

Chapter 1 - Let's Try and Do a School Festival

"...That's all. Okay, today's lesson is over."

"Stand up! Bow!"

""""""""""Thank you very much!""""""""""

The new adventurer prep school in Baulburg has mostly become like any other normal prep school...is what I hear. I don't know about the other prep schools, but I have introduced the custom of greeting and bowing at the beginnings and ends of lessons, making use of my experience from my previous life.

After all there wasn't anything like a fixed greeting form in Breitburg's prep school.

Depending on the teacher, we have at least bowed at the end of a lesson with everyone.

Even the teachers quickly left the classroom as soon as the lesson was over.

Because of the situation being like that, I introduced the same greeting form as it was used in Japanese school.

At first I thought that it might run into opposition, but as it defined clear borderlines, and since the teachers didn't seem to dislike being politely greeted by the students either, it became a common practice within a short time.

Headmaster Hendrick, who visited to inspect the school, liked it as well after seeing it carried out here, and has apparently tried to introduce it at the capital's prep school, too.

『Many among the kids wanting to become adventurers have no clue about manners. If they can learn at least some, their future prospects might improve somewhat.』

Hendrick, who was a veteran adventurer, is fully aware that there's a long life ahead after quitting the adventurer job.

As there are also times where the students will take up jobs other than adventurer, depending on the circumstances, he seems to think that they must be taught a basic understanding of courtesy, but he apparently struggles with the implementation.

The students believe that it's more profitable to use that time for hunting as a part-time job, or want him to teach them other combat-related skills.

If it's just a greeting at the beginning and end of a lesson, it doesn't take that much time.

Since they are taught by someone, it's possible to educate them that they should at least express their gratitude.

It's not that they don't think about something like that, but among adventurers there are bad cases who can't even greet others.

I haven't met such a bad case yet, though.

"Who's in charge of sweeping today?"

"It's us."

"We will do it quickly."

"I will do my best."

In addition, I created a rotational cleaning duty system at Baulburg's prep school. Because the grannies and housewives in the neighborhood are in charge of cleaning as part-time jobs at other prep schools, the students don't clean themselves there. However, given that we're so short on hands that we barely managed to find a dormitory mother right before the dormitory's opening, I set up a duty system where we clean our school by ourselves. The cleaning duty would make a full round in the magician class once every ten days. Today six people including Agnes, Cindy, and Betty are in charge of the cleaning.

"Well, it's because we've got different rules than the other classes. Anyway, let's start the cleaning."

"Okaaaay!"

After Agnes' group gives a lively reply, they begin to clean, using their 『Telekinesis』. The cleaning of the magician class also serves as magic training. First they lift up the chairs in the classroom with 『Telekinesis』, placing them atop the desks. Next they move those desks into the back of the classroom with 『Telekinesis』.

"Make sure that the chairs on the desks don't fall down. Have the desks move side-by-side."

"Okaaay!"

Since I'm supervising the cleaning, Agnes and the others use their magic with utmost effort, moving the desks around.

"Once you're finished with that, you will gather up the dirt with dustpans and brooms."

"Okay!"

Of course I have them move the brooms and dustpans with 『Telekinesis』. I gave them advice whenever their way of sweeping was wrong, or they didn't manage to scoop up the dirt because of a bad placement of the dustpan.

"Next you will wring the dust cloths."

"Okay!"

They draw the dust cloths that had been drying outside the classroom to themselves with 『Telekinesis』, wash them out properly after soaking them in the water of a bucket, and wring them tightly.

I had them redo it whenever their wringing was half-baked, their washing was too crude, or the water spilled out of the bucket.

Once that was done, they wiped the area of the floor assigned to them with the dust cloth. Of course I had them redo it if their way of wiping the floor wasn't good enough.

"Pheew...it's quite tough."

"Right? Even if it's just cleaning, it turns into magic practice if you come up with a good method. Precisely controlling what you're targeting will also be of help when hunting monsters."

Once the cleaning was done, I had them move the desks to the front.
Afterwards I had them repeat the whole process for the back part of the classroom.
Oh, right, they will also need to clean the windows.

"I'm tired."

"Even cleaning is surprisingly difficult if you do all of it with magic."

