

AGE OF EMPIRES 2: THE BEGINNING

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EXT. FIELD - DAY

MALE VILLAGER 01 and FEMALE VILLAGER are standing in front of the town center. FEMALE VILLAGER leaves and begins constructing a mill. MALE VILLAGER 01 leaves and begins cutting down a tree. FEMALE VILLAGER finishes the mill and begins constructing a barracks. MALE VILLAGER 02 spawns at the town center. MALE VILLAGER 01 goes back to the town center to drop off a stack of wood. FEMALE VILLAGER finishes the barracks and leaves. MALE VILLAGER 01 drops off the wood at the town center and as he begins to leave, he notices the KING sitting around sipping a drink.

MALE VILLAGER 01  
Enjoying watching us work and  
sweat?

KING  
Oh yes, very entertaining, now  
could you get back to it?

MALE VILLAGER 01  
Oh, am I interrupting you?

KING  
I'm just waiting for us to get to  
the castle age so my home can be  
constructed.

MALE VILLAGER 01  
You could help.

KING  
Listen peasant, I'm the king. And  
when you're the king there are  
certain privileges that come along  
with the job. One of them being  
getting to sit around watching your  
subjects work.

MALE VILLAGER 01  
Who made you king anyway? I don't  
remember voting for you.

KING  
Not how that works.

MALE VILLAGER 01  
I'm only saying-

KING  
No, stop saying, get back to work.

MALE VILLAGER 01

Rgh.

MALE VILLAGER 01 goes back to work. MALE VILLAGER 02 approaches the king.

MALE VILLAGER 02

Enjoying watching us work and sweat?

KING

What?

MALE VILLAGER 02

Oh, am I interrupting you?

KING

We just had this conversation. And once was one time too many.

MALE VILLAGER 02

I don't know what you mean.

KING

Back to work.

MALE VILLAGER 02 sighs and leaves. MALE VILLAGER 03 spawns and approaches the king.

MALE VILLAGER 03

Enjoying watching us work and sweat.

KING

Stop saying that!

MALE VILLAGER 03

Stop saying what?

KING

"Enjoying watching us work and sweat?"

MALE VILLAGER 03

But I only said it once.

KING

No, it was three times.

MALE VILLAGER 03

But I just spawned. Maybe it was another villager.

KING  
I suppose that would make sense.  
You do all look alike.

FEMALE VILLAGER approaches the KING.

FEMALE VILLAGER  
We do not! 'Ow dare ye say that!

KING  
No, not you, I meant the male  
villagers all look alike. And  
probably the female villagers look  
like each other too, but this  
conversation is getting weird so  
get back to work.

MALE VILLAGER 03  
So high and mighty. I bet that in a  
few weeks you won't even remember  
that this conversation happened.

FEMALE VILLAGER  
Or that you've ever talked to us at  
all.

KING  
Probably not, no, but I rather  
doubt that any of you will remember  
that it took place either.

MALE VILLAGER 03 looks at FEMALE VILLAGER.

MALE VILLAGER 03  
That's fair.

FEMALE VILLAGER  
Let's just get back to work,  
there's no use in tryin' to reason  
with 'im.

KING  
I agree.

MALE VILLAGER 03 and FEMALE VILLAGER leave.

KING  
(CONT'D)  
Hey there, scribe!

SCRIBE enters.

KING (CONT'D)  
How's the research going?

SCRIBE

Well, now that we've got two dark age buildings we should be in the feudal age in five.

KING

In five what?

SCRIBE

Seconds.

The age up sound plays.

KING

Very good.

SCRIBE

Now sire, what is it that you want researched specifically?

KING

Everything.

SCRIBE

No, that's not specific, I said specifically.

KING

Well I want a castle.

SCRIBE

That's not so much a research thing as it is a building thing.

KING

Hmm. Well, research archery or bowmanship or whatever we need to do to get some archers. I have a feeling we'll need them. Also sappers. I have a feeling that'll come in handy.

SCRIBE

Right, yes sire.

SCRIBE walks away, but is shot in the head. The camera reveals that it was by SCRIBE 02.

SCRIBE 02

Oh, that's how that works. I'll write that down.

THE END