

## All R. Artist 251

### Chapter 251: The Next Movie

Having more identities could be troublesome to deal with. Perhaps getting an agent or something similar could save Lin Yuan a lot of hassle...

He'll keep an eye out for potential candidates.

Lin Yuan turned on his computer and looked up the list of fantasy authors selected by the online community.

Top Three Gods.

The three were Antarctica, Mercury, and Double-Knife Kid.

The first two were veteran fantasy authors from Qin Province with the most terrifying book sales, and the third was the face of fantasy authors in Qi Province.

There were ten spots for the Great Old One (GOAT).

Chu Kuang's name was fifth on the list, but there was a cheeky note added to this award:

The ranking does not indicate superiority.

In the list of GOATs, Lin Yuan also saw the name of the author, Devil Child, whose new book was released at the same time as his "Ghost Blows Out the Light." The author was placed tenth in the GOAT award...

He then accessed the Tribe.

As expected, Lin Yuan saw a lot of people online discussing the award winners. "What? Is this ranking really not in order?"

“Such a blur, it’s the first time I’ve seen the officials with such a strong will to survive.”

“Literature and Arts Association: Whether or not there’s ranking, you decide.” “Don’t make it hard for the officials. This ranking is actually quite fair, considering each author’s novel sales, impact, and quality...”

“It’s indeed quite fair.”

“The number of people from Qin Province clearly has the advantage.”

The next Top God will certainly come from these ten Great Old Ones, right?”

Logging into Chu Kuang’s Tribe account, Lin Yuan saw many comments congratulating him on receiving the GOAT award.

“Worthily awarded!”

“I really love ‘Ghost Blows Out the Light’, keep it up, Great Chu Kuang!” “GOAT doesn’t sound as good as old rascal, right, Chu Kuang the Old Rascal?” “Exactly, what Goat, killing Biyao is a crime!”

‘Chu Kuang: Even if I am a rascal, I am a rascal who steals hearts, stealing the hearts of my young readers.’”

You guys wait and see, One day when the editor can’t restrain the Old Rascal

Chu Kuang, he’ll kill off Yang Xueli, then you’ll be crying!”

“Will he really?”

“If Chu Kuang dares to kill off Yang Xueli, I’ll send him a local specialty.”

Yang Xueli is Shirley Yang.

Because the time period has changed, this character is no longer a Chinese-American and it was not convenient to use an English name.

So this female character in “Ghost Blows Out the Light” is called Yang Xueli.

Bold and considerate, this character is popular among readers and is considered the leading lady in “Ghost Blows Out the Light.”

As a matter of fact.

Over these few days, the second volume of “Ghost Blows Out the Light,” “The Lost Caverns,” was released, and the response was just as good as the first volume.

However, Lin Yuan has been focusing on movies recently, so he didn’t pay much attention to it and just submitted his work as usual.

Perhaps because Chu Kuang’s update speed was terrifyingly fast, there were few readers in his comment section urging him to update more.

The only surprise for Lin Yuan was...

Shadow had actually tagged him, congratulating him on getting the GOAT award.

Was this some sort of supernatural event? Shadow was actually alive? Lin Yuan was surprised for a moment before he remembered that Luo Wei had been managing the account Shadow.

Luo Wei didn’t know that Shadow, Chu Kuang, and Xian Yu were all his pseudonyms, so it was fine for her to congratulate Chu Kuang on Shadow’s account—

The problem was with the fans:

“Why is there no response from Xian Yu’s side, and Shadow was the first to congratulate?”

“For such a big event like the GOAT award, Teacher Xian Yu didn’t make a sound. Are things not going well with Old Rascal Chu Kuang?”

“Is Shadow trying to seize the opportunity to rise to the top!”

“Guys, the stock of Shadow has risen!”

“You guys are at it again? But I like it.”

“Could it be because everyone has been discussing Xian Yu’s writing skills lately, our Chu Kuang the Goat is feeling a bit insecure?”

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Lin Yuan was speechless.

Of course, Xian Yu would not congratulate Chu Kuang.

Because such an act would be tantamount to selling and praising herself.

But Lin Yuan couldn’t stop Luo Wei.

Because from Luo Wei’s perspective, there was nothing wrong with it, making Shadow look more like an independent person, which significantly reduced her own risk of being exposed.

While Lin Yuan was reading the Tribe news, he heard some movement outside his door. Zu Ruiming had come.

“Director.”

Lin Yuan greeted him.

Old Zhou chuckled, “Congratulations on the success of ‘Flirting Scholar.’ I got some newly launched good tea today, I figured you would like it, so I brought you a box.”

“Thank you.”

Lin Yuan’s eyes lit up.

As an assistant, Gu Dong naturally followed him, unboxed the tea that Old Zhou brought, and made a cup of tea for each of them. Then he deliberately left the room, closing the door behind him so that the two could chat.

“Here’s the thing.”

Old Zhou coughed, “For your first film, the company may not have taken it seriously. So I came here to tell you that if you want to make more films in the future, I can help you secure more funding.”

Lin Yuan’s movie was a hit.

There are now two opinions outside. One is that Lin Yuan got lucky, and the other is that Lin Yuan really has the ability. However, the most widespread view is that Lin Yuan’s own abilities combined with a bit of luck have made the movie ‘Flirting Scholar’ a success.

In other words.

The company recognises Lin Yuan’s success. Although Old Zhou didn’t handle this matter well and thus the company suffered heavy losses, they have raised their attention towards Lin Yuan and decided to support Lin Yuan’s next movie.

“Next movie?”

Lin Yuan did not immediately answer.

He had tasted the sweetness from the first movie, so he would definitely continue making films in the future. But bringing up this matter now was premature. He would need at least some time before he started to consider the next film.

“No need to rush to answer.”

Old Zhou smiled, “You can take your time to polish the script for the next film. When the script is ready, just remember to contact me first. I just came here to express the company’s support for your new film.”

“Okay.”

Lin Yuan nodded.

It seems like Old Zhou really did come today to express the company’s attention. After finishing his tea and chatting for another ten minutes, Old Zhou left.

Once Old Zhou had left.

Lin Yuan started to ponder.

Although there was no rush to prepare a new film project now, he could at least set the script first.

As for the type of script...

The best choice, of course, would be another comedy like Zhou’s.

Because ‘Flirting Scholar’ had already laid a solid foundation for nonsensical comedies.

But he didn’t know what the System would say.

Lin Yuan directly called out the System, “Can I directly specify a certain movie?”

The System replied, “That function has not been opened yet. For now, the theme and type of custom scripts are random.”

Lin Yuan:”...”

This damn System would never make people completely satisfied.

Random scripts...

Isn't this the same route as customizing novels?

According to this System's behavior, the next “Random Movie” most probably wouldn't belong to the same genre as ‘Flirting Scholar,’ there might even be a stark contrast.

However, Lin Yuan also noticed a key word from the System:

“At present.”

This function is not available at present?

So, does this mean that in the future he can customize movies by himself?

That might work.

Lin Yuan spoke up, “Then customize the new script.”

The System:[Script customization in progress....]

Chapter 252: Tuner

“In customization...”

“In customization...”

“In customization...”

Lin Yuan suspected that the system had crashed.

Usually, the system’s customization took only ten seconds to produce work, occasionally a few dozen if it took longer. But this time, the system took a full five minutes before finally responding to Lin Yuan: “Random customization successful, would the host like to accept the price of 25 million for the script?” “How much?”

Lin Yuan thought he had misheard.

The system said, “Twenty-five million.”

Lin Yuan suspected the system was joking, selling a movie script for such a high price. With twenty-five million, he could probably write quite a few songs, or even a couple of novels, right?

That being said...

Lin Yuan’s first movie, “Flirting Scholar,” had a terrifying gold-winning ability.

If the new film still had this level of profitability, then it didn’t seem unreasonable to spend that amount on a script, right?

They are all tricks.

The longest road Lin Yuan has walked is the system’s tricks.

“Anyway, the money has gone to charity, what more can I say? You say how much, then that’s the price. If the film doesn’t make money, I won’t make films anymore,”

Lin Yuan threatened.

The system was unmoved: “Do you want to customize?”

Lin Yuan gritted his teeth and said: “Do it, do it, do it!”

“Ding-dong!”

The system prompt: “Congratulations on getting the system’s script ‘The Pianist’!”

At the same time.

Lin Yuan’s money was deducted by the system by twenty-five million.

No time to feel the pain.

Lin Yuan’s attention was concentrated on the script for “The Pianist”.

This is a...

Crime suspense movie script.

At this point, Lin Yuan had familiarized himself with the script through quantum reading.

Well, how should he put it?

He knew the new film’s genre would definitely be a departure from “Flirting Scholar!”

The script for this film abruptly shifted him from a comedy film to the genre of crime and suspense-similar experiences occurred when Lin Yuan was writing novels.

For example, he was doing quite well with his novel “King of the Net,” but then the system threw a fantasy novel at him.

Just as he was doing pretty well with the fantasy novel, the system then had him write “Ghost Blowing the Lamp.”

Well, it’s quite a leap.

A very big leap, indeed.

Not to mention that the outside world can’t guess what type Chu Kuang’s next novel will be.

Even Lin Yuan himself was baffled...

In the future, will it become a case of Lin Yuan and the outside world guessing together what type Xian Yu’s next film will be?

Alright.

No more gripes.

After Lin Yuan read the script of “The Pianist” at light speed, he had a general understanding of the situation.

Firstly, what can be confirmed is that the script for “The Pianist” was adapted from an Indian film.

But it must be said that the Indian side was not original either.

Because this Indian film was adapted from a French short film.

In other words...

