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Chapter 1001: Fiber Reinforced Ceramic Matrix Composites_2

"Can we make a swappable exterior for Big White using new materials that are waterproof, high-temperature resistant, and highly durable?"

Ding Yue shared his idea with Tong Yihang.

The people around him, after hearing this, who wouldn't exclaim that it was quite difficult?

It had to be waterproof.

Also high-temperature resistant.

And highly durable.

The most crucial part was that it should enable Big White to switch between two states.

Upon hearing this, Tong Yihang didn't find the last point very challenging.

After all, as a mechanical engineer, achieving the swappable exterior that Principal Ding mentioned wasn't very hard to realize – it just needed careful thought and design.

But the problem was,

Principal Ding mentioned that Big White's exterior needed to have the characteristics of being waterproof, high-temperature resistant, and highly durable.

This was something Tong Yihang didn't quite understand.

"Principal Ding, the swappable feature isn't an issue for us in mechanical engineering, but the other characteristics fall into the field of materials science, which I am not very familiar with,"

Tong Yihang earnestly responded.

Tong Yihang wasn't ignorant about materials that were high-temperature resistant and highly durable, but these indeed involved more specialized knowledge, so he did not dare to take it on directly.

"Oh right."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue slightly nodded and said, "These material characteristics indeed require consulting with experts in materials science."

Before Ding Yue could give the command, the head of the academic department, Director Qi Chunsheng, immediately spoke, "Then Principal Ding, should I call the head of the materials science department here?"

"Yes."

Ding Yue immediately nodded in agreement.

Materials science is an applied science field that studies the organizational structure, properties, production processes, and efficacy of materials as well as their interrelations, integrating physics, chemistry, and metallurgy into one science.

Mist City Arts and Science University has a department of materials science, although it's relatively niche.

However, even the most niche departments at Mist City Arts and Science University have quite a few students since the university now has over 80,000 students – the base is indeed very large.

"Principal Ding, you really spare no expense for Big White,"

Principal Fu suddenly said to Ding Yue.

Because Principal Fu knew that for high-cost robots like Big White, even remaking its body would be very expensive.

"Hahaha."

Ding Yue burst out laughing and said, "I hold Big White in very high esteem."

"Principal Fu, Big White is now a 'hero' of Mist City, and I believe the City Government building will soon consider awarding either Big White or Principal Ding the Medal of Righteousness,"

Director Xiao confidently said.

For a heroic feat like Big White saving an entire bus, Mist City would definitely award the highest standard of the Medal of Righteousness.

"A Medal of Righteousness?"

Ding Yue shrugged his shoulders and immediately shook his head, "If it's to be awarded to me, that doesn't seem quite right. After all, it wasn't me who did the rescuing personally; it was all the work of my robot, Big White."

It was clear from Principal Ding's remark that most people sensed a bit of boasting.

While Ding Yue and Director Xiao were making small talk, a phone call came in.

The call was from the City Government office.

"Hello, this is he."

Upon answering the call, Ding Yue's expression immediately became solemn, "Thank you, Governor Li; thank you, City Government. I was just discussing with Director Xiao that if the City Government were to issue the Medal of Righteousness, it wouldn't be quite appropriate to award it to me."

Everyone listening in probably guessed what it was about.

Director Xiao Wenxing had just called it.

The City Government building indeed intended to award either Ding Yue or Big White the Medal of Righteousness.

"Exactly, exactly, my point is, since Big White did the rescuing, the Medal of Righteousness should naturally be awarded to Big White."

Ding Yue said with a smile.

"But Principal Ding, Big White is a robot. There's never been a precedent for awarding the Medal of Righteousness to a robot before."

The secretary, Xiao Chang, of Governor Li, said with much confusion.

"Why can't we set a precedent then?"

Just then, Governor Li's voice came through the phone.

The next second, it was not Secretary Xiao Chang speaking with Ding Yue on the phone, but Governor Li himself.

"Principal Ding."

"Ah, I'm here, Governor Li." When Ding Yue heard it was Governor Li, he knew he had to be especially polite.

This was the leader of Mist City, a ministerial-level official!

"Are you suggesting that we award the Medal of Righteousness to Big White?" Governor Li asked.

"Uh, yes, that's exactly my point, but let's still follow whatever arrangements the City Government decides. Governor Li, to trouble you with such a trivial matter by calling me personally, I'm truly embarrassed."

Ding Yue said.

"This is no trivial matter. Your robot saved 27 people. Alright, we in Mist City will lead by example and, as you suggested, award the Medal of Righteousness to your robot, Big White, right?"

Governor Li decided on the spot.

"Yes, yes, yes, his name is Big White. Thank you, Governor Li." Ding Yue never expected the matter of awarding the Medal of Righteousness would warrant a call from Governor Li himself.

Normally, even obtaining the Medal of Righteousness would be handled by the relevant departments of Mist City, not bothering Governor Li.

But this time seemed to be an exception.

Governor Li also mentioned that Mist City always dares to be the first, and this time they would award the Medal of Righteousness to a robot.

This was truly unprecedented.

"Okay, Principal Ding, the medal award ceremony will be prepared by the relevant departments of the City Government. Oh, by the way, Principal Ding, you need to speed up the graphene technology industrial park project discussed previously between Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group."

Governor Li specifically mentioned a matter previously discussed between the two men.

As Mist City plans to build a high-tech industrial park, it needs the graphene technology industry from Feiyue Group as a backbone industry, and therefore, Ding Yue must make all necessary preparations promptly.

"Governor Li, rest assured, everything here is proceeding smoothly and in an orderly fashion."

Ding Yue, confident since Governor Li brought it up, replied.

Arrangements had already been made by Ding Yue, and his staff were executing them orderly, with virtually no issues arising.

"Principal Ding, do you know? In the future national development strategy, carbon neutrality and new energy are crucial components, and the graphene technology from your Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group can make significant contributions to the new energy sector. I have high hopes for you."

Governor Li now had a deeper understanding of graphene applications.

And in Xia Country's future development, new energy would be a very important field, whether it's carbon emissions or environmental protection and improvement, it all ties back to new energy.

"Thank you for your trust, Governor Li."

Ding Yue expressed his gratitude.

After chatting a few more sentences, Governor Li, due to his busy schedule, ended the call.

Just as the call ended, Director Tao Gang from the Material Science Department at Mist City Arts and Science University came over.

"Director Tao, see if you can find a material for Big White's body that is lighter, good-looking, preferably white, also waterproof, heat-resistant, and fairly hard. Do you have any suggestions?"

After seeing that Director Tao Gang had arrived, Ding Yue immediately asked him.

As the head of the Material Science Department, Tao Gang was quite skilled.

"The material field has many options that are heat-resistant and waterproof," Tao Gang nodded thoughtfully and replied, "Principal Ding, would you want it to also have some degree of toughness?"

"If possible, that would be even better."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue thought, good goodness, does Director Tao have even better materials to recommend?

"Then we could use fiber-reinforced ceramic matrix composite materials to create a new body for Big White," Director Tao thought for a moment and then said.

"What kind of composite material? Ceramics?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue grasped the keywords like ceramics and composite materials.

