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Chapter 1251: Are You Crazy? You Call This a Little Expensive?

Twitter trending #8 Dami Technology Group announces withdrawal from the New Energy Vehicle!
#HeatValue 1869406

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Twitter trending #9 Huawei Technology Group announces it's pulling out of the New Energy Vehicle industry! #HeatValue 1769039

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On December 23rd, Twitter was overrun with news related to new energy vehicles.

The "prime culprit" behind this cause was the launch event of the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle, held by Mist City Arts and Science University.

After Ding Yue presented the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle developed and built by Mist City Arts and Science University, multiple domestic technology companies that dabbled in new energy vehicles quickly responded.

That's right!

Mr. Lei Ren of Dami Technology Group personally announced that they would gradually withdraw from the new energy automotive business.

At the same time,

Xiong Tianqi, head of Huawei Technology Group's New Energy Vehicle business, also declared that its Huawei New Energy Vehicle would soon conclude and withdraw from this sector's development.

Red Flag Car Group and Byatrdik Car Group were completely dumbstruck.

Initially, Byatrdik Car Group along with Dami Technology Group and Red Flag Car Group along with Huawei Technology Group had partnered to launch new energy vehicles, aspiring to break into the vast market through a strong resurgence.

But, to everyone's surprise, Dami Technology Group and Huawei Technology Group had just entered, just released their first new energy vehicle, and then they announced their withdrawal.

For Dami Technology Group and Huawei Technology Group, retracting was relatively easy as new energy vehicles were not their main business.

Dami Technology Group and Huawei Technology Group both have businesses in mobile electronics, systems, and internet services.

But Byatrdik and Red Flag were different.

They were both domestic car brands that started with traditional cars and later moved into new energy vehicles. Byatrdik performed quite well and later chose to collaborate with Huawei Technology Group to make a big impact in the new energy vehicle market, but they only got halfway there.

That's right, they managed a strong collaboration but never made the big splash.

Because today's launch event, which overturned the new energy vehicle industry's structure, completely crushed Byatrdik to the ground!

However, there's still a silver lining for Byatrdik since their new energy vehicles have a competitive edge in pricing.

As long as Byatrdik can do well on the pricing and optimization of their "Tang," "Song," and "Han" models, they will definitely have room to survive.

Red Flag cars don't have the same semblance. They initially joined hands with Huawei Technology Group to venture into new energy vehicles, only to end up in a complete mess.

From Hengtai Automobiles' bankruptcy to Dami Technology Group and Huawei Technology Group's withdrawal, cross-industry car manufacturing has become a joke.

However.

It wasn't because they couldn't make cars, but because there suddenly appeared a huge mountain.

This mountain was none other than Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group.

Simply insurmountable!

"After seeing today's launch event at Mist City Arts and Science University, I understand why Dami and Huawei decided to withdraw."

"Choosing to withdraw at this time is wise."

"Better hurry up and withdraw. Anyone can see which new energy vehicle they should buy, right?"

"I just want to ask, when will Penguin New Energy Car declare bankruptcy?"

"With these specs, Feiyue · Future is unbeatable!"

"Can we finally completely oust Tesla from Xia Country now?"

"What is a real new energy vehicle? This is what a real new energy vehicle is!"

When netizens saw both Dami and Huawei technology companies announce their withdrawal from the new energy vehicle industry, they couldn't help but mock them a bit.

At the same time, netizens can't help but marvel at the emergence of such a powerful technology company in the domestic market—Feiyue Technology!

Feiyue · Future's technology, including batteries and intelligent systems, were all developed independently, and the rise of such a powerful technology company is doubtless something that the people of Xia Country want to see.

Finally.

The people won't have to be dazzled by Tesla New Energy Car's "awesome" and buy vehicles from America, now they would simply say—Feiyue · Future is awesome!

With its powerful configuration, an intelligent control system in vehicles based on the artificial intelligence robot Big White's template, and a cool design that seems straight out of a sci-fi movie, every aspect and detail is irresistibly likable!

Now.

The only thing left is the price yet to be announced.

However, before Ding Yue even announced the price, a trending topic had already formed, even becoming the number one trending topic on Twitter, with a vast amount of participation from netizens discussing it.

"Guys, guess how much?"

"This car can't be snagged for less than one million, right?"

"It's not gonna sell for just ten bucks, is it?"

"Sob sob sob, when will Principal Ding hold a raffle, gifting a car?"

"Support, hoping for Principal Ding to raffle a car!"

"Are you there? Gift a Feiyue · Future?"

"I guess it's pricey, my monthly salary of 3,000 yuan definitely won't cover it, only my dad who's worth hundreds of millions can buy it for me!"

"I've saved several hundred thousand, just waiting to buy a car. Initially, I planned to buy a BMW or Mercedes, but then I saw Penguin's T666, which looked pretty decent. I almost placed an order—good thing I didn't. Wonder if my savings would be enough to buy this Feiyue · Future!"

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"Wake up if you think you can get a Feiyue Future for only a few hundred thousand, might as well buy a Penguin T666 instead!"

"A few hundred thousand for just a tire?"

"This Feiyue Future seems to be made for the rich, we might as well not even think about it."

"The starting price is apparently two million, could be even higher!"

Alongside the various speculations netizens had about the price of the Feiyue Future, the reveal event had finally arrived at its most crucial segment.

That's right, it was time to unveil the price.

Ding Yue took a sip of water, then said with a smile, "I've introduced everything there is to introduce. Now, I'm going to reveal the question you're all most concerned about, the price!"

At this moment, the car bloggers and news reporters at the venue all held their breath.

The most important piece of information was about to arrive!

Just how much would this awesome new Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle cost?

One million?

One million two hundred thousand? One million five hundred thousand? Or perhaps two million?

"First, I have to tell you that this Feiyue Future, equipped with many advanced technologies, might be a bit expensive," Ding Yue calmly told everyone.

"F*ck! I knew it! The price couldn't possibly be low!"

"It's over, after Principal Ding said that, I reckon I can't afford it."

"Let's disperse, let's disperse; this is a toy for the rich!"

"Indeed, with so many advanced technologies packed into one car, the price surely can't be cheap!"

"Graphene batteries, artificial intelligence—Mist City Arts and Science University is at the forefront in these fields, and they've all been used in this car. Truly badass!"

"The rise of domestic production, even if it's a bit expensive, it doesn't matter!"

When everyone heard Ding Yue suggesting the price might be high, they all ruefully figured maybe this "Future" car wasn't made for the average person.

After all, containing so much advanced technology, it surely could only be enjoyed by the wealthy!

"OK, now I will announce the price of the Feiyue Future to you. We have only one version of our Feiyue Future, equipped with all the features and functions we've introduced. We are not going to play the game of introducing various models like 'Lite', 'Sport', or 'Deluxe' just to make money."

Ding Yue continued.

"Wow, Principal Ding really dares to say it!"

"Exactly, all those 'Sport', 'Enjoy', 'Luxury' versions are just ways to make more money!"

"Yeah, a car can come with all the necessary features included, but instead, they split it into this and that version. I've been wanting to complain about this!"

"Awesome, all features included and just one price, I like this!"

"Come on, just tell us how much it costs already! I'm dying of curiosity here!"

"Clenching my bank card real tight!"

"I have to say, Principal Ding is really bold, this kind of money-making is just too much!"

