

Shortly after Ye Tian and the others left their table, the restaurant went into an uproar.

Waitresses clad in cheongsams came downstairs one after another and hurried over to Guangyue Restaurant's entrance. Even their manager and boss came downstairs and went out too.

The entire restaurant was in a jittery commotion as though the king was coming.

Ye Tian asked a waiter when he noticed the commotion, "Young lady, what's going on? Why's everyone so anxious?"

"Sir, an important man is coming to the restaurant. Sorry, I have to hurry over and welcome him," replied the waitress before she turned to leave hurriedly.

Ye Tian and the others were stunned to hear her explanation.

"A big shot?"

"Did they catch wind that General Lu was coming and went out to welcome him?"

"Haha!"

"That's great!"

“The Ye family can get to bask in General Lu’s glory too.”

“Let’s go welcome him!”

Ye Tian and the others chuckled before following the restaurant waiter out.

Meanwhile, a red carpet was already laid outside the restaurant.

The restaurant staff was standing respectfully on both sides of the steps.

All the restaurant executives stood at the door and looked into the distance with flowers in their hands and looked like they were waiting for someone.

Finally, a military green SUV pulled up outside the restaurant.

An old man got off the car with a young lady.

“Hmmm? Yu-Yan, did your father prepare this?” asked Lu Tian-He in surprise when he saw the grand welcome when he got off the car.

“Huh...huh? I...I guess?” replied Ye Yu-Yan at a loss. She was clearly uncertain whether the glorious welcome was meant for her teacher.

“Haha! You must be Yu-Yan’s teacher, Deputy Military Instructor, General Lu Tian-He, right? I’m Yu-Yan’s father, Ye Tian. We invited you for dinner at Guangyue Restaurant to thank you for grooming our girl. It’s a great honor for the Ye family and Jingzhou that you could turn up for a meal here. See? All these Guangyue Restaurant execs are here to welcome you,” said a male voice as he laughed heartily.

Ye Tian and the rest of the Ye family came over and complimented Lu Tian-He.

Lu Tian-He replied politely, “You’re too kind, Mr Ye. You didn’t have to go to the expense of planning such a grand welcome for an old man like me. I feel so bad. I simply don’t deserve it.”

“Oh my! General Lu, you’re too modest. You help to defend our country, so you deserve all the fanfare. Enough. Let’s dispense with formalities and continue our chat inside.”

Ye Tian and the others smiled flatteringly before bringing Lu Tian-He into the restaurant.

But when everyone was about to walk on the red carpet and enter the establishment, an employee stopped them.

"Sorry! One moment please, no one is allowed to enter the restaurant yet," said the restaurant staff apologetically.

Ye Tian was stunned to hear this.

What?

"Why can't we go in? Have you made a mistake? Do you know who you're talking to? I'm Ye Tian, a Dongyang County official. This is Lu Tian-He, the army's special forces trainer and a major general. Even your managers respectfully offer us flowers when they see us. How dare a rookie like you stop us?" shouted Ye Tian madly.

He found the employee stupid. Didn't the restaurant send everyone out to welcome Lu Tian-He? Why did the staff stop them from entering when Lu Tian-He was standing right before them?

Sure enough, the restaurant executives walked over with courteous smiles and flowers in hand when Ye Tian finished his sentence.

All the staff standing deferentially at the door bowed in unison.

"Welcome to Guangyue Restaurant, Mr Ye!"

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The waves of voices instantly echoed through the restaurant.

Amid their reverent voices, the restaurant executives hurried over with flowers in their hands.

Ye Tian stood dumbstruck instantly. He panicked in his heart.

Mr...Mr Ye?

Were they here to welcome Ye Tian?

Ye Ya and Ye Jian quickly pushed Ye Tian out while he was still in shock.

“Uncle Tian, what are you waiting for? They are coming over to give you flowers. Aren’t you going to take them? Yu-Yan, you should go over too. You can share in your father’s glory since you’re his daughter,” urged Ye Jian with a smile.

After Ye Jian convinced his uncle, Ye Tian genuinely thought those restaurant executives were here to offer him flowers.

So he beamed as he walked over with his daughter.

