

## Hidden 361

### Chapter 361: Exclusive Dessert

Very quickly, with Danial as the head chef and Alain as his sous chef, the first dessert was prepared.

"For the beautiful and honorable Miss Ning, this dessert's Chinese name is called the Luxurious Chocolate Sundae. Please have a taste!" After the announcement, Danial actually personally held the dessert and walked towards the main table.

All the gourmet journalists were star struck. Not only did Danial personally create the dessert, he was even serving it himself. What an honor indeed!

"I can't believe he's serving that dessert!"

"My God, this is crazy! That sundae has close to 30 different types of cocoa in it, including 14 of the world's most expensive and most delicious cocoa. Plus, there are edible gold leaves adorning the top of the sundae! How could anyone possibly eat this? It'd practically be ingesting money!"

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Some of the journalists had only heard of it before, and tonight was their first time seeing it with their own eyes. Furthermore, it was a creation directly from Danial's hands, so you can imagine just how emotional they were.

Girls usually love such exquisite dishes, so naturally, Ning Xueluo was attracted to the decadent dessert in Danial's hands. She watched as Danial elegantly walked towards her, her heart beating faster as she constantly looked at Ning Xi beside her and smiled smugly.

"Thank you," Su Yan politely nodded as he held out his hand to receive the dessert from Danial.

To everyone's astonishment, Danial had other intentions in mind. He had a straight face as he said, "Mister, I'm very sorry, but this is an exclusively made dessert. It's not for you."

"Uhh..."

As she watched Su Yan's awkward reaction, Ning Xueluo laughed lightly and pulled on Su Yan's arm. "Yan, it's okay, just let Mr. Danial hand it to me himself. Don't try to join in the fun now!"

Su Yan smiled helplessly and stepped aside. He thought that this top chef was a little weird, but he followed along.

When Danial walked to the front of Ning Xueluo, she immediately gave him her sweetest smile and said, "Oh, Mr. Danial, thank you."

Ning Xueluo held out her hand and was about to take the plate with the ice cream that looked incredibly decadent and delicious.

However, Mr. Danial did something everyone did not expect.

They saw Mr. Danial's confusion as he frowned at Ning Xueluo, "Miss, this dessert in my hands was not prepared for you."

"It's not prepared for me?!" Ning Xueluo exclaimed in shock, "Then, who is it for? Didn't you say earlier that it was for...Miss Ning?"

"I'm sorry, but the Miss Ning I'm referring to is Ning Xi. Miss Ning!" Danial's tone was firm and he moved on from Ning Xueluo. With everyone looking on in shock, he walked over to Ning Xi, "The beautiful and honorable Miss Ning, please have a taste!"

He probably did not mean any biasness when he addressed Ning Xi, but the terms of "beautiful" and "honorable" were especially etched into everyone's minds, as if he was trying to imply that only Ning Xi was fit to be described this way.

At this moment, not only Ning Xueluo, but even Su Yan, Fang Ya and everyone else was completely dumbfounded.

The chef's statement had the entire venue in pin-drop silence.

Finally after forever, someone from the crowd broke the silence.

"You're...you're lying, aren't you? Isn't Miss Ning, Ning Xueluo, and not Ning Xi?"

"No way! How could this happen? It must be a prank to intentionally embarrass Ning Xi, to let her feel surprised and excited for a while?"

"Stop cracking jokes now. Did you really think a prank would be pulled with someone this influential?"

"It really is Ning Xi! How could it be that the Masters of Culinary, Alain and Danial are both here for Ning Xi?!"

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### **Chapter 362: Actually Quite Cute**

Everyone was in shock and many were still in disbelief.

"No way! There must be some kind of misunderstanding. How could it possibly be for Ning Xi? Who is she to be able to invite such a legendary person?"

"Exactly! You only need to have lots of money to get William Fee but to have these two influential figures here, you definitely need more than just your wealth!"

"Ning Xi is just a C-list actress. How can she be capable of inviting legends like these?"

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It was at this moment that someone from the crowd weakly reminded everyone, "Uh, are you guys forgetting something? Didn't Fang Ya show us a love letter earlier that said a surprise would be prepared for Ning Xi? Could this...could this be it?"