"Principal Ding, it's fiber-reinforced ceramic matrix composite materials, which are a type of..."

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"Principal Ding, the inorganic fiber-reinforced ceramic matrix composite material is a type that, by reinforcing with fibers, improves the thermal shock resistance and mechanical impact resistance of the ceramic matrix. This enhancement broadens the operating temperature range and increases high-temperature strength, far exceeding existing metallic materials used for high-temperature structural applications."

Director Tao Gang explained.

"Under normal circumstances, this type of inorganic fiber-reinforced ceramic matrix composite material is used in aerospace, military, and other fields."

After hearing Director Tao Gang's explanation, Ding Yue roughly understood.

This so-called fiber-reinforced ceramic matrix composite material met the several requirements he had just mentioned; it seemed to be a suitable material for constructing Big White's body.

"That's good."

Ding Yue nodded in satisfaction and then said to Director Tao Gang, "Director Tao, I'll leave the matter of this material to your School of Materials. Later, your school will collaborate with the Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science departments to create Big White's new body. As for the color, it should primarily be white."

"Of course, Principal Ding. Big White is our hero in Mist City, the pride of Mist City Arts and Science University. I naturally will not shirk my duty," Director Tao responded.

Director Tao Gang had already learned about the incident at Tianjiang Bridge involving the public bus, and now, Big White had indeed become the pride of everyone at Mist City Arts and Science University.

This was because Big White was an artificial intelligence robot from Mist City Arts and Science University, and they were all from Mist City Arts and Science University.

Seeing the Mist City Arts and Science University's robot, Big White, getting a new lease on life, Director Xiao Wenxing was quite pleased.

Principal Fu from Mist City University of Technology also greatly admired the capabilities of Mist City Arts and Science University in this area.

Previously,

Principal Fu had only heard that Mist City Arts and Science University was highly capable, but now it was clear that their "operational capability" was exceptionally strong.

Moreover, Mist City Arts and Science University being a private institution, had a clear advantage in terms of funding.

Like this time, reconstructing Big White's body would involve a considerable investment, yet Principal Ding did not even blink an eye.

"Principal Ding, your school's strength in the field of mechanical engineering is doubtlessly remarkable. Our Mist City University of Technology also holds significant strength in this field. I wonder if you'd be interested in establishing a long-term cooperative relationship in mechanical engineering with our university?"

Principal Fu formally extended this "invitation" to Ding Yue.

"Oh?"

Hearing this, Ding Yue felt a little excited internally.

Principal Fu was the head of Mist City University of Technology, a key national university, which indeed had strong capabilities in science and engineering fields.

Previously, it was usually Ding Yue who approached other key universities for collaboration, such as the previous collaboration with Jiangnan University of Science and Technology.

But now things were different.

Times had changed.

Ever since his Mist City Arts and Science University had begun to shine with impressive achievements in the public eye, its social status and influence had risen substantially.

Now, seeing his artificial intelligence robot Big White, Principal Fu from Mist City University of Technology had even suggested the idea of cooperating in the field of mechanical engineering.

Seeing Principal Fu's enthusiasm, and with Director Xiao Wenxing watching, how could Ding Yue refuse?

Moreover, Ding Yue had no reason to refuse!

It was quite normal for universities across the nation to form mutual collaborations. If Mist City Arts and Science University could establish cooperation with the far-off Jiangnan University of Science and Technology, why couldn't they collaborate with their neighboring Mist City University of Technology?

Actually,

Ding Yue had another consideration.

This consideration was thanks to the construction and development partnership between Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group.

That was the establishment of the graphene industry in Mist City, which required a large amount of professional talent in mechanical engineering.

After all, to produce and manufacture graphene mechanical exfoliation machines and the like, it wouldn't be feasible with ordinary people learning these skills on their own.

And with the limited number of mechanical engineering students at Mist City Arts and Science University, it was currently difficult to support such a large scale of the graphene industry.

So,

sourcing locally became a good choice.

Especially,

since there were so many mechanical engineering students at Mist City University of Technology — although these students couldn't benefit from the learning buffs that students from Mist City Arts and Science University enjoyed,

they were still strong, being from a key university in the field of mechanical engineering.

Therefore, by the time the scale of his graphene industry grew to become a high-tech pillar industry in Mist City, these graduates would be in high demand.

In this way, establishing a cooperative relationship with Mist City University of Technology would become a win-win situation.

Thus, Ding Yue had absolutely no reason to refuse.

Seeing a smile appear on Ding Yue's face, he said to Principal Fu, "Hahaha, it's rare that Mist City University of Technology regards our Mist City Arts and Science University so highly. Since Principal Fu has already mentioned it, how could I possibly refuse? Establishing a win-win cooperative relationship in the field of mechanical engineering between the two schools couldn't be better."

Seeing Principal Ding agree so readily, Principal Fu felt quite happy inside.

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Mist City University of Technology's Mechanical Engineering program has seemed to be on a downward trajectory recently, mainly due to insufficient research and development capabilities.

Now that a partnership has been established with Mist City Arts and Science University, perhaps it would be possible to participate in Mechanical Engineering research projects at Mist City Arts and Science University in the future.

That way, the Mechanical Engineering department at Mist City University of Technology could be stabilized!

Both principals considered their institutions' interests.

And the collaboration in the field of Mechanical Engineering between the two universities would be very beneficial for both institutions.

Thus, it was natural for both principals to agree on the collaboration promptly.

Director Xiao Wenxing, standing to the side, noticing the strong intention for collaboration between Principals Ding and Fu, expressed with a thoughtful look on his face, "It's wonderful to see both of your universities collaborating. Who says private and public institutions can't come together? You are certainly doing it right."

Director Xiao Wenxing also knew that a collaboration between Mist City Arts and Science University and Mist City University of Technology would be beneficial for both parties.

Therefore,

Ding Yue delved deeper into establishing a partnership with Mist City University of Technology with Principal Fu.

As for his Artificial Intelligence robot Big White, Ding Yue entrusted its care to the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Materials Science College.

Director Tao Gang from the Materials Science College said that it would take about a week to prepare the necessary inorganic fiber-reinforced ceramic base composite materials.

Then, adding the time needed for the Department of Mechanical Engineering to rebuild Big White's body, it would take about another half a month. All together, it would take about a month for Big White to be reborn.

During that month, Ding Yue, without Big White's company, would feel a sense of longing.

But the thought of Big White appearing by his side again after a month brightened his mood.

In the coming month, Ding Yue still had plenty of tasks to occupy him.

Among them, the most important certainly concerned the graphene technology industry. His team was diligently progressing with related tasks, aiming for impressive results by year's end.

For example,

Tong Yihang and Luo Peng would train a group of university students capable of handling the manufacture of machines for mechanical exfoliation of graphene, graphene production, and the manufacture of graphene technology products by the end of the year.

These students were primarily from relevant majors at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Once trained, they could secure a high-paying offer from Feiyue Group even before graduating.

Meanwhile,

CEO An Yujia of Feiyue Group was actively negotiating with several major domestic technology companies.

Currently,

Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group were interested in collaborating with Feiyue Group on graphene batteries.

Because they were aware that seizing the graphene technology license package might be out of reach, they had decided to settle for the next best thing, which was acquiring graphene batteries for phones and electronic devices from Feiyue Group.