As Ye Tian walked over, he said high spiritedly, "You're too kind! Although I made a name for myself in Dongyang County in these recent years in politics, you can just offer a toast to show your respect. There's really no need to go through the trouble of arranging such a huge welcome! Yu-Yan, go on and take the flowers. Greet your elders while you're at it."

Ye Tian chuckled as he told his daughter to accept those flowers.

But the restaurant executives unexpectedly pushed Ye Yu-Yan aside as though they didn't see her.

"What are you doing?"

Ye Tian was instantly stunned and stared with his mouth wide open.

Before they finished the conversation, someone slapped him and shoved him aside.

"Where did these dumbasses come from? Get out of the bloody way! Hurry up and go! Can you suffer the consequences for holding us up?" asked someone angrily. Then they ignored Ye Tian and his daughter and walked ahead right past them.

A skinny man holding the hand of a pretty girl appeared before them with a young man trailing behind them

“Tha...that’s Ye...Ye Fan?!”

“How could it be him?”

The entire Ye family was dumbstruck.

Ye Tian’s pupils constricted while Ye Ya and Ye Jian trembled hard.

Ye Yu-Yan was so shocked that her lips trembled while she remained speechless.

They didn’t expect the man whom Guangyue Restaurant was welcoming with so much fanfare was Ye Fan!

“But...but why...why?” asked Ye Tian as he went into a daze.

It felt as though their nephew had given him a tight slap on his face.

Ye Fan was certainly deftly slapping them!

It was public embarrassment for Ye Tian!

Ye Tian and the others trembled in astonishment as they watched Ye Fan and the others bask in everyone’s warm welcome

and step onto the brand new red carpet and walk upstairs proudly like they were the center of the universe!

They didn't even cast an eye at them when they walked past the Ye family!



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"Yu-Yan, do you know these folks?" asked Lu Tian-He perplexedly when Ye Fan and the others entered Guangyue Restaurant with all that fanfare.

After all, Lu Tian-He witnessed the entire spectacle for himself.

Judging from the Ye family's reaction after these three people turned up at the restaurant, they were clearly acquainted.

"No, we don't. He's just a live-in husband. Why would we know someone like him?" replied Ye Tian coldly before Ye Yu-Yan composed an answer.

Ye Tian had already collected himself from the earlier shock.

Even now, Ye Tian refused to believe that Ye Fan was anyone who mattered.

He merely assumed Ye Fan was indulging in Young Master Lei's glory.

But Ye Fan kept embarrassing them repeatedly, so it undoubtedly intensified the Ye family's resentment towards him.

"Let's go, General Lu. Let's not get distracted by the likes of them. Let's go in and eat," said Ye Tian.

His face was still red from the restaurant executive's slap, but now was not the time to pursue this. More importantly, they had to pay good hosts to Lu Tian-He.

After all, Ye Yu-Yan depended on Lu Tian-He for a meteoric rise in the army in the future.

Lu Tian-He didn't keep probing and entered the restaurant with them.

But the quizzical look on Lu Tian-He's face remained.

He couldn't put his finger on it, but Ye Fan looked awfully familiar.

Since Lu Tian-He only caught a quick glance, he couldn't remember who Ye Fan was.

Lu Tian-He stopped trying since he couldn't recall Ye Fan and followed the Ye family into the restaurant.

Compared to Ye Fan, their entrance was particularly cold and sad. There were neither restaurant executives there to offer flowers nor people to welcome them.

Ye Tian and the others felt very awkward and embarrassed. They felt as though Ye Fan had trampled them beneath his feet and humiliated them.

Instead, Lu Tian-He remained calm and didn't seem to care about flashy welcomes.

He was only here because of the Ye family's enthusiasm and turned up for dinner on account of Ye Yu-Yan.

Ye Tian and the others took their seats in the main hall very quickly. The dishes were soon served, and they started eating.

Meanwhile, in one of the posh private rooms.

Ye Fan, Lu Wen-Jing, and Lei Ao-Ting had taken their seats.

"Mr Chu, what do you think? Was the welcome grand enough? I know you like keeping a low profile and prefer not to divulge your identity, so I didn't tell the restaurant who you really were. I only told him your last name was Ye," said Lei Ao-Ting with a proud smile on his face as though he wanted Ye Fan's approval.