"If you're worn-out, it's hard to focus on the control."

It's Agnes, Betty, and Cindy, the top three of the magician class, but they are down in the ropes because of the cleaning with unfamiliar magic.

"As you can see, cleaning is also a part of the training. Make sure to do it seriously."

Since I have theoretically explained the advantages of cleaning in the magician class, doing the cleaning in turns became normal for them after this.

But...



"The other classes are completely lost cases!"

"It's because it's not like cleaning will become training for them, right?"

"But it will, won't it?"

"You might be able to trick a noble wife with lacking exercise into that, but they're adventurer rookies. The amount of their exercise is great to begin with, and since there're many hunting spots around Baulburg, they actually incline towards hunting part-time rather than cleaning, you know?"

Just as Erw says, the system of cleaning in turns hasn't really stuck with any class other than the magician one.

Or rather, at least clean up after yourself!



"Dear, the school has finally settled down, hasn't it?"

"Elise, you're soon going to enter your stable period, aren't you?"

"Yes."

Around the time when the prep school in Baulburg finally settled in, the bellies of Elise and the

others have become big, and they're apparently entering their stable periods.

"The stable period, huh?"

"Yep. I think it will now be alright as long as they don't do anything unreasonable."

Since Amalie-san has given her approval as well, I can feel some relief.

"However, it's rather difficult to hold lessons with this belly."

"I wonder whether it would be better to stop for now."

After we've built the prep school in Baulburg, Elise and my other wives have been working there as temporary teachers while making sure to not overdo it, but as expected, it might be high time for them to soon take a break.

"Will it be okay if so many temporary teachers take maternity leave all at once?"

"We'll manage one way or another."

It makes Ina worry, but Elise and the others were temporary teachers to begin with. At this point, I just have to do my best as a soon-to-be father.

"I mean, there's just one magician class anyway."

It's just as Luise says. Given that the other classes don't have any magicians, there's nothing that Elise and the others would need to teach them, no matter what.

Because Erw and my retainers also give lectures about weapon handling, camping methods, and practical hunting skills every now and then, our prep school enjoys a good reputation for having a curriculum catered more towards actual battle than other prep schools.

Because of that, the number of applicants seems to have increased for the following years.

Headmaster Percho is very busy with the necessary preparations.

Headmaster Percho was a veteran adventurer in the same party as Headmaster Hendrick.

He's become the headmaster of Baulburg's prep school on the recommendation of Headmaster Hendrick, but with him being new in the position of headmaster, he appears to be swamped with the management of this school that's growing in student numbers.

Prep schools with a long history have few places where you can earn some money with part-time hunting nearby, but because it's easy to earn money as there's plenty of hunting grounds close to Baulburg's prep school, it also boosts the number of applicants for the school.

"Are the numbers of school buildings and dormitories going to be enough?"

"That part should be alright."

"You sure are confident there, Wendelin."

"I mean, Headmaster Percho is there."

I'm Earl Baumeister.

It's not good for me to do everything myself. Leaving tasks to those capable of them is very noble-like.

"That's correct, but somehow I have a bad feeling about it."

That damn Therese, she makes it sound as if I'm dumping all the troublesome work on Headmaster Percho.

Well, it's the truth, though.

"And that's why..."

"Switching the topic all of a sudden?"

"I have entrusted the management of the school to Headmaster Percho after all. Anyway, I have a nice suggestion."

"Nice suggestion? What kind, hubby?"

"I thought we could hold a school festival. I'm sure it will be fun."

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Huh?

Even though it should be a very great idea, everyone has gone silent for some reason.

I mean, even if it's a prep school, it's still a school, right? Since it only lasts a year, I'm confident that it's something great to make wonderful memories by doing a school festival.

So why is everyone staying silent despite that?

"Say, Wend. A school ceremony means you're going to hold a festival at the prep school, right?"
[efn_note]The ceremony/festival mentioned by Erw here is about a religious festival.[/efn_note]

"What else could it mean?"

"School, ceremony, so that's why doing a festival? Everyone thinks the same, right everyone?"

All of them nod upon Erw's question.

"Why would you do a festival at a school, hubby?"

