes sparkling.

"Sure, as long as Rollo allows it." (Shuuya)

""Yes!""

The maids yelled energetically and tried to hug Rollo.
However,

"Nn, nya."

While trilling several times, Rollo meows and runs away.
The devious black cat jumped, and landed on my shoulder with light movements.

"Aah!" (Isabell)

"How fast." (Krychiwa)

"She ran away." (Anna)

All three maids look as if they are close to crying.

"Rollo, you won't allow them to touch you?" (Shuuya)

I address Rollo, but,

"Nya?"

After inclining her face with an air of 『Don't care, nya』, she places her throat on my shoulder and starts to rest in a laid-back manner.

"It looks like Rollo doesn't feel like it. Well, you will be working at my home, so there will probably be many other opportunities. I guess it will have to wait until next time." (Shuuya)

"Yes..." (Isabell)

"Understood." (Krychiwa)

"Someday, that fluffy..." (Anna)

At that point I shift my eyes towards Viine.

"You guys, the dark elf over there is my attendant. And at the same time she's important to me." (Shuuya)

"Ye-Yes. I'm important to him. ...My name is Viine. I'm Master's attendant. —And, if you try to seduce Master, you will likely be attacked by a nightmare that's more terrifying than a Dark Lion." (Viine)

Whoa, her tone suddenly changed in the middle...
It's been a while since I last saw your natural expression twisted by derisive laughter.
You're scary, Viine-san.
The instant her eyes became cold-hearted, cold air like the one that streams out after opening a refrigerator definitely drifted into the surroundings.
After all even I got the shivers.

"...Umm."

"...?"

"...Oof, dark breath? What the heck..."

The three beautiful maids, who froze on the spot, are confused as they look at mine and Viine's faces in alternation.

"In short, it's a warning that you will experience something so painful that you will regret being alive." (Viine)

Those words of Viine would be worthy of a torturer.
This is really dangerous.
Not hammering in a nail, but violently stabbing with a sword. That's the kind of force her words carry.
Thus, let's give her a little warning.

『She's getting carried away again. Your Excellency, if you give me your permission, I will educate her butt.』 (Helme)

Good grief, Helme is also going at it with the same style.
Well, I suppose her not saying that she will drown Viine in water is an improvement?

『Nah, you don't need to.』 (Shuuya)

I include a bit of anger into my telepathic message.

『Yeees, I'm sorry.』 (Helme)

As one would expect of water, Helme becomes blue and vanishes.
After putting some power into my eyes in order to pull myself together, I looked at Viine with a stabbing gaze.

"Viine, don't threaten them. I hired them. It's not your place to complain about them." (Shuuya)

"Haua——E-Excuse me! I got too carried away. I shall reflect..." (Viine)

Viine became flustered by my aura and words.
But, I add on further,

"...They are my subordinates. No, they are people who will become our comrades. Don't treat them

cruelly just because they might be women. Treat them politely." (Shuuya)

"Master...to look at me with such eyes...did you start hating me?" (Viine)

There's no way that I have started to hate her.

Jeez...

Erasing my strict expression, I focus on being kind.

"There's no way for that to be true, is there? You are one of my precious women." (Shuuya)

"Yes! I'm happy..." (Viine)

"But, please be careful. If you aren't..." (Shuuya)

With those words, I clad my whole body with Magic Combat Style and release a such a huge amount of mana to the outside that the air vibrates for an instant.

"——U-Understood. I will be careful from now on..." (Viine)

"Okay, then it's fine." (Shuuya)

Seemingly having felt my mana breeze as well, the three maids make their throat gulp down with frozen expressions.

...Something like this from the very start. I might have given them a very bad impression.

But, with this it won't turn into a scene of carnage, even if Viine encounters the maids inside the mansion.

"...You guys, we're going outside. The principal is probably waiting already, too." (Shuuya)

""Yes!""

"Yes, Master!" (Viine)

"Understood."

We left the huge school dormitory.

Walking across the schoolyard, where the servant apprentices are practicing, we move in front of the school gate.

Three big, covered wagons are parked over there. We were greeted by a large number of servants.

