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Chapter 1141: A Busy Director Xu _2

"It's getting late, everyone should rest early."

After arriving at the apartment building, Ding Yue briefly explained a few things to Huang, Bin, and his secretary Wen Ruohan, and then they all returned to their own rooms.

Big White naturally followed its master Ding Yue to the apartment room as well.

Nowadays, whether at home or in his office at Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue always had Big White with him, except for special situations like when he got up in the morning and forgot to call Big White.

Such an incident had occurred before.

Moreover, Ding Yue liked to take Big White with him when he went out.

In the past, he didn't take Big White along because its battery life was somewhat lacking.

But now things were different. Ever since the graphene battery was used in Big White, there was no longer any need to worry about battery life.

Even if it wasn't charged for a month and used continuously, there would basically be no problem.

"I'll take a shower and then head to bed."

Upon returning home, Ding Yue prepared to take a shower and said to Big White, "Big White, enter your nighttime rest mode. If I don't wake up by nine o'clock tomorrow morning, remember to wake me up... Never mind, don't bother."

Ding Yue originally intended to use Big White as an alarm clock to wake him up on time.

But upon further thought,

That's not right.

If I don't have anything particularly urgent tomorrow, why should I wake up so early?

Isn't it much nicer to sleep until I wake up naturally?

Consequently, Ding Yue told Big White not to wake him.

"Morning wake-up service set, setting canceled..."

Upon hearing Ding Yue's words, Big White had already set the wake-up service for the next morning, but then it was canceled.

"All right, Big White, go rest."

Ding Yue casually said, almost treating Big White as a "person," when in reality, Big White did not need to rest at all.

With its gallium nitride semiconductor chip, as long as the power wasn't cut, it could continue to operate for a very long time, even right up until the next chip upgrade for Big White.

Speaking of Big White's chip, the level of Big White's chip actually represented the level of semiconductor technology in Xia Country.

The chip that Big White was currently using was the best that Xia Country could produce, but this chip was still slightly behind in terms of manufacturing technology compared to those abroad.

If Big White could use an even higher-spec chip, like a 3-nanometer chip, its information processing abilities would be even faster.

For example,

When Ding Yue now interacted with Big White, Big White still needed a certain amount of time to use the internet to search for information, which required a process.

But once a higher-spec chip was used, Big White's response time would be virtually negligible.

That's the charm of a chip.

Ding Yue thought about it, and his Mist City Arts and Science University's lithography machine research project had been underway for a year or two, but thus far, there had been no qualitative breakthrough.

Of course, there was a reason for this, mainly because the team mainly engaged in the lithography machine project from the mechanical department was often pulled away by Ding Yue to work on some other temporary projects.

This had led to a slight delay in the progress of the lithography machine project.

However, there are advantages to being slow.

If Mist City Arts and Science University had managed to build the lithography machine within just a year or two of its establishment, wouldn't that be defying the heavens?

If it could be accomplished next year, it would seem much more normal.

Of course, that's assuming the technology for the lithography machine's manufacturing process could be worked out next year; otherwise, it would have to wait until the year after.

After receiving instructions from its master, Big White took small steps to the spot it had previously occupied and then entered nighttime rest mode.

Although Big White entered its nighttime rest mode, its sensor equipment still functioned normally.

In other words, if Ding Yue faced any danger at night, Big White would be able to sense it immediately, assuming Ding Yue was within Big White's sensor range.

After taking his shower and coming out of the bathroom, Ding Yue glanced over at Big White, which had already entered its nighttime rest state.

"It's time for me to sleep."

Muttering to himself, Ding Yue headed to his bedroom.

After a busy day full of various tasks, he felt rather tired. Ding Yue lay down on his bed and quickly fell asleep.

Perhaps due to slight fatigue, Ding Yue had a dream.

Ding Yue dreamed that Mist City Arts and Science University was leveled overnight,, and he didn't know why the dream was so strange; obviously, such a dream was very surreal and bizarre.

Because Mist City Arts and Science University had developed to its current state, it couldn't possibly be leveled to the ground.

Right after that, Ding Yue found himself standing on the leveled grounds of the school,, and then a great fire ignited, and Ding Yue began to feel his breathing becoming difficult, as if he were about to suffocate.

Then, Ding Yue felt the whole earth trembling,, and his body also started to shake, and it seemed as though there were some noises by his ear.

Just like that, Ding Yue's dream became blurrier and less clear, and then he woke up, opened his eyes, and heard noises.

"Master, wake up quickly!"

By the sound of it, it was Big White!

Ding Yue blinked hard,, because his body was telling him that he was still very sleepy and obviously hadn't slept well.

"Uh, Big White, didn't I say there was no need to call me?"

Ding Yue muttered.

Why was Big White calling out to him?

Could there be a bug in last night's settings?

"Master, wake up quickly, Big White has detected a fire!" Big White's voice rang out again.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue, still in a very sleepy state, didn't react at first.

But after only two or three seconds, Ding Yue's eyes widened: "Big White, what did you say? A fire?"

"Upon detection, the smoke density outside the window has severely exceeded the standard, accompanied by high temperatures!"

Big White replied.

Ding Yue instantly got out of bed,, and then sniffed his nose, but didn't seem to sense anything.

Nevertheless, Ding Yue quickly went to the window of his bedroom, sniffed gently, and indeed, there was the thick smell of smoke.

"What's going on?"

Ding Yue's nerves tensed immediately. The word "fire" was quite terrifying, especially at this time. He checked the time, and it was just past 3:40 in the morning.

And Mist City Arts and Science University had had a fire before; how could there be another fire now?

"It must be the floors below."

As Ding Yue spoke, he quickly ran into the living room, looked towards the balcony, and saw the smoke was even denser and the smell more pungent.

"Quick! Big White!"

Ding Yue said, his nerves taut, and then immediately told Big White: "It looks like the fire isn't too serious yet. Go to the balcony and see which floor it is. Be careful not to fall."

They had to know which floor's room was on fire in order to put it out accurately and promptly.

Upon hearing his master's command, Big White went to the balcony, grabbed the railing, swung over into mid-air, and began searching for the window of the floor on fire.

"Floor analysis, two floors beneath us, the room is directly below!"

Big White determined the floor and room that were on fire.

No wonder Ding Yue could smell the smoke so clearly; the room on fire was not far from his floor.

"Quick!"

Realizing the urgency, Ding Yue thought that if they could precisely locate the room on fire, they might be able to extinguish the blaze with fire extinguishers and fire hydrants.

However, they couldn't neglect the evacuation.

"Big White, go to the fire site and try to put it out. I'll go warn people and evacuate! Did you call the fire department?"

After assigning the tasks, Ding Yue picked up his phone and asked.

"The fire was reported immediately after detection!"

Big White answered.

"Good, let's act quickly!"

Ding Yue nodded his head.

Then, with Big White, he immediately left the apartment,, running down two flights of stairs through the staircase and starting to act separately.

If they were fast, they might manage to put out the fire in time.

If they delayed any longer, the fire might grow too big to control.

Most importantly, Ding Yue was now worried about the people inside the room where the fire started - how were they?

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The economic and property losses caused by the fire were not important, what Ding Yue was most worried about was that there must be no casualties.

Because those living in this apartment building were his treasures from Mist City Arts and Science University.

In the apartment building where Ding Yue lived, there were heads of various departments from the school, as well as professors, lecturers, and students; it was a rather comprehensive mix.

Currently, it was unknown whether the room where the fire broke out was occupied by a student, a teacher, or other school staff.

