

Som Wang / Linda

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As they walk to the table, Som Wang, pleasantly smiles at the other patrons.

MAGGIE CASH, 15, arrogant, walks past Ben as she heads towards the table where her mom is. She holds up a piece of DILL LEAF to her ear and changes her steps to copy Som Wang.

MAGGIE

Who's that?

Ben turns beat red and looks away.

CUT TO:

14 INT. TABLE - NIGHT

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The trio sits down at the table. The Maitre D' hurries to pull out the chair for Som Wang. It is awkward as she is unsure but accepts with a bowing Wai.

Gene corrects her.

GENE

Som, you don't have to do that.

BEN

You can take a boy out of the country but --

Gene shoots Ben a sharp look.

Som Wang embarrassed looks down at her plate.

MAITRE D'

Will you be having the buffet tonight?

GENE

Yes.

CUT TO:

15 INT. BUFFET LINE - NIGHT

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Gene is first in line followed by Som Wang who is putting a little bit of everything on her plate.

Ben watches her every move.

Linda comes up behind Ben to get seconds.

Start

LINDA
Hi Ben! Who is your guest?

BEN
She's not *my* guest.

Linda leans over Ben to get Som Wang's attention.

LINDA
Hello! I'm Linda Cash. Welcome to
OUR club.

Som Wang holding an empty soup bowl in her hands turns to greet Linda.

SOM WANG
Hello! My name is Som Wang.

Gene turns reluctantly to Linda.

GENE
Oh, I see you've already met. Som
Wang is my ... fiance.

LINDA
(to Ben)
For a second I thought your dad got
into adoption.

Gene turns pretending he hasn't noticed. Linda leans over to Som Wang and whispers quietly.

LINDA (CONT'D)
Good luck, if it will not work out,
give me a call, I need a cleaning
lady.

Som Wang looks shocked. Linda walks back to her table. Som Wang looks at Gene who is busy putting more food on his plate.

~~Stop~~
Ben takes a soup ladle and goes to pour it into Som Wang's empty soup bowl.

Ben mispours as Som Wang recovers from Linda's attack. The scalding soup lands on skin as Som Wang screams and drops the soup bowl, it breaks on the side of the table and goes all over Ben as well.

The club house restaurant goes quiet. Everyone looks at the "new family". Ben is most embarrassed.

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