

List of works plagiarised by JungMichan

JungMichan was an EXO and SHINee fanfiction writer, mainly known for xiuchen and Jongdae fic, and turned out to have [co-modded](#) the Jongdae-centric fest Hail Chen. Active between 2015 (until 2020 mainly on AFF, previous usernames included Miechan, Meichan, yiling98) to 2022, she published around 50 works that we know of. Her AFF account is still active under the handle midaexiu.

In mid February 2022, I recognised her baekchen fic “Don’t Worry, Be Harpy” to be plagiarised, and started looking into her other AO3 works as well, only to find further plagiarisms. The works were reported to AO3, and two fests (tinysparks and Hail Chen) alerted to it. Briefly after being confronted by her co-mod, JungMichan deleted her AO3, AFF and twitter accounts on February 27th, 2022. Not all of her AO3 works were deleted, some of the fics are still available as now orphaned works.

As of now, **18 of her works were plagiarisms** or contained plagiarised elements.

All plagiarised works were reported to AO3 as soon as we found the original before the end of February 2022—but the deletion of the majority of them by JungMichan herself came ahead of AO3 being able to investigate.

As for the now orphaned works that were demonstrably plagiarised, AO3 decided one of them (“I Think We’ll Be Shining”) did not violate their terms of service, despite fulfilling general requirements of plagiarism, and regarded as a transformative work as it “does not reproduce large portions of the other work and contains a high level of original content”. For many of the other orphaned longfics, AO3 asked for copies of the original works in order to investigate—which is not legally doable for us.

This list in general is incomplete, as we haven’t found or gotten around to finding all of the works she plagiarised, and weren’t able to figure out how to back up her AFF works in time. We saved copies of all of her AO3 works prior to their deletion, but it’s exhausting, frustrating work to find the originals. Given the number of fics that were plagiarised, however, and her plagiarism going back as far as 2016 (one year after she started posting fic to AFF), we are convinced that most of her works were indeed plagiarised.

JungMichan, [according to an interview](#) included in a co-authored fic, went by Michan with she/her pronouns, was Jongdae-biased, “came to the EXO fandom around 2015”, was “a total angst addict”. In the comments, she disclosed being “a '98 liner”. She was also “a medical writer by profession (I write clinical guidelines, procedures and protocols for

hospitals and general practice)”, which indicates not only close familiarity with copyright issues and thus awareness of her plagiarism but also must have been of immense advantage with plagiarising. Throughout this interview, Michan used British English spelling, in contrast to her works showing no consistency whatsoever (often in the same work).

Michan was also ace-aro, which given how she focused on the [trauma exploitation](#) of cis gay men, to the point of active erasure and removal of acceptance, community and comfort regarding their being gay in the original works, still feels like a personal betrayal.

Side note: We did and do not have the legal, financial and time-wise means to go through JungMichan’s fics in their entirety, as we do not have full access to most of the plagiarised copyrighted books and short stories, or not in a way that would allow for easy comparison. We had to, for the most part, rely on Google Books previews and websites illegally sharing said copyrighted material. In addition to this, some of the works were simply too long to check paragraph for paragraph, meaning they might contain more plagiarised material than we could so far prove.

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Full list of JungMichan's works

JungMichan works on AsianFanFics; previous usernames included: Miechan, Meichan, yiling98. Her current username is [midaexiu](#). Info may be incomplete, as we had to work off waybackmachine snapshots and fic covers where AFF works were concerned.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title and link</i>	<i>Fandom, pairing, word count, fest</i>	<i>Notes, and original sources</i>
20 Sep 15	The Naming (link to fic "in draft status")	Running Man, spartace, 64k	according to author: "Revised for grammar and style July 2020."
8 Oct 15	Growing Pains	Big Bang, Sandara Park/Kwon Jiyong	
20 Oct 15	Trouble Follows		
24 Nov 15	Embrace the Thumbnail Moon (review)	Big Bang, Sandara Park/Kwon Jiyong?	
23 Dec 15	The Time of the Ghost	Big Bang, Sandara Park/Kwon Jiyong	
6 Feb 16	A Blaze of White Light	Big Bang	
26 April 16	Extrasensory	SHINee, Kibum-centric, 68k	
25 Mar 16	Pretty Boy (I'm Nobody) (link to current fic)	EXO, Jongdae-centric, 79k	
30 May 16	A Way With Children	Big Bang, Kwon Jiyong/Choi Seunghyun, 9k	
8 Jun 16	The Fear Gene	SHINee, taekey, 19k	
25 Jun 16	The Tower	EXO, hunhan, 37k	
30 Jun 16	Still Awake	SHINee/2PM, Minho/Nickhun, 2.4k	Original short story published in " Stay Awake " by Dan Chaon (heavy

