

Once we arrive on the prep school's courtyard, I immediately demonstrate how 『Magic Barrier』 works.

"I have added colors to make it easier to see." (Wendelin)

It's not all that difficult to add colors to 『Magic Barrier』.

Since it'd be a disadvantage in battle against other people if the barrier's thickness is obvious, everyone only deploys barriers that are almost transparent.

It's still up to question whether monsters grasp the thickness of a 『Magic Barrier』 as the research on monster intelligence is still in progress as of yet. Also, if you're working as an adventurer, it's possible that you'll clash with other people.

Because of that, there's few magicians who would deploy a colored 『Magic Barrier』.

"Because it will have the disadvantage that you will need to deploy the barrier a good while ahead of time if you're going to add too much inclination, around 45° should be the limit, I think. Or..."

I make my 『Magic Barrier』 take on on a spherical shape.

Since it's a form that's difficult to control, it'll require training, but it also has the advantage of raising the barrier's defense strength.

"I see. Doing it like this, you can raise its defense while using the same amount of mana as before."

"It's tough...turning the 『Magic Barrier』 into a sphere is..."

"That's probably because you've been skipping on magic training, Reinhart."

"I've been properly practicing it every day!" (Reinhart)

A male student gets teased by his friend, but he objects.

A part of the students also have the necessary training, but more importantly, it looks like I somehow managed to get all students to understand the underlying theory.

When I head over to the principal's office after finishing my overtime practical lesson, Headmaster Hendrick tells me that he'd like me to participate in a certain event.

"『Big Outdoor Excursion』, you say?"

"I want you to lead the magician class."

"Lead, huh...? It's a job typical for a teacher."

"Isn't it? It would be great if you could spare some of your time."

Leading an excursion would also mean that my teacher work has become genuine.

"Of course I will also help out. After all it's unreasonable to lead sixty students with one person."

"You bet. I won't be able to keep an eye on everyone."

There's no way that I, who isn't even a professional teacher, could watch sixty students by myself.

As expected of Headmaster Hendrick, he's taken that part fully into account.

"My schedule is open, so it's okay with me."

"That's a big help."

"Don't mind it, I'm a teacher after all."

I agree to lead the excursion.

Once I got back to the mansion and told Elise about the big outdoor excursion, she was already aware of it.

"I know the gist of it since several priests are usually dispatched by the church."

And then she explains to me what it's about.

According to her, the big outdoor excursion is an event where everyone will go to a hunting ground in the capital's outskirts and hunt there.

It looks like it's a far more active event than the excursion I had in mind.

It kinda makes me think that it'd be fine to call it 『Big Hunting Festival』 instead.

"Given that it's only underage students and students close to graduation, it naturally won't be held in a monster domain. Everyone competes for hunting spoils in a normal hunting area."

The priests appear to be volunteers, helping out whenever there are any injured students.

Elise says that she has once participated in the event as well.

"Occasionally there will be some lightly injured students, but I hadn't a turn when I took part in it."

Well, that's only natural, seeing how it's a hunting ground in the capital's outskirts.

There won't be any adventurers, and it's such a safe place that people come to pick wild grasses there.

"What are you actually going to do, Wend?"

"Monitor them, I think. So that no danger gets close."

I explain my work of that day to Erw.

"Quite overprotective, that prep school in the royal capital."

It's an event that doesn't happen at the adventurer prep school in Breitburg.

Since we rarely went to the capital's prep school, we didn't even know about the existence of it.

"My schedule is open as well, so I will tag along." (Erwin)

Erw decides to come along to help out and serve as my guard.

"Hunting, eh...? Even just a guard duty sounds nice."

"We can't attend it any longer."

Since 『Teleport』 is forbidden for pregnant women, Ina and Luise are disappointed that they can't join in.

They might have accumulated a bit of stress since they can't move around overly much nowadays.

"I do understand your feelings, but please refrain. It would be dangerous for both, mother and child."