France produced a short film called “The Pianist”, which was adapted by India into a full-length film, and the system then adapted the Indian film into a Blue Star film...

After three rounds of adaptation.

But the system also gave Lin Yuan a prompt: “The first adaptation was done by the system, and the adaptation of the film background will be done by the host in the future.”

Lin Yuan didn't mind.

He's very proficient in changing backgrounds.

The only question is, will this movie make a profit?

It's no blockbuster, and “The Pianist” is a film that places more emphasis on plot logic. It's not easy for this kind of film to achieve high box office returns. By the way.

The movie's title can also be tweaked.

Aside from the protagonist being a piano player, the film seems to have no real connection with the title “The Pianist”.

Although the original title of the film was indeed “The Pianist”, and the protagonist's profession in the original French film was indeed a piano tuner. But in reality, in the Indian plot, the protagonist is a pianist, so it would be more appropriate to call the film “The Pianist”.

Also, the Indian side translated the movie title as “Blind Melody” or “Invisible Melody”.

The director even considered names like “Kill the Pianist”.

All in all.

No matter what the movie is called, it cannot change the film's core conflict!

The central conflict of “The Pianist” revolves around a pianist pretending to be blind, who ends up in a movie star's home to play the piano.

As a result, he witnesses a murder.

Because of his pretense of being blind, the killer temporarily spares the main character.

After leaving the house, the male protagonist immediately goes to the Patrol House to report the crime.

However, before he could successfully report the crime, he was horrified to discover that-

The arrest officer at the Patrol House turned out to be the killer he had just witnessed?

The plot suddenly becomes tense.

Lin Yuan had never seen this film before, so the script provided by the system brought a fresh feeling to him.

This design is really ingenious.

The protagonist, who has long been pretending to be blind, ends up witnessing a murder-

just thinking about it is a bit thrilling.

Apart from the script, the system also provided Lin Yuan with the original film for reference.

After watching the film, Lin Yuan compared it with the script provided by the system and found that the system slightly adjusted the film's pace.

For example, in the film, many scenes about how the male lead met his girlfriend and their interactions were largely cut out.

The film enters conflict more quickly now.

Beyond that.

There's another interesting aspect in this film.

The protagonist plays several original songs, and the sheet music for these piano pieces were also provided to Lin Yuan by the system...

Wait a minute!

This couldn't be the reason why the system wanted him to film "The Pianist," could it?

If you say that Zhou-style comedy has nothing to do with Lin Yuan's identity as a composer, then "The Pianist" really needs the existence of a composer!

Just like the large number of poems and songs in "Flirting Scholar".

The songs needed in "The Pianist" are of very high quality.

Right.

Perhaps the "Manage d'Amour" that he never got the chance to release can also be released through this film!

This is what movies are all about.

Movies can encompass all kinds of art, forming an absolute visual and auditory impact!

Thinking about this.

Lin Yuan suddenly felt that the script for "The Pianist" was quite good.

Whether it's the cost of the film or the quality of the script, it seems to be a pretty good project.

But when it comes to actors...

Originally, Lin Yuan was inclined to use familiar actors from “Flirting Scholar,” such as He Sheng.

But now, it seems that the male lead can’t be used.

The female lead can be considered for a role, like the male protagonist’s lover.

What was the name of that actress?

Anyway, it’s not expensive.

The director doesn’t matter; he can continue to use Yi Chenggong.

The reason is simple.

Because Lin Yuan’s films are definitely core-scripted, and the director is just a tool for Lin Yuan to achieve his goal.

The film is already detailed in Lin Yuan’s script on how it should be shot....

Chapter 253: Dialed the Wrong Number

It was now August.

Like all movies, the viewership’s demand for “Flirting Scholar” started to dwindle in the following days. After surpassing the major threshold of 50 million plays, every subsequent increase seemed incredibly difficult...

The potential audience for the movie has become saturated in the short term.

Lin Yuan was confident that “Flirting Scholar” still had the potential and space to grow in the future, but that would take a longer time.

Many works become more popular as time goes on.

As the popularity of the film saturated, Lin Yuan's film-related Prestige Value reached 35,000.

At the same time.

Screenwriter Xian Yu also gained a small degree of fame in the mainstream film and television industry.

The comedy genre he created, through the hot discussions of netizens, had been given the title "Absurd Comedy".

Even without being guided by Lin Yuan himself, "Absurd" remained the most standard description for this type of comedy.

Just like what the film critics said...

There truly were many comedy talents in mainstream cinema starting to study the unique characteristics of "Flirting Scholar".

One thing was certain:

Under the research of many professionals, Absurd Comedy might become the new direction for many comedy developments.

While Star Grandpa is hard to imitate, the characteristic of absurdity can be used and expanded upon in comedies.

Of course.

The impact brought by "Flirting Scholar" does not end there.

One day.

Lin Yuan was in his studio, drawing "King of the Net" with Luo Wei.

Thanks to the speed of Lin Yuan and Luo Wei, half of this comic had already been completed, and its popularity was growing...

Just looking at the following of the alias Shadow, it had already reached 15 million!

Well...

One indisputable point was that part of the reason for the high following of the pseudonym Shadow was due to the contributions of Xian Yu and Chu Kuang.

After all, the popularity of these three accounts was somewhat intertwined.

After finishing today's comic, Lin Yuan handed it over to Luo Wei to upload.

After a successful upload.

Luo Wei suddenly laughed and said, "Doesn't Teacher Chu Kuang seem to be good at solving couplets?"

Lin Yuan paused for a moment, "Why do you ask that?"

Luo Wei was also taken aback, "Don't you know?"

Lin Yuan out of curiosity, "Know what?"

Seeing Lin Yuan's reaction, Luo Wei realized that he rarely goes online.

So she simply explained to Lin Yuan: "There's a game that's really popular these days..."

It turns out that this had to do with "Flirting Scholar", which was an effect brought about by the film.

Because numerous couplets in the movie were dug out by netizens, a trendy wave of couplets spread through the internet.

As a result, a game developer took advantage of this trend and specifically developed a game mini-program for solving couplets.

This mini-game is called “King of Couplets”.

This game became popular with netizens as soon as it was launched.

Clearly, “King of Couplets” thus became a joke from the movie “Flirting Scholar”.

In the movie.

The self-introduction of Prince Ning’s advisor was: “Below is the literary champion and military advisor of the seven provinces, nicknamed ‘King of Couplets’ Dui Chuanchang!”

So, when netizens saw the four characters “King of Couplets”, they all smiled knowingly, subconsciously linking it to the scene of this gentleman spitting up three liters of blood.

The game setting was simple.

For every couplet solved, the player would proceed to the next stage.

And with every stage, the difficulty of the couplets would increase.

As a result, whenever netizens couldn’t solve a couplet, they would post online asking for help.

These help-seeking posts would often end up in the comment sections of some big shots in literary circles.

These literary big shots, of course, had the intention of showing off their own literary talent, and would mostly flip through these posts from the netizens, giving the correct responses.

As a very talented writer, Chu Kuang naturally had fans posting below asking for his help with the couplets.

Not just Chu Kuang.

Recently, many similar help-seeking posts have also appeared in Xian Yu's comment section.

However, neither Chu Kuang nor Xian Yu seemed interested in handling these help-seeking posts.

Therefore, Luo Wei abruptly brought up the matter of the couplets.

She also showed Lin Yuan the comments in Shadow's section.

Within the comment section of Shadow, besides discussions about the comics, many netizens were stirring:

“Ask Chu Kuang to solve the couplets quick”

“Not just Chu Kuang, Shadow must know Xian Yu too, let Xian Yu also have a try. The couplets in “Flirting Scholar” are too amazing, he is the real King of Couplets!”

“You guys are discussing the “King of Couplets”, aren't you? What the hell, this game is too hard, I only managed to get to the eighth level.”

“The eighth level is not bad, I got stuck at the third, now you can't even play games without some culture.”

“Are you the legendary Dui Chuanchang?”

“Some couplets can be found directly on the internet. These are classic ones that I have memorized a few of before.”

“Yes, many big shots in the literary world are also playing this game, and they've published the answers in the tribe.”

Lin Yuan shook his head.

Each knows his burden best, he isn't good at couplets.

The couplets in the movie were supplied by the System's script.

Luo Wei said enviously: "If only we could match couplets too. The couplets in the game 'King of Couplets' are getting harder. The professor from Sun City University matched twenty-three couplets in one go, and he instantly gained six million fans!"

"Wait, how many?"

Lin Yuan looked surprised.

Luo Wei said: "Twenty-three couplets..."

Lin Yuan shook his head: "I mean the fan increase."

Luo Wei laughed: "Six million, quite exaggerated, right! But that professor can't match any more couplets now, the latter ones are way too hard; they are new ones created by literary people hired by the game developers, they can't be found in any books, so now everyone is brainstorming and matching them together."

"I see."

Lin Yuan felt a bit envious.

He really wished Chu Kuang's account could gain more fans.

Because Chu Kuang's account has a task to reach over one hundred million fans.

At the regular release rate of the book, there would naturally be an increase, but Lin Yuan felt it wasn't fast enough, and otherwise, he wouldn't have used Xian Yu's second account to urge fans to follow Chu Kuang last time.

Unfortunately...

Couplets...

He really couldn't...

Luo Wei chatted with Lin Yuan for a while longer before leaving work. Every day, she would draw comics in the studio and go home after finishing.

After Luo Wei left.

Lin Yuan opened the Tribe and took a look.

As expected.

Whether Chu Kuang or Xian Yu's comment sections, there were many users seeking help with couplets, but Lin Yuan couldn't guess any of these either.

Just then.

