

There being a dish called bucket parfait likely meant it was a restaurant with large servings, or rather extremely large servings which both of them loved so much.

"For me such a menu is a bit..." (Katharina)

"That's right. My body weight on the next day and beyond...aren't there any other restaurants?" (Haruka)

Katharina and Haruka, who were slightly worried about a weight increase, suggested that we go to a different restaurant after hearing about the bucket parfait.

"Don't worry. They also have a normal menu." (Wilma)

"In that case, let's go." (Katharina)

"Mizuho's sweets are nice as well, but the sweets made out of the fruits from the Demon Forest will be fine as well." (Haruka)

Wilma explained to the two that the restaurant's dishes were rather centered around normal dishes, and both expressed their will to participate after hearing all that.

"Erw, you will go anywhere where Haruka goes anyway."

"It's the truth, but couldn't you have taken my will a bit into consideration!" (Erwin)

"I'm fine as long as I can at least order a tea or a coffee." (Burkhart)

"I have already been to this restaurant in the past. It's a famous restaurant with good food and drinks. Amalie, thou come as well." (Therese)

"That will be quite the big party. It looks like it'll be fun."

"Well, it's Earl Baumeister-sama's party after all. It might be better with a big group, too."

There was no way for Erw to not go. Since Burkhart-san, Therese, and Amalie also agreed to accompanying us, it resulted in all of us going.

"Wend-kun, you're forgetting one person." (Amalie)

Upon Amalie mentioning it, I remembered Katia who had been silent since Doushi's arrival. She had been erasing her presence as if saying that we shouldn't mind her.

"Katia, you won't come with us?" (Wendelin)

"Hubby, won't it be a big problem if I ran into Big Sis after going outside? I'm fine with staying at home." (Katia)

To be unwilling to go out even though we were going to eat out together after a long time, just how scary is that person called Lisa...?

"She won't arrive here today, will she?" (Ina)

"Most likely. There's no direct flight from the capital today either." (Luise)

Ina and Luise made clear that Katia was worrying too much.

"She might have already arrived yesterday. And there are also flights from Breitburg..." (Katia)

Katia stubbornly refused going with us, arguing that we might meet Lisa in the worst case. Rather, that's already at the level of a serious illness.

"What's wrong?" (Armstrong)

"As a matter of fact..." (Wendelin)

I gave Doushi a summary of Katia's circumstances.

"A scary senpai, eh? Well, if you meet her outside, then so be it! It's certainly impossible to not meet her for the rest of your life. Well then, time to go!" (Armstrong)

"Ee——h! I'm fine." (Katia)

"Not participating when we are going out with everyone will be a loss! Come on!" (Armstrong)

"I don't want to go outsideee——!" (Katia)

Katia frantically resisted going outside, but there was no way for that to work with Doushi. It resulted in her leaving the mansion while being led by hand against her will.

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"Me! One bucket parfait!" (Armstrong)

"Three for me." (Wilma)

"Guuuh...I will take another serving later!" (Armstrong)

We left the mansion and soon arrived at the cafe 『Galox』 located in the center of Baulburg. Doushi ordered the famous bucket parfait at once.

This dish had apparently started out with the concept of dividing it among a bigger number of people, but had later gradually turned into a challenge for proud big eaters aiming to eat all of it by themselves.

Wilma ordered three at once, and Doushi once again burned with a stupid drive to compete.

We ordered the normal-sized fruit parfaits which were advertised to use plenty of the Demon Forest's fruits.

"Normally one serving would be already plenty."

"I always think so, but Wilma and Doushi sure can eat a lot..."

Even the normal-sized fruit parfaits were rather big.

Not to mention something like a bucket parfait...still, they didn't serve the parfait in a bucket, but instead used a glass container with a size close to that of a bucket.

According to the people of the cafe, it seemed to be roughly the share of 20 people.

"Ye——ah! It's the best!" (Wilma)

"It's just as the rumors I had heard from the maids. Dominique apparently came to eat here before, too. She said that it was delicious." (Elise)

"There won't be any problems if I go on a diet afterwards." (Katharina)

"Being able to eat at such a cafe without any reservations, it's great that I retired." (Therese)

"Isn't it pitiful for Alfons-sama if you say something like that?" (Amalie)

"Amalie, thou say so, but that guy often visited such stores incognito during my time as family head. It's no more than a difference between it being troublesome before and afterwards." (Therese)

"Erw-san, it's delicious, isn't it?" (Haruka)

"Normally I can eat sweet things, but that bucket parfait is a no go..."

