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"Today I was shown various, amazing things." (Armstrong)

"Doushi, various?"

"Indeed. First off, Earl Baumeister's ice magic overpowering Blizzard." (Armstrong)

That's owed to my questionable science knowledge about the production of liquid air and absolute zero.

Given that minus 50° Celsius was the limit, no matter how harsh the winter, Lisa, who was referring to those temperatures, had naturally no chance in winning against me.

"Next, I guess Lisa the Blizzard's very womanly scream." (Armstrong)

Luckily, Lisa was quite a bit away from the gallery when becoming naked...

『Burkhart-san, looking is not allowed.』 (Wilma)

『Uncle-sama, please excuse me.』 (Elise)

『Erw, you probably wanna have a look, but it's not allowed.』 (Ina)

They apparently couldn't have a look at it because the men had their eyes covered by Wilma, Elise, and Ina right away.

"(That means, I better don't mention that matter...)" (Wendelin)

That matter refers to the fact of Lisa having no hair below.

"Even so, she's strangely modest after that..."

The situation being what it was, Lisa was immediately led into the mansion by the female camp, and after she was able to take a bath, she put on a set of clothes prepared by our side, and drank some hot mate tea.

The gorgeous robe and the rest of her outfit, which she had worn until now, had crumbled away, and even her make-up, which represented her characteristic, highly spirited expression, was gone after taking a bath.

I thought that it might be alright age-wise after seeing her face au naturel, but in reality she has quite a childish face without make-up.

She looks as if she's slightly older than Therese.

And, for some reason she has become oddly obedient.

I couldn't feel any of the eccentric air she had shown so far.

While taking little sips of the tea prepared by Amalie, she occasionally peeked this way in an apologetic manner.

"Did I frighten her so much?" (Wendelin)

"No, I don't think that she's someone who would get frightened by something of this level..."  
(Burkhart)

Even Burkhart-san, who should know Lisa better than me, was puzzled by her current behavior. I wonder, just what the hell happened to her?

"Katia, what do you think?" (Wendelin)

"Well, I see Big Sis acting like this for the first time, too. I have absolutely no clue." (Katia)

"Look here, I made some cookies." (Amalie)

Amalie brought the cookies she made to the docile Lisa.

"Today they contain chocolate chips and dried fruits." (Amalie)

Both were cookies made while using ingredients from the Demon Forest. Recently the confectioneries in the capital had been selling something similar and they were quite popular.

"It's delicious." (Lisa)

Lisa said that short comment with a quiet voice, and ate the cookies like a small squirrel.

"She has become mysteriously cute." (Luise)

"Indeed. It's said that a woman transforms through make-up, but..." (Ina)

Luise and Ina looked with curious eyes at Lisa who had changed unusually.

Even though she was a gaudy beauty when the make-up was perfectly applied, she felt like a cute beauty now.

For some reason she's still scared, but although she's older than us, she strangely stirs everyone's wish to protect her.

"What is this about?" (Amalie)

It was completely incomprehensible, but Amalie skillfully got the information out of her. Did Lisa open her heart to just her who has been gallantly taking care of her in various ways? She explained the situation while whispering into Amalie's ear.

"I see...is that so? ...Understood." (Amalie)

Having heard about the circumstances from Lisa, Amalie begins to explain it to us.

"Lisa-san seems to be frightened of strangers if she doesn't wear such an outfit." (Amalie)

Amalie's explanation continues.

She was born as a girl in a certain village a long time ago, but she had an extreme shyness of strangers.

Especially towards men. She couldn't normally talk to any men besides her father and her younger

brother.

All things considered, Amalie, you did well to make her tell you.

"Even after learning that she has a gift in magic, she couldn't cure her fear of strangers..." (Amalie)

Lisa worried that she wouldn't be able to work normally at this rate even after becoming an adventurer and departing into the world.

Moreover, she was anxious that it might be impossible for her to get married.

"Accordingly, she has apparently been acting as a confident woman by wearing flashy make-up and attire." (Amalie)

"She really mastered that acting, didn't she?" (Burkhart)

Burkhart-san hadn't realized it until now.

Certainly, I think her acting ability is amazing, or rather her auto-suggestion ability.

"So you're saying she returned to normal since she lost her outfit and had her make-up removed?"

"That seems to be the case. Right, Lisa-san?" (Amalie)

When asked by Amalie, she nodded her head repeatedly.  
That gesture was quite adorable.

"How cute." (Luise)

"Certainly." (Therese)

Even Therese approved of Luise's impression.

