

THE TEACHER, THE STUDENT AND MANONG “TIGER”

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A supposed drunk student, a calm and composed teacher and a security personnel called “Tiger”.

A video uploaded last June 6, 2023, at the social networking site Facebook goes viral as it hits thousands of reaction and shares. It is a video wherein a disgruntled supposed drunk college student having an altercation with a Senior High School Teacher resulting for the latter ask students to call school security personnel. One of those courageous guard is a tall, dark man whom the drunken student called “Tiger” stepped up to pacify the said student. However, the said student keeps on talking while nearly crying as I’ve heard a phrase “Isipin mo Tiger, ginawa akong lasenggo ng t*r*nt*d*ng yan!” (Come to think of it Tiger, that jackass makes me a drunkard!) pointing at the composed but angry teacher.

While Manong Tiger keeps on pacifying the drunk student by pushing him outside of the classroom that end the viral video.

As a student of master’s in public administration, I was thinking on how the public will understand the situation as the scene was recorded on a school, a classroom. While considering the legal implication of this circumstances. First is entering the school under the influence of alcohol. Definitely, there was no legal consequences for this instance, however, the school surely has some rules on entering into its premises under the influence of alcohol. Second, while the teacher in on a lawful duty, he/she considered as a Person-in-Authority, and the act of the drunken student can be considered as an assault on person in authority; and lastly, I think that the one who recorded and uploaded that

viral video is punishable under the Republic Act. 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act of 2019 as the video is uploaded without the consent of one the involved.

I am writing this article to increase the awareness of everyone. The idea if being a teacher on a classroom, being a security personnel, a non-teaching personnel like Manong Tiger. Looking at the drunken student, I was thinking what's happening to our youths now?

Being a newly licensed professional teacher, I admired the calmness of the teacher while holding her temper. She can represent the lives of thousands of teachers who are patiently doing their best to give learners a quality education while maintaining her classroom management thinking that what will I do if I'm on her situation. I hope and pray that our government and our department will continue to be a blessing to each and every one employees especially teachers.

For the security personnel, "Tiger". I admired his toughness on pacifying the student without making harm at the latter. "Tiger" represent the non-teaching personnel, the ones who are working behind the limelight and the ones who are working in order to make school a safe and peaceful place.

To the drunken student, I feel bad on this person, it is sad that there are students who are nor properly guided and finding their identity on some vices which may result to bigger problems. There are many misguided and disrespectful youths out there today. Who are to blame when these "Pag-asa ng Bayan" turned into bunch of self-entitled young person. The Parents? The Family? The Society? While the school are trying to uplift the intellectual capabilities, The society or their respective families shall instill them good moral values.

The last question was how many problematic student, teachers and school personnel like "Tiger" are needed to solve this societal dilemma?

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