When they heard this, everyone was dumbfounded.

"No...no way!"

"Isn't he just some poor pleb?"

"Who said that he was a poor pleb? We're the ones who were assuming all the while."

"Think about what the love letter said: the most honorable, most tempting, most irresistible gift! The world's most top quality gourmet dishes! This is it!"

Once it was put that way, the crowd started to ooh and aah as realization dawned on them, "Now that you said, it really seems so! Now all of this makes sense..."

"Oh, now that I think about it, that love letter is actually quite cute!"

"Yeah, it was written pretty well. I don't know why so many people thought it was weird!"

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Everyone started to look at one another.

"Uhh...in that case, the other two big shots who came later were actually Ning Xi's admirer's surprise for her, and not Su Yan's invitation for Ning Xueluo?"

"Hah, this misunderstanding is a little over the top! We all thought it was Su Yan's doing!"

"Hahaha...just now Ning Xueluo was so overjoyed that she kept offering her body to repay Su Yan and even to give birth to quite a number of babies. She even invited Ning Xi to sit beside her to watch from a close distance. At last, it was actually a big misunderstanding?"

"My God! This is so awkward..."

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When the old chef uttered those words, Ning Xueluo had been sitting stiffly on her chair. Her fingernails stabbed into her palms as she dug them in, and almost thought she had just imagined what she had heard.

It was only until she heard the sneers and insults that she realised she had to accept this reality. She stiffly turned to Su Yan and said, "Yan, did you really not invite those two people?"

At this point, Su Yan's face was extraordinarily distorted as he said in an unfriendly tone, "Xueluo, I already said earlier, it really wasn't me! You lot just didn't believe me!"

Ning Xueluo immediately shot a look at Fang Ya on the other side. She was the one who misled her and created all this trouble!

Fang Ya quickly hid in the crowd. Earlier, she had talked nonstop but now she dared not say another word.

Pfft, why was it her fault again?

How would she have known that this would happen?

"Just now when your Su Yan was being praised, weren't you quite happy? He did not respond, but now it's my fault? This ass of yours is a little too hard to kiss, aye?" she thought to herself.

Instantly, everyone's eyes swivelled from Ning Xueluo to Ning Xi in the corner, and they saw that Ning Xi's expression had barely changed.

Despite the shocking incident that had just happened, Ning Xi's expression remained nonchalant, from the start till the end. No matter whether she was being sneered at, ridiculed, or even when the old chef finally spoke up, she remained the same.

She was completely calm and it even seemed like she was deep in thought.

### **Chapter 363: Who's The Main Highlight?!**

"The last time I saw Ning Xi's closet, I had a gut feel that Ning Xi doesn't come from such a simple background."

"Her admirers are really increasingly better than the ones before!"

"Funny that Fang Ya kept saying Ning Xi was jealous of Ning Xueluo. What's there to be jealous about?"

"Exactly, she's now single with lots of admirers, and they're all of such good quality. She's even better than Ning Xueluo, isn't she?"

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At the main table, Mr. Danial was still waiting for Ning Xi, "Miss Ning Xi, please do comment."

Ning Xi took a bite as everyone looked on, then politely answered, "This ice cream is the most delicious and most unexpected dessert I've ever eaten in my lifetime. Thank you for coming all the way here!"

"Thank you for your comment, it is my honor." Daniel moved away from the table and started to prepare the main course.

Everyone around her started to buzz with discussion but Ning Xi did not listen to too much of it. To people who were less than important, she never did give too much unnecessary attention.

When she accepted the old chef's kind offering, Ning Xi returned to her seat.

She held her chin in her palm and looked amusedly at Xiao Tao who was entirely flabbergasted. She teased, "Little Xiao Tao, do you want to try some ice cream?"

"Try?" Xiao Tao immediately returned to her senses and exclaimed in an oddly determined way, "Of course I want to try!"

Xiao Tao looked at the ice cream Ning Xi had brought back emotionally, then stared at Ning Xi, "Sis Xi, these...these two masters, have they really come for you? And it's not who Su Yan invited them?"

