

Fig. 4: Wangwaiyizuoshan

In the case of a wuwan yiguozi (five dishes, one hot pot) feast, the nine small dishes which are placed on the table at the feast's start are replaced by only six small dishes (Fig. 5).

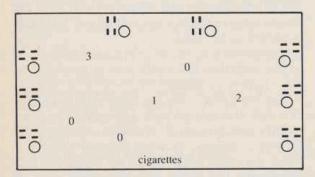


Fig. 5: Wuwanyiguozi

1 = egg

2 = liver

3 = lung

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For the main feast, the beginning dishes are placed as follows (Fig. 6):

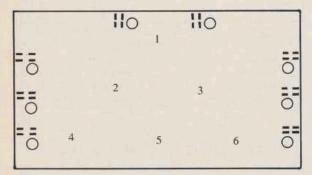


Fig. 6: Beginning arrangement of the Wuwanyiguozi Wedding Feast

At the end of the feast, the dishes are arranged as follows (Fig. 7):

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Fig. 7: Ending arrangement of dishes for the Wuwanyiguozi Wedding Feast

Numbers of the above dishes are the same as listed for the ten-dish feast.

When all important guests have sung daula and the final dishes have been served the two waiters come and stand, one on either side of the doorway, and sing:

Daula Ending the Feast³⁸

The first sound we sing for you,

Insignificant men come up and gaze upon the liquor cups, Insignificant men come up with small cups.

Third month, red peach blossoms are everywhere,

Sixth month, all things are green everywhere,

Ninth month, chrysanthemums are almost dead,

Twelfth month, cold plum blossoms flow by earthen dykes,

We two worthless insignificant men,

Call loudly one sound,

My first feasting table, upper feasting table, secondary feasting table

All feasting tables' noble guests,

To my small Y Family,

Please leave golden words and brilliant speech.

We two insignificant men advance three steps,

Politely hold the liquor flagon and bottle to serve,

We two insignificant men go back three steps,

Then turn back.

Guests leave in pairs, led by the maternal uncles. The following is an example of what they might sing in leaving.

Departing Daula³⁹

The first sound we sing for you,

The heavens open this propitious day for you, and Earth opens thousands of unobstructed ways.

Beautiful scenes this happy day.

³⁸ Cf. n. 9.

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