

Cooking Test

There were three cooks who answered an ad placed by a fancy Chinese restaurant. The first cook arrived for his interview, and the Grand Chef instructed him to stand in front of the stove, remove one of his shoes, and with it, ladle sauce into the wok to be used in cooking the meal -- this was the secret to the restaurant's famous fragrant rice. The cook was outraged, "This is not cooking!" and stormed off. The second cook came and was given the same instructions. He drew erect and said haughtily, "I will not stoop to such nonsense!" and left. The third cook heard the same instructions from the Grand Chef. He had some misgivings but proceeded to do what was asked of him. After ladling the sauce with his shoe, the cook prepared the rice in the wok, and, indeed, it was delicious! This cook succeeded because he realized that he shouldn't dismiss what someone says before he shoes a meal in his wok.

