

Culinary 33

Chapter 33: I love the atmosphere in the store! Draw your sword, Boss Lin!

What? There's still Lu Rou Fan available?

Inside the villa, Shen Jiayue was watching Wu Kexin's live stream and immediately craved it.

No way! I have to go eat. I must taste the Lu Rou Fan. Yue Liyue and Panda had both eaten it, and even the streamer in the store had started eating. I, Shen Jiayue, can't stand this humiliation!

She grabbed her phone and called Lin Xu, "I want to eat Lu Rou Fan. Can you save a bowl for me? I'll pay!"

Lin Xu was surprised on the other end of the phone. What's going on? Why does she sound so wronged?

He said, "I'm saving some for you; one portion for you and one for my mom."

Shen Jiayue asked curiously, "Auntie hasn't eaten yet?"

"No, she plans to return home tomorrow. She's worried I'll be hungry in the middle of the night, so she's at home making dumplings for me right now, planning to stuff the freezer full."

Is it really that blissful? Shen Jiayue felt a wave of envy. If she ever asked her mom for food in the middle of the night, her doctor mother would just meticulously detail tragic case after tragic case of how eating at night harms the body. Sigh! No comparison.

After hanging up the phone, Shen Jiayue felt that since Auntie was leaving, she should give her a gift, especially since she had prepared such a delicious breakfast for her that morning.

She entered her dressing room. Looking at the sets of cosmetics in the cabinet, she finally made a choice. "You'll do!"

She took out a Penhaligon's Beast Family limited edition set from the cabinet. It was a gift from her cousin Chen Yan when she returned from Macau at the beginning of the month. Shen Jiayue found the fragrance too mature and had never used it. But this fragrance would be quite suitable for her future mother-in-law.

Once the gift was chosen, she changed into casual clothes, took the gift box, quietly went to the basement, and drove away from the villa in her red Ferrari F8.

「In the store.」

Wu Kexin had finally finished the bowl of Lu Rou Fan. She was so full she could hardly speak in complete sentences. But her mouth still wanted more. Such an impeccable taste! No wonder Yue Liyue and Panda, two of the top gifters, like this place so much. The taste is definitely good.

To further expand the promotional effect and to make the live stream last a little longer, Wu Kexin invited Panda to join her.

"Panda, you're an old fan of the store and the host of the Lin Ji's Food topic. Can you tell me how I can become a Lin Ji Girl?"

She found the titles Lin Ji Boys and Lin Ji Girls particularly interesting, and unconsciously started to see herself as one.

Panda said with a smile, "It's simple. Just post a picture of your empty bowl under the topic to check in. Look, here's our Empty Bowl Check-in event."

He showed Wu Kexin his phone. The beautiful streamer finally understood that the "Empty Bowl Check-in" event, which had suddenly become popular in the last two days, had originated here.

After looking, she immediately took a photo of the empty bowl on the table with her phone and then posted an update under the Lin Ji's Food topic, "#Lin Ji's Food# The food here is so delicious! Empty Bowl Check-in! From today onwards, I, too, am a Lin Ji Girl who finishes all her food!"

Wu Kexin's account was V-verified, with seven to eight million followers. After she posted, the Lin Ji's Food topic immediately gained much more attention.

"Is Panda the first customer of the store?"

"I'm not. That programmer over there, the one in the plaid shirt with slightly thinning hair, he is. He's also your... number five top gifter."

Li Qiang, who was nearby eating a limited-edition Lu Rou Fan, immediately said, "Can you stop bringing up my hair?"

Wu Kexin was somewhat stunned. Her fifth top gifter was actually a customer here, and the very first one at that! It's so amazing!

She quickly waved at Li Qiang, "Hello! Thank you for your gifts!"

Li Qiang gave a shy smile, then lowered his head and continued eating his Lu Rou Fan.

"What do you do for a living, Panda?" Wu Kexin found herself liking the atmosphere in the store more and more. Everyone was chatting and laughing, like a group of old friends.

"I'm in e-commerce. I'll look for you when I need someone for a sales stream. Yue Liyue, our number three top gifter, does game boosting; he's very skilled. You can team up with him if you decide to stream in the gaming category someday."

"And what about the eighteen-year-old with white hair, our number four?"

Wu Kexin's question made Panda hesitate a bit. He strongly suspected that the white-haired young man was Grandpa Gao, who came to eat at the store every day without fail. But he had no proof.

"He is also a customer here, but very mysterious. I don't know which one he is."

The two chatted casually. If this had happened before, the fans would definitely have flooded the comments, complaining that she was just padding out the stream time. But now, not only had the number of viewers in the live stream not decreased, it had actually grown, and even the live comments had become more active.

"Damn, the customers in this store are so awesome!"

"Indeed, it has a real 'crouching tiger, hidden dragon' vibe."

"I really like the atmosphere in this store."

"Me too! If I get the chance, I'm definitely going for a meal and posting an Empty Bowl Check-in."

"Count me in! I'll definitely have to have a couple of drinks with Panda when the time comes."

"I want to learn gaming from Yue Liyue. I've been dropping ranks recently, and my friends say I'm too clumsy and won't play with me."

"Brother Qiang, I have a little folk remedy for hair growth, want to give it a try?"

Watching Panda chat, everyone felt like they were making new friends.

"Then what about Little Yueyue, the number one..." After Wu Kexin asked about the others, she brought up her number one top gifter, whom everyone referred to as the 'Boss Lady'.

As soon as she finished speaking, Panda pointed towards the door. "Look, your number one top gifter is here."

Wu Kexin turned her head to look. Damn! Who is this goddess?

Just moments ago, she had observed Lin Xu up close and felt a pang of jealousy. Why should that 'Boss Lady' get to have such a handsome man who's also an amazing cook? She even had the fleeting thought, I could take her place.

But after seeing Shen Jiayue, she instantly gave up that idea. No way, I can't compete. Absolutely no way.

This skin, these looks, this height of nearly 175cm, and what's definitely an E-cup figure... Did God concentrate all the best features into one person?

Wu Kexin used to be quite confident about her own looks, but now she felt a deep sense of inferiority.

After Shen Jiayue entered, she first greeted Song Tiantian, who was sitting behind the cashier eating rice. Then she headed straight towards Lin Xu.

"Hasn't Auntie finished making the dumplings yet? I brought a small gift for her, to thank her for the delicious breakfast she made me this morning."

A small gift? Wu Kexin casually glanced at the gift box Shen Jiayue was holding. Her eyes suddenly fixated on it. "Holy shit! It's actually a Penhaligon's Beast Head set, and it's a limited edition! This set must cost tens of thousands, right? And it's the kind that's really hard to get. That's a 'small gift'?"

Wu Kexin had coveted this cosmetic set for a long time but could never bring herself to buy it. So, she recognized it at a glance and instantly swallowed a ton of metaphorical lemons.

Shen Jiayue walked past the live stream's camera. The fans in the chat immediately went wild:

"Holy moly! What kind of heavenly beauty is this?"

"So this is the caliber of our number one top gifter?"

"Kexin, did you turn on a long-legs filter?"

"I wasn't jealous that Boss Lin is a great cook, and I wasn't jealous that Boss Lin makes a lot of money. But after seeing the Boss Lady, I admit it, I'm sour."

"Unsheathe your sword, Boss Lin!"

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