

THE ASCENSION OF TOMMY SIRE

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PROFILE

Birthname: Geng Tao

Birthdate: July 7th, 1989

Parents: Geng Zhao Qin, Shen Lin Li

Siblings: no

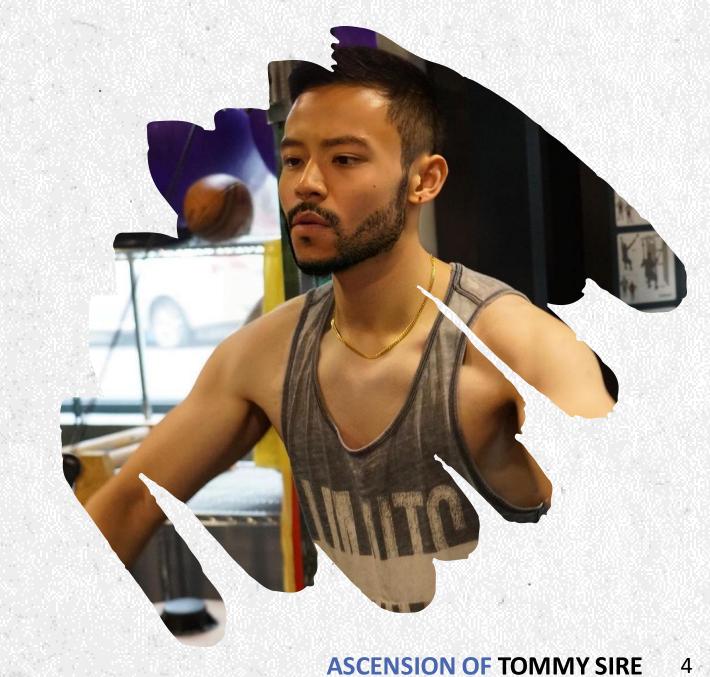
Hometown: Zhebei & Hongkou, Shanghai

Favorite color: Blue



SCHOOL LIFE

- student Tommy was average an academically
- However, he recalls competing in a robotics competition, and being at the top of his class in this instance
- He graduated from Shanghai University of Sports in 2011 majoring in Sports English





ACTIVISM & IN THE NEWS

Lil Pump angers China with racially offensive song

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- "I think it's a good thing for a Chinese rapper to come out and diss back in the hip-hop culture, because this can allow American hip-hop enthusiasts to know that China has such a culture."
- "Although it may not be a positive exchange, it's a form of exchange to some extent..."
- "This may also cause the Chinese rap circle to be more united because they found a common enemy.

TODAY

- In addition to making music Tommy has several occupations:
 - Formerly into retail buying
 - Physical Therapy
 - Insurance Sales
 - Weight Training
 - ...Tarot Card readings

He aspires to start a family.



MUSIC PROFILE

- Tommy has released over two dozen singles and multiple mixtapes
 - He told me about the Ascension Music Group duo with friend Bryan King as the beginning.
- Recently he signed in agreement with the Sony Music Group
- His most current work, "All Mine" is available on major platforms (i.e. iTunes) (2022)





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