Pepián Verde de Pollo y Choclo

STEW OF CHICKEN AND CORN

Pepián is a Central and South American stew made with chili peppers and nuts or seeds. It is often served over rice.

2 cups (16 fl oz/500 ml) chicken stock (see glossary)

3 lb (1.5 kg) skinned chicken pieces

1 lb (500 g) tomatillos, husks removed

1 cup (5 oz/155 g) pepitas (hulled pumpkin seeds), toasted and finely ground

5 serrano or jalapeño chili peppers

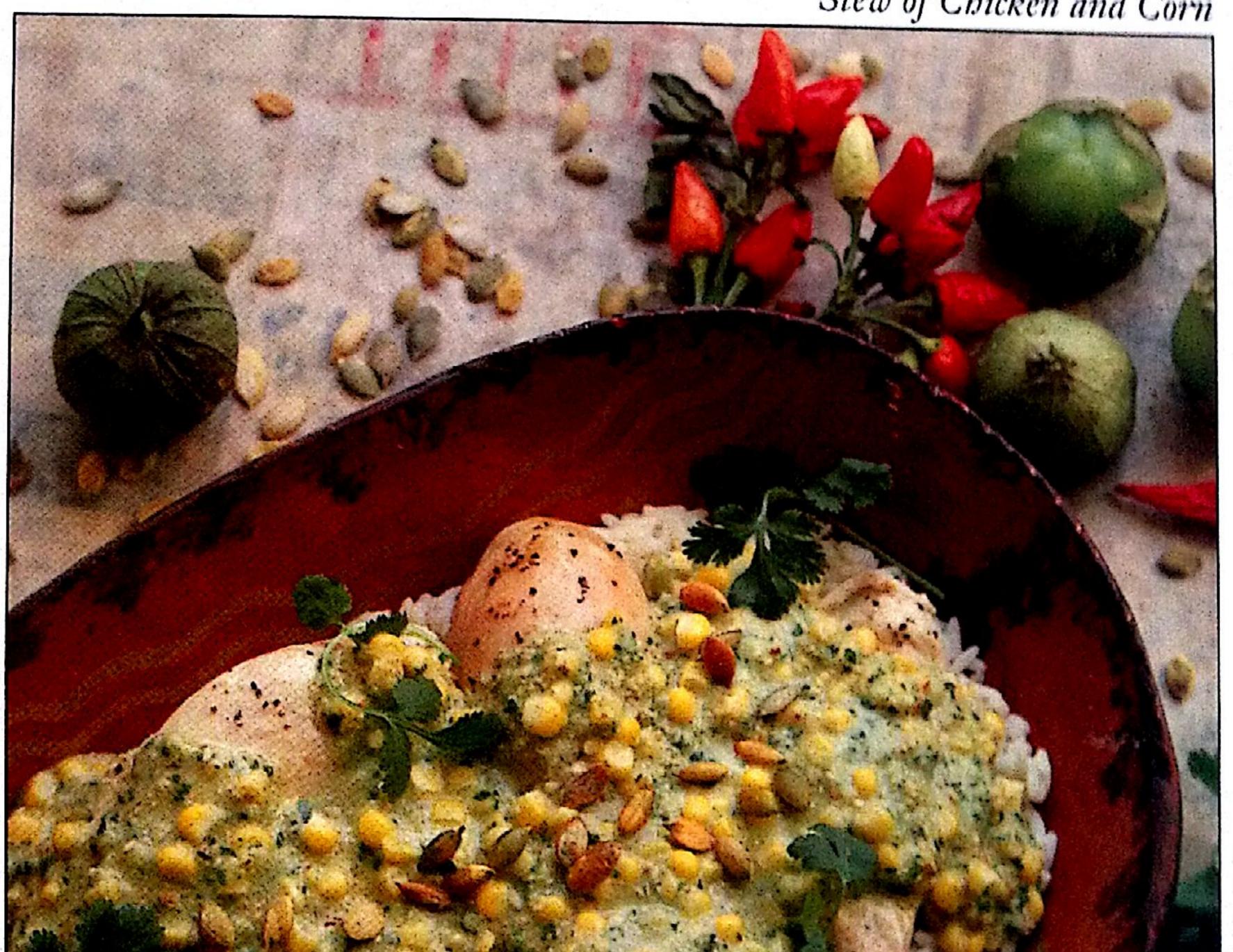
1 onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 cup (½ oz/15 g) fresh cilantro (fresh coriander) leaves kernels from 4 ears (cobs) of corn (about 3 cups/18 oz/560 g)

- 1. Preheat an oven to 400°F (200°C). Lightly oil a shallow baking dish.
- 2. Heat the chicken stock in a Dutch oven or stockpot. Add the chicken pieces, and simmer, covered, for 30 minutes, or until the chicken is tender.
- 3. While the chicken is cooking, roast the tomatillos in the baking dish for 10 minutes, until golden brown.
- 4. In a blender, purée the pepitas, serrano chilies, tomatillos, onion, garlic and cilantro until smooth. Place in a large saucepan, and bring to a simmer. Add 1 cup (8 fl oz/250 ml) or more of the chicken cooking liquid to thin the sauce to the consistency of cream. Add the corn kernels, and cook for 5 minutes.

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5. With a slotted spoon, arrange the chicken pieces in a serving dish, and spoon the sauce over them. Serve immediately.

Serves 8

1 serving: Calories 390, Protein 47 g, Carbohydrates 20 g, Fiber 3 g, Total fat 14 g (Saturated 3 g, Monounsaturated 4.5 g, Polyunsaturated 5 g), Cholesterol 110 mg, Sodium 110 mg, Vitamin C 45%.

1 Vegetable, 2 Meat