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When the floods of time came surging, people who were swept forward by the trend often didn't become aware until they heard increasingly frequent mentions on Zhong Continent's news about proposals for the merging of various continents. It was then that people from all the continents, who were usually politically naive, finally smelled something out of the ordinary — There was finally a stir among the people.

On the semi-closed networks of various continents, some uncertain speculations and remarks began to appear. High-ranking officials from each continent also started to be ambiguous when facing interviews, indirectly confirming an astonishing fact:

“Are they really going to merge?”

“A cultural unification of all the continents?”

“This proposal first surfaced eighteen years ago. When it first appeared, it indeed triggered a collective discussion on Blue Star, but the implementation was rather difficult, so it didn't become a reality until today, eighteen years later. Could there be any changes this year?”

“A merger is a good thing.”

“Then you're overly optimistic.”

“There are pros and cons to everything. Merging is not all good. Some places with relatively backward cultural development might lose their cultural characteristics or even their own heritage. But for the overall image of each major continent, this is indeed an opportunity for Blue Star to progress.”

One thing that can be confirmed is that, with the merger, the overall situation of Blue Star will inevitably change. However, until this moment, most people still held a skeptical attitude.

Until December 8th.

It was formally announced on Zhong Continent:

As a trial for the proposal, Qin Continent and Qi Continent were officially merged. From then on, the two would be one, and construction and reinforcement of technologies like high-speed trains, air travel, or ships suddenly intensified like never before!

Let me explain.

The high-speed train is the fastest ground transport on Blue Star, with speeds up to two thousand kilometers per hour. In terms of efficiency, it can crush any land transport on Earth.

And that's not all...

All transport technologies on Blue Star, including airplanes, were way above those on Earth. Now, with the official policies in place, the shortest time for travel between the two sides can be compressed to two hours!

One hour at the fastest!

Although this effect could have been achieved in the past, communication between the continents was restricted due to their conscious self-governing mindset. But with the significant innovation in Blue Star's overall technology and the formal decisions of the authorities, maybe related to the technological innovation, distance would no longer be a hindrance to communication between the continents.

Wow!

Blue Star is shocked!

Full-scale public discussions were finally launched on this planet. It's not because only Qin Continent and Qi Continent merged that people from the other continents naturally think it's none of their business. Anyone with common sense should know that this is just a conservative approach from Zhong Continent.

The political significance of this lies in:

In the coming years, Zhong Continent will devote itself to promoting the policy of merging continents. The merge of Qin Continent and Qi Continent is merely the beginning. In the future, maybe other continents will join in, until this wave of the times sweeps over every corner of Blue Star!

The ones with the most excitement...

No doubt are the two pioneering continents.

Because on the day the proposal was officially approved, all the people of Qin Continent were pleasantly surprised to learn that they could watch any movie from Qi Continent just by paying. They could even enjoy any games, music, and so on. Similarly, all the software on both sides could be used without any restrictions.

Insane!

The people of Qin Continent were overjoyed. It was not easy to watch a Qi Continent's movie in the past due to the so-called autonomy of the continents. But now, all the outstanding things from Qi Continent were fully open to Qin Continent, including the top-of-the-line home theater system from Qi Continent that many people wanted to install. Due to the mutual restrictions of the continents, the installation previously cost millions, but now, it can be done with only three to five hundred thousand.

And not to forget about the game warehouse!

Qi Continent had the latest invention of the game warehouse. Even though the technology was still being improved, this type of game system had already been introduced in Qi Continent and the feedback was pretty good. Qin Continent was unable to use it due to certain restrictions, but now, that was no longer an issue!

In short:

With the integration of Qin Continent and Qi Continent, both sides would experience drastic changes in spiritual and material life. From significant technological and artistic achievements to

daily life, even the fusion of popular trends, many people were already looking forward to more continents joining in.

On Qi Continent...

The changes were just the same.

Qin Continent also had many things that people on Qi Continent pined for. The specific details will not be elaborated here. Overall, the feeling of people from both continents was just similar. Everyone enjoyed the achievements from the other continent freely. Even though the change had just started and the ultimate change might take some time, many people's lives have already been subtly influenced by it.

In front of a Blue Star epic progression like the fusion of two continents, Lin Yuan, as an individual, was undoubtedly insignificant. When the shock came suddenly, He even felt as if he'd gone through another time-travel. Even though he was somewhat familiar with both continents, imagine what kind of reaction the people who had never been to other continents in their lifetime would have in the face of such an impact.

Even compared to Lin Yuan...

Jian Yi had become somewhat neurotic, muttering all day, "Then I don't have to develop in Qi Continent in the future. The film and television industry here will inevitably enter the Qin Continent market rapidly, and the actors on both sides will welcome the most beautiful spring..."

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He even used rhetorical techniques.

He would occasionally chat with Lin Yuan about these changes in life, and his response was quite fast: "Believe it or not, Qi Continent will definitely make a big move into the music industry in the future. It's not just us actors, all literature and art workers will face a choice of opportunity!"

Lin Yuan asked, "Like what?"

Jian Yi clapped his hands and laughed: "For instance, you, Xian Yu, are the top songwriter in Qin Continent. Because you are from Qin Continent, it would cost a lot for Qi Continent to hire you,

with annual expenses alone being astronomical. After all, each continent is self-protective. But now that the two continents have merged, do you think the entertainment companies of Qi Continent will be willing to bow down to Qin Continent in the music field?”

Lin Yuan pondered over this.

Jian Yi pointed out: “The success of Qin Continent’s music lies in talent. In the future, the giants of Qi Continent will definitely set up their companies in Qin Continent. With the restriction of the two continents no longer existent, as long as Qi Continent digs into Qin’s pool of music talents for their own company. With talents, does Qi Continent’s entertainment giant still need to order from Starlight, as their homegrown songwriters have already stepped up?”

“So...”

“So all the music talents in Qin Continent will have more life choices. Before, everyone would go to companies like Starlight because Starlight is one of the most powerful music companies in Qin Continent. But now, they will have more options. Moreover, companies like Thunderbolt and Seven Star from Qi Continent will inevitably infiltrate, and even spare no expense to poach from Qin Continent’s companies!”

Lin Yuan understood.

Jian Yi continued: “Your composing skills are so strong, when the time comes, there will definitely be people from Qi Continent who will poach you, and the treatment they offer may even be better than Starlight. Starlight, in order to retain you, will also certainly offer you better treatment, so for us, this is a good thing. Those who should really be nervous are the big companies. Take Starlight for example, how can they just sit and wait for death?”

Lin Yuan nodded.

It is foreseeable that companies like Starlight in Qin Continent will vigorously develop film and television and even the gaming industry, because the talent barrier on both sides has been completely broken. You like my musicians, why wouldn’t I like your film and television talents?

Are Qi Continent’s special effects unbeatable?

Does Qi Continent have more scriptwriters?

Are Qi Continent's directors better?

When these people join Qin Continent's companies, wouldn't Qin Continent's film and television industry also develop? After all, there are no national boundaries between the continents, and art has no so-called borders, so isn't the root of the problem money?

Let's think about it from a different perspective.

If it's on Earth, focusing solely on the film and television industry, with everyone speaking the same language, and all barriers removed between countries, Hollywood is fully open to the Celestial Dynasty. So, won't there be a day when Hollywood will become everyone's Hollywood?

This situation is bound to happen.

Even if we don't use the film and television industry as an example, think about the Celestial Dynasty in our past life. Because they could never beat South Korea in top League of Legends tournaments, the clubs in the Celestial Dynasty simply bought a bunch of South Korean players to come over and play for them...

But at least there are differences between countries.