Lin Yuan suddenly noticed many netizens sharing a couplet on the Tribe, this couplet had an extremely high repost count:

“The hardest couplet in ‘King of Couplets’ has appeared, [‘The seawater falls morning after morning after morning’]!”

“What god-like upper half-couplet is this?”

“So many ‘mornings’. Are you sure it's not randomly written?”

“Can I reply with [‘The fox cries night after night after night’]?”

“Why don’t you reply [‘The game starts over and over and over’]?”

“Why not just go with [‘All troops attack again and again and again’]?”

“Enough joking, is there any expert who can match this?”

“That professor from Sun City has no idea.”

“The big shots from the Literature and Art Association also said that this couplet is hard. It’s been ten minutes since this couplet appeared, and still no one has matched it, seems like the whole net is going to collapse.”

Lin Yuan scratched his head.

Isn’t this couplet straightforward?

Didn’t you guys pay attention during class?

Wait a moment...

Lin Yuan suddenly realized.

This couplet is from Earth, of course Blue Starians wouldn’t have learned it!

He was so lucky to run into a couplet that appeared on Earth?

Even though Lin Yuan didn’t have many memories of his past life, he could remember some poems and famous phrases. He just didn’t expect an Earth couplet to appear on Blue Star.

What is he waiting for!

This is a great opportunity for Chu Kuang to gain fans!

Lin Yuan quickly responded to the bottom couplet: [‘The floating cloud disappears day after day after day’]!

Chu Kuang’s account has quite a few fans.

As he matched the couplets, plenty of people were bound to take notice.

But what Lin Yuan didn’t expect was...

After he managed this couplet.

The comments section actually read: “Teacher Admirable Fish, are you sure this isn’t a random couplet?”

Teacher Admirable Fish-

Teacher Fish-

Teacher...

Tcher...

Damn!

He logged into the wrong account!

Chapter 254: Chu Kuang’s Outcome

I got the wrong account!

Lin Yuan felt a little bit sad.

Falling off the horse because of this little thing would of course be too much.

Whether it's Chu Kuang or Admirable Fish coming up with the lower couplet, it's not a surprising thing.

After all, these two aliases both have a reputation for being talented now.

But the problem is gaining followers!

Because it's Admirable Fish who came up with the couplet.

Wouldn't all the fans then go to Admirable Fish?

What does Admirable Fish need so many fans for...

There's no mission...

While Lin Yuan was caught up in his sadness, the netizens had already started commenting.

However, many people didn't know what was the deal with Admirable Fish's lower couplet.

What the hell does this lower couplet mean?"

You can't tell at all from the surface.

"Did Teacher Admirable Fish screw up?"

The upper couplet clearly has some hidden meaning.

Hahahahaha, I'm gonna die of laughter, The King of Kings is from the movie 'Flirting Scholar', it can be said without Admirable Fish there hasn't been this couplets craze, as a result, isn't it funny that the couplet game got too hard it even stumped Admirable Fish himself?"

I feel like I could give it a shot.

This can't be considered a mess up. The upper couplet clearly has a deeper meaning. Not to mention that Teacher Admirable Fish couldn't come up with it, even the literary giants in the tribe currently can't come up with anything either."

And in the midst of everyone's discussion.

The official Weibo of King of Kings even (©Lin Yuan, posting a thumbs-up emoji and accompanying it with text.

As expected of Teacher Admirable Fish, we invited a few professionals in the industry for a discussion, and this lower couplet just barely made the cut."

The netizens were all stunned.

This lower couplet, made the cut?

Immediately after, a teacher named Feng Changsheng from the Literature and Art Association also (©Admirable Fish, and praised.

This lower couplet is awesome, I just solved the riddle of the upper couplet, Teacher Admirable Fish has already thought of the lower couplet, the reading of the upper couplet, should be [sea water tide, tide by tide, tide falls tide after tide], this is a typical homophonic couplet, and the reading of Teacher Admirable Fish's lower couplet should be [drifting cloud rises, always rising, always rises always fades]."

The bystanders were stunned!

So this is how you read the upper couplet?

At this moment, many netizens felt a sense of their IQ being crushed, so we didn't even figure out how to read the upper couplet, but Teacher Admirable Fish already came up with the lower couplet, this is too terrifying, isn't it?

Wait.

Barely made the cut?

Everyone knows that a couplet needs to be a perfect echo, Teacher Admirable Fish's couplet is both neat and symmetrical, but King of Kings' official Weibo only considers this lower couplet to have barely made the cut, then may I ask, does the official have a better lower couplet?"

Yeah.

"Is there anything wrong with Teacher Admirable Fish's couplet? According to Teacher Feng Changsheng's interpretation, I think this lower couplet is already very perfect, each sound rhymes perfectly!"

Netizens couldn't help but feel a little confused.

Since it's a perfect match, why does the official say that Teacher Admirable Fish's lower couplet is barely satisfactory?

Many people went to ask under the official's post.

Some also asked Feng Changsheng, but Feng Changsheng's response was: "I don't know either."

Feng Changsheng doesn't know either?

The netizens began to suspect that the official was up to something.

In the face of the netizens' confusion, King of King's official Weibo responded again: "We didn't mean to offend Teacher Admirable Fish, it's just that our upper couplet actually has another reading, and Teacher Admirable Fish only got the first reading correct, The second reading is [sea water tide, tide day by day, day by day the tide falls], additionally, we also admit that this upper couplet is

indeed very difficult, because after we came up with the upper couplet, we couldn't even come up with a matching lower couplet.”

Netizens: “...

Are they going to rub our intelligence on the ground?

The reading and word choice of the official's upper couplet has changed, and the artistic conception has undergone a dramatic change immediately. It's clear that the upper couplet is still 'The sea water rises day by day', but in actuality, it has formed another couplet!

This upper couplet is dope!

Admirable Fish did his best.

To be able to decipher the first reading and come up with a responsive lower couplet, Admirable Fish is already very impressive, after all, this upper couplet has stumped many professionals in the literary world, let alone the fact that even the officials said they couldn't come up with a matching lower couplet.”

Admirable Fish is still awesome.

The couplet that the officials couldn't match, Admirable Fish was able to come up with something, which is enough to prove Admirable Fish's literary talent. Can I just say, worthy of the screenwriter who wrote the classic poems and couplets in 'Flirting Scholar'?”

Although the official rating for Lin Yuan's lower couplet wasn't very high, everyone already thought this lower couplet was awesome enough. However, what dazzled all the netizens was that Chu Kuang appeared at this time!

Where is the mistake?

In front of countless netizens, Chu Kuang (© the official account of King of Kings: “Your lower couplet can change, Admirable Fish's lower couplet naturally can also change, this lower couplet can also be read as [drifting cloud rises, rises long and long, long and long rises and fades].”

Holy crap!

You can play it like that?

The netizens were initially convinced by the official, believing that Admirable Fish's lower couplet was indeed less than perfect. They did not expect that Chu Kuang would actually step into the arena and directly move the perfect interpretation to slap the official's face with a loud pop!

Motherfucker!

That works too?

They match again?"

Is it neat this time?

This lower couplet from Admirable Fish is freaking awesome. After Chu Kuang's explanation, it's freaking perfectly matched again. Only Chu Kuang can keep up with his thinking in this wave. We just can't react."

Did the officials just get slapped in the face?

Clearly, the officials had no intention of admitting it.

They surprisingly changed the reading of the upper couplet for a third time: [Sea water rises, day by day it rises, day by day it falls!]

My God!

It can still change?

Just as netizens were stunned, Chu Kuang once again made a move: [Drifting cloud rises, long and long and long it rises, long and long it fades!]

Netizens: “.

Are you guys playing snake?

The officials responded a little slower this time. This is the fourth change in reading: “Sea water tide, tide day by day, day by day it falls!”

Continue on.

Chu Kuang wasn't showing any signs of stopping, “The cloud grows long, it grows and grows, then it grows and fades!”

What the hell!

Was this the fourth time?

How many variations could there be?

Indeed there were more, both sides kept coming up with new variations. The spectators online felt like they were watching the scene from a movie where Tang Bohu and Dui Chuanchang engage in a couplet battle. No one had a chance to comment. They were stunned by the showdown, their eyes couldn't keep up...

Actually...

Not only the netizens...

On the King of Couplets' side, they were also stumped. They thought no one could respond to their endless variations of the upper couplets, yet they found that Teacher Admirable Fish's lower couplets varied just as much and could easily dismantle each move they made!

The official channel of King of Couplets conceded defeat.

Up to this point in the battle, the officials of King of Couplets still had some variations of the upper couplet that they hadn't used. However, it was clear the lower couplet also had many variations that could cancel out each upper couplet, so continuing the battle was meaningless.

Simply put...

Teacher Admirable Fish won hands down!

Realizing this, the officials of King of Couplets stopped posting variations of the upper couplet and instead posted a gif.

Yes, it's that gif...

The one from the movie "Flirting Scholar", where Dui Chuanchang coughed up three liters of blood after being defeated by Tang Bohu...

That's the signal — King of Couplets' official account conceded defeat!

By the time the officials conceded defeat with a gif of "Dui Chuanchang coughing up three liters of blood", netizens were already worked up to the max!

Holy shit!

A real contest of immortals!

My brain can't handle this!

What a joke, I'm dumbstruck!

Teacher Admirable Fish is the ultimate King of Couplets!

Even though it was shocking, that final gif made me laugh so hard.

Was this a re-enactment of the movie scene?”

King of Couplets, weren't you guys supposed to be formidable?”

Remember this intense couplet competition had already drawn a lot of attention, tons of people were just here to watch the show. The fact that Teacher Admirable Fish was a part of the competition and his lower couplets pushed the atmosphere to a whole new height.

