

"Guy Fawkes Goes To China"

Guy Fawkes was always getting into trouble with the authorities in England, and the king was so fed up with him, he had him sent abroad.

So Guy was transported from England, but due to a navigation error he ended up in China, instead of Australia.

However, this was no bad thing for Guy, as Woo Flung Poo - his old nanny, had taught him Cantonese as a child.

At that time, the Chinese had a habit of crucifying their criminals, and leaving their bodies on show, as a deterrent, but this led to a spread of disease, which they were at a loss to control.

Guy Fawkes, ever the loud-mouth, persuaded the authorities to burn the bodies, after a period of a couple of days, by placing wood around the stakes, and this caused a great reduction in illness, but a huge increase in smog.

This suggestion not only bought Guy his freedom to return to England by the Silk Route, but also the European concession for the use of Chinese gunpowder. The rest, as they say, is history.