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Chapter 159: Future Female Chef_1

"Is that even possible?"

When he realized the benefits the Apprentice Fame System brought to him, he couldn't help but widen his eyes in surprise. He truly hadn't expected such an advantage.

He could take in disciples and even pass on his own skills to them.

This was quite a surprise for Qin Fang; it was almost like cheating.

Even though they were only Beginner Level skills, Qin Fang had long since learned that even Beginner Level skills could be very powerful. Just by looking at the ramen he initially made, which was better than average, one could tell, and with the increase in Proficiency, that standard had been continuously improving.

The Cooking Skill Qin Fang taught to Wen Yi wasn't just the original ramen, but direct Beginner Level Cooking, which encompassed all the minor Cooking Skills — that was quite impressive.

Qin Fang had never tasted Wen Yi's previous cooking, so he reserved his judgment. Now, however, her cooking was definitely above average, meaning it was a level above the average person and perhaps comparable to the chefs in ordinary small restaurants.

Most importantly, she became an all-around genius in Cooking Skills — she had a bit of knowledge about everything involved in cooking.

And the truth was, the only thing Qin Fang had taught her was how to use the kitchen knife...

Thinking up to this point, a strange smile appeared on Qin Fang's face; this "cheating" advancement was happening too quickly for even him to fully accept.

Of course, the benefits for Qin Fang as a master had to be assured.

Firstly, the Experience Points needed for a disciple to raise their Proficiency was four times that of the master's, which greatly slowed their leveling speed and increased the difficulty.

Moreover, half of the Experience Points the disciple earned from improving their Skills automatically went to the master. Consequently, even if Qin Fang never went into the kitchen again, as long as Wen Yi kept cooking, his Experience Points would continually increase. And the disciple could never surpass the master.

"Doesn't that mean I just need to take on a few more disciples to speed up leveling?"

Qin Fang couldn't help but think such a lazy idea.

"Notice 1: Intermediate Skills can be transmitted and can only be transmitted to one person; Advanced Skills can be taught to two people at the same time, Grandmaster Level Skills to three, and so on..."

"Notice 2: When a disciple's Skill reaches Intermediate Level, they automatically graduate."

"Notice 3: Before graduation, the master has the right to sever the master-disciple relationship, and the Skills learned by the disciple will automatically be withdrawn, and the gained Proficiency will automatically be retracted from both parties."

Almost at the same moment Qin Fang had this idea, these three notices popped up in his mind, clearly supplementing the Apprentice Fame System, putting limitations on the master.

"Well, it seems like being lazy isn't quite possible..."

With these notices in place, Qin Fang's intention to be lazy was impractical; relying on just one disciple, even if Wen Yi improved her Beginner Level Cooking to Intermediate, would only double Qin Fang's Experience.

However, looking at the Experience needed to raise from Intermediate to Advanced, it was not as simple as quadrupling like character levels, instead, it jumped tenfold...

With this calculation, although the benefits were significant, they had not reached an unimaginably outrageous level. Qin Fang still needed to earnestly improve his Proficiency, but the Apprentice Fame System did bring him convenience while increasing his Proficiency.

The limitations placed on disciples were also very strict, especially the third notice, giving the master the right to terminate the master-disciple relationship. This was akin to banishing from the sect and confiscating their Skills and Skill Proficiency.

While the master would suffer some loss, this effectively ensured that the disciples could not harm the master's interests, at least until graduation.

The System was designed to enable faster advancement of Skill Proficiency, even if it meant teaching another person his exclusive Skills.

Qin Fang couldn't help but glance at Wen Yi beside him, but he didn't notice anything unusual about her; she seemed completely unaware that she had acquired the Beginner Level Cooking Skill from him.

At this thought, Qin Fang looked again at his attribute panel, and sure enough, there was a new master-disciple badge that clearly read "Wen Yi, Beginner Level Cooking" among other details, and the Skill Proficiency showed behind it had already broken through 0%, although it was still several zeros after the decimal point before reaching a 1.

"Could it be that my disciples can learn my skills, but they themselves don't know it, and only I, the master, am aware?"

Wen Yi obviously wasn't the type of girl who was good at keeping her thoughts hidden. Qin Fang busied himself, occasionally throwing her a few Mind Reading Techniques, but during those moments, Wen Yi was very calm, and Qin Fang's attempts at reading her mind failed time and again.