"I know."

"Becoming a mother is really lots of work."

Amelie-san gently warns the two who can't sit still.

She probably thinks that it'd be disaster if there were to be a miscarriage.

"Besides, it's not like you can't move around as much as you say, right? I'm sure that it's equal to staying still if compared to the amount of practice as an adventurer, but..."

My wives, including those two, can freely move around the mansion and its vicinity, and they still train albeit centered around magic training.

Therefore, it's not like their range of activity has been restricted to such an extent.

"Wend-sama, you will watch sixty people consisting of only magicians?"

"No, I think that's not quite right."

Of course the magicians will join parties formed with other adventurer apprentices.

I've heard that there are already parties who work together after school, and temporary parties formed for the sake of this event. For the rest, the teachers will set up parties on site after gathering soloers and parties with insufficient numbers.

My job is to watch all of them.

"No doubt..."

"Wendelin-san, why are you looking at Lisa-san and me?" (Katharina)

It's because Katharina and Lisa look like they'd participate in the excursion as loners, objecting the party system.

Only loner apprentices would form a group made out of fellow leftovers when being told, 『Please form a group with ○』, by the teacher in charge.

Going against such a call and acting by yourself is the true essence of one called a real loner.

"Since I attended a western prep school, an event like the Big Outdoor Excursion didn't take place. There was a hunting ranking system in place, though." (Katharina)

It seems to be a system where the hunting results over the period of one year are counted together, and the top achievers get an award, while enrolled there.

"In that year I was far and away the best with a huge lead on the second place and those below."
(Katharina)

"You're amazing, Katharina! In what kind of parties did you hunt?"

"...If you've reached my level as a magician, you can easily deal with everything by yourself..."

Katharina's face freezes while she apparently endured Wilma's question.
I'm pretty sure that she has always hunted by herself without ever forming a party with anyone.

"What about you, Lisa?"

"Since I graduated from the capital's adventurer prep school, I participated in the event..."

Wilma asks Lisa next, but Lisa falters to continue with the second half of her answer.
If I consider Lisa from the time when I met her for the first time, it's a safe bet that she has participated by herself.

"An excellent magician will be able to handle it, even alone. I can understand that as well."
(Therese)

An adventurer apprentice incapable of using magic will be helpless by himself, but a magician can also achieve good results alone.

That means, Katharina and Lisa are the typical loner magicians.

No, in this case it'd be better to call them isolated magicians, I think?

Though, I'm in no position to talk about others...

"However, I don't understand. Even if only at such times, it would be fine to join a random party.
Right, Katia?" (Therese)

"I was a solo adventurer, but I often joined temporary parties." (Katia)

That's because Therese and Katia belong to that side.

In case of Therese, she can form a party by becoming the leader.

Katia may look like this, but she's capable of quickly making friends with anyone.

Normally she was a solo adventurer, but it looks like she regularly hunted with temporary parties.
She also got many friends from her time at the adventurer prep school. Her communication skills are truly remarkable.

"Katia, I think you're quite amazing."

"Eh? Really, hubby?"

I'm basically in the same camp as Katharina and Lisa, which is also why I consider Katia to be enviable.

"I also took part in the Big Outdoor Excursion, but since there's little danger in those plains and forests, I think it's fine to go at it with the feeling of a picnic." (Katia)

Rabbits, deer, badgers, civets, ducks, and guinea fowls.
With that range of game that can be caught there, it's rare for people to get injured.
It looks that's the reason why it's called Big Outdoor Excursion.

"So a happy-go-lucky event?"

"To me it sounds like a half-holiday."

Erw seems to take it carefreely, but the next day we got dragged into an unexpected tumult.

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"Oh my, you're Baumeister-sensei, right? I'm Josef, a lecturer."

"Usually we don't get much opportunity to speak with each other. I'm Rudolph."

My teacher at school in Japan said, an excursion lasts until you're back home.