			edits). We only had the excerpt through waybackmachine available for comparison and are convinced there's a second work mixed in.
15 Mar 17	Monster	Big Bang, Jiyong-centric, 1.8k	
21 Jun 20	This Act of Grace (available still here)	SHINee, 2min, 17k	Author's note: "I adapted and expanded this from an idea I wanted to explore more of in another fanfiction featuring EXO (The Way We Rise), any similarities if you've read both are because I've plagiarised from myself haha." (Note: this author's note was edited in the meantime, the jest about plagiarising herself was removed.)
17 Jan 21	If The War Goes On	EXO, 121k	
30 Mar 21	Maybe That's How Spring Comes	EXO, xiuchen, 40k	see notes on AO3 version below
May 21	Let Out The Beast	BLACKPINK, Jennie/Chaeyoung	"This Whole Demoning Thing" by Patrick Ness, published in the anthology "Monstrous Affections: An Anthology of Beastly Tales". This fic was later reposted as the EXO sekai fic "Great Aspetations".
29 Jun 21	I Think We'll Be Shining	EXO, chanchen, 77k	see notes on AO3 version below
20 Sept 21	Splintered Light: an EXO oneshot collection	EXO, several pairings, 52k	
22 Sept 21	Creature of Ash and Twilight	EXO, xiuchen, 43k	see notes on AO3 version below
unknown	Taeyong and the In-eo		

JungMichan works on AO3; suspected additional username: jongdae zd.

Please note that “no sources found” doesn’t necessarily mean it was not plagiarised—it only means we screened the work without finding any sources, which could be due to a multitude of reasons (e.g. the original work not being indexed on Google, JungMichan having rewritten it to the point where its undetectable, or it could have been plagiarised fanfic, which can be harder to find).

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17 Aug 20	Cake or Death?	EXO, platonic sukai, 5k	no sources found
18 Aug 20	In Case of Emergency, Break Glass	SHINee, 2min, 6k	not screened
31 Aug 20	The Fear Gene	SHINee, taekey, 18k	crosspost of 2016 AFF fic; no sources found
17 Sep 20	Keep Me Real	EXO, platonic CBX, 8k	not screened
23 Oct 20	Denial Has Its Uses	EXO, sekai, 9k	no sources found
18 Nov 20	This Walk Will Be Legend	EXO, Junmyeon-centric, 8k	no sources found
20 Nov 16*	The Way We Rise	EXO, sekai, 42k	*backdated work; Several POVs taking from several works: "Lost in Translation" by Michael Lowenthal, "The Name of the Wind" by Patrick Rothfuss, "Delicate Monsters" by Stephanie Kuehn. Also contains passages from " A Blaze of White Light ", a deleted Big Bang fic. It turned this was an old JungMichan fic she “reworked” into an EXO fic. A SHINee version titled “This Act of Grace” used to exist on AFF as well. <i>Special thanks to depozyt for tracking all of these sources down!</i>

9 Dec 20	Hospital 365	EXO/OCs, 342k (co-authored with Minew, publication date of first chapter, crosspost of AFF fic)	Chapter 3 (heavy edits) taken from the book " When the Air Hits Your Brain: Tales from Neurosurgery " by Frank T. Vertosick Jr. This fic features an insightful interview with the authors.
21 Dec 20	Subway Wind	EXO, sulay, 4k	not screened
9 Jan 21	Magical Thinking	EXO, Kyungsoo-centric, 10k	not screened
17 Jan 21	If The War Goes On	EXO, Jongdae-centric, 117k	crossposted from AFF; not screened
14 Feb 21	Hospital 365: Season 2	EXO/OCs (co-authored with Minew, publication date of first chapter, crosspost of AFF fic)	not screened
19 Feb 21	Be Careful What You Wish For	EXO, Sehun-centric, 4k	no sources found
5 Apr 21	Extrasensory	SHINee, Kibum-centric, 65k	crosspost of 2016 or 2017 AFF fic; no sources found
28 Apr 21	Maybe That's How Spring Comes	EXO, xiuchen, 38k, SnowSpark Fest	One scene and a few scattered sentences: " (after a while) you learn " by curledupkitten (chanyeol). JungMichan claimed to have permission for this, this however turned out to be a lie.
12 May 21	Let Out The Beast	BLACKPINK, Jennie/Chaeyoung, 6.5k	" This Whole Demoning Thing " by Patrick Ness, published in the anthology "Monstrous Affections: An Anthology of Beastly Tales". This fic was later reposted as the EXO sekai fic "Great Expectations".
22 Jun 21	A Handful of Dust	EXO, kaisoo, 83k	previously posted as "If The War Goes On" (Jongdae-centric), now kaisoo
4 Jul 21	I Think We'll Be	EXO, chanchen, 74k,	"Beyond the Rising Tide" by Sarah

