

Chapter 6 - Graduation and the Paths afterwards

"Sensei, I have a question.

"Sensei, let us go to a cake shop again."

"Sensei, please take me along on future hunts, okay?"

Agnes, Cindy, and Betty seem to be full of spirit today as well. They approach me while smiling as usual. During the last year, they've drastically raised their mana pool and skill in magic. It's something that also makes me proud as their teacher.

"I suppose, it's okay since I've got some spare time today...Cindy, the cake shop will be our last stop, okay?"

"Ye——es, I understand."

"You really do?"

"I mean, Betty, you just said earlier that you want to eat some cake, didn't you!?"

"Don't argue. Let's first start with Agnes' question..."

""Oka——ay.""

My work as a teacher is going very well as my life as a newcomer temporary teacher continues in Baulburg's adventurer prep school which has opened ahead of schedule. Currently I'm actively teaching magic theory and application to the magician class with Agnes and the others.

I was worried because I hadn't taken any teacher-training curriculum during my university days in my previous life, but it's easier to simply teach than endlessly worry about it. And I feel like I'm managing my teacher job better than I had anticipated.

Whenever I ask the students about my teaching style, they tell me that I'm teaching them in a way that is easy to understand while being kind and enthusiastic. The elderly teachers, who used to be adventurers, might have more knowledge and experience, but it's not like they received any special teacher training either. It's also not said that they'd be great at teaching others, even if they might have been excellent adventurers during their heydays.

I mean, I've often heard such stories in the world of baseball in my previous life. For example, a great player doesn't automatically qualify for being a famous coach.

In that case, wouldn't it be better to add an education and training course for new teachers at Baulburg's adventurer prep school? But, if I do that, it's also possible that the older teachers will oppose it, I think.

"I think there will be some who will deny it out of pride or because they're obsessed with their own teaching methods while being too confident in themselves, but many teachers should be thankful for

such an opportunity."

When I consult with Principal Hendrick in the capital, he praises me for having come up with a good idea.

"Huh? I thought you'd be against it."

I was sure that most of the teachers wanted to use the teaching methods they believed to be the best.

"Many of the teachers have originally been excellent adventurers. And excellent adventurers operate by adapting to the situation. If you tell them that they can receive training on how to teach others skilfully for free, they'd usually take that chance. The eccentric ones will quickly find it difficult to stick around, even if they are talented. But then again, such folks don't care about becoming teachers in the first place."

I suppose that means the number of those against it won't be as high since it'll be training for their own job. Besides, the teacher job might be somewhat unsuitable for oddballs and aloof geniuses.

"Okay, just as I thought, it'll be bad if we don't standardize the teaching methods then."

"We will go ahead with this. As our prep school has a long history, it's suited to take the lead in a matter like this. We just need to have the other prep schools cooperate, which will eventually lead to drawing up a joint curriculum."

Hendrick was formerly an excellent adventurer, too. One of the qualities of such adventurers is the swiftness in making decisions and acting upon them. After all, such adventurers wouldn't be able to survive if they kept pondering while about to get attacked by monsters. In short, 『Poor Thinking is Futile』.

I thought that prep schools might be more like public offices since they belong to the adventurer guild as their parent organization, but it looks like new things can be decided quickly if the one at the top is smart.

"Earl Baumeister-dono, could I have you outline a manual for magicians as well? No need to hurry, though."

"I don't really mind..."

Although I've improved on it a bit here and there, my manual mostly consists of what Master has left me. It also includes the teaching of Burkhart-san...and a tiny amount of Doushi.

"I'd say, let's have it dubbed as being written by Alfred-dono with some editing by Earl Baumeister-dono, Burkhart-dono, and Armstrong-dono."

"Okay, I'll take care of it."

Master will become the author of the manual which will be used when teaching magicians at prep schools. Master's name will be passed down to future generations after he died all too quickly despite having been more talented than anyone else. If this leads to more people acknowledging

him, it'll make me as his pupil proud as well.

"Earl Baumeister-dono, you're probably busy, and our side also needs to prepare, so let's tackle this slowly."

After being told so by Hendrick, I started to gradually sort the writings Master left me during my free time.



Such events have taken place as well, but I'm still managing somehow as a teacher. I try to carry out my job while receiving some training from Burkhart-san, who occasionally drops in, in addition to the teachings by Master.

"Earl-sama, you sure are a diligent guy. You've even put Al's writings together?"