Thump, thump, thump!

After arriving at the floor of the burning room, Ding Yue quickly began to knock on each door, shouting, "Fire, fire, get up quickly!"

While Ding Yue was calling people to prepare for evacuation, the extent of the fire was still unknown; perhaps it could be extinguished or it might already have reached an uncontrollable stage.

If it had reached an uncontrollable stage, then it would be necessary to immediately evacuate everyone in the entire building and wait for the fire department personnel to come and put out the fire.

However.

It was nearly four o'clock in the morning, everyone was sleeping, and they were sleeping very soundly; waking up all the people was not going to be easy.

Ding Yue took out his cell phone and said, "Big White, immediately contact the management staff of this apartment building, there should be someone on duty at night, right?"

"Yes, Principal!"

Upon receiving the voice command from its master Ding Yue through the cell phone, Big White began to contact the management staff of the apartment building according to the contact information stored in its information library.

In Big White's information library, any information related to Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group was stored within.

While Big White was contacting the dormitory building's management staff, it also arrived at the door of the room that caught fire.

Thump, thump, thump!

Big White also knocked hard on the door, trying to awaken the person inside.

"Principal, no response, shall I forcibly enter the burning room?"

Big White asked its master.

"Go in right away!"

Without thinking, Ding Yue ordered.

At this point, they could only resort to forcefully breaking in to rescue the person inside the burning room and then see if the flames could be controlled, whether fire extinguishers or fire hydrants could be used to put it out.

"Yes, Principal!"

Having received the command to forcibly break in from its master Ding Yue, Big White stepped back a bit and then raised its hand, smashing forward with a heavy palm.

Boom!

The seemingly sturdy security door was effortlessly pushed open by Big White.

Fortunately, Big White had been upgraded, and the batteries it used had also been upgraded to graphene batteries, which allowed it to easily break through such a security door.

After forcefully breaking in, Big White immediately rushed into the burning room.

The temperature inside the room was continuously rising, and the smoke was becoming denser; if a few more minutes were delayed, thick smoke would likely fill the entire room quickly, and the flames could rapidly engulf the place.

Luckily, Big White's body was now different from before; it was highly resistant to high temperatures, corrosion, and was incredibly strong, so entering the fire scene, for a robot like Big White, was not an issue at all.

Big White, after entering the room, immediately began scanning and sensing.

"Principal, the fire is located in the kitchen area."

After scanning and sensing the location of the fire, Big White immediately reported to its master Ding Yue.

"Is it controllable?"

Ding Yue asked immediately.

"It has not spread beyond the kitchen, smoke density is high, searching for survivors..."

Big White responded.

"Go to the bedroom!"

Ding Yue ordered right away.

At this time, it was assumed that the person living in this apartment was deep in sleep, completely unaware of the fire.

"Alright!"

Upon receiving the command from its master Ding Yue, Big White immediately went to the nearest bedroom, where it indeed sensed a lifeform: "There's a fire, wake up quickly!"

Big White gave it a shake, called out, and then promptly picked up the two people, a man and a woman, who were fast asleep in bed, and bolted toward the entrance.

"Hey, who's that?"

Just at that moment, the call connected with the apartment building's management staff, whom Big White had contacted.

"Hello, I am Big White, Principal Ding's assistive robot."

Big White replied.

"Big White? Oh, the intelligent robot, are you calling me?"

The management staff paused for a second, then realized who it was.

The staff wasn't unfamiliar with Big White, as Principal Ding frequently entered and exited the building with Big White, and everyone had seen it.

Moreover, they knew that Big White was an artificial intelligence robot, so a call from it probably meant something from Principal Ding?

"Principal Ding asked me to contact you; there's a fire in room 2909 on the 29th floor, please immediately issue a fire alarm and organize an evacuation of everyone!"

Big White said.

Big White was able to communicate so fluently with the management staff of the apartment building because the instructions given by its master Ding Yue were very clear.

"What?"

The management staff was startled upon hearing Big White mention the fire, alarms, evacuation, and such, and suddenly felt panicked.

Right then, the voice of Ding Yue came through the phone: "I am Ding Yue, you are the management staff of this apartment building, right? Issue the fire alarm immediately and organize an evacuation of everyone! Hurry!"

Ding Yue had connected his cell phone to Big White's communication line, so he managed to get in touch with the management staff.

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"Okay! Okay! I'll take care of it right away, Principal Ding!"

After hearing Principal Ding's voice, the management staff dared not delay any longer and immediately ran to prepare the fire alarm for the entire building. They also started calling all apartment management staff, as well as any logistics personnel they could contact, to gather people together for an emergency evacuation due to the fire.

On Ding Yue's end, after knocking on doors and shouting, he had already woken up quite a few people.

After learning about the situation, these teachers, professors, and students from Mist City Arts and Science University immediately joined Principal Ding in continuing to alert others.

"Principal, I've rescued two people from the room on fire!"

Big White reported the situation to his owner, Ding Yue.

The young man and woman carried out by Big White were in a daze when they awoke; the woman wore pajamas and the man only wore underwear. They were completely clueless about what had happened and were placed by Big White at the top of the stairwell.

"What's going on?"

The male student was bewildered.

"Ah! What happened?"

The female student, trembling with fear, looked at her boyfriend next to her, wearing only his underwear, while the two found themselves at the stairwell.

When they groggily woke up, they seemed to see Big White?

"Big White?"

"Why did Big White bring us here?"

The female student asked, confused.

"I don't know, what's that smell?"

The male student shook his head in confusion, then sniffed around and seemed to detect an odd smell.

After saving the man and woman, Big White immediately returned to the room that was on fire.

Because it was a suite with two bedrooms.

Certainly, there was no one in the large living room, kitchen, bathroom, or on the balcony.

Big White had already rescued two people from one bedroom, leaving only the other bedroom left.

Big White quickly reached the door of this bedroom, and upon opening it, detected two people on the bed with his scanning senses.

Another man and woman.

It appeared that two couples lived in this apartment, likely two pairs of close college sweetheart couples, so this fire was probably related to their carelessness.

This time, Big White didn't even bother to shout; he simply pulled off the blankets, picked up both people, and sprinted out of the room.

"Principal, two more people found, no more survivors in the room, you can consider firefighting measures!"

Big White reported in while also providing his analysis on how to handle the fire situation to his owner.

Since the fire had not spread beyond the kitchen, it was likely controllable, so Big White suggested proceeding with firefighting efforts.

"We can extinguish the fire?"

Ding Yue asked for confirmation.

"Yes, Principal!" Big White answered with certainty.

Upon hearing that the fire could be extinguished, Ding Yue immediately said to the now awakened people: "Quick, grab fire extinguishers, you, you, and you, come with me to open the fire hydrant!"

After swiftly assigning tasks, Ding Yue led people to the location of the fire hydrant on that floor.

Every building at Mist City Arts and Science University was strict in its fire safety setup, and the fire hydrants were always kept ready for use, a requirement set by Principal Ding for the university's fire safety staff.

Principal Ding was also familiar with using fire hydrants.

Because there were fire safety lectures and hands-on operations every year.

"Big White, you handle bringing the nozzle and hose over for firefighting!"

Ding Yue instructed Big White, while he himself opened the fire hydrant, pressed the internal fire alarm button, and then connected the hose to the valve.

The decision to have Big White use the nozzle and hose to start attempting to extinguish the fire was primarily because Big White's body could withstand high temperatures.

