

Empire Building

Two government agents, sitting before three senior officials, and neither agent liked the other. The first agent started “So, its name is Xin Zhui...”

“Her,” interrupted the second agent. “She’s a female mummy.”

“Yes, but it’s a **mummy**. They’re not people.”

“Well, this one smuggled herself out of China and is actively seeking asylum, which *makes* her people.”

“The law says otherwise.”

“The law didn’t consider this...”

“EXCUSE ME!” shouted the seniormost senior official. Both agents shut up, sulkily. “Is this **really** all that your groups care about? Who has jurisdiction?”

The looks the two agents gave her were eloquent.