Ning Xi said helplessly, "Yes, yes, it was not Su Yan's doing. Now can you please cheer up, and eat something? You've already been crying the whole night!"

Xiao Tao wanted to laugh and cry at the same time, her expression torn. "Sis Xi, why didn't you say anything earlier? I was so sad! There were so many delicious dishes that I didn't even get to eat! I must quickly eat more now! No, I still won't eat what William Fee prepared. I'll wait to eat the more delicious dishes!"

Once she said that, she swallowed her saliva as she stared hungrily at the ice cream. "But, can I really eat this ice cream? They all said it's really expensive!"

Ning Xi immediately picked up that exclusively made dessert with a spoon made of pure gold, dug a spoonful of ice cream and fed Xiao Tao.

Xiao Tao greedily inhaled in the sweet smell and took a bite, "Mmm yummy! Really, really yummy! How can such a delicious ice cream exist?!"

Ning Xi looked at Xiao Tao's chubby little face with a gentle expression, then suddenly thought of something that caused a cold flash in her eyes.

That bastard...he definitely did this on purpose...

First, he tried to create suspense and made her worry for nothing. Then, when she was most nervous, he suddenly gave her a taste of something sweet. He drove her mood up and down as if she was on his rollercoaster ride...

Damn it! Was it that fun to fool around with her like this?

Weirdo!

Not too far away, Ning Xueluo heard Ning Xi and Xiao Tao's conversation and felt even angrier and unhappy.

Suddenly, Su Yan's romantic proposal had become one big joke!

Who was the real highlight of this launching banquet?!

Very quickly, Chef Danial's first appetizer was completed.

Coincidentally, he chose the exact same dish as William Fee: scallop served with white truffles.

The crowd looked at each other, then started to focus on enjoying the food.

Shortly after, everyone's faces revealed a look of intrigue...

### **Chapter 364: A Phone Call**

"Even I, as a layman, can taste that the food is made by the gods, it's...too...too delicious!"

"The exact same dish, but a hundred times tastier than the one earlier!"

"This is marvelous, how did they do this? Can someone please explain? We only know that it's delicious, but don't know what the trick is! Where's the journalist just now? Explain quickly!"

"Right! Give us a professional review!"

With the crowd's urging, the experienced food journalist tasted the food with a somber face but he did not say a word. He then shushed them, closed his eyes and said, "Don't say anything, I have to remember this taste! This is a once in a lifetime chance!"

This journalist was really not exaggerating as a few other journalists and food bloggers seemed like they were in the throes of pleasure as well as they chewed their food.

In the corner, Xiao Tao's face was full of happiness, "Ahh! This tastes so good! I also really want to know how is this so delicious?"

Ning Xi looked at the truffles in the plate, and said, "Firstly, the culinary method used is different. The two masters crafted this simple dish almost perfectly.

"The second reason would be the difference in where the food is sourced from. Just as you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs, the food source is also an important step in the culinary process. If I'm not wrong, the truffles in this dish come from the best truffle harvest region of Alba. Nicknamed 'The Fruit of God', you can only harvest so little each time so it's extraordinarily expensive. You just have to take in the essence of it, and then you will now know how amazing they are after cooking it..."

Xiao Tao widened her eyes, "No wonder it's so delicious! Oh my! I feel like I'm eating gold!"

She looked at Ning Xi full of admiration, "Sis Xi, you know so much!"

Ning Xi smiled, "Because I quite like to cook myself, I do some research regularly. I can make some for you next time but I'm afraid that you won't eat my cooking anymore after eating the master's dish!"

"No way! It's Sis Xi's personal handmade dish, it wouldn't be the same!"

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As Ning Xi explained, people around were listening as well. They had a moment of sudden realization and they waited for the journalist's confirmation.

The food journalist nodded, "It seems like Ms. Ning Xi knows her stuff! No wonder her admirer invited these two masters today.

Aside from Ning Xueluo, Su Yan, and Fang Ya's group, everyone enjoyed the dinner tremendously.

