

All R. Artist 431

Chapter 431: Fairy Tale Story

It was now December 8th.

The online discussions about “May We Forever” were still ongoing.

However, with everyone’s focus on the lyrics, the popularity of the song was gradually being peeled away.

The discussions had gradually converged on the lyrics themselves—

Namely, “Song of Water”.

The song has now become so popular that many people have memorized it.

At the same time.

The film “Hachiko” had been in theaters for approximately four weeks.

Unexpectedly, the box office trend of the movie was stable, even remaining steady for an impressive four weeks!

This was rare.

Typically, movies rake in the highest revenues within the first two weeks of release, with a sharp drop in the third week.

The stronger blockbusters may occasionally maintain high revenues for three weeks.

But even they could not escape the inevitable slump in the fourth week.

So movies that manage to hold steady at the box office for four weeks are truly few and far between!

Of course, saying that “Hachiko” held strong for a complete four weeks might be stretching things a bit.

To be precise, it stayed strong for three and a half weeks.

Because by the middle of the fourth week, the movie’s box office inevitably started to decline rapidly.

By now.

This movie, which cost around 50 million to make, had maximized the power of word-of-mouth.

When the fifth week rolled around, “Hachiko”, just like all movies, faced the fate of being gradually phased out in theaters due to a decline in box office revenue.

However, by now, “Hachiko”‘s box office had already stumbled past the 2 billion mark!

This result was not only beyond the industry’s expectations, but also greatly exceeded Lin Yuan’s estimations.

Based on the trend in the first two weeks, the movie’s box office was projected to be a little over 1 billion.

But who could have expected it to double that and reach 2 billion?

Such is the remarkable nature of the film market.

The market pattern applies to around eighty percent of movies, but there are always a few that can defy these norms.

For example, “Hachiko” has managed to slightly break these market norms.

For this, the film and television circle couldn’t help but marvel once again at Starlight’s good fortunes, thanks to the phenomenal presence of Xian Yu.

As for Starlight, they must be extremely pleased, willing to break company tradition, and specially promote Xian Yu’s music contract to the level of Maestro. Who can deny Xian Yu’s influence in the film industry?

“Exactly double that of ‘The Tuner’.”

Lin Yuan was very satisfied when summarizing at his home.

As expected from a top-rated movie.

The elasticity of the box office is great, it may be low, but it can also be high.

Overall, producing movies has a great potential for profit.!

However, a drawback of movie production is its lengthy cycle and higher risk; the effort required is far greater than producing a song.

From this perspective, the difficulty of making money from releasing new songs is much lower than making a movie.

“I must not become arrogant.”

Having read so many books about the film industry, Lin Yuan knows very well that the film market is the most unpredictable.

Though several of his small investments have reaped big rewards, it doesn’t mean he can always be successful.

This was why Lin Yuan insisted on casting Zhang Xiuming as the male lead when he was preparing to shoot “Hachiko”.

Given Lin Yuan’s character, why use an A-lister when there are cheaper actors available?

A-listers command such high paychecks.

But sometimes there’s just no choice.

Some films simply require an A-lister to hold up the sky.

In fact, it’s proven that while Zhang Xiuming’s price tag is steep, Zhang Xiuming’s acting skills and popularity have been crucial to the box office success of the movie!

If Lin Yuan were to produce a drama film and not hire any A-list actors, that would indeed be being too out of touch with the market.

“If the male lead wasn’t Zhang Xiuming, but instead a good actor with little fame, the box office could potentially be halved.”

Lin Yuan has this understanding and absolutely does not harbor any illusions of luck.

Just then.

His sister’s knock on the door came: “Time for dinner.”

“Okay.”

Lin Yuan stopped thinking and left the room.

Upon reaching the downstairs restaurant, Lin Yuan surprisingly discovered that today his sister and mother were cooking together, preparing an array of delicious dishes.

“Is it New Year?”

But that wasn’t right; the New Year holidays hadn’t started yet.

There were still more than ten days until the New Year.

Lin Yao said, “Our sister got promoted today, so we’re celebrating.”

As she spoke, Lin Yao sneakily adjusted the positions of the dishes, placing the meat in front of her and the vegetables in front of Lin Yuan.

“Antarctica is still outside.”

Lin Yuan casually reminded her.

Lin Yao nodded her head, only to realize when she got to the door that Antarctica had already come inside and was sticking his tongue out from under the dining table, looking sympathetically at her.

Looking up, she found that Lin Yuan had already sat down in the spot full of meat dishes that was in front of her.

Lin Yao angrily said, “That’s my spot.”

Lin Yuan replied, “There’s no name written on the chair.”

Taking off her apron, washing her hands, and sitting down, Lin Xuan resignedly said, “It doesn’t matter where you sit; you both need to eat the vegetables, your nutrition needs to be balanced.”

“Exactly, you can’t be picky.”

Mom also sat down next to the table and said.

Lin Yao resentfully sat in the spot where Lin Yuan usually sits.

“Wait a moment.”

Lin Xuan took out her mobile phone, took a photo of the dishes on the table, posted it in her Moments, and then happily said:

“Congratulations to me on getting promoted today, let’s eat!”

Lin Yuan curiously asked, “What position have you been promoted to, sister?”

Silver Blue Books really liked to nurture young people. In Starlight company, people as young as Lin Xuan were generally ordinary employees.

“Deputy Editor!”

Lin Yao said joyously, being a Deputy Editor at her age could be considered a successful career.

Following up Lin Yao asked, “Which department?”

Lin Xuan’s smile faded a bit, she embarrassingly said, “Fairy Tale Department.”

“Fairy tales?”

Lin Yao enlarged her eyes, appearing extremely interested, “Like ‘Three Little Pigs’?”

The so-called “Three Little Pigs” is a fairy tale by Blue Star, telling the interesting story of a single mother pig raising three piglets, which has been adapted into an animated series, a reminiscent childhood for kids of Lin Yao’s generation.

“Yes...”

Lin Xuan seemed to not want to talk more.

Mom saw Lin Xuan's disappointment, "Is there something wrong with this department?"

Lin Xuan shook her head, "It's not bad per se, it's a newly established department in the company, anything could happen, but there are some rumors in the company saying that our department is specially used to install people with connections."

Mom was stunned, "Are you connected?"

Lin Xuan scoffed, "How could I be connected? But there are a few high-ranking guys in the department who are indeed connected, their parents are mostly high-level executives at Silver Blue Books, and because there are too many of these connected people, there are as many as three deputy editors in our department."

While eating his meat, Lin Yuan casually asked, "What about the chief editor?"

Lin Yao helplessly said, "The department is newly established, there's no chief editor yet, we three deputy editors basically deliberate the matters, the company is considering who among us three will be the chief editor based on our performances, the decision will be made in half a year."

"Go for it, sister!"

While Lin Yao spoke, she sneakily fed the vegetables to Antarctica, but was discovered by Mom and her hand was hit with chopsticks.

"It's impossible for my sister to gain any weight."

Lin Xuan started gnawing on chicken feet, as if to vent her frustrations, mumbling, "I don't know what the company was thinking, putting me with these connected people, and these connected people all have strong backing, using their family connections, they have contacted some pretty powerful authors of fairy tales, especially the one in the office next to me, who has even arranged a manuscript with Teacher Yuanyuan, the author of 'Three Little Pigs'."

Lin Yao rubbed her hand, "Sister, you should also make contact."

Lin Xuan became even more upset, “I don’t know any powerful fairy tale authors, I did try to contact a few using company connections, but they simply ignored me, who made me the only deputy editor in the department who is not connected?”

“There will always be a way.”

Lin Yuan comforted her, at the same time, he also handed the vegetables to Antarctica, but was tattled by Lin Yao, “Mom, look at him!”

Without changing his expression, Lin Yuan stuffed the vegetable into his mouth.

Mom was helpless.

However, Lin Xuan didn’t notice this and continued chewing on her chicken feet.

Fairy tales...

Lin Yuan thought deeply.

Chapter 432: Lin Xuan’s Backing

The next day.

Lin Xuan drove to the company, using her deputy editor’s work badge to enter the elevator and access the newly formed Fairy Tale Department of Silver Blue Books.

In the department.

A number of employees were flattering an attractive woman with long hair:

“Editor-in-Chief Shui, how did you manage to get a submission from Teacher Yuanyuan?”

“Teacher Yuanyuan’s stories are the most elusive in the world of fairy tale writers.”

“I heard that last time, Prosperity Publishing House sent their general manager to personally invite submissions from Teacher Yuanyuan.”

“That’s not surprising, Teacher Yuanyuan’s ‘Three Little Pigs’ was a childhood favorite for many.”

“Even today, ‘Three Little Pigs’ remains popular with children, which sustains Teacher Yuanyuan’s preeminent position in the world of fairy tales.”

“With Editor-in-Chief Shui being so attractive, she must secure submissions with ease.”

“Now that we have a long fairy tale from Teacher Yuanyuan, Deputy Chief Shui should be the only candidate for the position of Editor-in-Chief.”

“...”

The long-haired woman surrounded by everyone was smiling, and on seeing Lin Xuan, she greeted warmly:

“Good morning, Deputy Chief Lin.”

The staff in the department turned their heads to see Lin Xuan and greeted her with surprised smiles.

“Good morning, Deputy Chief Shui.”

Lin Xuan smiled, “Good morning, everyone. It’s about time to wrap up and get ready to work.”

Everyone went back to their seats.

The long-haired woman, known as Deputy Chief Shui, approached Lin Xuan, asking with a smile, “Deputy Chief Lin, have you found a suitable manuscript?”

“I’m still missing one,” Lin Xuan admitted begrudgingly.