Originally, everyone thought the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle would follow other cars' trends—having different levels based on what features they included, like a 'Basics', 'Mid-range', 'High-end', or 'Luxury' configuration, for instance.

That's the way Penguin Auto Group cars were done anyway—the basic model Penguin T666 doesn't come with the Penguin Cloud Intelligence control system!

But with the Feiyue Future, there's none of that nonsense.

All features included, just one price, no low-end, mid-range, high-end, or luxury editions, nothing at all!

"Our selling price is... one Feiyue Future for 460,000 yuan!" Ding Yue announced with a smile.

When the price was revealed, everyone was completely shocked!

"How much, four million six hundred thousand?"

"That expensive, huh?"

"Sorry mate, you've added an extra zero!"

"Holy sh*t! Four hundred sixty thousand?"

"Wait, wait, I didn't hear that wrong, right? Ten a hundred thousand ten thousand, holy shit, it's really 460,000 yuan?"

"Buy!"

"Mom, it's so cheap?"

"Principal Ding, have you gone mad? You call 460,000 yuan just a little bit expensive? That's very cheap, okay?"

"I was shocked at this price of 460,000 yuan!"

"Holy shit, this price is way too fair, isn't it?"

"I'm buying this straight away!"

"I'd sell everything I own to buy this, okay? I thought it would be at least a million yuan and completely out of my reach, but now it seems Principal Ding is truly conscientious!"

"WTF, 460,000 yuan, I'm totally stunned!"

Everyone at the scene found the price simply unbelievable, and netizens were so shocked they were excited; the "buy, buy, buy" comments flooded the screens in every live broadcast room, even causing the live chat to freeze!

As a well-known car blogger, Li Xin was frozen on the spot; it took him a long while to snap out of it, then he asked a fellow car blogger next to him, "I didn't mishear, did I? How much did they say it was selling for?"

"Xin, 460,000 yuan, damn, how did they manage to price it like this?"

Someone hurriedly responded.

"Crazy, totally crazy!"

Li Xin exclaimed in disbelief, "460,000 yuan, Feiyue Group is too conscious."

With so much advanced technology used in this Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle, to think it's priced at only 460,000 yuan is something no one would have thought possible.

If it were any other new energy car company, wouldn't they start the pricing at least at 999,999 yuan?

When the price of Feiyue Future was announced, someone's heart broke.

That person, of course, was Kuang Xuejin of Penguin Auto Group.

Before this, Kuang Xuejin, along with Liu Jin, had analyzed over and over, believing that even if this Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle was very powerful, the price would certainly not be low.

In that case, even if it posed a certain threat to their Penguin Auto Group's T666, if the two cars were not in the same price range, then the threat would not have been so significant.

After all, imagine, the Penguin T666 selling for four to five hundred thousand, and the Feiyue Future at one million or even more than one million yuan, then even if the Feiyue Future was better, there would be no conflict between the two.

Wealthy people who want to buy a better new energy car could just go and buy the Feiyue Future, while the Penguin T666 at the four to five hundred thousand yuan price range would not be significantly affected. Those meant to buy at that price point would still buy the Penguin T666. Asking them to buy a million yuan worth Feiyue Future, they can't afford it, right?

But now the problem is, the price of Feiyue Future is actually 460,000 yuan!

"Mr. Kuang, how can their price be so cheap?"

Liu Jin was dumbfounded, his mind seemingly foreseeing the future of Penguin Auto Group.

"Impossible, this can't be possible, how did Feiyue Group manage to lower the costs so much, don't they want profit anymore?"

Kuang Xuejin shook with anger, his vision even starting to see spots of black – yes, he was about to faint.

"Mr. Kuang? Mr. Kuang? What's wrong with you, Mr. Kuang?"

When Liu Jin saw that Mr. Kuang seemed unable to stand steady, as if about to fall any minute, he hurriedly stepped forward to support Kuang Xuejin.

But before Liu Jin could reach him, he heard a "thud", and Kuang Xuejin had collapsed on the ground.

"Mr. Kuang!"

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At the launch event, after Ding Yue had announced the price, this conference was pretty much coming to an end.

Ding Yue believed that once the price of this Feiyue Future was revealed, it would absolutely blow up the whole internet.

Many people, especially peers, would not understand how such a highly equipped, advanced technology new energy car could be priced like this?

However, only Ding Yue knew that, in the eyes of others, the technology development cost that seemed to be tens of billions or even hundreds of billions of yuan over many years, was actually very low for Ding Yue.

Technologies and such, Ding Yue got them using his points to exchange in the system mall, while the research personnel were the outstanding talents from various majors at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Even if this Feiyue Future was priced at 460,000 yuan, he could still make a lot!

Mainly, Ding Yue didn't want to use such a new energy car to reap profits from consumers. Earning money is not easy, and he wanted them to enjoy the convenience and intelligence that comes with a real new energy car after paying that 460,000 yuan.

Of course, there was another reason for setting this price...

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Ding Yue priced this Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle at 460,000 yuan, ensuring a sufficient profit margin, but there was another reason.

That was competition!

This price range of four to five hundred thousand yuan sees competition domestically from the products of two new energy vehicle companies.

One is a foreign business, namely the famous Tesla from The United States.

The other is a domestic player, the Penguin Auto Group's new energy vehicles, being a subsidiary of the Penguin Group.

Speaking of Penguin Group, it used to be just an internet company, but now it has dipped its toes into various industries. A few years ago, they grabbed a great opportunity with new energy vehicles, which took off and yielded significant successes.

Both of these new energy vehicle companies released new models this year, priced around four or five hundred thousand yuan.

Therefore, Ding Yue also set a price within this range to facilitate competition with these two new energy vehicle companies, as the Feiyue Future's technology and performance were undeniably superior and completely outclassed the Penguin T666 and Tesla Model 4.

So undoubtedly, consumers would know exactly what car to buy when they 'voted with their feet.'

Otherwise, if Ding Yue had set the price for the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle at over a million yuan to pursue higher profits, it would not have posed any threat to Tesla or Penguin Car.

It would be a product for two different buyer segments: the wealthy could choose the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle, while the average office workers would still opt for the relatively cheaper Tesla and Penguin Car.

This way, Penguin Car and Tesla would continue to thrive. Besides, a price tag of a million yuan is not exactly people-friendly for the citizens of Xia Country.

With a price of 460,000 yuan, and factoring in the down payment and such, it's actually not that expensive, and anyone with some savings could afford a Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle.

"I've finished introducing this Feiyue Future; the price is 460,000 yuan. As for government subsidies for this new energy vehicle, there is no concrete news yet, but I believe it will get a substantial amount. After the subsidies, the price will definitely be under 400,000 yuan. As for when presales will begin, we are going to officially start on January 1st of next year. At that time, those of you who want to buy a Feiyue Future can go to Feiyue Group's official website to place a preorder."

At the product launch event in the Central Sports Stadium of Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue wrapped up the event.

Today's launch event had been an unqualified success.

From the debut of the Feiyue Future to the astounding performance and technology, followed by the shocking price announcement and the presales date reveal by Ding Yue, which would officially begin a week later on New Year's Day.

By that time, Ding Yue would just be waiting to rake in the cash.

"Ah! Presales are only starting in a week! I wish I could have a Feiyue Future right now!"

"I'm dying with laughter, Huawei and Xiaomi announced they're quitting the new energy vehicle industry right after Feiyue Future was launched."

