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Chapter 221: Cleaning House

The next day.

Chen Zhiyu started officially recording!

Generally, professional singers need to do a lot of “sound check” besides their usual practice and thinking before an official recording.

With everything ready, the official recording for professional singers begins.

There is always one or more than one supervisor for the singer besides the sound engineer.

Everyone’s goal is to identify the shortcomings of the singer’s performance and to grasp the emotions of the song.

This process often takes a day.

Chen Zhiyu was among the quicker batch.

He completed the recording of “Change Myself” in just one morning, and even that under the direct supervision of Lin Yuan—

This shows he was in a good state and performed above standard.

After recording, the remaining tasks were none of Lin Yuan’s concern.

Lin Yuan couldn’t care less...

He only got 30% of the download revenue, who cares about the rest.

Yes, Chen Zhiyu is a top-tier singer, and the company has plans to win him over.

So in Lin Yuan's contract with him, the download revenue share is according to the top-tier standard, in which he as a composer gets 30% of the profit.

When he signed the contract, Lin Yuan already missed Sun Yaohuo.

Senior Yao Huo's professional ability is not worse than Chen Zhiyu, but he gets less money. The price-performance ratio is much better than Chen Zhiyu's.

On the other hand.

After listening to the recorded "Change Myself", Chen Zhiyu's agent Liu Mou was delighted: "This wave, this wave..."

Chen Zhiyu quickly covered his agent's mouth!

This guy, trying to jinx it again!

His agent mumbled for a while before he had a chance to speak, somewhat discontentedly: "Let me finish, actually I was going to say, this wave doesn't feel very secure."

Chen Zhiyu brightened up, he agreed: "Yes, it might not be easy to take the first place this time."

The agent laughed again: "But your condition today was quite good."

Chen Zhiyu warned: "No, no, I've been busy with the company transition lately, I haven't even had time to review."

"Review?"

"Yes, for the part of the refrain, I don't think I did well. But that's really the best I could do. I guess I didn't pass the test this time."

“Test?”

“Yes, releasing a new song for the new season is just like taking a test, pity that I didn’t have time to review. I guessed a few answers, also the time was a bit rushed...”

Liu Mou:

Are these the lines for a study geek?

Reverse psychology is the most lethal?

Meanwhile, in the outside world.

The news that Chen Zhiyu jumped from Dazzling Entertainment to Starlight had already spread.

Recently, there have been countless news about company transfers, but Chen Zhiyu’s move to Starlight has attracted a lot of attention.

Because everyone in the industry knows the reason why Chen Zhiyu has been the Perennial Runner-up is because of Starlight.

Normally, it would be possible for Chen Zhiyu to go anywhere, but going to Starlight was unexpected for many people.

Not to mention the insiders, even the onlookers have started discussing cheerfully:

“What’s this operation?”

“So, if you can’t beat them, join them huh?”

“Is Admirable Fish too strong, so they joined the company where Admirable Fish belongs?”

“Has Chen Zhiyu’s fish phobia deteriorated to its late stage?”

“Damn smart, join Starlight, no more being targeted by Admirable Fish...”

“Chen Zhiyu still holds weight, Dazzling Entertainment has a strong competitor in Starlight!”

“Chen Zhiyu: Teacher Admirable Fish, don’t shoot, we’re on the same side!”

“Chen Zhiyu: Not only can I surrender, but I can also lead the way for Teacher Admirable Fish, look, there’s Dazzling Entertainment, aim and fire!”

“Dazzling Entertainment: Damn.”

“Dazzling: We have a traitor.”

Perhaps the discussions within the industry brought Chen Zhiyu a sudden wave of popularity, and Starlight even capitalized on the momentum and promoted Chen Zhiyu’s new song through all the company’s major channels.

Meanwhile.

Chen Zhiyu also took the first opportunity to promote his new song to his fans on Tribe, “Change yourself to change the world, I’m Chen Zhiyu, my new song ‘Change Myself’ will be released next month, stay tuned!”

Unlike fans of other stars who maintain an idol image.

Most of Chen Zhiyu’s fans like to tease this top-tier singer. Even among Chen Zhiyu’s fans, a significant number subscribe to him because of his Perennial Runner-up label, hence the comments are full of laughter:

“Hahahahaha you can change yourself?”

“The name of this song amusingly hit my funny bone.”

“Dazzling: Is this the way you change yourself?”

“Change myself from being Admirable Fish’s opponent to Admirable Fish’s teammate, this is true change indeed.”

“Your change is already thorough!”

“But one thing will not change. Feeling sorry for you in advance...”

“You might...”

“still end up...”

“coming in second...”

“I bet a spicy stick, Chen Zhiyu will still take second place in the new season!”

“I bet my 82-year-old Coke that Chen Zhiyu will never win the championship!”

Fans and netizens are just joking. Although Chen Zhiyu has come second many times, it’s obviously a probability event.

Chen Zhiyu just had bad luck and ran into Admirable Fish several times, which is why he kept finishing second.

If Admirable Fish wasn’t there, Chen Zhiyu’s song would have come in first in several previous rounds.

Now Admirable Fish will no longer target him, because Admirable Fish is also part of Starlight.

So, this time Chen Zhiyu really has a chance to come in first.

Some people have even counted the list of singers who will release songs next month and found out that including Chen Zhiyu, there are only three top-tier singers who will release songs.

“The competition is neither big nor small.”

“One-third chance of winning the championship?”

“No, no, no, although Chen Zhiyu has been labeled as the Perennial Runner-up for so long, his fame has actually risen due to this label, which can attract a lot of attention to his new song.”

“Yes, people have a rebellious psychology, many people may not be able to resist giving Chen Zhiyu support, helping him to get rid of the title of Perennial Runner-up.”

“Anyway, I will not resist listening to Chen Zhiyu’s new song, let’s give him some support if it’s not bad.”

Netizens’ analysis hit the nail on the head.

Even the insiders agreed with this analysis, but everyone ignored one thing:

Dazzling Entertainment, is not happy.

Chen Zhiyu was one of the top singers under Dazzling Entertainment.

Now that he’s switched to Starlight, and made it known to the whole world, Dazzling has lost face!

But that’s not the point.

The real point is...

Dazzling, like Starlight, has been very absent from the new song charts recently.

The old big three in Qin Continent, how come they can't even get to the top three in the new song chart now?

Unacceptable!

So the day after Starlight announced that Chen Zhiyu would release a new song next month, Dazzling Entertainment announced:

[The King of Singing Fei Yang will release a new song "Brahma Star" next month!]

Dazzling's clever move was originally to grab the first place in the new song chart next month, but the outside world sees a different story:

Chen Zhiyu transferred to Starlight.

Dazzling is sending the King of Singing to clean house!

Chapter 222: King of Singing

The title of "King of Singing" is not self-proclaimed, nor is it given by fans.

Every King of Singing holds a significant status in the music industry, by constantly proving their talent through one classic hit after another, they can gain official recognition and receive the medal of the King of Singing!

In the old Qin Continent.

The selection of the King of Singing was determined through the annual "Music Festival", chosen by over a hundred professionals in the industry.

The same was for old Qi Continent.

Now that the Qin and Qi have merged, the "Music Festival" is naturally co-hosted by both.

However, before the merger, those who could win the King of Singing medal in their respective regions were undoubtedly singers who had great appeal in the music industry and were worthy of the title of King of Singing—

If it were to be compared with Earth.

The difficulty for a Blue Star singer to win the King of Singing would be equivalent to the difficulty for an actor to win the Best Actor award at the Earth's Oscars.

Chen Zhiyu is pretty famous.

After all, he is a top-tier singer, with a humorous tag attached to him, his persona is rather exceptional, and he even gained fame outside the industry.

But in front of the King of Singing, his achievements appeared quite insignificant.

For this reason.

A few seconds after the audience was stunned, they burst into laughter!

Because everyone realized.

There were already formidable competitors in the top-tier, and now with the addition of the King of Singing, Fei Yang, the chance for Chen Zhiyu to win first place next season had dropped to almost zero!

“Chen Zhiyu seems to have made enemies with his old company.”

“How big of a grudge can it be? They even sent the King of Singing to clear their house...”

“Will Chen Zhiyu come second again?”

“How can he tear off the label of the perennial runner-up?”

“Alright, the same old recipe, same old taste.”

“Chen Zhiyu: Am I not worthy of this first place?”

“I genuinely started to feel sorry for Chen Zhiyu.”

Less than half an hour after the official announcement of Splendid, the comments section under Chen Zhiyu’s Tribe updates was filled with consolation messages.

Meanwhile, inside the Starlight artists’ resting room.

After reading the news, Chen Zhiyu’s hand holding the phone couldn’t help but shake: “I didn’t breach the contract, it ended before I left, why is Splendid so against me? We did break up peacefully...”

“They didn’t target you.”

Liu Mou sighed, “I have asked friends from over there, it’s just bad luck, just like when you kept running into Xian Yu before. You happened to encounter Splendid wanting to rally on the New Song Chart. Not just Splendid, I reckon Sand Sea and Starlight are also brewing to take first place, proving who’s the most influential company in the music industry, the background of the big three in the old Qin Continent is quite daunting.”

Chen Zhiyu’s face was sullen.

Liu Mou reassured, “Let’s strive for second place, continue to get second place, at least we can keep the persona intact. Being the perennial runner-up doesn’t sound good indeed, but it’s what the netizens like to see happening.”

Chen Zhiyu was even more distressed.

The label of the perennial runner-up did bring him a lot of attention, but his dream was to become the King of Singing, not a comedian...

Chen Zhiyu’s career was going well originally.

After getting the label of the perennial runner-up, Chen Zhiyu could clearly feel that he was plunging into the path of comedy, with no return.