Do they have a relationship of senpai and kouhai? All of them were hugging each other.

"Stay healthy." "Goodbye." "Don't forget us." "Do your best."

With tears in their eyes they bid farewell from each other.

The adult maid Sue is shedding tears in the back, too.

Once the more than 10 servants finished their farewells, they got on the wagons.

Just in case I checked them with the Kaleidoscope. It's fine. None of them is infected with a bug.

"Shuuya-sama, I have told the drivers about the location of your mansion, but may I ask you to take the lead in this carriage, just for caution's sake?" (Daylan)

Daylan asks while fiddling with his white beard.

"That's fine. Daylan-san, thanks for helping me out." (Shuuya)

"No problem. Please come directly to this company, if something happens." (Daylan)

Daylan lowers his head while smiling.

"We will get on the carriage over there to guide the others. Viine, I leave the instruction to the driver to you." (Shuuya)

"Yes." (Viine)

Viine sits down next to the driver. I enter the carriage together with Isabell, Krychiwa and Anna. The carriage started to move right away.

The group of carriages needed some time as we got dragged into a traffic congestion on the main street, but in the end we safely arrived at my home.

Viine got off first and opened the large front gate.

The carriages drove onto the courtyard inside the grounds.

"We're there." (Shuuya)

"Okay."

"Here?"

"I'm looking forward to it."

The girls, who are sitting inside the carriage, remark with smiles.

I disembarked the carriage first.

The combat slaves had assembled in the courtyard, too.

Mamani approaches me.

"Master, welcome back. Your friends Eva-sama and Rebecca-sama, and slightly later an adventurer called Mysty came visiting this mansion." (Mamani)

Oops, so they came over, eh?

I guess Mysty heard about this place at the inn.

"So, were there some kind of complaints?" (Shuuya)

"Yes, do you want me to tell you?" (Mamani)

Mamani smiled wryly with her tiger face.

It's the face of a female tiger beastman, but it gives me the impression that she's hesitating to start talking about it.

"Let's hear it." (Shuuya)

"Well then, Rebecca-sama became angry, saying, 『Isn't Shuuya in? That idiot!』." (Mamani)

I can imagine.

"I-I see, thanks. Did Eva say anything?" (Shuuya)

"Yes. She did say, 『There are still various loose ends Shuuya has to deal with. He's busy. So it can't be helped』. But, she also said, 『I feel lonely that I can't meet Shuuya...nn, how regrettable』. And at the end Eva-sama emphasized that she's going to definitely talk with you." (Mamani)

Sorry, Eva.

"So, where are the two now?" (Shuuya)

"Yes. Rebecca-sama talked about inviting Eva-sama to go to some shop." (Mamani)

I think it's what they had talked about in their girls talk the other day.

"Got it. Thanks for telling me despite it being hard to say, Mamani." (Shuuya)

"No, don't mention it." (Shuuya)

"And, did Mysty say anything?" (Shuuya)

"Yes. 『This is Shuuya's home? Wow, amazing』. And then she left after giving the short comment, 『I will visit again』." (Mamani)

Again, huh? It would be great if she visited while I'm here.

"...Ah, that's right. I hired new maids, so greet them later." (Shuuya)

"Yes!" (Mamani)

At that time Isabell and the other two get off the carriage as well.

The servants, who rode the covered wagons, disembark, too. They swiftly gather in front of me while forming a line.

Isabell looks at the state of the gathered servants, nods slightly, and then speaks up after taking a step forward.

"Everyone, I'm the Head Maid Isabell. And, Krychiwa and Anna will take care of Shuuya-sama's daily necessities while serving as Vice Head Maids at the same time." (Isabell)

It seems her work as Head Maid has already started.

"It's as you've heard. I'm Krychiwa, who will take care of Shuuya-sama. This isn't the boarding school anymore. Protecting Shuuya-sama's mansion is our job." (Krychiwa)

"It's just as she says. I'm Anna who will do the same work as Krychiwa. Everyone, let's do our very best at our individual jobs." (Anna)

Krychiwa and Anna addressed the servants dependably.