Su Yan looked really unhappy. Tonight's celebration dinner was supposed to be for Xueluo. In the end, the spotlight shifted to Ning Xi because of the mystery admirer.

Su Yan looked at Ning Xueluo out of the corner of his eye and saw that she had a very gloomy look on her face.

But Su Yan could understand that anyone would have been upset. It was a once in a lifetime proposal but now all the romantic preparation had gone to waste.

Shortly, Su Yan gritted his teeth and made a decision. He quietly walked to a secluded corner and made a phone call.

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"Father, this is the situation right now so I'd like to have you ask Uncle He for help. If not, Xueluo and I..." Su Yan explained.

Su Yan did not have a jolly expression on his face and it seemed like the tone of voice from the other end of the phone was unkind.

### **Chapter 365: Tonight Belongs To You**

On the stage, Ning Xueluo was staring at Su Yan with a grin as she could easily guess the purpose of his phone call.

There was indeed a master in the Su family these few days - the founder of China's best eatery, Green Lotus. He had prepared meals for ministers from Great Britain, France, and Germany before, and he was born into a family of renowned chefs. He had been achieving astounding results since he was young. But in recent years, he kept a low profile and rarely showed himself to the public.

A top chef like him actually had deep connections with the Su family. It was also only because of He Xin that Su Yan was able to invite William Fee.

Su Yan did not even think about it before because of He Xin's status but the situation now left him with no choice but to ask his father for a favor and request for He Xin's assistance. It was not just about Ning Xueluo, but it was also for Su Yan and the Su family's honor.

After a while, Su Yan regained his smile, and Ning Xueluo was relieved as well.

Looking at Su Yan's expression, he probably got it settled with his father. Only someone like Su Yan's father would be able to invite someone of He Xin's status. Su Yan's father studied overseas when he was still young and he was classmates with He Xin. It seemed that he helped He Xin quite a lot, so it only took a word from Su Yan for He Xin to help out for the sake of his father.

If He Xin came here, he might not be on par with Danial's culinary skills, but his status and influence was not limited to just cooking...

Quickly, Su Yan went back to Ning Xueluo, and smiled gently, "Xueluo, don't be angry anymore. In just moments, there will be a bigger surprise. Uncle He Xin will be here to make some dishes for you personally!"

Ning Xueluo pulled a surprised face as she shook her head and said, "My dear Yan, what are you doing? Why would I be angry? It is one of the few nights that my sister can enjoy herself. I don't want to compete with her or even fight with her for anything. I'm satisfied as long as I'm with you!"

Hearing what she said, Su Yan hugged her tight in his arms and his tone became even gentler "Xueluo, I know that you don't like to fight with other people but tonight is your night. I won't let anyone steal your spotlight. I think Xiao Xi won't as well. We'll just have her put up with this for once!"

Su Yan sighed secretly, thinking about some time before this that he neglected Ning Xueluo and put her through a lot because of Cui Caijing's incident. This was the girl he promised to protect forever. For such an important night, he wanted to make her happy...

In the end, Ning Xueluo nodded obediently, glanced over to Ning Xi who was still tasting the dishes, and let out a cold laugh thinking that Ning Xi had no right to fight with her!

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Tonight's banquet was more lively than usual with crowds of journalists surrounding the hotel but the hotel had provisionally hired extra security and blocked off uninvited guests.

At the moment, Ning Xi was having a conversation with Mr. Danial, revolving around the topic of the sources of food and cooking methods. Mr. Danial was very kind and equipped with his years of expertise and experience, he patiently answered Ning Xi's questions one by one.

"Thank you, Mr. Danial. You're the best!" Ning Xi happily expressed her gratitude.

"If not for the fear of objection from my peers, I might have taken you in as my student!" Mr. Danial said laughingly. Clearly, he liked this newfound friend who was passionate about cooking as well.

As Ning Xi was about to say something, a loud, cold "Hmph" spread across the hall.