Zhao Jue was both amused and annoyed.

She initially planned to lure Chen Zhiyu over, relying on Chen Zhiyu's popular topic of perpetual runner-up, and with the power of Xian Yu's lyrics and composition, they could directly win the champion song of the new season!

She didn't expect that Splendid also had ideas for the champion song of next month...

And Splendid sent out the King of Singing!

Given Zhao Jue's information network, she could naturally learn the reason, and Splendid wasn't intentionally targeting Chen Zhiyu.

If Chen Zhiyu had violated his contract and forcibly moved to Starlight during the contract period, it wouldn't be anything if the old boss suppressed him a bit, everyone had to rely on their own abilities.

But the two sides had parted ways peacefully.

The singer switching to another company after the contract expired was normal in the industry.

If Splendid suppressed Chen Zhiyu over this matter, it would sound quite bad on their part, because this behavior would seem very unsporting.

So Splendid also explained to many people after the official announcement of their news that they wanted to come first.

Running into Chen Zhiyu was just a coincidence.

After all

Helping Chen Zhiyu solidify his perennial runner-up persona might not damage Chen Zhiyu's popularity, rather it could bring him even more attention.

Splendid would not make such a reckless move.

Zhao Jue was willing to believe this explanation.

Perhaps Chen Zhiyu was the only one who felt aggrieved by this.

After all, Zhao Jue didn't find anything wrong with being second, especially when Chen Zhiyu was the subject in question.

Chen Zhiyu would probably already have booked his conversation topic for the top three hot searches at the beginning of next month in the Tribe.

"He's clearly a top-tier singer, yet somehow he's become a comedian without even realizing it."

Zhao Jue wondered.

Chen Zhiyu had both fortune and misfortune.

As for the possibility of Chen Zhiyu securing the championship song...

It's certainly still there.

Many top-tier singers have stumbled when facing novice singers. Chen Zhiyu himself has proven this many times over.

What about the King of Singing?

In the face of top-tier singers, they are also prone to a downfall.

Because top-tier singers are in the reserve team for the King of Singing!

Who dares to say that Chen Zhiyu won't become the King of Singing in the future?

It's just that the probability is very low.

Otherwise, there wouldn't have been so much debate about Chen Zhiyu's previous slip-up with a novice singer.

Lin Yuan's newly composed "Change Myself" is an excellent song indeed, and the company's professionals are also very optimistic about this song.

Some people even predicted before that this song is very likely to win the championship!

Even if the competitors are also top-tier.

However, the problem lies right on Fei Yang, the King of Singing.

The popularity that comes with Fei Yang's new song is already very exaggerated. If the quality of his song isn't bad, then the effect is undoubtedly powerful...

Unless Fei Yang's song is considerably worse than "Change Myself".

But after all, he is the King of Singing, and the bare minimum for his songs will not be too low.

Nevertheless, what one thinks and what says can be two different things.

As the person who dug up Chen Zhiyu, Zhao Jue still showed up beside him, comforting him, "We definitely still stand a chance."

"Really?"

Chen Zhiyu stared intently at Zhao Jue.

Despite his superior music knowledge compared to Zhao Jue's, at this moment, he couldn't help but want to believe in Zhao Jue's judgment.

"Really."

Zhao Jue couldn't bear to burst Chen Zhiyu's bubble: "Fei Yang's current music style greatly differs from his past one, listeners may not necessarily accept his current music style."

This is, in fact, true.

Some singers aren't bad, it's just that occasionally, they like to release some niche music.

The kind that is not appreciated by the general public, but receives high critical acclaim.

Such songs are disadvantaged on the song rankings.

Even if the King of Singing performs it, it doesn't change the niche nature of the song.

"Right!"

Chen Zhiyu gritted his teeth: "Maybe, his new song is experimental music."

Experimental music, is mostly non-mainstream.

If so, there's still hope for Chen Zhiyu.

Zhao Jue remained silent.

Although in her heart, she knew that Fei Yang most likely did not release experimental music this time, as Splendid wanted to win the championship...

To win the season's first place, Splendid would definitely let Fei Yang release a mainstream song instead of allowing the King of Singing to be capricious.

But Chen Zhiyu firmly believed this, as if grasping at a life-saving straw.

To be precise, Chen Zhiyu had no choice but to pin his hopes here.

Otherwise, he couldn't figure out how he would secure next month's championship song.

What a pity...

Self-hypnotizing is useless.

At the dawn after the end of April and the beginning of May.

When Chen Zhiyu first heard Fei Yang's new song, his last defense quickly collapsed.

This is a...

A full-fledged, pop music song whose quality is absolutely not inferior to "Change Myself"!

Chapter 223: Change the World, Change Yourself

The song by Fei Yang is called "Brahma Star".

The title is somewhat puzzling, but the content is indeed mainstream, and the quality of the song is definitely excellent.

The catchy melody, interspersed with several groups of stunning chords, and the chorus part has a very distinct memory point...

At fifteen minutes after midnight on the first day of May, Chen Zhiyu was desperate.

Just in terms of quality, "Brahma Star" is undeniably good.

The level presented in the composition, coupled with the performance of the King of Singing, makes every aspect of this song no weaker than “Change Yourself”!

Precisely speaking, it's neck and neck.

Yes, Chen Zhiyu feels that his song and Fei Yang's “Brahma Star” are of equal quality.

But-

Chen Zhiyu's popularity can't compare with Fei Yang's!

Singers climbing the charts not only depend on the quality of the song, but also the singer's fame!

If the quality of “Change Yourself” crushes Fei Yang, Chen Zhiyu's popularity may not match the King of Singing, but he may have a chance to turn the tables.

But if the quality of the two songs is similar, then the singer with higher popularity will certainly win!

Before, Chen Zhiyu lost due to luck.

This time, Chen Zhiyu feels that he will lose because of popularity.

It's like two equally superior films...

Not considering promotion and other factors.

The one featuring a movie superstar will have higher box office sales than the one without!

And it's not just a small margin!

Liu Mou appeared at Chen Zhiyu's residence and asked in a low voice, “What do you think?”

Chen Zhiyu looked up at Liu Mou and said with a bitter smile, “The quality is similar, the popularity is too different.”

What about the others?”

Liu Mou was asking about the quality of the works of the other two first-line singers.

After listening to them once, I’m probably second.

Chen Zhiyu had developed a wealth of judgment experience, and his predictions could accurately predict the future.

Unfortunately, predicting the future does not mean you can change it.

At this moment.

Chen Zhiyu’s “Change Yourself” was also released. The comment section of the song received overwhelming praise. Some people even discovered with surprise that the lyrics and music of this song were actually by Xian Yu!

Wait a minute, the lyrics and music are... Xian Yu?

Wow, it’s a song composed by Xian Yu. No wonder the new song by Chen Zhiyu sounds better than his previous ones!”

Great!

Have you listened to Fei Yang’s song?”

Fei Yang’s song is also impeccable. King Fei is performing as usual.

Perennial Runner-up confirmed?

It's been confirmed long ago. Championship is like a running stream, and runner-up is like an iron strike!"

Sand Sea Entertainment.

The chat group of the company which had been dead due to Chen Zhiyu's breakout with the Perennial Runner-up setup, was awakened after a long time today—

Have you heard it yet?

You mean the song 'Chen Zhiyu is Second'?

Hahaha, God, 'Chen Zhiyu is Second'.

Oh, these people are still alive. Is Chen Zhiyu your wake-up switch...

So, I'm not the only one who haven't sleep! Hahaha I'm laugh my ass off. Chen Zhiyu is not only participating in Starlight, but also collaborating with Xian Yu!"

It should be a sure win, but it hit King Fei!

Xian Yu: Can't take it.

Xian Yu: Sorry, I can't carry this time.

Poor Chen Zhiyu, Xian Yu's song quality is very awesome. It is normal play and doesn't lose to King Fei's works at all. But Chen Zhiyu lacks popularity, King Fei's popularity is too overwhelming."

A rare tie in quality, and gets crushed by popularity.

Chen Zhiyu: What do you mean? On my side, you attack fiercely, punch hard, and hang me to hit! When you are my teammate, you can't make it as a fish?"

The composers of Sand Sea were happy. This was a splendid victory; both Chen Zhiyu and Xian Yu were defeated!

Although some people's words are a bit rough, it's true. Xian Yu made a move, but still couldn't wash away Chen Zhiyu's second-place label.

Unshakeable second place, Chen Zhiyu, steady as a dog!

At the same time, late at night, several music reviewers in Qin Qi listened to the new season's potential hit songs in real time.

Zhang Qi is a music critic.

In addition to the commonplace title of music critic, Zhang Qi also holds the position of deputy chairman of the Qin Province Music Association.

The latter identity is worth much more than the former, which also makes his role as a music critic more significant.

At this moment.

Zhang Qi just finished listening to "Brahma Star", and a satisfied expression appeared on his face: "As expected, the King of Singing who I voted for, Fei Yang's songs are as strong as ever... It seems that this championship song cannot be lost, this round is a win for Qin Province!"

The merger of Qin and Qi Provinces.

The current new song chart has a higher value than before, because the current new song chart is not only contended by singers and composers from Qin Province.

It also includes those from Qi Province.

The music creators from both regions competing together for this ranking has resulted in a qualitative improvement in the quality of the rankings!

As a local, Zhang Qi naturally hopes that the singer from Qin Province can take the first place.

Although the previous singer from Qi Province took first place, even though the composer was from Qin Province, Zhang Qi always felt a little uncomfortable.

People inevitably have a bit of regional consciousness.

Even if Qin and Qi have merged, many people still have this regional consciousness in their hearts.

Let's listen to other songs.