The long-haired woman reminded her, "The magazine is going to be published before the year-end, we're running out of time. If you can't find a suitable manuscript, perhaps you can leave the last spot to me. I can arrange for an additional submission, all for the sake of our magazine."

"No problem," Lin Xuan nodded.

The long-haired woman shrugged, turned, and left, revealing a sly smile at the corner of her mouth.

"Editor..."

A bald man drew cautiously next to Lin Xuan with a somewhat disappointed expression, "Teacher Qiqi just refused our submission request. Apparently, Zhang Yang has already secured a submission from her."

This bald man, Zhang Cheng, was Lin Xuan's former magazine's editor-in-chief, and is now her assistant.

"Refused again?"

Lin Xuan was irritated, "How is it that Zhang Yang also knows so many fairy tale writers like Shui Zhourou?"

Shui Zhourou was the long-haired woman earlier.

She, Lin Xuan, and Zhang Yang are the three deputy editors of the Fairy Tale Department.

Among the three, there's serious competition.

Zhang Cheng lamented, "It's quite normal that Shui Zhourou and Deputy Editor Zhang Yang would have such connections considering their strong family backgrounds. Any fairy tale writers that you can think of, surely they can too. They probably approached them in advance to get one step ahead of us. I even suspect that they're doing this deliberately to sabotage us."

"There's nothing we can do."

Lin Xuan tried to perk up, “There are submissions in the email, let’s go prospecting. We need to hurry, otherwise, I might really have to give the last spot to Shui Zhourou or Zhang Yang.”

“Prospecting...”

Zhang Cheng looked helpless, but he knew this was the only option they had.

The Fairy Tale Department is in its infancy and is preparing to launch a fairy tale magazine, which needs to carry some fairy tales stories. Each deputy editor is responsible for two to three stories.

When it comes to performance, the other two deputy editors have solicited submissions from well-known writers in the fairy tale world.

Only Lin Xuan has so far managed to secure one fairy tale story, and the author isn’t even a top-notch fairy tale writer, just someone reasonably famous.

Better a big fish in a small pond than a small fish in a big pond.

Yet, she did not have any leads for the second story.

Lin Xuan was left with no option but to look through submissions from new writers for a suitable story.

Lin Xuan had her own email, which was open to the public.

Following the recent call for fairy tale submissions, she received quite a few submissions.

However, since most of the submissions were from newbies, Lin Xuan didn’t find any appealing stories in her email. This was why the other two deputy editors had decided to directly invite submissions.

“Old Zhang.”

She rubbed her temples irritably and called Zhang Cheng, “Did any of the editors recommend any manuscripts?”

“Well, there are some...”

Zhang Cheng reluctantly stated, “But I’ve mostly checked them, and the quality is just ordinary. Plus, emails from the company’s pool do not count towards our performance.”

“We can’t just think about personal performance.”

Lin Xuan waved her hand, “Alright, I’ll look again, there are still some submissions I haven’t finished reviewing, maybe there’s gold in there.”

“Okay.”

Zhang Cheng left, and Lin Xuan continued reviewing the submissions.

Half an hour later.

Lin Xuan sighed.

All the submissions had been reviewed.

Unfortunately, she had not encountered any good fairy tale stories. Finding gold in the sand is a rare occurrence in the editorial department, the chances were extremely slim.

It seemed she would have to relinquish her slot to the other two deputy editors.

Meanwhile, as Lin Xuan was feeling utterly frustrated.

In the office next door.

Shui Zhourou's assistant relayed the news with a broad smile, "I've just learned that Zhang Yang has secured a submission from Teacher Qiqi. Lin Xuan had intended to invite a submission from Teacher Qiqi, but she was beaten to the punch."

"As expected."

Shui Zhourou responded indifferently, "Teacher Qiqi and Zhang Yang's mother are close friends. Even I couldn't get a submission from Teacher Qiqi, let alone Lin Xuan."

"But you got a submission from Teacher Yuanyuan. Teacher Yuanyuan is much more influential than Teacher Qiqi."

The assistant flattered.

Shui Zhourou shook her head, "Teacher Yuanyuan's submission is a long story, which can't be published right now. We're saving our ace in the hole for later. For now, we're just using a story by Teacher Jin Shan as a placeholder to get all the short stories needed for the magazine sorted out. Good thing Teacher Jin Shan's quality isn't bad, it's slightly better than Teacher Qiqi's."

"True."

The assistant nodded, "I guess Lin Xuan is pulling her hair out right now. The deadline is fast approaching, and if she doesn't secure a submission soon, she'll have to renounce her slot to you or Zhang Yang."

"Definitely to me."

Shui Zhourou confidently stated, "At least, I didn't do anything to her, whereas Zhang Yang cut her off. I believe she'll understand that."

"Brilliant!"

The assistant gave her a thumbs-up, "But if my memory serves me correctly, you informed Zhang Yang that Lin Xuan was intending to approach Teacher Qiqi for a submission. Initially, Zhang Yang didn't plan on approaching Teacher Qiqi first..."

Shui Zhourou nonchalantly stated: “All is fair in war.”

As she finished speaking, the expression on Shui Zhourou’s face suddenly turned serious:

“Don’t go around gossiping about this. I don’t know what background Lin Xuan has, but she was airlifted into our company’s key department as soon as she joined. The person behind her must not be simple, but it seems like they didn’t step in to help her this time, or perhaps they couldn’t provide much help.”

“Of course.”

The assistant nodded hurriedly. Lin Xuan clearly had some clout, but few people in the company knew the truth.

Some people did try to probe, but Lin Xuan was tight-lipped, insisting she didn’t have any particular background.

Who would believe that?

You have no background, yet the chief editor is so considerate towards you?

You have no background, yet you were able to enter the key department to gain experience as soon as you arrived at the company, and then immediately became the deputy editor of the Fairy Tale Department?

You should know.

The Fairy Tale Department is a concentration camp the company set up specifically for insiders!

Both Zhang Yang and Shui Zhourou had big shots backing them up.

For example, Shui Zhourou’s father was at the director level of Silver Blue Books.

And Zhang Yang's mother was a very influential person in the book industry.

"I'm also curious about her background..."

Shui Zhourou's eyes narrowed slightly.

She had asked her father, who was a director, but he didn't reveal anything. He merely reminded her solemnly not to offend Lin Xuan too harshly.

If she wanted to be an editor, fair competition was enough.

Just then, there was a sudden commotion outside the door.

The assistant poked his head out to take a look and quickly said, "Editor, you'd better go greet him. Mr. Cao Dezhi has just arrived."

"Cao Dezhi?"

Shui Zhourou was taken aback: "What is he doing here?"

Cao Dezhi was the editor of the mystery department. It wouldn't have mattered in the past if Shui Zhourou didn't go out to greet him.

But it wouldn't do this year.

This year, Cao Dezhi could be considered a star of the company!

The reason was simple.

It was all because Cao Dezhi had latched onto Chu Kuang.

With the publication of Chu Kuang's series of mystery novels, he directly revitalized the struggling mystery department. Chu Kuang's Hercule Poirot series of mystery novels was still being eagerly

serialized, selling incredibly well, and the performance of the mystery department could only be described as booming!

Some even said that Cao Dezhi might advance even farther because of this.

Even Shui Zhourou, a second-generation company employee, had to show him some respect.

With that in mind, Shui Zhourou walked out the door.

Meanwhile.

Zhang Yang, who had slicked-back hair and wore gold-rimmed glasses, also came out.

“Mr. Cao,”

Shui Zhourou greeted him with a smile.

Zhang Yang was curious: “What brought you here?”

“Acting on someone’s behalf.”

Cao Dezhi politely exchanged pleasantries with a smile.

At this time, Lin Xuan also came out of the office, having apparently heard news of Cao Dezhi’s arrival.

“Editor Lin!”

Cao Dezhi’s eyes lit up, and before Lin Xuan could speak, he quickly stepped forward and said, “Hello, I’m Cao Dezhi. Someone asked me to deliver something to you!”

“What?”

Lin Xuan was a little taken aback.

The expressions on Shui Zhourou and Zhang Yang's faces were stunned as they looked at each other.

It seemed like Cao Dezhi's enthusiasm for Lin Xuan was far greater than for them, wasn't it?

"Manuscript!"

Cao Dezhi laughed: "A fairy tale manuscript!"

Lin Xuan was even more confused, although since joining the company, she had often encountered these inexplicable situations, like someone submitting a manuscript to her in such a roundabout way:

"Whose?"

"Chu Kuang's!"

Cao Dezhi announced loudly, as if the name could add respectability to his own; and to be sure, this name had indeed brought him a lot of attention.

"What!"

Manuscripts from Chu Kuang?

Shui Zhourou and Zhang Yang's faces changed dramatically.

Lin Xuan stood there dumbfounded: "Chu Kuang's manuscript?"

Cao Dezhi quickly explained: "As you know, Chu Kuang is interested in writing all kinds of stories. Well, he just wrote a fairy tale manuscript and specifically instructed me to deliver it to you personally."

“...”

Lin Xuan was a bit slow to react.

Zhang Yang behind her swallowed hard and then couldn't help raising his voice, an undertone of dryness in his voice: “Chu Kuang also writes fairy tales?”

Shui Zhourou's face was also blank as she murmured: “Chu Kuang's... fairy tale?”

“I'll send the manuscript to your email right now.”

Without paying attention to the two of them, Cao Dezhi focused all his attention on Lin Xuan. With a smile on his face, he started operating his phone.

Zhang Yang and Shui Zhourou were instantly confused.

You can send emails, so why did you specifically come all the way here?