If it were a regular person, they might not be able to approach the fire source.

At this moment, Big White's presence became a valuable assistant.

"Quick, cut the power to the room!"

Ding Yue continued to command methodically, having someone cut the power supply to the room.

When using a fire hydrant to put out a fire, it is essential to cut off the power, as it's uncertain whether the fire started from electrical issues. Not cutting the power would be very dangerous if the fire were electrical.

"Principal Ding, the power has been cut off,"

reported the teacher who had gone to cut the power.

By then, Big White had already laid the two people he carried at the top of the stairwell. He then dashed over to Principal Ding, took the fire hydrant nozzle and hose, and bolted towards the fire source again.

"Principal Ding, the fire extinguishers are here."

At the same time, many teachers and students had already brought over a lot of fire extinguishers.

Ding Yue took one of them and then said, "Follow me!"

If the fire wasn't too large, with Big White using the fire hydrant and everyone else wielding fire extinguishers, there was a chance they could extinguish the flames.

Otherwise, if the fire grew too large, it would be troublesome to handle.

By this time, the fire brigade from University Town had been alerted and was heading towards Mist City Arts and Science University.

However, before the fire brigade from University Town had arrived, Ding Yue had already organized a group to start extinguishing the fire.

Although they were not as professional as the firefighters, fortunately, the fire was not very serious.

When Big White took the lead, carrying the hose to the entrance of the kitchen where the fire broke out and turned it on, aiming at the ignition point within the kitchen to fight the fire.

Simultaneously.

Ding Yue, leading the teachers and students holding fire extinguishers, also quickly coordinated with Big White, providing support and actively fighting the fire!

At this moment, a piercing alarm sounded throughout the entire apartment building, and red emergency lights began flashing in the hallways of every floor.

"What's happening?"

"What's going on?"

"So noisy, how is anyone supposed to sleep!"

Some students, who had been sound asleep and unaware of what had happened, were quite annoyed after being woken up by the noise.

But very quickly.

When the knocking on doors started, and the word "fire" was passed along, the roused students immediately tensed up, then bolted out the door without even having time to dress properly.

"A fire? Where's the fire?"

"Run, they say it's on the 29th floor, better run first."

"Life is the most important thing!"

"The stairway for the safety exit is this way, hurry up!"

In the chaos brought about by "fire," the students rushed down the stairs towards the lower floors.

It was common knowledge not to use the elevator during a fire, a fact well-known to university students.

At the entrance of the apartment building, there was an ongoing stream of students, teachers, and school staff running out from inside.

After running out of the building, they looked up to indeed see thick smoke billowing from a location near the top floor.

"Look, that's where the fire is, isn't it?"

"Wonder how big the fire is."

"Has anyone called the fire department?"

"I heard Principal Ding has already led people there to put out the fire."

"Can they put out the fire?"

"Looks like we won't be getting any sleep tonight."

"It's already four o'clock, in another two or three hours it'll be daylight, might as well not sleep at all."

"I hope Principal Ding isn't in any danger."

"Does Principal Ding live in this building too?"

"Damn, you've lived in this building so long and didn't know Principal Ding lives here too?"

"Geez, turns out Principal Ding also lives in the school's apartment, I thought someone as rich as Principal Ding would live in Mist City's most luxurious villas."

"Principal Ding isn't usually extravagant, driving only an Audi, and there hasn't been any talk of him owning a villa or anything."

"Why would he want a villa when our university is so much better? A villa is just one single house, but we have such a huge school, all belonging to Principal Ding."

"Please, can we focus on the fire for a moment?"

"Did you hear that? The sound of the fire engines."

"I hear it, I hear it, the fire engines are coming. Everybody, make way, let's clear a path for the firefighters."

Upon hearing the sound of the fire engines, the students below quickly made way, opening a clear route for the fire trucks and the firefighters.

"So, excuse me for asking as I don't understand, but can they put out a fire this high up, even with fire engines?"

A student asked curiously.

"Look, it seems like there's no more flame."

Right after that student's curious question, someone noticed that the window, which previously showed flames and smoke, seemed to have no flames now.

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"Is the fire out?"

"Look quickly, it seems like that window over there has no more flames."

"That's great, it looks like the fire is under control."

"It must not have been very serious, otherwise, it wouldn't have been extinguished so easily."

"I heard that Principal Ding personally led the team to put out the fire. Principal Ding is truly commendable."

Below the apartment building, students looked up at the window that now showed no flames, only less smoke than before, and chatted animatedly.

Meanwhile, on the 29th floor.

Ding Yue, panting and drenched in sweat with students and teachers who had followed him with fire extinguishers to assist Big White in extinguishing the fire, were also sweating profusely.

Panting and sweating wasn't merely due to exhaustion.

It was because the area near the fire was definitely not breathable or temperate like normal areas.

"The fire has been put out, Big White, check to see if there are any hidden flames that haven't been extinguished."

Ding Yue looked at the kitchen, which was now a mess after the fire was extinguished, and then said to Big White.

"Currently detecting area temperature!"

Big White activated its sensors for a scan, which was actually not difficult, as it only needed to check the temperature points throughout the kitchen.

Any slightly warmer spots just needed another spray.

Sure enough, Big White hoisted the water gun and sprayed at another spot.

"Report to the principal, all high-temperature fire sources are now absent."

Big White reported.

"That's good, that's good."

Ding Yue said it twice in relief, finally feeling the weight lift off his shoulders.

Fortunately, the fire in the early hours of today was not very serious, and with Big White primarily and the help of everyone else, they managed to extinguish the fire.

"Big White, you've turned into Big Black, hahaha."

Looking at Big White, Ding Yue saw that its originally plump, white body had turned visibly black due to the smoke.

"Big White, you've worked hard, getting all smoked up."

A teacher next to Ding Yue also said with a laugh.

Laughter came from everyone's efforts to put out the fire, and also from the contrast of Big White turning from white to black, which was indeed amusing.

Fortunately, after the upgrade, Big White's body material had significantly improved in heat resistance and other properties, so even leading the charge to extinguish the fire, its body was not damaged. It was only a change from white to black, and they just needed to clean Big White up well afterwards.

Speaking of which, it was fortunate that Big White had been upgraded.

Otherwise, the old Big White definitely couldn't have withstood the high temperatures and other factors from the fire.

In that case, Big White wouldn't have been able to lead the charge in extinguishing the fire.

Without Big White carrying the fire hose and water gun to extinguish the fire, only Ding Yue and a group of students and teachers wouldn't have dared to take the risk.

If it had come to that, they would have had to evacuate the apartment building entirely, watching as the fire spread and grew more severe.

Thanks to Big White being there this early morning and the efforts of Ding Yue and the teachers and students, the fire only destroyed a kitchen.

Ding Yue guessed that the fire started in the kitchen was likely due to improper use by the students living in that apartment.

And they probably forgot about something they were cooking before going to sleep, which then led to the fire.

Of course.

This was just a simple guess by Ding Yue, but he certainly needed to find the students involved to understand the exact cause.

After all, this was no minor matter.

In just a short duration, his Mist City Arts and Science University had experienced two fire incidents.

Although neither was very serious nor caused major damage, it was definitely a problem that needed attention.

"Principal Ding, let's evacuate the scene,"

a teacher standing next to him suggested.

"Yes, let everyone evacuate, Big White, stay here and watch in case there's a flare-up. Let me know immediately if anything happens."

Ding Yue decided to leave Big White behind.

After all, as a robot, Big White was better suited to monitor the site of the fire.