Zhang Qi glanced at the new song list, finally clicked on Chen Zhiyu's song, with a faint smile on the corner of his mouth: "Perennial Runner-up..."

Chen Zhiyu's reputation as the Perennial Runner-up is well known within the industry.

Although Zhang Qi, a forty-something man, doesn't like to play with catchphrases like young people, he can't help but find this interesting.

The song is called 'Change Yourself, the lyrics and music are...

Zhang Qi suddenly raised his eyebrows.

Xian Yu!

Surprisingly, this song was actually written for Chen Zhiyu by Xian Yu.

Xian Yu...

This is one of the composers who Zhang Qi believes could become one of the future Maestros!

Zhang Qi's anticipation was suddenly boosted.

Click play.

Chen Zhiyu's signature voice that is slightly relaxed and magnetic comes to the ear:

Woke up this morning, looked at myself in the mirror, and suddenly found that my hairstyle was a bit KUSO when I woke up..."

Zhang Qi laughed.

The style of the song was interesting and relaxing to listen to.

The word "kuso" seems to be a dialect from some part of the world?

The song continues to sing: "A little change makes a big difference, our power can also change the world..."

Zhang Qi nodded in agreement.

He really liked this song.

Even before he had heard the full chorus, he already had a general judgment. The singer and the instrument blend well together, and the arrangement added scores to it.

Right, Xian Yu did the arrangement too...

While being emotional inwardly, the song kept playing:

“I’ve been quite upset recently, I’ve been very emotional, watching the news every day makes me want to scream, but swearing doesn’t work, everyone would find it repulsive, I’ve changed myself and found a big difference...”

Is this about personal emotions?

Zhang Qi mused.

The more people enjoy discussing the “Perennial Runner-Up,” probably the more upset Chen Zhiyu is.

The lyrics played that out perfectly.

From this perspective, this song by Xian Yu could be considered tailor-made for Chen Zhiyu.

At this point in the song, it was transitioning:

New friends of this generation, let’s work hard together, everyone say together la la la la la...”

The main chorus came smoothly.

I can change the world, change myself, change the differences, change the stinginess. Perseverance should never be given up, only then can we change the world and change ourselves!”

Zhang Qi’s smile fully blossomed!

A good composition, combined with a good performance, makes a great song!

He liked this song!

Although he was getting old, Zhang Qi had always kept a youthful state of mind. This relaxed and pleasing song is undoubtedly very much in line with Zhang Qi’s aesthetics!

At this moment.

The second section of the main chorus started.

Zhang Qi listened to it with a smile, as if basking in the spring breeze, it brought him a sense of sun shining on his face.

A little change makes a big difference, our enthusiasm can also change the world, I can only represent myself, I don't take a political stand, even if the world makes me feel very anxious..."

Zhang Qi's smile suddenly froze for a moment.

His muscles, which had been relaxed, suddenly tightened a little.

"Wait..."

He suddenly realized something, his eyes were a little shocked!

Of course, the song wouldn't stop because he said "wait," it continued until the end.

And at this moment.

Zhang Qi couldn't help but get up from the seat.

He quickly pulled out his phone, clicked on an old friend's profile, and rapidly sent a message: "I recommend you listen to 'Changing Myself.'"

The other party asked: "New song?"

Zhang Qi typed seriously: "It's not just a new song, let's talk after you listen to

it.”

The other party responded: “Okay.

it

Zhang Qi took a deep breath, put on the headphones next to him, and played “Changing Myself” again.

Listening to this song again with different feelings and thoughts, Zhang Qi’s feelings were completely different!

“Indeed...”

He mused to himself.

At this moment, his phone suddenly started to vibrate continuously.

Zhang Qi picked up his phone and saw it was his old friend calling him.

With a complex smile, he answered: “Listened to it?

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The other party was adamant: “I want this song!”

Zhang Qi didn’t seem surprised: “Pretty good, isn’t it?

The other party was somewhat excited: “The lyrics and melody are top-notch, but most importantly, this song reveals the current situation of Qin and Qi...”

Exactly, this song reflects the current situation in Qin and Qi!

Ever since the fusion of Qin and Qi, the lives of the people in both regions have changed dramatically.

Overall, it was for the better.

But, there were also some drawbacks.

Regional ideas and cultural separations still exist to a certain extent!

And what is “Changing Myself” singing about?

Zhang Qi mused: “I initially thought that this song was literally about wanting to change yourself. But then, when I listened to the rest, I realized I underestimated the song. It’s not as simple as wanting to change oneself. The song has profound symbolism, both the lyrics and the melody have hidden meanings and they hit the nail on the head! For example, when it says every day I watch the news, and I want to scream out loud... I didn’t really think much of it at first, but after pondering, isn’t it referring to the news of the Qin and Qi fusion?”

The other party expressed a similar view: “Changing oneself made a big difference, the new friends of the generation should really work hard, after the integration of Qin and Qi, we are indeed in a new era... Changing the differences and changing the stinginess... I felt a bit guilty listening to this part. We are all Blue Star people, but we still distinguish between Qin and Qi, deep within, right after the fusion... We’re all fundamentally not united enough. People from both sides still have this barrier, and the authorities of both sides are indeed stingy, the cultural wall is the stingiest defensive strategy...”

Aren’t I the same?”

Zhang Qi gave a bitter smile: “I don’t take a political stand, even if the world makes me feel very anxious, I need to adjust myself... Is this ‘myself literally the singer himself? It is about us, about everyone from both sides...”

The song speaks for the self, but it’s not about oneself whatsoever.

The old friend's voice also grew emotional: "Everyone thought that with the fusion of Qin and Qi, everything will be fine, but who is willing to admit the existence of some contradictions between the two sides? I can clearly hear the sarcasm in this song, the lyrics and the melody are bold, but I love it."

How so?"

I will promote this song.

You handle the official matters, and I will handle the reviews. Such a song should not be considered as just another pop song. The lyrics and melody have clearly expressed their intentions, we should not turn a deaf ear to this."

Indeed, it should be so.

After hanging up the phone.

Zhang Qi opened a document on his computer and couldn't help but excitedly type out this sentence: "Who needs to change, the world, or us as individuals? After the massive fusion of the Blue Star, what should everyone do? Listen to this song, and maybe you will understand..."

Chapter 224: Good luck to a new generation of friends

Publicity needs to be prepared.

Music reviews require auditing.

As noon approaches, the new song chart for May takes shape.

King Fei predictably captures the championship throne.

As if by fate, Chen Zhiyu is slotted into second place.

The third and fourth places are both occupied by top-tier singers, but there is a notable gap from them to Chen Zhiyu in second place...

King Fei is in the first tier.

Chen Zhiyu is in the second tier.

The rest are in the third tier.

In other words, if not for the sudden rise of King Fei, Chen Zhiyu could have unquestionably taken first place.

Because he indeed defeated the other two top-tier singers on the chart. However...

The reason why Chen Zhiyu took second place is not the focus of the public's attention; only those in the industry would care about such things.

The only thing the public knows is that Chen Zhiyu came in second again! As expected.

As soon as the rankings were released, the topic "Chen Zhiyu, the Perennial Runner-up" quickly rose on the Tribe's trending list!

Its popularity was skyrocketing!

It broke into the top ten in the blink of an eye and continued to advance towards the top three!

Even those who were originally indifferent to this joke could not help but remain speechless this time...

"Second place again?"

"I remember Chen Zhiyu lost to Zhao Ying Ge before... then he lost to Sun Yaohuo... and then he lost to Xia Fan... So he technically came in second three consecutive times!"

"In simpler terms, he lost three times to Xian Yu. Each of those songs was written by Xian Yu."

“An old saying goes that things shouldn’t happen thrice. There is indeed no problem, things didn’t happen thrice, but Chen Zhiyu didn’t lose to Xian Yu again... this time he lost to the King of Singing, Fei Yang...”

The funniest thing is, this time, Chen Zhiyu’s song was written by Xian Yu...” “What kind of luck is this? Too mystical!”

“I burst into laughter when I heard the news!”

“The Runner-up: If only getting first place in the season was as easy as getting first place in trending.”

“Wow, is the Runner-up really the first in trending?”

“Feel sorry for Chen Zhiyu, Chen Zhiyu, keep it up, protect the world’s best Runner-up!”

“Hangin there, Runner-up!”

Perhaps because Chen Zhiyu’s perennial runner-up status has deeply resonated with people, many netizens have directly nicknamed Chen Zhiyu “Runner-up Brother”.

The “Runner-up” in Perennial Runner-up.

As for trending, Chen Zhiyu did indeed reach number one. At this time, even the trending ranking for Fei Yang’s new song only made it to thirteenth.

Not to mention the people in Qin Province.

Even netizens from Qi Province couldn’t help but laugh when they learned about Chen Zhiyu’s record.

“Perennial Runner-up?”

“Has he been cursed?”

“No wonder everyone calls him Runner-up Brother.”

In the dark, there is a will for number two!”

“The song title ‘Change Myself is so fitting for the situation!”

Just like how a celebrity from a neighboring star can never make headlines, some news is just amusing in a mysteriously funny way.

Add to this some bloggers intentionally stirring the pot for traffic, it’s natural that many people are irresistibly attracted to this Perennial Runner-up joke.

The number of followers on Chen Zhiyu’s Tribe profile is swelling at an astonishing rate.

However...

Just as everyone was enjoying the joke, eminent music critic Zhang Qi suddenly published a music review:

[Did you truly understand Chen Zhiyu’s ‘Change Myself’?]

Who is Zhang Qi?

The vice-president of the Qin Continent Music Association!

A top music connoisseur in the Qin Continent music scene!

Without boasting of his high reputation, he is at least considered a recognized industry mogul!

His article naturally drew the attention of countless people as soon as it was published.

