This is not spicy, a Chinese short story for HSK 1

Hán Tāo's friend from Běijīng can't eat spicy food. In Chéngdū, the waiter says their hotpot is not spicy. What happens when it comes?

你能吃辣吗？我有一个火锅的故事！
Nǐ néng chī là ma? Wǒ yǒu yí ge huǒguō de gùshi!
Can you eat spicy food? I have a hotpot story!

我住在成都。成都人很爱吃火锅，我们的火锅很辣。
Wǒ zhù zài Chéngdū. Chéngdū rén hěn ài chī huǒguō, wǒmen de huǒguō hěn là.
I live in Chéngdū. People in Chéngdū love hotpot, and our hotpot is very spicy.

上个月，我的朋友来成都玩。他是北京人，不能吃辣。
Shàng ge yuè, wǒ de péngyou lái Chéngdū wán. Tā shì Běijīng rén, bù néng chī là.
Last month a friend came to visit Chéngdū. He is from Běijīng, and he can't eat spicy food.

我们去吃火锅。我对服务员说："我朋友不能吃辣。"服务员说："没问题，这个不辣。"
Wǒmen qù chī huǒguō. Wǒ duì fúwùyuán shuō: "Wǒ péngyou bù néng chī là." Fúwùyuán shuō: "Méi wèntí, zhège bú là."
We went for hotpot. I said to the waiter: "My friend can't eat spicy food." The waiter said: "No problem. This one is not spicy."

火锅来了，很红，非常红。我朋友看了看，说了三个字。你猜，他说了什么？
Huǒguō lái le, hěn hóng, fēicháng hóng. Wǒ péngyou kànle kàn, shuōle sān ge zì. Nǐ cāi, tā shuōle shénme?
The hotpot came. It was red, very red. My friend looked at it and said three words. Guess what he said?

他说："这……不辣？"服务员说："不辣。"
Tā shuō: "Zhè…… bú là?" Fúwùyuán shuō: "Bú là."
He said: "This... not spicy?" The waiter said: "Not spicy."

我朋友吃了一小块肉。
Wǒ péngyou chīle yì xiǎo kuài ròu.
My friend ate one small piece of meat.

他什么也没说。他的脸很红，跟火锅一样红。
Tā shénme yě méi shuō. Tā de liǎn hěn hóng, gēn huǒguō yíyàng hóng.
He didn't say anything. His face was red, as red as the hotpot.

他喝了一杯水，又喝了一杯。
Tā hēle yì bēi shuǐ, yòu hēle yì bēi.
He drank a glass of water, then one more.

我问他："好吃吗？"
Wǒ wèn tā: "Hǎochī ma?"
I asked him: "Is it good?"

他看着我，说："水。"
Tā kànzhe wǒ, shuō: "Shuǐ."
He looked at me and said: "Water."

我吃了很多。我朋友只吃米饭，喝了六杯水。
Wǒ chīle hěn duō. Wǒ péngyou zhǐ chī mǐfàn, hēle liù bēi shuǐ.
I ate a lot. My friend ate only rice, and he drank six glasses of water.

我们旁边坐着一个小女孩，五六岁。
Wǒmen pángbiān zuòzhe yí ge xiǎo nǚhái, wǔ liù suì.
Next to us sat a little girl, five or six years old.

她也在吃火锅，吃得很高兴。
Tā yě zài chī huǒguō, chī de hěn gāoxìng.
She was eating hotpot too, and she was very happy.

我朋友看了看她的火锅：也很红。
Wǒ péngyou kànle kàn tā de huǒguō: yě hěn hóng.
My friend looked at her hotpot. It was red too.

他叫来服务员，问："这个火锅真的不辣吗？"
Tā jiàolai fúwùyuán, wèn: "Zhège huǒguō zhēn de bú là ma?"
He called the waiter over and asked: "Is this hotpot really not spicy?"

服务员看了看我们的火锅，又看了看我朋友。
Fúwùyuán kànle kàn wǒmen de huǒguō, yòu kànle kàn wǒ péngyou.
The waiter looked at our hotpot. Then he looked at my friend.

然后，他看了看那个小女孩。你猜，他说了什么？
Ránhòu, tā kànle kàn nàge xiǎo nǚhái. Nǐ cāi, tā shuōle shénme?
Then he looked at the little girl. Guess what he said?

他说："先生，您的火锅和她的火锅一样。"
Tā shuō: "Xiānsheng, nín de huǒguō hé tā de huǒguō yíyàng."
He said: "Sir, your hotpot and her hotpot are the same."

"在成都，这是小孩子吃的。"
"Zài Chéngdū, zhè shì xiǎo háizi chī de."
"In Chéngdū, this is what children eat."

Words in the story

辣
là
spicy (hot)

不辣
bú là
not spicy

火锅
huǒguō
hotpot: you cook meat and vegetables at the table in a pot of hot soup

服务员
fúwùyuán
waiter

没问题
méi wèntí
no problem

红
hóng
red

字
zì
a written character; here, a word

一小块肉
yì xiǎo kuài ròu
one small piece of meat

脸
liǎn
face

跟……一样
gēn…… yíyàng
the same as..., as ... as

一杯水
yì bēi shuǐ
a glass of water

又
yòu
again, then also

旁边
pángbiān
next to

小女孩
xiǎo nǚhái
little girl

先生
xiānsheng
sir, Mr.

小孩子
xiǎo háizi
little children

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