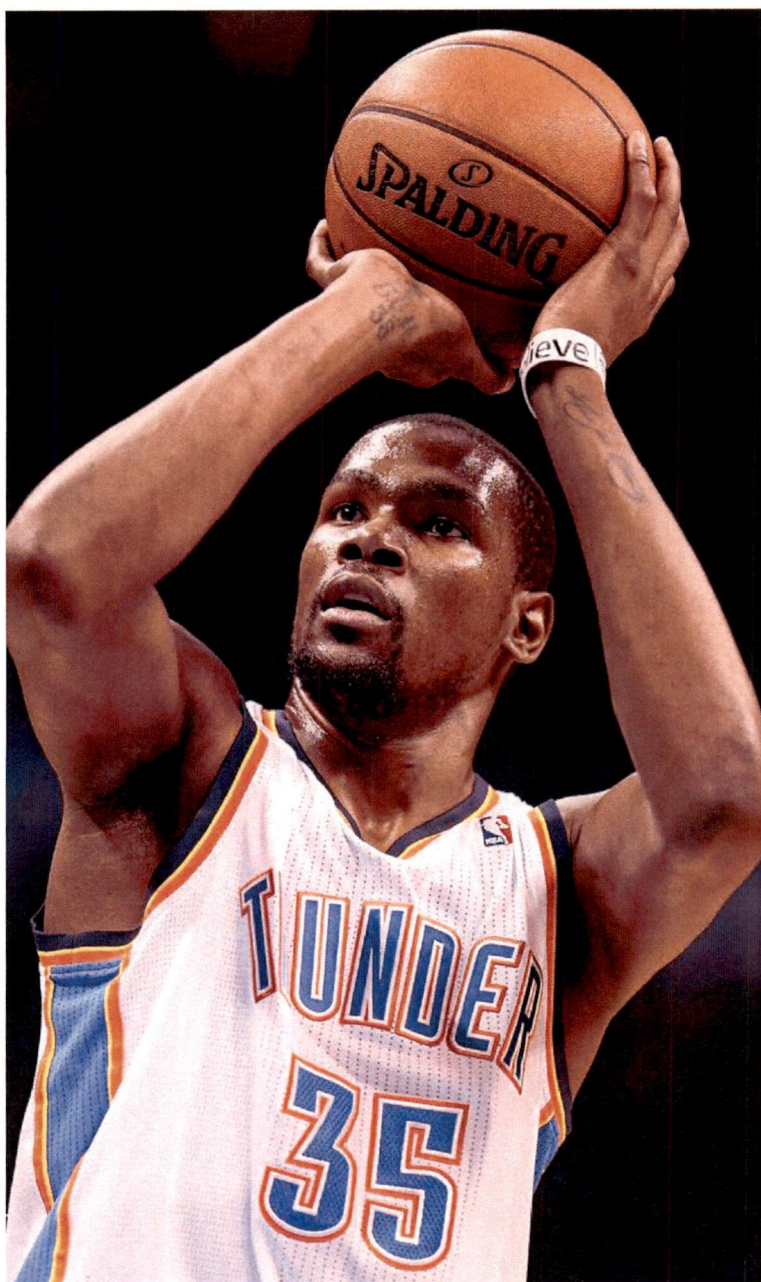


HOW I MET KEVIN DURANT

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Shanghai, an international metropolis, is popular for celebrities to launch their side projects. I was surprised to meet my favorite basketball player, Kevin Durant, last year in Shanghai, China. This event was significant to my life because KD inspired me with his humility towards his fans, his talent for basketball, and also his kindness to people. I gained insight into Kevin Durant as a human, not just as a basketball star.

Thanks to Nike, I was lucky enough to see his humility towards his fans by talking to him face-to-face. The reason that Durant came to Shanghai was to promote his new style of shoes called "the KD VI Bamboo." I still remember clearly how excited I was when I received the VIP invitation from Nike. I waited for 30 minutes, and finally he showed up. After a brief introduction about the design of Durant's KD VI, the host invited all the VIP members to go on the stage and have a picture taken with Durant. I was standing next to Durant and suddenly, he started talking to me: "Hey, you look really tall!" I was amazed that he brought this up with me at first. I was too shy to look at him and reply to him. He, however, started smiling at me. Instead of talking to him, I grabbed my T-shirt directly and asked him to sign it for me. I thought that he may reject me, but he took the T-shirt and signed it for me without hesitation. Actually, I was the only lucky one to get his signature on that day. Durant made this entire event become significant to my life because he taught me that humility was the most precious characteristic for a person.