However, everyone was puzzled.

What did the title of this article mean?

Did I not understand the song “Change Myself”?

With this curiosity in mind, many people clicked into Zhang Qi’s music review.

“The Perennial Runner-up sings about his determination to change himself in his new song, yet he has once again taken second place. Chen Zhiyu has become a joke to everyone.

I’m not here to criticize anything.

As artists, we must be mentally prepared to entertain the public.

Whether in their private lives or their work, such incidents will inevitably result in the public making jokes and teasing.

But we must not let these jokes cause us to overlook the song itself. Is “Change Myself” truly just a singer’s monologue?

Or, as I asked in my title, do you truly believe that you understood the song “Change Myself”?

I believe that the vast majority of those who blindly follow the trend and make jokes have not fully understood, otherwise, they wouldn’t laugh so naturally.

So who is this ‘myself that needs to change?

Is it Chen Zhiyu, who joined Starlight, or the Perennial Runner-up who collaborated with Xian Yu?

It is, and it isn’t!

This ‘myself is all of us!

The meaning of the song is actually hidden in every line of the lyrics!

The so-called change in the world signifies the future that we/us are facing in the grand integration of Blue Star; The so-called change in oneself hopes that everyone will adapt to this new world and take charge; The so-called change in barrier is the songwriter's strong criticism of the cultural walls that still exist in the yet-to-be-unified continents; The so-called change in small- mindedness signifies our inherent territorial mindset...

Xian Yu is truly talented!

Chen Zhiyu is full of love!

This song uses a casual singing style to inspire our actions and attitudes in the face of progress, yet its lyrics do not have the usual preachy tone of officialdom. "Change Myself" highlights our existing uncertainties, and provides a clearer direction for everyone. Those who truly can change the world are you who can continuously change yourself!"

II II

Many were stunned after reading this lengthy review!

To the vast majority, "Change Myself" was seen as a very pleasant, yet ordinary pop song.

Who would have thought that behind its seemingly simple lyrics and melody, there would encompass such profound connotations!

The netizens were dumbfounded!

Following Zhang Qi, other music critics spoke out, their critiques almost identical to Zhang Qi's:

"We can't just look at the surface of the lyrics of this song; the underlying implications are profound!"

"Xian Yu's 'Change Myself' uses the 'self to reflect on the changes in an era!"

“Stop calling Chen Zhiyu the perpetual runner-up; he should not be second, his singing is a declaration of love for the world!”

“Is it too shallow to judge ‘Change Myself as a pop song?’”

II II

Netizens are both blind and awake.

But no matter what kind of person they are, they can use their own thinking to consider the rationality of these music evaluations.

Many people, after reading the review, immediately replayed “Change Myself”.

Perhaps it was a psychological effect.

With the lyrics of “Change Myself” reflected beside it, they suddenly discovered, after listening to the song again, that what the music critics said was right!

These lyrics may appear simple at first glance, but they are indeed alluding to something, there’s a deeper level of interpretation!

“Oh my gosh!”

“I have learned a lot.”

“This song is awesome!”

“ZhangQi’s interpretation is almost divine!”

I admit that I didn’t understand this song for the first time. Thanks to the music critics’ reminder online, I have downloaded this song. The review made me like this song...”

“Xian Yu’s talents are fully exhibited in this song!”

“In the era of Qin-Qi merger, ‘Change Myself is the most on-point song. I was shallow before.”

I never thought this way before... Now following the thinking of the music critic, my goodness, this song is simply mind-blowing!”

Wow!

The netizens in Qin and Qi provinces were totally blown away by the implied meaning of this song!

At this point, the official promotion account of Zhong Continent, with the avatar of a “Blue Star”, forwarded this mind-boggling song “Change Myself”, and attached a quote and lyrics:

We change with the times, and the times also change because of us. Friends of the new generation, let’s work hard together!”

Chapter 225: Xian Yu’s Sincere Hardship

Homeland!

This signifies “Blue Star as the common home for mankind”.

This is the main official account in the Zhong Continent.

No matter how high the cultural walls of each continent are, they dare not block this account.

And today.

This account unexpectedly reposted “Change Myself”, clearly affirming the content of this song!

If “Change Myself” was only popular music, no matter how high its downloads, the Homeland account would not repost it, but this song is not that simple—

So the official media personally endorsed it!

This is an indication that has a more guiding significance than the articles of music critics!

With the official media's recommendation, regardless of whether "Change Myself" is over-interpreted by music critics, it can only be the content interpreted by Zhang Qi.

It is and it is not!

Because the official media have the purpose of political propaganda, they need this song to set the tone for the Qin Qi merger, and even the future big merger of the Blue Star!

Spreading this idea in the form of pop music is undoubtedly close to the public and easy for people to accept.

At this moment!

The main page advertisements of all the major music player platforms suddenly made an emergency adjustment.

In a moment, all the player platform homepages highly recommended songs were all replaced with "Change Myself" sung by Chen Zhiyu!

Not only that.

In both Qin and Qi, many official departments also issued the tasks from above.

The task content is that everyone must download "Change Myself" and familiarize themselves with this song!

Of course, the task itself is non-compulsory.

But any person with a little intelligence would know what political correctness means...

The Blue Star big merger is unstoppable!

If you resist this song, what do you mean?

Like the treatment of mainstream films, the current “Change Myself” is the mainstream song!

It’s not just a pop song anymore!

In fact, everyone indeed doesn’t resist this form of mainstream tunes, because a lot of people originally liked the song “Change Myself”.

The catchy melody is very brainwashing.

The relaxed and happy performance is very simple.

The clear and striking rhythm is also very catchy.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh!

Whether it’s music reviews or the official blog of Homeland, they were all instantly reposted by countless people to their own tribes, blogs, and friend circles, and so on.

As if riding a rocket!

On the new song chart, the downloads of “Change Myself” suddenly soared!

In almost the blink of an eye, it broke through the million mark!

After the merger of Qin Qi, the song’s download limit has been raised countless times, not to mention the endorsement of the mainstream...

The current download volume of Fei Yang’s “Brahma Star” is 930,000.

With the Qin Qi merger, and the King of Singing's involvement, the first day download volume of this song has shocked many people, after all, today is not over yet.

But-

Before King Fei's championship throne could get warm, he got to experience the treatment Chen Zhiyu received previously, being pushed directly to second place!

As for "Change Myself", one million is not the limit!

It's still rising, still rising, and still rising!

Not until the download volume settled at 5.6 million, did its data finally seem to slow down a bit.

At this moment, no one can predict how many downloads "Change Myself" will finally have.

Many professionals in the industry, along with thousands of ordinary listeners, are stunned at this moment.

"Ah this..."

"Homeland is endorsing it?"

"With the official media setting the tune, this song will probably be selected for textbook promotion in the future ..."

"Isn't that exaggerating?"

"Not at all. With Zhang Qi's endorsement and the official tune setting, 'Change Myself' is no longer an ordinary pop song. I think Zhang Qi's interpretation is not incorrect, the implication in the song is really profound!"

"The music reviews scared me."

“From a musical perspective, ‘Change Myself’ is excellent but not top-notch.

But in terms of the significance of the song, it’s remarkable.”

“Times create heroes, Chen Zhiyu caught the times...”

“I heard that Xian Yu is called ‘Maestro Junior’ in Starlight, today I have to admit, he is indeed a Maestro Junior.”

“Fei Yang messed up, but it’s not King Fei’s fault, this song by Admirable Fish is too extraordinary!”

“No way, Admirable Fish has overthrown the King of Singing with just a single thread?”

“Admirable Fish dares to take on the big names with a rookie singer, this time taking on the King of Singing with just a thread, it seems he can only challenge the King of Singing, no problem with that.”

“But the thing is, he led Chen Zhiyu to overthrow Fei Yang!”

Seemed like too much happened at this point.

But in reality, all of these happened in a very short time.

This time was so short that...

When Chen Zhiyu came to his senses, this Perennial Runner-up had ascended to the championship throne of the season with “Change Myself”!

Just like the others.

Chen Zhiyu himself, was also stunned.

Even throughout his singing career, this was the most dramatic rise and fall!

“I... am the first?”

He grabbed his agent Liu Mou’s arm, pinching so hard that Liu Mou’s face twisted:

“Ouch!”

Chen Zhiyu muttered, “It hurts, which means I’m not dreaming!”

Liu Mou barked angrily, “Then why don’t you pinch yourself!”

Chen Zhiyu ignored his agent, let go of his hand and took out his mobile phone to snap an image of the new song chart. His shutter-clicking finger slightly trembling.

“Hehehe!”

Liu Mou no longer cared about Chen Zhiyu pinching him: “Not only are you the first on the new song chart, you have also taken up the top two spots on the trending list!”

“Why the top two?”

“Go check it out for yourself on Tribe, right now the top trend is #PerennialRunnerUpChenZhiyu#, but the second trend is #ChenZhiyuIsFirst#, you are probably the first one to have created two different trending topics! You have slapped the face of the first trend within a day!”

Chen Zhiyu burst into laughter, roaring loudly: “I, Chen Zhiyu, am the first!”

“Yes, the first! You are the first! Unexpectedly, it would turn out like this, you were actually singing with such deep feelings!”

Liu Mou was ecstatic.

He had seen the online reviews.

All over the place were analyses of “Change Myself”, saying this song expressed the creators’ views of the era under the guise of a pop song, some even said that Chen Zhiyu’s cheerful singing conveyed his yearning for the new era....

“What deep feelings?” Chen Zhiyu was taken aback.

Liu Mou was in a hurry: “You were indeed deeply moved, you must have known from the start that this song was expressing the creator’s shouting at the era! You understood the underlying meaning of Teacher Admirable Fish’s song beforehand! So, you were singing with this emotion for the era!”