Some would refuse such contracts due to a certain sense of belonging, but no one would refuse to work for companies from other continents simply because they are from Qin Continent and he is from Qi Continent. After all, this is the Blue Star Village, we are all people of the same country. So, there's no worry about loyalty to an homeland here.

Would you refuse to work in the next county?

Or refuse to work in the next province?

Once the transportation issue that hinders everything is resolved, the barriers of each continent are completely demolished by the top regime, it's nearly predictable where Blue Star will head towards in the future. This will be a real great fusion of Blue Star, a deeper fusion after the unification of Blue Star, which is why Jian Yi's excitement is justified.

For every continent, and even every industry

These are challenges that coexist with opportunity and risk.

For example, the social networking software that Qin Continent people like to use is called Tribe, and the social networking software that Qi Continent people like to use is called Blog. After the two continents merge, many people will inevitably face a choice, which is whether everyone should use Blog or Tribe in the future?

Habits can be changed.

In order to participate more comfortably in this fusion, for a more comfortable communication environment, everyone will eventually make their own choices. This is the real essence of conflict and change in the fusion of the two continents, or even Blue Star as a whole. No industry can survive solely on its own, everyone can only compete fiercely, seize this newly different market – An even bigger market!

Lin Yuan believes that Starlight will take measures, although he's not sure what exactly Starlight intends to do. In this shock of the times, clinging stubbornly to old ways means being washed away by the new market. No capital wants to be eliminated by the market, everyone should only want to go further in this rare opportunity, now is the best moment to seize the initiative.

“Ding dong!”

The system of Lin Yuan was also affected by this change. Just as he had not fully comprehended everything from this change, the system unexpectedly issued an update notice: “The era of mass entertainment is coming, the system will undergo a two-month upgrade.”

“Got it.”

Lin Yuan doesn't know what changes will occur after the system upgrade, but one thing he can confirm is that his current work mode is likely to change, after all, this is a Literature and Art System. This change, which will impact all literature and art industries, will inevitably force him to make corresponding adjustments as well, for which he has already made certain mental preparations.

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At this time.

Starlight Music, a subsidiary, was experiencing instability due to the merger of the two continents. Gu Qiangyun couldn't even prioritize orders anymore; he was more concerned about the potential changes that might occur in the branch. This matter to some extent determined his future career.

Gu Qiangyun thought...

Orders were a feature of Qi Continent.

But in the future, there would be no distinction between Qin Continent and Qi Continent, and the order model would no longer become mainstream. Instead, the music market of Qin Continent is more likely to dictate the musical trend of both continents in the future. After all, they are the true Land of Music. The musical prowess of Qi Continent was utterly overshadowed by theirs, and so the Qi Continent's music market must adapt and follow their model.

So, what about the branch?

Gu Qiangyun, and indeed most people, could not see the potential strategic changes in the future. The only thing they could predict was that all areas and industries would have to go through a reshuffling!

In fact,

this reshuffling had already begun to some extent, as Gu Qiangyun's office desk was now adorned with twelve resignation letters. Evidently, some people had ideas and wanted to seize the historic turning point.

This was just the beginning.

Gu Qiangyun believed that the others who were still in the company either couldn't think of what they could do in this change, or they wanted to wait in the company and make decisions when the situation became slightly clearer, ideally, to see what responsive measures the headquarters would take.

As for Lin Yuan,

with the advancing reform of Blue Star in December, he finally felt the changes brought about by the merger of the two markets more profoundly. That's because Silver Blue Books in Qin Continent suddenly gave Lin Yuan unexpected news – his book sales had skyrocketed!

“It's crazy!”

Even across the internet, Lin Yuan could feel the editor YangFeng's almost fanatic excitement: “Not only ‘Zhu Xian’, our novels in Qin Continent can now be sold in Qi Continent. Fantasy novels in particular are very popular in Qi Continent. Almost half of the novels have seen a surge in sales. I heard that not only in our novel industry, many film companies in Qi Continent have made a fortune from paid broadcast of old films in Qin Continent alone. Chu Kuang, if you have time, you can go to bookstores in Qi Continent. You will definitely see our Silver Blue Books novels!”

Lin Yuan told YangFeng before.

He was currently in Qi Continent.

Lin Yuan asked: “Did all books skyrocket?”

YangFeng's response came a little slower this time: “I'm sorry, it's really busy here in the company. In fact, not all novels have seen a surge in sales, it's just that our fantasy novels have an advantage. This has to do with the poor quality of fantasy novels in Qi Continent.”

Qi Continent's fantasy novels are not good.

But Qi Continent used to not allow their own people to see the novels in Qin Continent, necessitating a substantial cost for importation. Therefore, Qi people could often only read the fantasy novels in Qi Continent. Now that the barriers of the two sides have been broken, Qin Continent's fantasy novels naturally have impacted the market here.

“What about other types?”

“Detective novels are very popular in Qi Continent. So, Chu Kuang, you can probably guess that our detective novels at Silver Blue Books have not been selling well in recent days. Readers who like detective stories are now all reading Qi Continent’s detective stories. The editor-in-chief has already ordered to recruit some brilliant detective novelists from Qi Continent. But overall, the novel markets of both sides are now very vibrant.”

YangFeng typed a bunch of words.

Lin Yuan had a clearer understanding of the current situation. Of course, his judgment was not made from a macro perspective; he did not have strategic insight or talent. The most intuitive judgment of Lin Yuan as an ordinary person was, in fact, somewhat cliché:

We’re succeeding!

Finally, YangFeng reminded Lin Yuan: “Now the exchange between the two sides has no restrictions whatsoever, including the Tribe platform. Although the Tribe platform could also be used in Qi Continent before, it was a castrated version, so it wasn’t very user-friendly. You can check it out online; I need to go handle something on this end.”

“Okay.”

Lin Yuan replied with a word, then tried to open the Tribe app on his phone, only to discover that his phone needed a system update, probably related to this significant change.

He updated it for half an hour.

The phone was usable again after half an hour. Then, Lin Yuan logged into Tribe, only to find that the interface of Tribe was exactly the same as in Qin Continent. He had been able to use Tribe in Qi Continent before, but most of its functions had been cut off; it was like a forsaken rubbish app. The comments on the internet were quite interesting:

“Is this Qin Continent’s blog?”

“I downloaded Tribe before, but we in Qi Continent had a castrated version, so it was extremely inconvenient to use, and the system and internet speed made me want to die. Now that I’ve used it, I realize it’s not worse than our blog.”

“The functions are similar.”

“As a resident of Qin Continent, I just want to say it’s great to freely share everything with our friends in Qi Continent. I’ve been watching movies from Qi Continent these past few days. Our Qin Continent’s film development is nowhere as good, especially the movie ‘Special Agents’, it’s simply mindblowing.”

“Haha!”

“You should pay attention to some new movies. ‘Special Agents’ was a film from our Qi Continent more than ten years ago. However, it is indeed a classic. From now on, the works of both sides will be released simultaneously, there’s no more continental wall to block us.”

“This is nothing.”

“Recently, I’ve been listening to songs from Qin Continent. Your music in Qin Continent is definitely first-class on Blue Star, and compared with this, our Qi Continent’s songs are simply incomparable in quality. Ninety percent of the songs in my music library are from Qin Continent.

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The exchange between the two sides was very heated, almost as if they regret not meeting sooner. From this perspective, the merger of the two continents is a good decision. At least for the common people, instead, it seems mean-spirited that the districts previously constricted each other’s communication channels so tightly.

And in the middle of this month.

There was finally movement from the headquarters. Everyone from the branches was to go to Qin Continent for a meeting, with the travel expenses covered by the main office. At this moment, Lin Yuan could imagine that some major decisions and changes were bound to happen.

