

"Franklin-sama, a rabbit has come your way."

"I see it. I'll make sure to not let it get away."

Franklin-dono, the eldest son of the Earl Morgensohn House, has fallen in love with the female me. Even as I wonder how that came to be, a job is a job.

We have started to coach Franklin-dono on the hunting grounds managed by the Morgensohn House. Seeing how the student is the heir of an earl house, Twilight of Dawn has been attached to him as guards which is way too excessive for the level of danger he could face here, but so far there has been no problem, and Franklin-dono himself isn't that much of an unreliable boy as the earl made him out to be.

He brings down the rabbit, Boltor-dono and Dalton-dono had herded towards him, with one shot, demonstrating extraordinary skill in archery.

"That was amazing."

"It's nothing so exaggerated, but I'll give this game to you, Klimt-san."

As soon as he wasn't any longer under the watchful eyes of his father, the earl, Franklin-dono stopped hiding his affection towards me. He's always sticking with me, and whenever he takes down prey like this, he offers it to me.

Now then, what should I do about this?

"(Didn't you explain the situation to Franklin-dono?)"

"(You see, we couldn't get him to believe us.)"

"(...He probably doesn't want to believe the fact that you're actually a guy, Klimt.)"

I'd like him to obediently believe that part, or rather, a woman like me doesn't even exist in this world to begin with!

Also, there's the matter with Candy-dono, huh?

"(I know it's rude to put it like this, but although both of you're terrible to look at, Candy is still preferable over you.)"

Certainly, it's a scant difference, but if you asked which of us looks less objectionable, eight out of ten people would likely name Candy-dono.

"(Awww, I'm not terrible to look at. My heart is that of a girl. It's mean for Franklin-chan to pick Ron-chan over me.)"

"(What a pain in the ass...since you're just making matters worse, stay out of this. Also, from my

point of view, you look like a monster. If children saw you, they'd run away while bawling, and old people might die from the visual shock.)"

I had been aware of it myself, but after turning into a woman, I looked much worse than Candy-dono who's branded as a monster by Boltor-dono. And yet, I wonder what Franklin-dono finds so appealing about my womanly appearance? Above all, despite usually being surrounded by beautiful women and girls.

"When I saw you for the first time, Klimt-san, I felt a shock as if lightning had struck me!"

"(Well, obviously. I mean he's a woman with a height of more than 180 cm, packing nothing but muscles.)"

I'd love Boltor-dono to stop butting in with a whisper on each and every single thing.

"Until now I've never experienced anything like that from any woman I've seen. That's why I realized. Klimt-san, you're most appropriate to be my future spouse."

He's already proposing to me?

"Franklin-dono, because you're the heir of the Earl Morgensohn House..."

There's no way that a weird woman like me would be able to marry into the Morgensohn family...I'm the second son of the Earl Armstrong House, but right now it's awfully troublesome that I must keep pretending to be a simple female adventurer...no, would Franklin-dono actually give up if I revealed my true identity?

"Of course it'll be impossible to take you as the first wife, but I'll definitely welcome you as an official concubine."

"I'd like you to give me some time to consider..."

"Oh, that's wonderful. For you to properly consider my proposal is more than I could ask for."

Well, since I'll turn back into a man by tomorrow or the day after, Franklin-dono will give up anyway.

Seemingly happy over my reply, Franklin-dono kept hunting one game after the other under the tutelage of Dalton-dono. It meant Franklin-dono wasn't as unreliable and inexperienced as his father worried.



"Klimt-san, I'll treat you to a wonderful dinner with rabbit meat tonight."

"I appreciate the thought."

Sometimes Franklin-dono calls out to me, drawing the picture of a husband hunting for the sake of his wife.

"(Klimt, why did it turn out like this?)"

"(Bruno, are you frustrated that Franklin-dono has no interest in you despite being a beautiful girl?)"

"(It's not like I have turned into a woman because I like it. Whenever I walk through the city, everyone is staring at me, so I really wanna revert back to being a man as soon as possible.)"

