THE MANDARIN
CHARACTER MARCH—TWO STEP

A Chinese Mandarin is a government official ranking in successive steps according to the amount of territory he governs, up to the Kungpoor. When approaching the Mandarin, one approaches him, bowing them gently, and holding the Mandarin's robe around his neck, bowing him at arms' length and then raising his eyes to him, not permitting to look elsewhere on penalty of "losing face." He wears a little cap rolled up at the brim on the crown of which is a button signifying his rank. The only ornament allowed to his dress is a clasp attached on the front of his robe, which is embroidered with a design or other Chinese emblems. The sole of his shoes are purposely made thick in order to raise his height above that of his subjects. He is absolute ruler over the lives and property of those under him.

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