### **Chapter 366: The Start Of War**

"Hmph! You lot are just blindly worshipping foreign ideals! What's so good about these dishes? It's not even half as good as our ancestors'! Our Chinese food has a broad and profound historical background and has originated so long ago. Any one of our eight-dish series can instantly put these foreigners to shame!" Fang Ya declared coldly on the stage.

Her words were too harsh and a guest started rebutting, "Uh, pretty lady, you can't put it this way. Sure, our food is awesome, but Country F is famous for their food culture as well. Simply put, we each have our own advantages!"

"That's because you have not tasted the best of Chinese cuisine before. Otherwise, you wouldn't possibly say something like that!" She stared at Ning Xi in disdain and continued, "It's because of people like you lot who've been blindly worshipping foreign ideals that our ancestors' culture and history have fallen! You don't support your own country's creations and support other country's stuff instead! Shallow, extremely shallow! Not just shallow, you're an embarrassment!"

In the corner, Ning Xi squinted her eyes. Without even needing to think, she knew that Fang Ya would not be able to come up with something like that herself, but with Ning Xueluo behind Fang Ya...

As expected, knowing Ning Xueluo, she would not be contented with the way things were going.

As YS' surprise had been revealed, Ning Xi was not afraid anymore. She had no mental burden now, so she was just enjoying her food relaxingly, and watched them fretting over nothing...

The atmosphere was terrific at first. Who expected Fang Ya to suddenly spurt out something like this, causing the situation to be awkward?

The faces of the two foreign chef masters, in particular, who were fluent in Chinese, darkened when they heard what Fang Ya said.

"Tonight is a celebration dinner! We were shooting an ancient Chinese series! Why hire foreign chefs? What a joke!" Fang Ya continued to taunt.

Ning Xueluo had a superior expression and laughed coldly at Ning Xi.

All of this was part of her plan. What was next would be seeing Ning Xi become the target of humiliation, and wait for the arrival of China's top chef master, He Xin, then everything would be complete.

Tonight would still be perfect!

Eventually, some people started to agree with Fang Ya's words, "Actually, Miss Fang Ya makes sense. The top chefs of our country are just as great so they won't lose to the two foreigners at all! Take Mr. He Xin for example. As the founder of our country's top eatery, Green Lotus, he has been invited by several country's leaders, which makes evident that our chefs are great as well, not losing out to the westerners!"

"Not just He Xin, there's also the legendary Mr. Cai Fengxian too. His ancestors were all royal chefs who served the former emperors, until now. Through years of experiences and improvisation, his skills are superb...he has even prepared dishes for the Queen of England once, and in return, received a great token of honor!"

"Right, Mr. Cai Fengxian sure is a legendary icon in the world of chefs, but you can't invite him at all. There is no way, so there's no point in talking about it. Even inviting Mr. He Xin would be extremely difficult.

"I don't think so, the romanticism of the Western world is something that the Chinese culture lacks!"

"Nonsense! The Westerners are all cold and fancy, they do not have the human touch of the Chinese culture!"

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### **Chapter 367: Carrots and Cabbages, To Each Their Own**

Slowly more and more people started to voice their opinions on who supported Chinese or Western cuisine. It was not just the experts, but even the non-experts were starting to express their patriotism, so increasingly more people started to join in the debate. Alas, the hall ended up being incredibly noisy beyond comparison...

The most awkward person present was William Fee because he was of mixed parentage from both countries, so he did not even know who to side.

As she watched both sides of the argument quarrel, Ning Xueluo who had looked unhappy all along shot Fang Ya an urgent look when she felt the time was right.

Fang Ya received Ning Xueluo's hint and immediately knew what she meant, so she stood up and said, "To know who's more capable, wouldn't it be easier if they competed live? If Ning Xi was so amazing enough to invite Mr. Danial, I'm sure inviting the famous chef He Xin would be an easy feat for her."

"Exactly! Let Ning Xi invite him! This would be perfect!"

"Then you guys can stop arguing since a live show is better evidence than just debating!"

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Suddenly, all eyes fell on Ning Xi.

Ning Xi remained unbothered and did not give any response.

Of course, when she saw that Ning Xi did not react at all, Fang Ya would not let her go that easily. She continued to ask, "Ning Xi, what's wrong? You invited this chef, and now everyone is making a hullabaloo over who you invited. How can you just look on indifferently?"

