

The Mysterious Woman:

The Cold War that had been simmering between our staff for months finally came to a head as Gail put down the phone. "Our Chinese lessons aren't easy enough," she leveled an icy glare at Brendan, who slipped his copy of "Quotations from Mencius" into his knapsack in furtive response. "We need a Chinese lesson that is so dead simple," she continued, "that even someone who can't even find China on a map can learn some of the basics of the Chinese language."

And that's how all the fun ended here at Popup Chinese, at least for this lesson. This week we've followed the advice of our "student-friendly" teacher Gail, which means our popular fun-with-Tang-Dynasty-etymology and how-did-the-Manchu-say-that podcast segments are gone, replaced with a highly-repetitive beginner lesson that will teach how you to ask who people are, and learn to understand the answers. This is a very simple lesson for anyone just starting to learn mandarin and looking for an easy way to fluency. So enjoy it while you can. The etymology can wait for another few days.

Text :

男:	你是谁? nǐ shì shéi ? <i>Who are you?</i>
女:	我是你的老婆! wǒ shì nǐ de lǎopo ! <i>I'm your wife!</i>

Vocabulary :

你是谁	nǐ shì shéi	who are you
我	wǒ	I
你	nǐ	you
他	tā	he
她	tā	she
是	shì	to be
谁	shéi	who
我的	wǒ de	my
你的	nǐ de	your
他的	tā de	his
她的	tā de	her
老婆	lǎopo	wife
老公	lǎogōng	husband