However, one company appeared "proud" and seemed not to want to collaborate with Feiyue Group.

That company was Penguin New Energy Vehicle Company.

Initially, it was Penguin New Energy Vehicle Company that led Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group to form a united front to pressure Feiyue Group into handing over the graphene technology licensing package.

Now, with the situation having changed, as Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group had "switched sides," and Penguin New Energy Vehicle Company, with its own partners for new energy vehicle batteries, could afford to be quite confident.

On this day,

Ding Yue was, as usual, carrying out daily office work in his personal office.

An Yujia rushed into the office.

"Principal Ding,"

Seeing An Yujia arrive, Ding Yue just happened to want to ask her how the progress of commercial orders for the graphene industry was going.

After all, if we were to inspire complete confidence over at the Mist City Government building, Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group needed to achieve two things.

The first was for Feiyue Group to increase the scale of the graphene industry, which Ding Yue had delegated to his subordinates, who were actively working on it.

The second point was that the graphene products needed to have collaboration orders from major domestic manufacturers; otherwise, it would be difficult for the Mist City Government building to decide to give substantial support to Feiyue Group in the graphene industry.

"Miss An, what's the matter? You seem very urgent; is something up?"

Upon seeing this, Ding Yue asked curiously.

"Principal Ding, I have some not-so-good news that might disrupt our collaboration with Penguin New Energy Vehicle Company,"

An Yujia came forward, panting as she spoke.

It was clear that she must have run over to report to Ding Yue the moment she learned of this news.

"Don't rush, catch your breath first, Xiao Wen, pour Miss An a glass of water."

Ding Yue turned his head and instructed his secretary, Wen Ruohan.

Now that the AI robot Big White was not by his side, the task of serving drinks had once again fallen to Secretary Wen Ruohan.

An Yujia took a deep breath, regained her composure, and continued, "Principal Ding, you're aware of Europe's Mantech Group, aren't you?"

"Of course, Mantech Group from Europe is quite formidable, especially in energy research,"

Ding Yue nodded and said.

Moments later, Ding Yue realized something. He frowned and muttered, "Miss An, are you saying... "

"Yes, Penguin Car has always had close cooperation with Europe's Mantech Group,"

An Yujia said earnestly, "Previously, new energy vehicles weren't given much priority domestically, allowing Tesla to take over part of the market. However, Penguin Car eventually caught up, thanks to their close cooperation with Mantech Group. Just today, Mantech Group announced that they have also made major breakthroughs in new energy battery research."

"Oh?"

Ding Yue, upon hearing this, became quite interested.

A crucial core of new energy vehicles is the new energy battery and motor technology.

As for motor technology, every company involved in new energy vehicles has more or less obtained related technology, even companies like Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group, who are planning to enter the new energy vehicle field.

The reason is no other than that, over the past two years, Xia Country has been vigorously promoting the development of new energy vehicles.

This has made many tech company executives see the future direction of development—new energy vehicles will definitely be a part of it!

"So, it's highly unlikely that Penguin Car will choose to collaborate with us."

An Yujia shook her head as she spoke.

"Mantech Group's new energy battery, could it be the same graphene battery as ours? That seems unlikely,"

Ding Yue muttered.

The graphene mass production technology and graphene battery technology developed by Mist City Arts and Science University were unique. It would be very difficult for global tech companies to replicate without spending a substantial amount of money and one to two years of time.

"I'm not entirely sure about that, as it surely falls under trade secrets, just like our graphene technology."

An Yujia shrugged and said.

"It looks like the era of new energy vehicles has officially arrived, huh? I remember that Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group also intend to develop new energy vehicles, right?"

Ding Yue looked at An Yujia and asked.

"Yes, Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group indeed have such intentions," An Yujia nodded. "Principal Ding, are you suggesting..."

"Exactly, since Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group also want to make new energy electric cars, we can not only supply them with graphene batteries for mobile phones and computers, but we can also provide graphene batteries for electric cars."

Ding Yue smiled calmly and said.

Chapter 1004: Global Competition Mode is On

Headline News—

[Mantech Group in Europe claims a major advancement in new energy battery technology, benefiting the development of new energy electric vehicles!]

[Dami Technology Group announces its venture into the automotive industry!]

[Huawei Technology Group collaborates with Byadi Motors to create a new era of new energy electric vehicles!]

[Penguin New Energy Vehicles reaches a 21 billion yuan order cooperation with Mantech Group in Europe, Penguin stocks hit the limit!]

That day.

Domestic news about new energy electric vehicles surged one after another?

Following Dami Technology Group's announcement to venture into the automotive industry, it was clear that the focus was not on traditional fuel vehicles, but rather on new energy electric vehicles.

After all, in the national trend of Xia Country, new energy was a crucial sector.

And without a doubt, new energy electric vehicles were the ace in this field, with every large enterprise aiming to grab a piece of the pie!

Apart from Dami Technology,

Huawei Technology Group had been strategizing new energy electric vehicles for many years, and now had its own chips and operating systems, which could be implemented in new energy electric vehicles.

In Huawei Technology Group's words, what they aimed to create were new energy smart cars!

Additionally, due to its long-term cooperation with Mantech Group, Penguin Cars had made a significant move this time by bringing out their company's core new energy battery technology.

This new energy battery technology would enhance the endurance of current new energy vehicle batteries by three to five times.

If such a powerful new energy battery technology was applied to new energy vehicles, it would undoubtedly serve as a catalyst in the explosion of the new energy vehicle field.

Therefore.

Today, whether it was new energy funds or related stocks, all were soaring in the domestic market, with several stocks hitting the limit, including Penguin Group's stocks.

Penguin Group's stocks, benefiting from the boom in Penguin Cars, were skyrocketing.

Far across the ocean in America.

Aike Technology Group Tower.

Der Eckx frowned immediately upon hearing the news from Mantech Group in Europe.

Beside him, Christopher Brown suggested, "Der, I think we need to make a decision fast, the war in the new energy sector has begun, and we cannot stand idly by."

If previously the advancement in graphene technology by a university and a company in Xia Country was not enough to cause Aike Technology Group significant concern,

because the depth of Aike Technology Group was just that profound.

But now was different.

Since even Mantech Group in Europe had "pulled out a big move," it meant that the era of real competition was about to begin.

You see,

Mantech Group has always been a formidable rival to Aike Technology Group.

Now that Mantech Group had taken the lead to unleash a major move, initiating a global competitive mode, if Aike Technology Group chose to sit idle, it would lose a substantial market share within one or two years.

This would include companies like Apple, Tesla, and others deciding to abandon Aike Technology Group.

"We are finding it difficult to make breakthroughs in the graphene sector."

Christopher Brown shook his head helplessly, "Der, we must look for new breakthroughs."

The graphene sector was indeed a good choice, but regarding the current research progress at Aike Technology Group, it would take two to three years to achieve significant results.

However, the situation now is that Aike Technology Group doesn't have two to three years to buffer anymore.

The global competition mode has been initiated.

This is when beneficial new energy technology products must be produced.

"In our current reserve of new energy technologies, the best we have is the Super Battery project, and it only doubles the endurance capacity,"

Der Eckx spread his hands.