And when Chu Kuang entered...

The atmosphere of the couplet battle was taken to the absolute peak, grabbing the full attention of the spectators!

However...

In comparison to the excited bystanders, fans of Chu Kuang and Teacher Admirable Fish were thoroughly overjoyed!

Ha-ha, is this a hero saving the damsel in distress?

Chu Kuang: Little Fish, they don't understand you, but I do.

Teacher Admirable Fish: Damn, I was the one who wrote the lower couplet, how did you get all the credit?”

Ha-ha, they gave you all the credit?!

Chu Kuang didn't even give Teacher Admirable Fish a chance to say anything, he directly shut the officials of King of Couplets up!”

Both Teacher Admirable Fish and Chu Kuang are awesome!”

This round obviously goes to Teacher Admirable Fish, but Chu Kuang is probably one of the few people who can keep up with Teacher Admirable Fish, a normal person would never know he could have so many variations.”

Wait, what are you insinuating?”

You’re all putting on a show! The officials were questioning Teacher Admirable Fish’s dark horse lower couplet and Chu Kuang came to his aid.

Teacher Admirable Fish and Chu Kuang were made for each other!

Should I call for the local registry office?

Who knows if Chu Kuang and Teacher Admirable Fish are male or female, they never revealed their gender.”

Does gender matter?

I think they are both male, a match made in heaven, like a double positive!

For the hardcore fans who made fun of them daily, this couplet competition was extremely exhilarating!

Even many renowned figures from the literary circle, who witnessed the competition, couldn’t resist secretly following Chu Kuang and Teacher Admirable Fish.

Even though Teacher Admirable Fish was outstanding with his perfect lower couplet, Chu Kuang was not bad either, because he was the only one who understood all the variations of Teacher Admirable Fish’s lower couplets!

This meant...

Chu Kuang's skills were frighteningly good as well!

Whew.

Inside the studio...

Lin Yuan took a deep breath.

Though there was a major mishap when he posted the lower couplet using Teacher Admirable Fish's account, he had a quick idea and managed to turn it into publicity for Chu Kuang's account.

Yes-

Lin Yuan deliberately remained silent as Teacher Admirable Fish and then replied using Chu Kuang's account.

Doing so allowed Chu Kuang to gather all the remaining attention.

Anyway...

By being able to write the lower couplet, Teacher Admirable Fish already gained a lot of attention.

In fact, Chu Kuang coming forward also helped recognize Teacher Admirable Fish's achievements.

Because the quicker Chu Kuang analyzed the lower couplets, the more he demonstrated the sheer brilliance of Teacher Admirable Fish's lower couplet...

It's time to end this...

Right when Lin Yuan was about to shut down his computer, a notification echoed from the computer.

Lin Yuan froze for a moment, then looked down to find someone had mentioned him on Tribe.

Wait...

This account did more than just mention him, it also tagged Chu Kuang.

The one who tagged both of them was Feng Changsheng, who had noticed the first variation of the couplet.

Turns out, Feng Changsheng had made it to the final level of the “King of Couplets” game.

And the couplet for the final level was [Admire the plum blossom sweeping up the snow].

I reached the final level of ‘King of Couplets,’ but found I couldn’t come up with a match for it. The officials really know their couplets, don’t they? @Chu Kuang (©Teacher Admirable Fish, do you want to give it a try?”

Lin Yuan: “.

Meow meow meow?

Another couplet from Earth?

Chapter 255: Advancing Together to 50 Million 1

If it were a couplet from Blue Star, Lin Yuan would definitely ask Xian Yu and Chu Kuang to pretend they didn’t see it.

Although he’d hit the officials in the face, Lin Yuan had taken advantage of the Earth’s predecessors, he knew he had to be sensible.

But...

If you were to return the Earth’s couplet, I would be energized.

Showing off petty skills in front of an expert?

Great Tianlong!

Just kidding, Lin Yuan felt that this was a chance to make up for the mistakes.

This time, he definitely could not let Xian Yu get it right.

Let Chu Kuang have a go.

Lin Yuan didn't rush to operate, but first looked at the reaction of the netizens.

Not surprisingly, many people's first reaction to this couplet was...

Simple!

Compared to the ever-changing couplet that everyone had just discussed, at first glance, this couplet was really too simple!

"It's too simple."

"I can come up with the answer, 'Pointing out the world and defining the country' how about this?"

"It sounds ordinary, but it has some meaning."

"Mainly, it's really not difficult, any expert could come up with a response."

"Could there be a hidden mystery?"

"Most likely, otherwise it wouldn't be the final round."

The netizens were discussing.

Before Chu Kuang could reply, Feng Changsheng posted a status update:

“The couplet I responded to was ‘Stepping stone leaves its mark,’ I thought it was a problem with the game’s smart algorithm, but I asked a professor friend in the game’s development team, and he said there was a problem with my response.”

The netizens were stunned.

‘Viewing plum blossoms alone, sweeping hoarfrost, leaving only the hollow footprints.’

It seems to have no problem.

‘Alone’ corresponds to ‘Only’, ‘View’ corresponds to ‘See’, ‘Plum Blossoms’ corresponds to ‘Slipper Prints’, ‘Hoarfrost’ corresponds to ‘Step’...

Could it be because it is not beautiful enough in its response?

They developed the same doubts as Feng Changsheng.

Some netizens tagged the official account, and played a joke from the movie “Flirting Scholar”:

Is it dead? Come over and check if there’s a mistake in this couplet.”

The officials saw the momentum and got more excited, immediately tagging Feng Changsheng with four words, “Huge mistake!”

They were just bleeding internally before, now they've recovered.

Lin Yuan laughed.

He felt it was time to let Chu Kuang make his move.

To avoid any mix-ups, Lin Yuan only released his next line after carefully confirming the account name:

Detailed inspection of the mountainous scenery, dancing around the streams.”

This next line, like the first line, is excessively simple.

The netizens didn't quite understand because the first and the next lines were both excessively simple...

Because it was overly simple, people felt, maybe things were not as simple as they seem.

As for the fans of Xian Yu and Chu Kuang, they were enthusiastic as usual:

Chu Kuang is on this time.”

“Chu Kuang: Can't let Xian Yu hog all the glory.”

“Chu Kuang: Little Fish, step back, let me handle this.”

“Just deciphering isn't enough, Xian Yu just got a tough one, Chu Kuang may be in a hurry to prove himself worthy of Little Fish.”

“I suspect Chu Kuang will fail.”

As expected.

As soon as Chu Kuang’s couplet appeared, the official account of the “King of Couplet” became excited and posted an animated picture along with the caption:

“Better let Xian Yu do it.”

The animated picture was a screenshot from a cartoon, a bald hunter caught a big dumb bear in a trap, facing the big dumb bear raging in the trap, the hunter smirked...

Insinuating that Chu Kuang is a big dumb bear?

Chu Kuang’s fans were not happy!

“What’s the problem?”

“It’s perfectly alright.”

“Isn’t this a good couplet?”

“And the wording is pretty too.”

“Exactly.”

“The officials had just been slapped in the face, and they’re jumping around again.”

The officials definitely wouldn't dare to face public wrath, Chu Kuang's fans weren't few, they quickly explained:

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Our first line is 'Viewing plum blossoms alone, sweeping away the hoarfrost', the homophones for these characters are do————— re— mi— fa— so la-

si, the first seven sounds in the musical scale!"

What the hell!

These officials are damn cunning!

All of Chu Kuang's fans were taken aback.

Isn't that right?

Isn't 'Viewing plum blossoms alone, sweeping away the hoarfrost' the homonym of the first seven musical notes?

No wonder it looks so simple, there's a hidden threat lurking!

I understand."

Feng Changsheng joined in on the interaction, after all, he was the one who brought up this issue:” I couldn’t decode the mystery of the first line, but I couldn’t come up with anything right now, I’ll let Teacher Admirable Fish try.

Obviously.

The meaning of Feng Changsheng’s words is that Chu Kuang indeed fell into the official’s couplet trap.

It seems that they can only look at Xian Yu now.

But Xian Yu obviously had an advantage, since the officials had given the answer, Xian Yu just needed to match that answer, the difficulty undoubtedly got significantly reduced.

Under these circumstances, many people believe Xian Yu will get it right.

“Teacher Admirable Fish, time to make a move!”

“Avenge Chu Kuang!”

“Look, the officials are bullying your Chu Kuang!”

“Can you put up with this?”

“Xian Yu quickly fire back!

These netizens really know how to play.

But Chu Kuang's fans really hope that Xian Yu can help Chu Kuang save face, after all, Chu Kuang had just spoken up for Xian Yu.

Unfortunately...

Chu Kuang's next line was problematic.

Even if Xian Yu retaliates for Chu Kuang, Chu Kuang has indeed lost some face.

However.

Just when everyone thought that Xian Yu would come up with the next line, Xian Yu unexpectedly tagged the official account, clearly indicating four big words:

“What's wrong with that?”

Everyone still remembered that when the official account said that Xian Yu's couplet was not perfect, that was how Chu Kuang retorted.

Instantly, the comment section exploded!

“Hahahaha!”

“What's wrong with that, really?”

“You can even solve this?”

Don't impose your interpretation!

Stop, I'm fucking moved a bit, Xian Yu is really going all out for Chu Kuang!"

"An exact same response, Chu Kuang and Xian Yu, totally having each other's back!"

"Though Xian Yu's couplet was indeed flawless, but Chu Kuang..."

Chu Kuang's couplet is flawed?

Of course not.