"It sure doesn't look good for one's health..."

Everyone ate the fruit parfaits they had ordered while chatting merrily.

"This is awesome. What a supreme afternoon." (Burkhart)

"Burkhart-san, is that okay?"

"Oui! Since master said that he wouldn't come back until evening, I just gotta sober up until then." (Burkhart)

Burkhart-san's order was called fruit punch made out of brandy. It was mostly brandy, though.

For this cafe to have prepared even a menu for drinking old men...are they betting on ambitious old men bringing little girls along?

"Delicious. Another serving, please." (Wilma)

"For me as well!" (Armstrong)

Wilma and Doushi had arbitrarily started a parfait eating contest.

If you considered it calmly, our table was pure chaos.

Because I'm the feudal lord, the people at the surrounding tables had disappeared.

"Katia, it's a rare opportunity." (Ina)

"Yeah..." (Katia)

Among us, only Katia, who was driven by her worry when Lisa might charge in, hadn't touched her parfait at all. Ina encouraged Katia to take a bite.

"That's right! Even if you worry, she will get here sooner or later anyway! It's the best to forget about all that for now and enjoy yourself!" (Armstrong)

It might be someone else's problem, but since Doushi was a fundamentally positive person, he recommended Katia to eat her parfait.

"Besides! You have a husband on whom you can rely if the need arises!" (Armstrong)

"I guess that's true as well." (Katia)

Katia was feeling really down since she was troubled for a change, but she recovered due to Doushi's encouragement who was similar to her, or rather, had a similar character.

"The parfait is splendid!" (Katia)

"Isn't it? So, what kind of magician is Lisa?" (Armstrong)

"Doushi, you don't know her?" Burkhart-san, who had already switched over from a brandy-based fruit punch to just brandy, asked Doushi.

"Doushi, you're an old adventurer as well, aren't you?"

"My main task right now is to work as the royal palace's head wizard! Hence, I only heard a few rumors about her!" (Armstrong)

Since he wasn't overly active as an adventurer nowadays, he happened to hear only a bit about Lisa. Doushi said that he doesn't know her well.

"She put a male adventurer, who displeased her, into ice in a bar, or a man, who planned rude stuff and attacked her on top of an unpopular mountain, is still remaining as an ice pillar at the top of that mountain. Those kinds of rumors."

Anyway, I guess she will freeze those hostile to her and those she dislikes. What a scary person.

"Uncle-sama, I think they would have died if they were turned into ice..." (Elise)

"Well, no matter how you look at it, those rumors are exaggerated. After all she would be else-labeled as a murderer by now. I occasionally heard about her freezing them so skillfully that her targets couldn't move for a few hours."

"I think that's still plenty terrible..."

I felt like it would result in injury either way, even if she wasn't unskilled at her magic handling, but this was part of the adventurer trade's contest of true strength.

There were also situations requiring the use of force so that you wouldn't be looked down upon by the adventurers who picked a fight with you. I think there was no way for the loser to complain to the authorities, even if the opponent might have been a magician and even if they were unable to move after being frozen.

"How to say it...she's kind of extreme."

"She's like Katharina. Attacking other adventurers, who picked a fight, with magic." (Ina)

"Ina-san, it looks like you have a huge misunderstanding about me. I don't do something like that." Katharina declared.

"Really? You never got dragged into a fight as a lone female adventurer?"

"Never. I'm pretty sure the other adventurers trembled in fear due to my noble aura and appearance," boasted Katharina, but it might have been thanks to her loner aura that others didn't approach her.

I mean even Lisa, who likewise has a talent for magic, gets into fights with other adventurers.

"It looks like everyone has a different opinion, but isn't that Lisa just coming to visit her junior to have a look at her newly-wed life?" (Amalie)

"Right, Amalie-san? Lisa is just worrying from the bottom of her heart about her former pupil Katia-san..." (Elise)

"I don't think so. I'm sure there must be some reason." (Wilma)

Wilma clearly refused Elise's and Amalie's opinions which were grounded on the belief in the goodness of humans.

"Katia, you might be told that you've grown weak due to your newly-married life or that she wants to see your true strength."

Wilma didn't say any further, but is she going to beat up her junior, who got married before her, in the name of training?

A woman's jealousy is really scary.

"Wilma, don't say such frightening things!"

Even while saying so, Katia must have recovered mentally quite a bit, seeing how her fruits parfait glass was already empty.

"If she has the spare time to do something like that, she should just look for a marriage partner. It would be pointless to be stubborn about the past here." (Wilma)

"Wilma, you're really merciless, aren't you...?" (Katia)

Katia was shocked by Wilma's sharp tongue.

