

Gu Jia-Xiang's words left everyone disappointed.

Sure enough, they had overthought it.

Then again, it made sense. Why would a giant from the corporate world lower himself to visit the owner of a tiny food factory during the Lunar New Year?

Ye Ya waved his hand and said deeply, "This is the Ye residence, so there are only Ye family members here and no Mr Chu. Mr Gu, I'm afraid you're mistaken."

The smile on his face had dissipated by now.

"Only Ye family members?" contemplated Gu Jia-Xiang for a few moments. Then he swiftly realized something and smiled and asked politely, "Sure, he goes by Mr Ye too. Is Mr Ye around?"

Ye Ya didn't answer him. Instead, he turned around and shouted to Ye Tian, who was sitting in the living room, "Tian, get over here and receive your guest. Mr Gu is here to wish you a happy new year."

In Ye Ya's opinion, the people with the highest social status in the Ye family were him and his older brother.

Since Gu Jia-Xiang wasn't here to visit him, by elimination, he must be here for his older brother, Ye Tian.

Moreover, Ye Tian was the deputy county mayor, so he had higher status and power than his little brother.

Although they were surprised that Gu Jia-Xiang would visit Ye Tian for the Lunar New Year, it made sense.

"What? Is...is Mr Gu here to send me his well wishes for the new year?" asked Ye Tian. He went into shock instantly.

Ye Tian was clearly astonished.

But Ye Tian didn't think too much about it.

Since Ye Ya was the one who said so, Gu Jia-Xiang must truly be here to see him.

Ye Tian was overjoyed by the news and quickly stood up.



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He also shouted for his wife, Dong Mei, and hurried over to welcome Gu Jia-Xiang together.

“Oh my, Mr Gu. Long time no see. I’m surprised you remembered me. I’m deeply honored by your visit,” said Ye Tian with a smile as he shook Gu Jia-Xiang’s hand warmly.

“Oh yes, Mr Gu. Allow me to introduce you. This is my wife, Dong Mei. This is my nephew, Ye Jian. This is my little brother and his wife. My daughter left a few days ago, so she’s not around,” said Ye Tian as he introduced his relatives to Gu Jia-Xiang.

Everyone stepped forward and greeted Gu Jia-Xiang after the introduction.

“Nice to meet you, Uncle Gu, just call me Jian.”

“Mr Gu, I’m Tian’s sister-in-law. Jianya Food Factory will be counting on you for help in the future,” said Ye Ya’s wife eagerly as she stepped forward and chimed in.

In an instant, everyone in the Ye family circled him. They wanted to flatter him and



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get close to Gu Jia-Xiang.

“Erm...Hello...You’re too kind,” said Gu Jia-Xiang with cold sweat dripping from his brow as he smiled forcibly while the Ye family members greeted him enthusiastically.

But he was secretly cursing in his heart.

Where did these idiots pop out from?

He was instructed to visit Mr Chu. What were all these extras doing here?

Could they suffer the consequences if they held him up?

But Gu Jia-Xiang didn’t dare to complain out loud.

After all, this was Mr Chu’s hometown.

They might just be Mr Chu’s relatives.

If he offended Mr Chu’s relatives, then even if he had nine lives like a cat, it wasn’t enough to survive Mr Chu’s punishment.

But he couldn’t keep entertaining them here,



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so he ought to figure out who they were first.

After saying a few words patronizingly, Gu Jia-Xiang awkwardly asked Ye Tian, "Er... Who are you?"

"Oh, I'm Ye... Wait, what?" stammered Ye Tian. He was confused by Gu Jia-Xiang's sudden question.

Ye Tian felt as though a stick had suddenly come crashing on his head. The laughter abruptly stopped, and Ye Tian was at a loss.

"Don't you know who I am? I'm Ye Tian! I'm the firstborn son of the Ye family," said Ye Tian loudly as he glared at Gu Jia-Xiang.

Gu Jia-Xiang slapped his thigh and replied, "Oh, you're Mr Ye. Yes, I do know who you are. Aren't you the CEO of Dongyang Winery? I remember you. We ate together last year," Gu Jia-Xiang laughed.

"I..."

What the hell?

Ye Tian's face turned dark as he cursed in his heart. Then he said in a deep tone



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angrily, "The CEO of Dongyang Winery is Mo Tian."

"Hmm? Is he called Mo Tian? I must be mistaken then. Oh gosh, I'm so sorry. My bad. I meet too many people, so I often get mixed up," explained Gu Jia-Xiang.