Cao Dezhi must have felt awkward. He seemed to hear the voices of the two people behind him, coughed and explained, “I'd feel more at ease if I send it to you in person, in case you forget to read it.”

“Oh...”

Lin Xuan responded absentmindedly, a spark of realization flickering in her mind:

It seems that her younger brother and Chu Kuang are good friends, right?

This was a fact known to all netizens.

Chu Kuang and Xian Yu were very close.

Chu Kuang suddenly wrote a fairy tale and even asked for it to be delivered specially. Could it be at her younger brother's request?

Wait a minute!

Oh my gosh!

The behind-the-scenes supporter turned out to be...

Chu Kuang!!!??

Chapter 433: Unfair Battle

Lin Xuan was stunned!

Now, everything made sense!

Why she wasn't laid off by Silver Blue in the first place; why she was parachuted into a key department as soon as she joined the new company; why she was directly assigned to the Fairytale Department, which was known for favoritism, after accumulating some work experience; why the editor-in-chief took special care of her; why the short story department and the Fantasy Department competed to recruit her...

Because Chu Kuang was behind her!

These people were taking care of her, all because they wanted to please Chu Kuang!

And the ultimate reason was her own younger brother!

Chu Kuang, Xian Yu, and Shadow were publicly acknowledged as the Three Bros. Chu Kuang would take care of her because of her brother's request. Otherwise, there was no reason for him to favor her at all.

They weren't even acquainted!

Considering that Chu Kuang had specifically sent over a fairy tale manuscript, her brother's relationship with Chu Kuang perhaps was even better than she had imagined!

Even if her brother had learned over dinner last night that she was short of a fairy tale manuscript on her side, he would have had to contact Chu Kuang right away, and Chu Kuang would have had to work overnight to fulfill her brother's request!

"A script completed overnight?"

Lin Xuan was taken aback.

At that moment, she felt as if she were possessed by Poirot!

After unraveling everything, in her shock, she finally understood everything!

Turns out she truly was a beneficiary of favoritism, and not just any favoritism!

In an instant, thousands of thoughts crossed Lin Xuan's mind, and she had to maintain her composure:

"Thank you, Mr. Cao..."

"No need to be polite!"

Mr. Cao Dezhi's smile was warm and inviting, and he confidently declared, "If there's anything you need help with in the future, Lin, don't hesitate to come to me. The mystery department is always behind you!"

Meanwhile, behind Mr. Cao Dezhi.

Zhang Yang and Shui Zhourou's expressions had hardened due to the initial shock.

It was Chu Kuang!

Many people in the company had speculated about Lin Xuan's background, but neither of them had ever dreamed that her backer was Chu Kuang!

God!

No wonder Lin Xuan was given preferential treatment in the company with GOAT behind her!

"The manuscript has been delivered."

After showing his attitude, Mr. Cao Dezhi smiled and said, "I will take my leave now. Lin, you are always welcome to visit us!"

"Alright."

Lin Xuan wanted to see him out, but Mr. Cao Dezhi waved his hand, "No need to see me out, Lin. You should get back to work."

Saying this, Mr. Cao Dezhi coolly turned around.

As he passed Zhang Yang and Shui Zhourou, his smile became formal, polite yet indifferent, lacking the warmth he showed to Lin Xuan:

"Sorry for the interruption."

Lin Xuan also smiled politely at them and then hurriedly turned around to return to her office.

Right now, Equation, who had witnessed all of this along with some employees, felt extremely fortunate.

As the saying goes, when one man gets a promotion, even his pets rise to heaven!

He felt astute for deciding to be Lin Xuan's personal assistant!

Indeed, Lin Xuan had someone backing her!

And this person was extremely influential!

Meanwhile, Zhang Yang and Shui Zhourou shared a silent glance and then each returned to their offices.

Just before entering the office, Zhang Yang turned around and looked at some editors who were still in a daze:

“What are you all looking at? Get back to work!”

Everyone quickly responded, but their faces still clearly showed the astonishment and shock caused by that name.

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After getting back to her office, Lin Xuan called Lin Yuan first thing.

As soon as the call was connected, Lin Xuan couldn't wait to ask:

“Did you ask Chu Kuang to help me?”

“Sort of.”

Lin Yuan calmly replied over the phone, as if he had already expected his sister to call.

“How close are you two?”

Even though she had guessed the truth, Lin Xuan still felt a surge of joy.

Lin Yuan did not respond directly, just laughed and said: “If sister needs any help in the company, just talk to me directly.”

“Alright, I got it, say thanks to Chu Kuang for me.”

“No need to say thanks between family.”

“Who is thanking you? I am telling you to thank Chu Kuang!”

“Hmm.”

“Wouldn’t it be better to thank him in person?”

“No need at all.”

“ . . . ”

After hanging up the phone, Lin Xuan settled her emotions and then eagerly refreshed her mailbox.

The email sent by Cao Dezhi, was lying quietly inside the mailbox, with the name of the email simply titled:

Snow White!

Is this the fairy tale script that Chu Kuang wrote overnight?

Without hesitation, Lin Xuan opened it directly, but her heart was a bit unsettled.

Although Chu Kuang is very brilliant, fairy tales are after all an area that he has never ventured into. Additionally, the script was hastily written overnight by Chu Kuang, is the quality really comparable to those renowned fairy tale authors?

Meanwhile.

Inside Shui Zhourou’s office.

Shui Zhourou and her assistant returned to the office without saying a word.

After a while, the assistant exclaimed, “I never thought Chu Kuang would be the one backing her.”

Shui Zhourou gradually recovered from the shock.

She didn’t shy away from admitting: “This place is originally filled with nepotism, all three of us deputy editors came into position through connections.”

“You can’t say that, your abilities are obvious.”

The assistant flattered, then laughed: “Actually, this is not entirely a bad thing. In a situation where all three deputy editors have strong backgrounds, who becomes editor-in-chief ultimately depends on ability. Even Chu Kuang has to abide by this rule, so he can only help Lin Xuan in the creative aspect. But we all know that Chu Kuang is not a fairy tale author at all!”

“That’s true.”

Shui Zhourou gradually relaxed.

What if Lin Xuan has a powerful background?

All three deputy editors have strong backgrounds, so what everyone eventually compares is performance.

This is the Fairy Tale Department!

At the end of the day, it’s about the quality of the stories!

Meanwhile, in the office next to Zhang Yang.

Zhang Yang reached similar conclusions: “If this were the Mystery Department, I would have surrendered straightforwardly. With the help of Chu Kuang, the position of editor-in-chief would

definitely be Lin Xuan's in the future. But here we are in the Fairy Tale Department, can Chu Kuang really write fairy tales?"

The assistant laughed: "Whether he can or not, he did write one already and gave the script to Lin Xuan."

"It's Chu Kuang, it's too normal for him to be this confident."

Zhang Yang slightly smiled: "Although I grew up in the literary circle, and I know that no author in this world is truly versatile. Even though Chu Kuang is a genius, trying to venture into the fairy tale field for the first time, which is completely unfamiliar, it would be very hard for him to perform well. After all, the first opponents he would face in the fairy tale circle are renowned fairy tale authors like Qiqi and Jin Shan."

"That's true."

The assistant also laughed: "But I must admit, when I found out that Chu Kuang was Lin Xuan's support, I really panicked for a moment."

"Who didn't panic?"

Zhang Yang snorted, "I was panicked too. Not to mention me, didn't you notice how pale Shui Zhourou turned when she heard? Chu Kuang, this unparalleled legend, is not an ordinary supporter. Plus, he excels in more than one genre. What if he can actually write fairy tales?"

"He should be able to write since he gave Lin Xuan a script. But how well he can write is still a question. It can't be that his first attempt at writing a fairy tale would be better than famous fairy tale authors like Qiqi and Jin Shan, no way, I don't believe it!"

There was a pause.

The assistant joked: "Are we about to slay a god now?"

Zhang Yang smirked, "Keep dreaming. We're just taking advantage of the fact Chu Kuang has no experience writing fairy tales. If you really want to defeat a god, why don't you find someone to compete with Chu Kuang on the genres he excels at?"

The assistant laughed awkwardly.

Zhang Yang rubbed his hands, “Speaking of which, I am a fan of Chu Kuang. Never thought that one day I would be competing with him, although this competition is really not fair to my idol.”

Once this was clear, Zhang Yang and Shui Zhourou no longer felt nervous.

Having authors from other fields come here to compete with famous authors in the fairy tale field, and compare who can write better fairy tales?

That is inherently unfair.

The assistant said softly: “But this unfairness, is Chu Kuang’s own choice.”

Chapter 434: Snow White

The news of Chu Kuang writing a fairy tale spread quickly within the company.

However, this news didn’t cause much of a stir within the company.

Perhaps for the Fairy Tale Department, this matter might be crucial for the career competition of the three associate editors.

But for the entire Silver Blue Books, Chu Kuang writing a short fairy tale isn’t something worth fussing over.

This does make sense.

It’s just a small story published in one issue of a fairy tale magazine, could it really make a big splash?

Most people just sigh:

Chu Kuang really has a lot of energy, he wants to try his hand at any type of story.

On the contrary, another piece of news has attracted more attention:

Chu Kuang is Lin Xuan's secret backer!

Lin Xuan is not famous in the company, not many people know her.

But if Lin Xuan is connected to Chu Kuang, she will be known by the entire company instantly!

Quite a few people began to discuss the relationship between this woman and Chu Kuang.

When Lin Xuan was having lunch in the company canteen, she clearly felt that employees from other departments seemed to be stealing glances at her.

"Have I become famous?"

Lin Xuan was smiling, she didn't feel uncomfortable and even felt somewhat accustomed to it.