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Lin Yuan's journey to Qi Continent took some gnarly effort due to the route and plane model selected. However, after the activation of the new transportation system, Lin Yuan was surprised to find that he had reached the Qin Continent within only an hour and a half –

Technology changes life.

It is said that the flying iron is also extremely efficient. Lin Yuan plans to try it out later, but he always feels that the flying iron is just an enhanced version of the subway. Similar speeds could probably be achieved by Earth even with a slight advancement in its tech tree. In fact, the fastest land transportation on Earth has already reached super speed.

Arrival at Starlight.

The environment was familiar, but there was no need for Lin Yuan to act as a tour guide this time, as the company had sent someone to greet them. Lin Yuan and others followed the host to a rather spacious meeting room in the company.

After entering the conference room.

Gu Qiangyun and others were a bit restrained and spoke in whispers. Gu Dong, on the other hand, carefully approached Lin Yuan – perhaps Lin Yuan's composure could give her some sense of security.

"Lin Yuan..."

01' Zhou came over shortly.

Lin Yuan greeted him.

01' Zhou laughed: "Good to have you back. You might not have to continue being an exchange student in Qi Continent. I have confirmed with the school, next semester will not be about student exchange, but teacher exchange." Lin Yuan was curious: "What do you mean?"

01' Zhou described it in a slightly humorous manner: "Just that your teacher will go to Qi Continent to teach students there, and their teacher in turn, will come over to Qin Art to teach. This means

more practical exchanges between both sides. Anyway, both continents will truly become one family. The students there can take exams in our schools and we can do the same there.”

Lin Yuan nodded.

01' Zhou had other things to take care of, so he left shortly after. He even greeted Gu Qiangyun etc. before he left. Just as 01' Zhou left, Zhao Jue arrived. Like 01' Zhou, she had come to meet Lin Yuan, but with less small talk. She just offered a few words of encouragement and spoke generally about the accomplishments Lin Yuan had achieved in the branch company.

After Zhao Jue left.

Gu Qiangyun and others exhaled with relief. Although Gu Qiangyun was the branch manager, he didn't have much confidence when facing higher-ups from headquarters. Even though the difference in their positions was not that big.

A few minutes later.

The senior executives of the headquarters finally appeared. This was a female leader, the vice president of Starlight headquarters, Han Xiu, who was second to the chairman in terms of real power within the company. Lin Yuan didn't know her, but she clearly knew Lin Yuan.

“Welcome home.”

Han Xiu extended her hand with a smile.

Lin Yuan shook her hand politely.

Gu Qianggun and others were truly shocked. They had originally thought Lin Yuan was just an ace composer dispatched to the branch by the headquarters. But given Han Xiu, 01' Zhou, and Zhao Jue's respective treatment of Lin Yuan, this shattered their previous impressions:

Mr. Lin's influence is huge!

This is not just any ace composer!

This is clearly a big shot from the headquarters!

However, Gu Dong was more accepting. She had judged that Lin Yuan's transfer to the branch had nothing to do with his status but was merely because Mr. Lin was a student who needed to study in Qi Continent. For this reason, he was sent to oversee the branch.

Indeed.

With Mr. Lin's composing skills, how could he be a minor figure at the headquarters? Even among ace composers, how many could easily handle high-value orders like Lin Yuan?

Regardless of people's thoughts.

After shaking hands with Lin Yuan, Han Xiu directly sat down at the head of the table, this position was closest to Lin Yuan: "The branch's performance in the past few months has been pretty good. But as I'm sure you all know, in the future, Qi Continent and Qin Continent will merge."

Everyone nodded.

With so many days passed, many had already absorbed the fact of the merger. But they were all still worried about the future and hadn't yet fully embraced the changes it had brought.

"So..."

Han Xiu glanced at Lin Yuan and smiled: "The company hopes that some of the people from the branch will come to work at the headquarters. After all, the isolation between the two sides has been completely lifted. However, there'll still need to be a contact point there. How to choose, is up to you."

Everyone looked at each other in bewilderment.

Han Xiu smiled: "You have enough time to consider, but we would like a response from you all by tomorrow. And I need to remind you all that as transportation becomes more and more developed, it will be easier to commute between the two places. You probably reached the headquarters within

two hours today. In the future, it will be even faster. Zhong Continent has already started developing more efficient means of transportation, considering other continents in Blue Star also want to join in this merger plan.”

Everyone nodded.

Han Xiu once again looked towards Lin Yuan: “Then, there are changes in the headquarters. Teacher Admirable Fish has performed outstandingly at the branch, so the headquarters intends to have Teacher Admirable Fish serve as the representative of the ninth-floor choreography department.”

Lin Yuan was startled.

Being a manager himself?

Han Xiu seemed to see Lin Yuan’s confusion and patiently explained, “I know that Teacher Admirable Fish has classes to attend, so Mr. Lin will just be holding a position at the ninth floor, with the actual management handed over to the deputy representative. Of course, the highest decision-making power of that floor will still belong to Mr. Lin.”

Lin Yuan wanted to refuse.

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However, Han Xiu’s next remarks dispelled Lin Yuan’s thoughts: “The basic salary for a representative is one hundred thousand a month. If a composer under your management publishes a piece, Representative Lin is eligible for a performance bonus. The specific contract will be drafted next week. Does Representative Lin have any objections?”

“None.”

Lin Yuan said decisively.

Han Xiu nodded: “The company will later adjust the composers on each floor. In addition to Representative Lin, other company’s top composers like Yang Zhongming will also serve as directors of other floors. In terms of this position, you are on par. In other words, the representatives of other floors are all Maestros, and only Representative Lin is managing a floor without being a Maestro!”

Rumble!

It was like a thunderclap. By now, the employees from branches like Gu Qiangyun were stunned. Other floors were managed by Maestros, but the ninth floor was managed by Representative Lin. This was like the headquarters directly placing Representative Lin in a position equivalent to the Maestros!

Lin Yuan gently nodded.

In the face of such nonchalant behavior, let alone Gu Qiangyun and others, even Han Xiu felt a sense of eeriness. The company put you in a position equivalent to the Maestros, and you can still stay so calm, even taking it for granted?

You must know...

The reason why the company made such a daring decision was purely because they saw Lin Yuan’s endless potential. Because the company on the Qi Continent would inevitably invade on a large scale soon, by then, powerhouse composers with infinite potential like Lin Yuan would definitely become the targets of everyone’s attention!

To keep this treasure...

The company made such a decision.

But if we truly look at achievements and qualifications, Lin Yuan really can’t be compared with those Maestros. So when this decision was proposed, it once caused intense discussion among the higher-ups. In the end, it was 01’ Zhou who said:

“A promising future!”

These four words completely moved Chairman Li Songhua. This assignment finally fell on Lin Yuan's head. Because Lin Yuan's previous performances and his achievements in the branch had elevated him to a level far ahead of other top composers.

Calling Lin Yuan a Maestro might be too much.

But considering factors like age, it would not be a problem to call Lin Yuan "Maestro Junior". After all, the composition achievements that Lin Yuan have accomplished at his age indicate he has a strong potential to become a Maestro in the future.

Coughing lightly.

Han Xiu said, "This is just a temporary decision. The company's formal implementation of this system won't happen until January. In the future, the company won't set up too many floors. Including Teacher Admirable Fish's floor, the headquarters will only have floors nine through fifteen for the Music Composition Department. However, there won't be much change in the number of people. As for the floors above them, they will be recording studios and other areas. Representative Lin can familiarize himself later."

"What about Director Zhou..."

Lin Yuan asked a bit more.

Han Xiu put on a smile again: "Teacher Admirable Fish is still very concerned about his old leader. Director Zhou will still manage all the floors in the future, but his burden is now heavier because the company plans to set up a film and television department equivalent to the music department. Director Zhou will be in charge of some of the work. He has officially become a high-level decision maker of the company."

