

Chapter 1 : It was a Chinese Thing.

Chapter one. We were told about a virus in China that was barely making the news. No one really knew anything of it. We just knew that something was going on in China and it seemed completely isolated to that side of the world. It would pop-up every now and then in social media and you would hear someone talk about it, but only ever so frequently. My guess is that the majority of people in the United States had never heard of it at all. We just knew there was some kind of sickness in China that had affected the Chinese. The predominant thought in most people's minds that something was going on that only has to do with Chinese people. No idea that ever making any more headway than that. Something was happening in China. Something that seems semi-serious for them, but not enough concern for anyone in any other part of the world to think about.

As far as anyone knew, everything that we heard had been entirely isolated to this place we had never heard of, some city called Wuhan. A Chinese thing. A disease Chinese people get. Some kind of issue for those people on that side of the world. Nothing more. Simply something that had happened in a city in China on the other side of the world. Something that was spreading within their country, possibly outside of that city, but only locally. Only in a foreign country far away with different ideals and different thoughts on life than we believe in on the Western side of the United States on the other side of the entire globe. No one thought any more about it. No one gave it too much thought. It was a Chinese thing. A thing happening in Asia too far away to worry. Too far away to concern ourselves about.

Unimportant to concern the minds of Americans or to even slow our daily lives to worry too much about. Something was happening in China, nothing more. Some people got sick that we don't know who live on the opposite end of the Earth who may very well have had different ideals on life and different sanitation methods, different infrastructure. Many reasons not to bother us. Nothing more than some sickness that doesn't affect the rest of the world, but one small population, not to be thought about, not to be spoken of, not to make the mainstream airways. Simple as that. Something small and insignificant was happening in China to Chinese people in some little city called Wuhan that no one had ever heard of.