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Age of Empires 2: For the King!

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EXT. FIELD - DAY

FEMALE VILLAGER is in the background tilling the ground. MALE VILLAGER is nearer doing the same. KING walks up.

KING

You there, have you seen a farmer anywhereabouts? There's a wall needs constructed.

MALE VILLAGER

Yes, I've seen a farmer. Who are you?

KING

Why, I am your king!

MALE VILLAGER

Really? Why are mixing with us common folk?

KING

It's called micromanaging.

MALE VILLAGER

Shouldn't that be the job of a steward or something?

Female Villager looks up from her work.

FEMALE VILLAGER

Who's that?

Male Villager looks back.

MALE VILLAGER

Says he's the King.

FEMALE VILLAGER

The King? What's he doin' mixing with us common folk?

MALE VILLAGER

Says he's micromanaging.

FEMALE VILLAGER

Shouldn't that be the job of a steward or something?

KING

Look, this is all very interesting but I need a farmer.

MALE VILLAGER

I'm a farmer.

KING

What?

MALE VILLAGER

Said I'm a farmer, "your majesty"

KING

I think not. You haven't got the look.

MALE VILLAGER

What's that mean, then? 'Aven't got the look? What should I look like?

KING

You're wearing a shirt.

MALE VILLAGER

So?

KING

Farmers, male villagers in general actually, don't wear shirts.

MALE VILLAGER

What? Am I not good enough to wear a shirt? It's not enough that I have to farm for a thousand years and be ready to change to an entirely different job at a moments notice but now I can't even wear a shirt? The sun's blazing out here, I'd get burned to the bone!

KING

All I'm saying is you should look the part of your job. I do it.

MALE VILLAGER

Oh it's all well and good for you, in't it?

FEMALE VILLAGER

What's he sayin' now?

Male Villager looks back at Female Villager

MALE VILLAGER

Says I shouldn't be wearin' a shirt seein' as I'm a farmer.

FEMALE VILLAGER

Are you mad? 'Ave you seen this man without a shirt?

KING

(Shouting)

No, of course not.

FEMALE VILLAGER

Well you can count it a blessing!  
(Male Villager nods)

MALE VILLAGER

Here you come down all high and mighty, in your fine regal clothes and you demand I take my shirt off!

KING

Look, the only reason I came down here was to get someone to build a wall.

MALE VILLAGER

Yeah, that's fine, I'm not in the middle of anything here, let me just drop everything and go and build a wall for you.

KING

Listen, you imbecile, the wall is as much to protect you as it is anyone else. After you finish building it you can return to the monotony of your farm. Unless I have something else for you to do.

MALE VILLAGER

Oh that's gracious of you.  
(Male Villager turns to Female Villager)  
You hear that? After I finish building him a wall I can come back and work on his farm some more!

FEMALE VILLAGER

Very gracious indeed!

MALE VILLAGER

Yes, very gracious.

KING

Look peasant, I've had enough of you! I am your king!

(MORE)

KING (CONT'D)

You will do as I say, whether that's farming for another thousand years or mining or construction a wonder, do I make myself clear!?

MALE VILLAGER

Oh yes, clear as water. Problem is, the water they give to us common folk ain't clear! It's always muddied!

FEMALE VILLAGER

Are ye tellin' 'im about our water?

Male Villager turns back

MALE VILLAGER

Yes.

FEMALE VILLAGER

It's positively foul! But that's nothin' compared to what we get to eat!

MALE VILLAGER

Truth be told, I'd rather not talk about that, it'll spoil my appetite.

KING

Look, are you coming or not?

MALE VILLAGER

If I have a choice, no.

KING

Do you understand the importance of this wall? If it isn't built soon we'll have no defense against the Red Menace to the north!

MALE VILLAGER

Look, I'm a simple man. All I want is to be treated with a little respect. And some decent food and drink.

FEMALE VILLAGER

And a change of clothes!

Male Villager gestures back towards her.

KING

Arr, all right, tell you what,  
build this wall for me, for all of  
us actually, and I'll make sure you  
get some decent food.

MALE VILLAGER

And drink and respect.

FEMALE VILLAGER

And a change of clothes!

Male Villager gestures back towards her.

KING

Fine, you'll have all of that.

MALE VILLAGER

Then you have yourself a deal,  
sire.

Male Villager puts down his hoe and walks off.

KING

I hate it when they start to  
unionize.

Male Villager continues walking but is then suddenly hit in  
the head by an arrow. Male Villager falls down. Ending shot  
of Red Bowman lowing his bow.

THE END