"I simply decided to do it, so that's all there is to it. Besides, who else is going to pass on Master's achievements to the future generations, if not me as his pupil?"

"I wish I had such a diligent, loyal pupil as well~"

Strictly speaking, am I not his pupil, seeing how Burkhart-san is my Master's master? But, I think he got plenty of pupils anyway.

"What about Katharina?"

Since she's been improving her abilities under his tutelage, he must be considering her to be a good pupil, no?

"Katharina-jou-chan is a genius. Such geniuses are ridiculously unsuited for teaching others. You see, as a magician I never managed to win against Al and Doushi. It resulted in me investing a lot of effort to somehow reach a point of being able to rival them, but all the planning and scheming has been useful for my teaching later down the line."

Luise, who possesses prodigious abilities in the Magic Combat Style isn't fit to teach others at all. She has become a special instructor as figurehead while leaving all of the dojo work to her brothers, and I guess Katharina is just like Luise.

"I'm sure a pupil as you desire will sooner or later show up, Burkhart-san."

"You're right. I've still got a few dozen years of active work ahead of me anyway."

Magicians tend to live longer than normal people. It's very likely that Burkhart-san will remain active for another 30 or 40 years.

"But, have a peace of mind. Earl-sama, you're a hundred times more suited for teaching others than Doushi."

"Can you really count that as praise?"

I'm happy to be told that I'm suited to be a teacher, but I feel kinda conflicted about Doushi being used as a comparison target. After all, no one is as picky in choosing pupils as he is.

"Still, aren't you quite popular as a teacher?"

Well, sure, I think my students idolize me. When I've got some time, I also train their practical skills, like hunting methods and similar, by heading outside Baulburg.

"Many monsters resemble animals in their shape. They're stronger, bigger, and faster, but their basic way of life is similar. Thus it's necessary for them to get used to hunting as many wild animals as possible before they grow up into adults."

"Makes sense. Moreover, if they hunt a lot, their pocket money will also increase."

"Yep."

This is no joke either. If their livelihood isn't guaranteed, the students won't have any spare time for education. For intermediate magicians and below, it's better to possess very efficient wands, and robes endowed with a superior defense ability going beyond that of metal armors are necessary as well since they make a very big difference when it comes to survivability. Since it'd be better for the students to obtain these before actually entering monster domains, they should buy them as soon as possible by earning the necessary money through part-time jobs. It's what I've been telling my students to the extent of making their ears bleed.

"Earl-sama, it'll be impossible for you to stay a teacher indefinitely, but it sounds like several decent magicians have shown up this year."

From the standpoint of elderly magicians like Burkhart-san, it's preferable for as many talented, young magicians to be discovered as possible. This might be owed to the lack of magicians in this world where the number of magicians is directly linked to profits.

"Keep at it, Earl-sama."



While being cheered on by Burkhart-san, I continue teaching my students how to hunt.

"I think we'll go back to eat something, and then go home. It'll be sensei's treat."

"Yahooo!"

"Thank you very much, sensei."

As I do things like treating my students to sweets and meals after coming back from hunting, it

makes me actually realize that I've become a real teacher. And the ones I'm particularly favoring among my students are Agnes, Betty, and Cindy. Since their mana is still growing, I'm teaching them without caring about the time invested.

Because of that, I'm teaching them various things outside class, and also take them along when I'm going out somewhere on my days off, resulting in the time spent together with them increasing. Given that I only had a little brother in my previous life, it might simply give me joy to do all this as it feels like having obtained little sisters.

After my reincarnation, I was the youngest child as the eighth son, and even though I had elder half-sisters whom I didn't see often, I didn't have any younger sisters.

"Agnes, I think you're still using a bit too much mana when charging spells. Try to relax a bit more."

"Okay. But, my mana paths are expanding thanks to my daily meditation, so..."

"Widening your mana paths is for the sake of swiftly adjusting the mana used for spells. Wasting mana is another pair of shoes."

"I see...I understand."

"Cindy, if you keep eating this many cakes, you'll get fat...I guess not, thanks to being a magician."

"Indeed. I've been doing plenty of magic training. Sensei, fat is a taboo word for ladies. Didn't you get scolded by your wives about it or some such?"

"Well, yeah, they did scold me..." I clearly recall Katharina's words as a diet demon.

Magic seems to consume calories in addition to mana, and thus there are almost no fat people among magicians. That's why I unintentionally end up teasing Katharina who regularly plans diets despite not being fat. However, if she should ever reach her ideal body type, us men might judge her to be too thin.