Lin Yuan understood.

The company really couldn't help but get involved in the film and television field. In fact, Starlight had a film and television department before, but it was obviously not taken seriously, after all, this is primarily a music company. But now, in the face of market changes, the company has no choice but to change. "You never know what the future holds."

Han Xiu said reflectively: “However, the music department still receives a lot of attention from the company, because the film and television industry will inevitably involve things like music scoring. By then, the floors led by Representative Lin and all the Maestros will still have frequent contact with them. At that time, the company’s directors and screenwriters and other important people will visit the Music Composition Department. Everyone should first familiarize themselves with the new situation.”

Lin Yuan didn’t respond.

What he was thinking about was, of the several important categories given by the System, in addition to culture and music, film and television was also a major part. Therefore, he would most likely participate in film and television work in the future, and not just limited to things like film scoring. But right now, since the System was still upgrading, he had no way to communicate this. Could he possibly be allowed to customize scripts?

As for leaving Starlight...

Actually, Jian Yi had talked to Lin Yuan about this possibility before. In Jian Yi’s words, the company on Qi Continent would be willing to spend a lot to “poach” talent. But Lin Yuan did not have an unstable personality. This could be seen from his long collaboration with Silver Blue Books on long-form novels. Since the old partnership was not bad, why should he abandon it for something far away? He didn’t believe that the conditions offered by the company on Qi Continent would definitely be better than those of Starlight.

After the meeting...

Everyone went their separate ways.

Those from the branch company had their own arrangements, while Lin Yuan went over to the composing department and greeted his old colleagues. The personnel of the composing department would be undergoing adjustments in the future, and he was unsure if they would have the opportunity to work together again.

“Our Maestro Junior is here!”

As soon as Lin Yuan walked through the door, he was warmly welcomed. His old colleagues had been missing him quite a bit. Wu Yong, the senior who initially helped Lin Yuan get familiar with his job, had a smile beaming like a blossom.

“Hello, everyone.”

Lin Yuan put on a smile that would meet social expectations. He also had some fondness for his colleagues. Perhaps due to nostalgia, he even deliberately sat down for a moment at his former work station, taking in the views of the place one last time. He then posed a question to Wu Yong, “what’s this about Maestro Junior?”

“You don’t know?”

Wu Yong laughed: “You should have received the company’s decree, right? From now on, you’re the representative commanding an entire floor. Interestingly, all the other representatives are Maestros, and you are the only one who’s gained this position with your Golden badge. Hence, the company’s been saying that you are our Starlight’s Maestro Junior!”

“The key is that no one doubts it!”

A colleague chimed in: “Although you are currently only a hit composer, the achievements you’ve made since joining the company are widely recognized. We heard you managed to get the branch company in Qi Continent up and running!”

“What you and your stuff!”

We should call him Mr. Lin from now on!”

“Mr. Lin is our supervisor from now on. I actually wanted to be assigned under him, but it seems the company intends to shuffle all of us around thoroughly.

So whether we’ll end up together again is down to fate.”

“It’s a shame that many have left.”

“Twenty-one people from our floor resigned, all of whom were poached by Qi Continent. Other floors are almost the same, and it’s our fault for not foreseeing this, as nobody signed any non-compete agreements when they joined the company.”

For the first time, Lin Yuan noticed that there were indeed fewer people in the department. Well, it seemed actions had already been taken on the side of Qi Continent. However, the fact that they dug up so many people at once was utterly shocking. Starlight had indeed suffered a heavy loss.

“No loss.”

As someone else echoed the sentiment of losses, Wu Yong laughed: “You guys aren’t aware yet, but we’ve also poached hundreds from various companies in Qi Continent, including A-line directors, screenwriters, and even some renowned actors. When it comes to taking actions, we’re even faster!”

Some showed expressions of surprise.

Some obviously had prior knowledge of the situation.

Meanwhile, Lin Yuan gradually gained a deeper understanding of the company’s position through their conversations. Just as he thought he should probably head home, a system’s voice suddenly popped up in his mind:

“Film and television database expansion in progress...”

“Selection of director’s template in progress...”

Lin Yuan wanted to ask more, but the system ignored him, the host.

Apparently, the system’s upgrade and update were not yet complete, but it did inform Lin Yuan of the field he was likely to get into next.

It was indeed film and television.

The most likely development would be starting from the scriptwriting aspect. However, the system seemed to have also mentioned something about directing. Lin Yuan decided that he would research Blue Star’s film and television scene in order to prepare for the acquisition of film and television prestige.

At this point,

the impact of the integration between Qi Continent and Qin Continent had passed the initial stage and was getting more intense. There was a hint of a brewing storm amongst the major entertainment companies, and one could imagine how fierce the future competition will be in the fields of music and film and television...

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Leaving the company.

Lin Yuan was preparing to go home.

Just as he stepped out of the company gate, Lin Yuan suddenly heard a familiar voice: “Junior, over here!”

Lin Yuan turned around and found it was Sun Yaohuo.

At that moment, Sun Yaohuo had already opened the passenger door of his car, waiting in a ready-to-go pose: “I happened to be free today, so when I heard you were heading to Qin Continent, I thought you might need a ride...”

Lin Yuan tended to get carsick, so he preferred to sit in the passenger seat.

This tidbit was something Sun Yaohuo would never forget, even without noting it down.

“Thankyou, Brother Sun.”

Lin Yuan got in the passenger seat.

The interior of the car was very clean, making Lin Yuan marvel at how meticulous Brother Sun was. The cleanliness of the car always resembled that of a new vehicle.

“What are you thanking me for? I didn’t have much to do today, to begin with.”

Sun Yaohuo returned to the driver's seat: "Shall we head straight home or go out to eat something? My hot pot restaurant has just opened. Your sister has been there a few times with her colleagues..."

"Let's go home first," Lin Yuan said.

Before returning, Lin Yuan mentioned his plans to his sister, so his younger sister probably would be at home as well.

"Okay."

Sun Yaohuo pressed on the accelerator, driving smoothly.

Halfway through the ride, Sun Yaohuo's phone suddenly rang, but he glanced at the caller ID and ignored it.

Lin Yuan asked, "Aren't you going to answer it?"

Sun Yaohuo laughed: "It's inconvenient while I'm driving."

As he spoke, Sun Yaohuo hung up the call and activated the silent mode.

Just as Sun Yaohuo hung up, Lin Yuan's phone began to ring.

Lin Yuan answered the phone immediately.

The voice on the other end politely asked, "May I speak with Teacher Admirable Fish?"

"Who is this?"

"Let me introduce myself. I'm the manager of Seven Star Entertainment, surname Liao. If you have time, we would like to invite you to visit our company..."

Lin Yuan responded quickly: "You want to poach me?"

The other person paused, then laughed: “Teacher Admirable Fish, you really are quick to catch on. But yes, our company highly prizes talent like yours, and given the current situation, I’m sure you understand...”

“I’m sorry, but I have no intention of leaving Starlight.”

“It seems Teacher Admirable Fish is a loyal person. But you might want to consider our offer. We are willing to meet any conditions you set. Plus, we are prepared to take on the responsibility of your breach of contract. Please believe in our company’s sincerity.”

“No need.”

“Well, alright then...”

The other party seemed somewhat disappointed.

Lin Yuan hung up the call without giving it another thought. On the other hand, Sun Yaohuo, who was sitting next to him, probably understood the meaning and tested the waters by asking, “Junior, do you have no thoughts of leaving?”

Lin Yuan said, “No.”

Sun Yaohuo nodded in understanding, with a slightly elated expression.

