Sarah’s First Visit to Shanghai

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Oh dear! My God! So why does Chinese cuisine have so weird names! See *Chicken without sex* (童子鸡)? That’s too erotic...What? It’s pullet in sauce! So what’s contained in *Lungs of Husband-Wife’s* (夫妻肺片)? Sliced beef in Chili sauce? I’m scared to death! Well, *Tofu made by a woman full of freckles* (麻婆豆腐), I see her face when eating this spicy dish. I’ll never eat this *Slobbering chicken* (口水鸡)! Oh wait, again? It’s steamed with Chili sauce? How glad on earth are *Four glad balls* (四喜丸子)? You must be kidding—only pork in balls. Here comes *The ants are climbing trees* (蚂蚁上树)! I’m really sad when served with vermicelli fried with pork. Behind these names there’re stories?!—Oh, Chinese!

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