"The competitiveness of the Super Battery project might not be as good as we think. Mantech Group's new energy battery technology is at least three times better, and we must also bring out equivalent or better technology."

Christopher Brown frowned and said, "It seems it's time for me to seek out my old classmate."

"The one from California Technology University?"

Der Eckx asked.

"Yes, that's right, he might be able to help us, but it will cost us a lot," Christopher Brown shrugged.

"At this point, high cost is the best option."

Der Eckx understood.

If they were not willing to incur high costs now, then what awaited Aike Technology Group would only be a devastating blow.

If they stumbled badly, it would be very difficult to rise again.

Nokia's past was a cautionary tale, and Der Eckx had to take heed.

"Alright, I'll head to California Technology University right away."

After saying this, Christopher Brown called his secretary to book a flight.

This trip wasn't just about making a phone call; Christopher Brown needed to personally request assistance.

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Mist City Arts and Science University.

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In just a few days, Ding Yue witnessed the "explosion" of new energy vehicles and was uncertain whether this surge was intentional or just timely.

Originally, Ding Yue had planned to systematically establish his own graphite technology industry within the Feiyue Group, because the applications of graphite were vast.

For certain areas, he had planned partnerships with domestic major manufacturers, and for others, Ding Yue even planned to go it alone.

But all these plans required time.

Just when the Mist City High-Tech District was about to be established, the European Mantech Group suddenly disrupted the new energy industry landscape.

Although Ding Yue was confident that the new energy battery technology of the European Mantech Group was not as good as his own Feiyue Group's graphite battery technology,

competition still existed.

With Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group subsequently announcing their entry into the new energy vehicle sector, the competitive pressure in this market suddenly intensified.

Domestically there were Tesla, Penguin Car, Huawei Technology, Dami Technology, and traditional strong national brand products of new energy electric vehicles.

If they ultimately failed to reach a cooperation agreement with his Feiyue Group, they were highly likely to be drawn to the European Mantech Group.

Indeed.

Ding Yue's concerns began to show signs.

"Principal Ding!"

CEO An Yujia of the Feiyue Group had come to Ding Yue's office again.

"What's wrong?"

Ding Yue asked, looking at the somewhat flustered An Yujia.

"Our previously reached cooperation intentions with Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group might change,"

AN Yujia said, frowning deeply and looking very worried.

Earlier, An Yujia had almost finalized negotiations with Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group. The two major companies' future electronic products and new energy electric vehicle businesses were to cooperate with the Feiyue Group and order graphite batteries exclusively from them.

But as final negotiations had almost been reached, business issues could still change at any time without a signed final contract agreement.

Even after a contract agreement is signed, changes could still happen.

For example, after earlier talks with Huawei Technology Group had concluded, Feiyue Group signed a first batch order agreement, but if Huawei Technology Group decided not to use Feiyue Group's graphite batteries, they would just complete this first batch order and then cease further cooperation.

They could even take a harsher approach by directly breaking the contract, since the strong capabilities of Huawei Technology Group could easily bear the cost of this breach.

"There's uncertainty?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue also frowned slightly before asking, "Does it have something to do with the European Mantech Group?"

Currently, aside from the European Mantech Group, basically nothing could shake the influence of the Feiyue Group concerning the cooperation on graphite batteries.

But once Mantech Group announced their new energy battery technology, uncertainties arose.

One was the Mantech Group, dominating Europe and a global top energy technology company, and the other was Feiyue Group, still relatively unknown.

Naturally, those large domestic and international manufacturers knew how to choose.

"I think it must be, perhaps Penguin Car is also meddling."

An Yujia analyzed, "Penguin Car had previously formed a united front with Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group, which we managed to break up, but now with the favorable news from the European Mantech Group, Penguin Car will definitely pull Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group back to their side."

"This is somewhat troublesome."

After hearing this, Ding Yue couldn't help but become worried.

It wasn't so much the worry about not securing the orders from Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group to make money.

That was secondary.

The main thing was,

Ding Yue needed to secure these orders from the major manufacturers and present them to the Mist City Government Building. Governor Li had said that they wanted to see whether the Feiyue Group could really grow the graphite sector,

and also wanted to see if there was a clear market outlook.

The so-called clear market prospects are undoubtedly best demonstrated by the orders from some major domestic manufacturers that need graphene batteries.

However, the problem now is that representative large firms like Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group have become variable due to the emergence of Europe's Mantech Group.

The orders might not be secured.

"Principal Ding, the situation is really tricky now. If we can't secure orders from these major manufacturers, the Mist City Government building might not fully support us anymore."

CEO An Yujia was also very aware of the situation.

It seems somewhat unfriendly for Feiyue Group.

"Europe's Mantech Group pulling out their trump card at this time, they really have a knack for it. The global competition has begun."

Ding Yue couldn't help muttering.

"Principal Ding, why don't we step back and grant licensing for the graphene battery technology to Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group? This way, we might be able to salvage their intentions to collaborate with us and I will try my best to quickly secure the orders for the next few years."

An Yujia suggested.

Although this suggestion contradicted the initial plan, the situation was already changing.

Even if graphene battery technology is impressive, if people don't view it that way and they first jump onto Europe's Mantech Group's new energy battery technology, that would be problematic.

"Has it come to this?"

Ding Yue's eyes were also filled with a faint sense of bewilderment.

Now was indeed not a good time to make decisions.

Initially, taking advantage of the successful graphene technology, the plan was to establish a graphene pillar industry base in Mist City, but unexpectedly, they now faced obstacles.

If the Mist City Government were to provide policy support, then Feiyue Group and Mist City Arts and Science University could only fulfill one of the necessary conditions now.

The other necessary condition now had great uncertainty.

While Ding Yue and An Yujia were worried about this matter, Secretary Wen Ruohan suddenly came over.

"Principal Ding, the latest news!"

Wen Ruohan, knowing the worries of Principal Ding, had been keeping an eye on important information online in the relevant fields.

Just a moment ago, Wen Ruohan viewed a piece of the latest news from abroad, but this might not be good news for Principal Ding.

"What's the matter, Xiao Wen?"

Ding Yue looked up at Secretary Wen Ruohan and asked.

"Principal Ding, I'm afraid this isn't good news," Wen Ruohan found it difficult; having seen the news herself, how could she not report it to Principal Ding immediately?

But as it was obviously bad news, telling Principal Ding would only add to his worries.

Wen Ruohan was really conflicted.

"It doesn't matter, tell me!" Ding Yue took a deep breath and said, "What could be more difficult than the current situation?"

"Well then, Principal Ding, Ike Technology Group in America has announced that their fuel cell developed in collaboration with Jiagong Technology University Laboratory is about to launch," Wen Ruohan muttered.

Even though she muttered, because the office was very quiet, both Ding Yue and An Yujia heard her.

Upon hearing this, their faces unwittingly paled a bit more.

"Ike Technology Group? Fuel cells?"

Upon hearing this news, Ding Yue suddenly felt a blockage in his chest, a bit of discomfort surged within him.

There was no need to talk more about Ike Technology Group; Ding Yue was very familiar with it. The last time with the Mist City Arts and Science University student incident, Ding Yue had evidence that it was orchestrated by Ike Technology Group.