Chen Zhiyu wasn’t stupid.

He got it in a heartbeat: “Right, that’s exactly what I thought! When I first got the song, I knew, I had to get this song!”

This was true.

Chen Zhiyu said with conviction: “Because this song is so excellent, it represents the era, it represents an attitude, I am trying to align with Teacher Admirable Fish’s expression in the song!”

This wasn’t true.

In reality, Chen Zhiyu was expressing himself.

Change yourself, stop being the runner-up, it has nothing to do with the era.

If it weren’t for Zhang Qi’s excellent essay, he wouldn’t have known how incredible this song was...

“Do you think that is what Teacher Admirable Fish really meant?” Chen Zhiyu suddenly lowered his voice.

“Of course!”

Liu Mou’s expression instantly turned serious: “You dare to question Teacher Admirable Fish, have you forgotten that joke by Teacher Admirable Fish?”

“What?”

“Teacher Admirable Fish said, I’m clearly eating clear soup hotpot, why is there a certain numbing feeling? The boss said, the hotpot was leaking electricity!”

“So?”

Chen Zhiyu was clueless.

This joke, was so awkwardly cold that he had to fake a laugh.

“Don’t you get it, Zhiyu? This is not exactly a bad joke, I also just realized it recently. That day, Teacher Admirable Fish was trying to convey through the hot pot that the song ‘Change Myself’ looks like a pop song, but if you listen closely, you’ll realize it’s not just a pop song. Teacher Admirable Fish added some serious stuff in it! This seriousness is where the song’s meaning lies! Just like electricity in a clear soup hotpot...”

Liu Mou was bubbling with excitement!

At this moment, Chen Zhiyu finally got it!

Clear soup hotpot is not just clear soup hotpot, the hot pot is electrified!

Pop song is not just a pop song, Teacher Admirable Fish added a deeper meaning in it!

Seemingly dissonant, but full of deep feelings!

Chapter 226: The King of Singing’s Approval

“Producer, your song was truly extraordinary! Not only did it secure Starlight’s ‘first place’ for the season, but it also showcased your talents to everyone in the Qin Qi territory. I was too foolish, I didn’t even notice that a pop song of yours was filled with so many cultural insights and deep meanings...”

Wu Yong couldn’t stop praising.

Sitting in the producer’s office, Lin Yuan had no idea what song Wu Yong was talking about. Could it be “Change Yourself”? Isn’t that just an ordinary pop song? After all, there’s no shortage of rhythm and blues in this world, why was he making such a fuss?

“Zhang Qi really is everyone’s favorite!”

Wu Yong found Zhang Qi’s music critique and started to read it out loud, his tone full of infectious enthusiasm, seemingly sharing the glory. It was only until then that Lin Yuan understood the meaning of Wu Yong’s words. After slightly hesitating, he asked, “Is Zhang Qi a Chinese language teacher at a school?”

Wu Yong: “???”

Lin Yuan shook his head and said, “People like him must have been the representative for Chinese language class from childhood. They must get full marks on each of their essays. Maybe it was him who made the topic of ‘Life Like A Summer Flower’ for my last exam.”

Wu Yong softly asked, “So what you’re saying is, Zhang Qi’s music critique doesn’t go deep enough? Is there an even deeper meaning behind the song that you can help me understand?”

“It’s fine.”

Lin Yuan didn’t bother explaining further.

As the saying goes, to a thousand readers, there are a thousand Hamlets. Interpretations are up to the individual. In the same vein, to a thousand listeners, there are a thousand ways to interpret “Change Yourself.” Listen with your own understanding, feel with your heart.

It’s totally acceptable.

Lin Yuan was in a good mood because “Change Yourself” had blown up in downloads. It was the first time one of his songs had been downloaded several million times on the first day of its release, converting into a sizeable sum when broken down into shares!

However, speaking of which...

Collaborating with Chen Zhiyu was indeed a loss. He could have obtained 15% more if it were Senior Yao Huo. In the future, he’d try to avoid collaborating with top-tier singers as they tend to be the tools with the worst costeffectiveness.

At that moment.

It wasn’t just Wu Yong who was utterly in awe of Lin Yuan- the entire Starlight company, including all floors of composers, were greatly discussing the song performed by Chen Zhiyu:

“That’s incredible!”

“Maestro Junior is super powerful!”

“Starlight has been in the limelight this time!”

“I initially thought that we would need Maestro himself to secure a first place but who knew that our little Maestro Junior could take care of it so easily! No wonder the company let Xian Yu do the movies, is it too much for such a gem to want to do a movie?”

“It’s not excessive at all!”

“Just losing some money.”

“Compared to Xian Yu’s importance to the company and his past contributions, even if he wanted to make a movie costing tens of millions, the company would have no choice but to grit its teeth and approve. Treat making movies as an entertainment project for Xian Yu.”

“It was indeed Maestro Junior.”

“Solely based on the ability to write lyrics, I feel Xian Yu is even better than Maestro. Maestro’s songs occasionally need others to write lyrics, but all of Xian Yu’s songs are wholly written by himself and fit the melody perfectly every time.”

Although different departments have competition, Starlight is a big collective. Whenever Xian Yu was in the limelight, it was also a time for the entire company to shine. All the songwriters in the company are quite proud of their company’s position in the industry proven this time!

Zhao Jue never thought it was possible to turn the tide under such circumstances. Even though she was confident after inviting Lin Yuan to write a song, Fei Yang’s appearance entirely disrupted her plan. Who could have known that even Fei Yang wasn’t a match for Xian Yu?

“Haha.”

Zhao Jue’s assistant looked at his mobile phone and laughed, “Ms. Zhao, you wouldn’t know, but now virtually all the top-tier singers in the company are making a fuss, saying they want to invite Xian Yu for songs. Since it’s challenging to get Maestro, this Maestro Junior has become everyone’s target.”

“Don’t pay any mind.”

Zhao Jue sullenly said, “It took Xian Yu a long time to write this new song. He can’t just jump into writing a new one so soon. If anyone wants to ask Xian Yu to write a song for them, they should inform me first. Without my consent, they are not allowed to bother Xian Yu.”

“Alright.”

The assistant nodded.

Zhao Jue continued, “The maestros are of strategic significance, and so is Xian Yu now. Unless he takes the initiative to propose a collaboration with a singer, his skills should be used where they are needed. The process of Blue Star’s integration has just begun, there are plenty of areas that require a composer’s input.”

Speaking of this,

Zhao Jue suddenly laughed, “Dazzling Entertainment must be going blind now. Sending out a superstar didn’t manage to secure the first spot. Although this can’t be blamed on Fei Yang, the task was not completed smoothly. Our old competitor must be quite upset.”

Assistant:

Zhao Jue’s judgment was correct.

Dazzling Entertainment was already dumbfounded. The situation had reversed within a day, giving no reaction time. Not only was the Chief Manager of the company cursing and swearing, even Fei Yang himself was stunned.

“This is not your fault.”

Fei Yang’s manager reassured him.

Fei Yang shook his head with a bitter smile, “I don’t need the decoration of ranking first. Who said that the King of Singing must always come first? I’m just wondering if there’s a chance to cooperate with Xian Yu. He would probably become one of the maestros in the future.”

“It is difficult through normal channels.”

The manager hesitated for a while before saying, “Unless there is an official promotional project for cooperation, considering Xian Yu’s abilities and his performance this time, the higher-ups will notice him. Perhaps we can strive for that opportunity then?”

Fei Yang nodded.

He suddenly said, “Starlight has several old friends, all striving to be the King of Singing. They are probably more eager than me to collaborate with Xian Yu. Besides the maestros, Xian Yu is their best choice.”

“That won’t be easy.”

His manager chuckled, “The honor of the King of Singing is basically monopolized by the existing kings. For a big-name singer to claim the title, the popularity of one or two songs is obviously not enough. Xian Yu couldn’t possibly single-handedly make a new King of Singing.”

There is a music festival held every year.

A new King of Singing is crowned every year.

Logically, with the annual music festival, Blue Star should have plenty of Kings of Singing. However, this isn’t the case. King of Singing isn’t a status, it’s an honor that can repeatedly be given

What happens more often is:

The honor of the King of Singing ends up being taken by a singer who’s already been named King of Singing. That’s why it’s such a prestigious title. Once a singer becomes a King of Singing, he can still compete for it the next year. So, if a singer desires the title, he has to surpass the current Kings of Singing! That’s exceedingly difficult!

It’s as if a decent actor on Earth wants to compete for the best actor award with titans like Tony Leung and Zhou Runfa. The one who previously won an award can win it again next year. To seize the award, a non-award-winning actor must surpass the other nominated actors!

Fei Yang nodded.

Regardless, this time, he would remember Xian Yu very clearly.

He had a hunch that Xian Yu would be a significant character in the music scene!

As a matter of fact...

Xian Yu is already heading in that direction. With his continuous victories in the seasonal chart, the nickname “Maestro Junior” is no longer limited to the internal circulation within Starlight.

Chapter 227: Ghost Blowing Lamp Plus

Endorsed by official media and praised by music critics, the song “Change Yourself” soared in popularity in the following days...

Chen Zhiyu had risen to the top!

He was indeed cemented in the first place!

The joke about him being the Perennial Runner-up was shattered, and it happened in such a way that no one could have anticipated.

Yet, the zany netizens always managed to find new hilarity—

“If you can’t beat them, join them; indeed a wise saying!”

“Chen Zhiyu kept coming in second because he clung to the wrong “giant thigh” (Chinese slang for seeking support from someone powerful)? The biggest difference between Splendid and Starlight is that Starlight has Xian Yu.”