In the past when walking with her brother, many people would steal glances at him, and she happened to get quite a bit of attention—

Lin Xuan has been used to being the center of attention since then.

"That you have, ever since the rumors spread in the department about your relationship with teacher Chu Kuang, many people have been discussing you in private. Teacher Chu Kuang is a very mysterious person, he has never come to the company, other popular authors occasionally come to the company for a visit."

Zhang Cheng at the side said.

Lin Xuan pouted, she really wanted to know who Chu Kuang was too, but her brother didn't seem willing to introduce her to him.

But she definitely wouldn't explain anything on her own initiative.

Only fools would try and explain, it's easier for her to take advantage of others' misunderstandings.

Lin Xuan was not a fool.

Although her mother often says she's a bit slow, most of the time, she's quite smart.

"By the way."

Lin Xuan was eating, and asked: "Has the manuscript been sent to the publication department?"

"It has."

Speaking of this, Zhang Cheng showed a smile: "As expected of teacher Chu Kuang, even though it's his first time writing a fairy tale, he's still so skillful, feels like he's on par with some known authors. Although I can't quite make out more of it, as the fairy tales need to be market-tested."

Lin Xuan nodded: "Have Shui Zhourou and Zhang Yang seen it?"

Zhang Cheng said: "Because it was sent over in a rush, they didn't have time to read it. As for the layout, it's not our department's responsibility. They are a little pressed for time, they still have to add character and scene illustrations and such. After all, it's going to be published before the new year, fairy tale magazines are a big hit during the New Year."

"And the publicity?"

"The company has arranged it although it's not on a grand scale. Essentially, the official Weibo account reposts the news of the 'Fairy Tale King' going on sale and has the bookstores arrange a few banners recommending stories from famous authors coinciding with the magazine going on sale. However, teacher Chu Kuang's reputation doesn't give him any impressive boost when it comes to writing fairy tales. After all, he isn't a fairy tale author, the parents don't know him and his fans are primarily adults, adults don't really read fairy tales."

The so-called 'Fairy Tale King' is a magazine created by the department.

“Alright.”

Lin Xuan nodded.

This was expected. She didn’t anticipate the company doing any special promotional activities, since the department was recently established and wasn’t given much attention.

Besides, short fairy tales are a small category in the market.

While this category is indispensable, it’s hard to compete with other book genres in terms of sales.

Compared to short stories, some long fairy tales have a pretty good market presence and are very popular among children.

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Just as Zhang Cheng mentioned, that evening, Silver Blue Books began the promotion for ‘Fairy Tale King’.

The main focus of the promotion revolved around the two famous fairy tale authors that were featured in the first issue of the magazine, Jin Shan and Qiqi.

In addition, Chu Kuang was also mentioned.

The promotional slogan for Silver Blue Books was: “Chu Kuang’s first venture into the realm of fairy tales, creating the short story ‘Snow White’...”

This news didn’t garner much attention.

Only some fans familiar with Chu Kuang let out a few sighs similar to those of Silver Blue’s internal staff:

“Old rascal Chu Kuang is actually writing fairy tale stories?”

No more than that, Chu Kuang writing a small fairy tale doesn't qualify as any major news.

A small number of fans with children claimed that out of respect for Chu Kuang, they would buy a copy for their child to read.

Many people treated Chu Kuang writing a fairy tale as a trivial matter.

On the other hand.

When Lin Xuan got home, she called Lin Yuan to her room:

"It's not convenient to go into detail on the phone, don't you think you should explain to your sister?"

Fine then.

Her sister finally couldn't resist her curiosity and started grilling Lin Yuan about Chu Kuang.

That's right.

Since dinner last night when he found out his sister was in need of a fairy tale story, Lin Yuan had decided to lend a hand.

It's not like it would take much effort anyway.

So he took the chance to customize 'Snow White' with the System.

With Lin Yuan's abundant wealth now, he could afford to fund the customization of such a short fairy tale.

Not only was this a minor matter for the readers, but it was also not a big deal for Lin Yuan.

Including sister's predictable inquiry, everything was within Lin Yuan's control.

When he walked into his sister's bedroom, he intentionally left the door open.

Antarctica, who had been instructed by Lin Yuan beforehand, came in swaggering, even attempting to climb onto the bed.

“Antarctica!”

Lin Xuan didn't have time to deal with Lin Yuan anymore.

She definitely wouldn't let Antarctica climb up, his paws are dirty from running outside all the time.

Antarctica had no choice but to give up.

Lin Xuan turned to Lin Yuan again, intending to continue her interrogation, when her eyelids suddenly twitched.

Antarctica had lifted one leg in the corner, preparing to pee.

“Ah!”

Lin Xuan was exasperated.

Lin Yuan understood and gave Antarctica an approving look: “I'll take him out right now.”

Lin Xuan waved him off weakly.

Lin Yuan left with swagger, Antarctica in tow.

For the next few days, Lin Xuan didn't bother asking Lin Yuan again.

With the Chinese New Year approaching, there was a lot to do.

Like shopping for New Year's goods for the house, Lin Xuan was busy taking care of all of that.

On the other hand, Silver Blue Books was efficient.

In just a few days, the 'Fairy Tale King' was published and got into the distribution stage.

December 25th.

This newly launched fairy tale magazine of Silver Blue Books, was placed in a conspicuous position on the shelves of major bookstores.

That said, although the 'Fairy Tale King' was just launched, the lineup for the first issue was quite impressive.

Both Jin Shan and Qiqi are famous in the fairy tale world and many parents are familiar with them, so they are willing to buy it for their children.

Of course.

This also includes the fans of Chu Kuang who have children. They would buy a copy of 'Fairy Tale King' for their children to read out of opportunity—

Snow White is here.

Chapter 435: Bedtime Story

As for the launch and sales of "Fairy Tale King", not many people in the book market really cared. Probably only the Fairy Tale Department of Silver Blue Books would constantly pay attention to the response of the first issue of the magazine.

However, during the day, there wasn't much valuable feedback online.

Time moved on to the evening.

In the living room of a certain residential community.

A mother, under the light, reluctantly put down the book in her hand: “This issue of the Poirot Series is good, the plot tricks are unexpected, it feels more exciting than the last one...”

At this time, two children were making a fuss in the living room.

The mother glanced at the time and said helplessly, “Honghong, Huahua, it’s time for bed.”

“I want to play a little more.”

The seven-year-old son, Huahua, was happily playing with his toy car.

The mother turned to her nine-year-old daughter, “Honghong, you’re the big sister. Be an example for your brother and go to bed.”

“Okay.”

Honghong obediently went into the bedroom.

Seeing his sister go into the bedroom, Huahua reluctantly followed, meanwhile yelling, “Then mother, tell me a story!”

“Alright, alright.”

With an affectionate look on her face, the mother picked up the “Fairy Tale King” which she had bought earlier that day along with the Poirot Series.

She was a fan of Chu Kuang, especially the Poirot Series, every issue of which she bought.

There was said to be a story by Chu Kuang in the “Fairy Tale King”. With a supportive attitude towards her idol, she conveniently bought a copy.

Although she herself had no interest in fairy tales, she could tell them to her son at night.

Ten minutes later.

Honghong and Huahua lay in bed.

The mother took the unsealed “Fairy Tale King”, found the first story and said, “Today mother will tell you a...”

“Mother!”

Seeing his mother holding a strange story book in her hand, Huahua protested,

“I want to hear the story of the little turtle, I don’t want to hear any other stories!”

The mother couldn’t help but say, “Huahua, look, we’ve already heard the story of the little turtle many times in a row. Why not switch to a new story...”

“No, only the little turtle!” Huahua insisted loudly.

Honghong, who was already immune to bedtime stories, scorned, “Infant ghost, only knows about the little turtle story every day, my ears have already developed calluses from hearing it!”

Mother: “It’s calluses not scissors...”

Honghong: “Isn’t scissors the same as calluses?”

Mother: “...”

Huahua huffed, “I just want to hear the little turtle.”

The mother laughed. The so-called “Little Turtle” is a very classic fairy tale, but she had already told her son the same story dozens of times.

She was really sick of it.

She negotiated, “Let’s hear a new story first, if you don’t like it, mother will read you the little turtle...”

“Alright.”

Huahua reluctantly agreed.

Honghong, who was on the top bunk, said, “Mother, hurry up and finish his story, only babies like my brother find fairy tales enjoyable. I, being mature, am very tired now and want to sleep.”

“Got it.”

The mother casually turned to Chu Kuang’s fairy tale:

“Today mother is going to tell the story of Snow White. In a distant land, there lived a king and a queen. They eagerly wished for a child and so they earnestly prayed to the heaven, ‘Please grant us a child.’ Soon after, the queen indeed gave birth to a lovely princess. The girl’s skin was as white as snow and her cheeks were as red as apples. The king and queen named her Snow White...”

The mother was very experienced in telling stories.

Under her narration, the story of Snow White unfolded smoothly.

Huahua was initially uninterested, but as he listened on, he became somewhat fascinated.

When mother talked about the new queen wanting to kill Snow White, he couldn’t help but exclaim furiously,

“The Queen is so cruel!”

Smiling, Mother coaxed, “Because she’s a stepmother, stepmothers tend to be cruel to children, so you must never let your father remarry.”

“I don’t want a stepmother!”

Huahua strongly identified with this.

Mother caressed her son’s head and continued, “The Queen’s guard had a soft heart and let Snow White go. Snow White ran away and stumbled upon a house with seven beds...”

“Mother, are there really dwarves in the world?”

A voice emanated from the bunk above, it was Honghong speaking.