However, America has always been shameless; how could Ike Technology Group possibly admit to the last incident with Mist City Arts and Science University students? In the end, this matter just stirred some ripples online both domestically and internationally, then it quieted down.

And this time, what Secretary Wen Ruohan just mentioned, the fuel cells announced by Ike Technology Group, were undoubtedly considered new energy compared to traditional batteries...

Chapter 1006: Self-built Cars, Breaking Deadlocks

Just as the European Mantech Group announced their major breakthrough in new energy batteries, which would be applied in fields including new energy electric vehicles and electronic products,

right on their heels,

The United States' Ike Technology Group declared that their fuel cell, developed in collaboration with the Jiagong Technology University Laboratory, was about to go online!

Two major energy technology companies emerging at the same time, without a doubt, symbolized that a global-scale competition had officially begun.

Ding Yue even suspected for a moment whether the European Mantech Group and Ike Technology Group had chosen this particular time to target his Feiyue Group?

Obviously.

If the graphene battery technology developed by Mist City Arts and Science University could be widely applied, it would be a devastating blow to these two companies.

So,

they struck at this moment.

And they had to strike. If they didn't, it would mean sitting idly by, waiting for death.

"Xiao Wen, this is indeed bad news,"

said Ding Yue, shrugging his shoulders after hearing the news about Ike Technology Group from his secretary, Wen Ruohan.

"Ah, this, I..."

Wen Ruohan didn't know what to say.

"Principal Ding, this increases the pressure on us. We must make a good decision,"

An Yujia realized that the situation seemed to be becoming even more intense and seriously said to Principal Ding.

Under the current circumstances, a leader must make a good decision. Otherwise, the application of graphene technology would face numerous difficulties.

First and foremost, the scale could not be increased.

If the scale couldn't be increased, it would be impossible to influence the country, let alone the world.

To increase the scale, the support of policies from the Mist City Government was essential to build Feiyue Group's graphene industry into a pillar industry of the Mist City High-Tech Park.

The problem, however, remained the same. The Mist City Government required Ding Yue to fulfill two prerequisites, but currently, Ding Yue could only meet one. The other, the partnership orders with major manufacturers, had been impacted by this development.

"A decision must be made,"

murmured Ding Yue as he stroked his chin.

For a moment,

the principal's office was exceptionally quiet, as if you could hear a pin drop.

Ding Yue was considering.

Currently, in the global energy battery sector, his graphene battery technology was undoubtedly leading.

But even if it was leading, because of the current scale, it couldn't dominate the world. If Feiyue Technology owned by Feiyue Group had the size of Mantech Group or Ike Technology Group, or even half their size, they could sweep the globe with their superior graphene battery technology.

But the conditions were different.

Feiyue Technology was still too small, and not many people were willing to believe in it.

You say your graphene batteries, compared to the current smartphone lithium batteries, could last a hundred times longer, even up to a thousand times!

But others might not believe you, because your influence isn't strong enough.

In the past, Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group only had the option of Feiyue Group's graphene batteries. If they didn't choose, they risked being eliminated by the market. That's why they were willing to actively cooperate with Feiyue Technology on graphene batteries.

But now it's different.

European Mantech Group and even America's Ike Technology Group could become their options.

Big manufacturers might even offer a cheaper deal. If you were in their shoes, what would you choose?

Actually, if the National Science and Technology Award were formally confirmed now, it might still offer a glimmer of hope for Feiyue Group.

But the National Science and Technology Award will only be officially announced at the end of the year!

At present, the mechanical exfoliation process for graphene and the 3D bioprinting technology of Mist City Arts and Science University have only been shortlisted, not officially announced.

"Principal Ding, do you have any good countermeasures?"

Seeing that Principal Ding had been thinking for a while without any indication of a conclusion, An Yujia asked.

If it really comes down to it, An Yujia was prepared to once again put forward her suggestion.

That was to step back and offer Huawei Technology Group, Dami Technology Group, and even Penguin Car the licensing packages for the graphene battery technology. This might at least retain them and allow Feiyue Group to meet the two essential conditions required by the Mist City Government, and then establish a vast graphene pillar industry.

"Allow me to think a bit more,"

Ding Yue said softly, without lifting his head.

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Shencheng.

Penguin Auto Group Headquarters.

In the chairman's office, Kuang Xuejin had an encounter with a rare visitor today: his "colleague," Chen Xueming, the chairman of Q Entertainment Media.

Since Penguin Car and Q Entertainment Media were both subsidiaries of Penguin Group, operating in different business areas, Kuang Xuejin and Chen Xueming, both chairmen, could indeed be considered colleagues.

They were just high-level colleagues, both working for Penguin Group's Chairman Ma.

But, clearly, Penguin Car was larger in scale than Q Entertainment Media,

even though Q Entertainment Media covered numerous sectors under Penguin Group, including movies, entertainment, novels, and other segments.

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But Penguin Car is a major direction that Penguin Group is planning to develop in the future, and Chairman Ma places great importance on it, so in terms of status, Penguin Car is indeed currently a little higher than Q Entertainment Media.

Of course.

It's not to say that if Penguin Car doesn't take off, and Q Entertainment Media becomes bigger and more economically beneficial, then the status of Q Entertainment Media would be higher than that of Penguin Car.

In Penguin Group, whoever can earn more money for Chairman Ma, naturally becomes the "favorite" in the eyes of Chairman Ma.

"Mr. Chen, it really is a rare sight to see you here at Penguin Car, how did you find the time to come by?"

Kuang Xuejin said with a smile as he looked toward Chen Xueming.

"Mr. Kuang, about the last incident, it was our Q Entertainment Media that impacted Penguin Car, so I hope you don't take it to heart and can understand our position."

The tone of Chen Xueming was noticeably more humble.

Because this time, Chen Xueming genuinely came to apologize.

The last incident at the tree farm, along with Q Entertainment Media's previous issue with the special effects that caught Ding Yue off guard, caused Ding Yue's Feiyue Group to also put some pressure on Penguin Car regarding the graphene battery technology.

Fortunately, Penguin Car has always maintained cooperation with the European Mantech Group, and now a new opportunity had arisen.

Nevertheless, Chen Xueming still needed to express his apologies to Kuang Xuejin.

"Hahaha, Mr. Chen, what are you talking about? That's all in the past."

Kuang Xuejin lit a cigar and laughed, "Would you like one? It's a premium GuBa cigar, give it a try?"

"Then I won't stand on ceremony."

Chen Xueming also smiled and nodded his head, as it seemed to him Mr. Kuang was not someone to hold petty grudges, and besides, Chen Xueming understood Kuang Xuejin quite well.

When things weren't going well, this guy could become incredibly irritable, and Chen Xueming guessed that Kuang Xuejin hadn't refrained from cursing in his chairman's office after the incident.

But.

As long as the situation was beneficial for Penguin Car, which Kuang Xuejin managed, he wasn't one to hold a grudge.

The current situation was obviously the latter case.

Kuang Xuejin then handed a cigar to Chen Xueming.