"Excuse my ignorance, but how much is the government's subsidy for this Feiyue Future?"

"The suggested retail price is 460,000 yuan, but we probably only have to spend around three hundred thousand to get it. With such an amazing new energy vehicle, the government subsidies are quite generous."

"Does anyone inside know how much the subsidy is?"

"No idea, maybe we have to wait a few days for the government to announce the specific subsidy prices."

"Weren't they saying that new energy vehicles could be subsidized by sixty thousand yuan?"

"If we go by the former subsidy rate, then subtracting sixty thousand means we would only need four hundred thousand to buy a Feiyue Future."

"Four hundred thousand, with a thirty percent down payment, that's only one hundred twenty thousand? Holy shit, I just happen to have one hundred twenty thousand in savings; does that mean I could also afford this amazing Feiyue Future?"

"I heard that the government is setting this year's new energy vehicle subsidies based on each individual vehicle."

"The subsidy for the Penguin T666 is sixty thousand yuan."

"Tesla's Model 4 is also about sixty thousand, so I guess the subsidy for the Feiyue Future will be around sixty thousand as well."

Netizens in the live stream of the event engaged in all sorts of discussions.

One of the topics of greatest interest to the netizens was how much the government subsidy for the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle would be.

Xia Country is currently vigorously developing new energy vehicles, and due to this major trend, new energy vehicles will become the main mode of transportation, gradually replacing traditional fuel vehicles.

So, the government has provided corresponding subsidies for new energy vehicle companies, which ultimately will allow consumers to enjoy discounts, while also enabling automakers to ensure their profits.

"OK, today's event has come to an end. Those who want to stay updated on news about the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle can follow the relevant Twitter posts and official website. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Feiyue Future user family."

Smiling, Ding Yue finished speaking, bowed, and then turned to walk off the stage.

Ding Yue had successfully accomplished what he needed to do in this launch event.

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Just as Ding Yue had stepped off the stage of the press conference, a swarm of reporters enveloped him like bees to honey.

"Principal Ding!"

"Principal Ding, may I ask..."

"Principal Ding, may I conduct an exclusive interview with you?"

Whether they were TV reporters or self-media car bloggers, they all wanted to snatch a few words from Principal Ding.

However, Ding Yue just offered a faint smile and then walked directly toward the Central Sports Stadium's resting room, followed by his secretary Wen Ruohan, as well as staff members who stopped the reporters and maintained order at the scene.

"Principal Ding."

Just as Ding Yue was about to reach the resting room, he encountered Bingbing Wang, the beautiful reporter from NTS.

"Reporter Wang?"

Upon seeing Wang Bingbing, Ding Yue smiled and said, "You're the smart one, knowing to block me here."

"Principal Ding, can we have a brief chat? I won't take much of your time," asked Wang Bingbing, flashing a sweet smile.

Ah, this!

You're putting me to the test with this; who could withstand it?

Ding Yue smiled knowingly, nodded, and said, "Alright, I'll take a rest here for a while."

Having just finished the press conference, Ding Yue returned to the resting room to take a break, and then he still had to attend to his own duties, as the enormous Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group required his oversight even if he did not personally handle everything but needed to be informed and make decisions.

During this rest, he could accept an interview from a TV reporter.

Since he was going to accept a media interview, why wouldn't Ding Yue choose NTS, the official channel? Hence, he did not respond to those lesser-known in the media, but he agreed to the interview with Bingbing Wang from NTS.

It was definitely because NTS was the official channel and not because Reporter Bingbing was too charming.

Soon, Wang Bingbing accompanied Ding Yue to the resting room.

While resting, Ding Yue took part in the interview with NTS.

Wang Bingbing asked a few questions that Ding Yue had anticipated, such as the application of technology developed by Mist City Arts and Science University in new energy vehicles and the research and development process of Feiyue · Future.

These questions, many of which involved technological aspects, showcased that NTS had a rather unique focus. If it were other media reporters, they might have asked some irrelevant questions.

"As for the future development of Mist City Arts and Science University, I am full of confidence. I believe in my students; each of them is incredibly hardworking, just like this newly developed Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicle. If there's innovation in technology, it will also be applied to daily life. It is the responsibility and duty of Mist City Arts and Science University to advance technological development and the application of knowledge."

In this interview, Ding Yue spoke more about Mist City Arts and Science University than about his own company, Feiyue Group.

Because the origin of everything lay in his own Mist City Arts and Science University.

The development to the current scale of Feiyue Group was also because Mist City Arts and Science University provided a solid foundation of talent and technology.

To be precise, Mist City Arts and Science University was the core source, while Feiyue Group was processing; after processing, the outputs could better serve society and even humanity.

During this interview, Wang Bingbing felt that Principal Ding's vision was truly grand.

From initial medical technology to present new energy vehicle technology, Wang Bingbing had always represented NTS in these interviews.

Wang Bingbing truly saw the application of knowledge and technology developed by Mist City Arts and Science University in serving mankind.

This topic or theme, Wang Bingbing felt, was highly suitable for a feature on the NTS news broadcast.

After all, people are increasingly focusing on the technological development in Xia Country.

Though Mist City Arts and Science University is a private institution, precisely because of that, it attracts more attention.

After all, when news reports any technological achievements from Yancheng University or Qinghua University, people might think it is to be expected.

Indeed, the stature of Yancheng University and Qinghua University is very high nationally.

But Mist City Arts and Science University is different; for such a private institution to achieve this much is truly hard-won.

"Principal Ding, I'm delighted to have this opportunity to interview you after the press conference, thank you."

Reporter Bingbing stood up after the interview and expressed her thanks to Principal Ding for participating in the interview.

"Of course."

Ding Yue smiled and said, "Reporter Wang, in the future, there will be much more about Mist City Arts and Science University worth covering by NTS. Actually, I hope you can focus more on our students. I believe you can see many bright spots in them."

"Oh?"

Upon hearing this, Bingbing immediately started planning a feature on the students of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Even if the feature didn't make it onto NTS's news channel, writing an article about the conditions of students at Mist City Arts and Science University to inform society would be great.

Because Bingbing believed that Mist City Arts and Science University, being a private university, needed increased public attention on the growth and achievements of its students.

Originally, the university admitted students who had performed poorly in the College Entrance Examination or had significant subject weaknesses. Now that they were at Mist City Arts and Science University, they had chosen majors they were interested in and ultimately made a success.

Among them, those students passionate about games were the best example.

"Principal Ding."

While Ding Yue was still chatting with NTS's beautiful reporter Bingbing, secretary Wen Ruohan suddenly approached.

"What is it?"

Ding Yue raised his head to look at secretary Wen Ruohan and asked.

Seeing that Reporter Bingbing was also nearby, Wen Ruohan leaned closer to Principal Ding and spoke softly, "Principal Ding, there's something Director Qian Duoduo from the finance office wants to report to you."

"What?"

Ding Yue was momentarily confused.

He seldom paid attention to the finance department, but he had a clear memory of Director Qian Duoduo.

The very reason he had chosen this person as the director was because of his name—it was really apt!

Was there something wrong with Mist City Arts and Science University's finances?

That shouldn't be the case!

Ding Yue had always managed finances well, making all the necessary payments, and had planned the liquid funds well, keeping enough for the university's day-to-day operations.

"Got it."