"Okay, Principal!"

Big White responded.

Big White then stood at the kitchen doorway of the fire scene, carrying the water gun and continuously scanning the kitchen, occasionally spraying water at some point. It looked quite adorable doing so.

"Let's go."

After leaving Big White behind, Ding Yue led the teachers and students away from the fire scene and out of the apartment. Upon reaching the corridor, he noticed that many people were still there.

"Why haven't you evacuated yet?"

Ding Yue asked immediately upon seeing them.

"Principal Ding, we were worried about you and everyone else. If you hadn't come out after a while, we wanted to be ready to go in and rescue people,"

a student replied.

Just then, at the stairwell, two people came down from above, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, who lived on the same floor as Ding Yue.

"Yue, how's the fire situation?"

Upon arriving, Huang Youjie anxiously asked, "Let's hurry and evacuate, let's go downstairs. It's important to stay alive even though we're at the top!"

"Yeah!"

Xu Bin also nodded quickly in agreement.

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At this moment, there was no time to consider that this was the 29th floor. If there was a fire, you had to evacuate through the stairwell immediately, provided that the fire hadn't yet spread to the corridor here.

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin being able to come downstairs meant that the fire hadn't spread this way, not to mention there were still some people on the 29th floor.

"Don't panic, evacuate downstairs in an orderly manner, the fire has been temporarily controlled by us, it's not a big problem."

Ding Yue explained to Huang and Bin, soothing their tense emotions.

"The fire is under control? That's good, I was really scared to death, I was still dreaming when I heard about the fire, it scared me to death!"

Upon hearing the words, Huang Youjie finally relaxed a bit, his nerves no longer so taut.

Because ever since he was woken up by someone knocking on the door, he had been on edge, and then he quickly went to wake Xu Bin and Ding Yue, only to find Yue wasn't in his room, so he and Xu Bin hurried down the stairwell to evacuate.

Just when they got down, they ran into Ding Yue leading people out after extinguishing the fire from the apartment.

"I've already asked Big White to stay at the fire scene to observe the situation. For safety's sake, everyone should first evacuate the apartment building in an orderly fashion. By the way, where are the students from the apartment that caught fire?"

Ding Yue immediately organized everyone to evacuate downstairs, and at the same time, he inquired about the students living in the apartment that had caught fire.

"Principal Ding, they should have already gone downstairs."

A student replied.

"Okay, got it."

Ding Yue nodded slightly and then led everyone down through the stairwell.

Going down from the 29th floor wasn't that hard.

"Yue, what's the deal with this fire?" On the way downstairs, Xu Bin, walking beside Ding Yue, asked him about the situation.

"The specific cause is still unknown, we need to ask the students living in this apartment, and then wait for the fire department to come and determine the source of the fire. Today, fortunately, Big White detected the fire in time, otherwise, it would have been terrible if it had really started to spread."

Ding Yue responded, also feeling relieved.

It really was close today. If it hadn't been for Big White, lives might have been at stake!

Because this was around four in the morning, everyone was in deep sleep. If Big White hadn't detected the fire in time, it is likely that the fire would have spread with time, potentially engulfing the whole building eventually. By that time, an escape route like the staircase would surely have become impassable, and by then, the casualties could have been countless.

Even Ding Yue could have been a goner.

It was a truly terrifying thought!

"Yeah, we really owe Big White big time." Xu Bin couldn't help but express his feelings as well.

Big White was equipped with a number of sensors that could sense the surrounding environment at any time, and analyze the data through a chip.

Detecting a fire situation like this was not difficult for Big White.

"Yue, this is the second fire in our school already, isn't it? We really have to take this seriously. I remember we did a fire safety education session after the last dormitory fire, right?"

Huang Youjie analyzed and said.

"It looks like it wasn't enough. Once we get this situation handled today, the whole school must carry out a comprehensive fire safety education again, and for safety's sake, I plan to equip all buildings with a fire smoke alarm system throughout the university. What do you think?"

After saying this, Ding Yue looked towards Xu Bin.

It was clear from his implication that if they were to install a fire smoke alarm system, Bin would definitely be the one to do it.

"Of course, I agree, Bin, do you think it's feasible?"

Huang nodded and also looked at Bin.

"That's not a difficult task, I would have made it happen already if it had been mentioned earlier." Xu Bin shrugged, indicating that setting up a fire smoke alarm system was not a challenge for him.

He was able to write artificial intelligence, let alone a mere fire smoke alarm system.

"Well then, Bin, you'll have to double down on the effort to get this fire smoke alarm system done as soon as possible."

Ding Yue said with a smile to Bin.

Unwittingly, Bin had landed yet another project, even though he already had many projects on his hands.

"OK."

Xu Bin gestured an 'OK' sign, as making a fire smoke alarm system was almost too easy for him; it would only take a couple of days to accomplish.

As the three men neared the tenth floor while descending, they suddenly encountered someone going in the opposite direction.

"Principal Ding, are you alright?"

This girl going against the flow was none other than Ding Yue's secretary, Wen Ruohan.

At first, she had been evacuated downstairs, but she became worried about Principal Ding's condition, so she intended to go up to check on him. That was when she encountered Principal Ding and the others on the tenth floor.

"It's alright, the fire has been extinguished. Why did you come back up?"

Ding Yue looked at Wen Ruohan and asked.

"I saw from below that there were no longer flames or thick smoke above, so I was concerned about Principal Ding. I intended to come up and see the situation, and besides, the fire trucks are almost here."

Wen Ruohan replied.

At this moment, several fire trucks, sirens wailing, had driven into the gates of Mist City Arts and Science University and were heading towards the apartment building.

Since the sound of the fire trucks' sirens was very loud, many students from other dormitory areas were woken up.

"What happened?"

"Why are there sounds of fire trucks?"

"Did the school catch fire?"

"Damn! The school caught fire? Where is the fire?"

"So noisy. Can't they let people sleep?"

"You see, that fatty is sleeping like the dead; even this didn't wake him up."

"Fatty was playing games until 2:30 a.m., and he just went to bed. How could he be woken up by this noise?"

"I heard that it was Principal Ding's apartment building that caught fire?"

"Damn, for real? Is Principal Ding alright?"

Students roused by the sirens started discussing, trying to figure out exactly what had happened at the school.

Since the fire trucks had arrived, there definitely was a fire. But the question was, where did the fire break out?

Many students were actively chatting in their WeChat and QQ groups around this time at 4 a.m., asking what had happened and where the fire was.

Meanwhile, at the base of the burning apartment building, more and more students were gathering, as students from the nearby buildings were also awoken by the noise, and many came downstairs to see what had happened.

When Ding Yue and his group came out of the apartment building, the fire brigade's trucks had also just reached the scene.

The fire captain saw Principal Ding again.

"Principal Ding, how are things going?"

The fire captain stepped forward and asked eagerly.

"You all have had a difficult time. Fortunately, the fire wasn't serious this time. We managed to extinguish the flames using the fire hydrant and extinguishers. Currently, Big White is keeping watch upstairs. Please go up and have a look," Ding Yue briefly explained the situation to the fire captain, still wanting the fire brigade to check the situation upstairs.

After all, they are the professionals.

"Okay, Xiao Zhang, take your team up immediately to check!" the fire captain ordered.

Then, looking at Principal Ding, the fire captain said, "Principal Ding, this is already the second fire at Mist City Arts and Science University. Thankfully, the fire wasn't severe. Look at these dark circles under my eyes. As soon as I heard the fire alarm, I immediately got up and led the team here."

