

Ordering Chinese

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My family has accused me
of shouting

"Vegetable

Chow

Mei

Fun"

way too loud into the phone.

I've also been accused of

doing it

with

a

Chinese

accent.

I'm not Chinese.

And I'm usually soft-spoken.

Now, years later,
it is a family comedy act
that they perform.

They think it is hysterical.
It doesn't humiliate me.
I always get the message across.

It arrives hot.