Had she known about the acquisition of the Beginner-Level Cooking Skill, even if it wasn't effective, she should have shown signs of "surprise," "curiosity," or even "screaming" emotional changes. But, in reality, none of that happened.

This only further confirmed Qin Fang's suspicion.

After observing for a while, Qin Fang noticed that Wen Yi's movements had become much more skillful. Whether it was her knife-holding posture, the speed of chopping, or the proficiency, all had greatly improved and could even be described as a dramatic transformation.

"Heh heh, misfortune may be a blessing in disguise... I've come to understand the meaning of this saying now."

Unexpected thoughts and compassion had led to such an unforeseen result, and naturally, Qin Fang was rather pleased.

"Alright, the ingredients are almost ready. Next, you'll start learning how to make our restaurant's secret sauce. You must watch every step carefully and not miss a single detail because if the sequence of adding each ingredient is wrong, it can cause a difference in taste..."

The additional prompts from the Apprentice Fame System eliminated Qin Fang's worries, allowing him to confidently share the secret sauce recipe with Wen Yi.

If Wen Yi decided to bite the hand that feeds her and run off with his secret recipe, Qin Fang wouldn't mind at all taking back the skills and proficiency she had acquired.

As for the secret recipe...

Secret recipes are part of the skill set, so they should be taken back along with it. Although Qin Fang had not tried it, he believed it should work that way.

Wen Yi was her usual self. Qin Fang told her what to do, and she would do it, meticulously keeping his every word in her heart as if she feared she might forget them at any moment.

However, unlike before, Wen Yi now found that her memory seemed to have suddenly improved by a lot. She could clearly remember everything Qin Fang said, and even after a while, she could recall it word for word, which was quite magical.

She didn't know that this was all because of the Beginner-Level Cooking Skill that Qin Fang had imparted to her. Anything related to the skill, be it hearing, reciting, or seeing it just once, would be deeply imprinted in her mind, including the use of various tools, utensils, and the recipes she learned...

The sauce making was still ongoing. With no more concerns, Qin Fang taught even more earnestly, carefully explaining almost every step to Wen Yi.

And Wen Yi also memorized it very firmly, followed Qin Fang step by step making the sauce with great propriety.

Time went by second by second. Because he had to teach while making the sauce, Qin Fang's speed was much slower. What normally would take an hour to make took more than two, almost causing him to miss dinner time with Tang Feifei and the others.

Luckily, Tang Feifei and Xiao Muxue came in to check on them halfway through and saw the master and disciple seriously teaching and learning, so they did not disturb them and left the kitchen to wait in the main hall instead.

And the two, engrossed and busy, completely missed the fact that these two had come in; they were totally absorbed in their task.

"Hmm, the flavor is passable... Considering it's your first day learning, you did quite well," Qin Fang said, nodding his head after tasting the sauce that Wen Yi made.

Though there was a significant gap between her sauce and the one he made himself, for a beginner like her, it was indeed quite commendable. If she continued to improve her proficiency gradually, there would be substantial room for improvement.

And now that she had also learned Beginner-Level Cooking, her proficiency would only continue to grow, and Qin Fang was confident that it wouldn't be long before Wen Yi could make sauce that would satisfy him. At that point, he could officially retire from his duties at Fang Feixue.

"By the way, from now on, you can try making the sauce once a day, just like today. You don't need much ingredient, just a little bit is enough. Taste it yourself and see if there's any improvement..." Qin Fang thought for a moment and then said, "Also, you should cut down on your waitressing duties and assist the other chefs more. If it's too busy, you can help out, and I'll mention this to Uncle Fang... If you still have energy, you can also learn to make ramen. I believe you can do it..."

"As long as you do well, I'll consider your salary. You'll get paid more for working harder, I'm not that stingy..."

Wen Yi might not have been interested in what was said at the beginning and was just mechanically nodding, but her eyes lit up the moment her salary was mentioned, clearly, that was what attracted her the most.

For Qin Fang, this was not a concern at all. Having such a disciple who would quickly grow into a multi-talented individual, with proper training, it wouldn't be difficult for her to become a grandmaster chef at Fang Feixue. Regarding the compensation, Qin Fang would certainly consider increasing it appropriately and would definitely not let her be at a disadvantage.

Not for any other reason, but simply because Wen Yi could help Qin Fang increase his Skill Proficiency. Just for that alone, Qin Fang was willing to spend the money, not to mention that it was more than worth the value.