“Let’s admit it, Xian Yu’s “leg” is quite thick (meaning Xian Yu is quite influential)!”

“So, he who gets Xian Yu, gets the world?”

“Doesn’t Xian Yu look like the cheat-code-grandpa from fantasy novels?”

“He’s indeed a humanoid cheat code.”

Chen Zhiyu, a witty guy himself, joined the netizens in playing off the joke, and posted a self-mocking status on his Tribe social media account.

[Raising an Asian Arowana.]

The text underneath the post accompanied a picture of a large fish tank, with an Asian Arowana swimming inside.

Behind the fish tank blurred was a silhouette, Chen Zhiyu himself, seemingly making a scissor hand gesture.

“Fish raising’s on the table.”

“Fearing fish cured?”

“From now on, totally devoted to serving Fish Master (dog head emoji).”

“Fish can bring you good luck.”

“I figure, this fish should be named Champion.”

“You’re quite cheeky.”

“Turns out, this is the correct way to raise fish.”

“What type of fish do you like to eat?”

Chen Zhiyu cheekily replied to that last popular comment: “Fishie is so cute, why would anyone want to eat Fishie?”

No longer burdened with the Perennial Runner-up tag, Chen Zhiyu had completely let himself loose, unabashedly expressing his feelings for Xian Yu.

Netizens laughed their heads off.

He even joined Xian Yu’s Tribe account and liked all his posts.

But to Chen Zhiyu’s chagrin, Xian Yu had yet to follow him back.

Xian Yu was only following two people...

Chu Kuang and Shadow.

After pondering for a moment, Chen Zhiyu's mind steadied again, because Chu Kuang was not following anyone within the circle.

In fact, quite a number of musicians within the circle were following Chu Kuang, especially those who had worked with Xian Yu.

But Xian Yu had not followed any of them in return, including Sun Yaohuo from their last collaboration.

Sun Yaohuo?

Recalling this person, Chen Zhiyu suddenly understood why Sun Yaohuo had had an unusual attitude towards him in their last meeting.

His vigilance heightened.

Xian Yu is a robustly influential figure!

Particularly after tasting the sweetness of victory, Chen Zhiyu was even more eager to continue working with Xian Yu.

However, he should have many competitors, Sun Yaohuo being the best example.

In fact.

While Xian Yu had helped Chen Zhiyu to clinch the top spot for the season, Xian Yu, himself, also garnered significant attention.

This could be seen from the rapid increase in followers on his Tribe account.

Originally at just over ten million followers, the number had now surged to fifteen million!

Originally, a song wouldn't have such great power, even if it won the season's first place.

But due to the special attributes assigned to this song, coupled with layers of publicity, Xian Yu received so much attention.

The increase of Xian Yu's fans is a good thing.

But Lin Yuan hopes that Chu Kuang can gain more fans because this is related to the tasks of the System, and there are two urgent and important tasks at hand:

Task one: Chu Kuang's tribal account needs to gain a hundred million followers.

Task two: Breakthrough of three hundred thousand reputation in painting within a year

Both of these tasks are not easy.

The second task is relatively easier, even though it's handled by Shadow, assistant Luo Wei can help share many responsibilities.

So Lin Yuan's next focus will be to work as much as possible with Chu's identity, after all, he can't find an assistant to write a book.

Anyhow, other than drawing comics recently, there's nothing else going on, so he might as well use the time to write the novel "Ghost Blows the Lamp".

It's worth mentioning that...

The version of "Ghost Blows the Lamp" that the System gave Lin Yuan is of eight volumes.

The first four are The Ancient City of Jingjue, The Lost Caverns, Yunnan Bug Valley, Kunlun God Palace.

The following four are The Weasel Grave, Return to the South Seas, Rage of Hunan West, Witch Gorge Coffin Mountain.

After these eight volumes, the author also wrote some prequels and such, but they were not as influential as these eight volumes, so the System didn't provide them.

Taking into account the continuity of the readers, Lin Yuan plans to publish one volume at a time.

This will improve the update requirements for Lin Yuan, because each volume of "Ghost Blows the Lamp" has about three or four hundred thousand words.

It's unlike the previous publishing frequency, where a post would be about two hundred thousand words or so.

However, this is not a problem.

If he writes fast, he can publish a volume in a month. If he writes slowly, he can publish one every few months. Lin Yuan can entirely work at his own pace, and just notify the publishing house in advance.

Thinking of this...

Lin Yuan began writing the content of the first volume of "Ghost Blows the Lamp".

He definitely needed to make changes to the setting, although the version given by the System had some better adjustments to the plot and writing style, the background had not been changed.

In the original novel, there were the Sent-down youth and the Republican era, the sense of history was extremely rich.

Unlike "Grave Robbers' Chronicles", where it would work with just a modern setting.

Lin Yuan does plan to change the setting, but he doesn't intend to directly use a modern setting either.

Some features of the original work were actually quite interesting, but they wouldn't work if set in modern times.

Fortunately, in order to change the background, he has read many history books of Blue Star, so his historical knowledge is very rich, which allows him to justify his narrative.

The first step is to ensure that the main storyline of “Ghost Blows a Lamp” doesn’t change.

Zhang San Chain, the legendary Goldfinder, is the origin character of the entire novel.

He carried three Goldfinder amulets alone, and combined with the ancient FengShui theory from the tombs to write the “Sixteen-Character Yin-Yang FengShui Secret Technique”, because he revealed the secret of heaven, half of the technique was destroyed by himself.

Zhang San Chain had four apprentices, the oldest was the Flying Mythic Lion, the second was Golden Abacus, the third was Yingyang Eye Sun Guofu, and the youngest was Iron Grinder.

When the four apprentices completed their training, since Sun Guofu was unwilling to do tomb raiding, Zhang San Chain gave the “Sixteen-Character Yin-Yang FengShui Secret Technique” to him, and gave the three Goldfinder amulets to the other three, and left the admonition that for Goldfinders, unity is life and division is death.

Sun Guofu wandered around, and unfortunately ran into a spoiled landlord who was due to a drug addiction relapse, and was digging a grave to get money, who happened to be the grandfather of the protagonist of this book, Hu Bayi’s—the grandfather is Hu Guohua!

Sun Guofu decided to accept Hu Guohua as his disciple, and before he died, he passed on the “Sixteen-Character Yin-Yang FengShui Secret Technique” to Hu Guohua.

In the end, it was passed on to Hu Bayi.

With the “Sixteen-Character Yin-Yang FengShui Secret Technique”, Hu Bayi started his tomb raiding career with his good friend Fatty, under the instigation of the antique dealer Big Golden Tooth.

The story is divided into eight volumes, with each volume presenting a new adventure.

From this point of view, “Ghost Blows the Lamp” can be considered a typical adventure novel, which seems to be recognised as a fantasy novel.

However, unlike other fantasy novels,

The System left the work of changing the background to Lin Yuan, but some parts in this novel, which don’t have a feasible explanation, were resolved by the System.

Also, the most important point is:

The horror and alarming atmosphere in this novel appear to have been magnified several times, giving a gruesome feeling....

Chapter 228: Preliminary Completion

While retaining many exciting scenes from “Tomb Raid,” the System added some text that enhances the eerie atmosphere, as supernatural events are inevitably designed in tomb-robbing novels.

What the System does is to make readers feel a hair-raising tension when

reading the novel...

Are horror films scarier or horror novels?

Most people would probably find horror films scarier because the visual graphics can stir emotions deep in people’s hearts.

But if the text is well written, it can also create a strong atmospheric effect, which, although different from movies, influences human emotions in much the same way.

Lin Yuan thinks...

The System’s version of “Tomb Raid” is horrifying!

Some of the text is so vividly descriptive that it creates a visual image just by reading it.

Not to mention some parts that seem ordinary at first glance, but are terrifying upon closer inspection.

So, Lin Yuan's summary of this version is, Tomb Raid plus!

Of course.

Only the places that are supposed to be scary are scary. If it's just scary for the sake of being scary, then it's not interesting.

Obviously, the System also understands this. So in this version of "Tomb Raid," when it comes to depicting scenes like tomb traps, it doesn't focus on describing the so-called horror, but emphasizes two characteristics:

Ingenious!

Thrilling!

The ingenuity lies in the design of the traps and tombs, the technical level displayed in them is always amazingly clever.

The thrill comes from the danger of these traps, because one wrong move

could lead to total ruin.

Many times, the Lieutenant Goldfinder is faced with life-and-death situations.

Maybe it's because the main character of the original "Tomb Raid," Hu Bayi, is so powerful and always gives the impression of being calm and cunning, that the system has ramped up the difficulty level, making Hu Bayi also face some frustrating dangers.

As the system had said before, the adaptation of the novel is actually modeled after great authors...

Lin Yuan now admires the author who was chosen by the system, because with this adaptive capability, the author has elevated all aspects of “Tomb Raid” to a new level!

Lin Yuan has sporadic memories...

When he read “Tomb Raid” in his previous life, he didn’t feel it was so horrifying and mysterious but just found it novel and slightly thrilling.

So by the time he arrived at the later volumes, he was somewhat fatigued.

But in this life, in this version of “Tomb Raid,” each volume is self-explanatory.

The atmosphere it creates is unique and intriguing, which makes it irresistible.

This leads to the sensation of cold sweat pouring down when Lin Yuan is writing.

Ordinary people facing the bizarre and unknown often react this way, and Lin

Yuan is no exception.

You see...

Lin Yuan has been afraid to watch horror films since he was a little boy. He remembers he used to be so scared watching a zombie movie that he’d burrow under the covers.

Consolation phrases like “An innocent man does not fear ghosts knocking at

his door” are of no help to Lin Yuan.

