

Li Zhang – An Autobiography

<<*Trials, Tribulations, and Treats*>>

Born in 1989 in Beijing, China, Li Zhang has risen to be one of the most prominent asian figures in today's society. Among numerous awards granted to Li Zhang by many formidable organizations, this figure always discovers time to aid the less fortunate members of society.

Although the majority of children born in China face a difficult upbringing, the early years of Li Zhang's life were surprisingly pleasant: as an only child, Li received nourishment from both parents as well as grandparents who lived only minutes away.. Li dedicated the majority of his early years to developing an efficient system of thought and obtaining the physical strength necessary to transport the body of a child.

At age 5, Li cast away the shackles of communism in mainland China and ventured into the United States. Settling in Louisiana for a period while his father completed his professional training in LSU, Li honed his creativity in Kindergarten. Counting to 10, connecting the dots, cutting pieces of construction paper - all prepared Li's mind for the vast pool of knowledge from which he would one day drink.

The ability of foresight pressured Li to relocate to a different region of the United States: Li sensed an uneasiness in the winds, therefore he persuaded his parents to move in order to avoid a catastrophe nearly [ten years later](#). Having enjoyed the extreme heat and humidity of Louisiana, Texas seemed like the best place to go.

After settling in Houston, Li enrolled in [Nottingham Elementary](#) and began the *lost years* of his life: few significant events characterized a period of eight years during which the majority of his time was dedicated to meditation and reflection. Some time during this dark era, Li relocated to Katy to finish the final two years of his elementary education at [Hayes](#).

Li began Junior High School at [McMeans](#); furthermore, he began his pursuit of art by studying the Violin as an elective course (Li's violin career would last over seven years). Much time was wasted in the Junior High school, as Li's environment as well as incompetent instructors did not

permit the full expansion of his mind. However, three remarkable creations symbolized a transition from the *lost years* to a more favorable time period:

1) Li made a select group of friends, to which he dedicated a [comic series](#). The comic series did not stress politics or current events as most Sunday cartoons usually do; Li's creation served as an early form of blogging: Li incorporated all of his friends' usual (sometimes unusual) behaviors into a cleverly drawn satire. As Li's technological talents grew wider in scope, soon the comic series became a regularly updated web comic, and finally a series animated in Macromedia (now Adobe) Flash.

2) Li published his second attempt at a web site: The Void (the first attempt being a page of animated gifs revolving around the Pokemon craze). The page broke nearly every [rule](#) by which a good website must abide by. However, the page served as a sandbox for Li to develop and perfect his HTML as well as image manipulation in preparation for later endeavors.

3) Li established his first elite club, named the AAA (Asians Are Awesome). Although at its peak the AAA only held the dedication of 24 members, the faction demonstrated Li's superior skills at managing large groups of individuals in order to achieve a common objective as well as Li's intent to promote Asian activism within the United States.

As the fog from Li Zhang's dark years dissipated, he was recruited into [Taylor High School](#), where his abilities soared as he discarded the incompetent junior high-level instructors to welcome the effective professors trained to teach college-level courses. During a four year era of monotony, Li perfected his natural talents: he won awards from orchestra, robotics, the Future Business Leaders of America, and many other organizations.

By demonstrating his various abilities to the nation's top universities, Li was offered admission into several prestigious schools. Intent on staying close to his parents and even closer to his friends, he turned down a \$96,000 scholarship and ultimately decided on the University of Texas at Austin.