"But you know, she has written in her letter that she will come here soon, but it's certainly troublesome that she didn't write when. That's the reason why it has turned into such a controversial discussion without any conclusion," complained Luise.

"Indeed, that's the reason for me being so troubled. Hubby, I want to eat another parfait." (Katia)

"You don't look troubled to me at all...though I guess it's better than being fretful because of someone who might arrive whenever." (Wendelin)

"I think Big Sis will get here sooner or later, but..." (Katia)

"I'm already here. Haven't you grown dull, Katia?" (Lisa)

"Eh? Ah, Big Sis!" (Katia)

Once I turned around towards the sudden voice, I saw a single woman standing several meters away from the cafe's open terrace where we were.



And then she slowly headed over here.

I think she's not 30 years old yet.

Her bondage-styled black short dress and black long boots didn't suit her age, or rather, she was exposing her thighs without minding something like that.

She wore a mantle-styled, bright red robe. A great amount of lame had been used as decoration for her robe.

Her hair had a deep green color, and it used what's commonly called a haircut of uniform length. It was a look which my mother described as 『Such outfits and hairstyles were popular before the economic bubble burst』 in my previous life.

It's an obsolete expression, but I think she's a kind of 『gorgeous beauty』.

She's a person who would have likely danced with *o*iliana in the old movie I saw. Because of that, the black short dress was looking body-conscious.

"I didn't notice..." (Katia)

She might have let her guard down because everyone was relaxing. Moreover, it's possible that this flashy lady is quite capable.

"What about you, Burkhart-san?" (Wendelin)

Once I wondered why he didn't give any warning even though he should have noticed her with his mana detection ability...

"Drinking booze during the day is the best! A depraved afternoon rocks!" (Burkhart)

Burkhart-san, who was completely in a break mode, ordered one fruit punch without fruits after the other.

"Huh? What about Doushi?" (Wendelin)

"Dear, uncle-sama..." (Elise)

"Ununu! I won't lose!" (Armstrong)

At the end of Elise's apologetic sight of line, Doushi was still in the middle of an eating contest with Wilma.

But then again he was pulling a very mortified face since he couldn't get a single win against Wilma who ate while talking with Katia.

"(What useless adults——!)"

I didn't intend to always rely on Doushi and Burkhart-san, but I cannot help thinking 『What does that say about you as magicians?』.

"I'm here to compensate for them, but I failed to mention it since I felt no malice from her in particular. Sorry." (Luise)

Luise had apparently noticed her presence quite a while ago.

"But, it's still better than Erw, I think?" (Luise)

At the end of the table, where Luise pointed at, Erw and Haruka had created their own little space of happiness.

"Yes, Erw-san, please open your mouth. Aa~h." (Haruka)

"Aa——h. Delicious, Haruka-san. I will do it as well. Aa——hn." (Erwin)

"Aa——h. It's tasty if you eat it in such a way. I can't do that in Mizuho." (Haruka)

"If it's here, we can do it as often as you like." (Erwin)

"True." (Haruka)

Or rather, that's quite brazen on the open terrace of such a cafe. Especially Haruka. In a certain way I admired her for doing something so unexpectedly bold in a place away from her hometown and family.

"Huh? You're not jealous, Wend?" (Luise)

"As if." (Wendelin)

"Ee——h, that's so untypical for you." (Luise)

I don't know how much of a narrow-minded man I am in Luise's mind, but...it looks like my past conduct and speech has lowered her opinion of me. But rather than that, Lisa comes first.

"Luise, it would have been nice if you could have told us early on..." (Ina)

"Now listen, Ina-chan, that person completely devoted herself to her makeup before calling out to us..." (Luise)

That means Luise took Lisa, who fixed her makeup in a place slightly away from the cafe before calling out to Katia, into consideration as a fellow woman.

According to Katia, she was at an age where the makeup would soon take some time.

"Don't say anything unnecessary, you pipsqueak! Or rather, who the hell are you people?" (Lisa)

"Even if I'm asked that..."

It's this number of people, and there are also some peculiar individuals with us. Especially Doushi. Moreover, we came to this cafe to take a break. Rather than answering her question, I couldn't hide my surprise about Lisa suddenly insulting Luise. Everyone including me was lost for words. Except for one person.

"Big Sis, you were already here?" (Katia)

Going by Katia's way of speaking, she seems to be the person called 『Lisa the Blizzard』.