Mist City Arts and Science University was a private institution that the Mist City Government highly valued, and as the fire captain in University Town, he dared not neglect his duties.

"Captain Liu, you all have really worked hard. I apologize for the trouble. Later, on behalf of the university, I'll make sure to reward your team. Also, since two fires have happened in succession, it seems that students' awareness of fire safety is not fully in place. How about we arrange for some staff from your fire department to come over today and conduct a comprehensive campus fire safety lecture?" Ding Yue suggested.

"Okay," the fire captain nodded immediately.

Conducting fire safety lectures for universities or campuses was something the fire brigade was more than willing to do, as it could raise awareness of fire safety and reduce incidents, which was beneficial for the fire brigade as well.

"Principal Ding, they are the students from apartment 2909."

At that moment, the apartment's management staff brought over the four students who lived in apartment 2909. The two male students were only wearing boxer shorts, and the two female students were in pajamas, all of whom had been carried out by Big White.

Ding Yue wanted to understand how the fire had started.

However, once he learned the cause of the fire, Ding Yue and everyone else were taken aback...

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"I'm sorry, Principal Ding, we know we were wrong, sob sob sob..."

At the bottom of the apartment building.

After Ding Yue inquired about the reason for the fire incident from the students living in apartment 2909, he was also deeply moved.

These students recognized their mistake and their attitude towards admitting fault was not bad, but their awareness of fire safety was seriously lacking. It was their negligence that led to the fire incident today.

As it turned out.

Tonight, the FY team was playing in the semi-finals, so the four students gathered in the apartment room to watch the game together. The four of them were two couples. While watching the game, one of the girls was supposed to prepare soup for everyone as a late-night snack, knowing that they would certainly be hungry after the game finished around two in the morning.

So, the girl went to the kitchen to cook the soup, and then continued to watch the match.

After the game was over, the four of them were still immersed in the excitement, and the two boys took their girlfriends back to the bedroom. There, the couples had a deep conversation, strengthening their emotional bonds.

However, during the intimate interactions, both men and women were quite exhausted, and given the lateness of the hour, both couples fell asleep after their exchanges.

But the soup was still cooking in the kitchen.

Just like that, around three or four in the morning, the unattended soup pot finally caused a fire.

"You all, how could you be so careless?"

Ding Yue sternly criticized the two couples.

Deep communication and bonding are good and understandable, but you cannot forget about a pot of soup on the stove because of such activities!

"Wait for the punishment from the school's Academic Affairs Office!"

After making his point, Ding Yue turned to face the fire chief.

The mistake these four students made definitely warranted a punishment, but how to discipline them was a matter for the Academic Affairs Office to handle.

"Captain Liu, looking at these students, their knowledge about fire safety is so shallow. It seems we need to hasten our fire safety lectures in the coming days," Ding Yue said to the fire chief with earnest concern.

"Indeed, how about this, Principal Ding, starting from today, our firefighting team will actively cooperate with your school and launch a week-long series of comprehensive activities on fire safety prevention, escape, and disaster relief, including publicity lectures and practical operations. What do you think?" the fire chief, Captain Liu, seriously suggested.

"That would be perfect, Captain Liu. The full costs of the fire safety prevention, escape, and disaster relief publicity lectures and practical operations, as well as your fire brigade's allowances, will all be covered by Mist City Arts and Science University," Ding Yue generously offered.

The fire brigade was coming to help the school enhance comprehensive fire safety knowledge; they couldn't let them down.

"You are too kind, Principal Ding," Captain Liu said with a smile.

About ten minutes later, Captain Liu received a pager message from the firefighters who went upstairs: "Report, Captain Liu, the fire scene has been thoroughly inspected, and the fire is completely extinguished."

"Good, received."

After acknowledging the message, Captain Liu looked towards Principal Ding and asked, "Principal Ding, was it you who put out the fire?"

After all, as soon as the fire trucks arrived at the scene, Captain Liu had sent someone up to check, and they found that the fire was already completely put out.

"Yes, as soon as we were alerted to the fire, I asked the school's robot Big White to assess the severity of the situation. It was found that the fire had not spread and could be extinguished, so the fire was put out using the fire hoses and extinguishers equipped on each floor of the apartment," Ding Yue explained with a smile and nod.

"Impressive, Principal Ding. Your Mist City Arts and Science University has quite remarkable fire handling capabilities. Your AI robot is truly amazing!" Captain Liu couldn't help but give Principal Ding a thumbs up.

"Hehe, just doing our best," Ding Yue said sheepishly, scratching his head, then said to Captain Liu, "Anyway, Captain, you've really gone to a lot of trouble coming here tonight."

"It's our duty. So Principal Ding, I'll take my leave with my team now and send someone over during normal working hours in the morning?" Captain Liu said, checking the time. It was past four

in the morning, and since the fire was extinguished without any remaining safety hazards, he could take the team back for some rest.

"Sure."

Seeing the situation, Ding Yue promptly nodded in agreement.

Thus, after Captain Liu assembled his firefighters and made certain that there were no remaining fire safety hazards in the apartment building of Mist City Arts and Science University, they left in their fire truck.

When the sound of the fire engine's siren once again resounded through Mist City Arts and Science University, the students who had been woken up were left bewildered.

What's going on?

Why did they come just to leave?

Did someone make a false alarm call?

Suddenly, various rumors started swirling around within the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Some rumors said the fire broke out in the apartment building where Principal Ding lived.

Others suggested that the fire occurred in Principal Ding's own room.

Even more far-fetched was the rumor that started to spread from nowhere, stating that Principal Ding was trapped in the fire and his fate was still unknown, which was simply absurd.

At the fire scene, because the fire was now completely extinguished, and the firefighters confirmed that there were no other fire safety hazards, Ding Yue allowed the building managers to organize for the teachers and students to return to their rooms to continue with their rest.

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After all, it was past four in the morning; one could hardly expect teachers and students to go without rest and sleep.

Moreover, the fire had been completely extinguished by now.

"Alright, everyone go and rest, there's nothing to worry about anymore."

Ding Yue said to the teachers and students living in the apartment building below.

"Principal Ding, what about those four?"

An administrator of the apartment building asked Principal Ding.

The two couples, four students from apartment 2909, stood there looking pitiable, shivering in the cold breeze of the early morning night.

They had recognized their mistake, and the punishment that would follow was up to the Academic Affairs Office to decide. After considering for a moment, Ding Yue realized that it was indeed time to find a place for the four of them.

Although the fire in apartment 2909 had been fully extinguished, it was obviously not suitable for habitation; it required a full inspection and repair before reoccupation was possible.

"Contact the university hotel, arrange for them to stay there as sponsored guests."

Ding Yue instructed.

"Understood, Principal Ding."

"Yue, these students really don't make things easy," Huang Youjie came to Ding Yue's side and said with emotion, "According to school regulations and relevant laws, the damage caused by this fire should be compensated by the four of them."

Good gracious, Huang was showing his professional side at this time.

"Indeed, they need to pay compensation, to learn a lesson."

Hearing this, Ding Yue nodded in agreement.

The school's punishments, combined with their compensation, were hoped to make these four students grow up more responsibly.

"Alright, go to sleep, I'm so tired."

Xu Bin said and then headed inside the apartment building.

"Sleep."

Ding Yue was also very sleepy. After all, he had been woken up by Big White around three in the morning, almost four, and he was already very tired. Then he had gotten involved in fighting a fire, and now he could hardly keep his eyes open.