"Exactly, a nice banquet has turned into such a big mess, causing everyone to be so unhappy!"

"Since Ning Xi has so many admirers, she could just make a call and someone would do something, isn't that right?"

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Xiao Tao pulled on the hem of Ning Xi's shirt weakly and said, "Sis Xi, do you think you could ask your admirer to invite Mr. He Xin?"

When she heard this, Ning Xi looked at Xiao Tao and stuffed her mouth with a peach. She said calmly, "Xiao Tao, carrots and cabbages, to each their own. Just because some people prefer carrots, does that mean cabbages are garbage? If they prefer to eat something else, then let them invite him. We can just enjoy our meal!"

"Oh..." Xiao Tao answered slightly confused. Even though she did not entirely understand what Ning Xi meant, she still nodded. She then thought about how she had asked for too much. He Xin was someone highly influential in the world of Chinese cookery, only second to old chef Cai Fengxian. How could anyone just casually invite someone like that?

They did not even know how Mr. Danial was invited, and now they wanted her to invite He Xin...this was just unrealistic.

"Okay, I was just asking. Actually, I think it's a little too impossible as well...these people are too much. Thanks to you, they managed to taste so much good food. Now, not only are they not thankful, they have even turned the tables and tried to make things hard for you instead!" Xiao Tao was really angry, and after her rant, she mumbled, "You know, it's quite impossible to invite Mr. He Xin. It's just Fang Ya and the gang making unnecessary trouble to take away your spotlight..."

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"What now, Ning Xi? Since your admirer is so capable, get him to invite Mr. He Xin over so we can experience an eye-opener!"

When they heard Fang Ya's suggestion, many echoed her, while others still thought it was impossible.

"Stop joking, it's hard enough to invite Danial, now you want to invite He Xin too?"

"In fact, you want to invite someone over immediately without any bookings in advance? In your dreams! Do you think this is like renting a car? Ning Xi's admirer might come from some extraordinary background, but there's no way it would be this exaggerated!"

### **Chapter 368: Let Me and Bro Yan Invite**

"Ning Xi is pitiful enough. It was hard enough to steal Ning Xueluo's limelight and now this incident has to happen..." someone mumbled softly.

Fang Ya casually continued, "Who's to blame for that? Who told her to act as if she was so amazing?"

Su Yan was so romantically proposing here to Xueluo and she wouldn't let them be. She had to butt in to seek attention! Why doesn't she continue seeking it now? We're all waiting!"

"What now, Ning Xi? Say something, are you inviting him or not?" Fang Ya became even more arrogant when she saw that Ning Xi kept quiet.

At this moment, Ning Xueluo who was on the main table suddenly said, "Never mind."

Everyone's eyes then fell onto her.

"Since everyone wants to try Mr. He Xin's creations so badly, let me and Bro Yan invite him. Everyone can stop making things hard for Ning Xi now," Ning Xueluo said softly.

When they heard this, the crowd suddenly understood what Ning Xueluo was trying to imply. The fact that Ning Xi's admirer could invite Danial for her was probably the best he could do in his limitations, so now to invite He Xin too would be out of his capabilities. The crowd highly doubted that Ning Xi's admirer had the connections and power to do so.

"Hold on! Xueluo, are you trying to say that you and Su Yan will be inviting He Xin?!"

Suddenly, one of the gourmet journalists broke the tension and exclaimed.

"Yes, I believe everyone will be able to meet Mr. He Xin shortly," Ning Xueluo replied with confidence, all her previous unhappiness vanished.

"My God, Xueluo, could you really invite Mr. He Xin? Am I dreaming?!" Fang Ya intentionally exaggerated her expressions and pretended to do a happy jig.

"Mmm, don't rush. Tonight is not only the launching banquet but Bro Yan's and my engagement day as well, so Bro Yan and I will definitely try our best to satisfy everyone's request!" Ning Xueluo said elegantly.

