Chinese cloning company: Human clones probably already possible

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Boyalife Group, a Chinese cloning company, announced in November that it's setting up shop in Tianjin, a northern port city, along with partner Sooam Biotech Research Foundation. By mid-2016, Boyalife said in a statement, Tianjin will be home to a fully functional animal cloning facility.

The idea is to clone cattle for consumption, in an effort to combat China's beef shortage. But in an interview with Agence-France Presse, Xu Xiaochun, board chairman of Boyalife Group, said that his plan for the cloning facility goes far beyond creating 100,000 cloned cows. Xu wants to clone humans as, he said, he already can. But he won't, for now. From AFP:

"The technology is already there," Xu said. "If this is allowed, I don't think there are other companies better than Boyalife that make better technology." The firm does not currently engage in human cloning activities, Xu said, adding that it has to be "self-restrained" because of possible adverse reaction.

In other words, Xu thinks Boyalife could totally clone humans if everyone got suddenly cool about cloning humans. And he thinks they might, now that homophobia is on the outs. Here's how he parsed through that faulty logic:

"Unfortunately, currently, the only way to have a child is to have it be half its mum, half its dad," he said. "Maybe in the future you have three choices instead of one,

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