

## Folly 48

### Chapter 48: Work Without Tiring

"Got it!" Lu Yuanfeng snapped back to reality and began cutting meat according to the customer's request. Mu Shuangshuang weighed it, then tied up the meat with straw rope, calculated the price, and instructed Yuanbao to collect the money. However, Yuanbao was still too young, and struggled with counting money.

"Lu Yuanfeng, you should collect the money, and I'll cut the meat."

Mu Shuangshuang felt like an outsider and thought it better not to touch core things like money.

Lu Yuanfeng heard Mu Shuangshuang's words, raised his head, and took a long look at the frail figure. Shuangshuang was indeed very skinny, all that you could see were bones, without a trace of extra flesh. However, her eyes were unusually bright; looking into them, you'd feel an incredible emptiness in your heart, as if you didn't need to think of anything...

While Lu Yuanfeng was spacing out, Mu Shuangshuang had already snatched the cleaver from his hand and pushed him aside.

"Go, go, hurry and collect the money. If you can't figure it out, report the weight to me, and I'll tell you how much to charge."

When Lu Yuanfeng snapped back to reality, he found himself standing closest to the crowd. A bunch of big men were talking about how many pounds of meat they wanted, and Lu Yuanfeng felt confused, unable to make out what they were saying after listening for a while. However, Mu Shuangshuang

seemed to have four ears, hearing how much meat each person wanted, weighing it, and then calculating for Lu Yuanfeng how much silver to charge.

"Sure thing, sir, three pounds of meat for you. Would you like anything else? Perhaps some intestines or pig stomach? Why don't you take some pig intestines home, twelve coins per set?"

The man quickly shook his head. "No, no, those pig intestines stink to high heaven, they make your body reek. I can't stand it."

Mu Shuangshuang laughed heartily and then explained, "No way, you just haven't cleaned the pig poop off them properly. Listen to me, go home, add some oil residue that has been fried, scrub it with oil residue, then wash it with some vinegar. I guarantee the pig intestines will be clean as can be.

Once cleaned, fry them with some clear oil and white peppers; I assure you it's even more suitable with alcohol and tastier than the meat."

The clear oil Mu Shuangshuang mentioned is a country term here; in reality, it's vegetable oil. As for white peppers, it's an ingredient that rural households favor, which can serve both as a main dish and a seasoning.

The method for preparing white peppers is quite simple: pick some sharp peppers, blanch them in boiling water, then dry them and cure them with salt. Toss a handful into a big dish, and it can make your mouth water.

"Hey, the little lass sure knows how to eat! Fine, today I'll buy these pig intestines from you and prepare them as you suggested. If they're tasty, I'll buy your wild game whenever I see you."

"Sir, sir, it's the same if you see my big brother. I often do chores at home, so I can't always be out here." Mu Shuangshuang put down the cleaver and pushed Lu Yuanfeng out, wanting everyone to remember Lu Yuanfeng's face.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you can all buy meat from my big brother in the future. The meat here is freshly slaughtered and sold on the same day, guaranteed not to be overnight.

Also, as a thank you to everyone, whoever buys meat from us more than three times, with each purchase over three pounds, will receive a discount of sixteen coins per pound."

Mu Shuangshuang used a discount method she often saw in her previous life and tossed a big pie to the people present, intending for them to continue buying Lu Yuanfeng's game even when she's not around.

"That's great. Little lass, do you mean it?" One of the men shouted in a loud voice, causing those around to barely have time to cover their ears.

"Sir, if you're not convinced, I'll have my big brother make a promise." Mu Shuangshuang cheerfully pulled Lu Yuanfeng around and spoke to him, "Big brother, does what I just said count?"

Lu Yuanfeng paused for a moment, then nodded. "Shuangshuang is right. Regular customers do have discounts. I remember everyone who has bought meat from my stall. If you're still unsure, you can remind me at the time, and I'll definitely honor the agreement."

Lu Yuanfeng didn't know what was going on with him; he could easily tell others that she was his sister, but somehow he just couldn't say it, and calling her Shuangshuang seemed more fitting.

Lu Yuanfeng spaced out again. Just this one time at the stall, Mu Shuangshuang found Lu Yuanfeng not as smart as he seemed at her house, a bit clumsy, and clearly a person who easily suffers losses.

It's fortunate she's here today; otherwise, Lu Yuanfeng would get sold off without knowing why, a real foolish boy.

"Sir, your pig intestines are twelve coins. Together with your three pounds of meat, that's sixty-three coins in total. I'll throw in two blocks of pig blood for you, to cook with tofu and feed to the kids at home, which is good for the blood."

Mu Shuangshuang said this, and then picked up the knife. She sliced the blocks of pig blood from the wooden barrel she had put them in earlier, and two neat pieces came out.

Only then did Yuanbao notice that the half-barrel of pig blood had already coagulated.

"Sister Shuangshuang, the pig blood coagulated." Yuanbao looked at Mu Shuangshuang in wonder.

"Yes, there was a bit of water in your bucket earlier, and I added a bit of salt, so the pig blood coagulated."

The salt was taken from Old Mu Family's kitchen. Mu Shuangshuang kept some for herself, worried that if she happened to catch fish she wouldn't have salt, the grilled food wouldn't taste good.

Yuanbao appeared enlightened and gave Mu Shuangshuang a thumbs up.

"The little lass is straightforward, and a sweet talker too. Alright, here's sixty-three coins, make sure you hold onto them well."

The man handed the money to Mu Shuangshuang, who counted it and then passed it to Lu Yuanfeng.

"Foolish boy, how much longer are you going to space out? If you don't snap out of it soon, everything on your stall will be sold out."

Only then did Lu Yuanfeng realize that the meat on the cutting board was almost sold out, with only two pig feet left and a little bit of hind leg meat lying there.

Even the usually unsought pig offals had been sold at twelve coins per piece.

"Thank you, Shuangshuang!" Lu Yuanfeng cracked a smile, beaming at Mu Shuangshuang.

But to Mu Shuangshuang, this smile made Lu Yuanfeng seem even more foolish.

"There's only a bit left, you sell it yourself, I have things to do." Mu Shuangshuang had overheard Yuanbao's stomach growling while selling stuff; Er Gui Village was quite far from the market, and they likely hadn't had breakfast like her.

Mu Shuangshuang planned to buy them each two buns to satisfy their hunger. After all, Lu Yuanfeng had saved her, and Lu Yuanbao had given Little Zhi a rabbit; she was doing her small part to help.

"Where are you going? Do you need me..."

"Why, are you going to follow me to the latrine?" Mu Shuangshuang shouted brusquely, which made Lu Yuanfeng embarrassed and red-faced, unable to utter a word for quite some time.

After Mu Shuangshuang left, Yuanbao pinched his waist, making him snap out of it.

"Second brother, Sister Shuangshuang is really nice. Why don't you marry her?"