Same could be said for the Big Outdoor Excursion, but the adventurer prep school isn't an official school.

Since the gathering and wrap-up takes place on site, there's immediately students who came in late.
This state of affairs, even though it's not that far away from the capital.

However, such adventurers aren't particularly rare.

After all they can still earn their money as adventurers even if they are slightly late.

Of course, such guys are no good if it comes to working for a noble house.

As I'm waiting for the students while considering all that, many regular and temporary teachers come to greet me.

I'm dealing with them politely, but as there's so many of them, it's a pain to entertain all of them.

"Everyone is fairly desperate."

Erw whispers next to me.

"Why? To greet me, a temporary teacher?"

"Dude...have you taken a proper look at Roderich's plans?"

"I did, but what about it?"

"It's scheduled to build an adventurer prep school in Baulburg."

I saw that part as well, but the school should be scheduled to open in a year.

No matter how fast you can construct stuff with magic, it's still not like you can get everything and anything done in a swipe.

"The regular teachers probably hope for a position as headmaster or top brass of the school. And the temporary teachers likely want to become regulars."

Unlike temporary teachers who work only for a short period of time like me, there's also many people continuing to work as temporary teachers while waiting for an opening among the regular staff.

In their eyes, the establishment of a prep school in Baulburg equals the hope that the number of available regular teacher positions increases.

"I plan to leave all the stuff like recruitment etc. to the future headmaster, though."

"Still, the lord's word holds importance, right?"

"I suppose you might be right."

Since we're going to lead a big number of students, a big number of adventurers participate besides the teachers, too.

For them it might be a part-time job, but they are also staring at me as if having found a treasure chest.

"What about them?"

"They're the children of nobles and similar, aren't they?"

They became adventurers to make a living, but if possible, they want to work for some noble house. As it seems that people like this have sneaked in by accepting this part-time job, they continue to frantically show off.

"Somehow, it's tough to get used to this..."

I'm troubled since they only look at me.

"Just ignore them. If it's about serving our noble house, they just have to apply through the official contact person."

I feel uncomfortable as many people keep staring at me, but at long last all students have assembled.

Since the Big Outdoor Excursion is a school event, there's an opening ceremony first.

The students line up in rows with their parties, and then Headmaster Hendrick gives his greetings and talks about points of caution at the end.

Erw and I line up together with the other teachers next to the headmaster.

"It's all very obvious and logical, but he still says it, just in case, huh?"

"Well, it's a prep school after all, so yeah."

As expected, no matter where you hear it, the speech of a school's headmaster is always boring. I guess the saving grace here is that Headmaster Hendrik, a former excellent adventurer, keeps it short.

Also, the customary collapsing of students due to anemia during the school's morning assembly didn't take place.

Though that's only natural since the students wouldn't be suited as adventurers if they collapsed

from just that much.

"Signal the beginning then!"

"Okay."

Being asked by Headmaster Hendrick, I shoot a 『Fireball』 into the sky.

As a replacement for fireworks, so to say.

With this as a starting signal, the students begin to run towards the spots they investigated in advance by checking the maps.

"Everyone of the teachers and the temporarily-employed adventurers, please continue to watch the situation at the predefined points."

With those words, Headmaster Hendrick withdraws into the tent that has been designated as headquarter.

In addition, several priests in charge of healing, and teachers belonging to the top brass follow him.

"So they are telling the young folks to work hard, eh?"

Erw makes a cynical comment about Headmaster Hendrick and his peers having pulled back quickly, but I think being on standby is work as well.

Actually it'd be troublesome instead if they were all gung-ho and came on-site.

"Erw, let's go."

"Roger."

Erw and I head to the location we have agreed on before.

"Grassland with a patch of forest, huh...? Not bad."

"Yep."

The area Erw and I are in charge of is a place, where plains and forest meet. I think it's a fairly decent hunting ground.

