

The plum blossoms

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This is a very cold season. Many people are wearing very thick coats. Looking at the beautiful plums suddenly reminds me of an event that took place a few years ago. It deeply engraves in my mind and is still warm in my heart.

It was a cold winter and the classroom was filled with stuffy air. Everyone was studying hard as examination was coming. I studied all day since I wished to have good grades. However, I got a stomachache on the day of my examination.

The examination was finally over and I obtained unsatisfactory results. Depressed and disheartened, I kept asking myself, 'Am I stupid?' This question kept rolling and rolling in my mind. I didn't go out and just kept on crying and crying in my room. Grandpa realized that I was unhappy, so he invited me to go hiking with him one morning. I didn't really want to go as I didn't want to meet anyone. However, Grandpa's wrinkled face reminded me that he was getting older and older. I had to take my time to be his companion. I had never gone hiking with him, so I went out with him.

Withered plants were along the road. I couldn't even find a single tree. However, I discovered some flowers blooming in the cold wind. I was very surprised. These flowers had blossomed out beautifully. 'Grandpa, what is the name of this kind of flower?' I asked. 'This is plum blossom. It only blossoms in winter, seeming to challenge the cold weather. It characterizes my tenacity and dogged determination.' Grandpa smiled and I nodded. I seemed to understand the hidden meaning of his words. I started to realize why Grandpa invited me to go hiking with him that morning. Further than that, I understood why Grandpa insisted on hiking in all weathers.

We all face setbacks but we have to remember that the brick wall is there for a reason. We should learn to laugh in frustration and have tenacious courage to survive, making our lives brilliant and meaningful.

I was really delighted and grateful for what Grandpa had done. Whenever life is getting difficult, I will think of Grandpa, plum flower and the hike.

So please summon up your courage to face your setbacks.