Because after Xian Yu retorted to the official account, he gave a hint: "Could you guys please read Chu Kuang's next line a few more times."

Read several more times?

Many people did that almost instinctively.

Examining the mountains, the dance of the creek... Examining the mountains, the dance of the creek... Where's the mystery?

Damn!

Suddenly, someone got it.

What do you mean by “examining the mountains, the dance of the creek”?

This fucking seems like “one two three four five six seven”!

People’s minds had just stuck in a rut before, read it more times, and the tune will come out, Feng Changsheng suddenly exclaims:

“Examining the mountains, the dance of the creek, one two three four five six seven! It fucking perfectly matches!”

“Xian Yu is awesome!”

“That makes sense, I surrender!”

“Xian Yu: nobody understands Chu Kuang more than I do!”

“You two should just marry on the spot!”

“Is this why legends can become friends?”

“I am not acquainted with Xian Yu and Chu Kuang because I’m not worthy...”

“What kind of divine interaction is this!

“I am a fan now!

“I’ve locked down this couple!”

“You lock it, give me the key, I’ll swallow it!

It really matched!

The netizens never expected this!

Despite experiencing countless surprises tonight, when Xian Yu perfectly decoded Chu Kuang's next line in the same way, the shock of the netizens was indescribable!

These two, interpreting each other, left everyone with faces full of wow!

Alright then.

The official had deleted all the doubt-casting posts, so their latest comment was again a GIF of "Dui Chuanchang is coughing up blood".

Comical and apt.

As they say, the fandom grows, long and long, with growing laughter...

Xian Yu and Chu Kuang's Tribe followers increased rapidly, almost breaking the 50 million mark together!

It's not just ordinary fans.

Many verified users also started following the two.

Because those two couplets were too brilliant!

"These two are equal in skills!"

I thought Xian Yu's couplet level would have Chu Kuang's beat, but now I'm not sure."

Chu Kuang being able to solve the riddle of the official couplet so quickly, that's enough to prove Chu Kuang's understanding of the couplet!"

If it weren't for the same brilliant talent, how could they become such in-sync buddies."

No wonder they don't follow anyone else, only each other.

"Wait, didn't you forget about Shadow?"

"Alright, they also follow Shadow. But if you hadn't reminded me, I wouldn't have thought of it normally."

Netizens were very emotional, it's just about a couplet, yet it stirred many emotions, the main reason being the divine interaction between Chu Kuang and Xian Yu.

"Phew..."

Lin Yuan exhaled again.

The faux pas was completely salvaged.

The reason for using Xian Yu's account to interpret Chu Kuang's next line was just for some thematic interaction.

Lin Yuan thought that in this way, it would highlight Chu Kuang's prowess even more.

But doing so, Lin Yuan cannot afford a mistake now...

Absolutely, cannot afford a mistake!

Otherwise, even if Chun Yuan's mentality is as stable, he would also face social death.

He didn't handle the couplet affairs any more.

Lin Yuan shut down the computer and went home.

What Lin Yuan didn't know was...

Luo Wei, who had already returned home, was also hanging on to the Tribe account of Shadow, and she also watched the entire process of the interaction between Xian Yu and Chu Kuang.

"...Teacher Shadow, don't cry."

Luo Wei couldn't help but comfort the account she was logged into, and of course, the image of Lin Yuan appeared in her mind.

He must be very sad.

Chu Kuang and Xian Yu, they are too in tune, too in sync.

If this is a car, Shadow should not be inside the car, but under the car...

If this is a movie for three people, it's a movie for three people indeed, but Shadow probably has no name...

Nevermind!

She must promote the anime version of “King of the Net” next time, if this manga is adapted into an anime, it will definitely cause a sensation!

Then, Chu Kuang’s attention won’t just be on Xian Yu, he would also pay attention to Shadow!

Luo Wei was very determined.

Because she had long decided to help Shadow win the heart of Chu Kuang!

But...

Luo Wei also had to admit, Xian Yu was really impressive, Shadow’s achievements so far were nothing in comparison.

And...

What was really regrettable is-

The manga adaptation of “King of the Net”, which had made the name Shadow famous, is almost finished.

After this manga ends.

Where is Shadow supposed to go?

Chapter 256: Insane Luck

Creating couplets was merely a fun and casual action, just like the previous “Balloon Challenge”, such internet trends always come and go quickly.

However, the impact this incident has brought will not easily fade away.

Many netizens remembered deeply about the level of couplets created by Xian Yu and Chu Kuang.

The following few days,

numerous spectators started discussing something related to the couplet event

Between Xian Yu and Chu Kuang, who has superior literary talent?

Such a discussion is destined to be endless.

Because both Chu Kuang and Xian Yu have excellent writing skills, yet their styles are unique.

The former excels at writing novels, both long and short, and is skilled at arranging some exquisite and striking narrative plots.

The latter is good at crafting beautiful sentences, mainly in the form of poems and song lyrics. His talent lies more in rhythm and he has a script for a film that may not be heavy on plot but is hilarious.

Similar discussions resurfaced ever since “Flirting Scholar” was released.

It’s just that with this couplet event, the number of participants in the discussion has increased.

Those who enjoy making jokes always bring up the existence of a third person, Shadow, in these discussions, always full of mockeries:

“Does Shadow have no reputation?”

“Obviously Chu Kuang, Xian Yu, and Shadow are three different people.”

“Do they actually think he is just a shadow?”

“At least Shadow is also a member of the trio.”

“Shadow has such a low presence, haha.”

“As everyone knows, there’s always an invisible one in any trinity.”

The only remaining presence of Shadow is probably these kinds of teases.

After all, compared with the reputation of Chu Kuang and Xian Yu, Shadow is just a relatively excellent newcomer to the comic circle.

The number of Shadow’s tribe followers is just over ten million.

Among them, some popularity was borrowed from Xian Yu and Chu Kuang.

This is the best evidence of Shadow’s low presence.

It should be noted that the number of fans following Xian Yu and Chu Kuang has both exceeded 50 million due to the couplet event.

If it weren’t for Xian Yu, Chu Kuang, and Shadow following each other in a closed loop, many netizens wouldn’t even care who Shadow is.

Luo Wei is very clear about these things, so she feels a little upset.

For some reason, Luo Wei feels empathetic with Shadow, probably because she manages Shadow’s tribe account, or maybe because of the information Lin Yuan revealed...

What frustrated Luo Wei was that Lin Yuan, the person involved, seemed completely unaffected.

Even in the couplet event, Xian Yu and Chu Kuang flirting with each other, this guy turned a blind eye, as if he were invisible.

Luo Wei felt both pity for his misfortune and anger for his inaction.

On this day, as usual, she uploaded the comic “King of the Net”, pushing it a step closer to completion.

Luo Wei suddenly called Lin Yuan, who was about to leave the studio.

“Anything urgent?”

Lin Yuan asked.

Luo Wei sighed: “The serialization of ‘King of the Net’ is almost over. Don’t you have any plans for the future?”

One worries more than the one who should.

Why could he be so calm?

On the contrary, even though she was just an assistant, she was always concerned for Lin Yuan, or rather, for Shadow.

“Just continue to draw comics.”

Lin Yuan naturally responded.

Since he’s been drawing every day, of course, he knew that that “King of the Net” is about to end.

But for Lin Yuan, this is not a complex problem, he just needs to continue publishing new comics under the pseudonym Shadow.

As for where to get the content for the new comics?

Of course it’s from the System.

Lin Yuan has confirmed this with the System. The System can customize comics.

Coming back to the point.

Actually, Lin Yuan attaches great importance to the Shadow pseudonym.

Because the existence of Shadow is the most important way for Lin Yuan to obtain drawing popularity!

Whether it's gouache, sketch or traditional Chinese painting...

When it comes to gaining popularity, comics are always the fastest!

"I understand."

Luo Wei sighed: "I was asking about the content for our next comic. I've done some research recently. Chu Kuang has two works that can be adapted into comics: 'Zhu Xian' and 'Ghost Blows Out the Light'. Are you planning to pick one of these novels to adapt into a comic? To be frank, I'm afraid the effect of adapting these two novels into comics won't be comparable to 'King of the Net'."

"No need."

Lin Yuan also didn't plan to adapt these two novels into comic, it's not that they are incapable of being adapted, it's just, as Luo Wei had mentioned, it's likely that the effect of adapting these two novels into comics will not surpass the currently serialized "King of the Net".

Luo Wei's eyes widened slightly: "You mean, for the next manga, you want to go with an original storyline?"

"Yeah."

Lin Yuan nodded.

Luo Wei started to feel a little nervous.

For a manga, the plot is very important. The blockbuster popularity of 'King of the Net' certainly had to do with Lin Yuan's character design and art style fitting well with the original story.

But the storyline provided by Chu Kuang was also a very important factor.

How many manga artists are there with good drawing skills?

But the ones that make it big are those with awesome stories!

Luo Wei trusts Lin Yuan's drawing abilities, but she's not sure if Lin Yuan has the plotting skills to match his artistic talents.

But she didn't voice these thoughts out for fear of undermining Lin Yuan's confidence.

She could only hint delicately: "Why don't we discuss things when you have an idea for your new manga?"

"Ok."

Lin Yuan did not underestimate Luo Wei simply because she was his assistant.

Luo Wei was far more important to Lin Yuan than an average manga assistant. Her drawing skills, roles, and abilities were equivalent to half a shadow.

It was also because of Luo Wei's reminder.

When he got home, Lin Yuan summoned the System: "I want to create a new manga."

He had calculated it.

There was less than two months until 'King of the Net' was finished.

If he ordered now, he could create the new manga earlier and be ready to replace 'King of the Net'.