Ye Fan nodded and replied, "Thanks for the kind intentions. Did you and your father tell anyone that I'm in Jingzhou? I'm here to spend the new year with my mother, so I don't wish to be disturbed."

Ye Fan went back to his hometown so

quietly because he didn't want to be disturbed.

After all, given Ye Fan's status in Jiangdong, if anyone caught wind he was home, probably even the Jingzhou mayor would come knocking on his door.

Then all the elites in Jingzhou would keep turning up, and Ye Fan would have no peace throughout the entire holiday.

Since Ye Fan wanted to enjoy a peaceful holiday, he didn't want anyone to know he was back.

Lei Ao-Ting nodded and replied, "Mr Chu, don't worry. We get it. To be honest, Mr Chu, ever since you helped rid the Jingzhou citizens of that pest, all the city leaders have wanted to visit you, but my father turned them down. But Mr Chu, my father and I can't keep it up. After this Lunar New Year, there's probably no way we can stop them and they will probably all visit Mr Chu to wish you a happy Lunar New Year."

"Oh yes. Dad wanted me to pass a message. He has more or less prepared all the jade you wanted. He will send it over to you on the first day of Lunar New Year. You can consider it our Lunar New Year gift to you, Mr Chu."

Lei Ao-Ting politely smiled as he spoke and offered Ye Fan a toast.

The wind suddenly blew the private room's window open.

The cold wind suddenly gusted in from outside.

Lei Ao-Ting instantly frowned and shouted sternly, "Hey, what are you doing? Don't you know how to close a window properly? Hurry up and close it!"

Ye Fan's calm face instantly turned solemn while Lei Ao-Ting reprimanded the restaurant staff.

Then Ye Fan smiled.

"There's no need to close it. This window is good enough to keep the wind out, but it can't keep people out," said Ye Fan slowly as he immediately set his teacup down.

Lei Ao-Ting suddenly panicked a little in his heart and asked, "Mr Chu, what...what do you mean? Did something happen?"

Ye Fan quietly got up and went downstairs without uttering a word.

Before Ye Fan left, he turned to tell Lei Ao-

Ting, "I'm handing Jingjing over to you. Take care of her. I'll be right back."

"Mr Chu?" asked Lei Ao-Ting. Although he wanted to ask, Ye Fan had already left.

All that remained for Lei Ao-Ting was the view of Ye Fan's skinny and imposing back!

Downstairs in the main hall.

Many people were happily chatting while eating.

Ye Fan sat down at an empty table. He picked up the teapot and poured himself a cup of tea, and started drinking it.

"Oh look, isn't that my cousin? Why are you drinking tea by yourself? Didn't you lap up a lot of attention when you arrived with Young Master Lei? Why? Did you get chased downstairs because you didn't serve Young Master Lei well enough?" ridiculed Ye Jian. They were having dinner nearby when he happened to see Ye Fan and instantly pounced on the opportunity to hurl insults at him.

Ye Ya instantly sneered when he turned to see Ye Fan, "Some people just like to rub shoulders with the rich and powerful and keep wanting to take shortcuts. They never

stop to think that no one cares about them if they are incapable. Leading an honest life and making an honest living is the right way to go. They are destined to fail by staying on this crooked path!"

Ye Tian sneered coldly too, "Humph. You good-for-nothing! You're going to completely embarrass the Ye family sooner or later!"

"Enough. Just cut it out," said Dong Mei to Ye Tian. She couldn't bear listening to them ridicule Ye Fan.

But Ye Fan merely shook his head and smiled when Ye Jian and the others insulted him. Then he replied in a deep tone, "Uncles, regardless of whether I'm a good-for-nothing, I suggest you hurry up and leave if you don't want to suffer."

But Ye Fan instantly triggered Ye Tian. Ye Tian threw his chopsticks on the table and shouted furiously, "You brat! How dare you? Are you trying to revolt? How can you threaten your uncles? Why? Do you want to touch us too after you beat your cousin up? I'd like to see how you plan on making us suffer?!"