"I had to go a bit further away and my job dragged on for some time. I wasn't in time for your wedding ceremony, Katia, but somehow I managed to grab a seat on a magic airship yesterday. Be that as it may, it looks like you really got married." (Lisa)

Lisa glanced at me for an instant.

"Various things happened..." (Katia)

"Well, whatever. Congratulations to your wedding." (Lisa)

"Big Sis!" (Katia)

Until just a while ago, we trash-talked about her coming here to curse her junior's marriage out of jealousy, but Lisa honestly congratulated Katia.

Katia, who had lost her biggest anxiety, should have sighed in relief inside her mind. The tension also disappeared from her face.

"On that subject, there's something I'd like to hear by all means, Katia. Can you tell me?" (Lisa)

"Of course. Ask me anything, Big Sis." (Katia)

"You know, Katia..." (Wendelin)

"Eh? What, hubby?" (Katia)

Katia, who had a burden taken off her shoulder after her biggest worry had vanished, became careless and unconditionally accepted Lisa's request.

Even though I tried to stop her in a hurry, it was apparently too late.

Lisa continued, and asked Katia, "Then let me ask, Katia, your mana has increased quite a bit in comparison to the time before your marriage. What trick did you use there? Ah, don't think that you can deceive me. Your amount of mana when we last met and your current amount of mana are completely different. Thinking that I wouldn't notice as much would be weird. Right, Katia?" (Lisa)

"Of course. Big Sis is an excellent magician..." (Katia)

"It's great that you understand." (Lisa)

Karia, who ended up promising that she could ask anything, started to have cold sweat run down her face due to Lisa's question which would lead to her suddenly disclosing my secret.

Even her hands that carried the second parfait, which had been brought over just minutes ago, to her mouth stopped as well.

"You're certainly not going to say that you can't tell me, are you? I patiently gave you a special training so that you can use magic for your hunting, didn't I? I should be your teacher. Or am I wrong?" (Lisa)

"Big Sis, you're my magic teacher." (Katia)

"Right? So, you can tell me, right?" (Lisa)

"...Through special training." (Katia)

"Special training, eh...?" (Lisa)

"It's a completely new, special training that hasn't existed until now!" (Katia)

"Hasn't existed until now, eh...?" (Lisa)

Lisa stared at Katia with the eyes of a raptor aiming for their prey while asking back.
It's because she probably noticed that the reason for Katia's increased mana wasn't special training but some other secret.
It looks like we had an outrageous woman zero in on us.



Having a problem with continuing the talk on the open terrace at this rate, we decided to return to the mansion right away while taking her along.

"Isn't your makeup thicker than the last time we met?" (Burkhart)

"As if you have the leeway to talk about others! Your white hair increased in quantity, Burkhart." (Lisa)

On the way back to the mansion, Burkhart-san, who was walking while sobering up from his drunkenness, asked Lisa a question that lacked any delicacy while at the same time serving as constraint.

But, the other side didn't back down either, and retorted that Burkhart-san had grown old.

"I guess it's the same for both of us, but I have passed fifty years. Come to think of it, soon you're going to..." (Burkhart)

"I'm going to freeze you!" (Lisa)

The instant Burkhart-san was about to mention Lisa's age, the temperature fell straight away, and the shrubs and lawn became frosty.

Her nickname of Blizzard is not for show, it seems.

After all she's capable of scattering such chilly air over a wide range in an instant.

"Hey...for better or worse I'm the older one here. And, although it was just for a short time, I taught you magic in the past. Pay some respect to your elderly." (Burkhart)

To address Burkhart-san, who's at least 20 years older than her, without any honorific title, even if it

might be an ability-based world; in a certain meaning she's an amazing woman.

"Courtesy and all that is unnecessary for adventurers. Rather than that, you have a new pupil, Burkhart?" (Lisa)

Lisa's curiosity shifted towards Therese who was scheduled to learn magic from Burkhart-san. At this point in time, Therese's mana was quite considerable.

"Well, that's how it is." (Burkhart)

"She's a quite old pupil. How unusual." (Lisa)

Most of those, who have the qualities for being magicians, are discovered during their childhood. Those, who exceeded the age of 20 like Therese, were actually quite rare cases. Of course it's not like they didn't exist at all, but...

"It's owed to mine family's circumstances." (Therese)

"You...are 『Earl Baumeister's spoils of war』, aren't you? An environment where the former Duchess Philip couldn't learn magic? Isn't that way odd?" (Lisa)

However, this woman has a nasty tongue.

She calmly mentioned the rumors about Therese in front of the person herself.