As Chen Xueming accepted the cigar, he cut it and, while smiling, said to Kuang Xuejin, "Mr. Kuang, apart from coming here to apologize for the last incident, I also want to thank you. How about coming over to my place tonight? Our Q Entertainment Media has recently brought in several female trainees, all of decent quality. You know what I mean, right?"

"Oh?"

When Kuang Xuejin heard Chen Xueming say this, his eyes suddenly lit up, filled with a hint of longing.

"Mr. Chen can arrange it?"

Kuang Xuejin asked.

Chen Xueming smiled confidently, nodded, and responded, "Of course I'll arrange it."

"Then tell me, why thank me?"

At hearing this, Kuang Xuejin immediately beamed with joy, feeling quite delighted inside.

When it comes to Q Entertainment Media's female trainees, the quality is quite impressive, mainly because those young girls really are tender, and Kuang Xuejin happened to fancy that sort.

"This time, your move from Penguin Car put Feiyue Group in a difficult position, which was like taking revenge for me, so of course, I must thank you, Mr. Kuang."

Chen Xueming replied with a smile.

During the last incident at the tree farm, Chen Xueming could say he was thoroughly humiliated. The loss he and his brother suffered was dreadful, with Jiangjiu Group still undergoing rectification to this day.

Originally, Chen Xueming had planned to seek revenge himself, as Q Entertainment Media and Feiyue Group's Feiyue Media were inevitably going to be at odds.

However, before he could prepare to deal with Feiyue Media, the movement from Kuang Xuejin's side unexpectedly embarrassed Feiyue Group.

Under normal circumstances, Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group would probably sign a cooperation agreement on graphene battery technology with Feiyue Group by the end of this year.

But an unexpected introduction of the European Mantech Group disrupted these plans, and if not for Penguin Car's influence, Chen Xueming would certainly not believe it.

"This matter."

Mr. Kuang laughed heartily while puffing on a cigar and said, "It's just a small favor."

This did catch Mr. Kuang somewhat by surprise. Originally, he was only considering it from the perspective of his Penguin Car competing with Feiyue Group. If Penguin Car couldn't get Feiyue's graphene battery, there was still a fallback option.

The fallback was Europe's Mantech Group.

And it must be said that Mantech Group, its owner William Burt, and Dr. Holly from the Mantech Group, were incredibly supportive.

Under the leadership of Dr. Holly, his team developed new energy battery technology for Mantech Group. When applied to new energy electric vehicles' batteries, it performed three to five times better than the most advanced Tesla batteries.

If it were to be used in electronic products, it would exceed by more than ten times, and with continuous optimization and upgrades of the technology, the results would be even better.

Although this still falls short of the hundredfold effectiveness of Feiyue Group's graphene batteries, one cannot overlook the fact that it comes from an international conglomerate.

How many manufacturers worldwide would trust Europe's Mantech Group over Feiyue Group, which currently doesn't have any major partnerships?

Clearly, in the end, everyone chose the former.

Even domestic giants Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group opted for products from Europe's Mantech Group.

"Mr. Kuang has really helped me vent my frustration this time. I, Chen Xueming, am immensely grateful. If there's anything I can assist Mr. Kuang with in the future, just tell me."

Chen Xueming lifted a cup from the tea table, smiling as he spoke to Mr. Kuang.

"Since Mr. Chen has said so, truth be told, there actually is a matter that might need a little help from your Q Entertainment Media."

Mr. Kuang stated directly.

"Oh?"

Upon hearing this, Chen Xueming immediately perked up. He had only been speaking out of courtesy, not expecting Mr. Kuang to actually take him up on his offer.

But he certainly hadn't anticipated that Mr. Kuang would be so unreserved with him.

"Mr. Kuang, what's the matter? How can I be of assistance?"

Chen Xueming asked with curiosity.

Mr. Kuang nodded and said, "This issue... indeed, your Q Entertainment Media might be able to help us set the right tone."

"A public relations matter?"

When Mr. Kuang mentioned "tone," Chen Xueming roughly understood that Mr. Kuang might have a situation requiring the strong public relations department of Q Entertainment Media to help them guide the public narrative, to handle some PR.

"That's right. Recently, an owner of our flagship electric car has been causing trouble, claiming brake failure, and I fear that this issue might hit the trending list soon. If it gets there, the situation will blow up, and we'll have a hard time dealing with it. So, Chen, since your Q Entertainment Media claims to have the strongest public relations capability in the country, could you see..."

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Meanwhile, at Mist City Arts and Science University.

After much reflection, Principal Ding had pretty much made a decision.

Facing such a "predicament," Principal Ding thought it over and realized it wasn't necessarily a dead end.

"Principal Ding, have you made a decision?"

An Yujia asked again softly, "If all else fails, we could still..."

"No!"

Before An Yujia could finish suggesting an alternative, Principal Ding raised his hand, rejecting the idea: "Even though we can't secure cooperation orders from Huawei

Technology Group and Dami Technology Group, this might not be a loss for us. In my opinion, it might actually be their loss."

Seeing Principal Ding speak with such confidence in his tone and expression, An Yujia sensed he must have a plan.

"Principal Ding, what should we do?"

An Yujia asked with curiosity.

Principal Ding looked up sharply and said, "We can offer our graphene batteries for military and state-owned industrial uses to secure orders. Furthermore, whether it's Huawei Technology Group, Dami Technology Group, or Penguin Car, they all aim to build new energy electric vehicles. We too will independently create our electric vehicles to break the deadlock!"

Chapter 1008: The City Government Connections Are Still Useful

Materials like graphene not only produce products such as graphene batteries.

Their application range is extremely broad.

And in areas such as military and aerospace, they hold great prospects as well.

Since Huawei Technology Group, Dami Technology Group, and Penguin Car have chosen the European Mantech Group as their "big tree," Ding Yue couldn't stop them.

After all, his Feiyue Group's reputation wasn't yet globally renowned.

Moreover, the results of the National Science and Technology Award were still not out, and it wasn't unreasonable for others to choose different partners after weighing their options. They just shouldn't regret it later.

Facing such a situation, Ding Yue couldn't just sit back and do nothing.

If he couldn't secure orders in the electronics and new energy vehicles sectors, then Ding Yue had to consider whether he could establish cooperation with the military and aerospace sectors.

"Principal Ding, this indeed is a good choice."

After hearing Principal Ding's decision, An Yujia immediately nodded in agreement.

However, An Yujia soon asked with some confusion, "But Principal Ding, how can we connect with the military and aerospace sectors?"

Previously, groups like Huawei Technology and Dami Technology had proactively approached Feiyue Group.

But the military and aerospace-related companies and departments hadn't approached Feiyue Group, indicating that they temporarily weren't "optimistic" about Mist City Arts and Science University's graphene technology.

"Logically speaking, our graphene technology has been nominated for the National Science and Technology Award, so whether it's the military or aerospace sectors, they should already be aware of us. It's just that they are not clear about our strength yet, so they haven't approached us."

Lu Zhou analyzed, "We could try to take the initiative to contact the relevant military and aerospace departments."

"Principal Ding."

An Yujia suddenly thought of something and hurriedly said, "If I remember correctly, last time Feiyue Group's gallium nitride semiconductor materials were used by Guoxing Technology to produce military chips, right?"