"System customization in process..."

This time the system didn't lag.

About three minutes later, three virtual boxes appeared in front of Lin Yuan:

“Host can independently choose a box. Each box contains one manga. Choose one of the three. The custom-made price this time is 10 million. Do you accept?”

Manga customization is also so expensive!

Even though Lin Yuan's income isn't low right now, each customization still feels like he's cutting off his flesh.

Fortunately, this time the system wasn't randomly choosing, but gave three options.

Three boxes, pick one.

It was time to rely on his luck.

Lin Yuan sent a hundred dollars cash gift in the group chat with the least number of people on his phone, then frantically tapped his phone screen

The phone screen was almost crushed.

“Congratulations, you've grabbed Lin Yuan's cash gift of 100 yuan.”

A prompt appeared on the phone, Lin Yuan calmed his wildly beating heart and heavily breathed a sigh of relief.

He wasn't sniped!

I am the king of luck!

In the group chat, a series of question marks appeared.

Sister: “Self-touch???”

Xia Fan: “Are you happy???”

Jian Yi: “Are all you rich people so disgusting???”

Lin Yuan pretended not to see these messages. Anyway, since he was feeling lucky, he should be able to make a good pick.

“I’ll choose the one in the middle...”

Lin Yuan mumbled to himself. Because of his OCD, he really wanted to choose the one in the middle.

But-

Before his voice had finished, Lin Yuan’s hand rapidly clicked on the third box!

Surprising, isn’t it?

Lin Yuan was afraid the system would try to trick him, so he pretended to choose the middle box, but actually chose the one on the right.

Swipe!

A flash of light passed through his eyes, and Lin Yuan heard a prompt in his ear: “Congratulations to the host for obtaining the manga ‘Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma’!”

At the same time,

Lin Yuan saw the dull hues of the manga in the other two boxes, which he hadn’t chosen.

The first box contained 'Dream Eater.'

The second box contained 'Himouto! Umaru-chan.'

At this moment,

Lin Yuan almost wanted to laugh out loud.

He had not fallen into the system's trap and chose the manga that would sell the most.

I am the insanely lucky one!

Chapter 257: Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma

Lin Yuan had heard about the manga inside the three treasure boxes.

He certainly couldn't remember the exact sales figures for each manga, but in his vague memory, the "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" he chose was a very influential manga.

It also seemed to have high sales.

After all, it's one of the famous gourmet manga on Earth.

But this time, it wasn't about creating a new type of gourmet manga.

The comic industry on Blue Star was well developed and had produced some popular gourmet manga series long ago, but few people had created gourmet comics in recent years.

Relatively niche, but not absolutely so.

All this was discovered by Lin Yuan during casual conversations with Luo Wei.

Compared to Lin Yuan, Luo Wei knew a lot about manga and anime.

The so-called hardcore shut-in girl, anime fanatic, modern fujoshi, that was Luo Wei.

Now that the manga was decided, Lin Yuan was considering how to serialize this manga...

First, establish a premise:

This manga must make money!

The “King of the Net” manga serializing in the tribe was more or less done out of love.

Since Lin Yuan was seriously short of prestige in drawing, he was willing to offer it for free to readers. Besides, the “King of the Net” manga didn’t cost anything, and he benefited from the System’s reformed version of the novel. This time, things were different.

After spending ten million on “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma”, wouldn’t it be a loss if it didn’t make money?

Lin Yuan wouldn’t do unprofitable business.

Considering this, it’s a given that he intended to monetize this manga series. Thinking of this.

Lin Yuan read through “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma” in a quantum reading manner and also learned the story behind the manga.

It turned out that “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma” on Earth collapsed later on.

It was because this manga introduced the concept of abilities in the later period of serialization.

The concept of abilities was fatal to a gourmet anime series.

The portrayal of those with abilities in the manga was just strong, the villain with inexplicable strength, powered by abilities.

When the ability-user defeats the protagonist, it's due to his ability to use abilities at will, but when he's finally defeated by the protagonist, it's because of the inexplicable lineage he carries—

What the hell?

A good manga eventually pulled in the theory of lineage often used in battle anime, no wonder it was cut off.

However, this was also the deleterious result of the publisher forcibly interfering in the manga creator's rhythm, the author only carried half the blame.

Interestingly enough.

“King of the Net” on Earth also ended up with aliens as enemies, leading to a complete collapse of the manga. It seems that every plot breakdown has a process of opening up new possibilities.

So, just like treating “King of the Net”.

The System categorized and integrated it, shortened the length of “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma”, and kept the plot within a reasonable range.

Of course.

The length of the manga, inevitably, became shorter as a result.

Considering Shadow's reputation, Lin Yuan thought it would be a good option to finish before the collapse of the work.

Now Lin Yuan's vision has become a lot more long-term, he's not only thinking about making money.

Take Chu Kuang for example. Isn't it because his books have a good reputation, so many people are willing to buy his new books?

By the way.

There's a little backstory about "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma".

The author of this manga was once a doujinshi artist. He later "went ashore", so "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" has an element of fan service, with characters experiencing clothes bursting after eating delicious food.

Applaud if you understand.

Lin Yuan didn't plan to change this feature, if the original version could be accepted by the public, why should Lin Yuan forcibly cut off the reader's benefit?

The next day, Lin Yuan arrived at the studio and uploaded the "King of the Net" content for the day. In front of Luo Wei, he brought out a few character designs he had completed the night before at home.

"Who is this?"

Luo Wei saw the first drawing brought out by Lin Yuan. It was an ordinary red-haired boy in a blue-grey coat with a scar on his left eyebrow, looking very spirited.

"His name is Yukihiro."

Lin Yuan introduced, "He is the male lead of our next manga. His father is one of the best chefs on Blue Star, so his dream is to be one of the best chefs on Blue Star."

"A gourmet manga?"

Luo Wei understood instantly.

Lin Yuan nodded, revealing the second character, a girl in a black school uniform with a short skirt. Her blonde hair reached her waist and her expression was full of arrogance. Her figure was also top-notch. Just by looking at the character design, Luo Wei could infer the character's personality. "The female lead?"

Luo Wei guessed.

Lin Yuan hesitated and nodded. This girl was more or less the female lead. "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" didn't have much emotional drama. Among the two girls who had emotional entanglements with the protagonist, this one had a stronger presence.

Afterward.

Lin Yuan brought the other few important manga characters from the early stages to show Luo Wei. As Lin Yuan's assistant, it was essential for her to familiarize herself with the characters before getting involved in the manga creation.

"What about the plot?"

The character designs that Lin Yuan brought out were okay. The overall style was quite popular and not too different from "King of the Net", but there were indeed some slight differences in the details. Luo Wei was more concerned about the plot of the manga.

"The plot..."

Lin Yuan began, "The male protagonist, Yukihiro, is a middle school student who runs a restaurant at home. He targets his skilled chef father, practising his cooking skills every day, but one day, his father wants him to attend Totsuki Academy."

"And what else?"

"Totsuki has a tradition called 'Shokugeki', which means two chefs duel with each other through cooking. Accordingly, this anime will consist of many Shokugeki' episodes, and of course, the protagonist can usually win."

Luo Wei pondered.

Just by hearing Lin Yuan's explanation, she didn't have a very intuitive concept. The only feeling she had was that it was plain – a story where the protagonist constantly competes with others in cooking and keeps winning. Luo Wei had seen some gourmet anime, and they all more or less followed this pattern. This was also the limitation of gourmet works. If there were no cooking duels, just boasting about how delicious the protagonist's cooking was would not attract readers for a long time.

In the meantime.

As "King of the Net" neared its conclusion, the comment section in the Tribe platform was getting more lively. The comment that Shadow was a nobody was just a joke in comparison to Chu Kuang and Xian Yu. These two were very successful in their respective fields, weren't they?

Compared to them.

Shadow was a nobody.

But leaving those two aside, as the author of "King of the Net", Shadow wasn't really a nobody in the manga field. With a fanbase of tens of millions, he was a rising star in the manga circle who garnered considerable attention..

Chapter 258: Pure Painter

Lin Yuan would not slow down the updates of "King of the Net" just because it was about to end, since he now had a new manga on standby. However, the fans of this comic felt increasingly reluctant to let go.

This was evident from the comments section.

"I wish Shadow could keep drawing!"

"As a fan of the original novel, I really don't know how to take it. I just casually clicked on this manga adaptation, but then I got hooked immediately. Now it feels like I have to endure the ending of 'King of the Net' twice."

"I really don't want it to end!"

“In my opinion, ‘King of the Net’ is a classic success of a novel adapted into a manga. Other adaptations just feel crappy in comparison. This one, however, expertly captures the essence of the original while its illustrations immerse us deeper into the world of tennis.”

“Shadow is helpless too.”

“The novel ended at this part, so naturally, the manga would end too because it’s short. If he wishes to continue, he would have to come up with the original plot, which seems quite unrealistic considering that Shadow is just an illustrator after all.”

“What do you mean by just an illustrator?”

“I’m new to manga too, what do you mean?”

“When the manga is drawn by an illustrator, it requires a scriptwriter to write the story for the manga or adaptation from novels like ‘King of the Net’. The advantage of this is, the manga artist can spend more time improving their drawing skills since they do not have to come up with a story.”

“I see.”

“If it’s not clear, you can look at the credits while reading other mangas. If you see [Original: someone] and [Manga: someone], it means the work is a collaboration between a scriptwriter and comic artist. If you see [Drawn by: someone], it means that it is a standalone work by the artist. Though Teacher Shadow is relatively new, he is already a respected illustrator.”

These are the two basic working models in the manga industry – neither could be deemed as superior as they cater to different individuals.