After hearing this, Ding Yue nodded slightly, then turned back, smiling at NTS reporter Bingbing, and said, "Reporter Wang, I need to deal with some issues at the school, so we'll end the interview here today; I'm sorry."

"No worries, Principal Ding. I've finished my interview anyway. You go ahead with your work."

Bingbing responded.

Ding Yue then stood up, left the lounge, and headed toward the outside of the Central Sports Stadium, preparing to return to his office to find out what the issue was with the finance department.

"Xiao Wen, did Director Qian mention what it was about?" Ding Yue asked.

"On the phone, Director Qian didn't specify; he's already at your office, ready to report to you in person," Wen Ruohan immediately responded.

"Make a call."

Ding Yue knew it would take a while to get back to his office from the Central Sports Stadium.

But he was impatient to find out what had happened, so he decided to call Director Qian Duoduo first to ask about the situation.

"Principal Ding, the call is through," Wen Ruohan handed the phone to Principal Ding.

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

Ding Yue didn't hesitate and asked directly.

"Principal Ding, while we were auditing the accounts, we found that 2 million yuan of educational funds had vanished..."

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million yuan in teaching funds disappeared without a trace?

When Ding Yue heard Director Qian Duoduo from the finance department report this incident, he was stunned for a long while. Ding Yue had never encountered such a situation before.

"Director Qian, what do you mean?"

Ding Yue asked in a soft voice.

"It appears that someone has embezzled this amount of money. We have already discovered some situations, so I prepared to report this matter to you in person, Principal Ding."

Director Qian Duoduo answered.

"Good, come over immediately!"

Ding Yue's tone suddenly became serious.

Someone dared to embezzle teaching funds from Mist City Arts and Science University, and it was not a small amount like ten or twenty thousand yuan, but two million yuan. Such a situation occurring at Mist City Arts and Science University was somewhat beyond Ding Yue's expectations.

"Principal Ding, what happened?"

Secretary Wen Ruohan, who had always been following behind Ding Yue, noticed that the principal's expression seemed rather grim, even somewhat severe, and nothing like the always smiling Ding Yue. Thus, Wen Ruohan was very curious about what had happened.

"Xiao Wen."

Ding Yue suddenly called out in a very low voice to Secretary Wen Ruohan.

"Ah, Principal Ding, I'm here."

Wen Ruohan immediately responded.

"Do you think the salary and benefits for all our school's teaching staff are good?"

Ding Yue looked at Secretary Wen Ruohan and asked.

"Of course!"

Without hesitation, Wen Ruohan immediately responded, "Not only good, Principal Ding, the salaries and benefits you provide us, I think no other university can match them. I guess even those nationally key universities don't have such generous benefits."

Wen Ruohan was telling the absolute truth.

Aside from being amiable, the treatment Principal Ding provided for the entire school's teaching staff was definitely top-notch. Like herself, as a secretary, her salary was already in the five figures, not to mention annual bonuses and dividends, and the benefits on a regular basis were not even worth mentioning.

And the salaries and benefits of various lecturers and professors at Mist City Arts and Science University were naturally even higher than hers. Even the ordinary staff in other areas of the school, such as the cafeteria workers and environmental cleaning staff, probably didn't earn less than 5,000 yuan, right?

"Ah."

Ding Yue couldn't help but sigh.

Heartfelt self-reflection told him that the treatment he provided for all the school's teaching staff was already good enough, yet, even so, embezzlement of teaching funds still occurred?

This was something Ding Yue could not tolerate.

Once the finance department clarified how the two million yuan in teaching funds had disappeared, Ding Yue was determined to deal sternly with the matter.

More than ten minutes later.

Ding Yue, along with Secretary Wen Ruohan, had already returned to the principal's office in the Administration Building.

About another ten minutes passed, and Director Qian Duoduo from the finance department also arrived at the principal's office.

"Principal Ding."

After entering the office, Director Qian Duoduo called out to Principal Ding.

"Director Qian, come and talk."

Ding Yue had a very serious expression, because this was no small matter. Although 2 million yuan in teaching funds might seem like a drop in the ocean compared to the total educational funding invested by Mist City Arts and Science University over a year, it was still not a small amount. Most crucially, the money was probably embezzled.

These two million yuan, for Mist City Arts and Science University, counted as public funds, and embezzling public funds, wherever it occurred, was a criminal act.

"Principal Ding, we discovered the problem when we were checking the accounts of the Business Administration School's teaching fund expenditures for this semester. There was a discrepancy with two million yuan of teaching funds."

After he approached, Director Qian Duoduo handed a document to Principal Ding.

"Business Administration School?"

After hearing this, Ding Yue started pondering.

Business Administration School, or the business college of Mist City Arts and Science University, was something Ding Yue had not paid too much attention to historically. Unlike the mechanical department, Ding Yue preferred industrials, and the business college was more connected to commerce and finance, with a high proportion of internet economy as well.

Ding Yue did not expect the business college to produce any finance magnates. As long as the students of the college could successfully graduate and then find a good job in the field of commercial finance with their excellent professional skills, that would be enough.

"Yes."

Director Qian Duoduo nodded and continued, "The money is part of the ten million yuan in teaching funds applied for by the Business Administration School. The specific use and destination are not entirely clear yet because the transaction did not go through the college's accounts."

"So, can it be confirmed that this money was embezzled, no, I mean, it was misused?"

Ding Yue raised his head and asked Director Qian Duoduo.

"Yes, Principal Ding. Generally, when funds go unaccounted for like this, they are definitely being misused. Moreover, the method of misuse is too sloppy, not even bothering to create a false account."

Director Qian Duoduo spread his hands, very confidently stating.

"Xiao Wen."

Ding Yue was already very angry now.

Damn it, they dared to misuse the precious teaching funds of my Mist City Arts and Science University?

That's really audacious!

Who could it be?

Ding Yue immediately thought of someone from the Business Administration School—Chen Yilin, the head of the department.

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This Chen Yilin, a business school magnate who returned from overseas, and also a junior of Miss An at primary school, was recommended by Miss An to Principal Ding to take over as the director of the business administration department.

What an interesting turn of events.

This made Principal Ding think of something.

Why did the business administration department change to this new director Chen Yilin? It was because the previous director had been dismissed by Principal Ding due to negligence.

Now could it be that Chen Yilin also had issues because of misappropriating teaching funds?

Could it be that the position of the business administration department director was cursed?

But Principal Ding wasn't very convinced that Chen Yilin was responsible for this; after all, Chen Yilin wasn't lacking money, and two million yuan were nothing to her, she completely had no need to misappropriate two million yuan.

"Principal Ding, what's the matter?"

Wen Ruohan was always ready for orders.

"Call over the director of the business school Chen!"

Principal Ding said gravely.

Just as Principal Ding finished his words, An Yujia walked in at the doorway, just in time to hear Principal Ding asking for the business school's Director Chen.

The director of the business school, isn't that his own junior, Chen Yilin?

Ever since Chen Yilin had joined Mist City Arts and Science University, An Yujia had gained another good friend here as Chen Yilin and An Yujia had a very good relationship.

"Principal Ding, what happened to my junior sister?"

An Yujia stepped forward curiously and asked.

"Miss An, there's been a slight issue at the business school, I've called Director Chen over to ask about it." Principal Ding saw Miss An had arrived and briefly explained.

An Yujia still didn't know what happened and glanced at Wen Ruohan.