Especially Therese might believe that it's a cuteness she doesn't have.

"She looks so young that one wouldn't consider her being close to 30 years. I think it would be better for her to not use such make-up." (Therese)

"...Indeed. But Therese, Lisa-san seems to be unable to talk with men without that make-up." (Amalie)

"So she has that character as soon as he puts on make-up? What difficult circumstances..." (Wendelin)

Both are too biased, and neither produces a good result.  
Certainly, you could call that difficult.

"...You got it, Wend-kun." (Amalie)

"Yes, did I maybe overdo it?" (Wendelin)

Next Lisa whispered something into Amalie's ear.

I thought that I might get complaints from Lisa about the duel.

"That's not it. The duel was a duel, so it can't be helped. Right?" (Amalie)

Upon Amalie's question, Lisa once more shook her head adorably.  
However, I wonder, why can't this person talk normally to men if she doesn't wear flashy clothes and make-up?  
I cannot help being very mystified by that part.

"Rather than that, she says that you should take responsibility because you saw her naked after the duel." (Amalie)

Amalie, who listened to Lisa's whispers, dropped an outrageous bomb.

"Ah, there was someone who said something like that before, wasn't there...?" (Wendelin)

"Something like that sure happened, didn't it...?" (Katharina)

Katharina, who had experienced being seen nude by me in the bathroom, muttered, obviously recalling that scene.

It was great that I won the duel against Lisa the Blizzard, but it resulted in me being burdened with a new hardship.



Katia, who was her pupil, and the strong-willed, female magician Lisa who tried to find out the reason why the mana of Therese, who didn't seem to be a magician so far, had grown. Although she possessed abilities that didn't put any shame to her name, she lost in the duel against me. Once her gorgeous outfit and make-up was gone, she suddenly became submissive. After her make-up was removed, she didn't ask about the matter of the mana increase anymore. Lisa explained that she couldn't normally talk to men without a flashy outfit and make-up due to her extreme fear of strangers. In the end Lisa has been freeloading at the mansion while still diligently doing her special magic training in the mornings. Her accuracy in magic was so good that she got praised by Katharina. Different from her first impression, she appears to seriously train her magic. However, there was one problem.

"Aren't we acquaintances from 15 years ago!?" (Burkhart)

Lisa, who had suddenly become the timid type of beauty, seems to be bad with Burkhart-san, who's an older and fashionable man.  
It has reached the point of her hiding behind someone as soon as she sees him.

"Weren't you a lot more arrogant back when I had been teaching you magic!?" (Burkhart)

Once Burkhart-san got angry at her, Lisa got frightened and hid behind Katharina.  
Days passed in such a tune, but conversely, the criticism from the female camp vanished completely

because of that.

It might be because that state of her is a lot better than her previous, haughty character.

"You can put your previous clothes and make-up back on." (Burkhart)

"...I see...Lisa-san apparently wants to become able to speak with men even when looking like this."  
(Katharina)

Lisa got Katharina to reply to the demand of Burkhart-san as her representative after whispering to her.

It looks like she can't tell him personally.

"Is that actually possible?" (Burkhart)

"Burkhart-san, such things need time, don't you think?" (Katharina)

"Well, seeing how Earl-sama has approved of you staying here, it's not really my place to say anything anyway..." (Burkhart)

"...She appears to be grateful to Wendelin-san." (Katharina)

"Why yes, thank you..." (Wendelin)

As sarcastic as it is, I was the one Lisa was the most fond of among the men in the mansion. She still can't speak directly to me and needs one of the women as an interpreter, but even when we meet, she doesn't become scared or averts her eyes.

Erw and Doushi were no good as she got scared of them from the very start.

"Ye——ah, what a difficult person..." (Erwin)

Given that he was being avoided as well, Erw adopted the stance of not being able to do anything about it.

"At this rate, it looks like there will be many issues..."

"Doesn't she have any choice but to get gradually used to it?" (Erwin)

Erw's opinion was rather normal, but it was the most reasonable as well.

"How about going out for a bit in order to get her accustomed to it?" (Erwin)



Following Erw's recommendation, we decided to go for a stroll in the capital.

If you consider it normally, it would be a date, but there was no way that the current Lisa could endure being alone with me.

As there were various other circumstances as well, it was Lisa, Katia, Therese, Amalie, and me who

went to the capital.

"This isn't a date anymore, is it?"

"I'm the interpreter? I'm happy to be able to go to the capital, though." (Amalie)

Lisa didn't leave Amalie's side.

