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Ο Χαράλαμπος

Εστιάτορας

πρωτοχρονιά του 20..



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Charalampos the Restaurateur

New Year's of 20..

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1. Prologue

This story is part of a series of children's stories with the main title "Professions". Its purpose is to introduce children to career orientation, while combining knowledge with humor and the funny side of life, so that the story remains interesting.

In all the stories, the main hero is Charalampos. His friends Lefteris and Panagiotis also take part, and very often they change profession according to Charalampos' profession.

I was inspired to create Charalampos and his friends while playing with my grandson Marios. In every story there is a glossary of unfamiliar words, so that young children can understand the difficult words.

The unfamiliar words are marked with an asterisk in the text, and their explanations are given below, again with an asterisk.

2. Charalampos the Restaurateur

Charalampos has a very important profession. He is a restaurateur.

He offers people, who usually want to enjoy themselves outside their homes, good food and fine drinks to accompany it.

It is New Year's Eve, December 31, and Charalampos has a lot on his mind.

Tomorrow, the first day of the new year 20.., will be a very important day for him and for his restaurant, "Lucullus". After ten years of hard work, sacrifices, strict savings and a small inheritance left to him by his mother's brother, Uncle Vrasidas, he managed to create it in an excellent area with high-quality restaurants.



3. The Phone Call from the Prime Minister's Office

The previous week, while he was preparing the festive menu of the restaurant, the telephone rang.

Charalampos answered it and heard a voice: "Is Mr. Charalampopoulos there?"

"Yes. How may I help you?"

"My name is Anastasiadis. I am calling from the office of the Prime Minister."

"We have information that yours is a very good restaurant, and the Prime Minister wants to celebrate New Year's Day by eating at your restaurant with his family and a few close friends."

Charalampos hesitated and replied: "How can I be sure that this is not a prank?"

"Call the Prime Minister's office at the Maximos Mansion and ask for me."

"All right. I will call you immediately."

Maximos Mansion (*) is the building where the office of the Prime Minister is located.

Indeed, it was confirmed that Mr. Anastasiadis was a real person, and an appointment was arranged so that the details could be settled.

The next day, Mr. Anastasiadis arrived at “Lucullus” at the appointed time. Present at the meeting were Charalampos’ famous chef, Petrezidis, and the Prime Minister’s chef, so that the menu could be arranged.

Petrezidis suggested mushrooms à la crème, wood-fired pies with herbs and mizithra cheese as appetizers, lobster pasta as the main dish, and baklava from Ioannina with pudding as dessert.

For wines, he suggested red or white wine from the well-known house Oinodia.

After some counterproposals, the menu was enriched with three more dishes, the agreement was made, the time was set for 2 p.m., the contract was signed, the price was agreed, and they shook hands.

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