Wen Ruohan pursed her lips and didn't say anything but instead followed Principal Ding's instructions and immediately called the business school's Director Chen Yilin to come over.

At that moment, Chen Yilin was in class. After receiving a call from Principal's secretary Wen Ruohan, she asked again, "Secretary Wen, I am still in class, should I come over now?"

"Yes, Principal Ding wants you to come over right away," Wen Ruohan affirmed.

"Okay."

After confirming that Principal Ding wanted her to come right away, Chen Yilin made arrangements for the class, stopped teaching, and let the students study on their own, then she hurriedly left the classroom and headed for the Administration Building.

On the way, Chen Yilin met a teacher from her business school.

This teacher's name was Chen Han; they were from the same hometown, so the colleagues got along quite well.

"Director Chen, where are you going in such a hurry?"

Mr. Chen Han saw Director Chen Yilin's hurried appearance and came over curiously to ask.

"Principal Ding has called for me. I need to go to his office at the Administration Building right away," Chen Yilin answered, then suddenly remembered something and said to Mr. Chen Han, "Mr. Chen Han, could you do me a favor? My departure was sudden, and I've left the students to study by themselves in the classroom—can you go and keep an eye on them for me?"

"Sure, I'll head over now. Which classroom?" Mr. Chen Han readily agreed.

"Finance Building A303."

Chen Yilin said.

"Okay, I'll go over and keep an eye on them."

"Thank you very much."

After finishing her request, Chen Yilin quickened her pace, hurrying toward the Administration Building.

Mr. Chen Han watched Director Chen Yilin's retreating figure, his mind filled with doubts and his expression gradually becoming strange. After a moment, he turned around and walked toward the Finance Building of the business school.

Over at the principal's office.

Principal Ding briefed Miss An about the situation.

"Principal Ding, I trust my junior sister's character very much, she couldn't possibly have done such a thing," An Yujia said anxiously after knowing about the incident.

Principal Ding nodded slightly, "Yes, I also believe Director Chen wouldn't do such a thing. The lecturers and professors at the business school all can use the teaching funds to improve teaching quality."

"However, even so, my junior sister has been negligent in her role for not discovering this issue earlier. It was the finance department's Director Qian who found out first."

An Yujia didn't try to speak overly well of her junior sister. If it was her responsibility, she ought to bear it.

But to make An Yujia believe that Chen Yilin had misused the two million yuan in educational funds was something she could never accept.

"Once Director Chen arrives, just ask her about the situation."

Ding Yue dealt with this matter seeking fairness, wanting to find out who had misused the two million yuan. As for Director Chen Yilin, if it wasn't her, then she was merely responsible for not discovering it in time, and shouldn't bear a huge responsibility just because she was the dean of the business school.

"Principal Ding, should we call the police for this matter?"

Suddenly, Director Qian Duoduo asked.

"Director Qian, is this kind of thing a crime?" Ding Yue asked.

"It's already illegal."

Director Qian Duoduo responded immediately.

"If that's the case, then why not report it?" Ding Yue said sternly.

Regardless of the reason, the person who misused the funds had breached the law and thus should be penalized. Even if it was an employee of Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue could absolutely not be lenient. Such a person no longer had a place at Mist City Arts and Science University!

"Alright, Principal Ding."

Upon hearing this, Director Qian Duoduo understood Principal Ding's intent and immediately had someone from the finance department report the incident to the police.

Just then, at the door to the principal's office, Chen Yilin's voice was heard: "Principal Ding, did you call for me?"

"Director Chen, come here."

Ding Yue called her over as soon as Chen Yilin arrived.

Chen Yilin walked into the principal's office and unexpectedly found her senior, An Yujia, also present.

The two exchanged glances, and Chen Yilin appeared somewhat puzzled since it seemed there was some unpleasant issue at hand, but she didn't know what had happened.

An Yujia simply wore a helpless expression.

"Principal Ding, what's the matter?"

After coming forward, Chen Yilin asked in confusion.

Bang!

Ding Yue slammed the financial statement given by Director Qian Duoduo onto his desk, then lifted his head to look at Director Chen Yilin and said, "Director Chen, take a look at this yourself!"

Upon seeing this, Chen Yilin immediately picked up the financial statement and studied it carefully.

"This... has two million yuan in educational funds gone missing?"

After examining it, Chen Yilin exclaimed in astonishment.

"These two million yuan in educational funds were allocated to your business school, but where the money was used, that is unknown. Director Chen, shouldn't you give me an explanation?" Ding Yue asked with an intense gaze.

Although this matter might not be related to Director Chen Yilin, she was still the dean of the business school and bore some responsibility, as the issue occurred under her management.

"Principal Ding, I will definitely investigate this matter thoroughly and find out where this money went," Chen Yilin said with a firm tone.

"There's no need, I've already asked Director Qian to investigate, and I believe it will soon be clear who misused these funds," Ding Yue shook his head slightly, then spoke in a harsh tone, "Director Chen, I didn't expect that our business school would harbor such a scoundrel. This is something we at Mist City Arts and Science University will never permit!"

"Yes, Principal Ding, once it's clarified, we will proceed with the necessary measures," Chen Yilin responded, having nothing else to say.

It just happened to fall within her own business school, and Chen Yilin had never anticipated that someone managing public funds would turn out to be a scoundrel.

Previously, Chen Yilin had heard from her senior, An Yujia, how Principal Ding deeply despised those who used power for personal gain.

"The police have already been notified. Once it is clear, it will be handed over to the police authorities for handling."

After Ding Yue finished speaking, his gaze still fixed on Director Chen Yilin. He continued, "Director Chen, it's time to thoroughly rectify the faculty team of the business school. No, all the faculty teams of our entire Mist City Arts and Science University need a thorough rectification!"

Ding Yue made his intentions quite clear; such incidents could not occur again at his Mist City Arts and Science University!

Chapter 1257: Restructuring the School's Teaching Staff

About half an hour later.

News came from the staff in the finance office.

"Principal Ding, after our finance office investigated, we found that after this 2 million yuan in teaching funds was handled by Mr. Chen Han from the School of Business Management, the bills were missing."

Director Qian Duoduo immediately reported this to Principal Ding.

"So you mean..."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue thought for a moment, then spoke seriously, "Director Chen, call Mr. Chen Han over immediately!"

"Yes, Principal Ding!"

Chen Yilin responded immediately.

What Chen Yilin hadn't expected was that this money had been misappropriated by Mr. Chen Han?

Just now, on the way to the principal's office in the Administration Building, Chen Yilin had even met Mr. Chen Han and had asked him to keep an eye on her class.

Who would have thought that Mr. Chen Han, who usually seemed so honest, would do something like misappropriate public funds?

Chen Yilin immediately took out her phone and made a call to Mr. Chen Han.

"Xiao Wen, pull up Mr. Chen Han's file for me to see."

Ding Yue then instructed his secretary, Ruohan.

"Yes, Principal Ding."

Ruohan immediately began to access Mr. Chen Han's personal data on her computer.

Mist City Arts and Science University had thousands of teachers, and it was impossible for Ding Yue to know each one. At most, remembering the heads of various departments and deans of various faculties was quite commendable.

Thus, Ding Yue was completely unfamiliar with this Mr. Chen Han from the School of Business Management.

"Found it."