For example, Takeshi Obata, a world-renowned manga artist, was the illustrator for ‘Hikaru no Go’, while someone else wrote the script.

Earlier, we mentioned ‘Dream Eater’ was also illustrated by Takeshi Obata while someone else took care of the plot.

His illustrations are gorgeous, making him a remarkable artist.

Take 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma,' it is also a collaboration.

The script is written by Tsukuda Yuuto.

And Saeki Shun is the artist.

Saeki Shun is the one we've mentioned before, the master of sketching.

Another example would be 'One Punch Man', which is also a collaboration between different artists and scriptwriters.

Another guess.

Have you ever thought about 'Detective Conan', which has been serialized for so many years on Earth? Do you think all the cases were imagined by the manga artist?

Most likely, the plot of this manga is no longer created by one person...

Manga can be a result of win-win cooperation or can be the personal effort of an individual.

A brilliant illustrator paired with a good script can create a masterpiece, and Takeshi Obata is a perfect example of this type of artist.

As for those who can do both, there are many who have also created masterpieces. Isn't Naruto one?

Here's an unusual example.

The manga called 'Attack on Titan' is a typical work where the illustration quality is poor, but the content is amazing (no offense, Polluted White loves this work).

So, in manga, both the artwork and the storyline are crucial.

But overall, those manga artists who can both draw well and create good plots are even more incredible. It's like being both literary and martial.

To many, Shadow is a pure illustrator.

This is why when Luo Wei heard that Lin Yuan planned to create his own original manga plot, she subconsciously found it questionable.

Luo Wei always saw Shadow as pure illustrator just like herself.

There were quite a few people in the manga industry who were keeping an eye on the progress of "King of the Net".

In fact, with the impending end of this manga, many people have started contacting Shadow for collaboration on Tribe's platform.

Of course, it would be separate collaboration.

Some publishers directly stated their intention to provide the storyline and basic illustrations and let Shadow do the rest of the job as an illustrator.

Clearly.

The excellent serialisation of "King of Net" on Tribe has indeed tagged Shadow as an exclusive illustrator.

"How about considering working with a publisher?" Luo Wei suggested to Lin Yuan subtly after noticing the private messages.

"If you want to draw a food-based manga, you can also get a scriptwriter who specializes in such themes, and we won't even need their script, because yours is already very good."

“No need.”

Lin Yuan understood Luo Wei’s concerns, but he couldn’t elaborate on his situation unless he revealed his pseudonyms.

“Alright.”

Luo Wei stopped persuading Lin Yuan when she saw his determination to create. After all, Shadow now had a reputation. Once Lin Yuan realized that he couldn’t come up with a plot as good as “King of the Net”, he would naturally give up the idea of original creation and be content with being an illustrator.

After work.

As Lin Yuan was preparing to leave the studio, he suddenly received a call.

“Hello.”

Lin Yuan answered the call.

The other party was taken aback, finding the voice familiar and hesitated before asking: “Am I speaking with Teacher Chu Kuang again?”

Lin Yuan paused.

He glanced at the caller ID and realized that the call was made to the number registered to Shadow. And this woman called Han Jimei, it seemed, had called Shadow before.

“Yes.”

Lin Yuan coughed.

Han Jimei chuckled: “That’s a strange coincidence. Both times I called, it seemed like Teacher Chu Kuang is answering for Teacher Shadow...”

“He’s in the shower.”

Lin Yuan made up an excuse on the spot.

Han Jimei fell silent on the other end, even her breathing seemed slightly uneven. After a while, she stuttered, “Did I... Did I interrupt something?”

Lin Yuan said, “No, you can speak. I’ll pass on the message.”

Han Jimei seemed to have a lump in her throat and coughed, “I was calling to ask if Teacher Shadow would be interested in serializing a new manga on Tribe?”

Lin Yuan frowned, “Continue to serialize for free?”

Han Jimei hurriedly explained, “Actually, Tribe recently launched an online manga site. It’s a paid platform, and we plan to divert traffic from Tribe...”

“I’ll think about it.”

“Are you?”

“Yes.”

“Oh... uh... I didn’t expect you to make decisions for Shadow... You two must be very close...”

Lin Yuan almost forgot about that and twitched, “That’s pretty much it for now. We can communicate by sending messages, no need to call often.”

“Sure thing.”

Han Jimei was very accommodating.

After hanging up, Lin Yuan realized that he needed to find someone to handle these matters for him as soon as possible.

Otherwise, his identities would eventually get mixed up..

Chapter 259: Agent

But finding a manager means sharing all his information with another person, something that Lin Yuan was somewhat resistant to, because it meant that his manager had to be someone he could trust one hundred percent!

Lin Yuan was somewhat frustrated.

Lin Yuan's most trustworthy people were of course his family and friends, but everyone had their own stuff going on. Lin Yuan could hardly ask his sister, or Xia Fan, or even Jian Yi to work for him. Besides these people, who else was there?

Should he have Gu Dong do it?

Gu Dong was Lin Yuan's assistant and relatively trustworthy, but Lin Yuan felt Gu Dong's ability was not yet mature enough. With his multiple identities, Gu Dong may not be able to handle it all. It was better to find an experienced manager after all, as they would have to negotiate work opportunities on his behalf.

Yes.

Lin Yuan needed a manager to negotiate work for him. For example, he really hoped someone could speak on his behalf for the animation adaptation of "King of the Net". Luo Wei probably wouldn't be able to handle this, and if he did it himself, it could easily become problematic, especially considering he wasn't very experienced either.

"Ding Dong."

Just as Lin Yuan was feeling frustrated about this, the System suddenly appeared: "Detected that the host seems unable to cope with his increasingly complex identity background. Does the host need the System to help identify a reliable manager?"

“Will it cost me?”

Lin Yuan was somewhat wary.

System: “No need.”

Lin Yuan hesitated for a moment. When did this darn System become so good-hearted?

But after thinking it over, Lin Yuan couldn't figure out what kind of trap the System could have set for him, so he simply nodded and said:

“Then you can help me find one.”

“Please post a job ad, and you may find a suitable candidate.”

Lin Yuan did as suggested.

In the following days, job seekers came one after another, but none were quite what Lin Yuan had in mind.

It wasn't until the third day that a new job seeker knocked on the door.

System prompt: “Job seeker detected. This could be a good candidate.”

Was this person reliable?

Curious, Lin Yuan went forward to open the door, only to see a man in his thirties standing there, looking somewhat weathered.

The man asked, “Is this where you're hiring?”

“Mhm.”

Lin Yuan moved aside, "Come in."

After thanking him, the man entered.

"Have a seat."

Lin Yuan began, "Do you know what work you will be doing?"

The man explained, "I just saw the job ad downstairs. It seems someone needs a manager. I believe I am qualified."

Lin Yuan glanced at the man's resume, "So you came specifically for this job?"

Jin Mu replied, "Not at first, but now yes."

Lin Yuan nodded, then said, "Jin Mu?"

The man, who was now known as Jin Mu, nodded.

Lin Yuan explained, "I don't intend to start a company."

According to his resume, this Jin Mu used to be a company boss. It was unclear why he was out looking for work again, but the most suitable job for him was obviously a management position in a company.

Oddly, the System thought this man was suitable for him.

Jin Mu smiled, "I don't want to go back to my previous work either."

Lin Yuan asked, "May I ask why?"

Although this person was chosen by the System, a platform Lin Yuan trusted, he still wanted to understand the details.

Jin Mu bitterly smiled, "I once opened a company and achieved some success. But then I fell ill. The doctor told me there was no cure for my disease, so my wife left me for someone else and took all my assets... Then a few days ago... you can call it a medical miracle. I did not die as expected. Since I didn't die, naturally I want to continue living."

Lin Yuan quirked a brow.

Even a terminal illness couldn't claim his life?

Why did this sound so familiar?

Ah, the System really liked saving people's lives.

Lin Yuan questioned, "Can't your property be reclaimed?"

Jin Mu shook his head, "I was bedridden for three years, and she took care of me for three years. She has done right by me."

Lin Yuan nodded in understanding.

Jin Mu added, "Before I started my company, I did some secretarial work. If you need a manager here, I can give it a try."

Lin Yuan asked, "Why choose this?"

Jin Mu hesitated, "If I said I didn't know why I suddenly wanted to try this job, would you believe me?"

"I would."

Lin Yuan looked at Jin Mu sympathetically, "Then let me tell you a bit about the job."

Jin Mu nodded, "Are you the one hiring the manager?"

"That's me."

Lin Yuan introduced himself, "My name is Lin Yuan, a junior composition student at the Qin Continent Art Academy... I'll be a senior when school starts in a few days."

Jin Mu looked surprised.

Continuing, Lin Yuan said, "This is my studio. On the surface, I am a student, but in reality, I am a cartoonist, who goes by the pen name Shadow."

Jin Mu asked, "May I look it up?"

Lin Yuan nodded.

Jin Mu took out his phone and looked up "Shadow". After some research, he laughed and said,

"This job is better than I imagined. I didn't expect you to have achieved so much at such a young age."

Lin Yuan nodded, "Please look up Xian Yu."

Jin Mu replied, "I've heard of Xian Yu... The songs I listened to most while bedridden were Xian Yu's... What does this have to do with you?"

Lin Yuan said, "I am Xian Yu."

The air went quiet for a few seconds.

Adam's apple bobbing, Jin Mu asked, "So, are you... are you Shadow or Xian Yu?"

Lin Yuan confirmed, "They're both me."

Jin Mu's eyes widened slightly, and it took him a while to react. His voice shook with shock as he asked, "So..."