Mother was surprised, she hadn’t expected her daughter to be interested in the story, considering Honghong was past the age when she enjoyed fairy tales.

She was still a child after all.

She gently said, “There are many dwarves in the world, but if you see one, don’t tease them. Be friendly to them. Look how nice the dwarves were to Snow White.”

Honghong exclaimed loudly, “Alright, I like dwarves!”

Huahua pouted, “Sister, I thought you didn’t like fairy tales?”

Honghong kicked the bed, “I can’t sleep, so I’m just listening.”

Mother’s lips curved into a smile, “The Queen learned from the Magic Mirror that Snow White was still alive. Enraged, she disguised herself as an old woman and secretly gave Snow White a poisoned apple...”

“Don’t eat it!”

“The apple is poisoned!”

The two children suddenly became agitated.

Mother educated them, “Now do you understand why I don’t want you eating things from strangers? Who knows, they might be disguised as the Queen.”

Huahua said, “I won’t eat from strangers anymore!”

Honghong added, “Especially not candy from strange uncles!”

Hearing the children’s responses, Mother felt that the story had an educational value. She nodded and continued, “Snow White fell unconscious and a handsome prince happened to pass by...”

“That’s great!”

“Snow White is okay again!”

The children’s emotions ran high and then quickly calmed. Hearing that the handsome prince had kissed Snow White awake, they were overjoyed.

“The Prince returned to his kingdom with the princess, exposed the Queen’s evil deeds, and saw to it that she was punished. The Prince and Princess got married and they lived happily ever after...”

Mother ended the story and felt a pleasant warmth in her heart.

Chu Kuang was without a doubt her idol. He wrote his tales masterfully, and it did not seem like this was his first fairy tale. Even as an adult, she felt a liking for the story. The technical proficiency it had surpassed that of the Turtle tale.

Huahua exclaimed, “Tell it again!”

Honghong joined in, “I like Snow White!”

Mother asked, “What about the Little Turtle?”

“No!”

The two kids responded in unison.

Mother, “...”

It appeared that Snow White had trumped the Little Turtle.

When she was a child, her mother had shared the story of the Little Turtle with her. She even felt guilty when she had turtle soup in her adulthood, though she knew there was a difference between a turtle and a tortoise.

Mother indulged in her thoughts, then told the story once more.

The children listened with as much excitement during the second telling, when they occasionally chimed in with comments.

Not until the third telling did they start to drift off to sleep. She tiptoed out of the room, making sure to cover both of them with the blankets they had unknowingly kicked off.

“I am Snow White...”

As Mother was covering Honghong with her blanket, Honghong began to talk in her sleep.

Mother chuckled.

Back in the living room, Mother opened her laptop and joined a group chat: “Dear sisters, have you ever heard the story of ‘Snow White’?”

The other mothers in the group chat seemed clueless.

However, by the next day, all the mothers knew exactly who Snow White was...

Chapter 436: Household Name

“Mommy, I want to watch Snow White!”

“Daddy, hurry up and buy me ‘Snow White.’ Huahua recount the story of Snow White in class today. Lili even shared her spicy snack sticks with Huahua; I’ve never gotten to eat Lili’s snack sticks before!”

“Mommy, let’s play pretend.”

“You play the Queen and I’ll be Snow White. Quickly, take out your makeup mirror and ask your mirror: Magic mirror, who is the most beautiful woman in the world?”

“Mommy, you don’t even know Snow White?”

“Today, Honghong asked us to play pretend. She was Snow White and I was the Queen, the villain. She even made me eat the apple that I brought to school. After I ate it, she said my apple was poisoned; wahhhhh.”

“...”

After watching an interesting movie or reading a gripping novel, adults will converse and share, creating a certain buzz around the work.

The same theory holds for children.

Although the world of children is much simpler, they will also share their favorite stories with each other, spreading beloved fairy tales in various forms.

In the end, the ones who pay for the children’s interests are the parents.

So when the next day comes, it's hard for some parents to not know about 'Snow White.' After school, many children are hounding their parents about it.

Children are the heart of every family.

Parents have no choice but to ask other moms or search the internet for the story of 'Snow White,' only to find out that it is a fairy tale serialized in a certain children's magazine....

By this time, only a few days are left until the Spring Festival, and many schools have started their winter vacations.

During these times, when children want to read fairy tales, parents generally won't refuse.

Over on the Internet.

A popular blogger also mentioned this fairy tale:

"I am an uncle now. Before going home for the Spring Festival, as usual, I called my nephew to ask what gift he wants. I was prepared to buy toys, but the kid insisted on having 'Snow White.' This little rascal usually asks for airplanes and cannons. Who would have thought that this year a fairy tale would excite him."

The blogger showed a copy of 'Fairy Tale King'.

Quite a few people replied in the comment section:

"Haha, my little sister in elementary school also asked me to buy this for her."

"Ahh, so this is why my daughter has been mumbling about Snow White all afternoon. So it was a newly released fairy tale."

"I've never heard of 'Fairy Tale King' before. When I was little, I used to listen to stories like 'The Little Turtle' or 'The Three Little Pigs.'"

“‘Snow White’ is becoming popular. I went to buy the magazine today and they were out of stock!”

“So it’s not just bookstores in our area that are out of stock.”

“Wait, is the author of ‘Snow White’ Chu Kuang?”

“Is it that Chu Kuang, the one we’re familiar with?”

“Taking a look at the promotion in Silver Blue Books, it seems so. Chu Kuang really wrote a fairy tale!”

“I saw the news a few days ago, but didn’t pay much attention. Who would have thought that Chu Kuang’s fairy tale would become so popular?”

“Isn’t Chu Kuang a mystery writer?”

“Isn’t Chu Kuang a fantasy novelist?”

“Isn’t Chu Kuang a short story writer?”

“Now is Chu Kuang also a fairy tale writer?”

“...”

At first, it was just a breeze.

But as more and more bookstores ran out of ‘Fairy Tale King,’;

And as more and more discussions and exchanges about Chu Kuang appeared on the Internet;

The breeze finally began to howl!

This little ‘Snow White’ story is on fire!

It seems incorrect to say that ‘Snow White’ is a little fairy tale.

It is one of the most representative stories in the ‘Grimm’s Fairy Tales.’

And ‘Grimm’s Fairy Tales’ is hailed as a cultural heritage of the world, UNESCO even praised it as an epoch-making compilation of European and Eastern fairy tale traditions.”

Some publishers even claimed that in Western Christian countries, its sales are only second to The Bible.”

The veracity of this claim cannot be verified as any work related to sales records likes to compare itself to The Bible.”

The poor Bible has become a unit of measurement for publishers.”

But what is certain is that this fairy tale has been widely popular for nearly a hundred years and is known to all.”

Take for example, “Snow White,” the story adopted by the first colour animation film on earth!

Somehow, fairy tales have shaped the childhood dreams of countless children around the world, and “Snow White” is one of the must-mention ones.

When netizens noticed the storm triggered by this little fairy tale, many were left flabbergasted:

“My God, can Chu Kuang actually write a fairy tale?”

“I heard Chu Kuang wrote a fairy tale, didn’t give it much thought, assumed he was just messing around. Didn’t expect this fairy tale to suddenly become a hit!”

“A single fairy tale can have such a big impact?”

“I just read ‘Snow White’, indeed it’s quite interesting. However, I’m not a child. I don’t understand how much children love this story.”

“My nephew loves this story.”

“Chu Kuang excels at writing too many different types of novels!”

“The old rascal Chu Kuang has quite a terrifying talent in writing!”

“Just saw a message in the parents’ group from the teacher saying that they are planning a ‘Snow White’ stage play at my daughter’s school. The costumes are already being designed. My daughter dreams of playing Snow White.”

“...”

Everyone was not stunned by how brilliant “Snow White” was, adults can’t return to the world of children.

Everyone was just amazed at the children’s passion for “Snow White” and Chu Kuang’s understanding of children’s preferences!

Of course.

With such a commotion, Silver Blue Books couldn’t possibly not know.

Just the sound of the various bookstores requesting more copies of “Fairy Tale King” was enough to immerse the entire Silver Blue Books’ Fairy Tale Department in a joyful yet bizarre atmosphere.

Joy is natural.

But the bizarre is also essential.

No one expected that the most popular author of the first issue of “Fairy Tale King” was not Jin Shan, and even less so Qiqi...

But Chu Kuang!

Chu Kuang, who was writing a fairy tale for the first time!

Inside Shui Zhourou's office.

Shui Zhourou and her assistant were stunned. They looked at each other in silence, as if they could see the helplessness and futility in each other's eyes.

"Why?"

Shui Zhourou broke the silence.

The assistant thought for a moment and said, with a slightly hoarse voice, "Probably because he is Chu Kuang."

Next door.

Inside Zhang Yang's office.

Zhang Yang and his assistant were also dumbfounded.

After a while, Zhang Yang cried out, "How can such a person exist? Isn't it his first time writing a fairy tale? Why does it seem like Jin Shan and Qiqi are the ones who are writing their first fairy tale!"

"I can't believe it either..."

The assistant's expression was extremely complicated, "But I suddenly remembered something."

"What is it?"

“Your favorite, ‘The Murder of Roger Ackroyd’, was also Chu Kuang’s first detective work. Before that, many people didn’t believe that Chu Kuang could write detective stories well...”

“Are these comparable?”

“What’s the difference?”

“...”

Zhang Yang fell silent.

Just then.

Cheers from Lin Xuan’s office were heard in both Zhang Yang’s and Shui Zhourou’s offices.

“What’s there to shout about! Is Chu Kuang really that amazing?!”