"Yes, that does serve as a bridge to connect with the military sector."

Ding Yue almost forgot about this matter.

During the last cooperation with Guoxing Technology, Ding Yue not only customized the gallium nitride chip for his artificial intelligence robot Big White.

He had also used Feiyue Group's gallium nitride semiconductor material technology to provide an order for the military.

Therefore, by following this lead, perhaps Feiyue Group's graphene could open a new door in the military sector.

With a potential application market, the Mist City Government building would inevitably provide substantial favorable policy support, especially since we are supplying graphene materials and products to the military sector.

"For the aerospace sector, we could also try through the military or the Mist City Government office,"

Ding Yue mumbled to himself.

"Mhm mhm."

An Yujia quickly nodded.

"Let's act now."

Ding Yue, without another word, picked up his phone and started dialing Guoxing Technology's number.

Since the last military chip, Mist City Arts and Science University had only been a connectivity point for Guoxing Technology, mainly supplying gallium nitride semiconductor materials, while the military placed orders through Guoxing Technology.

That is to say, Ding Yue had no direct contact with the military.

So to make contact, he had to first get in touch with Mr. Wang Liwu from Guoxing Technology.

Ding Yue got through, but the phone kept ringing and nobody answered.

Presumably,

Mr. Wang Liwu must be in a meeting, having set his phone to silent mode, so he couldn't answer the call.

"Xiao Wen, can you call the CEO office of Guoxing Technology Group and ask when Mr. Wang will be available?"

Ding Yue immediately said to his secretary Wen Ruohan.

Typically, when he calls directly, he would dial Mr. Wang Liwu himself, but if calling Mr. Wang's office, his secretary would handle it.

"Yes, Principal Ding."

Upon hearing this, Wen Ruohan nodded and then picked up the desk phone, found the office number of the CEO of Guoxing Technology Group, and dialed.

"Hello, is this Mr. Wang's office at Guoxing Technology Group?"

After getting through, Wen Ruohan asked.

"Yes, who is this?"

"We are from Mist City Arts and Science University. Could you please tell me if Mr. Wang is in a meeting? We would like to schedule a time with Mr. Wang if possible."

Wen Ruohan asked.

"Sorry, our Mr. Wang is in an important meeting right now. If your school needs to schedule a time with Mr. Wang, I will inform him after his meeting ends."

Beep beep beep~

After saying that, the other end hung up the phone.

The abrupt end of the call caught Wen Ruohan off guard; she had been about to thank the secretary of the CEO office of Guoxing Technology Group.

Good lord.

Are all secretaries like this nowadays?

After hanging up, Wen Ruohan turned to look at Principal Ding.

"How did it go?"

Ding Yue asked.

"Principal Ding, Mr. Wang of Guoxing Technology is in a meeting. His office assistant said they would inform Mr. Wang of our request after his meeting."

Wen Ruohan reported.

"Got it."

If Ding Yue couldn't reach Mr. Wang of Guoxing Technology for now, it was no big deal.

He picked up his phone and dialed the Mist City Government office.

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This time, Ding Yue planned to reach out to Guoxing Technology and also needed to contact Mist City Government building, so he made a call to Secretary Chang, the secretary of Governor Li.

"Hello, Principal Ding."

By now, Secretary Xiao Chang had become quite familiar with Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University.

After all, Governor Li had already interacted with Principal Ding from Mist City Arts and Science University three times.

"Secretary Chang, hello, is Governor Li available today?"

Ding Yue asked immediately.

This matter could only be discussed with Governor Li when he was available, considering Governor Li's position and his usually busy schedule.

"Governor Li is currently inspecting the high-tech park we're planning. After the inspection, he will have a 20-minute break. Is there something important you need to discuss with Governor Li, Principal Ding?"

Secretary Xiao Chang asked.

"Yes, it's about the graphite industry. I must discuss it further with Governor Li."

Ding Yue affirmed confidently.

When Secretary Chang heard it concerned the graphite industry, he knew this project was one of the very important ones for the management and future development of Mist City under Governor Li's leadership, so he did not dare to delay.

"Alright, Principal Ding, I will speak to Governor Li, and after confirming, I will notify you about the time and place."

"That's great, thank you, Secretary Chang."

"There's no need for formalities, Principal Ding. Please wait for my message."

After finishing the conversation, Secretary Chang hung up the phone.

Ding Yue breathed a sigh of relief.

Things seemed quite promising; he should be able to meet Governor Li today without any issues.

When he met Governor Li, Ding Yue would share the current situation faced by Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group with him.

He believed Governor Li would certainly lend a hand.

After all,

the graphite industry of Feiyue Group was a major achievement for Governor Li in Mist City.

Moreover, this was initially an initiative led by Governor Li.

"Miss An, prepare the feasibility material for our graphite application in the military and aerospace fields; we may have to meet Governor Li this afternoon."

Ding Yue immediately instructed An Yujia.

"Okay, Principal Ding."

After receiving her orders, An Yujia immediately got up and went back to start preparing the materials.

This visit to Governor Li was mainly to facilitate connections, allowing Ding Yue's Feiyue Group to officially engage with the aerospace and even the military sectors.

Thus, having the necessary materials ready was indispensable.

Otherwise, would he just go there with nothing but his words?

That would definitely not work!

If everything went smoothly this time, Ding Yue should be able to connect successfully with the domestic military and aerospace sectors.

It must be said, having connections within the City Government turned out to be quite useful.

At three-thirty in the afternoon,

Secretary Chang called Ding Yue, stating that from five forty to six ten in the evening, Governor Li could make time during his dinner break to meet with Ding Yue.

As for other times, Governor Li's schedule was already very full.

Ding Yue could understand that, given that Governor Li was the head of the city, his daily schedule was packed, with hardly any time to spare aside from rest and meals.

Taking up Governor Li's dinner time for this discussion made Ding Yue feel somewhat guilty.

"Okay, thank you, Secretary Chang. Five forty in the afternoon, at the cafeteria in the East District of the High-Tech Industrial Park, right?"

"Yes, Principal Ding."

"Alright."

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Meanwhile, in Europe.

In Europe, the competition surrounding new energy battery technology has always been intense.

But ultimately,

Mantech Group from Europe took the lead in announcing a major breakthrough in their new energy batteries and would hold a press conference within a week, with the first batch of new energy batteries ready to leave the factory within a month.

This news, without a doubt, was very heartening for many enterprises around the globe.

Even companies in the United States were somewhat shaken.

For example, large international corporations like Fruit Phone and Tesla New Energy Car, although still maintaining cooperation with Ike Technology Group, had to consider changing their approach if Mantech Group was indeed as formidable as it appeared.

After all, if they didn't keep up with the battery technology revolution, they were very likely to be phased out in the end.

However,

Ike Technology Group wasn't exactly inactive.

They had reached an agreement on a fuel cell technology project in cooperation with a laboratory at California Institute of Technology.

The fuel cell project at California Institute of Technology had been nearly completed two years ago.

However, at that time, it had not yet attracted the favor of technology companies.

But now the situation was different; Ike Technology Group, lagging in graphene technology, could only collaborate with the laboratory at California Institute of Technology on their expensive fuel cell to work on new energy batteries.

