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"It's not a cloud, it's really a word!"

Lu Jing was on the verge of tears. This wasn't a cloud at all. It was just a word that resembled a cloud. He was most afraid that others wouldn't understand anything and just insist that it was merely a cloud.

Jiang Ning smiled as he folded the paper again and returned it to Lu Jing.

"Professor Lu, this project of yours does sound a little out of this world. You don't have enough evidence to prove that this matter is of great value and meaning."

When he heard this, Lu Jing knew that Jiang Ning had rejected him after all.

He opened his mouth to argue, but in the end he just smiled bitterly and shook his head.

"I know that this doesn't meet the requirements that Lin Group has in order to offer help, I..."

He sighed and looked disappointed. He didn't get angry and didn't say anymore. He turned to pick up his document bag and got up. "I'm so sorry for taking up so much of your time. I'll try to think of something else myself."

Lu Jing was ready to leave.

He was so disappointed.

"Wait up," Jiang Ning called after him. "This

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project doesn't fulfil Lin Group's requirements, but on a personal note, I'm very interested in it."

"Professor Lu, I'd like to sponsor you on a personal basis. What do you think?"

Lu Jing was first stunned by these words, then he looked a little doubtfully at Jiang Ning.

He was very certain that this project would not yield anything profitable in the short run.

And there was a possibility that Jiang Ning could grow old and this project might still not be worth anything monetarily. Why would Jiang Ning want to privately sponsor him?

"I'll be honest with you," said Jiang Ning. "Both of us really respect an old professor like you who really wants to contribute to society for the sake of contributing. But our company has its own rules, so I believe you understand that part."

"So since we can't help you via the company, I am willing to sponsor you privately to help you finish this project," said Jiang Ning sincerely.

"Are you...are you serious?"

"Of course I'm serious. Do you know that my wife can't eat properly over your case?" laughed Jiang Ning. "I feel so bad for her."

"I'm so sorry! I've caused CEO Lin such trouble!" Lu Jing quickly apologized to Lin Yuzhen,

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"So, Professor Lu, are you agreeable? We'll go according to Lin Group's procedures, but the money will come from my personal account. Of course, if you need anything else, you can let me know later on."

"Honestly, I'm not very cultured myself, but I really admire academics like you. So I'm really happy to be able to be of help to you."

"You...you are really a good person! Both of you really make me feel touched!"

Lu Jing was so excited and didn't know what to say.

Lu Jing also admired those who respected knowledge and respected the study of civilizations.

"I just have a tiny request," Jiang Ning said teasingly. "Could you share you research results with me? I'm really curious to know if there are really aliens in this world."

"Of course! Of course!" replied Lu Jing quickly. "Even if you didn't ask, I would share them with you. As long as you're interested, I'll tell you anything!"

This was the first time someone was interested in the things he was researching. Lu Jing was going crazy with excitement.

It was as if he had found a best friend!

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"Alright then, Professor Lu. Someone will contact you tomorrow to settle this matter. You just have to focus on the research, and I'll settle the funding part."

"Sure! Sure!" Lu Jing nodded. "Don't worry, I won't waste a single cent! I'll swear it on my reputation!"



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