**Chapter 189: Grand Fountain (2)**

Despite bringing party members to the master's house, I failed to control them properly and, swayed by lust, spent the night with another woman.

A pathetic situation with no room for excuses.

Judging by how she almost destroyed the door when leaving, it seems her anger has built up considerably.

What other ways are there to appease a woman's anger?

'There's nothing else but to bow my head and apologize.'

But if the person who would receive such apologies suddenly leaves, there's no way to apologize.

Although I ran around frantically, Idelbert didn't show up at either the mansion or the Explorer Union's president's office.

"Haah."

I'm not familiar with Eden's geography.

Even after darting around Eden's streets for about four hours, I couldn't find her.

"Shuding. Come out."

I called for Idelbert's familiar that suddenly came to mind.

Shuding, Idelbert's cat familiar living in my shadow.

"Meeooww..."

Called after a long time, the creature wore a deeply sulking expression, much like its master.

"It's been too long since I called you. Sorry."

"Meoww...!"

When I roughly stroked its fluffy black fur, it turned its head away with a face saying I'm upset.

-Flutter. Flutter.

But that black cat's tail was swaying very gently, as if asking for more.

I firmly grabbed its plump body and stroked it softly.

-Tickle tickle tickle.

"Meoww...! Meeowww...Purr..."

Shuding's voice, which at first showed strong dislike, gradually became moistened.

Though appearing reluctant on the outside, seeing it purring and rubbing its face against my palm with every stroke made me smile involuntarily.

After seeing only dangerous and hideous giant monsters, looking at a small cute animal felt healing to my mind.

"Meow..."

Before I knew it, it was sitting curled up on my lap, swaying its tail back and forth.

-Tap. Tap tap.

Somehow the cat's tail seemed to tap my dick every time it swayed, but the one before me was just a cat familiar.

"Shuding."

"Meow?"

"Your master ran away somewhere all upset, could you tell me where she went?"

"Grrrrr!!"

At the mention of being upset, it raised its tail straight up and shouted. I waved my hand while sweating nervously.

"I want to apologize. I did quite a few things wrong."

"Meow?"

Hmm. Really? Hmmmm...You say you'll apologize?

As if saying that, Shuding purred lowly while swaying its tail back and forth, then stretched out its front paws and rump.

"Meow."

With a face saying I'll personally show you, Shuding took a step.

"Ah, could you wait a moment?"

"Meow."

Nodding as if understanding, Shuding followed me.

I ran to Grumpy who I had left at the mansion.

"Ugh... Master..."

Her condition wasn't good.

Idelbert's punches under the guise of training had thoroughly kneaded Grumpy's face.

Though I had given emergency treatment, many parts were completely smashed.

"Are you okay?"

"Kyahuk...!! U, uhuuu..."

When I lightly touched her wounds, she shed a small tear.

"I was prepared from the moment we faced each other since I felt an incredible killing intent, but I didn't expect it to be this bad..."

"No matter what, how could she do this to you when your face and body are your best features."

"Ehehe...uh, w-was that a compliment...?"

"...Let's head to the grand fountain first."

I spoke while avoiding Grumpy's gaze as she grabbed my arm with a surprised face.

The grand fountain located on the 15th floor.

That place where healing water endlessly gushes out was far more effective than even high-grade potions.

Her smashed face should be able to regain its original beauty after soaking for a few minutes.

The plan was to put Grumpy in the grand fountain first, then search for Idelbert with Shuding.

"But what is that? It doesn't seem like a normal cat."

"Ah, this is..."

"Grrrrr!"

"Kyaaaaaah!"

When Grumpy tried to pat Shuding's head, Shuding bit her finger hard.

"Kyahuk! Y-you crazy cat!"

"Grrrrrrrrrr!!!"

Though Grumpy shook her arm frantically trying to shake off Shuding, Shuding held on as if determined to bite off her finger.

"Shuding! Stop!"

"Purr..."

Stopping at my words, Shuding reluctantly released Denshi's finger.

Looking at Shuding who turned its head away with a haughty face, Grumpy stared her with a disgusted expression.

"Ow... That crazy cat, what is it really?"

"Master's familiar. She briefly left it with me before."

"Like master, like familiar..."

"Grrrrrrr..."

"Eek..."

Growling while glaring at Grumpy, Shuding jumped into my arms.

Purring, it kept rubbing its face against my chest.

After watching Shuding for a moment, Denshi asked in a strange tone.

"Is that really a familiar? Somehow the way it looks at Master seems suspicious..."

"...? Of course it is. Does this look human to you?"

