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Behaviour of some really in the toilet

I WAS at Lido Cinema recently with an Australian friend who has worked in Singapore for some time. However, he has not experienced the lifestyle here as he travels a lot. He had a high opinion of Singapore civil etiquette until that day.

He went to the toilet and noticed a man washing his little girl's bottom in the public basin. He told the man what he was doing is not polite as it will soil the public basin as well as expose his little girl's modesty to all the men in the toilet. In any civic-minded society, the man would probably feel embarrassed and not do it again.

However, the man came out and confronted my friend, saying: 'You want to fight?'

We tried to defuse the situation but the man continued to threaten my friend until his parents pulled him away.

My friend was shocked. I told him later this is a typical Singaporean attitude. The only way the man would not wash his little girl's bottom in a public basin is a sign that says: 'Do not wash your child's bottom in this public basin. Fine \$5,000.'

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