The crowd started to turn rowdy. Everyone was exceptionally emotional and excited. Since Ning Xueluo had said so, then Mr. He Xin should definitely be making his way over!

Not only did they get to try Mr. Danial's top quality Western dishes tonight, they would also be able to witness Mr. He Xin in the flesh shortly. This was definitely no ordinary day. In fact, it was a dream come true!

Then, the hotel entrance opened and from the outside, the guests could hear the exclamations of many reporters. Amidst this noise, a middle-aged man clad in a traditional Chinese outfit slowly made his way in.

"He Xin, He Xin! It's Mr. He Xin!"

"It really is Mr. He Xin!"

"Su Yan and Xueluo really invited Mr. He Xin over!"

In that moment, a handful of food show hosts were clearly emotional and starstruck at the sight of He Xin.

"Uncle He Xin! Thank you for being able to make it!" Su Yan led Ning Xueluo to greet him with a respectful manner.

"Mmm," He Xin nodded at Ning Xueluo and Su Yan. He had already heard about the dinner from Su Yan's father.

"Firstly, congratulations to the both of you. I don't have much, let's begin!" He Xin said this to Su Yan then made his way to Danial.

"Mr. Danial, nice to meet you. Who'd know we would meet here?" He Xin said with a smile.

"Oh, Mr. He Xin, I've heard of you for a long time now. You are the master of Chinese culinary. It's an honor to be able to meet you today," Mr. Danial courteously replied.

He Xin may not be able to be compared to Danial in terms of culinary skills, but He Xin was not only limited to the kitchen. He had been invited by top governmental figures all over the world and had received many compliments. In terms of status, he definitely could hold a candle to Danial.

"I wonder if you could lend me your spot for a while?" He Xin asked with a smile.

### **Chapter 369: True Epitome Of Perfection**

Danial deliberated. He had just finished serving his main course, and he didn't have any reason to take up the spot of head chef and so he nodded, "Okay, my work here is done, I'll pass the spot to you then."

Danial then led his team to the VIP area and let He Xin take over.

When the crowd saw that Danial had given his spot away, they were in an uproar and thought that Danial was surrendering defeat.

"Mr. Danial, is it okay for us to just give the spot away? He Xin's culinary skills are not up to your level. No matter from what aspect, Mr. Danial you are still the best!" Alain Passa frowned.

"We have already prepared and served the main course, so there really is no reason to hog the spot," Danial replied nonchalantly.

Since Danial had already put it that way, Alain naturally did not say anything more. It was true that when one had reached Danial's level of mastery, one would not care too much for the petty things.

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Within half an hour, He Xin had already prepared several unique Chinese dishes.

The fragrance of the food instantly wafted throughout the hotel's every corner, causing everyone to salivate.

"Miss Xueluo, my best wishes for you and Su Yan are all conveyed through this dish," He Xin said to Su Yan and Ning Xueluo in front of him.

"Thank you, Uncle He Xin!" Ning Xueluo was full of smiles, and so was Su Yan.

Because of He Xin's presence, all the previous awkwardness had vanished. "The person who should feel awkward now is Ning Xi," thought Ning Xueluo.

"How lucky! Even Mr. He Xin's personally congratulated Su Yan and Ning Xueluo on their engagement. He's our top chef in Chinese cuisine. Unlike some people who took the trouble to invite foreign chefs, at last, he was taken over by our Mr. He Xin!" Fang Ya intentionally looked at Ning Xueluo and grinned evilly.

"That's enough, stop spurting nonsense!" Ning Xueluo said to stop her.

"I'm not spurting nonsense, facts are facts. It's such a joke for Ning Xi's admirer to fight with your Bro Su Yan! I wonder where he got his confidence from!" Fang Ya regained her arrogance and stared at Ning Xi, sneering.

"Exactly, he could only invite a foreign chef. If he had the capabilities, I would like to see him invite a top Chinese chef over!"

"Pfft, how dare he compete with Su Yan, that's blind confidence!"

Fang Ya and several drama team actors started to ramble on again.

From afar, Ning Xi smiled and shook her head. These people were quite interesting. She even had a feeling that if she replied them, she would instantly become an idiot like them too.