Upon arriving at Lin Yuan’s apartment complex, Lin Yuan invited Sun Yaohuo up. Sun Yaohuo promptly declined, “No need. You go ahead, Junior.”

Lin Yuan didn’t insist any further.

Only after watching Lin Yuan enter the building did Sun Yaohuo pick up his silenced phone again. By then, he had eight missed calls, all from his agent.

Sun Yaohuo called back.

Upon connecting, a furious voice came from the other end of the line: “Sun Yaohuo, are you kidding me? The event is about to start and you disappear on me? Are you trying to mess with me?”

“Something came up.”

“I don’t care what it is. Do you know what a state the event organizers were in just now? Who do you think had to grovel and apologize, me or you?”

“Teacher Admirable Fish is back in Qin Continent.”

The yelling on the other end of the phone suddenly stopped, followed by a three-second pause. Then the agent calmly said, “That’s alright then.”

Upon reaching his apartment, Lin Yuan rang the doorbell.

The door was opened by a somewhat petite figure, his younger sister Lin Yao, who greeted him emotionlessly, “Long time no see, Brother.”

“Long time no see.”

Lin Yuan felt somewhat guilty. His younger sister had just been admitted to Qin Art when he decided to become an exchange student. He knew his decision must have upset her.

He should have bought some study materials on his way there.

“Oh, you’re back.”

His elder sister, Lin Xuan, was watching television in the living room and looked up, “Why didn’t you call me? I could have picked you up from the company.”

Lin Yuan said: “Brother Sun drove me home.”

Lin Xuan smiled: “That’s good. But his car is a bit messy... I’ve ridden in it once before.”

“That’s just you being too picky.”

Lin Yuan hadn’t seen a cleaner car than Brother Sun’s.

Not continuing the topic, Lin Xuan grinned, “Are you going back to Qi Continent?”

Lin Yao also looked at Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan said: “Yes, but I’ll probably be back in a month. I won’t need to go again next semester.”

“I thought so.”

Lin Xuan nodded: “With the sudden merging of the two continents, the exchange student program has naturally been altered as well. When are you leaving?”

“Tomorrow night.”

Lin Yuan had taken leave to come back.

There are still a few courses left this semester. Although he possesses Yang Zhongming’s character card and thus attendance is irrelevant, Lin Yuan still had to maintain his credits for the courses.

“Alright.”

Lin Xuan seemed a bit excited: “By the time you return, our villa should be ready...”

His sister and younger sister were still living in their old place.

It would be a while before they could move into the new villa.

Lin Xuan's attention returned to the TV: "I won't keep chatting with you. I want to continue watching my movie. Qi Continent's films are now available on-demand here. They're indeed better than Qin Continent's works... Once I'm done with the movie, I'll start cooking."

Lin Yao was about to go back to her room.

Lin Yuan, knowing his sister was unhappy, tried to console her: "I'll be back next semester."

Lin Yao paused: "I'm not upset about that."

"Then what is it?"

Lin Yao said with a hint of melancholy: "You ate the yolk without me!"

Lin Yuan's expression changed: "I didn't!"

Lin Yao stared at him: "I found the packaging from yolk pastries under your bed when I was cleaning your room."

Lin Yuan:

In this house, he was a man without yolk freedom.

Lin Xuan laughed: "Should I buy you a bunch of yolk pastries next time?"

Lin Yao sternly said: "The point is, my brother dared to steal his sister's yolk."

"Well, you weren't here."

"You could've saved it for me."

Lin Yuan shook his head: "By the time you got to Qin Continent, the yolk pastries would be moldy."

Lin Yao pouted and went back to her room.

Just as Lin Yuan was about to say something, his phone rang again. Upon answering, he found it was another company from Qi Continent calling.

But it was a different company this time, one he had never heard of before.

He promptly declined again.

Throughout the evening, Lin Yuan didn't get a moment's peace. He had to answer call after call from companies trying to poach him.

Finally, at dinner time, he was forced to put his phone on do not disturb mode.

“All headhunting calls?”

Lin Xuan had overheard a few of the conversations.

Lin Yuan nodded.

Lin Xuan chuckled: “We're having a similar situation at Silver Blue Books. Right now, every industry is in chaos, with companies headhunting each other and offering high prices. Once this wave of poaching ends, it will probably be followed by a battle for market share.”

Chapter 187: Burn Paper When You Need Something!

The next night, Lin Yuan set off for Qi Continent.

Most of the people from the branch company had gone home too.

Everyone needed to discuss with their families since some of them would end up working at Starlight's headquarters.

Due to this, the employees at the branch office were no longer motivated to work.

Similarly, Lin Yuan wouldn't be taking over any tasks anytime soon because the System was still undergoing an upgrade, so he couldn't even open the treasure chest, let alone use the System's custom features.

In fact, it wasn't just members of the branch office – people from all walks of life were no longer focused on their work.

Everyone was too busy poaching talent and strategizing; the more intense market competition would only begin once the situation stabilizes.

The feeling of having nothing to worry about felt pretty good.

Lin Yuan quietly enjoyed his final campus life in Qi Art.

However, just as December was coming to an end, a new student transferred to Lin Yuan's class!

That was incredibly unusual.

The semester was almost over, and yet, someone transferred?

But it did happen and when this student arrived in class, Lin Yuan discovered that he knew him—

Gu Xi?

Lin vaguely remembered that Gu Xi was a music major, why would she transfer to Qi Art at this moment?

And to the composition department, no less?

Lin Yuan was somewhat curious.

However, compared to Lin Yuan's curiosity, the classmates were extremely excited.

Especially when the teacher introduced her: "Gu Xi is a student from the Qin Art's music department and a gifted pianist who has set foot on the top stage. She is not an exchange student but has an interest in composing music, which is why she decided to transfer to our school..."

No one detailed out the methods of Gu Xi's transfer; some people can transfer through special channels.

The teacher just reiterated Gu Xi's accomplishments.

People didn't dig any deeper; all of them just knew that their class now had an exceptionally beautiful Piano Goddess!

Some self-proclaimed outstanding male students were already itching to make a move.

As for the girls, they couldn't even muster any jealousy.

At a time when the gap isn't too big, jealousy might be inevitable.

But facing a legendary student like Gu Xi, the girls could only feel envy.

Consequently, as soon as the class ended, many boys started grooming themselves, preparing to strike up a conversation with her.

However, before they could even make a move, Gu Xi took the initiative and walked straight towards Lin Yuan.

This moment broke the hearts of many boys.

The girls, however, felt a strange sense of solidarity.

However, nobody was too surprised. Lin Yuan was an exchange student from Qin Art, and Gu Xi also came from Qin Art. It didn't seem irrational for her to know Lin Yuan.

“Lin Yuan!”

Gu Xi seemed a bit surprised at the moment, as she set her eyes unwaveringly on Lin Yuan and said, “Hello there, what a coincidence, I didn't expect you would be in this class!”

Her surprise was certainly feigned.

Heaven only knows the price Gu Xi paid to transfer to Qi Art!

Initially, Gu Xi could have gone as an exchange student directly to Qi Art.

But Gu Xi initially worried that she wouldn't see Lin Yuan if she became an exchange student, so she refused the chance.

The irony of fate meant Gu Xi was shocked to find out that after she had turned down the chance to be an exchange student, Lin Yuan had become one!

So, Gu Xi changed her mind and wanted to follow the route of being an exchange student, intending to transfer to Qi Art.

Unfortunately, it was too late.

There's a limit to the number of exchange students; Gu Xi was unable to take this route in the end.

But Gu Xi didn't give up.

She went out of her way to ask many people for favors and pulled many strings. Finally, just as the first semester of her junior year was about to end, she managed to transfer to Qi Art through special channels!

But this wasn't enough.

