

Culinary 46

Chapter 46: Yueyue, this guy is too handsome, you can't hold onto him!

"Wow! The scenery here is truly beautiful!"

After nearly two hours of climbing, Wu Kexin and Panda finally arrived at the Cliffside Hotel located mid-mountain.

This was a flat, gentle slope. The edge of the slope was a steep, sheer cliff. Even though a sturdy railing had been installed, standing at the edge of the cliff still made one's legs involuntarily go weak.

Beneath the cliff was a blue reservoir, and beyond it, layers of mountains stretched out. At the end of those mountains was the glowing red afterglow of the sunset.

"So beautiful!"

"Is this really a scenic area of Yinzhou? I would've thought it was Huangshan."

"I must go check it out this weekend!"

"I want to paint there. Is there a discount for a long stay?"

"Just for this sunset, this art student is definitely going!"

"Although Lin Xu is the enemy of my life, I must admit, his scenic spot is truly amazing."

The viewers in the live broadcast were captivated by the beautiful scene.

Wu Kexin was utterly immersed in it. In reality, one could not only appreciate the beautiful scenery but also hear the chirping of insects and birds in the forest and smell the fragrance of wildflowers carried by

the mountain breeze. For urban dwellers who spent all day in the concrete jungle, this scenery was the stuff of dreams.

Panda went to the store at the hotel entrance and bought two beverages. The two sat at the edge of the cliff, each sipping their drink. Neither spoke a word.

After a long while, as the sun dipped behind the mountains, they finally got up.

Panda pointed to the mountain path on the left and said, "Follow this path upwards for another hour or two, and you'll reach Dragon Head Peak, the highest point of the whole mountain. On Dragon Head Peak, there's a small temple where you can pray for fortune and such, and there's a large rock next to it specially for hanging lovers' padlocks."

To ensure this business trip went smoothly, he had climbed all the way to the mountaintop to burn incense that morning, so the memory was quite vivid.

"What about the right side?"

"The path on the right leads to the back mountain. It's a stone path with a gentle slope; it's very relaxing to walk there."

Having said this, Panda led Wu Kexin down the stone path to the right. There were quite a few students shuttling back and forth on the path. Seeing Wu Kexin's live stream, they even came over to say hello.

After about fifteen minutes, just as they were about to walk into the forest, Wu Kexin saw the faint outlines of many houses ahead.

"What is this..."

"This was a small village that used to be in the mountains. After the residents moved away, Uncle Lin and Auntie Chen had it renovated and planned to rent it to a homestay company. But the company declined because the scenic area didn't have enough visitors, so it's been left vacant..."

Upon approaching, the old-fashioned houses with grey bricks and green tiles became clearly visible. These houses featured a typical Northern courtyard layout—neat and quaint, perfectly complementing the mountainous scenery.

Panda pointed to a courtyard on the far right. "That courtyard right there is where Lin Xu stays during his summer and winter vacations."

At the mention of Lin Xu, the comments, which had originally been praising the scenery, once again turned hyperbolic:

"What? My lifetime enemy actually hides here?"

"I suggest that house be designated a new attraction: Demon Cave!"

"Agreed! The place where the Demon King lives should indeed be called Demon Cave."

"One day, I, Sima Chunsheng, will flatten that place!"

Shen Jiayue, who was watching the live stream while running on a treadmill, was so amused by the comments that she almost fell off.

These netizens are all so ingenious, even thinking up a name like Demon Cave. If I marry the Demon King, does that mean I'll become the Demon Queen?

She merrily sent a few Carnivals in the live chat and was about to continue running when her cousin Chen Yan suddenly sent her a message on WeChat:

"Yueyue, is that Little Yueyue from the Shen Family in Wu Kexin's live stream you?"

Oops! Caught!

Shen Jiayue regretted using this screen name, as it made it easy for acquaintances to recognize her instantly. She turned off the treadmill and sat down to reply, "What are you talking about, cousin? I don't understand."

"Stop pretending! You didn't even change your profile picture, and you're still trying to play dumb with me? Let me tell you, stop sending so many gifts. You're tipping faster than the 'big spender' account I arranged!"

Shen Jiayue stuck out her tongue. "Okay, got it!"

She thought the matter would end there, but then Chen Yan sent another message:

"What do they mean by calling you 'boss lady'? Didn't you say you and that restaurant owner are classmates? Are you planning to elevate this classmate relationship or what?"

As expected of a master in Chinese literature. She actually used the word "elevate" to describe my relationship with Xu Bao. It's just too apt!

"I fed him for four years during university, and now, naturally, it's the season to reap the rewards!"

"Tsk tsk, a woman in love really has no sense. I just bluffed a little and you spilled everything... Aren't you afraid your parents won't agree? He runs a small restaurant; he's not in the same social class as your family. Even if you force it, you won't be happy in the long run."

Hmph... You're lecturing me when you're not even married yourself?

Shen Jiayue pouted unhappily. "How are we not in the same class? He's really good at making money, earning thirty to forty thousand a day, easily over a million a month. I feel like I'm the one marrying up."

"Thirty to forty thousand? Impossible! How can such a small restaurant have that kind of turnover? Tomorrow, I'll go to that shop and check it out for you. Otherwise, don't expect me to cover for you in the future."

Last time Wu Kexin was live streaming in the store, Chen Yan had been busy and hadn't watched. She didn't know about the peak hour rush at Lin Ji's Food. So, hearing it could earn thirty to forty thousand, she immediately expressed doubt.

Shen Jiayue snorted coldly. Tch! As if you're not the one who will need me to cover for you. Who was it that couldn't resist making out with that 'puppy' non-stop in the car back then? Now that the 'puppy' has gone abroad and dumped you, you want to break up every other happy couple, is that it? If you ever dare refuse to cover for me again, I'll post those photos of you and your 'puppy' in the family group chat. Hmph! I can be very devious!

「The next morning.」

Shortly before eleven o'clock, a white Porsche 911 slowly stopped in front of Lin Ji's Food. The car door opened, and a graceful woman stepped out. She was probably twenty-eight or twenty-nine years old, just under 1.7 meters tall, wearing a figure-hugging high-end dress, and carrying this year's latest Hermès handbag, radiating a powerful presence.

This was Shen Jiayue's cousin, Chen Yan.

Ha! This tiny storefront earns thirty to forty thousand a day? You must be kidding! I despise scumbags who play with people's emotions the most. How dare he lie to my cousin? He shouldn't blame me for coming to tear him down today!

Thinking this, Chen Yan flicked her dress and walked into Lin Ji's Food.

"Hello, please place your order first."

What kind of dump is this, where I have to pay before I can even enter? Are they afraid customers won't come in, trying to trap every single one they can?

Chen Yan casually ordered a small bowl of braised pork rice, two Chicken Feet, and a plate of Lotus Root. After paying, she took her receipt and entered the shop.

Where's the scumbag? Which one is the scumbag who deceived my cousin?

At that moment, Lin Xu, who was eating diced eggplant with rice, looked up.

The moment Chen Yan saw Lin Xu, the anger she had been building up all day vanished without a trace.

HOLY SHIT! This guy is way too handsome!

She casually found a seat and sat down, then took out her phone. After a few quick TAPS on the screen, she sent a message to Shen Jiayue:

"Yueyue, this guy is too handsome. Sis is worried you can't handle him..."