

# When Roads Were For Sheep



It was a classic “Us Versus Them” confrontation: hundreds of sheep congregated on their road outside Dallville to protest the invasion of human motorcars. Who (or what) did they think they were? *Everyone* knew that roads were for sheep, and no Johnny-come-lately automobile had the right to trespass on them! How did that rhyme go? “Whether one-lane, two-lane, flat or steep, streets and roads belong to sheep; and everywhere except Guangdong, garages are where the cars belong.” It was true, too, thought Meptang, “so please go away” he said as politely as possible to a maroon Ford F-1. But because it came out “baa baa baba bah buh,” it was misinterpreted as an insufferable affront, which precipitated the horrific War On Sheep of 1948. The result? Well, just try to find a sheep-only road today. (You won’t.)