Thinking about the great lengths she had gone to transfer to Qi Art, Gu Xi felt a bit disgruntled. She decided to throw all caution to the wind and transferred directly to the same class as Lin Yuan in Qi Art!

After all, she made a living playing the piano.

For Gu Xi, this was a do-or-die situation.

But now that she could be classmates with Lin Yuan, and knowing that they would surely have plenty of chances to interact in the future, Gu Xi felt that it was all worth it!

So although her surprise was feigned, the smile on her face was genuinely from the heart!

“That is quite a coincidence, hi.” Lin Yuan replied.

When he left Qin Art, Gu Xi gave Lin Yuan a planet model.

Although there wasn’t a yolk inside, Lin Yuan accepted her gift anyway, so he was quite friendly towards her.

And after experiencing some things, Lin Yuan no longer resisted Gu Xi like before.

“Having Gu Xi around means trouble.”

Constantly thinking this way about her wasn’t very nice, Lin Yuan thought.

Wasn’t the last time she brought the planet model just fine?

“We’re classmates now!”

Gu Xi made her rehearsed statement, “But because I just transferred to the composing department and don’t know the other classmates well, and I’m actually not too familiar with composing either, I hope I’ll have the chance to learn more from you next semester, Lin Yuan!”

“I’m sorry.”

Lin Yuan shook his head and said, “I have to go back to Qin Art next semester.”

Gu Xi’s expression immediately froze.

Her world seemed to lose all color at that moment, her eyes gradually lost their luster, and a sentence kept echoing in her mind:

“I have to go back to Qin Art next semester...”

“Go back to Qin Art next semester...”

“Go back to Qin Art...”

“Qin Art...”

Gu Xi stuttered, “Why...”

Lin Yuan, who failed to notice Gu Xi’s unusual behavior, patiently explained, “The merger of Qin Art and Qi Art led to changes in their system and the cancellation of the exchange student program, so all of us exchange students have to return to our original schools next semester.”

Gu Xi felt dizzy.

She didn’t even know how she got back to her seat; she was utterly dazed.

At that moment, Gu Xi seemed to feel a sense of fate.

“GuXi...”

Quite a few boys had gathered around her, each talking about various things. However, Gu Xi could not hear a single word from them. She just replied, “I want to be alone.”

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The boys exchanged glances and reluctantly dispersed.

Gu Xi took out her phone, with her typically agile fingers – proficient from playing the piano – which now were trembling slightly, and sent a message: “Can I return to Qin Art next year?”

“Impossible!”

A reply came swiftly from the other side, “The person who was desperate to go to Qi Art was you! You just got there and now you want to come back? Are both schools your personal property? You can only stay at Qi Art next semester!”

Gu Xi heard the sound of her heart shattering.

A question from the other side asked, “Why?”

Gu Xi laboriously typed a few words and sent it back: “My heart is shattered, contact me through spirit.”

Chapter 188: Winter Vacation

In his last period at Qi Art, Lin Yuan felt a sense of leisure he had not felt in a long time. If he had to pick out any cause of worry, it would probably be the too many companies and headhunters calling, all wanting to poach Lin Yuan —

As before, Lin Yuan rejected all of them.

The enthusiasm of these calls did not decrease, continuing all the way to midJanuary, with some people still not giving up. It could be seen just how intense the competition in various fields had recently become.

In fact.

After more than a month of tug-of-war, various fields had already basically set their new development directions.

With the large framework of companies' transformation gradually taking shape, the news was filled with shocking revelations sparked by these changes daily —

“Dazzling Silver Glow changes its name to Dazzling Entertainment, officially dipping its toes in the film industry!”

“Qi Continent's Film Queen, Tao Ran, ends her contract with her old employer and joins Dazzling Film and Television!”

“Seven Star Entertainment heavily invites Sand Sea Entertainment's Maestro-level talent, willing to pay a sky-high penalty for Maestro!”

“Starlight, Sand Sea and Dazzling Entertainment in succession announce transformation, fully committing to the film industry!”

“Starlight sues Thunderbolt Entertainment for malicious poaching, inciting unfair commercial competition!”

“A certain gold medal director announces independence, establishes studio, new film might cooperate with Sand Sea!”

“Major special effects companies in Qi Continent are signing contracts with companies in Qin Continent.”

“Several large capital entities enter the entertainment industry, new entertainment tycoons might emerge!”

At first, the people of the two continents were shocked by these news. After all, even just a single piece of these news was absolutely explosive!

But there was shocking news appearing every day.

So, as they read on, the people of the two continents facing a constant outpouring of bombshell news were almost becoming numb.

For example, in facing some movie emperors and Empress, King and Queen of singing, and even big shots like Maestro changing sides, everyone was just calmly commenting:

“Endless poaching of each other.”

“Today you take away my Maestro, tomorrow I’ll poach your signature actors.”

“The obvious strength of big companies seems pretty balanced.”

“Next would probably be the real market fight.”

“A big director’s new film has been greenlit, probably trying to take the lead.”

Lin Yuan did not pay much attention to these news, but Jian Yi was a constant gossiper. When he had nothing better to do lately, he would wield his keyboard, charging forth and fighting on the internet.

Occasionally, he would also share his views with Lin Yuan, pointing out all sorts of strategies.

He even had thorough knowledge on some policy details:

“Starting today, each continent is going to change its name, ours will be called Qin Province, Qi Continent will be called Qi Province.”

“Even though Qin and Qi are merging, because Qin Continent is closer to Zhong Continent and its history and various elements are heavier, the position of Qin Continent will be higher. Didn’t you say you bought a villa earlier? I’m telling you, you’ve struck it rich. The housing prices in some of the core cities in Qin Continent have skyrocketed, some neighborhood’s housing prices have doubled, even tripled. It looks like Zhong Continent is about to intervene soon!”

“In no time, the big companies here in Qi Continent will also move their headquarters to Qin Province.”

“Once the other continents merge in, the position of Qin Province should continue to increase. This plan is clearly centered around Qin Continent.”

Lin Yuan was of course thrilled.

He didn’t expect the villa he bought to increase in price so quickly.

However, Lin Yuan quickly realized that he probably won’t sell the villa, so whether the price rises or not didn’t make much of a difference to him.

Therefore.

What made Lin Yuan even happier, was that the system had finally completed its update and upgrade!

Without mincing words.

That same night, Lin Yuan mysteriously summoned the just updated system, feeling a bit expectant: “Can it make bombs now?”

System:

Lin Yuan pressed: “What about Optimus Prime?”

System: “...imagine something from the Yang Realm.”

Lin Yuan could not help but feel a bit disappointed: “Then what did you update?”

System: "Film and television functions are fully activated. The host can receive treasure chests containing movie scripts. Additionally, the system also provides educational classrooms for directing and screenwriting, and other fields, along with some special props and mission templates."

"Props?"

Lin Yuan was most interested in this.

System said: "The host can purchase various props in the system shopping mall, would you like to check?"

"Check."

Upon Lin Yuan's command, he saw all sorts of dazzling props in the system. For example, a prop named "Star Fragment". The effect of this fragment allows a person to briefly possess the performance ability of a famous Earth comedian.

There was also a "Search Fragment", with a effect similar to the prior one.

And then something named "Distance Fragment". The instructions said that this prop can let a person temporarily possess the onsite commanding ability of a certain great director.

These props were magical.

It's just that they weren't cheap.

And after Lin Yuan had browsed the props for awhile, the System suddenly notified:
"Congratulations to the host for receiving the System Upgrade Gift. This is a Silver Treasure Chest, it contains a script. The host needs to accept the mission to get this script."

"What mission?"

System answered: "The host needs to take on the role of a screenwriter and shoot the script into a movie. There is no budget limit."