Zhang Yang plopped down on his chair, took a big gulp of water, choked and coughed for a long time because he drank too fast.

“Having Chu Kuang is really that amazing...”

Inside Shui Zhourou’s office, this long-haired beautiful woman spoke blandly.

She was not mad, her words were firm:

“But we have an even more amazing Teacher Yuanyuan!”

Chapter 437: Extracurricular Book

The short story was just a preliminary contest. No matter how outstanding the story of “Snow White” is, it only adds a good weight to Lin Xuan’s competition for the chief editor position. But a single weight won’t be able to turn the final outcome—

Because the contest is still ongoing.

It's far from deciding who the chief editor will be right now.

Whether it's Shui Zhourou or Zhang Yang, they both have weights that they haven't used yet. Before the official decision for the chief editor, they will bring them out in the ongoing competition.

Among which,

The most important weight in Shui Zhourou's hand is Teacher Yuanyuan, who is a top-tier fairy tale author ranked highly in Blue Star. Even Jin Mu and Qiqi together can't match her!

But what Shui Zhourou didn't expect was...

A few days later.

The impressive Teacher Yuanyuan she had in mind actually read Chu Kuang's "Snow White", and gave it a high praise in the comment section of the works on the Star Network:

"Many friends recommended me a fairy tale today. The fairy tale is called "Snow White", and the author is said to be Chu Kuang. I instantly thought of a novel I really like, which is the slightly terrifying and thrilling Ghost Blowing Lamp series by Chu Kuang. Maybe it's my personal bias, but this made it hard for me to associate Chu Kuang's style with being a fairy tale author, I believe many people feel the same way as I do..."

Many netizens raised their hands almost unanimously when they saw this.

Indeed,

If it weren't for this stubborn mindset, Shui Zhourou and Zhang Yang wouldn't have stumbled this much.

Who the f*ck would have thought that the serious Chu Kuang could write fairy tales?

A fairy tale author must have a childish heart and so-called “childish” side in order to enter into children’s inner world.

It’s not because everyone doubts Chu Kuang’s ability to break boundaries.

It was known that Chu Kuang could do multi-genre, good at detective and fantasy short stories, but indeed this crossover is a bit too radicle.

Look at what kind of novels Chu Kuang used to write?

Short stories like “Necklace” are brief and powerful, with various unexpected twists and always thought-provoking;

Fantasy novels like “Ghost Blowing Lamp” are terrifying and spooky, with various folk tales, giving a sense of mystery and strangeness;

Detective novels like “Hercule Poirot Series” are full of energy throughout the process, with various brainstorming tests on logical thinking...

Can a person like this write fairy tales?

Yuanyuan’s remarks echoes everyone’s thoughts:

“I didn’t expect this kind of author can actually write fairy tales, and the fairy tale he wrote, even I, an old sister who has immersed in this industry for many years, have to admit it’s wonderful. Whether it’s the plot structure, educational meaning, or story line, all of them are quite outstanding. Even for many adults, I think it’s worth reading. The story is not lacking in fun.”

In the end, Yuanyuan summarised,

“I am not good at writing short stories, I’m better at writing long stories. But short fairy tales actually test the author’s abilities a lot. Since Chu Kuang is good at short stories, that he excels in fairy tale class short stories, may not make people feel incredible. I look forward to Chu Kuang’s more fairy tales, to weave children’s dreams together with many excellent fairy-tale authors.”

Yuanyuan's popularity is beyond doubt!

She is not only the favourite author among children, but also a well-known figure among many adults!

That's because many adults grew up reading "Three Little Pigs."

When Teacher Yuanyuan praised "Snow White" so highly, everyone increasingly recognised Chu Kuang's ability to write fairy tales. Some even adult netizens with curiosity read Chu Kuang's fairy tale again.

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Yuanyuan's statement about "Snow White" probably symbolises a microcosm of the fairy tale circle. As this fairy tale became popular, the authors in the fairy tale circle didn't stop discussing this work privately.

"The fairy tale creation technique is very mature, 'Mirror Mirror, who is the most beautiful woman in the world', this sentence is a bit brainwashing, I can't help but want to ask when I look in the mirror."

"The key point is that his first fairy tale stepped on the works of Jin Shan and Qiqi."

"Jin Shan and Qiqi are both old-fashioned famous fairy tale authors, the main promotion of 'Fairy Tale King', but all the buzz was stolen by Chu Kuang."

"But it has to be admitted that 'Snow White' is better than the works of Jin Shan and Qiqi."

"The children's preferences have already told everything, even though only one work, but Chu Kuang should also be considered a good fairy tale author."

"Isn't it said that the Literature and Art Association officially compiling a collection of fairy tale books next year, will 'Snow White' be included in it?"

"It seems very likely. If it's included, Chu Kuang really takes a leap forward with this opportunity!"

“I heard about the Literature and Art Association officially compiling a collection of fairy tale books, has the news been confirmed?”

“I have an inside friend in the Literature and Art Association, the source of information is reliable, and it will probably be announced along with the news of Yan Continent’s joining and merger. By that time, all fairy tale authors will probably go mad.”

“Damn, when this news is officially announced, the fairy tale circle will absolutely go crazy!”

“...”

As the industry is discussing,

Lin Xuan is happily watching her beloved younger brother at home:

“Are there any more?”

Lin Yuan was stunned: “What?”

Lin Xuan was still smiling: “Of course I am talking about fairy tales.”

Lin Yuan said: “Yes...”

Lin Xuan looked surprised: “Really?”

“Yes.”

Lin Yuan answered affirmatively.

If his sister still needed them, he could continue to customise with the System.

Lin Xuan's face gradually became serious: "If that's the case, then there is something I must tell you."

"What is it?"

"Although it's not confirmed yet, it will definitely be implemented next year. The Literature and Art Association plans to produce a series of fairy tale books, including some outstanding short fairy tale stories. If Chu Kuang can still write fairy tales, why not write some more, maybe they will have the chance to be included."

Lin Yuan was surprised.

Lin Xuan's face relaxed a little: "You don't need to put too much pressure on Chu Kuang. At the very least, 'Snow White' has a great chance of being included in the series of books. It's been a long time since we've had such a famous new fairy tale story on the market, if it was really included, by the time this series is released, Chu Kuang's work would also have the opportunity to influence a generation."

Lin Yuan: "..."

He quickly caught the key point.

The power of the Literature and Art Association is beyond doubt. The official compilation of a series of fairy tale books will definitely be issued as a task, with countless schools promoting it, advising parents to buy a set as extracurricular books...

Would parents refuse?

That's impossible!

What parents trust the most are the schools and the Literature and Art Association. They will absolutely support this kind of thing, they will definitely not refuse, they are willing to pay for it!

With this, the impact would be terrifying!

It's almost equivalent to having a series of fairy tale books promoted by the Literature and Art Association appear in many children's homes in the future!

In other words:

In the future, the vast majority of children will start reading these fairy tales promoted officially at a very young age, and the fairy tales included will definitely influence countless children's childhoods—

Lin Yuan smelled the scent of prestige.

Chapter 438: Yan People Have Arrived

A fairy tale series that could influence a generation!

Lin Yuan could almost envision the glow of golden prestige value overflowing through the cracks of the fairy tale series, making people salivate with envy...

What good would endless publication of his own work do?

Could it be as easily prestigious as an officially recommended book?

Lin Yuan hadn't forgotten the fear of being dominated by compulsory extracurricular books throughout his childhood:

It's important to know that there are always some extra-curricular books that teachers require must be read.

Even if these extracurricular books have nothing to do with textbooks.

In Lin Yuan's sparse memories from a previous life, he vaguely recalled struggling to chew on "How the Steel Was Tempered," a book he had no interest in when he first entered middle school, and even memorized famous quotes from it.

Later, on his junior high school exam paper, there were even questions relevant to it, like the author's long foreign name.

So many memories have been forgotten, but this one remains quite clear, proving how difficult it was for Lin Yuan at the time.

And that's the power of compulsory extracurricular books!

Now the Literature and Art Association plans to compile such a fairy tale series, apparently to be listed as a must-read for elementary students.

Lin Yuan had no doubt about the influence of the Literature and Art Association.

The extracurricular reading books must be compulsory!

The kind that students can't skip!

Thinking about this, Lin Yuan felt a strong sense of responsibility:

How can we let children read stories they are not interested in by force?

We must save the children!

Extracurricular reading is about making use of students' rest time for further study. How can it be boring?

Think about the pain the children endure.

The reading has to be interesting, spectacular enough!

It should be a treat, not torture for children!

The more Lin Yuan thought about it, the more it made sense, even implanting an intense sense of mission within him.

He must write!

Not just write, but write a lot, for the sake of prestige...

No, no, *clears throat*, for fostering children's interest in extracurricular reading!

"What are you thinking about?"

Lin Xuan curiously looked at Lin Yuan.

She saw Lin Yuan stand there, grinding his teeth, then looking solemn, then resolute, then greedy in his gaze...

"Nothing."

Lin Yuan laughed, turned his head and ran back to his bedroom.

As the door closed, he immediately shouted, "System, the most beautiful woman in the world..."

Oops, wrong line. Let's try that again.

Lin Yuan formally asked, "System, what are the best fairy tales on Earth?"

The system, with the potential of an artist, stated: "There's no best, there are only equally excellent works."

"I would like to customize some fairy tales, can you suggest some?"

"System highly recommends 'Andersen's Fairy Tales', 'Grimm's Fairy Tales' and 'The Thousand and One Nights'. Host can read these for free and select interesting works for customization. After customization, the memory of non-customized works will disappear."

"Understood."

Lin Yuan said, “Start reading, starting with ‘Grimm’s Fairy Tales’.”

