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你知道他們為甚麼被稱為「四大寇」呢?

Do you know why they were named the Four Desperados?

因為楊鶴齡、陳少白、尤列和孫中山四人常常聚在一起談論反清的事,所以被稱為「 四大寇」。

<u>Yeung Hok-ling, Chan Siu-pak, Yau Lit and Dr Sun Yat-sen often got together to discuss overthrowing the Qing dynasty, and were therefore called the "Four Desperados".</u>



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■補充資料 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The name "Four Desperados" was coined on 10 October 1888. On that day, Yau Lit came to Hong Kong to tell Yeung Hok-ling, Chan Siu-pak, and Dr Sun Yat-sen about his potential promotion to represent the Qing court in the Sino-French Border Committee in Vietnam. After discussion with his friends, Yau decided to give up the promotion and devote himself to overthrowing the Qing dynasty. He proposed that they take an oath together to show their determination. Yau drafted the oath and Chan wrote it on a piece of yellow paper. Afterwards, the four friends changed into traditional Chinese ceremonial attire and went up to the rooftop of Yeung Yiu Kee. They lit incense and candles, and pledged their determination to the heavens before burning the yellow paper. This act aroused the attention of Yeung Hok-ling's brother, who thought they were only half serious about the matter. He said sarcastically, "You Four Desperados, what do you think you are doing? You talk about overthrowing the Qing dynasty all the time. Do you think you have the power to achieve anything? You're just kids. If the Qing government finds about this, your lives will be in great danger. I wish I could put some sense into you." From that day on, everyone at Yeung Yiu Kee called them the Four Desperados. The name later became known among their friends.

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