

Chapter 188.5 - It seems to be Interlude 16

"Hmm~? This is yet another completely unexpected event, isn't it~?"

What Giliel was staring at while groaning was a wall, nothing but that. An object made out of a material which wasn't clear, but still, it was a smooth, white wall.

If that, which gave one a solid feel when touching, were to really be a simple wall, it wouldn't be all that hard for Giliel to punch through, no matter what material it used, but by just touching that wall, Giliel perceived that she wouldn't be able to knock it down with just her fists.

"Just what the hell is this?" Yoshio asked while waiting behind her.

In response Giliel turned around while looking sullen, and drove a right backhand blow into the wall with a sharp motion.

Yoshio, who somehow understood the power of the fist Giliel unleashed without holding back, reflexively ducked his head in preparation for the explosion bound to occur in the next instant, but no matter how long he waited, nothing like that reached his ears. He stared at Giliel's fist, wondering whether she had stopped it just before the impact, but her fist definitely touched the wall, and he grasped that she likely had driven it into the wall with the momentum just now.

"There's no reason for it to make sound, you know? It's not a physical wall." Giliel rebuked him.

"What is this thing then?" Yoshio asked.

"It looks like the domain was shut down." Giliel replied.

The reason was unclear, but the supervisor of the elven territory was absent. Giliel, who had taken possession of the fourth domains without putting any work into it, tried to extend her hand into the last one remaining, the demon domain. The power difference was already four versus one. As for the supervisors, she could only secure two as a result of one being dead and the other missing, but Giliel had been almost certain that she would be able to capture the demon supervisor.

Giliel kicked Yoshio's butt out of spite, and opened a path to the demon's domain while pushing down Pochi, who had empty eyes, obviously having given up on just about everything. As she marched into the domain triumphantly, she had suddenly taken the wind out of her sails.

"Shutting down a domain was possible?" Yoshio asked in surprise.

"Yeah...though, since you're a musclebrain down to the core of your being, it might be inevitable that you didn't know." Giliel answered.

"No...umm, I mean, tentatively I had been a god, okay...?" Yoshio interjected in a timid manner after being told that it was not just his brain and even his soul, but actually his very existence that consisted out of muscles.

However, there was no way for him to stop Giliel with such a retort in any way.

"That was in the past, far in the past. To explain it in a way so that even a lump of muscles without a shred of intelligence understands it: Master's eternal kindness tolerates for a supervisor to

abandon their domain. No matter which world, this is a right of any approved supervisor as long as they are under the patronage of master." Giliel explained.

"Is it fine to ask a question, Giliel-sama?" A flat, empty voice.

It was Pochi, the former human supervisor, who raised a hand with an expression that lacked any emotions. Previously she wore a dog cartoon character costume, had a collar put around her neck, and was in the end led around on all fours, but this time she had been forced to put on black fishnet stockings, high heels, a booty suit that had a black luster, and for some reason overturned lacy cuffs at her wrists. Long and narrow, pure white ears on top of her head were swaying softly with just the left one having been carefully folded at around the middle. It was what you would call a bunny girl costume.

Seemingly having no emotional strength to resist any longer, the human supervisor, who had been dubbed Pochi, had silently started to change her clothes when she was ordered by Giliel to do so without voicing any complaints towards the attire. Because of that, the result wasn't overly fun for Giliel.

"What? Umm...Pochi is weird in such an outfit...she might need a bunny like name. Right, Yoshio?" Giliel pondered.

There were standard names if it came to dogs and cats, but as for bunnies, no such standard name popped up in her mind.

Having been asked with a look telling him that it was inevitable, Yoshio answered with a dumbfounded face and tone, "There's no way that I would know a standard name for bunnies, though."

"Useless...in the end you're just a Yoshio, huh?" Giliel said while piercing him with a look that contained plenty of scorn.

Seemingly having things even the former beastman supervisor couldn't stomach, he said with a subdued voice, "You, apologize to all the Yoshios existing across all worlds..."

"I don't mind doing that to any Yoshio-san besides you." Giliel readily answered.