Ruohan quickly located Mr. Chen Han's personal data, swiftly printed it, and handed it to Principal Ding.

Ding Yue briefly reviewed Mr. Chen Han's personal data. There appeared to be no major issues, as he was a graduate from a prestigious university, one of the second batch of teachers recruited by Mist City Arts and Science University, currently a lecturer in the School of Business Management.

"How could he do something so foolish?"

After reviewing the personal data, Ding Yue couldn't help but sigh and shake his head.

Embezzling two million yuan!

Any normal person wouldn't commit such an act.

This money was meant for the teaching funds of the students at Mist City Arts and Science University, and now it had been misappropriated by a teacher, and it was still unknown what it had been used for; they could only find out after Mr. Chen Han arrived.

Could it be that something had happened in Mr. Chen Han's family?

Resulting in his desperate act of embezzling the funds?

If that were the case...

Even so, that wouldn't excuse such behavior, as Ding Yue was not one to be lenient.

Just when Chen Yilin had finished calling Mr. Chen Han to ask him to come over, two police cars had already stopped under the Administration Building.

"What happened?"

"Why did the police cars come here?"

"Did the officers come?"

"Who are they here to arrest?"

The staff in the Administration Building, seeing the police cars stop and a squad of officers walking into the building, couldn't help but start gossiping.

Such incidents were rare at Mist City Arts and Science University; normally, the officers came to handle various disputes.

But this time was different; they had come directly to the Administration Building, a first-time occurrence for everyone in the building.

Inside the principal's office.

Ding Yue received a call from Huang, who was still at the press conference at the Central Sports Stadium.

"Yue, what's going on? I heard that police cars came straight to the Administration Building? What happened?"

On the phone, Huang Youjie asked anxiously.

Ding Yue, however, was quite calm, saying, "There're no big issues, just a small matter at the school that needs handling. Could you please entertain the media reporters at the press conference?"

"No problem."

Huang Youjie responded immediately.

After hanging up, the door to Principal Ding Yue's office opened, and several police officers walked in.

Following that, Director Qian Duoduo briefed the officers on the situation.

"Principal Ding, do we take the person back for investigation, or what do we do?"

The officers sought Ding Yue's opinion.

"I've already called him in, and he will be arriving shortly; let's clarify the situation here first," Ding Yue thought for a moment, wanting to know why Chen Han had embezzled the 2 million yuan in teaching funds before handing the person over to the police.

"Okay."

The officers nodded.

About ten minutes later, Mr. Chen Han appeared at the door of the principal's office, struggling and conflicted inside.

Because he had basically realized why Principal Ding had called him over.

Knock, knock, knock!

"Come in!"

Hearing the knock, Ding Yue immediately let the person in.

Following that, Chen Han walked into the principal's office, and upon seeing so many people there, including the officers, he was completely stunned.

"Mr. Chen, is the two million yuan in teaching funds related to you?"

Chen Yilin, the girl, was very direct and approached to ask.

Seeing this, with the Director of the Finance Office and the officers present, Chen Han realized that his actions had probably been discovered, and his entire body seemed to weaken, his head numb.

"Mr. Chen Han, come here, I want to ask you a few questions."

Chapter 1258: Reorganizing the On-Campus Teaching and Staff Team _2

Ding Yue had called Chen Han over.

Chen Han's forehead was now beading with cold sweat. The people present had basically figured out what had happened; it seemed the two million yuan in teaching funds had indeed been embezzled by Chen Han.

"Principal Ding... I..."

After Chen Han stepped forward, he became hesitant and stuttered when he spoke.

"I'm asking you..."

Just as Ding Yue was about to ask about the situation concerning the two million yuan in teaching funds, he suddenly heard a "plop" sound from up ahead!

With that single plop, Chen Han dropped to his knees on the ground, his face streaming with tears, looking extremely remorseful, "Principal Ding, I'm not human, I was careless, I was so foolish, sob sob sob..."

And so it was, a forty-year-old grown man, crying right there and then.

Seeing this, Ding Yue's feelings were extremely complicated. Although Chen Han now looked pitiable, Ding Yue was naturally not going to soften his stance. Why hadn't he thought of these things when he was committing his deeds? Now he regrets, now he thinks he was foolish?

Too late, he must face the punishment he deserved, the punishment he ought to receive!

"I'm asking you, what did you do with that money?"

But there was still one thing Ding Yue wanted to know, which was what Chen Han had done with that two million yuan in teaching funds.

"I... I... I spent it,"

Chen Han replied, faltering.

What the heck!

Ding Yue had thought he'd get a more reasonable explanation, but this was it?

Spent it all?

How was two million yuan spent? For an ordinary person, as long as you don't buy a house or a luxury car, it's not that easy to spend that amount, right?

Furthermore, if Ding Yue remembered correctly, the two million yuan in teaching funds was only approved after the start of this semester.

After going through various procedural steps, it must have been at least October by the time it reached Mr. Chen Han's hands, right?

So in the span of one or two months, all the money was spent?

Are you eating money every day?

"Principal Ding, we can check his spending records to find out," a police officer said at this moment.

Ding Yue nodded slightly and then looked at Qian Duoduo, the director of the finance department.

Qian Duoduo immediately asked Chen Han, "Mr. Chen, the two million, is it all gone?"

In Qian Duoduo's view, if the money had been spent, there might be some left, which could potentially recover some of the school's losses.

However, Chen Han did not answer, merely sobbing.

Seeing this scene, Ding Yue was nearly infuriated to death.

How did the school end up recruiting such a person?

Of course, you might not see the character of a teacher at the time of hiring, and since the person has a postgraduate degree and seems economically well-off, how did he end up on such a path?

"Now answer me, what did you do with the money?"

Ding Yue asked again.

"Principal Ding... I, I watched live streams... and tipped... tipped streamers..."

Chen Han finally responded amid sobs.

What the heck!

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue was shocked!

Misappropriating public funds to tip streamers was nothing new, but Ding Yue could never have imagined that such a thing would happen to a teacher at his own Mist City Arts and Science University!

This was outrageous!

Everyone in the office couldn't help shaking their heads and sighing upon hearing what Chen Han had said; they couldn't believe he had used two million yuan of funds to tip a livestreamer.

It was simply incomprehensible!

"Mr. Chen Han, how could you do something so foolish? Misappropriating school funds is a crime, do you know that?" Director Chen Yilin angrily condemned.

Chen Han remained silent.

He was over forty and clearly understood that misappropriating public funds was a criminal act, but he had ultimately done so. Like Chen Han, those who had done the same in the past knew they shouldn't, but they just couldn't... resist the temptation?

"Take him away, the school will dismiss you immediately!"

Ding Yue said in a cold, merciless tone.

After that, he had the officers take Chen Han away immediately; whatever followed would be dealt with accordingly, sparing no sympathy for such an individual.

"Xiao Wen, please inform the Academic Affairs Office to issue a notice of Chen Han's dismissal for public announcement across the entire school!"

Ding Yue instructed his secretary, Wen Ruohan.

People like him must be urgently expelled from the teaching staff of Mist City Arts and Science University!

Indeed, this was the first time Mist City Arts and Science University had ever directly dismissed a teacher!

"Principal Ding, I have been negligent in this matter and am willing to accept the school's punishment," said Chen Yilin, stepping forward to take responsibility.

After all, Chen Han was a teacher in her Business School, and as the head of the department, she certainly couldn't deny her responsibility.

