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Elizabeth Chan-Diaz, or Liz, as she prefers, uses she/her pronouns, identifies as a womxn of color, and was raised in the San Gabriel Valley of California by her Chinese mother and Mexican-American father. Her father was absent in her life from the age of 14, so she considers herself raised by a single mother for some of the most formative years of her life. While she appreciates the many sacrifices her family made for her, Liz also strives to unlearn and heal from the emotional and mental trauma she experienced because of them. Liz is an English and Ethnic Studies major, with minors in Chinese and Italian. She has a younger sister that she cherishes and holds very close to her heart.

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a story on reddit:
it tells of an Asian boy
adopted and raised by a White couple
to be Chinese
when actually Korean

however,
the comments struck me as odd
instead of seeing the boy,
the trauma he was now facing
they were amused by this “mistake”

@bentzi says:

It's slightly funny, but at the end this will only help him. Being fluent in any language opens extra doors when it comes to relationships, travel, job opportunities, etc.

being fluent in chinese is a massive asset, and extremely impressive to chinese people when a non-chinese is fluent. This will only help him in life. They should be happy about this fuck up :-)

@shannister added:

I came to say this - as someone who lives in China at the moment, I cannot emphasise how much value there is in him being close to the Chinese culture. Now clearly it would be a little upsetting to realise it's not your own, but hey this mistake will open him a lot of doors in his life, so he might as well enjoy it. And start learning Korean.

so focused on his future
neglecting the magnitude of his present
the core of his being shaken
revealing another surface of his world

my **favorite** comment:

When you tell your son, he will have an INCREDIBLE college application essay topic to write about.

their casual disregard

makes me want to **SCREAM**

this is an actual human being

the truth about stories that nobody ever realizes is that

they're not just stories

but lives

ours