Even so, as Lisa has properly obtained information about her, it means that a top-class adventurer won't show any negligence, as expected.

And Katia, who should be Lisa's true target, looked relieved when Lisa's interest shifted from her to Therese.

The fact that a strong person at the level of Katia abased herself to such an extent made it obvious that Lisa's strength was nothing to scoff at.

"Even if thee call it odd, I received a special education as Duchess Philip. My education as a noble had the highest priority. I have no choice but to get thee to understand that such things may happen as well." (Therese)

Nothing less of Therese, she tries to skilfully dodge the secret.

"That means, just as adventurers have their circumstances, so do nobles, too."

"How about Katia? Her mana has drastically increased compared to last time. Isn't it a similar situation in your case?" (Lisa)

"Uh!" (Katia)

Becoming once again the target, Katia's face turned pale.

"Well, that's something thee have to ask Katia. Maybe her teacher's education was unexpectedly bad? After all it resulted in this situation once she was taught by Wendelin. Once she gets taught by Burkhart, the difference might become even more prominent." (Therese)

Even while sidestepping the secret, Therese didn't forget to attack Lisa either. No matter how famous she might be as a magician, Therese probably took offense from Lisa's way of speaking towards her on their first meeting. As might be expected of the person who served as Duchess Philip.

"Hey, Therese..." (Katia)

"What is it, Katia? I haven't done anything besides stating an objective truth." (Therese)

And she has told Lisa that her guidance was unskilled. It's different when Burkhart-san says as much, but if she's told so by Therese, who just became aware of her mana, it's only natural for Lisa the Blizzard to get angry.

"Now you've said it...lass..." (Lisa)

"I'm already 21 years old. Society regards that as the beginning of a mature woman. Just how old are thee?" (Therese)

"You bitch——!" (Lisa)

Therese likely pissed off Lisa on purpose. Once she got enraged while completely losing control of herself, cold air once again spread into the vicinity. Just how does that work? It can't be felt as anything but coldness by other people, but the plants, tables, and chairs in the courtyard started to gradually freeze.

"Thee are true to thy nickname as Lisa the Blizzard." (Therese)

Even while watching that spectacle, there wasn't a single change in Therese's expression. She completely saw through this being Lisa's threat and that there would be no harm to us.

"Lass, if you're going to apologize, now's the time." (Lisa)

"Why would I need to apologize? I just spoke the truth." (Therese)

Therese wasn't perturbed in the least by Lisa's intensity. Rather, it looked as if she was enjoying angering the other side.

"Thee came to visit thy pupil, and now thee pick a fight with me; what's the idea? Besides, the garden's plants, the tables and the chairs are property of the Earl Baumeister House. What should they think about freezing all of these after giving free reign to thy emotions? Cool down your head a bit...it's cold enough for doing so, right?" (Therese)

"..."

In contrast to the magic she uses, Lisa the Blizzard seems to be a person who gets fired up easily. Being able to take such a haughty attitude towards nobles might be proof that she's this famous as an adventurer.

However, her not going all the way even if she gets enraged is evidence of her being a veteran.

"If thee don't calm down a bit, thee won't be able to get married no matter how much time passes."
(Therese)

"Oi! Therese!" (Katia)

Katia tried to stop her in panic, but she was too late.
Anyone could imagine it easily, but for Lisa that ought to be the biggest taboo that mustn't be mentioned.
Her expression changed from being enraged into an expressionless one.

"Uwaa...once Big Sis becomes like this..." (Katia)

She likely had experienced it in the past. After seeing Lisa's expression, Katia looked as if it was the end of the world.

"You seem to be quite pretentious just because you awoke to a slightly bigger mana. There are no nobles or commoners in the world of magic. Do you understand that, lass?" (Lisa)

"Just because thee trained for a little bit of a long period of time, thee have become pointlessly arrogant? This is the reason why 『women well past her prime』 are such a hassle." (Therese)

Therese retaliated against Lisa's provocation in the same way.

"Very well. I will crush you." (Lisa)

"It's the fate of a veteran to be completely beaten by a newcomer someday. Have peace of mind, I will take up that task." (Therese)

"Cocky beginners regularly appear. However they immediately become obedient after experiencing the proper adjustments." (Lisa)

For some reason Lisa's visit of her pupil had changed into a duel against Therese.
All of us couldn't say why it had turned out like this. We simply watched the quarrel of these two.

"Umm...if you're done talking...I'd like you to help me here a bit..."

And, Erw, who had the bad luck of getting his feet frozen by the aftermath of Lisa's magic, acted miserably by requesting our help.