Consequently, Ding Yue and the others returned to their respective rooms in the apartment building to continue sleeping.

Before going to sleep, Ding Yue sent a message to his secretary, Wen Ruohan. He had just remembered that the events of the early morning would quickly spread throughout the university. In order to prevent various rumors, Ding Yue thought that by daybreak, he should have the university's publicity department issue an announcement to inform all faculty and students about the night's events.

Since Ding Yue was definitely going to sleep until he woke naturally, he had his secretary Wen Ruohan contact the publicity department to issue the announcement after she woke up.

The sudden fire incident had certainly put the apartment building's management staff on high alert, fearing another emergency.

Fortunately, the night passed peacefully.

After daylight, Ding Yue was still sleeping.

After all, a person's sleep duration should be at least eight hours.

Moreover, like Ding Yue, who often slept until he woke naturally for nine or even ten hours, he had not yet gotten up at this time.

However, Secretary Wen Ruohan was already up. Following Principal Ding's instructions, she contacted Director Liu Hongxia of the university's publicity department and relayed the incident of the fire that had occurred in the early hours.

About half an hour later, around nine in the morning, the official website and public account of Mist City Arts and Science University, as well as the official accounts on various platforms, issued the related announcement.

The various pieces of information that had been circulating from the early morning finally became unified at this time.

It turned out that it wasn't Principal Ding's apartment that had caught fire, nor was Principal Ding trapped in the blaze.

Instead, it was apartment 2909 that caught fire. The cause was attributed to improper use of the kitchen by the four residing students. The fire had been completely extinguished, and the follow-up to the incident would be disclosed via the university's official website, public accounts, and official accounts on various platforms.

Not only that.

The announcement also declared that Mist City Arts and Science University would conduct a one-week fire safety promotion campaign, and all faculty and students should actively participate!

"It seems like our university has already had two fires this year, hasn't it?"

"It is indeed time to properly conduct some fire safety promotion."

"I heard last night that it was Principal Ding who led the effort to put out the fire."

"Holy smokes! Principal Ding is amazing!"

"Brave principal, unafraid of difficulties, thumbs up!"

"Principal Ding is seriously my idol!"

"Seems like Big White also played a key role."

The hot topic of discussion among the students of Mist City Arts and Science University today wasn't last night's 'League of Legends' S World Championship semifinals where the FY team defeated the European and American GG team to advance to the finals.

Rather, it was the fire that had broken out at the school in the early hours, and how the heroic Principal Ding, together with everyone and Big White, had extinguished the blaze.

All at once, Principal Ding's image in the minds of all the students, on top of being handsome, a genius, wealthy, and with sky-high charisma, had gained a new aspect.

And that was—bravery!

Last night's actions had made the students realize a principle, that if anything happened at school, Principal Ding would definitely be the one leading the charge.

Who wouldn't like such a handsome and brave principal?

Around half-past ten in the morning.

Ding Yue finally woke up.

After getting up, freshening up, and eating the breakfast prepared by his secretary Wen Ruohan, Ding Yue turned his attention to Big White.

After last night's firefighting battle, Big White's body was dirty, black mixed with white.

To sum it up in one word—filthy!

There was no helping it; Big White had bravely taken the lead, carrying the firefighting hose, and was the first to charge into the front lines of fighting the fire. Since Ding Yue had been very sleepy in the early hours, he hadn't been able to clean Big White right away.

Anyway, Big White wasn't damaged, except for a bit of dirt on the body, perfectly intact.

One had to admit that the new body made of enhanced string ceramic matrix composite material that Big White was using was really great; it hadn't suffered any damage in the fire at all.

Now that Ding Yue had woken up, he prepared to take Big White to the mechanical engineering department, to have Tong Yihang and the others clean Big White's body.

This was also considered a professional task, not something as simple as washing a car that just anyone could do, so Ding Yue needed to go to the mechanical engineering department to find Tong Yihang and the others for the job.

"Big White, you've almost turned into Big Black now, hahaha, let's go, I'll take you for a clean-up."

Ding Yue laughed heartily, summoned Big White, and then left the house.

Just as he stepped out, Ding Yue received a call from Director Cao Guowei of the Academic Affairs office, who was acting as interim director.

"Principal Ding, a team has been sent over from the University Town fire station, saying they're here to help us with fire safety promotion—about this matter..."

Director Cao had called Principal Ding because he wanted to confirm the situation.

After all, Cao Guowei had just started working today, and the fire brigade had found him, saying they wanted to work with Mist City Arts and Science University for a week to promote fire safety

through lectures, practical operations, and more, leaving Cao Guowei entirely confused, with no idea what had happened.

"Yes, I've discussed it with Captain Liu of the fire brigade, starting from today, it'll be a week-long fire safety promotion activity. Director Cao, you must organize all faculty and students to start learning so that fire safety awareness is etched into the minds of all faculty and students!"

Ding Yue earnestly instructed.

"Yes, yes, yes, okay Principal Ding, I will definitely arrange the necessary work."

Director Cao hurriedly responded.

Thankfully it was a week; if it had been just one day, how could Director Cao have managed?

That would mean informing all faculty and students about fire safety promotion—how could you organize that? Surely not by calling over eighty thousand faculty and students to the Central Sports Ground?

With so many people, even if you did promote fire safety, it wouldn't be that effective.

That certainly wouldn't work.

And it also couldn't disrupt regular teaching activities.

But with a week's time, there wouldn't be any problem.

Director Cao thought about it and decided he could call up students without classes each day, arranging for the fire brigade to do fire safety promotion for them.

This way, over the course of a week, almost all faculty and students could be covered by the fire safety promotion.

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Shu City.

Giant Panda Breeding Base.

Another new day began at the Giant Panda Breeding Base, where the staff members started their day by getting up close and personal with the giant pandas.

Here, they cared for national treasures!

There was no room for negligence.

"Xiao Zhang, how are the two panda cubs that Hua Hua gave birth to doing?"

"They are very lively now."

"That's good."

"I heard that those two little treasures are going to be gifted to our neighbor, Mist City?"

"Yeah, they are going to be gifted to a university in Mist City."

"A university? Can a university take care of our cubs? Do they have the proper facilities?"

"The inspection team has already been and checked it out. The university actually does have the proper facilities, from the environment to the team, everything is up to par."

"Oh, I see, then forget what I just said. But it's not easy for Hua Hua to have given birth to two cubs, and now they are about to be sent away. It's hard to let them go."

The staff member Xiao Zhang at the Giant Panda Breeding Base was very reluctant to part with those two cute and lively cubs.

You must understand.

Among the newborn giant panda cubs, these two were the most adorable and active ones Xiao Zhang had ever seen.

"After those two are gifted to Mist City Arts and Science University, will they need to be given new names?"

"It seems so, but Director Wang mentioned that after Mist City Arts and Science University gives us a sum for the Giant Panda Research Fund, they will have the right to name the two cubs."

"Ah, it's really hard to say goodbye."

Although Xiao Zhang was very reluctant, the two panda cubs would be sent to Mist City Arts and Science University because the inspection team had already completed its assessment.

Mist City Arts and Science University was deemed to have an excellent environment and team for raising giant pandas.

Moreover, after discussion between Shu City and Mist City, once the two cubs were gifted to Mist City, they would be given new names.

This was indeed a peculiar affair.

Because panda cubs were usually named soon after birth.

Once the team inspection organized by the Giant Panda Breeding Base had concluded, preparations for gifting the two panda cubs had to commence.