“Accepted.”

Lin Yuan decisively said. He planned to discuss with Starlight later on to see if they would take his script: “What genre is this script?”

System: “Random.”

Very in line with System’s usual style.

Lin Yuan asked: “Where’s the treasure chest then?”

System: “The treasure chest will be issued after the host returns to Qin Province.”

The system was keeping up with the times, Qin Continent had just changed its name, and the System had immediately updated its terminology.

Lin Yuan did not continue to research, because it was bedtime.

The next day.

Lin Yuan arrived at school.

This was Lin Yuan’s last day at Qi Art, because after today, Qi Art would go on winter holiday just like Qin Art.

Qi Art was quite sentimental.

Each class even specifically held a farewell party.

Mainly to bid the exchange students of the third year farewell.

The class Lin Yuan was in, naturally also held a farewell party.

He did not stand out excessively, honestly attending the farewell party in his class, accepting the leaving gifts given by his classmates, and then expressed his thanks one by one.

Gu Xi also gave Lin Yuan a gift.

She was not an exchange student, so she would still remain in Qi Art the next term.

However, after handing over the gift, Gu Xi did not leave immediately, rather forcing a smile and saying, "Lin Yuan, you can open it and see."

Lin Yuan fulfilled her request.

Upon opening the package, there was still a globe model inside, only the material seemed a bit different this time.

"This is made of candy."

Gu Xi regained her spirits: "It has egg yolk inside."

Chapter 189: Flirting Scholar

"Here, for you."

"What is it?"

"There's egg yolk inside."

After Lin Yuan returned to the Qin Continent, he gave Lin Yao an egg yolk coated with sugar.

Despite the fact that it was a gift he was passing along, it was enough to placate his sister's grievances.

With Lin Yuan's return, Lin Xuan also moved into the newly renovated villa with Lin Yuan and Lin Yao!

The villa supposedly had three floors, but with the basement, it actually had four.

On their first night in the villa, Lin Xuan couldn't hide her excitement – taking pictures and posting them on her social media platform.

Lin Yao was looking for a suitable study room.

She was on vacation now and planned to live here during the next semester, probably related to Lin Yuan's return to Qin Art School.

Lin Yuan didn't feel much of a difference.

He stayed in a bedroom on the third floor, the layout of the room was similar to his previous place, equipped with a computer.

At that moment.

Lin Yuan was sitting in front of the computer, checking on the progress of Blue Star Films.

Blue Star Films benchmark was set by the Qi Continent...

Now known as Qi Province.

In terms of special effects technologies alone, Qi Province's film industry was more formidable than Hollywood on Earth and its special effects effects could fool the naked eye.

Perhaps it was because the technology was overly advanced.

Blue Star Films seemed to rely heavily on special effects technology, resulting in somewhat weaker plots.

But the weak plot is only relatively speaking.

When compared with Earth, Blue Star's film industry was undoubtedly more advanced!

This was similar to how Blue Star completely outclassed Earth in terms of overall music level.

Moreover, the film system of Blue Star was similar to South Korea on Earth-

Screenwriters had tremendous power in the film crew!

The actors dared not throw their weight around in front of the screenwriters.

If an actor was on bad terms with a screenwriter, their character might become marginalized in the storyline, or even written out of the script entirely.

The director could not arbitrarily modify the screenwriter's script.

And it would be greatly disrespectful for actors to modify their lines.

Some investors would even consider investing based on who the screenwriters are, while the top-tier screenwriters could even select their own director and actors.

Anyway, the more Lin Yuan understood the situation, the more he felt this model resembled South Korea's on Earth.

There was an anonymous interview online that was very representative of the situation, which at first might seem like a joke, but actually depicted a real situation:

“A screenwriter friend of mine wrote a script for a period drama. At the time, they were filming while airing the episodes. A third-tier actress who had a good relationship with the director caused much trouble for the rest of the crew. Later, she disobeyed the assistant director and offended my friend. Then my friend told the investors, ‘Either she goes, or I go.’ Unexpectedly, the investors took a bigger loss, and the director couldn't protect her. My friend immediately wrote her character's death in the script the next week, and she suffered numerous hardships: escaping in the

pouring rain, encountering robbers, falling into a mud pit, experiencing physical violence, and in the end, she committed suicide by jumping off a cliff...”

From this, we can tell the elevated status of screenwriters.

However, no matter how high the status of a screenwriter in Blue Star, they could not possibly be the sole focus of a film crew.

More often, it was a dual-core system.

Meaning, both director and screenwriter held equal power.

Top-tier screenwriters certainly had tremendous power, but so did equally capable directors.

Therefore.

Instead of saying that in Blue Star screenwriters held the highest rank, it would be more accurate to say, screenwriters and directors in Blue Star were basically on par with each other.

To delve into who held greater power, it came down to their capabilities and experience.

This was somewhat similar to Hollywood.

There was an old joke that painted a vivid picture:

South Korea was the realm of screenwriters!

Hollywood was led by directors!

The Celestial Dynasty was unique with its “star”-centered system!

Blue Star was not short of stars, but screenwriters and directors stood as equals, leaving stars on the next tier.

Just like the music circle.

The status of songwriters was often higher than singers.

It's just that while singers only had songwriters above them, stars had both directors and screenwriters to answer to.

No wonder the System wanted Lin Yuan to enter the film circle as a screenplay writer.

This position had a very high ceiling.

After getting a rough understanding of the situation, a notification sound from the System finally resonated in Lin Yuan's ears: "The host who returned to the Qin Continent is well-prepared. Now bestowing the Silver Treasure Chest, it contains a randomized script. Would you like to open it?"

Without any hesitation, Lin Yuan responded: "Open."

The new treasure chest opened directly: "Congratulations to the host for receiving the script of 'Flirting Scholar'."

Lin Yuan was stunned for a moment.

Then, Lin Yuan's first reaction was:

The System is again making him play the game of niche creation.

Because 'Flirting Scholar' was a typical nonsensical film!

Worth mentioning is that Blue Star wasn't without nonsensical films, but they were extremely rare.

Because this genre was, indeed, niche!

Yes, it's niche again!

The System seemed to extremely enjoy making Lin Yuan swim against the current market trend. So-called 'random scripts' were only randomly picked on the surface.

But the nonsensical genre being niche in Blue Star was actually quite normal.

In this world, there was no Star Grandpa (Zhou Xingchi) or Jim Carry, who was representative of nonsensical films. Without someone pioneering this area, the market was inevitably limited.

However, after a bit more thought, Lin Yuan felt the situation was not too bad.

Because, no matter how niche nonsensical films were, they couldn't possibly be more niche than the sports competition novels he previously forcefully wrote in the novel world.

As for the real-life figure of Tang Bohu...

Of course, Blue Star didn't have a real-life figure of Tang Bohu.

As times have changed, many people's fates have also changed as a result.

Anyway, according to Lin Yuan's knowledge of Blue Star's history, most scholars and literati from the previous world didn't exist in this one. Only a few top-notch talents like Li Bai were still stubbornly signifying their historical presence.

However, the content of their works were somewhat different.

After all, things like creativity would change with a person's experiences and the different times they lived in.

Lin Yuan just thought...

Whether or not the audience knew who Tang Bohu was, it wouldn't affect their viewing experience.

As for the era it was set in, it could be explained as a fictitious universe.

He didn't even need to make any modifications to the plot.

The original version was undoubtedly a classic.

Considering this film's setting, Lin Yuan didn't think the investment would be too high either.

After all.

When Lin Yuan, a composer, suddenly wanted to make films, even if Starlight reluctantly agreed, they would definitely not allocate too much funding.

This simple judgment ability was something Lin Yuan possessed.