"Director Chen, we'll talk about your issue later. Call in the Academic Affairs Office as well as all the department heads for a meeting to discuss the establishment of an internal supervision group at our school."

Ding Yue was not in a hurry to discipline Director Chen Yilin at this moment.

His vision had turned long-term. After such an incident, it was clear that a mechanism to prevent future occurrences needed to be established.

Otherwise, even if Chen Han's case would alert all the teachers in the school, who could ensure that another such incident wouldn't happen in a few years?

Corruption also existed in universities, especially in privately-owned ones like Mist City Arts and Science University, where the temptation of "grease" at the lower levels could lead to mistakes.

Therefore.

The establishment of an internal supervision group was urgent.

The purpose of the supervision group would be to serve as a baseline monitor for all university staff, overseeing not only financial matters but also moral character, and to deal immediately with any misconduct that was discovered.

Before, Ding Yue had been preoccupied with developing Mist City Arts and Science University and had neglected the need to enhance the quality of the university's staff.

People like Chen Han were absolutely unacceptable at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Thus.

Wen Ruohan immediately began contacting the Academic Affairs Office, all department heads, and other department leaders, such as Director Huang Youjie of the Logistics Department and Director Xu Bin of the Administration Department, to come to the meeting.

"Yue, what's the emergency for calling a meeting? I heard police came and took one of our teachers away. What happened?" inquired Huang Youjie, whose curiosity was strong.

"If you really want to know, come over and I'll tell you. I've asked Miss An to go to the press conference site to handle the aftermath; you come here for the meeting," replied Ding Yue.

After all, Huang Youjie was the Director of Logistics at Mist City Arts and Science University, while An Yujia was the CEO of Feiyue Group and did not hold other positions at the university; therefore, Ding Yue called Huang back and asked An Yujia to go there.

It took about half an hour before all the department heads and leaders of Mist City Arts and Science University, several dozen people in total, arrived in the Number One conference room of the Administration Building.

Ding Yue had been in a fairly good mood earlier that day; after all, the launch of Feiyue Future's new energy vehicle had gone very smoothly, which was set to revolutionize the development of the new energy vehicle industry.

He believed that once the pre-sale started, the volume would be astonishing.

However, the sudden incident at the school made Ding Yue realize that the teaching and staff team of Mist City Arts and Science University needed to be rectified.

Establishing a supervision group to prevent the staff from making mistakes and to identify those of poor character early was essential to purify the teaching workforce of Mist City Arts and Science University. Otherwise, there would only be murkiness hidden beneath the surface.

"Ladies and gentlemen, today's meeting has only one agenda item, and that is to improve the moral quality of our teaching staff at Mist City Arts and Science University and establish a supervision mechanism. Let Director Chen tell you guys about the case of Chen Han, our teacher from the Business School..."

Ding Yue began the meeting.

Chapter 1259: New Year's Eve Gala Program Schedule

"Have you heard? Mr. Chen Han from the School of Business Administration was fired for embezzling public funds and has been taken away by the police."

"Really?"

"Mr. Chen Han seemed like a decent person, didn't he?"

"Looks can be deceiving. I heard he got addicted to watching female live streamers and spent over two million yuan on donations."

"Wow, which live streamer?"

"A college professor doing something like that..."

"It's quite common, isn't it? Every college has its share of bad apples."

"I even took Mr. Chen's classes before, and to think he would do something like this, he really doesn't deserve to be a teacher!"

In the forums and chat groups of Mist City Arts and Science University, students began discussing the incident involving Mr. Chen Han in various ways.

Following an official statement from the university, the entire school was notified about Mr. Chen Han's incident. Meanwhile, after a meeting by the school committee, it was decided to form an internal supervision team to strictly investigate the staff team's morality and abilities, striving to make Mist City Arts and Science University's staff team the best one around.

The university's students overwhelmingly applauded this decision.

After all, it was for the betterment of Mist City Arts and Science University. For the university to develop into a world-renowned private institution, it had to have a clean and transparent internal team, otherwise, corruption could easily breed within. At that point, would students still have a clean learning environment?

As for the legal responsibilities concerning Mr. Chen Han's misuse of public funds, Principal Ding ordered Huang Youjie to lead the legal team of Mist City Arts and Science University to prosecute Chen Han, letting the law decide the punishment and responsibilities he should face.

In the following days, the embezzlement issue involving Mr. Chen Han became the hottest topic on campus.

Students discussed it in their dormitories and while eating in the cafeteria.

However, because the school handled the situation promptly and even implemented a supervisory system for such incidents, the students felt that the school managed it very well and after a few days, people stopped discussing it.

The members of the campus supervision team appointed by Principal Ding were carefully selected by him.

The head of the supervision team was Director Qi Chunsheng of the Academic Affairs Office.

Principal Ding had complete faith in Director Qi's character and morality, making him the best fit to lead the campus supervision team.

Additionally, Principal Ding included his two close friends, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, into the supervision team as they knew each other very well.

Besides them, five respected department heads and deans from Mist City Arts and Science University were also added to the supervision team, making up a total of eight members in the team!

At the same time, Principal Ding tasked the campus supervision team with prioritizing internal reporting work, taking all reports from students, faculty, and staff seriously, and thoroughly investigating and handling them.

Principal Ding would not tolerate anything shady in the environment of Mist City Arts and Science University.

After the issue with Mr. Chen Han gradually resolved, a year almost passed by.

December 31.

On the last day of the year, Mist City Arts and Science University was busily preparing for tonight's New Year's Eve Gala, with every act making final preparations.

Tonight, Mist City Arts and Science University would present a grand New Year's celebration to over eighty thousand students.

It's worth mentioning that ever since the initial success of the previous New Year's Eve Galas, the event had become a very important large-scale activity for Mist City Arts and Science University.

After all, it marked the end of one year and the start of the new one, a large-scale event during this significant time represented a summary of past achievements and aspirations for the coming year, signaling the end of the academic year for students and encouraging them to strive even harder in the new year towards a bright future.

It's worth noting that the viewership of the live broadcast of Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala had exponentially increased every year.

This year, the New Year's Eve Gala had prepared numerous performances to showcase the university's exceptional style.

At 5:30 PM, in the principal's office of the Administration Building.

"Principal Ding, Director Xiong Yang asked me when Big White could come over?"

Today, Secretary Wen Ruohan was busy with various matters concerning the New Year's Eve Gala, and just moments ago she had received a call from the Director of the Sports Department, Xiong Yang.

"We'll go after we eat, right after dinner. Is Sun Chengkang ready?"

Principal Ding asked.

"Yes, Director Xiong said Sun Chengkang has already reached there," Wen Ruohan nodded and replied.

Tonight, Principal Ding's AI robot, Big White, would join forces with Sun Chengkang, a martial arts star from the National Academy at Mist City Arts and Science University, to deliver a martial arts feast for the audience.

"Also, Director Xiong Yang asked when we plan to release the program list?"

Wen Ruohan asked again.

With each year getting grander and the viewership continuously increasing, many people were eagerly anticipating this year's program list for Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala.

Chapter 1260: New Year's Eve Gala Program Schedule_2

After seeing the schedule, one could tell if the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University was going to be spectacular.

"Let's announce it promptly at six o'clock."

Ding Yue said with a smile.

"Okay, Principal Ding!"

