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What If Jackson Wang Lived in the Medieval Ages

I woke up at 4 am today because of the annoying church bell. I can't even go there because I am not coming from "high classes." I am not from a noble house after all. I am just a Chinese soldier who fell in love with a girl from this country. She made me stay and even persisted me to convert to Christianity. Many times I told her that I am a Buddhist. I cannot understand your religious practices, which seem to be so weird. She always speaks in English. So I had to learn English. That was hard because there was no material about English at all. Everything is in either Latin or French. She cannot understand Latin as well, but she always listens to the Priest talking in Latin and cries loudly. One time, when she managed to persuade me to go to the Church together, we were both listening to the Priest. But I couldn't understand anything. I couldn't even ask her what's going on because it was a huge disrespect to the church, to the authority. So I kept my mouth shut. At some point, she began to cry so hard. After the church, I asked her what the Priest said that made you cry that much, she replied me with: "Oh, I don't know Jackson. (The name that she has given to me, my original name is Wang Jia Er). The priest was telling something with so much holiness that it made me cry...What sinful beings we are.... Must give more and more money to the church. That's the only way to salvation." I was shocked. This woman was listening to a language that she doesn't even know, and mentioned it's holiness. Oh, my Buddha. Where is this place? I was happy with my rice in China. This place .. seems so dark.

I always wanted to sing songs even though I was a soldier in China. (As if there was another chance). I talked about this to her and she told me: "Jackson, are you out of your mind? It seems like, devil visited you recently. Singing about love? There is only one love, that is to God and to the Christian community. You can't even be prideful about your nationality, here. We are all

Christians and we only devote ourselves to God. Do not mention these stupid things ever again. You don't wanna be burned, my love. So keep your mouth shut. We will just be the peasants of the land. Nothing more."

I couldn't understand at all... We were working from 6 am to 8 pm and the income was only enough to buy chicken whereas the King is having a feast in his castle. That is so wrong and stupid, I thought to myself. I decided to leave. But I couldn't. A severe plague took my life because I was too prone to the infection. I was always outside and working for hours. And that plague, called "Black Death" now, found me and killed me. I am happy that happened, to be honest. That plague was less painful than living in the Dark Ages and being a commoner. Oh, you must wonder why I am happy or how can I know it's called Black Death, let me tell you why. I told you, I am a Buddhist. I believe in reincarnation. After these horrible times, God sent me again to the earth. Now, I am a successful singer worldwide. That Medieval gal didn't believe in me and blamed me for evilness. I am sure she also died from the plague but I really wonder what she felt after dying and realizing everything that the church said was nothing but a lie ... Anyway, if you want to listen to my new song, please watch the video that I am sending you now. See, what a relief to live in this time. Medieval Times were too corrupted and harsh. Believe me. I wonder, after 200 years people would look back at us and feel the same or not (about Medieval Period) but I prefer this Coronavirus to Black Death. At least, I'm at home now. Not at a freaking land. Sorry, I'm getting angry. Here is the video that is my latest song. Don't forget that skepticism and the idea of the man at the center of the world is always better.

I attributed this song to my lovely Pr*est. Since he and they were always supporting the idea of "Religion Union" "Christianity Brotherhood", I replied with my Chinese Nationality elements that you can see in the video ;) Yaay Classical Times!

PS: I look very cool in the video. I can be proud about myself how much I want to be. Pride is one of the seven great sins they used to say, what's good?

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