I wonder whether Lisa and me going on a date with just the two of us will actually take place until my death?

That's a very interesting study case.

"Well it's rare for the sons and daughters of nobles to go on dates alone. I don't know about lower-ranking nobles, though." (Therese)

Listening to Therese, I remembered.

Even at the time when I had my first date with Elise, not only Sebastian, but several guards were with us as well.

The guards made sure to not be seen by us, but I'm pretty sure Cardinal Hohenheim had instigated it.

"Elise and the other three are pregnant, so it's dangerous for them to use 『Teleportation』, and since Wilma stayed behind to take care of them, I guess it's only the relatively new wife of Wendelin or women who have that kind of relationship with him." (Therese)

Only Lisa is the exception here, but the residents of the capital, who don't really know about me, looked at us with the implicit meaning of 『A magician-sama is going on a date with several women』.

Therese, Katia, and Amalie didn't mind it. For Lisa it was out of the question, hence she stayed obedient.

"No matter what kind of circumstances it might be, today is a holiday. Wendelin, escort me. Katia and Amalie, too." (Therese)

"Therese, you sure decide quickly."

"It's a habit from my time as Duchess Philip. No matter how many good ideas one might have, it's meaningless if thou don't decide and put them into practice." (Therese)

"That certainly sounds correct. But, I make mistakes when deciding on the spur." (Katia)

"Today it will be fine since we're just going to sightsee the capital." (Amalie)

The three seem to chat happily, and even while I think that it's probably not good for me to take a day off, I escorted the three and Lisa, who hid behind Amalie, or rather, guided them through the capital.

Having said that, since there were four women here, the main attraction was shopping and going around stores.

"The stores in Baulburg have increased the number of articles for sale greatly as well, but in the end

they lose out to the country's capital." (Therese)

At a store handling Western-styled clothes and accessories located in the shopping street, Therese continues to talk while measuring up various clothes.

"Therese, I'm fine." (Katia)

"Isn't that an excuse? I wonder what to think of using the easiness to move in as the only criterion for plain clothes." (Therese)

"I think so, too. Since it's a rare opportunity, just buy it." (Amalie)

"Okay, okay..." (Katia)

Katia accepts it reluctantly.

Just as Therese has pointed out, Katia doesn't possess overly many clothes.

Only her equipment as adventurer, and clothes for going out suitable for the wife of a noble which had been prepared by her home when she got married to me.

If you exclude those, she has only plain clothes that are easy to move in.

I think she has been strongly influenced by her life in the Eulenberg House.

"No one will be bothered by it, right?" (Katia)

"Thou idiot. Thou are Wendelin's wife, so it's only natural for thou to wear suitable clothes even in thy private time." (Therese)

Therese begins to preach to Katia to get clothes appropriate of her social position, saying that I will be criticized and looked down upon because of her clothes, even if she's fine with it.

"Seeing as thou became the wife of a noble, resign thyself and accept dressing up to a certain extent." (Therese)

"I got it..." (Katia)

Katia acknowledged somewhat unwillingly, but contrary to her tone, many attires suited her nicely because of her pretty face.

"Also, if we don't consume to some degree, money won't reach the lower classes, right? It's out of the question to ruin the house by wasting money, but a certain level of consumption benefits the commoners." (Therese)

As expected, Therese's knowledge about such aristocratic common sense is overwhelmingly deep. It's probably because she was born as noble.

"I understand, but I'm still better than Big Sis. After all Big Sis doesn't own any clothes besides those flashy getups." (Katia)

Because she couldn't maintain her speech and conduct without that getup, Lisa always wore it, even in her private time.

As a matter of fact, what she was wearing right now were clothes she had borrowed from Katharina who had a similar physique.

"Isn't that the reason why I have been choosing clothes for her together with Amalie?" (Therese)

Certainly the two had chosen plenty of clothes while making her try them on.

"Wend-kun, what do you think of this for Lisa-san?" (Amalie)

"It suits her well." (Wendelin)

Amalie's fashion sense seems to be great. Lisa is wearing clothes that make her look like a calm, beautiful onee-san, and not those extremely gaudy clothes from before. Amalie appears to be skilled at coordinating outfits.

"Lisa-san, he says it suits you." (Amalie)

Being told so by Amalie, Lisa cast her face down, looking slightly embarrassed. It seems like she still can't speak with me without using Amalie as an interpreter. Nowadays she's mostly getting Amalie to interpret for her during normal life, and Katharina during magic training.