	Shining	EXO Seasonal Fest	Beard (heavy edits, lots of rewritten parts)
6 Aug 21	The King and the Soldier	EXO, xiuchen, 1k, tinysparks fest	At best improper credit. The song this was based on was "credited" in the tags as "Inspired by a Suzanne Vega song". Michan neglected to mention the song's name: "The Queen and the Soldier". This fic is a borderline case; my personal impression is that she took the song lyrics and filled in gaps in order to hit 1k.
13 Aug 21	Great Expectations	EXO, sekai, 11k, Kaifectionery	" This Whole Demoning Thing " by Patrick Ness, published in the anthology "Monstrous Affections: An Anthology of Beastly Tales". This fic was previously posted as an BLACKPINK fic under JungMichan's handle.
29 Aug 21	Like Freedom, Like a Song	EXO, chanbaek, 1k, tinysparks fest	no sources found
11 Sep 21	If I Could Tell You	EXO, sebaek, 1.4k, 500feelings fest	no sources found
21 Sep 21	Creature of Ash and Twilight	EXO, xiuchen, 42k, Shall We Chen Fest	"The Will and the Wilds" by Charlie N. Holmberg (heavy edits); folktale "The Fox Bead" (almost verbatim)
30 Sep 21	The Lightning Thief	EXO, xiuchen, 1k, tinysparks fest	no sources found
9 Oct 21	More Than All the Grains of Sand	EXO, xiuchen, 72k, EXOmonsterfest	"The Bones Beneath My Skin" by TJ Klune (minor edits to make it sound like it was set in Korea)
10 Oct 21	Enemy of my Enemy	EXO, xiuchen, 47k, Love Shot Fest	"Where Death Meets the Devil" by L.J. Hayward (minor edits)
29 Oct 21	Maybe It's Magic	EXO, xingdae, 10k, Hail Chen Fest	"A Little Village Magic" by 'Nathan Burgoine (minor edits)
31 Oct 21	Three Minutes and Thirty-Eight Seconds	EXO, chanchen, 6k, Hail Chen	"Negative Space" by 'Nathan Burgoine (minor edits)

11 Nov 21	Drive Me Crazy	EXO, xiuhun, 1k, tinysparks fest	"Saffy's Angel" by Hilary McKay (very minor edits)
23 Dec 21	Crush... on You	EXO, xiuchen, 3k, Whinery Christmas Exchange	"Floodgates" by Mary Calmes (edits; beginning on ca. page 14 of the e-Book)
25 Dec 21	Oh No, Only One Bed	EXO, xiuchen, 2k, Hail Chen Fest	" Trope: Only One Bed " by C.S. Poe, published in the book " Interlude (Snow & Winter) " (very minor edits)
22 Jan 22	Deliver Us From Evil	EXO, baekchen, 39k, Hail Chen Fest	as jongdae2d (discovered by fathermatteo): " Splintered - Criminal Delights: Obsession " by Tal Bauer
12 Feb 22	Don't Worry, Be Harpy	EXO, baekchen, 15k, Hail Chen Fest	" In Other Lands " by Sarah Rees Brennan; plagiarised short story: "Wings in the Morning", published in " Monstrous Affections ", as confirmed by the author Sarah Rees Brennan (minor edits)
26 Feb 22	Drawn Together	EXO, xiuchen, 36k, Vargavinter Fest	"Mended with Gold" by Lee Welch (minor edits); this Atlantic article . This fic had just been posted for Vargavinter fest and was still on anon, but was also a JungMichan "work"; she contacted the fest to lie to the mod about having had to delete it for "personal reasons"

Note on JungMichan's co-author Minew: they have been reached out to but did not want to speak about anything fic-related. They have also not posted fic since 2021.