

Mun Luangruang Comes to America

It is 1997, and we are in Bangkok. Mun is working in the cheerless Accounting Office of the Japan Electric Components Company.

Manager: Hey, girl, are you finished with that Profit and Loss report yet?

Mun: No, not yet, sir. I will try to finish it as soon as I can.

Manager: Well, hurry up! If I didn't know better, I would think you are not very happy with this job. If that report isn't finished, you will have to work this weekend.

Mun: Yes, sir.

Manager: (Begins to massage her shoulders) Say, you are kind of cute. Why don't you dress a little more sexy? I could make your job a little easier, if you know what I mean.

Mun: I don't know what you mean, sir!

Manager: Well, if you stay here at this company, you will have figure out what I mean. Now finish that report! (Leaves the stage)

Mun: Oh, what can I do? I hate this job, but I have to take care of my family. (the phone rings).

Mun: (picks up the phone) Hello, this is Mun speaking. Dad? Is that you, Dad, calling me from America? I am fine. How are you? You want me to come to America? I can go to school there, and learn English? That is a big decision, Dad, I will have to think about it. OK, goodbye.

Mun: Goodness gracious, my Father wants me to come to America. He says I can go to school, and there will be many opportunities in America. But can I leave my native land? Thailand, and the Thai culture is very important to me.

I don't think I can live without Thai food. Do they have Thai food and Thai restaurants in America? If I can't find Thai food in America, maybe I will have to open my own restaurant. I just hope it doesn't turn into a lot of work and prevents me from attending family events.

But, maybe if I go to America, I will meet a nice man. I would like to meet and marry a nice man in America. Of course, he will be from Thailand, just like me. I don't think I could get married to an American. And, I would like him to be about my height. It would be very unhandy to marry someone much taller than me. And of course he will be handsome, and dress very well, and not tease me too much, and he will like all those strange kinds of Thai food that I like, too.

America sounds like a wonderful place! I have decided to seek my fortune there!