"No, that's not what I mean..."

I answered while stroking Shuding's fluffy head.

No matter how you look at it, from above or below, it just looks like a cat.

"Meowww..."

Though pretending to be annoyed, Shuding enjoyed my touch.

Even Grumpy, who had answered with suspicious eyes, ended up scratching the back of her head, unable to say more.

First heal Grumpy at the grand fountain, then follow Shuding to find Idelbert.

With this rough plan set, we immediately left the mansion and started walking toward the fountain.

Eden's streets are both similar to and different from Valerus on the ground.

Unlike the ground where clear boundaries are divided by walls into four districts - noble, temple, outlaw, and explorer districts - such boundaries were blurry in Eden.

Some alleys have lodgings where explorers stay, and markets where equipment is sold or goods are traded.

Other alleys had places lumped together as 'suspicious' back alleys that were 'shady'.

Notably the street where the 'Back Alley Turf' clan was based.

'Come to think of it, I still need to collect the reward for catching those bastards.'

Though there were things to collect like Nuer's treatment fee, I decided to put it off for now. The rewards to collect weren't going to run away.

"Purr! Premium aphrodisiac that makes any man forcibly submit as a male climax slave with just one drop for only 30 gold coins! Purr!"

"Premium cloak made from scales of the 16th floor's nightmare wyvern for 24 gold coins!"

The sounds and atmosphere around me had changed before I knew it.

Though it had a dark market atmosphere like it was about to go bankrupt, it wasn't the back alleys.

There were quite a lot of people passing by.

Merchants who laid their goods on boards actively solicited customers, and customers equipped with various weapons examined them with serious faces.

"Seems like a market street? Everything is really expensive..."

Staring intently at the premium aphrodisiac that supposedly makes any man forcibly submit as a male climax slave with just one drop, Denshi muttered with a serious expression.

"Should I steal it...?"

-Whack!

"Ungh!"

"Don't do things that'll get you in trouble later."

"Hiing...Understood."

After disciplining the head that naturally thought of theft with a knife hand strike, I looked around.

Perhaps because it was a market, there certainly were many things.

'Wouldn't her heart soften more if I give a gift while apologizing?'

I've heard that good gifts are what melts a woman's heart.

Though I'm not sure if it would work in this world, I wanted to believe it would work since there were strangely similar aspects.

'The problem is, I need to find a gift that would please that Idelbert...'

I glanced around the market.

There were many adult items in the area Denshi was watching.

My eyes naturally went that way.

Starting from dildos the size of my index finger to onaholes, pink anal beads with small thick beads in a row, anal plugs.

"Purr! You male there. Looking for something to satisfy the female beside-? Purr, you?"

While quietly looking at me, the centaur woman who was soliciting customers with crossed arms stared at me with round eyes.

"Ah, from that time..."

It was the centaur woman who was part of Amel Drexia's party when annihilating the Back Alley Turf clan.

"Purr! What a surprise to see you here. Purr! Come to think of it, we haven't properly introduced ourselves. I'm Kentarina purr!"

She extended her hand as if asking for a handshake while purring. I shook it and spoke.

"I'm Balkan. Thank you for your help last time. Is this... a side job?"

"Purr. No. This is my main job. I do explorer work to obtain these relics and artifacts. Purr."

Kentarina smiled sinisterly while dripping mare juice from her horse vagina.

Come to think of it, she approached me dripping female fluids the first time too.

Kentarina's eyes turned to Denshi.

"Purr. Looking for something to impregnate this female?"

"Ehheeh, hehehe, d-do we look like that? Hehe. Master. They think we look like that. Like we're in an impregnating relationship. Hehe..."

Denshi twisted her hair with her finger while smiling full of embarrassment.

"Meow!"

-Bang. Bang bang.

And as if trying to cut that atmosphere, Shuding banged the board displaying goods with its small cat paws.

-Roll roll.

Then something rolled down in front of Shuding's paws.

Kentarina's eyes went round.

"Purr. This cat. Has good taste. To choose my most precious item."

"Meow?"

Shuding made a surprised voice.

At Kentarina's words, I looked at what had rolled in front of Shuding's paws.

A black cat tail.

It was quite naturally shaped for something that was made.

And at the front part of that tail, there was something giving off a shiny silver gleam.

"Me, meow..."

Shuding's pupils trembled while reflecting that silver something.

"Cat tail anal plug. There's nothing better than this for training the back pussy of a noble and arrogant female. Purr!"

I instinctively sensed that it was a gift suitable for Idelbert.