He had the memory pill, allowing him to speed read, but using it here was meaningless. It would be better to spend some time reading them one by one. Although it would take a bit more time, it could save quite a bit of money.

But the downside of saving money is that Lin Yuan spent the next few days engrossed in fairy tale books.

Until... Chinese New Year!

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What’s the most lively thing about Chinese New Year?

That must be the Spring Festival Gala, a show watched by the entire family.

The Spring Festival Gala has always had the highest viewership every year, especially after Blue Star initiated merge mode, the enthusiasm for it has become even more exaggerated.

No other programs can compete with the Spring Festival Gala in terms of viewership!

Last year, “The Red Sun”, composed by Lin Yuan was performed during the Spring Festival Gala, which greatly boosted the company’s morale.

This year’s Spring Festival Gala also indirectly involved Lin Yuan.

An old man stood on the Spring Festival Gala’s stage, passionately reciting “Prelude to Water Melody: How Long Will the Full Moon Last”.

Jin Mu mentioned that someone would be reciting “Prelude to Water Melody” at the Spring Festival Gala to Lin Yuan before, but Lin Yuan didn’t take it seriously, as the copyright fees paid by Blue Star Television were not high.

It wasn't until the recitation began that Lin Yuan remembered it.

Lin Xuan was excited: "It's your poem!"

Lin Yao also clapped her hands: "The recitation sounds so good!"

Mother smiled and said: "Now the Yan people know you too!"

Mother's words were not without basis.

With the arrival of the Spring Festival, even though it's not yet officially the first of January, the cultural wall of Yan Continent has been removed.

This also means that Yan Continent has formally joined Blue Star's grand merger!

Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, Han, Zhao, Wei, the integration process of the seven continents is more than half completed!

Hence, this night, not only can the people of Qin, Qi, and Chu participate in this Spring Festival celebration, but the Yan people can as well!

Online.

The newly merged Yan people started interacting with the netizens of Qin, Qi, and Chu on the internet while watching the Spring Festival Gala:

"This poem is great, the talent in Qin, Qi, Chu is indeed remarkable!"

A Yan person exclaimed.

"This poem was written by our Qin man, Xian Yu, there is a song about this poem called "May We All Sustain in Fortitude", friends from Yan Province can give it a listen!"

A Qin person enthusiastically introduced.

“It feels weird to have Yan Continent referred to as Yan Province, haha, I will go listen to it now.”

The Yan person replied.

There were Yan people teasing: “Do you Qin people poop?”

A troll netizen from Qin replied: “Qin people don’t. We grew up eating dew drops and drinking rainwater.”

A Chu person laughed: “Do you at least need to pee?”

A Qi person also joined in: “I heard that you Yan people duel at the drop of a hat, if you are not fighting, you are on your way to fight, is that true?”

“That’s true.”

The Yan person proudly replied: “Yan people dominate all sports events in Blue Star, and the cultural atmosphere of Yan people is also predominantly of a combative nature. For instance, this Xian Yu you mentioned, his poem is not bad, but I estimate someone will challenge him tomorrow. We Yan people can write a poem that pacifies the world and ride a horse that stabilizes the universe, we are known to excel in both literature and martial arts! ”

“That’s cool!”

A Qin person immediately said: “I suggest that your music industry challenges Xian Yu. This person is very popular, but his skills are average, he is all bluff.”

A Qi person followed: “I suggest that your novelists challenge Chu Kuang. This person is a novelist, his skills are alright, but he is too arrogant. Many people can’t stand him anymore, in society he is called the old rascal Chu Kuang.”

A Chu person got excited: “Are your comics good? Go challenge Shadow quickly, I haven’t come up with a reason yet, but a challenge will do, as long as you dare to challenge, I will admit that you Yan people are awesome!”

“...”

Ever since the grand merger process began, these interchanges between the merging continents have been a standing item, which happen concurrently with the Spring Festival Gala.

Following the highly amused netizens.

The Literature and Art Association suddenly issued a shocking piece of news.

“Our association will invite representatives from various cultural circles to officially compile the “Blue Star Fairy Tale Collection”, the initial version of which will include thirty classic short fairy tales...”

Once the news was out!

The fairytale circle exploded!

The Yan people were extremely excited, especially the fairytale authors amongst them: “We like this welcome ceremony, let’s start with fairy tales, please enjoy the storm of combat brought by Yan people!”

Chapter 439: Storm

The Qin region is known for its music, Qi is the palace of cinema, and Chu serves as the king of animation...

As for Yan Continent, it’s synonymous with combat!

Under the nurturing influence of Yan’s cultural soil, competition has seeped into their very bones, permeating their blood and genes!

Does the fairy tale circle of Qin, Qi, Chu, and Yan intend to collectively vie for the selection of fairy tales in the Literature and Art Association's Fairy Tale Collection?

Apologies.

This is an arena the Yan people are most familiar with!

However, this battle is not the sole madness of the Yan people, but a collective uproar of the fairy tale circles of Qin, Qi, Chu, and Yan!

All fairy tale authors are about to go nuts!

Every intellectual dreams of their fame spreading far and wide!

Who wouldn't understand what it would mean if their work was selected for the "Blue Star Fairy Tale Collection"?

A tremendous opportunity!

Considering the promotional strength of the official Literature and Art Association, this could be the chance for fairy tale authors to influence a child's childhood and even their entire life!

It might be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Who wouldn't be envious?

Who wouldn't yearn for it?

If the "Blue Star Fairy Tale Collection" is successful, it can actually allow some fairy tale authors' names to be forever etched into the development history of Blue Star's fairy tales, becoming entities that even some textbooks would have to mention!

Forget about just the fairy tale circle.

The entire cultural circle was shaking.

The matter instantly grabbed everyone's attention.

Some even regarded this as an experiment on the part of the Literature and Art Association.

In their analysis and speculation, fairy tales might just be the first initial trial, the same policy might extend to other novel categories in the future and gradually sweep across the entire cultural circle—

“Now it's really exploded!”

“The fairy tale circles of Qin, Qi, Chu, and Yan, all frontrunners will be spurred into action. This is a battle and transformation for the fairy tale circles of the four continents, any fairy tale author with even a bit of ambition will give their all to ensure their work is selected for the ‘Blue Star Fairy Tale Collection!’”

“They're all after immortality.”

“This event certainly marks a milestone for the fairy tale circle. After this, I can't think of any other event that could stir up all the authors in the fairy tale circle with as much creative ardor!”

“This is only for short stories.”

“I expect that in the future, long fairy tales will also face the Literature and Art Association's compilation and promotion, plus now that the Yan people are here too, that bunch are natural battle enthusiasts. They'll pull out all the stops to ensure their works make the list.”

“...”

All stay awake on New Year's Eve!

As a whirlwind began to blow through the cultural circle with fairy tales stirring up the storm in the middle of the night, its influence had already seeped outside of the cultural circle, shaking up regular netizens as well:

‘Blue Star Fairy Tale Collection?’”

‘Little Turtle must get in!’

‘Too bad “Three Little Pigs” is a long fairy tale, otherwise Teacher Yuanyuan would’ve been a shoo-in this round. But this is just the beginning, I reckon there’ll be plans for long fairy tales in the future, after all, the influence of long fairy tales is undeniable.’

‘Looks like this is a storm of fairy tales!’

‘Suddenly reminded of Jin Mu and Qiqi, their latest works on “Fairy Tale King” were defeated by Chu Kuang. However, Jin Mu and Qiqi do have several really classic representative short fairy tales, there’s a high chance these works could be picked by the Literature and Art Association.’

‘I recommend “Snow White”!’

‘Chu Kuang’s “Snow White” certainly has a chance of getting selected, children really love this fairy tale recently, but Chu Kuang’s short fairy tales are just too few, only having one work, he wouldn’t be the main focus of the Literature and Art Association. The key to the official fairy tale collection relies on the established figures in the fairy tale author’s circle.’

‘...’

Many people have children at home.

Anyone with children in their household would pay close attention to this matter.

Even those without children, foreseeing that one day they will, would become concerned.

As the future of Blue Star belongs to children, children’s education during their tender years is the first and foremost concern in many people’s minds!

The truth is...

The fundamental aim of the Literature and Art Association in promoting the “Blue Star Fairy Tale Collection” lies in its basis on children’s education.

Apart from the teachings at home and school, fairy tales inherently bear the significant task of early childhood ideological education.

When this moment arrives, all in Qin, Qi, and Chu become Yan People!

The of fairytale writers collectively going wild!

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The Lin family’s villa.

To bring in the New Year with his family, Lin Yuan pulled an all-nighter, with the aid of an Energy Potion of course.

During the New Year transition period, besides watching the Spring Festival Gala, Lin Yuan spent a lot of time surfing the web.

Then, Lin Yuan saw the news released by the Literature and Art Association ...

Blue Star Fairy Tale Collection?

This moment has indeed come!

Lin Xuan also evidently saw the latest news posted by the Literature and Art Association online. She immediately looked at Lin Yuan, her face displaying excitement she couldn’t suppress:

“The Literature and Art Association has decided to officially compile the official fairy tale collection. Chu Kuang’s fairy tales ... ”

Lin Yuan said, “It may take more time to write.”

The effect of official support is unquestionable, this is a surefire way to boost Prestige Value. Lin Yuan plans to play big, releasing only one or two fairy tales which will definitely not satisfy his appetite!

He plans to stockpile more fairy tales and release them all at once, thus achieving the maximization of his influence!

Lin Xuan hesitated for a moment, but then nodded.

She could never imagine Chu Kuang's actual ambition.

In her view, this was normal, creation requires time, and rushing won't help.