But Ye Tian was incapable of forcing a smile. He looked so angry that it seemed as though he had swallowed a fly.

He kept cursing Gu Jia-Xiang in his heart.

Ye Tian was going insane!

Why didn't Gu Jia-Xiang know who he was?

Then why did he come and visit him for the new year?

Was the asshole here to embarrass him?

Ye Tian was infuriated, but he suppressed the anger in his heart and said stiffly, "Mr Gu, are you here to embarrass me? I did hope you could invest in Yeyang, but no one forced you to come. Did you have to come here and make things difficult for me on purpose?"



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But Gu Jia-Xiang was instantly baffled.

“Here to send you well wishes for the new year? Stop joking! Why would I do that since I don’t know you at all? I’m afraid you’re mistaken. I’m here to see Mr Ye,” said Gu Jia-Xiang as he chuckled. He sounded somewhat contemptuous of Ye Tian and the others.

They must be kidding. After all, Gu Jia-Xiang was Lei Group’s GM, so even Jingzhou’s city leaders treated him with the utmost respect.

How could these country bumpkins think he was here to wish them a happy new year?

They ought to take a good hard look in the mirror. Were they deserving of such honor?

“Mr Ye? Which Mr Ye? Other than my little brother and I, are there any other Ye men in the household?” asked Ye Tian quizzically. Both he and his little brother were baffled.

Gu Jia-Xiang looked at those two brothers as though he was looking at idiots.

“Who else can it be? Although the Ye family is big, only Mr Ye Fan is deserving of such



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respect,” said Gu Jia-Xiang deeply. His words struck them like a bolt from the blue.

Ye Tian and the others were instantly dumbstruck!

What?

“Ye...Ye Fan? Mr Ye? Did you just say you are to visit Ye Fan?”

Gu Jia-Xiang’s words were like a huge rock dropping into the ocean that caused a huge tsunami to rise in the Ye residence.

In an instant, Ye Tian and the others stared hard at him in disbelief as they trembled.

It was simply inconceivable!



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“Oh? Are you looking for me? Did Lei San send you?”

Ye Fan was sitting in the courtyard when he broke his silence and put down his teacup while Ye Tian and the others went into a shock.

He turned to look in their direction, and his indifferent voice quietly rang.

Gu Jia-Xiang turned to look. The moment he saw Ye Fan, he was instantly delighted.

“Oh my! Mr Chu, you’re here. I thought you would be inside sitting in the living room. Who made you sit out here? How could those country lice take the good seats while they make you sit in this awful one and suffer in the cold? Are they joking?” said Gu Jia-Xiang rather loudly in a deep tone. He was clearly furious.

Ye Fan’s relatives looked angry when they heard Gu Jia-Xiang.

After all, Gu Jia-Xiang was as good as scolding them.

Even Old Master Ye looked upset.



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Ye Fan waved his hand and replied, "I'm just a junior member of the family, so I naturally only get to sit here. Enough of this. Where is Lei San? Why didn't he come? Did he send the things I wanted?"

Ye Fan wasn't acquainted with Gu Jia-Xiang.

But when he heard his identity, he reckoned Lei San sent him here.

Sure enough, Ye Fan was spot on.

Gu Jia-Xiang immediately replied Ye Fan reverently, "Mr Chu, Master Lei wanted me to send a message. He is escorting the goods and will be here soon. Also, Master Lei sent me to come first and pay my respects to both you and your mother."

"That's thoughtful of him," replied Ye Fan as he nodded and lowered his head to pour a cup of tea. Then he said, "My mother is in the living room. If you want to pay your respects to her, be my guest."

Gu Jia-Xiang was instantly delighted to see Ye Fan nod. Then he turned and headed into the Ye residence.



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“Mr Gu, come on in and have a seat! We are certainly surprised that a big shot like you is visiting us!” said Ye Fan’s grandmother warmly. She instantly stood up to welcome Gu Jia-Xiang when he walked in.

But Gu Jia-Xiang ignored the old lady and brushed her aside when she blocked his way.

He looked around and quickly zeroed in on a lady with a graceful demeanor.

He walked over and said respectfully, “You must be Mr Ye’s mother, right?”

Ye Xi-Mei frowned a little in surprise and asked, “Do we know each other?”

Gu Jia-Xiang shook his head and replied, “Although we haven’t met, I thought Mr Ye’s mother ought to be an elegant and refined woman since he is peerless and dignified. There are only four women in here. That old lady and the beautiful young woman are the wrong age, so they couldn’t be it. The woman beside you lacks grace and looks ugly, so she isn’t fit to be Mr Ye’s mother. Only you are fit to be Mr Ye’s mother considering your age, grace, and



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appearance.”