Especially since he’s done plenty of guilty things like secretly eating egg yolks without his sister knowing.

So under such circumstances, Lin Yuan must screw up his courage to write a version of “Tomb Raid” that’s more suspenseful and thrilling than the original. How could he not be panicked?

But when he thinks about the fact that “Tomb Raid” cost him ten million, Lin Yuan gathers up his courage!

If he were to not write this expensive novel simply because he’s scared, it would be a complete waste!

Courage can be trained.

Lin Yuan once heard a juicy piece of gossip from Jian Yi.

Apparently, a friend of Jian Yi’s would wet the bed after watching a horror movie as a child, and this situation hadn’t improved until the age of seven or eight.

So, Jian Yi’s friend decided to train himself to overcome his fear, and the method was...

To force himself to watch a horror movie every day!

After doing this for a month, Jian Yi’s friend really wasn’t as scared of horror movies anymore, and he no longer wet his bed after watching them.

In the end, Jian Yi reminisced, “My friend is now just like me, not afraid of horror movies at all.”

Lin Yuan admires Jian Yi’s friend very much.

The situation he’s facing now is somewhat similar.

At the beginning of writing the System’s version of “Tomb Raid,” he was very afraid.

But as he continued to write more and more, the fear in his heart seemed to decrease a lot.

Because most of the things in “Tomb Raid” are explainable, regardless of whether the explanations are far-fetched. As long as it can be reasonably explained, that’s enough, after all, a tomb-robbing novel is fundamentally based on imagining reality.

Many supernatural events, once you understand the principles behind them, actually aren’t that scary.

As for why Lin Yuan has so much spare time to write...

Because Lin Yuan took a leave of absence!

Actually, from the time Lin Yuan got Maestro Yang Zhongming’s character card, he had a strong feeling that there was no need for him to continue studying the music composition courses at university.

Staying in school was just a waste of time.

Previously, considering things like credits, Lin Yuan had been enduring.

But now, Lin Yuan found that he had a lot of things to do, so he decided to make use of his time in school and take leave for classes he didn’t need to attend.

Originally, Lin Yuan thought this would be quite troublesome.

But when he told his counselor that he would often be taking leaves in the future, Lin Yuan distinctly saw the counselor’s expression light up with a relieved smile.

Lin Yuan wondered if he was mistaken, why would a teacher be happy about their student taking leave?

The smile flashed across the counselor’s face, then in the next moment, the counselor returned to being serious

Seriously approved the leave.

Lin Yuan began to feel that he indeed might have misunderstood. His teacher did not like him taking leaves.

But whether his teacher is happy about it or not has nothing to do with Lin Yuan. He does not disrespect the teachers or the school; it's just that he's really not learning anything useful anymore.

The effects of Yang Zhongming's character card and the mentoring halo are much more helpful than attending any university.

Even for some non-specialized courses, Lin Yuan can use a Memory Pill to "eat" books and bypass that, flipping quickly through a book and remembering all the knowledge points

There's no higher learning efficiency than this.

In short, although Lin Yuan is still a college student, he can now manage his own time freely.

He chooses to spend the time he used to spend on school in his own studio.

Drawing comics in the morning.

Writing novels in the afternoon.

Very clear scheduling.

Thanks to his ample writing time, Lin Yuan's "Tomb Raid" has been updated at a rapid speed.

In less than ten days, Lin Yuan was able to finish the first volume "The Ancient City of Jingjue."

"Phew."

He let out a breath and contacted YangFeng, the editor of Silver Blue Books, "The new book is done. Can it be released next month?"

“Send it to me to check out!”

The moment YangFeng received the message, he immediately got excited!

Solution is a double meaning word which means to dissolve or find an outcome or explanation for something.. The mass publication by Qin Qi’s side is a predatory move to seize the market, the release of Chu Kuang’s new book at this time might provide a huge help to Silver Blue Books!

Chapter 229: This Novel is So Scary

YangFeng had been anticipating Chu Kuang’s new book for several months and after briefly interacting with him, he immediately opened his email.

“Ding. ”

He got an email notification. Chu Kuang had sent the novel over and YangFeng saw the name of this new book.

“Ghost Blowing Lamp?”

Such a peculiar title.

It felt quite eerie.

What genre is this new book?

YangFeng was about to type to ask Chu Kuang about the genre of the new book, but before he could finish typing, the avatar of the other party had already gone dark.

This made YangFeng, who has had extensive interaction with Chu Kuang, understood that Chu Kuang probably wouldn’t respond to him anymore today. At the same time.

A colleague’s voice came from beside YangFeng: “Young Yang, it’s time to get off work. Aren’t you leaving?”

“Off work?”

YangFeng, with a deep furrow in his brow, was eager to take a look at Chu Kuang’s new book called “Ghost Blowing Lamp”. This was pure anticipation. “Quit dilly-dallying. Let’s go.”

The colleague patted YangFeng’s shoulder: “I need a ride from you today. My car broke down and it’s being repaired now. Can I trouble you to drop me off at home?”

“No problem.”

YangFeng glanced at his colleague and laughed: “The ride will cost you a hundred bucks, a friendly price from me to you, 01’ Zhang.”

01’ Zhang rolled his eyes: “A black cab, huh.”

YangFeng chuckled: “Just kidding... But your house is quite far. I’ll drop you off first, I had originally planned to stay back at work a bit longer to finish reading the book.”

01’ Zhang asked: “What book?”

YangFeng answered: ““Ghost Blowing Lamp”.”

01’ Zhang raised his eyebrows: “Another fantasy novel? Since Chu Kuang’s ‘Zhu Xian’ pioneered the fantasy genre, more and more people have started writing fantasy novels. Many have even followed the trend and achieved great success...”

01’ Zhang naturally assumed that “Ghost Blowing Lamp” was a fantasy novel. Evidently, the word “Ghost” in “Ghost Blowing Lamp” was the main focus. These kind of strange and mystical book titles often suggest a fantasy novel. “It’s not simply a trend.”

YangFeng glanced at 01’ Zhang: “This is Chu Kuang’s new book.”

While others were writing fantasy to follow the trend, Chu Kuang was an exception—

YangFeng also assumed “Ghost Blowing Lamp” was a fantasy novel.

01' Zhang was stunned for a moment and then he started to laugh, surprised and delighted: “It’s Chu Kuang’s new book? Nice! Let’s give it a listen!”

Most people in the editorial department were big fans of Chu Kuang’s work and 01' Zhang was no exception.

“Fine. We’ll listen to it together while driving.”

YangFeng didn’t refuse. By “listening”, he meant audiobooks.

Since editors usually have to drive to and from work and can’t read books or use their mobile phones, they would occasionally listen to books.

Silver Blue Books had developed an audiobook app which was quite intelligent and could adjust emotions based on the context ensuring it sounded very natural.

While it wasn’t as good as a broadcast, it was definitely better than dry reading. With that, both of them got into the car.

At the same time, they began using the voice-automated audiobook feature.

[Tomb robbing is not tourism or poetic artistry, but a technology, a destructive technology. When ancient nobles built tombs, they invariably tried to prevent their tombs from being robbed. Therefore, they devised all manner of traps and concealed weapons such as giant rocks, quicksand, poisoned arrows, poisoned insects, pitfalls, and so on...]

The car had started.

However, YangFeng and 01' Zhang couldn’t help but exchange glances.

Why was the book talking about tomb robbing at the beginning?

Wasn't it a fantasy novel?

The two were somewhat puzzled, but also a bit curious, so they continued to listen.

[My grandfather's name was Hu Guohua. The Hu family was a well-known landlord in the region. At their most glorious, they owned over forty connected houses in three alleys in the city, and among them, some even held government positions and were businessmen...]

Hearing this, YangFeng and Old Zhang more or less understood.

Turns out "Ghost Blowing Lamp" was not a fantasy novel after all.

The text was depicted in a realistic manner and was filled with a sense of era, and the story was narrated in the first person—

First person narrative?

How dare someone use a first-person narrative these days!?

YangFeng suddenly felt a tremendous headache.

Chu Kuang was still the same Chu Kuang.

He never plays according to the rules!

You must know that the first-person narrative is disliked by many readers, many of whom won't even bother reading your content. If they see a first-person narrative, they'd drop the book without hesitation...

But he just went ahead and did it!

Old Zhang hesitated, "This doesn't seem like a fantasy novel. There are no special abilities, instead it's full of a sense of era, and it seems that the story is about grave robbing?"

“Keep listening.”

Said YangFeng, a sour expression on his face.

Though he felt that it wasn't a reliable concept, he had felt the same way about

Zhu Xian' and its fantasy Xianxia genre.

Given his past experience with Zhu Xian', YangFeng was wary of passing early judgment this time.

Old Zhang just nodded, not saying a word.

Listening, the two became somewhat engrossed.

“To appease his uncle, Hu Guohua, after returning home, found a paper man craftsman from the village. The one who makes those paper effigies burned during funerals. This craftsman was very skillful. He followed the specifications and made a white paper woman for Hu Guohua, then painted eyebrows, eyes, nose, clothes, and hair with watercolor. From a distance, heh, it looked like a living person.”

“Hiss.”

Old Zhang felt a bit uncomfortable.

YangFeng also felt some goosebumps. He always thought these paper people were a bit creepy.

Still, they were both interested in how the story would develop.

And so, in the silence, only the voice kept going:

“A few days later, when the uncle came to visit his niece-in-law, the door curtain of the inner room lifted and out came a woman. She was fair with a broad face and wide rear, small feet. Hu Guohua's heart thundered, ‘Oh lord, isn't this the paper woman I had made? How did she come alive?’”

YangFeng and Old Zhang jumped in surprise.