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At Mist City Arts and Science University, in the mechanical engineering laboratory building...

Ding Yue, accompanied by Big White, came to the mechanical engineering laboratory building, planning to find Tong Yihang and others to professionally clean Big White's body.

Before coming, Ding Yue had specifically asked if Tong Yihang and his team were around.

After all, mechanical engineers Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Luo Peng had work at the graphene industrial park as well, mainly responsible for training batches of students capable of producing graphene mechanical stripping preparation machines.

But Tong Yihang and his team had been busy at the graphene industrial park for some time, likely cultivating quite a number of technical talents.

Using these technical talents to continue training the next batch would mean that Tong Yihang and his colleagues could finally have some free time.

And as the most outstanding students in the mechanical engineering department, what Tong Yihang and his colleagues were most eager to delve into once they had free time was naturally the photolithography machine research project.

That's right.

Today, Tong Yihang and his team were in the mechanical engineering laboratory building, conducting research and experimental trials for the photolithography machine project.

"Principal Ding is here."

As Ding Yue appeared at the entrance of the laboratory, someone called out.

Everyone looked towards Principal Ding, and Luo Peng hurried over: "Principal Ding, what brings you to our mechanical engineering lab today?"

Typically, Luo Peng and Tong Yihang would silently work on their research in the laboratory, and any materials or significant expenses they required would be approved once requested, making everything go smoothly; Principal Ding seldom came for inspections.

"Just coming by to see how your research is going. The photolithography machine project is one of our university's grandest scientific research endeavours," said Ding Yue with a smile to Luo Peng and his team.

Shortly after, Ding Yue continued:, "You must all be aware of the fire incident early this morning, right?"

"Yes, we've heard about it. Principal Ding, you were really amazing."

Upon hearing this, everyone nodded in agreement.

After glancing around the laboratory, Ding Yue noticed that aside from Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Luo Peng, Su Beilin, Yang Jie, and teacher Li Shengbin, whom he was familiar with, there seemed to be several new faces.

These students, able to conduct research alongside Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Luo Peng, were undoubtedly talents they had unearthed in the mechanical engineering department over the past two years.

Now, the task of talent scouting for the mechanical engineering department no longer needed Ding Yue's involvement.

After all, with Tong Yihang and Luo Peng there, they had their own high standards. In the course of their regular talent scouting, they clearly knew what kind of "teammates" they needed.

"The team has expanded quite a bit."

After scanning the lab and everyone in it, Ding Yue remarked to Luo Peng and Tong Yihang.

"Yes, Principal Ding, our mechanical engineering department is full of talent. Thanks to the training at the graphene industrial park and discoveries within the school, our photolithography machine project now has more than a dozen members focusing on precision machinery research," Luo Peng replied to Principal Ding with a smile.

"Excellent, excellent."

Ding Yue nodded, very pleased, and then quickly brought the conversation back to the main business of the day: "Oh, it's like this. During the fire early this morning, Big White bravely charged forward, and now he's ended up like this. Big White, come on in."

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Ding Yue said this and then called Big White in.

When everyone saw Big White's dark and unpolished appearance, they were stunned for a moment, and then they instantly understood what Big White had gone through.

"Hahaha, Big White, you're about to turn into Big Black now."

Tong Yihang couldn't help but tease.

As one of the earliest creators of Big White's body, Tong Yihang had a pretty good relationship with Big White, but seeing Big White in such a state, he still couldn't resist teasing him a bit.

"I was thinking of cleaning Big White's body by myself, but its body structure is quite complex, so I thought I'd bring it over and ask for your help," Ding Yue said, shrugging his shoulders.

"Okay, Principal Ding, leave it to us. Big White looks better white and chubby. Now it looks all dirty, hahaha."

Tong Yihang said with a big laugh and a nod.

Cleaning Big White's body wasn't difficult for Tong Yihang and his team. It had been quite a while since they had last interacted with Big White, and giving Big White a wash today would also help to relieve some of the tension they had been feeling lately due to their photolithography machine experiment project.

"Then, thank you so much for your help."

Ding Yue stepped forward and gently patted Tong Yihang on the shoulder.

"Principal Ding, it's not a big deal," said Tong Yihang, shrugging.

Afterward, Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei took Big White away, ready to give Big White's body a thorough wash.

In the meantime, Ding Yue started a casual conversation with Luo Peng.

"Have you been working on the photolithography machine experiment project recently?" Ding Yue asked.

"Yes, Principal Ding. Over at the graphene industrial park, we've already trained quite a few batches of professional technical personnel. Then we passed the baton to them, so our team can free up time to really focus on our photolithography machine experiment project," Luo Peng said with a nod and a smile.

Luo Peng's choice to come to Mist City Arts and Science University was because it was a place where he could fully utilize his talent in the field of precision machinery.

Developing and manufacturing a photolithography machine for his own country was Luo Peng's lifelong dream.

In the past two years, although Luo Peng and Tong Yihang had made some progress on the photolithography machine experiment project, they were unable to dedicate more time to advance the project due to the many needs of the university.

Fortunately, now they had the time.

"Alright, for a good while to come, you all just focus on doing your best. The university probably won't assign you any new tasks, and making sure the photolithography machine experiment project is successful, striving to develop and manufacture our own photolithography machine as soon as possible, is your top priority, your most important task!" Ding Yue said with emphasis, his tone full of expectation.

During the past year or two, because his Mist City Arts and Science University had to first sort out the graphene project and handle Big White's upgrade work, Luo Peng and Tong Yihang were often very busy and did not have much time to work on the photolithography machine experiment project.

For the short term, Mist City Arts and Science University's biggest research project was the new energy vehicle, and its long-term goal was the photolithography machine experiment project.

As for the new energy vehicle project, it did not require the participation of Luo Peng and Tong Yihang—just the faculty and students from the automotive engineering department were enough.

So.

Ding Yue could now allow Luo Peng and Tong Yihang to focus all their energy on the photolithography machine experiment project.

"Of course, Principal Ding, we will give it our all!" Luo Peng said, full of confidence and determination.

To avoid being choked by foreigners, it was imperative to develop their own photolithography machines and chips, a drive that motivated Luo Peng to push forward continuously.

Of course, during the process of developing the photolithography machine, they would encounter numerous and increasingly difficult challenges.

But as long as Luo Peng and Tong Yihang worked together and focused on overcoming these challenges, they would always break through the obstacles.

All this was thanks to the BUFF effect and photolithography process technology originally bestowed upon them by Ding Yue.

"If you encounter any difficulties, just tell me, and I will do everything I can to provide the environment and conditions to solve these problems!"

Ding Yue's words undoubtedly became the strongest support for Luo Peng, Tong Yihang, and their team as they tackled the tough challenges of the photolithography machine project!

"Thank you, Principal Ding, for your trust!"

Luo Peng said, nodding his head.

Seeing this, a smile also appeared on Ding Yue's face.

With Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group having laid the foundation of the graphene industry, the next step was to wait for the massive profits the graphene industry would generate.

And on the path of innovation, Mist City Arts and Science University naturally wouldn't come to a halt.

New energy vehicles, the photolithography machine project, aerospace, and other fields were all directions Mist City Arts and Science University needed to push forward.

"Remember, everything you do is to ensure that our mighty Xia Country isn't held back by those foreigners on the path of science and technology. Science and technology are the future, keep it up!"

Ding Yue said to Luo Peng, feeling emotional.

Upon hearing this, Luo Peng's heart surged with passion.