"Mr. Danial is a foreign chef after all, so there's no way he can be compared to Mr. He Xin on Chinese grounds!"

"Exactly so!"

"Even though Mr. Danial's Western dishes are the world's best, we still like to eat our own Chinese delicacies!"

"If you like to eat Chinese food, that's your own choice of taste. I like to eat Western food, and I feel that Mr. Danial's dishes are the epitome of perfection. No one else can compare!"

"Ha! That's too funny! The epitome of perfection just like that? Do you even know what is the true epitome of perfection..."

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As everyone started to debate boisterously, the sound of a door opened.

The banquet's entrance door was pushed open from the outside.

Under the sparkling chandelier, a young man held an older man by the arm and stood at the door. The old man was clad in coarse linen and had a head of white hair. He had a hale and hearty energy to him, with an aura of immortality.

The guests were fighting, some were sneering at Ning Xi, and some were just looking on. The first to notice the old man was a young man. He was about to join in a fight when he suddenly looked at the door speechlessly, "Cai...old man Cai..."

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Suddenly, everyone looked at the young man in shock, especially Fang Ya who was just mocking Ning Xi a second ago. Her expression looked as if she just saw a ghost, "That...that man..."

"That old man looks really familiar...oh! He looks like Cai Fengxian! Am I dreaming?" someone said, rubbing their eyes.

"What nonsense are you spouting? Are you mistaken?"

"No! It's Elder Cai! He's Mr. Cai Fengxian! I've seen him on TV before!" someone yelled in surprise.

"I've seen the young man beside him on TV before as well. Isn't he Elder Cai's eldest son, Cai Cheng? If you don't believe me, I'll search online now!"

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A local channel produced a popular food show which created a big wave of food lovers. The last episode was specifically dedicated to Mr. Cai Fengxian, and it left a deep impression on many people.

Aside from the professional food journalists, a lot of people knew about Cai Fengxian as well, including Fang Ya and her bunch of groupies.

A young man was practically bouncing with excitement as he walked towards him, "Elder Cai! Do...do you still remember me? Eight years ago, there was a small restaurant in Qing Cheng. You've personally mentored me before!"

The elder thought for a little while, "Is it Lai Fu restaurant? You're little Lai Fu?"

The young man's eyes turned red with tears, "You're right! It's Lai Fu restaurant! I can't believe that you still remember me! If it wasn't for your guidance, I wouldn't have been determined enough to leave my hometown and go on to study! And I wouldn't have been able to achieve what I have today!"

At this point someone recognized this young man, "Ah, I remembered this man. He has quite famous himself. Isn't he an executive chef from a high-class hotel in Imperial? I heard that he worked his way out from a small village...I didn't expect him to be acquainted with Elder Cai..."

After hearing his story, everyone's respect for Elder Cai grew, "Elder Cai has students everywhere!"

"That's how powerful his aura is!"

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After the praises died down, everyone was confused about why Elder Cai was there...

"Elder Cai, why...why are you here?" the young man asked excitedly.

"Father is here to celebrate with Ms. Ning Xi," Elder Cai's son, Cai Cheng replied.

Everyone went dead silent after hearing what Cai Cheng said.

The first reaction people had was to look at Ning Xi, shocked.

Fang Ya and a few crew members were confused, including Su Yan, whereas the smile on Ning Xueluo's face froze.

"Heck, this Ning Xi! She's the best! First was Alain, then the father of Western cooking Master Daniai, and now even China's grand master of the culinary industry, Cai Fengxian. I'm impressed!"

"Hahaha, did you see Fang Ya and Ning Xueluo's expressions? A second ago, Fang Ya was still mocking her and barking arrogantly, and then in the next moment, Mr. Cai is here. This is too funny!"

"Ning Xi is way too sturdy!"

"What's wrong with acting all high and mighty? She's got it so she's just flaunting it! And she's really going all out! Any of these three masters is enough to make William Fee look like a regular guy off the streets. Not even Mr. He Xin can do much now!"

"I'm really happy! This banquet tonight will really boost my headlines for the next few months!"