**Escape From Fang Fei**

In China, most of the young generations are the only child of their families due to a family planning policy implemented since the late 1970s. Being the "kings" and "princesses" in family, lacking the opportunity to get in touch with peers, these people are inevitably spoiled by their parents. As a result, they are stingy, jealous and selfish. My university roommate Fang Fei was one of them and has exhibited all the egregious traits of the only child.

First of all, my roommate Fang Fei has always been stingy with others. In university, the public bath was far from the dormitory building, and it was hot and dry on the way to the public bath in summer. There were four people in dormitory and we wanted to raise money to buy a simple shower, which costs only 20 yuan per person. However, Fang Fei refused to pay and promised that he did not need it. After I bought a simple shower with two other roommates, Fang Fei would take a shower with it every time he finished sporting. In addition, when strawberries were on the market, Fang Fei asked me to bring him a pound when I was going to buy some. However, the supermarket had only sealed boxed strawberries and each box was about a pound more. When I went back and asked Fang Fei to pay his own share of the bill, he only gave me the money one pound of strawberries. After I washed my strawberries, Fang Fei ran over and grabbed a lot. In contrast, Fang Fei secretly washed his strawberries, put them in a lunch box, and put the box in the corner, afraid of being seen by me. Proper frugality was beneficial, but being thrifty was not the same as were a miser. Fang Fei’s stinginess was unbearable.

Secondly, Fang Fei has always been jealous and sneered at people stronger than him. In college, Fang Fei did not ask for progress and did not want others to study. Once, when I was studying in the dormitory to prepare an upcoming exam, Fang Fei sneered at my diligence and made noise deliberately, so I could not concentrate on studying and could only go to the library to study. He sneered at me once again when I came back from the library. He would get angry when I got scholarships and never attended my celebration feast. To illustrate Fang Fei’s jealousies further, one day, he suddenly asked me if I felt that the squad leader of our class was a bit annoying because he thought that our squad leader never dared to skip classes, was too utilitarian to do things, always went to the library alone, and seldom played with him, so he felt that the squad leader looked down on him. In fact, the squad leader was a modest, enthusiastic and self-motivated person. Fang Fei always tried getting satisfaction by ridiculing and discrediting people who were stronger than himself.

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Fang Fei’s most unbearable trait was his selfishness. Fang Fei would only consider his own interests and never cared about the feelings of others. The experience of working with him on the Electronic Design Automation (EDA) program was unpleasant. Since Fang Fei and I had never studied hardware courses, this program was considerable challenging and the course would fail if the project was not accomplished on time. However, Fang Fei evaded working with me for various reasons even though he knew I was stressed during that time and almost all of my time was spent on EDA design every day. For example, when I asked Fang Fei to debug the code of the output module, he said he needed to attend a Student Council meeting the next day and had no time to help. What made me angry was that I found him stayed in the dormitory and played computer games the whole next day. Fang Fei contributed nothing to the teamwork of the EDA program. In addition, the school checked the dormitory hygiene every week. At the beginning, Fang Fei would only clean his own area and regardless of public area hygiene. Later, Fang Fei directly disappeared on the day of the hygiene check to avoid cleaning. As the garbage started accumulating in his region, an unpleasant smell gave off, which had greatly affected my life. Fang Fei’s selfishness has not been a pleasant experience throughout college period.

The four years of university have passed, but Fang Fei’s stingy, jealousy, and laziness has never changed. Fortunately, I do not have to deal with him anymore.