"Because it's fun."

"Just that?"

"..."

Huh?

Just now I have realized for the first time after Katia pointed it out.

I wonder why are Japanese schools holding festivals?

I know that it has the slogan of being linked to education, but how has education anything to do

with selling takoyaki and yakisoba at stalls, or running coffee shops?

If you say it's for the sake of opening a restaurant in the future, I guess it'd turn into social studies on how to prepare a restaurant, buy tools, and stock up on ingredients as cheaply as possible.

Putting it like that, it might actually be quite useful in this world.

Alright, I've consolidated my thinking.

"In the first place, the majority of the adventurers at the prep school will need to do normal jobs after retiring, right? Especially the students who aren't magicians."

Excellent talents likely won't have any troubles in their second lives as they'll be hired by nobles to capitalize on their experience or become teachers at a prep school.

However, all others will need to do other jobs after they stop being adventurers.

That means, running a stall or shop during the school festival will be for the sake of that time.

"In short, it's a kind of social studies."

"Adventurers are crude, and there are some who are also considered a nuisance by ordinary people. That means, it will allow them to invite and mingle with visitors from outside by running shops."

"You got it!"

Lisa is really quick-witted.

Given that they won't acquire any social skills by going back and forth between the prep school and the hunting grounds for their part-time work, I will have them run shops at a school festival, and also invite Baulburg's residents.

By doing that, I'm going to aim for an improvement of their image through the suggestion that adventurers have many normal people among them as well.

In that case, it'll also be easier for them to spend their second life in the Baumeister Earldom after their retirement.

Of course, those, who achieved greatness as adventurers, will be able to do as they please as long as they don't commit any crimes.

"I will have them set up shops, prepare the tools and ingredients, and of course keep books. I won't mind giving those students, who sold the most, a reward either."

"Well, it's a common pattern for adventurers to start restaurants after retirement. I guess it's fine for them to get a feel of it during a time like this."

"There's many of such people, yeah."

"Some of my acquaintances have done the same. There's also some who had to quit after failing at it, though." (Katia)

Indeed.

There are many people who succeed in saving a decent amount of money before their retirement as adventurers.

It looks like there's also adventurers who use that money to start a restaurant after retiring, but there's naturally a never ending stream of people, who fail at it as they were in a 『combat occupation』.

Katia's acquaintances might be like that as well.

"Normally you would work at other restaurants, and then open your own after getting some practice."

"Wilma, your opinion is sound, but there's people who don't consider things that far. It's because they've got the money anyway."

Because they have money, they open a restaurant on a snap decision, and go into the reds because of a lack of customers. Since adventurers tend to be ignorant of the world, there's apparently many among them who do badly or have their money stolen by their employees.

"Okay, I see. So that means the number of adventurers running into such failures after retiring will decrease if you have them actually do it at that school ceremony of yours."

"That's how it is. After all this is also linked to education."

I explain to Luise that the school festival ultimately is a place of learning.

"Wend, if you want to do it, just go for it?"

"Okay, then let's do it."

It's decided with this.

I will hold the very first school festival of this world at the adventurer prep school of Baulburg.

"Umm, dear."

"What's wrong, Elise?"

"How about you make presentations of what's usually studied in class, while you're at it?"

Nothing less of the diligent, perfect superwoman Elise.

For her to notice the part that's lacking the most in a school festival...although this would actually be the correct content...and is usually covered by a cultural festival...

However, I'd like to exclude that part since it's boring. On a day, where I'd be forced to listen to presentations with a strong tendency to make you sleepy by just hearing them while being told stuff like 『Sensei, please listen』, I'd definitely keep nodding off.

I'm going to cut out this element, which seems to be the original intention behind school festivals, on this occasion.

As if I'd allow it to spread in this world!

"Doing something different from normal also serves as recreation. It's a good idea to at least separate the period of the school festival from everyday's lessons and studying."

"I see. It has the objective to change the mood a bit."

"Correct."

A school festival also has the goal of being refreshing.

Well, that's a fairly lame excuse, but it saved me because Elise doesn't know about real school festivals.

I end up feeling slightly bad about it, but either way, I've decided to hold a school festival at the prep school.

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