Given that Bruno has turned into a beautiful girl, approved of by everyone, unlike Candy-dono and me, he's had lots of trouble with drawing the attention of many men when we walked through the city yesterday.

"(Isn't that half the fault of Candy-san and you, Klimt?)"

Candy-dono and I were not only considered big and brawny, but even suspected to actually be men when we were next to Bruno yesterday. He's right. In a certain sense we've also drawn attention. It was just the opposite type of attention.

When I voice this out, Boltor-dono whispers, "(This might actually be the reason.)"

"(What do you mean, Boltor-san?)" Bruno asks Boltor-dono.

"(Try to think about it for a bit. The people of the Morgensohn House are all beautiful or handsome, right?)"

"(No doubt about that.)"

"(With the family members being beautiful for generations, and since it's only nobles who marry into the family, it's just reasonable for there to be many pretty people.)"

Come to think of it, Franklin-dono's elder sister, younger sister, and mother were all beauties. The Morgensohn family's members being beautiful men and women probably lies in their blood.

"(In the eyes of Franklin-dono, who's grown up in environment where he's surrounded by just such people, the beautiful people of his family must be the norm. He regards the beautiful people at home just like we look at people with ordinary looks. Thus it's inevitable for him having received a big shock from seeing Candy and Klimt. He might have misunderstood that shock as budding feelings of love.)"

In other words, for the people of the Morgensohn family, beautiful people are normal and not unusual. So Franklin-dono fell in love with me because I'm someone with a novel appearance, contradicting his usual surroundings.

"(I don't know whether you're aware of it, Klimt, but occasionally you'll encounter such people...every once in a while. Like, for example, high-ranking nobles who take a woman as mistress while everyone around them doesn't understand why they'd pick such a woman.)"

"(It's because they want to secure the woman for themselves by all means because she's a type of woman they never encountered before, right?)"

I suppose it's because people always desire what they don't have.



"Klimt-san, how's the meat of the rabbit I shot myself?"

"It is delicious."

"That's great to hear. Everything tastes much better if you eat together like this."

"No doubt..."

Since the sun was already sinking when we finished our hunt, we began setting up tents in an open plain. This is also part of the request in order to train Franklin-dono...but then again, Franklin-dono himself happily offers me rabbit meat.

He's probably very excited out of joy over being able to spend the night with me, a woman he fell in love with at first sight, while being away from his parent's control. Love is just like a drug that makes you crazy. That's all there is to it.

Or rather, why is it me and not Bruno, who's a beautiful girl as visible to anyone? This world is truly full of mysteries.

"Why is it not meee——" Candy-dono screams by himself, but all of us pretend to not have heard anything.

Franklin-dono probably doesn't care at all since he's fully intoxicated with me. It's not that I don't understand Candy-dono's feelings. Losing to Bruno would be one thing, but even losing to me must be vexing.

"It is about time for me to go to sleep."

I tell Franklin-dono that I'm going to enter my tent to retire for the night since it's already late. Since he has his exclusive tent, he'll sleep by himself...I definitely won't sleep together with him. I think that's only natural since the members of Twilight of Dawn have to take turns on the night watch duty.

"You're right. Klimt-san and I officially don't have such a relationship yet. But, I'll wait for you as long as necessary."

At this point, the situation has become completely hopeless. Franklin-dono seems to have already drawn up a future of him turning me into his concubine.

"(Hey, Klimt. Haven't the people of the Morgensohn House noticed your true identity?)"

"(They should have.)"

The Morgensohn House and the Armstrong House belong to different factions, and because both families have never tied with each other through marriage, there's almost no exchange between the two, but it's unthinkable that they haven't investigated about me, the second son, to work as adventurer with Twilight of Dawn right now.

"(Because we explained the circumstances to Earl Morgensohn, he let us do the job like that.)"

No matter how things pan out, it's impossible for Franklin-dono to take me as concubine. The earl probably sent us out here while thinking that I'd prevent this from happening at any price.