I remember that even my previous world had big disagreements between men and women about what to describe as the perfect body type.

"Hunting, huh? Is there something you want to hunt, Betty?"

"I was asked by the guild to obtain a larger amount of guinea fowls, but unlike other prey, guinea fowls are very perceptive of human presences, and even if you aim at them with magic from far away, it's not easy to hit them."

"I'll help you out as part of your training. It'll be strict coaching, though."

"Yaaay, thank you!"



After finishing today's fun lesson, I return to my mansion, but the second I step inside the mansion, I'm confronted by Amalie-san.

"Wend-kun, were you out with your pupils again?"

"Yes! They are growing every day."

The other day we barely escaped death during the underground ruin incident, but I doubt there's anything as great for training as actual combat. As I'm watching how Agnes and the others keep improving, it also reflects the effectiveness of my teaching.

"There's not that much left until their graduation, but I'm sure that Agnes's group will become famous magicians who will carve their names into history."

In such a case, it'll raise Master's reputation even further, and naturally it'll also increase my evaluation as the one who personally trained them. Personally I don't really care all that much about being assessed highly, but my cute pupils, who I consider to be my little sisters, smoothly growing up makes me happy.

"I think I might actually be suited for being a teacher. Oh, right! Even after their graduation, I'll be able to keep coaching them. The three are my pupils, after all."

If I keep training them even after their graduation, I'm sure that they'll grow even further as magicians. I think that's a very wonderful prospect, but for some reason Amalie-san looks unhappy.

"Huh? What's wrong?"

"I'd like to ask you one thing. Wend-kun, what are you?"

"Umm, a teacher."

"Oh my..." For some reason Amalie-san falls over as soon as I answer that I'm a teacher.

I think it's my first time to see someone fall over in reality.

"Your teacher job ultimately is temporary, right? I mean, before that."

"Before that, you ask...?"

It looks like it'd turn into a philosophical answer if I think too deeply about it, but I'm Earl Baumeister, and the father of children who are soon going to be born. Becoming a father is a major turning point in a man's life, and the responsibility coming with it feels heavy.

I wonder, does Amalie-san want to talk about my resolve and thoughts about this matter?

"But, Amalie-san, am I not doing my very best to become a good father and noble?"

No matter how much I enjoy it, it's not like I'm only concentrating on my work as a teacher. Every day I work hard to continuously develop the Baumeister Earldom for my children, even handling annoying paperwork for that sake.

The less Elise and my other wives could move around after becoming pregnant, the more I worked on construction with magic. As told by Roderich, I've been traveling all over my earldom to help in the development with my magic. This is also something I do for my wives and my soon-to-be-born children.

"Aren't you forgetting something? Wend-kun, you're also the husband of Elise-san and your other wives."

"But look, I haven't missed that part either."

I can't remember who said it, but according to a story I heard in my previous life, pregnant women are very unstable emotionally when giving birth for the first time. Accordingly, I properly talk with my wives every day, including physical contact. Especially Elise receives a lot of pressure from other people to give birth to a male heir for the Baumeister House.

In my eyes, as someone who's still influenced by the values of modern Japan, it doesn't really matter whether it's a boy or a girl, as long as it's born safely, and it only makes me consider all those people applying pressure on her as pesky outsiders trying to meddle with the families of others.

I hear that Katharina is also expected to give birth to the successor of the Waigel House, and my other wives have weird relatives who are counting their chickens before they hatched by saying bullshit like 『If it's a girl, I want you to marry her off to some family』, although they're not even part of our family.

I've been running around, doing my best to support my wives by telling them to not mind all that background noise. It's just what I think, but I believe I'm doing all I can as a husband...

"You see, not only do I handle my teacher job, but I also don't forget to properly do my other work and to support my wives. Even if you search the entire Kingdom, you'll find only a few husbands who are investing as much effort as I am."

Yep, I'm doing my very best. But, why is Amalie-san looking at me with a face full of mixed feelings?

"Wend-kun, are your students cute?"

"Yes. They're idolizing me as their teacher."

There's no way that I'd feel bad about being idolized. All of them are different when it comes to their mana pool and talent, but they're growing up while studying earnestly. Helping them heals my heart that got hardened by the Empire's Civil War and my association with retarded nobles.

"Rather than destroying in war, I prefer rearing students through education. They're much better than stupid nobles who grew up into rotten adults."