After six o'clock, Ding Yue and his secretary, Wen Ruohan, went to the Fifth Canteen for dinner.

At the Fifth Canteen, they happened to run into Huang and Bin and later met CEO An Yujia of Feiyue Group.

Meanwhile, at six o'clock, Mist City Arts and Science University was ready to post tonight's New Year's Eve Gala schedule!

[Mist City Arts and Science University]v: Tonight at 20:00, tune into the livestream of Mist City Arts and Science University and ring in the new year with the vibrant university students!

[Attached Gala program]—

1. Opening acts: "Drone Opening Show", "Non-polluting Fireworks Show"
2. Dance "Nishang Yuyi" — Mist City Arts and Science University Dance Department!
3. Recitation "Children of Huaxia" — Mist City Arts and Science University Chinese Department!
4. Sketch "Internet celebrities?" — Mist City Arts and Science University Comedy Club!
5. Arts and Crafts "Mechanical Enhancement" — Mist City Arts and Science University Mechanical Department!
6. Song "Meet" — performed by Lin Zhirou!
7. Hanfu Show "National Colors and Heavenly Fragrance" — Mist City Arts and Science University Hanfu Club!

8. Song "Blue and White Porcelain" — performed by Lin Zhirou!

9. National Arts performance "Cyberpunk 3077", Song "Immortals" — performed by Jia Wenbo, featuring Big White and Sun Chengkang!

10. First trailer for "Wandering Earth"!

11. Lin Zhirou's secret new song!

12. Show "New Year's Canteen" — Mist City Arts and Science University Culinary Arts Department!

13. Sketch "Doctors without Boundaries" — Mist City Arts and Science University Medical School and Comedy Club!

14. Annual achievements of Mist City Arts and Science University

15. Drone performance!

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25. New Year's Speech by the President of Mist City Arts and Science University!

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A total of twenty-five performances, each one eagerly anticipated by the audience.

Netizens, upon seeing this schedule, were all commenting, looking forward to the eight o'clock arrival.

In the New Year's Eve Gala schedule of Mist City Arts and Science University, everyone saw the well-known singer Lin Zhirou, who, like previous years, will sing her popular songs.

Moreover, tonight's gala will unveil Lin Zhirou's mysterious new song!

Apart from Lin Zhirou, singer Jia Wenbo also enjoys considerable popularity.

The other dance and arts performances are provided by the relevant professional departments of Mist City Arts and Science University as well as by members of the Comedy Club, all rigorously selected to be splendid shows.

During the gala, there will also be drone and fireworks shows.

The major departments of Mist City Arts and Science University have also brought out top-notch performances.

For example, the Mechanical Department's "Mechanical Enhancement," which Ding Yue had seen during the rehearsal, was absolutely remarkable!

Including the Medical School and Comedy Club co-produced sketch "Doctors without Boundaries," which highlights the accomplishments of Mist City Arts and Science University in the medical field.

As well as other themed performances in Hanfu, National Arts, and culinary arts, all continuously emerging!

"Last year I watched the New Year's Eve Gala of Mist City Arts and Science University, and it was fantastic. Looking at this year's schedule, I'm really excited!"

"Holy crap, Lin Zhirou released a new song?"

"Awesome, Mist City Arts and Science University!"

"Looking at this program list, I'm really looking forward to the show!"

"Nowadays, those TV station's New Year's Eve celebrations are getting more and more boring, it's just some young male stars with no substance just jumping around, it's so dull. For a New Year's Eve Gala, you have to watch Mist City Arts and Science University!"

"Since last year, the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University has become popular, and this year many people are really looking forward to it!"

"I've chosen to watch the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University. I'm not even watching Bilibili anymore!"

"This program list is worth looking forward to."

"I've got my seeds, drinks, and snacks ready, just waiting to watch the live stream at eight o'clock tonight."

"Brothers, those who want to watch the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University, please head over to the official livestream room of Mist City Arts and Science University!"

"Wow! Big White and Sun Chengkang are teaming up to perform?"

"Are they going to show the trailer for 'Wandering Earth' at tonight's gala? I heard 'Wandering Earth' is a big sci-fi movie production by Mist City Arts and Science University?"

"I'm so excited!"

On platforms like Twitter and TikTok, many netizens were thrilled after seeing the New Year's Eve Gala program list from Mist City Arts and Science University.

After all, you could see the highly popular AI robot, Big White, teaming up with National Arts star Sun Chengkang, and even Jia Wenbo performing a song, which is the theme song "Immortals" for 'Super Combat Team'!

Isn't this too exciting?

And there is also the little diva, Lin Zhirou, who as usual performs her famous pieces at her alma mater's New Year's Eve Gala, including a mysterious new song!

You should know that just yesterday, Lin Zhirou had made it to the trending topics because she turned down an invitation from Dream Blue TV Station for their New Year's Eve Gala, preferring to perform at her alma mater's gala instead.

Given Lin Zhirou's status now, the appearance fee offered by provincial TV stations isn't small, but she declined it. On this important New Year's Eve, Lin Zhirou preferred to stay and perform at her alma mater.

Now, Lin Zhirou has long been dubbed as a "little diva" by netizens, although she seemingly didn't release any new songs in the past year.

And tonight, a new song from Lin Zhirou will make a powerful entrance!

Approaching eight o'clock.

The New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University is about to start, and the official livestream has been broadcasting since six o'clock in the afternoon.

By nearly eight o'clock, the number of online viewers in the official livestream room of Mist City Arts and Science University had surged past five hundred thousand and was still increasing rapidly.

Today's New Year's Eve Gala is held at the Mist City University of Arts and Sciences Central Stadium. Since the performance area occupies a large part, the seats available for the student audience were the stands.

Fortunately, the scale of the Central Sports Ground is quite large, and even the spectator stands can accommodate tens of thousands of people.

But!

Mist City Arts and Science University has more than eighty thousand students, so it's definitely not possible for everyone to come to the Central Sports Ground to watch the New Year's Eve Gala!

Therefore, those students who couldn't make it could only watch the live stream in their dormitories.

Thinking that the venue was just at the nearby Central Sports Ground, but oneself could only watch it from the dorm felt a bit disappointing.

But it couldn't be helped, given the massive number of students at Mist City Arts and Science University.

As a well-liked private university famous for its positive influence, Mist City Arts and Science University has many followers. From more than five hundred thousand online viewers, it took less than ten minutes to reach one million online viewers.

Near the podium, there was a section reserved for the school committee of Mist City Arts and Science University, providing seats for the university leaders to watch the performances.

And at this moment, Ding Yue was sitting here.

Since only the hosts were needed for the opening performance, Ding Yue's New Year's speech was scheduled at the very end of the New Year's Eve Gala, right after the midnight countdown.

"Principal Ding, everything is ready, and there are three minutes left."

The director of the Department of Athletics and Arts, Xiong Yang, reported today's situation of the New Year's Eve Gala to Principal Ding.

Everyone was ready!

The stage lights, the on-site staff, the security maintaining order, all were in full readiness.

"Principal Ding, our school's New Year's Eve Gala live stream room has reached one million two hundred thousand online viewers!" said secretary Ruohan excitedly.

"So many people?"

Ding Yue, upon hearing this, was slightly surprised.

Having so many online viewers, and that too genuine numbers, not just inflated viewership statistics, showed how popular his Mist City Arts and Science University really was!