Erw agrees with me as well.

I'll quickly confirm whether there are any stray bears, big boars or similar.

And if I find any, I'll exterminate them so that no danger would befall the students.

This is also part of a teacher's job.

"Oh, isn't that big game over there?"

"Really? Isn't it lucky that we can hunt it, even if it's just one? Let's go, Wend."

As I spot something like that with 『Detect』, the two of us immediately head over.

It wasn't a bear, but a huge boar. Erw immediately shoots an arrow with me adding 『Boost』 to it.

The boar, which had the center of its forehead pierced by the arrow, collapses on the spot and stops moving altogether.

"The capital's prep school is easy-going on the students, after all."

"It's probably owed to it being a school event. They wouldn't do something like this for after-school hunts."

I think they're handling it like this since it'd be a huge problem if students were to die during the event.

As it's pointless to worry about it anyway, I drain the boar's blood right then and there, and put it away into my magic bag.

I check for other responses, but as all of them are only small presences, I judge this to be a safe hunting spot now.

With this the extermination is over and done with. Next comes nothing but watching the students by wandering around aimlessly.

"Agh——, I wanna hunt!"

"Wend, don't steal the students' prey."

"I will get something else then."

With those words, I have Erw continue the monitoring, while I start to gather wild grasses as I keep watching the vicinity with 『Detect』.

"If I use this grass in tempura, it'll be delicious. The shoots of this tree fit perfectly with ohitashi[efn_note]Something like this: https://www.kyounoryouri.jp/recipe/20899_%E5%B0%8F%E6%9D%BE%E8%8F%9C%E3%81%AE%E3%81%8A%E3%81%B2%E3%81%9F%E3%81%97.html[efn_note]. Let's add the roots of this grass to miso soup later."

"You're oddly well-informed about all this, aren't you?"

"Well, I had a good teacher."

"Elise-sensei, you mean?"

Since Elise has experience in gathering ingredients to be used with the rice handed out by the church, she's also well-informed about wild grasses.

I've got her to teach me some of it, allowing me to reach a point where I can spot good wild food ingredients to some extent.

"Those aren't poisonous or something, right?"

"It's fine, I will only pick up ingredients which are okay and grow everywhere."

I can also detoxify with magic, but since there also exist unknown poisons with magic not working on them, I'm cautious about that part.

『Earl Baumeister has deceased due to will grass poisoning』 would be too ridiculous to announce publicly.

"This much should be alright. Time to cook them..."

Once I finished my gathering to some degree, I quickly began cooking next. Because it's just monitoring anyway, it should be okay to at least cook some rice with the portable magic stove, make some miso soup, and create wild grass tempura and ohitashi.

"No, you've made way too much!"

"The main dish will be what I'm carrying with me."

It's not the boar we caught earlier, but the stew of cubed boar meat that had been prepared in a big pot beforehand and which I brought with me.

It's not pig meat, but since it's Elise's work, it tastes superbly.

I decide to heat this up as well.

"I prepared a lunch that looks great, didn't I?"

In the far distance, students are earnestly hunting.

It looks like the top-ranking achievers will get a commendation and a prize. After all is said and done, all those called famous adventurers have apparently brought in good results at this Big Outdoor Excursion.

Of course that leads to the students aiming for great results as well.

It's only reasonable for them to go at it earnestly.

"Rice, miso soup with wild roots, wild grass tempura, wild shoots ohitashi, stew of cubed boar meat. I'd say that's a well-balanced lunch."

"Wend, I'm pretty sure you'd be the only one to worry about something like this in a place like this..."

Since it doesn't look like the students are in any particular trouble, we begin to carefreely eat our lunch.

Headmaster Hendrick and the others are likely taking their lunch around now as well. And the other teachers should have brought their own bento with them as well.

The students will also eat lunch as they please, I believe.

No fixed time or anything has been set for it either.

It means, they're telling us to plan at least that much by ourselves.