The war is already over, but the inflow of stupid nobles, who seem incorrigible, is going to keep up until my death. Considering that, teaching students at the prep school alleviates the mental pain.

"Yep, I said something great there."

"Well, I won't doubt that you've said something nice, but..."

In that case, it'd be fine for her to openly show how deeply moved she is, but it looks like something is bothering after all.

"Wend-kun, you're giving special attention to three of your students, aren't you?"

Oh, I see. So that's the part bothering Amalie-san, huh? She's wondering whether I'm cheating on my pregnant wives with Agnes, Betty, and Cindy.

"Now listen, Amalie-san, I'm just teaching those three while favoring them because of their genuine talent."

I'm well aware that I'm dotting on them as little sisters, but I don't have any ulterior motives in that.

I honestly explain my feelings to Amalie-san.

"You've taken them out to play during your day off, haven't you?"

"That's because relaxation is also necessary at times. 『Study well, and play well』."

Because of their big bellies, I can't take my wives out any longer. However, I want to go out to play every once in a while, too. Of course I don't forget to bring presents for my wives whenever I go on a trip. Even if we might be married, I believe such little, attentive courtesies are indispensable.

"In the first place, those three are my cherished students. I wonder why anyone would get the idea that I'd make a move on them...it makes me truly sad. I suppose it must be the gossiping of some vulgar noble."

I believe I should properly explain my feelings here. Since Amalie-san is as scary as Elise, if she gets truly angry, it's better to resolve all misunderstandings as quickly as possible.

"Hold on. It's not like I'm blaming you for cheating, Wend-kun. I'm just saying that you're leaving a flank open as a noble."

So, cheating is fine... Unlike modern Japan, this world is very tolerant! Having said that, I won't cheat anyway.

"What do you mean?"

"Those girls are already seen as your lovers in the capital."

"Why?" I reflexively tilt my head to the side in confusion upon Amalie-san's remark.

Those three are my lovers? What's up with that!? Are you nobles of the capital fishy weekly magazines and variety shows for women, or what!?

"Wend-kun, sometimes you're really dumb, aren't you? If you favor them so much, and take them out all over the place, it's not just the nobles who would think so. The girls' parents are thinking the same.

"That's...I'm sorry for their parents...but I must clear up that misunderstanding by all means."

I'm sure that any parent would be worried if such rumors were to circulate about their unmarried daughter. After all, it'll become a huge hindrance for a normal marriage in the future.

"No, you misunderstand. Their parents are overjoyed by this. They're planning to give you their daughters."

"Pardon——!?!"

I'm going to marry Agnes, Betty, and Cindy? No, no, no, no.

"I had secretly thought that I'd greet their parents in my position as Earl Baumeister after getting invited to the girls' marriage ceremony as their magic master...and wondered whether I should prepare some conversation topics in advance..."

Since the people participating in the marriage ceremony might pay attention to my speech, I had planned to go with something slightly clever, but...

"Thine way of thinking is completely off. Not only Amalie, even I'm shocked." Therese shows up at that point.

Since Elise and the others are behind her as well, I guess everyone has assembled.

"If their parents knew that you're thinking about it like this, dear, I think they'd be sad instead."

"No, I mean..."

I think it'd be better for them to find a nice husband rather than marry with me who's already got plenty of wives.

"I believe that having their daughters married to you instead of some unknown guy gives their parents a peace of mind." Elise explains to me with an expression that's colder than usual.

So my perception of the situation has been wrong?

"Elise heard the rumors from Cardinal Hohenheim."

Ina continues with the explanation, but in short, since I protected the three from the Baron Bayer House's solicitation, and had them change schools after hurrying the construction of the prep school in Baulburg, people seem to believe that I'm sheltering the girls.

"The ones spreading the rumors very actively are the folks of the Bayer House, I hear."

"Luise, that much is predictable."

As the three wouldn't go to the Bayer House no matter how persistent their recruiting might be, the Bayer folks have been harassing them terribly.

"Wendelin-san, you're favoring your students too much."

"You think?"

"Katharina, are you jealous because you've learned most of your magic by self-study?"

"Wilma-san, please keep your weird teasing at bay..."

Wilma's sharp retort causes my heart to grieve. Come to think of it, Katharina has spent her student days as a loner.

"...I guess I didn't manage to perceive Katharina's feelings. Come with us next time as well, okay Katharina?"

Sorry, Katharina. I wasn't able to guess your sad past. Even though I also was a loner in my past...