""Yes, Head Maid, Vice Head Maids!""

After their reply, Isabell immediately turns her eyes in my direction.

A little moment later all the servants do the same.

I think I have to explain.

I began while feeling a slight pressure from the girls.

"...Over there is the place where you guys are going to live." (Shuuya)

I didn't point at the main building, but the boarding house on the left.

It's the large room located on the opposite side of the one where the combat slaves live with the courtyard in-between.

"The building in the middle is the main building where I stay. On the opposite site of where you're going to live, across the courtyard, you will find the boarding house of the combat slaves. On the right side, towards the front gate, there's also a smithing room. On the left side, towards the front gate, you will find the stables. I entrust you to maintain all the rooms, including the courtyard. And, I think you've already heard, but I'm an adventurer. Normally there will be times when I'm not here. You are to expect that there will many occasions where you will have to protect this mansion. Thus, work reliably." (Shuuya)

""Yes, Sir!""

The servants all bow at once.

"Moreover, I don't think I have to tell you, but I'm not just an adventurer. Etch into your mind that I have other sides as well. This also means that you are not to leak information to the outside.

Afterwards Isabell will give you a little explanation, so make sure to listen to the details from her." (Shuuya)

"..."

"What's your answer?" (Shuuya)

I ask the servants with a low tone.

""Y-Yes!""

"Alright, Isabell, Krychiwa, Anna, come to the main building." (Shuuya)

"Y-Yes." (Isabell)

"Roger." (Krychiwa)

"Sure!" (Anna)

I returned to the main building together with Viine while taking Isabell's group along.
I lightly explain the room arrangement while sitting down on a chair in the living room.

"And lastly, it's a continuation of the previous talk, but are you resolved to listen to it?" (Shuuya)

"..."

The three look at each other and then nod.

"I am."

"Me too."

"I'm fine."

What I'm about to speak of is the matter with the dark guild.
I think that it will frighten them even further, but it's inevitable.

"...I'm also someone that owns a dark guild." (Shuuya)

"Haaa..."

"Wh-!"

"Hiii."

As expected, they're afraid, huh?
But, something like that is just the beginning, you know...?

"Just recently I became the guild master of **【Remains of the Moon】**." (Shuuya)

"And, Master is a supreme man who will soon become one of the Seven Lights." (Viine)

Viine added. She's exaggerating, though.

"...You didn't write it down at the time of setting up the contract, however?" (Isabell)

Isabell asked something like that.

"There's no way that I will write something like that into a contract, is there? Besides, isn't it fine that I value you even more highly to the point of being frank about this to just to you guys?"
(Shuuya)

"T-That's certainly true." (Isabell)

"No way, a dark guild..." (Krychiwa)

"...I thought I won big, but..." (Anna)

Krychiwa and Anna complain with cramped faces.

"But, the contract has already been established. You can't pull out of this any longer. However, you have at least heard that even the other major merchant actually own dark guilds, right?" (Shuuya)

"Yes."

"That's true, but..."

"Certainly."

"Next I will have you know about the mirrors that allow me to use gate magic." (Shuuya)

"W-What's that?"

"Eh!?"

Krychiwa and Anna are surprised.

"Surely you're not saying that you're a magician with the space-time attribute, are you Shuuya-sama?"

Seemingly being slightly knowledgeable, Isabell asked such a question.

"I guess so. I'm a lancer and also a magician. —As you can see." (Shuuya)

I instantly summoned the Magic Halberd into my right hand and showed the red spear at the tip continuing from the red axe blade.

"Haaa."

"Aaaa."

"Hiii."

The three fell on their backside.

"Sorry. I assume I frightened you." (Shuuya)

I erased the Magic Halberd.
The girls stand up.

"W-What a surprise..." (Isabell)

"Amazing. Just like a sleight of hand."

"So something like that is possible, isn't it?" (Anna)

I continued the talk while nodding slowly.

"Indeed. So, the gate magic uses the mirror that's placed in my bedroom. That's why you have to remember that there will be occasions where I suddenly appear from the bedroom." (Shuuya)

"...Understood." (Isabell)

"The bedroom, it is."

