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And we've been talking about Sue Grimshaw?

Someone sent me a link to a book written by the other editor, Kathryn Lynn Davis, and is a fucking racist mess.

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Here's the book. I didn't finish the sample. I didn't need to.

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This book is like a bingo card of OH GOD DID YOU REALLY.

Start out with the heroine, who is the obligatory blue-eyed half-Chinese woman.

world, and all of us here, together." She nodded toward Genevra and Lian, her newly discovered half-sisters, in amazement and affection.

Lian was twenty-five, tall and lithe, with the thick black hair and bronze skin of the Chinese, while Genevra was eighteen, small and slender, with translucent skin and fine blond hair that refused to stay bound. At thirty-eight, Ailsa had the sturdy wholesome beauty of a woman of the glen, with her sun-browned skin and scattered freckles, her strong legs and callused feet, which had carried her over this very burn many times when she was younger.

The single feature the half-sisters shared was the reflection of their father's light blue English eyes in their own. Ailsa's were blue-violet, Lian's sky blue, Genevra's blue flecked with gray.

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I mean.... that doesn't really happen. (Genevra is half-Indian and also blue-eyed.) But also... like. Of course. This is like such a standard racist trope. WHY.

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Here she is, meeting another Chinese family in London.

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And about almond eyes.

> theless, their thick blue-black hair and bronze faces, turned slightly yellow by the London climate, were unmistakably Chinese, as were their slanted almond eyes.

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Note that this in Lian's point of view. She was raised in China. She only describes the Chinese people by skin color/eye slant, not the white people.

She's literally describing absolutely normal people to her as if she were a white woman talking about a foreigner.

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This wouldn't be complete without the Chinese people literally talking in stiff, unnatural English to each other so the white people can understand them!

Liam knows this family—she met them in China! But they now realize that DUN DUN DUN she is partially white!

DRAMZ ENSUES.

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Here is our half-Chinese woman remembering her past, where she is explicitly told that the future is the West, and that for Chinese women, compliance is the rule.

SIGH.

She liked the feeling of Mairi's warm fingers on her chilled ones.

"Remember, Lian, as I told my Charlie when he feared he'd lost hope, that our hearts are stronger than we believe." She paused for an instant, shifting to face Lian directly. "But we were talkin' of ye, no' me," Mairi reminded her gently. "You've spoken of goin' to America. Is't truly what ye want?"

Lian frowned, perplexed. The concept of her future was too huge, too all-encompassing to think about. "No one has ever asked me what I want." She realized the older woman would find that odd, perhaps incomprehensible. Because Mairi, Ailsa, her granddaughter Alanna, and in the end, even Charles, had chosen their own paths. Lian sat up, intrigued in spite of herself. She did not dare give voice to the new thought that had caught her off guard, inspired in her a flicker of longing.

"I only know it was what my mother wanted."

She could still hear clearly Ke-ming's voice, rough with emotion on that last night in China. *I am a captive of my own history, but I have raised you to be free, to move toward the future—and the future is the West.*

"I was no' askin' what your parents wanted, but what ye want for yourself."

"It is not important. It is not a question I ask myself. In China *shun*, compliance, is the rule for women."

"You're no' in China now, Lian. You're free to do as ye please." Mairi nodded toward the towering black and silver mountains in the distance. "There's a whole world out there, waitin'. Do ye really think your mother would've wanted ye to go to a strange country where ye had no friends, no relatives, no future, if ye wished otherwise?"

Lian looked away. "My mother chose that I come here."

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> "It *is* the daughter of Wan Ke-ming," the stranger exclaimed. "I visited their house in Peking often enough to know." She spoke in English, stiffly, unnaturally. Both she and her husband had gone pale and rigid, while the girls stood, hands clasped before them, staring at the warped boards of the dock, as was appropriate.
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> "She is one of *Them*," Chin Yun hissed to his wife. He, too, used awkward English. Lian wondered why. He did not point to the undeniable evidence of her blue eyes; it would have been a breach of courtesy. They who had first called out her name with pleasure were regarding her with anger and disgust.

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Why are they just realizing that she's foreign, when they KNOW HER?

BECAUSE IN CHINA THEY NEVER SAW HER EYES BECAUSE SHE WAS ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN.

> Madam Chin lifted her head in a small gesture of defiance. "You know how the women of the household behave. We remain inside the walls of the women's compounds; we are demure and quiet, as our mothers have trained us to be. We walk with eyes lowered politely, and may not look higher than a man's breast. Young unmarried women are even more modest and submissive, so they will make good wives." She drew a deep breath. "Wan Li-an was one of the most polite, the most modest. She rarely spoke a word, and kept her eyes lowered always, fixed on the tea tray or her hands in her lap or her embroidery."

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As a half-Chinese person with brown eyes, seriously fuck this piece of shit.

Thanks.

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Oh, I was searching for something else and found this:

In China, women didn't learn anything.

> then." In China, no woman was taught much more than cooking and sewing and the graceful art of pleasing her husband. "First Daughter also tells me you were friends, that you cared for my children when others did not. I am grateful. But more than that, I would ask a great favor."

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CONTRAST THIS WITH ACTUAL REALITY, here is a script that only women in China learned.

Remembering Nüshu, the 19th-Century Chinese Script Only Women …

This gender-specific practice continues to fade with time.

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> Lian felt the grip of Ailsa and Genevra's hands holding her back, keeping her near them. She did not allow herself to return their grasp. To touch them now, though they be sisters, friends, the keepers of her dreams and nightmares, was against every rule of politeness and dignity. In

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I've said this before and I'll say it again: Don't write books about how much a culture not your own sucks. Just don't. You're not going to get it right and you're going to sound like a fucking racist.

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but also:

THIS IS SET IN EUROPE
IN 1870s
WELL KNOWN AS A
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We are *literally* talking about England, a country that had serious discussions as to whether it was ethical for women to have higher education because maybe they would go mad if they learned Latin.

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"Now she's in the West, she's free!"

Free to...have her husband own all her property and not vote? Sure, sounds right.

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Swordsmith @SwordsmithLRG · Aug 25

Replying to @courtneymilan

Given the behavior of the guys they WERE teaching Latin to, perhaps they had a point. If only we knew we could have avoided those ruinous wars by suppressing the Latin we foolishly taught men... (I actually really wish I'd learned Latin. Even if it leads to madness.)

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Rebecca Newman @tibicina · Aug 25

Ooooh! No wonder I'm depressed! Too many years of Latin!

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Kristen A. MLS @estllechauvelin · Aug 25

Yeah, my BA is in Latin and I'm sitting here wondering if this is entirely wrong.

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