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There are cooks who were once famous for elaborate buffets but now go hungry at night, and maids who spend their days tidying closets but live in squalid rooms that cost \$1.50 per night. The workers wave signs and show off their tools, and pounce at the sight of halting cars.

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By early afternoon, after the street cleaners have swept away the last of the morning's plastic wrappers and the construction vans have disappeared, the workers set out for home. Some wander the streets, depressed and defeated.

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Shenyang, with a population of over eight million, was once a boom town, with its economy growing by 10 percent as recently as 2012. But under the pressure of a property glut and a downturn in manufacturing, the economy has slowed; last year, it grew by 3.5 percent.

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Mr. Zhang moved to Shenyang from the countryside when he was 18. With his knack for laying electric cables, he had grown accustomed to working almost every day.

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Now, sometimes more than a week passes without work. He worries that his wife, a waitress, might leave him. They have a 10-year-old son and a 20-year-old daughter, and their savings of about \$3,000 are dwindling.

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"I'm sad," he said. "I'm a man in my 40s, and I can't give my family happiness."

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As Mr. Zhang spoke, a beggar named Wang Baocheng appeared. Mr. Wang hobbles through the Lu Yuan market each day carrying a black trash bag filled with clothes and a statue of a monkey that he keeps for good luck.

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This morning, his forehead was bruised and almost entirely purple. He tried to persuade a manager at a heat