"I will keep it in mind."

"And..." (Shuuya)

While muttering that, I take out a big amount of large copper coins, silver coins, as well as several gold and platinum coins out of the item box.

I put the coins into a bag and place it on top of the table.

"I will give this money to you, whom I trust. It's for the maintenance of this mansion, your wages and the wages of the other maids." (Shuuya)

"W-What an amazing amount of money."

"Waaa."

"...We are getting paid so much."

While gazing at the giddy maids, I say,

"Maintenance of the facilities, interaction with our neighbors, and troublesome matters; it's the money for all that. If you have financial leeway, you can also get involved in trading, I suppose. But, make sure to definitely tell me about that. Reporting, contacting and consultation is very important. Well, if I'm not here, I don't mind if you decide by yourself. I will leave the decisions at those times to Head Maid Isabell. Krychiwa and Anna, you are to support her." (Shuuya)

"Understood." (Isabell)

"I will do my best." (Krychiwa)

"I will also put all my effort into it." (Anna)

Isabell, Krychiwa and Anna politely lowered their heads with a courteous behavior.

"I also want to tell you about blood, but I think for now it should be enough?" (Shuuya)

While saying so casually, I turn my face in Viine's direction.

"It seems that it might be better to explain about Spirit-sama's existence and Rollo-sama's ability to change her appearance." (Viine)

"Yeah, that's true. The spirit Helme dwells in my left eye." (Shuuya)

Helme appeared in my visual field.

『Your Excellency, shall I go out?』 (Helme)

『No, for today that much is fine. Next time, okay?』 (Shuuya)

『Okay.』 (Helme)

Helme vanishes right away.

"Spirit-sama..."

"Is something like that possible...?"

"Just who are you, Shuuya-sama...?"

"Nya?"

Rollo meows as if asking, "Is it my turn nya?"

"The spirit will have to wait for next time. Okay, Rollo, show them how you change into a black panther." (Shuuya)

"Nnn—nyaon."

Rollo jumps down on the table.
There she transformed into a black panther in an instant.

"Uwah!" (Isabell)

"Cat-chan has turned into a beast!" (Krychiwa)

"Aua~~ But, that's cute and cool!" (Anna)

Only the beastman Krychiwa shows a different kind of reaction by having her fox ears twitch while standing erect.

"Like this Rollo is capable of becoming instantly big. You won't be able to imagine her biggest size, but it might be possible for her to become so big that she will fill the space from this main building to the courtyard. Well, I have prohibited her to become too big, so Rollo won't do it." (Shuuya)

"Nyaa."

Rollo purrs as if agreeing with my words, and reverts into her kitten size.
While laying down atop the table and turning upside down, she extends a leg towards us as if showing off her pad.

"It's scary when only hearing the story, but...s-she's too cute." (Isabell)

"I-I can't hold baaaack." (Krychiwa)

"I-Is it fine to touch her...?" (Anna)

Any fear has completely vanished from the three. They ended up being charmed by Rollo's adorable appearance, becoming all excited.

"Sure. As long as Rollo allows it, that is." (Shuuya)

"...Nn, nya!"

Isabell tried to touch her paw, but Rollo starts playing around by quickly withdrawing her leg and rolling around on the table.

Next she curls up her tail in order to dodge Anna's hand, which was about to touch her tail, and escapes.

Krychiwa brought her face close to hug her, but Rollo rolled over in the opposite direction, avoiding the three as if poking fun at them.

Oh my, Rollo is completely in her play mode, isn't she?

"Uuh, she's fast."

"But, she's cuuuute."

"Let's catch her by cooperating."

""Yeah!""

The first job of the maids turned into them becoming Rollo's playmates.

It's a pleasant sight, but...

Next is an once-in-a-lifetime important confession.

While focusing on producing a serious expression...

Or rather...I'm quite nervous.

"Viine, there's something important I want to talk about with you. Please follow me." (Shuuya)

"Yes..." (Viine)

Seemingly perceiving the extraordinary situation, Viine showed a nervous expression as well.

Taking her along, I walk from the living room through the passage, moving towards my bedroom.