On the other hand, Franklin-dono doesn't know anything about the second son of the Armstrong House, and it's a fact that I'm currently a woman. No matter what others tell him, he likely won't accept it.

Hm——m, love truly makes blind.

"(We're going to turn back tomorrow anyway, right? Earl Morgensohn might consider it as a good experience for his son to have his heart broken.)"

In the end, we retired to bed while taking turns for the night watch.



And then, on the next morning...

"Klimt-san, please wake up."

"Ugh...is it already morning?"

For some reason it's Franklin-dono who's come to wake me up.

"Franklin-dono?"

"Thinking that I'd love to wake you up, I got up earlier than usual."

"I see..."

I have a bad sleeping posture and snore rather loudly, so he must have been disappointed. Just when I think about all that...

"Klimt-san, you're someone not prettying yourself at all, aren't you? I'm falling in love with you even more and more."

"Wow... So you can interpret it like this as well, eh?"

Bruno, who has come to check the situation, admires Franklin-dono for not only ignoring my snoring and sleeping posture, but even describing it as charming and novel instead.

Now that it has come to this, I feel like it doesn't matter what I try to do about it.



"As usual, you eat plenty. Our family's cooks will be delighted, I'm sure."

"The size of your body is directly proportional to the size of your open-mindedness."

"You've beaten a big deer to death with a single blow. Killing an animal quickly so as to not make it suffer shows how deeply compassionate you are."

"At this point, it's useless whatever you say to him."

"Right..."

We are unable to do anything about Franklin-dono who discovers a merit in everything I do.

But, on that evening, just when the remaining task was to go back to the Morgensohn mansion, the effect of the magic potion finally wore off. With this I've returned to being a man, relieving me from being courted by Franklin-dono.

"Noo——o! Gimme back my original girl foo——orm!"

"Come on, that's not your original form, man!"

Candy-dono shrieks after having reverted into a man just like me, but I leave dealing with him to Boltor-dono.

"I wasn't popular at all, even though I became a girl——!"

"I think that's only reasonable."

"Boltor, you meanie——ee!"

"Yeah, yeah, leave it at that. You should get ready for us to pull back as leader of Twilight of Dawn."

"I know without you telling me that."

Still, as might be expected of a super adventurer. He immediately recovers, and starts preparing for

our return. And, I have also reverted into being a man again, but...

"Klimt-san?"

"As you can see, I have been turned into a woman for the last three days thanks to a strange magic potion."

It might be a cruel reality for Franklin-dono, but there's no way that I'm going to become his concubine. I'd like him to recover his broken heart as quickly as possible.

"Franklin-dono, you are no frail, weak man as your father worries about. I am sure another good woman will appear in due time. I am a man, so we cannot be together."

"Klimt-san..."

It might be a shock for him, but I'm certain Franklin-dono is going to encounter a wonderful woman in the future. And this is no flattery, but my honest belief that I told him.

"Klimt-san."

"What is it?"

It looks like he's given up at long last. With this I'll be able to return to my old life...

"I don't mind at all! Even if you are a man, Klimt-san! It's not like I fell in love with you just because you're a man or a woman! After listening to your sincere words just now, I've become convinced of this all the more! Klimt-san, please become my wife!"

"Impossible!"

"Please consider it somehow! I won't give up!"

"Please do give up!"

"Klimt-sa——an! Please wait fo——or me!"

"No, it is impossible!"

"I won't give up, for sure——ee!"

For some reason Franklin-dono continued courting me for a while even after turned back into a man. As he seemed to be completely crazy about it, Earl Morgensohn did his utmost to make him give up on the idea, or rather, he tried to get him back to normal, but it needed several months for results of the treatment to bear fruit.



"Even though I had turned into a pretty woma——an!"

"Klimt has been a rare case, huh? Also, no matter what you do, you'll never become a beauty, Candy."

"Boltor, you meanie——ee!"

"I had become a beautiful girl, and yet didn't garner any attention from Franklin-dono. That's good, though."

Good grief, I've gone through a horrible experience thanks to Mr. Beckenbauer's magic potion.