If Chu Kuang wanted to compete for a spot in the Literature and Art Association's fairy tale selection, the fairy tales he produced must be persuasive in terms of quality, and must certainly meet the standards of "Snow White."

But ...

It's not easy for Chu Kuang, a newcomer in the fairy tale world, to quickly come up with another high-quality fairy tale like "Snow White"?

You can't force someone to exceed their limits.

She didn't choose to rush, simply smiled and nodded, saying:

"Remember to let me know once you finish writing."

After speaking, Lin Xuan, holding her mobile phone, began to contact the outside world.

The news brought by the Literature and Art Association was shocking, and would definitely affect the entire fairy tale circle. Lin Xuan couldn't even care about Chu Kuang anymore.

As the deputy editor of the Fairy Tale Department of Silver Blue Books, she is about to be very busy.

Because many renowned fairy tale writers will emerge!

Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and all the other publishing houses' Fairy Tale Departments will become the busiest departments in all the companies!

And when the following day came.

Things indeed developed as everyone had imagined.

“Top fairy tale name in Qi land, Teacher Xuguang, will release a new fairy tale next week!”

“Qiqi, Jin Shan, Shiguang, Big Dong and other famous fairy tale writers collectively announce: New work to be released soon!”

“Famous fairytale writer, Teacher Hua Yueqian, will release a new fairy tale!”

“Childhood Memory ‘Three Little Pigs’ author, Teacher Yuanyuan, will soon release a series of short stories related to the Three Little Pigs series!”

“Remember the classic Blue Star fairy tale, ‘Little Turtle’? New fairy tale work from the author, Turtle Master, is coming!”

“...”

This was the expected madness!

Even the most established fairy tale writers couldn't stay idle!

Even those like Teacher Yuanyuan, who are known for their long fairy tales, could not resist wanting a share of the pie.

In the history of Blue Star Fairy Tales, this is the first time that such a large number of famous fairy tale writers have released new works simultaneously!

The grandness of such an event was unprecedented!

The fairy tale storm has officially arrived!

Chapter 440: Battle of the Nine Renowned Families with Chu Kuang

And in the midst of this storm, the most noticeable are undoubtedly the Yan fairy tale authors. Amidst this grand fairy-tale wave, their provocative figures can be seen everywhere...

Literary Duels!

A lot of Yan fairy tale authors are issuing literary duel challenges to the rivals they perceive to be on their level, and most of them are following local customs by choosing network platforms like tribes and blogs as the launch pads for their challenges.

No messing around!

Direct mentions!

This is a tradition of Yan people!

Previously there was the barrier of the culture wall, Yan people have a limited understanding of the famous fairy tale authors in Qin, Qi, and Chu. Therefore, starting from last night, many Yan fairy tale writers have been doing emergency homework. This judgement may not be accurate, but it's generally not far off.

How to handle a literary duel?

Almost all famous fairy tale authors of Qin, Qi, and Chu chose to fight back unanimously. This is not only to defend their own prestige, but also to take this opportunity to promote their new work. After all, the nature of a literary duel naturally attracts many gawkers.

But this time the situation is too special.

Because there are too many Yan people initiating literary duels, leading to arenas ready to duel everywhere, the gawkers don't even know which one to watch. This makes these literary duels lose the widespread attention they should have had.

"They're all in literary duels!"

"Can't keep up!"

"It's supposed to be a big brawl of fairy tale authors, but I feel a strange kind of humor, like kids arranging a fight. Fairy tale authors really aren't suitable for the overly passionate style."

"The Yan people are terrifying."

"Currently I'm most interested in the literary duel Mumu has initiated with Teacher Yuanyuan. Mumu is one of the most powerful fairy tale authors in Yan Province. Although Teacher Yuanyuan mainly writes full-length fairy tales, this time she has written a short spin-off of the 'Three Little Pigs'. The nostalgia factor is huge."

"It's also exciting on Turtle Master's side!"

"Turtle Master made me laugh. 'Little Turtle' is a fairy tale that really influenced a generation. Even excluding some less prominent fairy tale authors, there are a full six top fairy tale authors from the Yan Continent who have initiated a literary duel challenge with Turtle Master. Turtle Master can't help but complain about who he should accept challenges from. He must be the most challenged fairy tale author, right?"

"..."

Literary duel arenas are flourishing everywhere. Among them, the author of 'Little Turtle', Turtle Master, has become the object of public criticism, causing waves of laughter among netizens. However, just when everyone thought that Turtle Master would be the author with the most challenges from the Yan people in this fairy tale storm, a man that no one had expected suddenly attracted the attention of the whole internet:

"Yan Person Blue Dream challenges Chu Kuang!"

“Yan Person Treasure Young challenges Chu Kuang!”

“Yan Person Ou Tianming challenges Chu Kuang!”

“Yan Person Sky White challenges Chu Kuang!”

“Yan Person Evil Tyrant Cat challenges Chu Kuang!”

“Yan Person Desires Fools Himself challenges Chu Kuang!”

“Yan Person Innocent Fatty challenges Chu Kuang!”

A full seven famous fairy tale authors from Yan province have challenged Chu Kuang, this new record even surpassing the six-author challenge of Turtle Master. Countless netizens from Qin, Qi, and Chu were dumbfounded and immediately burst into laughter:

“What the hell?”

“They’re all going after Chu Kuang?”

“These Yan people must not have done their homework well. They must think Chu Kuang is also a very powerful fairy tale author, after all, when talking about fairy tales, the media always mentions Chu Kuang’s ‘Snow White’. But these Yan people can’t imagine that Chu Kuang is not a fairy tale author at all, he only has this one fairy tale work, it’s just that the impact of this one work is quite terrifying.”

“Hahahaha!”

“I never thought I would live to see so many people challenge Chu Kuang at the same time. Although they’re not challenging his deductive or fantasy short stories, this scene is still a bit hilariously absurd.”

“Chu Kuang: ???”

“I’m dying of laughter here. It must be due to those netizens who made fun of Chu Kuang, saying he’s the most arrogant writer in the literary circle. This has directly attracted the wrath of all those Yan Province fairy tale writers against him. Poor Chu Kuang is in a serious predicament because of this.”

“So what is Chu Kuang going to do now?”

“Chu Kuang: You may not believe it, but I’ve only recently begun my career and have only released one story, ‘Snow White’, so technically, I’m not exactly what you’d call a renowned fairy tale writer.”

“...”

It should be noted that those Yan challengers who lack influence are promptly dismissed by the netizens. Therefore, the seven people who are challenging Chu Kuang are all well-known fairy tale writers in Yan Province. Any of them is incredibly remarkable!”

The netizens are reduced to helpless laughter.

But the fairy tale circle of Qin, Qi, and Chu is dumbfounded.

“What on earth are these Yan people up to? Sure, Chu Kuang’s ‘Snow White’ is incredibly powerful, but there are so many renowned fairy tale writers in Qin, Qi, and Chu. Is it really worth their time to gang up on Chu Kuang when he only has one fairy tale to his name?”

“These Yan people are not stupid!”

Someone shrewdly figured out the potential motives of these challengers: “They probably know Chu Kuang’s situation, but they chose him anyway because challenging Chu Kuang is a hot topic. This is not just because of the influence of Chu Kuang’s ‘Snow White’, but also his accomplishments in other areas. By challenging Chu Kuang, they ensure that their own works will receive immense attention!”

“Is that so?”

“So choosing Chu Kuang is the smartest move. Firstly, Chu Kuang only has one fairy tale, so he probably won’t be too strong. Secondly, no one would accuse them of bullying because Chu Kuang’s ‘Snow White’ received rave reviews. This guarantees both their chances of winning and their standout status amid all the literary duels vying for attention!”

“...”

Realizing the motives of the Chu people, the writers from Qin, Qi, and Chu felt frustrated. They’ve prepared so many duels, but the one attracting the most public attention is Chu Kuang’s. What are these renowned fairy tale writers, aiming for attention through the duels, supposed to do?”

Exactly.

The reason renowned fairy tale writers from Qin, Qi, and Chu enthusiastically accepted the challenges from the Yan people is that they also wanted to attract attention through the literary duels. The popularity was there for the taking. But now it seems that Chu Kuang has hogged all the attention.”

At this moment...

Something happened that left countless fairy tale writers from Qin and Qi dumbfounded. Teacher Qiqi from Qin land and Teacher Jin Shan from Qi land also issued literary duel challenges to Chu Kuang one after another!

Damn it!

What are you guys doing?

Isn’t it enough that seven Yan people are challenging Chu Kuang? Now you guys, one from Qin and the other from Qi, are also joining in the challenge. Just because you lost to Chu Kuang in ‘Fairy Tale King’, do you have to be so eager to challenge him?”

“...”

The renowned fairy tale writers in Qin, Qi, and Chu could only grumble in private. After all, Jin Shan and Qiqi do have solid reasons to challenge Chu Kuang. They had previously lost to Chu

Kuang once. Now, they can make good use of the Yan tradition of literature duels and challenge Chu Kuang in the name of revenge!”

With this...”

“The number of renowned fairy tale writers challenging Chu Kuang leaps from seven to a staggering nine, instantly making Chu Kuang the center of attention of the entire Qin, Qi, and Chu group. Everyone is guessing, who will Chu Kuang ultimately accept the challenge from?”

“Chu Kuang ahead!”

“Do you dare to fight!”

At this moment, the netizens have even imagined the scene of nine renowned writers confronting Chu Kuang. That’s nine towering figures encircling Chu Kuang, their eyes blazing with crazy fighting spirit and strong provocation—”

As if they’re about to give Chu Kuang a group beating.