It wouldn't really be called frightening, but they felt a sensation of unease. This tale made their skin crawl, reminding them of ghost stories from their childhood that were told by elderly villagers.

It was unexplainably creepy.

People in the book felt the same: "Looking at the woman sitting opposite him, Hu Guohua felt a sickly buzzing sensation, as if he had swallowed a fly. His scalp was pricking incessantly. The face of the paper woman was extraordinary white, without a trace of blood. The blush on her face was only paint..."

Just then, they hit a traffic jam.

Neither YangFeng nor Old Zhang were in a hurry, just quietly listening to the narration of 'Ghost Blows the Lamp'.

The paper woman was just the beginning of the story.

Later on, the voice narrated the part about a cigarette-smoking rat; creepy, yet somewhat humorous...

The first half of the story leading up to the underground military fortress in Wild Man Gorge Heifengkou mainly set the stage and didn't have any clear relation to the main plot thread.

The first half was more like folk tales or rural anecdotes.

Then, in the latter half, it shifted to the archaeological team entering the desert in search of the Ancient City of Jingjue. This part portrayed distinct geographical and cultural elements.

Desert of the Western Regions, Peacock River, Double Holy Mountain, The Thirty-six Countries, Beauty of Loulan, Dunhuang Murals and so on were all depicted.

The traffic jam lasted a long time.

By the time it cleared, the story had already reached a thrilling part.

Things like zongzi, upside-downs, evil forces, Lieutenant Goldfinder, and so on, were all explained in detail.

At the same time...

The remodelled mysterious and horrifying elements of the story also surfaced. The level of horror greatly surpassed that of the initial paper-woman, such that when they stopped at the lane outside Old Zhang's house, he felt a chill on his back.

"Yang..."

"What's wrong?"

"Could you walk me..."

"Aren't we at your house already?"

"Look at how dark this lane is, doesn't it resemble a tomb's passage? I remember there being stray cats at the intersection..."

"I'll switch on the high beams for you..."

At this moment, YangFeng was also feeling goosebumps.

Just as he was driving, a scary part of the story had come on, and he almost spaced out. It was Old Zhang's reminder that allowed him to brake in time.

"That works."

Old Zhang hesitantly got off the car, mumbling reminders to YangFeng to drive carefully on his way back. He couldn't resist to say, "Would you send me that novel? I know the rules, I won't leak it."

YangFeng couldn't help but ask, "You still want to read it after being so scared?"

Old Zhang sighed faintly, "This book by Chu Kuang has created a new genre. It's not only terrifying but also well written..."

"Alright."

YangFeng had to admit Old Zhang was right.

This 'Ghost Blows the Lamp' isn't some Xianxia novel. It's an extremely thrill-inducing, horrifying, and fresh grave robbing novel!

The first-person narrative?

It doesn't seem to be a problem...

In the face of an exciting story, the writing method of the novel isn't the focus.. What YangFeng is more concerned about now is, would 'Ghost Blows the Lamp' scare the kids?

Chapter 230: Supreme Proclamation^

After dropping off 01' Zhang, YangFeng, considering his own safety, dared not listen to "Ghost Blows Out the Light" on his way back.

Fortunately, the previous voice reading was in intelligent mode.

If it were a professional anchor, coupled with a bit of emotionally charged music and a slightly gloomy cadence, wouldn't this story scare the hell out of people?

That night, when YangFeng returned home, he had a dream.

He dreamed that he and 01' Zhang were tomb robbing. They put a candle in the corner of the wall, but before the coffin was opened, the candle suddenly went out...

Man lights the candle, ghost blows it out!

YangFeng didn't know what happened next because he was awakened by the fear in his heart.

The next day.

YangFeng arrived at the office looking lethargic, as if he hadn't slept well the night before.

"What's wrong?" A colleague asked with concern.

YangFeng replied, "I don't know how to review Chu Kuang's new book..."

"Chu Kuang has finished his new book?"

All the editors simultaneously looked at YangFeng.

The editing team at Silver Blue Books are half fans of Chu Kuang. "Zhu Xian" is reputed to be an epic that half the industry is eagerly following!

Someone prompted, "What genre is it?"

By then, 01' Zhang had also arrived at the office. Hearing everyone discussing, he laughed and said, "If everyone is that curious, why doesn't YangFeng send the book for everyone to see what they think?"

"That works."

YangFeng straightforwardly, just like last time, sent "Ghost Blows Out the Light" to everyone's emails.

The novel needed to be kept confidential before publication, but naturally, there was no problem with the company's editors.

After everyone received "Ghost Blows Out the Light", they immediately started reading.

Just a few minutes in, someone said in astonishment, “First person perspective?”

“Is this a horror novel?”

“Strictly speaking, it’s a paranormal novel...”

“Does tomb robbing count as paranormal? From an industry perspective, this is clearly a realistic novel.”

“I thought it was a martial arts fantasy from the title...”

“Can this work?”

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Everyone’s comments were relatively tactful.

In fact, just from reading the opening and the first-person perspective of the novel, everyone had absolutely no expectations for the content of the story.

If this wasn’t Chu Kuang’s book, they would have already rejected this manuscript!

First person perspective?

Who still writes in first-person these days?

Don’t they know that readers today will abandon a book as soon as they see it’s written in first-person?

And the long-winded introduction, which was all about the protagonist’s grandfather’s affairs?

And it mentioned tomb robbing...

What's there to tell about tomb robbing?

No such genre has ever existed before.

01' Zhang, chuckling, said, "Just keep reading."

Yesterday, when he and YangFeng were listening to the opening of "Ghost

Blows Out the Light", they were both puzzled, even thinking that Chu Kuang was writing nonsense.

But after listening further, their opinion had completely changed.

At this point, the editors in the editorial department were going through the same change of mind.

When they read that a paper man burnt for the deceased suddenly came alive and spoke the truth to marry Hu Guohua, they all shivered.

The atmosphere in the room instantly chilled!

And when they read that the paper man told Hu Guohua to go to the graveyard in the middle of the night to dig up buried gold and silver, with Hu Guohua doing so out of greed, only to have his heart and liver eaten by the paper man, everyone's breath hitched...

01' Zhang and YangFeng exchanged a glance.

The reactions of the crowd didn't surprise them too much.

This novel is full of horrifying scenes. The opening just feels creepy, but the further parts are downright chilling.

Like when Hu Bayi and Fatty went to a local job site, and 01' Wang's daughter-in-law in the village saw a group of people kneeling before a Locust Tree. When she walked over for a closer look, she discovered these people had no heads...

Just thinking about this scene gives one the creeps...

Not to mention what comes next with the red orangutan rice dumplings, and

the two dead children...

The dead children were a boy and a girl...

The novel explains that when the children were alive, they were injected with mercury from the top of their head, and then coated with mercury powder on the outside of their body, just like making a specimen. After thousands of years, their bodies would not decay, but they would appear greenish and vaguely black.

Chu Kuang's text aptly describes the details of the blood vessels, the hole through which mercury is injected, and so on.

It was when they heard this part that YangFeng nearly crashed the car.

“Bang!”

Suddenly, the door opened.

Maybe everyone was so engrossed in the novel.

Caught off guard by the sudden noise, someone even panicked and knocked over their goji berry tea...

Water spilled all over the floor.

Only then did everyone realize that it was 01' Xiong, the chief editor who had arrived.

“What are you all doing, looking so surprised?” 01' Xiong frowned.

YangFeng explained, “Chu Kuang has produced a new book.”

01’ Xiong was stunned, then his eyes lit up: “What genre?”

“Paranormal!”

“Horror!”

“Mystery!”

“Adventure!”

Several editors blurted out simultaneously.

01’ Xiong frowned again: “What exactly is it?”

YangFeng pondered for a moment and said: “I suppose it’s a new genre. I think it should be called tomb-robbing novels...”

“Tomb-robbing?”

01’ Xiong looked somewhat puzzled.

The literal meaning was of course understood. Everyone knows what tomb-robbing is. But 01’ Xiong couldn’t figure out how this could make a good novel.

Chu Kuang’s new book, is it another unconventional path?

YangFeng quickly said, “You’ll understand when you see it, I’ve sent the novel to your email.”

The novel couldn’t be easily explained in just a few words because at Blue Star, there has never been a novel of the “Ghost Blows Out the Light” type before!

Simply defining it as horror or mystery seemed insufficient.

Apart from Chu Kuang, probably no one else would think of writing such a fantasy novel...

“Alright.”

01' Xiong nodded and went into his office.

The editors looked at each other and then started discussing in low whispers: “Chu Kuang really has a different style for each book; this one is too scary!”

“I think it’s very thrilling.”

-It’s like watching a scary movie – I’m frightened but can’t resist continuing...” “Could this be popular? After all, it’s in first-person perspective...” ■Hard to say, even though it’s in first-person, but as I kept reading, I seemed to have adapted?”

“On second thought, don’t you think ‘Ghost Blows Out the Light’ can better engage readers by using first-person perspective?”

“Mystery novels often use first-person perspective...”

“The problem is, we’re in fantasy fiction, where readers like protagonists being impressive and charming, ‘Ghost Blows Out the Light’ seems... like it’s in the wrong category?”

“It’s also a fantasy novel, I think the imagination in this book is terrifying...” “No matter what, Chu Kuang’s novel is terrific!”

“Three books, three different genres, even the writing style is different each time, this is frightening!”

After discussing for a while, everyone returned to their seats and continued to read “Ghost Blows Out the Light”.

Half an hour later, the door to the chief editor's office suddenly opened.

01' Xiong ran out

paced with this scene, the editors of Silver Blue Books felt a strange sense of familiarity.

It was also on this day.

The chief editorial director personally instructed that “Ghost Blows Out the Light” would be officially released in June, and the publicity level was set at...

The highest level!