Indeed!

The development of science and technology was an important path for Xia Country to stand at the top of the world in the future and was also the driving force for the great aspirations of over a billion People from Xia Country.

"Given our current progress, if we devote all our time to the photolithography machine project, roughly how long will it take for us to achieve a 5-nanometer chip level photolithography machine?"

Ding Yue suddenly asked earnestly.

A 5-nanometer chip level photolithography machine was considered very cutting-edge within the domestic chip and photolithography machine domains. Even for Guoxing Technology to produce 5-nanometer-level chips, the costs were enormous.

The first goal Ding Yue set for the photolithography machine project at Mist City Arts and Science University was to tackle the 5-nanometer-level photolithography machine.

Then, to advance to 3-nanometers and challenge the world's forefront chip manufacturing technology!

If things went smoothly, they might eventually master the technology to manufacture 2-nanometer, or even 1-nanometer-level chips, which would allow them to take a shortcut and become the top chip manufacturing country in the world.

Of course.

All of these were just Ding Yue's hopes and wishes. Whether they could be achieved, or whether it would go smoothly, remained to be seen.

"If we talk about a 5-nanometer level photolithography process, we are working hard to overcome it, and there might be hope by next year,"

Luo Peng answered Principal Ding with a serious face.

"Good, I look forward to your results,"

Ding Yue nodded.

Just as he was about to say more, his phone suddenly rang.

"I'll take a call."

Ding Yue took out his phone, saw that the call was from the Director of the Forestry and Agriculture Department, Jia Nong, then moved aside to answer the call from Director Jia Nong.

"Hello, Director Jia, what's the matter?"

Director Jia Nong calling him at this time was undoubtedly about some matter.

Plus, Ding Yue guessed that it was probably related to Shu City donating giant panda cubs to Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Principal Ding, Shu City Giant Panda Breeding Base is ready to gift two giant panda cubs to Mist City Arts and Science University. Our department has already sent people over there to handle the transfer. Moreover, there is another thing. If we donate 2 million yuan to the Giant Panda Fund, we will be able to rename those two giant panda cubs,"

Director Jia Nong reported.

"We can rename the two giant panda cubs?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue spoke joyfully, "That's great, donate the two million yuan!"

A mere two million yuan to Ding Yue was just pocket change.

After all, Shu City was gifting two priceless giant panda cubs to Mist City Arts and Science University, and now they even had the chance to name them—how could it not be thrilling?

"Okay, Principal Ding. Then our Forestry and Agriculture Department will apply for the donation of two million yuan and coordinate with Shu City Giant Panda Breeding Base. Also, once we obtain the naming rights, what should we name those two adorable little ones?"

Director Jia Nong asked again.

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Just donating some money to the Shu City Giant Panda Breeding Base would grant Ding Yue the right to name the two giant pandas he was gifted; he was quite happy with this deal.

"Alright, I'll have finance approve the funds right away," said Director Jia. "Director Jia, what you just mentioned about naming those two giant pandas, we need to give this some serious thought..."

After finishing his statement, Ding Yue immediately turned to his secretary Wen Ruohan and said, "Xiao Wen, please contact the finance department and approve two million yuan for the College of Agriculture and Forestry right away."

"Yes, Principal Ding."

Upon hearing this, Wen Ruohan nodded immediately and then walked aside, taking out her phone to call the finance department.

"Principal Ding, in my opinion, for the naming of these two giant pandas, why don't we open up the naming process to the entire university?"

At that moment, Director Jia Nong suggested over the phone.

"Oh!"

Ding Yue liked that suggestion. "That's a great idea, Director Jia. The two panda cubs have been sent to Mist City Arts and Science University, so they are our treasures. Naturally, we can let all teachers and students participate in naming these two cubs. I'll have the Public Relations Department issue an announcement right away!"

"Okay, Principal Ding, then I'll go and coordinate the handover with the Shu City Giant Panda Breeding Base,"

said Director Jia Nong.

"Sure, Director Jia, go ahead with your tasks."

After hanging up the phone, Ding Yue looked towards his secretary Wen Ruohan.

Wen Ruohan stepped forward and immediately reported, "Principal Ding, I have already spoken to the finance department."

"Immediately contact Director Liu Hongxia from the Public Relations Department. Have them issue a university-wide announcement stating that two giant pandas gifted by Shu City are about to arrive and we are opening up a university-wide naming contest for these two adorable panda cubs. The school will eventually choose the names with the highest number of votes for the cubs," Ding Yue instructed seriously to Wen Ruohan.

"Wow, we can even name the pandas?"

Wen Ruohan was quite surprised upon hearing this.

It was her first time hearing that one could name their own pandas. Aren't pandas usually named even before or right after they are born?

"Yes, just by donating to the Shu City Giant Panda Breeding Base, you can get the naming rights for the two baby pandas," Ding Yue said with a smile and a nod.

That explained it.

Wen Ruohan suddenly realized why Principal Ding had asked her to call the finance department to approve funding for the College of Agriculture and Forestry. It was for the donation to the Shu City Giant Panda Breeding Base and also to secure the naming rights for the two gifted pandas.

"Then, Principal Ding, what names shall we choose for these two national treasures?"

Wen Ruohan clasped her hands together, looking forward with great anticipation.

While others might raise cats or dogs, Mist City Arts and Science University was different—they were raising national treasures, the giant pandas!

"Director Jia Nong's suggestion was to open up the naming process to the entire university, and that's what I was thinking as well. So, Xiao Wen, you must contact Director Liu Hongxia right away and have the PR department notify all students and faculty about this,"

Ding Yue said, shrugging his shoulders.

"Okay, I'll handle it right away!"

Wen Ruohan immediately took out her phone, found Director Liu Hongxia's number in the directory, and called her.

Today, it was Director Liu Hongxia from the Public Relations Department's second call from the secretary. The first call was in the morning when Principal Ding had the PR department issue an announcement about a fire outbreak at dawn.

This second call was another university-wide announcement.

However, this second announcement, Director Liu actually liked, as it was about the anticipated arrival of two giant pandas at Mist City Arts and Science University; Principal Ding had decided to let the entire school of students and staff participate in naming them!

Soon enough.

The official website of Mist City Arts and Science University, the WeChat official account, and other major platform official accounts, all concurrently published the announcement about the panda naming contest open to all university students and staff.

At the same time.

The PR department also sent notices to all departments, and the departments forwarded these to the faculty tutors of each major.

Then the tutors promptly informed their respective class groups.

It must be said.

The efficiency of Mist City Arts and Science University in disseminating news was extraordinarily fast.

From top to bottom, in less than half an hour, the message had already spread from the uppermost leader, Principal Ding, to every corner where student and teacher groups existed within the university.

At this moment, any student or teacher who had checked their WhatsApp or QQ chat groups was aware of this news.

Class of 2022, Chinese Language and Literature Department's general group—

"Did everyone see the announcement on the university's official website?"

"Just now, our department head already informed us in the group. What names are everyone thinking of for the adorable panda cubs?"

"It seems that our department head meant for our Chinese Language and Literature Department to propose a few names, and then everyone in the university votes."

"This really depends on our Chinese Language and Literature Department."

"Hmm, usually, panda names are repeated characters."

"Panda names definitely need to be cute and adorable."

"My goodness, I didn't believe it before, but now it seems like the entire Sichuan region is raising pandas, right?"

"Hahaha, you probably didn't know that in our Sichuan Province, every household rides a giant panda to school?"