Additionally-

Restoring the charm of 'Flirting Scholar' in a world without Star Grandpa was practically an impossible task.

Why were Star Grandpa's nonsensical films so popular?

It wasn't because the nonsensical genre was so popular – the genre had its limitations. The key was actually Star Grandpa himself – he brought nonsensical acting to an unparalleled level!

Put another way.

If Star Grandpa's blockbuster films were not acted by him, both the classicness and watchability would be greatly reduced!

Perhaps due to these reasons, the System arranged for some auxiliary props.

With these props, Lin Yuan could try shooting 'Flirting Scholar'.

Chapter 190: This Script is Definitely Hot

On the second day of returning to Qin Province, Lin Yuan officially started work.

By now, the company's departmental transformation was largely complete. As soon as Lin Yuan arrived at the company, he was given a new badge, signifying his role not only as one of the key players in Starlight's music department, but also as the representative of the 9th-floor music department!

And today, Lin Yuan was set to meet his music department staff for the first time...

The elevator stopped at the ninth floor.

Upon entering the music department, Lin Yuan was met with a sea of unfamiliar faces.

Clearly, in the reshuffling process, some composers who had previously been working on other floors were transferred to the ninth floor where Lin Yuan was now located.

Moreover, Lin Yuan also spotted a few familiar colleagues in the crowd, who had also been assigned to his department.

Among them, Lin Yuan even noticed Xue Liang, the apprentice he had taken under his wing in Qi Province. However, it was hardly surprising that Xue Liang was allocated under Lin Yuan as it was well known that they had a special relationship, which made it obvious to HR where to place him.

"Lin Yuan."

01' Zhou appeared.

Lin Yuan turned around and greeted him.

Chuckling, 01' Zhou said, "You might still be unfamiliar with some things, so I arranged an assistant manager for you..."

01' Zhou was perfectly aware.

With Lin Yuan's personality mirroring that of the composers in the company, expecting him and them to act responsibly was far from reality. They couldn't even be counted on to show up on time, which is why assistant managers had been appointed across departments.

"Mr. Lin, hello, I'll be your assistant manager from now on!"

Behind Lin Yuan, a somewhat familiar voice rang out. When Lin Yuan turned around, he found his assistant manager was an old acquaintance—

Wu Yong!

Wu Yong's smile was particularly fervent, primarily because he felt that his promotion was too incredulous!

In terms of composing skills, he was far from being top-tier!

So why did 01' Zhou let him manage Lin Yuan?

Because he Wu Yong, was the coworker Lin Yuan was most familiar with!

Therefore, Wu Yong understood that his position as an assistant manager was less of an appointment by 01' Zhou, and more of a gift from Lin Yuan!

For the first time, Wu Yong felt that his life also had the fortune of hitting a jackpot!

Lin Yuan was his jackpot ticket.

So, no matter which angle you look at it from, Wu Yong would try his utmost to help Lin Yuan manage the department in the future!

It was also a consideration on the part of 01' Zhou.

01' Zhou knew that Wu Yong was smart.

And smart people should understand who their benefactor is.

Most managers in other departments had ascended in an orderly fashion, only Wu Yong had risen meteorically.

Under such circumstances, Wu Yong would do anything to please Lin Yuan.

Because Lin Yuan's attitude determined whether or not Wu Yong, who was promoted because of his relationship with Lin Yuan, could continue in the position of assistant manager!

"Brother Yong."

Lin Yuan nodded at Wu Yong.

The way he addressed him hadn't changed, Lin Yuan had always addressed him this way.

While Wu Yong found it bearable under normal circumstances, he felt somewhat embarrassed accepting the informal address today. However, after some hesitation, he chose not to correct Lin Yuan.

He knew some things about Lin Yuan and understood that Lin Yuan wouldn't care about such minor details.

Without lingering too long in the music department, seeing that 01' Zhou had also arrived, Lin Yuan decided to take the opportunity to discuss the movie with him.

"What did you say?"

Five minutes later, in the office of the music department on the ninth floor, 01' Zhou's expression changed several times, "You want to make a movie?"

"Yes."

Lin Yuan took out the script he had written overnight, “The story is already written...”

01' Zhou was at a loss for words.

This was absurd.

After becoming the representative of the 9th-floor music department, Lin Yuan's first decision wasn't something related to music, but was instead to produce a movie?

Despite 01' Zhou's familiarity with Lin Yuan's unconventional decisionmaking, he still couldn't help but feel a sense of absurdity.

“Well, Lin Yuan...”

01' Zhou tried to reason with him, “Making movies and composing are entirely different things. I assume you want to contribute to the company's move into the movie industry. But don't worry, movies need soundtracks, so you can just stick to composing songs.”

Lin Yuan clarified, “It won't affect my composing.”

Shaking his head, 01' Zhou argued, “It's not a question of whether it will affect your composing or not. I acknowledge your creative talent, but this idea of yours is too sudden. Even if I wanted to agree, why would the company set up a film crew for you? Our film department is still in its initial stage. If you have this burning desire to make a movie, I can promise you that once the company's film business is on track, you'll get your chance!”

01' Zhou felt like he was trying to persuade a stubborn child.

With his sudden declaration, it felt as if a child had suddenly expressed a desire to play with guns.

How could 01' Zhou not be speechless?

What was even more frustrating was that 01' Zhou was indeed one of the people in charge of the movie department. Lin Yuan had come to the right person, but 01' Zhou really didn't want to be sought out like this.

Lin Yuan suggested, "Look at the script first."

He pushed the script towards 01' Zhou.

01' Zhou sighed, picked up the script, and glanced through it.

After a while, 01' Zhou looked up at Lin Yuan in surprise.

The script was well-written, at least the format was without any issues, making it clear that Lin Yuan wasn't just doing this on a whim.

What shocked 01' Zhou even more was...

Lin Yuan didn't just write a script, he also detailed directions for the settings, camera positions, and actors' performances!

In addition to this,

Lin Yuan had also drawn some sketches.

If this had happened earlier, 01' Zhou might not have understood them quite as well since he had just recently been introduced to filmmaking.

But in the past few months, under the company's arrangement, 01' Zhou had crash-coursed some film knowledge, so he knew what Lin Yuan's sketches were.

A storyboard script!

Lin Yuan had not only done the work that a scriptwriter would do, but had also detailed what a director should do in his script!

As for the content,

01' Zhou couldn't figure anything out. It was a story of gifted individuals, but some scenes were so far-fetched it didn't make any sense.

For instance, in Lin Yuan's script, there was actually a part where he wrote that people were used to draw pictures?

Exaggerated.

Very exaggerated.

01' Zhou felt like he couldn't keep up with the thought process of young people. However, he didn't think that this was a clever twist in the plot. Instead, he felt it was somewhat nonsensical.

He pondered and then said, "This is really difficult..."

Lin Yuan frowned.

His phone suddenly rang.

Lin Yuan hung up.

But the person on the other end refused to give up.

Lin Yuan had to take the call.

A passionate voice came from the other side of the phone, "Hello Teacher Admirable Fish, I am the manager from Thunderbolt Entertainment..."

Lin Yuan queried, "Thunderbolt Entertainment?"

Sitting across from Lin Yuan, the face of 01' Zhou turned red, his emotions inexplicably becoming tense as he stared at Lin Yuan intensely.

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Lin Yuan said, "I..."

Unable to hold back any longer, 01' Zhou abruptly rose to his feet, with a somewhat agitated tone he declared, "I took another careful look at this script of yours, Lin Yuan. This script is bound to be hot! Definitely a box-office hit!"

Lin Yuan promptly hung up the phone, he asked expectantly, "So, I can film it?"

Grinning despite his discomfort, 01' Zhou replied, "Such an impressive script deserves to be made into a film!"