

9th February, 2009 – 4:30pm / **TEDDY LUI**

Teddy was on his way to have his hair cut at Ben's when we asked him to come into Experimenta. He would return for the show after his hair cut.

Teddy was wearing a tight red track suit and dark casual trousers. His hair was long, now shorter after the haircut, but the white hair somehow made his hair look on a washed out shade of grey. They said white hair made men look more distinguished. On Teddy, it made his tanned skin look darker than it was.

He had known Ben for a long time, since his Shek O Visage days. We did not go to Antique to start the show but instead had tea in the studio. Last time when he came for a haircut, he was curious about this small studio space. He wondered how we made money. We didn't. That's great, I like it then.

After Teddy watched the video, he came down and sat on one of the old trunks. I turned off the lights and played the CD Ann made for me. The faint sound of Cheung, the candle lights and our newly painted orange coffee table top. I was not sure whether all that was comfortable for Teddy, for he put his hand inside the tracksuit top and kept rubbing his stomach as if one was rubbing Vaseline on to one's chest.

Teddy said there was nothing to say about the video; but he promptly added two observations. One, it was images put together. Secondly, he watched the whole video and did not fall asleep.

He had made a video like that before, he proudly admitted. He filmed it in Argentina. His friend who was a professional film maker helped him edit it. It was his first trip abroad, ever. He did not mean to go but the tango club he was a member of organized a tour and asked him to join. He had never spent any time living in another country. He was fascinated. Curiously, it was not the tango that he talked about but his most endearing memory was the trips they made to the local supermarkets, going to the market together and going home and cooking together.

It was here when Teddy said he was very hungry; he ate half my egg rolls.

I complimented him on his tan; it was then he told me he was training for a few dragon boat races in the coming months. His position is front-middle on the right hand side. That would have been equivalent to a forward in football, I said. He must have been good at it. It also explained why he had firm abs.

He was still rubbing his stomach when he revealed that he knew two of the women in the video. Man Kit-wah and the other one was Yueng Wai-mei. It was a small circle; Teddy felt that it was inevitable that he knew them. He was a fan of CCDC and he went to a lot of their dance performances.

Teddy finally stopped rubbing his stomach; time to go home.

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