Ignoring Yoshio, who dropped his shoulders in disappointment after being naturally excluded, the former human supervisor muttered with a voice missing any emotions or intonations, "How about Pyonkichi, Pyonta, or something like that?"

Giliel clapped her hands together once, thinking, 'There were those names as well.'

"Hey, you're making a joke out of yourself!?" Yoshio, who hadn't expected the affected party out of all people to honestly answer with standard bunny names, retorted loudly.

However, Giliel drowned out Yoshio's words with her own while frowning and clicking her tongue, "How regrettable. Those are male bunny names, aren't they?"

"The gender doesn't matter at all, right!? Or are you saying that's what actually matters here!?" Yoshio shouted.

"How about, Pyonko, Pyonmii, Netherland dwarf rabbit then?" Pochi inquired indifferently.

"Get away from that Pyon theme!?! Or rather, what's with the last one!?! The last one!" The former beastman supervisor retorted towards the former human supervisor and Giliel, who were both talking about this with serious faces, at the top of his lungs, but he was forced into silence by Giliel's next action.

"Yoshio, you're slightly annoying." Alongside those words, Giliel kicked Yoshio with such a force that his body floated up, having explicitly targeted his nether region.

The question of whether his body, that of a supervisor, possessed the concept of vital spots in the first place was still up to debate, but apparently it had been quite a vital spot going by his state. Yoshio soundlessly crouched down on the spot while holding the place that had been kicked with both hands.

His face had become ghastly pale, but judging by the fact that this was the entire extent after being kicked by Giliel, it seemed that he didn't possess the part which would receive as much damage as a human's body.

"Very well. Then I will call you Mini-Bunny^[efn_note]The Netherland dwarf rabbit above is called mini usa netherland dwarf (ミニウサ=ネザーランドワーフ) in Japanese. The usa is an abbreviation of usagi (rabbit)^[/efn_note] while you're wearing that outfit." Giliel decided.

"I'm deeply humbled, Giliel-sama." Mini-Bunny (former Pochi) bobbed her head, making her long ears sway.

Not managing to make a comeback while still crouching, Yoshio whispered after gasping painfully, "Humbled, as if..."

"Putting that side, what was your question, Mini-Bunny?" Giliel inquired.

"Yes, Giliel-sama. You said those appointed as supervisors of every world can abandon their duty and lock down their domain thanks to master's kindness, but, how does that relate to master's kindness?" Mini-Bunny repeated her earlier question.

"They have been allowed the freedom to abandon the work that had been appointed to them. If that's no show of master's kindness, what would you call it then?" Giliel asked back.

If she were to be told, "You guys didn't fulfill your responsibilities without even resigning from your job," there would be no room for Mini-Bunny to object.

And yet, seemingly not fully satisfied with that explanation, Mini-Bunny hung onto Giliel, and asked, "However, the destination of a supervisor after willingly abandoning their domain..."

"They have one, don't they? Descending to the lower world they have been in charge of." Once Giliel said that while putting disgust in her voice and expression, Yoshio and Mini-Bunny stared blankly at her in puzzlement.

"In other words, you're saying the demon supervisor abandoned his own domain, abdicated from his

position as supervisor, and descended to the lower world?" Mini-Bunny asked.

"There's no other way to explain the existence of this wall here." Giliel hit the wall in front of her as if knocking on a door, but no sound could be heard.

The reason for there being no sound after hitting a wall is either because the wall completely absorbed the impact of being hit or because it had an outrageous thickness, but Giliel appeared to know what kind of wall it was.

"For there to be suddenly a wall if you open a path to a domain means that there's nothing beyond the path. The existence of such a wall means that the domain of the one in charge of the demons has been abandoned and shut down. Once a domain has been abandoned, the one in charge of it has no place other than the lower world left to go to. Got it?" Giliel expanded on her explanation.

"Understood. So, Giliel-sama, just what would be the best thing for us to do then?" Mini-Bunny asked.

After brooding for a short moment, Giliel replied, "Yoshio, reconstruct the demon domain and maintain it with all your power."