"Let's choose various others in addition."

The three women follow Amalie's opinion, and begin to check and buy clothes as if it's their last chance to do so.

In these situations, the one with the most free time is the man, namely me.

I'm indifferent in regards to clothes, but even so, when I became an Earl, I made sure to prepare clothes to wear on my own accord.

As this is a store catered towards women, I only watch over the four, and comment whether the clothes they are trying on suit them or not.

"I think it suits you." (Wendelin)

"Wendelin, polish thy vocabulary on how to praise a woman a bit more." (Therese)

When I started saying nothing but it suits or it doesn't suit, I was cautioned by Therese that my vocabulary was lacking.

However, even if I'm requested to use such advanced technique, it's troublesome.

"Ah, you're as lovely as a rose." (Wendelin)

"That gives me the chills..." (Therese)

Even though I went out of my way and mustered my courage, Therese's evaluation was cruel.

"It's because you said I'm lacking vocabulary, Therese!" (Wendelin)

"It's nothing thou do once told." (Therese)

"Uuh...I will ask Erich next time, I think." (Wendelin)

"He seems to be a considerably refined older brother." (Therese)

My efforts ended in vain, but the buying of clothes apparently ended without problems. Everyone said that they would pay by themselves, but as a celebrity, I have to pay attention to the eyes around me.

I paid the full amount with gold coins.

The shopkeeper of the store, who received it, looks so happy that it's obvious to anyone watching. It appears that we had been quite the lavish customers.

"Thank you very much."

Once we left the store, it was already close to noon. As expected, I had become hungry.

"Well then, it's soon time for lunch..." (Wendelin)

"Wendelin, we aren't done yet." (Therese)

""What did you saaay——!""

"Even Katia..."

Even though we spent more than two hours in just the first store, Therese says that the shopping still hasn't come to an end.

Katia and I raised our voices at the same time, but leaving me aside, it's probably hopeless for Katia.

"Wend-kun, underwear, accessories, and shoes are necessary as well, aren't they?" (Amalie)

Amalie shared Therese's opinion, basically saying that the shopping isn't over yet.

"Hubby, I want to eat lunch as well..." (Katia)

"Katia, thou aren't allowed to be absent since there's thy share of clothes as well." (Therese)

"No way——!" (Katia)

Katia's and my wish were in vain. Afterwards we went to several shops, and spent more than four hours on shopping.



"It's already this late, huh...? I demand lunch and an afternoon refreshment!" (Wendelin)

"Me too!" (Katia)

Because we were forced to keep Therese's and Amalie's shopping company for a long time, noon had passed a good while ago.

As it was already time for an afternoon snack, Katia and I complained to let us eat something.

"It's great that thou two get along so nicely." (Therese)

We also have the common point of having been born into noble houses that aren't very aristocratic. Katia and I had many behavioral patterns and preferences that overlapped.

We had common traits like not cutting corners with the equipment as adventurers, but not caring about plain clothes, or liking to eat delicious food.

"It looks like Lisa-san wants to eat something as well." (Amalie)

Lisa quietly agreed with Katia's and my opinion.

With this we have the majority on our side, and the opinion of going to eat something became predominant.

"I haven't said that we won't go eat anything, have I?" (Therese)

Therese seemed to be hungry as well.

She didn't oppose my opinion of getting some food.

"Now then, what are we going to eat?"

"Meat!" (Katia)

"Katia, I can't believe that thou are a woman at a marriageable age..." (Therese)

Therese was astounded by Katia who said she wants to eat meat without being afraid of what others or society might think of her.

I don't really consider it to be weird, but...yeah, I guess that's the feeling I always get from Doushi. However, it's not like Katia eats as much as Doushi. I think it's better to eat what you like without caring about the thoughts of others.

"Amalie, Lisa-san, what would you like to eat?" (Wendelin)

Since I'm the man here, I will yield to the women's wishes here and try asking whether there's anything they want to eat.

"Let me see...since there isn't that much time left until dinner, something light. It looks like Lisa-san would like to eat something sweet." (Amalie)

Something sweet, eh...?

I suppose that's a normal, womanly response.

"Well then..." (Wendelin)

I decided to make a safe choice by going to a slightly, high-class restaurant.  
After all they have quite a bit on the menu, and also many kinds of desserts.  
I am more or less a famous person, and since there are few guests as lunchtime is over, the restaurant has us enter the open deluxe suit deeper inside.  
Once we gave the waiter our orders, dishes were served in succession after around 30 minutes.