Gu Jia-Xiang spoke with candor in a gentlemanly manner and was polite. He certainly was a worldly-wise man after being on top for so long.

But Gu Jia-Xiang’s words provoked Ye Xi-Lan.

Ye Xi-Lan instantly exploded.

“What do you mean? What do you mean by lacking grace and being ugly? How can I be unfit to be Ye Fan’s mother? That’s mindboggling! Do you know both my children came in first in the county for the national college entrance exam? They have guaranteed placement in Yanjing University. How could you belittle me? You are blind!” scoffed Ye Xi-Lan angrily as she laughed at Gu Jia-Xiang.

Instead, Gu Jia-Xiang shook his head and said, “First in the county for the national college entrance exam and guaranteed placement in Yanjing University? Is that considered high achievement? Lei Group fires dozens of graduates from top colleges in China each year! Did they come in first in



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the county? Even Jiangdong's top scholar is just one of my ordinary employees."

Gu Jia-Xiang spoke a few words in a cultured manner, leaving Ye Xi-Lan mortified and speechless!

If it was some other company in question, Ye Xi-Lan might not have bought it and would have thought he was bragging.

Since Lei Corporation was one of the top five businesses in the province, Ye Xi-Lan believed him!

Then Gu Jia-Xiang ignored Ye Xi-Lan and said to Ye Xi-Mei respectfully, "Madam Ye, since it's the Lunar New Year, I came on behalf of Lei Corporation to wish you a happy new year! I must say, you have raised such a wonderful son."

Gu Jia-Xiang smiled as he paid his respects reverently.

Ye Xi-Mei was immediately dumbstruck.

Her eyes were filled with shock.

"Mr Gu, what are you doing? You are a big



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shot in the city. How can you do this?" said Ye Xi-Mei and stood up when she realized Gu Jia-Xiang was here to offer his well wishes for the new year.

Ye Xi-Mei certainly didn't dare to accept this for no reason.

Everyone was astonished. Then Ye Ya's wife asked in disbelief, "Mr Gu, did you make a mistake? Why did you wish her a happy new year? My older sister's husband divorced her, so now she's just a farmer, and her son is a useless live-in husband. How could an important man like you lower yourself and personally turn up to send her well wishes?"

"Mistaken? I don't know who you are, but how can I not know Mr Chu?" replied Gu Jia-Xiang sternly as he frowned at them.

They were so startled that they instantly shut up.

After paying respects and giving Ye Xi-Mei a present, Gu Jia-Xiang got up and left.

Since Master Lei had other tasks for him, he couldn't linger.



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After Gu Jia-Xiang left, the Ye residence fell into a silence.

Ye Tian and the others went into a protracted silence and could not wrap their minds around it.

Ye Jian spat in disbelief, "Did the GM of Lei Group just pay respects to Ye Fan and his mother for the Lunar New Year? What the hell? He must be messing with us!"

Ye Jian found it unfathomable.

Ye Jian was not alone. Even Old Master Ye asked Ye Xi-Mei perplexedly, "Xi-Mei, do you know Mr Gu?"

Ye Xi-Lan shook her head and replied, "No, we've never met before."

Then Ye Xi-Lan and the others heaved a long sigh of relief.

Ye Xi-Lan thought her older sister somehow got acquainted with Gu Jia-Xiang and were close friends with him.

From the looks of it now, she had thought too much of it.



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“Just what I thought! Mr Gu is a big shot. How could my older sister be worthy of his acquaintance? He must have gone to the wrong house,” sneered Ye Xi-Lan coldly.

But Ye Xi-Mei said softly, “Although I don’t know him, judging from what he said, he visited on account of Fan.”

“What?! How could he be here because of Ye Fan? Stop lying to yourself! Just look at your son. He’s a live-in husband! Do you think Mr Gu is an idiot? Why would the GM of a multi-billion dollar company who is Master Lei’s trusted subordinate lower himself and pay his respects because of a live-in husband? Who’s going to believe that? Moreover, your son’s in-laws are in Yunzhou while Mr Gu works in Jingzhou, so they are miles apart, and there’s no way they could have met. Here because of your son? What a joke!” Ye Xi-Lan scoffed while Ye Ya’s wife looked contemptuously and laughed.

But a voice came from outside and interrupted them.