Since the fuel cell from California Institute of Technology was already very mature, commercializing it in the fields of electronic products and new energy vehicles wasn't too difficult, a problem Ike Technology Group was able to solve in a short time.

This was precisely why companies like Fruit Phone and Tesla didn't leave Ike Technology Group.

Indeed,

The situation in America bore some similarity to that in Xia Country.

However, America's Fruit Phone and Tesla didn't leave Ike Technology Group to join Mantech Group as happened in Europe.

But domestically, Huawei Technology Group and Dami Technology Group abandoned Feiyue Group and switched to Mantech Group in Europe.

Throughout this period,

Global optimism regarding the development of new energy was very high.

Both domestically and internationally, whether it was stocks or funds, the new energy sector was flourishing.

Previously, some foreign netizens believed that institutions like Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group, with major breakthroughs in graphene, were impressive.

But now, as both Mantech Group and Ike Technology Group also announced their new energy battery technology, those foreign netizens, including some from within the country, started to praise Mantech Group and Ike Technology Group again.

They thought the graphene battery technology claimed by Feiyue Group, supposedly able to extend phone battery life by hundreds or even thousands of times, was simply bluster.

Whereas the new energy batteries from Mantech Group and Ike Technology Group, able to multiply battery life several times up to ten times, were deemed more normal and feasible.

Gradually,

On foreign networks, the battery longevity claimed by Feiyue Group and Mist City Arts and Science University prior was now seen by international netizens as an exaggeration by Xia Country.

Just as it was said long, long, long, long ago that the bolder the people, the greater the production!

They were utterly unaware.

That the technology developed by Mist City Arts and Science University and the success of graphene had already placed them at the forefront of the world!

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Five o'clock in the afternoon.

Ding Yue had already arrived at the high-tech industrial park planned in the west of Mist City, which was part of the high-tech park area and currently in the preliminary stage of construction.

Governor Li often visited here during this phase, which showed how much he valued the development of the high-tech park in the western part.

Indeed.

This was an initiative led by Governor Li to drive robust development in Mist City, which obviously required serious attention.

Having arrived early, Ding Yue reached the East District of the high-tech industrial park and waited for Governor Li at the cafeteria.

According to the schedule, Governor Li would arrive at this cafeteria at around 5:40 PM to have dinner.

It's worth mentioning that the cafeteria, which looked ordinary and served the workers of the high-tech park, was where Governor Li would dine today, reflecting his commendable down-to-earth character.

Soon,

The time quickly reached 5:42 PM.

At this moment, Ding Yue saw a city government's designated minibus approach from a distance, which was most likely Governor Li and his entourage.

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The city government's shuttle bus slowly headed towards Ding Yue.

Upon seeing this, Ding Yue hurried to the door of the shuttle bus, as it was clear that Governor Li and his party were coming here to have dinner at the cafeteria.

"Principal Ding, you've arrived."

The first to get off was Governor Li's secretary, Xiao Chang, who greeted Principal Ding with a smile.

"I'm definitely on time, where is Governor Li?"

Ding Yue asked.

Just after Ding Yue had asked, Governor Li got out of the car, "Principal Ding, let's go. We'll talk while we eat at the cafeteria."

Governor Li knew his time was limited, and he only had these few minutes during the meal to discuss matters with Principal Ding. Principal Ding's sudden visit must have been about something important.

Moreover, Governor Li could somewhat guess the issue, as there had been a lot of news recently about new energy battery technologies, and the Mist City Government had gathered some information which, when put together, clearly could impact the graphene industry of Feiyue Group and Mist City Arts and Science University led by Ding Yue.

"Okay."

Ding Yue then followed Governor Li and his party into the cafeteria.

This cafeteria wasn't very large, and compared to the second cafeteria at Mist City Arts and Science University, it was somewhat lacking.

After all, this place was just a workers' cafeteria at the High-tech Industrial Park.

Today, after inspecting the High-tech Industrial Park, Governor Li had gone directly to the cafeteria for a meal.

From the beginning, Ding Yue had a good understanding of Governor Li.

A very down-to-earth governor who thought about the citizens and the development of Mist City. There was no doubt about that, as Governor Li's reputation was the best among all past leaders of Mist City. Many regulations and measures he introduced, and his efforts in developing Mist City, had been unanimously praised by the citizens.

Before long, Ding Yue and Governor Li had gotten their meals and sat down at a cafeteria table to eat.

"Hmm, the taste of the dishes in this cafeteria is quite good."

After taking a bite, Governor Li found the taste to be satisfactory. The dishes were well balanced and nutritious, and he affirmed the cafeteria's efforts in providing meals to the workers.

"Indeed."

Ding Yue nodded and agreed.

Although the taste was quite good, it was still a far cry from the meals at Mist City Arts and Science University's cafeteria.

But Ding Yue definitely couldn't say that out loud, for it would show terribly low emotional intelligence on his part.

"Principal Ding, you came in such a rush to see me, tell me, what happened?"

While eating, Governor Li asked Ding Yue.

"Yes, Governor Li,"

Ding Yue didn't beat around the bush and nodded immediately, "Our Feiyue Group is indeed facing a problem with graphene."

"A technical issue?"

Governor Li asked again.

"No, no, no,"

Ding Yue quickly shook his head, explaining, "It's not a technical issue. Technically, we definitely have no problems. The current situation is that our Feiyue Group isn't big enough yet. Major manufacturers like Huawei Technology Group, Dami Technology Group, and Penguin Cars, they don't trust us much. Thus, we may not be able to secure contracts for cooperation with these large manufacturers."

Ding Yue straightforwardly told Governor Li about the issue.

Because Governor Li had told Ding Yue before that if the development of the graphene industry was to become a pillar industry for Mist City's technology sector, two things needed to be achieved.

One was that Feiyue Group's graphene industry had to expand, and the second was to secure orders from major national manufacturers to prove its market application value.

The first point was completely fine, but problems occurred with the second.

"Is it because of the competitive pressure from several technology companies in Europe and America?"

Governor Li looked up and asked Ding Yue earnestly.

Did Governor Li already know?

This was somewhat surprising to Ding Yue. He had come to discuss this very matter with Governor Li, but it seemed Governor Li was quite keen on the issues he was facing.

"Yes!"

Ding Yue nodded and said, "Whether it's Mantech Group or Ike Technology Group, although I can assure that their products aren't as good as our graphene energy technology, they are global corporations, and many big manufacturers trust them more."

"That's understandable,"

Governor Li took a sip of soup and then stated, "So, the current problem for Feiyue Group is about how to resolve the application issues of graphene and related graphene products, right?"

Feiyue Group was now able to begin mass production of graphene.

It could also use graphene to manufacture various types of graphene battery products, but the issue was that major national manufacturers like Huawei Technology Group, Dami Technology Group, and Penguin Cars didn't use Feiyue Group's graphene batteries.

This meant that in significant sectors such as mobile phones, computers, smart home appliances, and new-energy vehicles, Feiyue Group couldn't break through in sales. Therefore, the Mist City Government had to carefully consider the decision to make the graphene industry a pillar industry for Mist City.

This matter was of great importance, and every step had to be taken cautiously by the Mist City Government.