

《上海宜家餐厅座位长期被相亲老人霸占，这回终于放大招了！》

导读:对于孤单的上海老人来说，这可真是一个让人心碎的消息：他们再也不能在宜家约会了。



Sad news for elderly lonely hearts in Shanghai: they can no longer look for love in Ikea.

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The Swedish furniture giant's Shanghai store has seen a strange phenomenon of senior citizens descending upon its famed cafeteria to socialise and even find partners.

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Locals said it occurs twice weekly, usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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China's state broadcaster CCTV News reported that the elderly patrons would often buy a cup of coffee or some bread and "spend an entire day just chatting with others".

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"What wrong are they doing? They are lonely and are probably hoping to find some company again. If anything, the store should practise empathy and at least sympathise with these old people," she said.

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The move was criticised by some elderly patrons, who spoke to local media outlets.

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"We've been to fast food outlets like McDonald's - but there are barely any peers there," said an 86-year-old man who went by the name of Qiu.

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Mr Qiu told the state-controlled Global Times newspaper: "We feel like aliens - surrounded by youngsters. If there is another place in Shanghai where elderly people can gather, we are more than ready to pay twice as much and travel further."

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But others online voiced support for the store's management, praising its efforts in "maintaining store policy".

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