"Eh? Me?" Yoshio was surprised.

"Any complaints?" Giliel asked Yoshio with somewhat glazed eyes after stopping her backhand blow, which had previously hit the wall, precisely right in front of Yoshio's cheek with a speed his eyes couldn't follow at all.

Yoshio shook his head in panic while having cold sweat run down across his whole face, "Absolutely not. With pleasure. Could you please withdraw your fist as I'm going to start right away."

"Wonderful, then get to it at once." Giliel pulled back her fist and glared at him.

In response Yoshio placed both hands on the wall as told while still pale, and started the construction of the domain.

Mini-Bunny said to Giliel, who looked bored at Yoshio's back, while bowing, "Anyway, congratulations to having secured all domains."

"Don't say that as the ringleader of a five versus one..." Giliel muttered.

"Should I cook some red rice^[efn_note]Traditionally prepared for auspicious events like New Years, marriages etc.^[/efn_note] in celebration?" Mini-Bunny inquired.

"Hey...do you want me to hit you?" Giliel tried to put some light strength into her clenched fist to threaten Mini-Bunny, who proposed something like that with a dispassionate voice, keeping it unclear how serious she was, but Mini-Bunny's reaction was weak.

Due to Mini-Bunny casting down her eyes as if telling her to go ahead, a light feeling of regret that she might have teased her a bit too much welled up within Giliel. Even Giliel herself was aware that

she had treated her really cruelly by having her put on a dog costume and calling her Pochi, but as a result of that, she had apparently made Mini-Bunny give up in various ways, falling in a state where it wouldn't be odd for her to whirl around if Giliel shamelessly told her to do so.

"Not yet?" Mini-Bunny faintly opened her eyes due to the blow not coming no matter how long she waited, but Giliel's mood to pummel her had already dissipated.

While loosely waving her open hand, "Stop it."

"I see... At any rate, having to control a vast domain, which had been managed by five gods so far, with us three for a while will be a job requiring much effort." Mini-Bunny commented.

"Huh? What are you saying?" Giliel's response was apparently something Mini-Bunny hadn't expected. A tiny bit of surprise showed on her face.

"No, I mean, sooner or later new supervisors will be sent by master, but until then we have to manage the domains of the five races...ah, am I possibly not included in the count? If that's the case I will accept it and contend myself with my fate..." Mini-Bunny said, thinking that she - leaving aside Yoshio who had surrendered quickly - might not be able to work as supervisor anymore because of the events so far.

In response, Giliel said something outrageous, "No, no. The management of the domains will be left as is with me holding the authority, but I will have you two manage them in reality. At the very least you will have to work 2,5 times as much as until now. Until master feels like it and dispatches new supervisors to this place, that is."

"Eh?" Mini-Bunny was flabbergasted.

"Haah? What the hell!?" Yoshio shouted as if he had heard something unbelievable.

"Your hands have stopped. Keep on working!" Giliel ordered.

"Nuguuh..." Having his butt kicked by Giliel from behind, Yoshio returned to working on the construction of the domain.

It might be wrong to say it was in exchange for him, but Mini-Bunny voiced out her doubt, "Managing all domains with us two supervisors, you say...?"

"Work on it as if your life depends on it. I won't allow you to die even if you want to, though." Contrary to Giliel, who laughed, saying, "Serves your right," Mini-Bunny's expression didn't even twitch.

Her resignation had already reached the level of her accepting everything thrown her way without going against the flow.

"I see...well, if that's your order...however, what are you going to do then, Giliel-sama?"

"I'm not all that eager to do it, but..." Pressing both hands against her waist, Giliel breathed out deeply, retreated a bit, and glared at the wall, "...seeing as the opponents to take it out on have gone

down below, I must go after them, don't I...?"

Upon those words Yoshio looked up to the sky while having stopped his work. Mini-Bunny prayed in her mind that there won't be too much damage to the race called humans for whom she harbored a reasonable amount of affection albeit having treated them as game pieces so far with an unmoving expression.