"So I hope you can help me manage these three identities."

"Okay."

Jin Mu thought Lin Yuan was referring to his student identity, and the identities of Xian Yu and Shadow.

What he didn't expect was for Lin Yuan to add, "Sorry, I forgot to introduce, you can look up Chu Kuang too."

"I know about Chu Kuang..."

Jin Mu didn't reach for his phone, he just automatically responded.

Then, as if something dawned on him, he looked at Lin Yuan, rather taken aback, "Are you joking?"

"No."

Lin Yuan confirmed, "You may have guessed, but Chu Kuang also me."

Silence fell again. Eventually, Jin Mu asked, "May I have a glass of water?"

"Help yourself." Lin Yuan said.

The man took a disposable cup, poured a glass of water, chugged it down, then sighed,

-So in addition to being a student, you have three other identities, namely the famous writer Chu Kuang, the famous musician Xian Yu, and... a fairly well-known cartoonist, Shadow?"

“Yes.”

The reaction of the other party was calmer than Lin Yuan expected. It seemed like this man had been through a lot, Lin Yuan thought it was a good sign.

-So I will be the manager of three people?” Jin Mu asked somewhat laboriously.

“Yes.”

“Very well.”

Jin Mu displayed a complex smile, “I was planning on finding a more relaxed job... but this is also good.”

Lin Yuan asked, “How much do you expect to be paid?”

Jin Mu hesitated for a moment, then laughed, “How about thirty thousand for a one-month probation period? After all, I’m working for three people. If you are pleased with my performance, I hope you will consider giving me a raise.” That’s acceptable.

Lin Yuan agreed, “Let’s start with that then, let’s talk about the job details...”

“Okay.”

Unaware, Jin Mu pinched his thigh under the table..

Chapter 260: Han Jimei’s Wishful Thinking

It was not strange to Luo Wei that Lin Yuan was hiring a manager. She had witnessed Lin Yuan’s interviews over the past few days, and when Lin Yuan decided on the chosen candidate, Luo Wei immediately started a conversation with him: “I’ve been taking care of Teacher Shadow’s account on Tribe recently. Now, it can be handed over to Uncle Jin. A simple password change from Uncle Jin should do.”

Jin Mu was older in age.

So, calling him 'Uncle' wasn't too much.

Jin Mu said, "I've checked the situation, and Assistant Luo has done well, so I think the Tribe account can continue to be managed by Assistant Luo. As for the adaptation of 'King of the Net' into an animation, I will be responsible for liaising with several companies."

"Is that fine?"

Luo Wei looked at Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan nodded. Uncle Jin didn't need to worry about this basic account management. His main role was to handle some matters that were inconvenient for Lin Yuan himself to face, such as the matter Jin Mu had just mentioned, which involved professional matters.

Luo Wei smiled.

She also wanted to continue managing the account.

Moreover, Lin Yuan had handed over his current main interpersonal relationships to Jin Mu. In the future, many things could be handled by Jin Mu, as long as he reported to him in time. Lin Yuan was quite reassured about the candidate chosen by the System.

Jin Mu picked things up quickly.

After a few days of adapting, he was able to discuss formal work with Lin Yuan: "After some investigations, there are eight large online comic websites in Qin Qi, all of which have relatively equal traffic. They can all be the platforms for the release of Shadow's next comics. However, I personally recommend Tribe Comics."

"Why?"

"Firstly, Shadow's first comic was published on Tribe. Secondly, Tribe has the inherent advantage of attracting streams when it established the comic website. After the website is established, it is

bound to attract some excellent comic artists. This is a guarantee for the basic traffic. In the short term, this website may not be the optimal choice, but I think this comic website is a good option in the long term. Moreover, they are preparing offline physical channels...”

“Then select this one.”

Lin Yuan didn’t understand market research. If the comic website established by Tribe was reliable, he wouldn’t mind continuing to cooperate with them. After all, Lin Yuan’s habit was to cooperate as much as possible with platforms he was familiar with.

“Also...”

Jin Mu looked at Lin Yuan and said, “Tribe, like the other publishers and comic platforms, also has the idea of providing scriptwriters for the boss. However, I plan to refuse. Does the boss think there is any problem with my handling?”

Pure artist!

This was the definition of Shadow from the outside world. If Jin Mu didn’t know about Lin Yuan’s multiple identities, he would also think Shadow is more suitable for the path of a pure artist. But if Shadow is also Chu Kuang, that would be another story.

“No problem.”

Lin Yuan would never use a scriptwriter. He had his own good stories, so why would he need others to provide them? Without due cause, an extra person would share his money. As long as his next comic makes a name for itself, the label of pure artist can be removed.

“Hmm...”

Jin Mu hesitated for a moment, then added, “As for managing Xian Yu’s work, I think the boss should be responsible for it. It’s difficult for us to hide every alias successfully, and you need a relatively well-known public identity.”

“Is that so.”

Lin Yuan thought for a while and felt it was not a big issue. In some ways, the identity of Xian Yu was the hardest to hide, because many people in the company recognized him, including friends and family, who were also aware of his identity as Xian Yu.

“Alright.”

In this case, Jin Mu only needed to manage the aliases of Chu Kuang and Shadow. The identity of Xian Yu didn't require much involvement from Jin Mu: “Then you continue to follow up on the comic website of Tribe.”

Jin Mu nodded.

Lin Yuan was in a good mood.

Having Jin Mu advising was quite convenient, as the suggestions Jin Mu offered were generally the optimal solutions for his work. Lin Yuan had long needed someone to provide him with some candid suggestions.

While contacting Shadow, Tribe had already begun promoting the establishment of a comic website. As one of the largest online platforms in Qin Qi, the news quickly spread to everyone. Many avid comic fans were looking forward to it and discussing it.

“A new comic website?”

“Tribe is actually getting into comics too. The pressure on all major comic websites must be quite heavy, considering Tribe's platform already has some influential comics being serialized, coupled with Tribe's unique background.”

“I hope the new website has some surprises.”

“With Tribe's background, it can certainly attract many excellent comic artists. Recently, several comic artists have stated that they are in talks with the people from Tribe Comics. I guess the list will be announced in the next few days.”

Just as the outside world speculated.

Tribe's entry into the market made all major online comic platforms in Qin Qi feel an enormous threat. Especially the websites that had their pillar-level comic artists poached by Tribe, they were all shedding bitter tears. This was the impact brought about by the major shakeup in various industries after Qin Qi's merger.

A few days went by.

Tribe directly published the list of thirty comic artists who would be releasing their new works on Tribe Comics. The names of many well-known comic giants that many comic fans were very familiar with appeared on the list. The last few names also included Shadow.

Of course.

In this list of names, Teacher Shadow's presence is not particularly noticeable because the comic artists invited by Tribe are all renowned veterans in the industry, enough to dazzle all comic fans.

The list is out.

And the discussions become even livelier.

However, this does not affect Lin Yuan's pace of publishing "King of the Net". By August 23, this comic finally comes to its conclusion, and as expected, there are many comments in the Tribe discussion area on the day the comic ends.

"So emotional!"

"Congrats on finishing!"

"My favorite comic has ended, I feel empty inside. I wonder if Teacher Shadow is interested in adapting 'Zhu Xian' into a comic, if it's Teacher Shadow, it should be excellently translated, right?"

"Teacher Shadow's drawing skills are just too superb."

“A pure artist, given a good story script, has a high probability of creating a masterpiece. I hope Teacher Shadow’s next work can be a collaboration with top comic scriptwriters in the industry. Of course, collaborating with Chu Kuang is also possible.”

“Looking forward to the next work!”

“Tribe is launching a comic website on September 1. The promotion is already out. Shadow’s new work will also be published on Tribe. It feels like this new comic website by Tribe is aiming to unify the online comic market.”

Over at Tribe Literature,

Han Jimei, looking at the feedback on ‘King of the Net’ comments section, couldn’t help but let out a bitter smile, “It’s a pity that Teacher Shadow isn’t content with being just a pure artist. Like many comic artists, he also wants to script and illustrate his own works.”

In the initial website assessment, Teacher Shadow was rated as a very highly valued pure artist.

Evaluation:

Teacher Shadow belongs to the type who, given a good story, could draw a top-selling work. You could say he is a desirable asset in the comics industry.

So, Han Jimei has been paying close attention to him.

Unfortunately...

Teacher Shadow was determined to take the path of originality, thereby rejecting the scriptwriters provided by Tribe.

This inevitably led to disappointment for Han Jimei, but she did not readily show it.

On the contrary!

In response to Shadow's stubbornness, Han Jimei simply decided to support his approach to original content.

Of course, this is not because Han Jimei has faith in Shadow's walk on the original path, but because she clearly understands that Shadow wouldn't turn back unless he hits a wall.

Instead of that, better to offer Teacher Shadow the space to create freely.

Once Shadow's new work flops, he will realize how much he lacks an excellent comic scriptwriter.

At that time, offering him a suitable scriptwriter at Tribe could successfully get him back on track!

By then, Teacher Shadow might even appreciate Tribe's provided comic scriptwriter that can help uplift his work.

This is Han Jimei's perfect plan.

It's foolish to clash with an exceptionally outstanding pure artist like Teacher Shadow.

Han Jimei is no fool to hold a high position at Tribe!

Furthermore...

Shadow and Chu Kuang obviously have a great relationship!

If Tribe offends Shadow, would they indirectly offend Chu Kuang?

As soon as Han Jimei considers the close connection between Teacher Shadow and Chu Kuang, she dares not upset Shadow.

So, she just goes along with Shadow.

Letting Shadow identify his own shortcomings.

That way, Shadow will willingly become a pure artist.