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Chapter 1351: Governor Li's Grand Arrival _2

The campus of Mist City Arts and Science University was filled with the chirping of birds and the fragrance of flowers, and on the eastern horizon, where the belly of a fish touched the sky, the sun was about to rise.

Ding Yue got out of bed on time. Today was an important day, and he couldn't afford any delays.

"Big White, please confirm my University Games opening speech once more."

After getting up and finishing his morning wash, Ding Yue put on his Bluetooth headset.

Shortly after that, the voice of Big White came through the Bluetooth headset.

Big White was reading his University Games speech to him.

The speech was fairly long. Although Ding Yue could remember it, having Big White prompt him was still the safest method.

Moreover, at today's National University Sports Games, Ding Yue was definitely going to bring his AI robot, Big White, to make an appearance.

After all, everyone knew that after the end of the National University Sports Games, Big White was set to battle it out with Google's AlphaGo from the United States for three hundred rounds.

"Alright, no problem, let's go, off to the canteen to eat."

After making sure his speech was correct, Ding Yue got dressed and prepared to leave his apartment to have breakfast at the Fifth Canteen.

Just as Ding Yue stepped out of his room, he saw two people walking towards him.

These two were none other than Ding Yue's roommates in the same apartment building, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin.

"Yue, good morning."

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin greeted Ding Yue in unison.

"Morning."

Ding Yue responded and then said with a smile, "You're not waiting for me to go have breakfast together, are you?"

"I knew Yue wouldn't have to guess."

Huang Youjie rolled his eyes at Xu Bin as he spoke.

Xu Bin didn't say anything.

Thus, Ding Yue, along with his two friends and his AI robot Big White, headed to the Fifth Canteen.

At the Fifth Canteen, Ding Yue encountered his secretary, Wen Ruohan.

As soon as she saw Principal Ding, Wen Ruohan hurried forward, "Principal Ding, when are we going to meet Governor Li and Director Xiao?"

"It's still early."

Ding Yue checked the time and wasn't in a rush.

Governor Li and Director Xiao were definitely visiting Mist City Arts and Science University today, but it was still early. There was no harm in discussing the arrangements to meet Governor Li and Director Xiao at the school entrance after they finished breakfast.

"What if Governor Li and Director Xiao arrive early?"

Wen Ruohan expressed her concern.

"That won't happen. People like Governor Li and Director Xiao have very punctual schedules."

Xu Bin said with a laugh.

"Principal Ding, look, those people must be the university students from other institutions here for the competition, right?"

Today at the Fifth Canteen, Wen Ruohan saw many new faces.

These 'new faces' didn't mean that Wen Ruohan didn't recognize them. After all, given the large daily turnout at the Fifth Canteen, most of them were 'new faces' to Wen Ruohan.

However, after one glance, Wen Ruohan knew that these people weren't students from Mist City Arts and Science University, but from other educational institutions.

"Yes."

Ding Yue looked in the direction Wen Ruohan was pointing. These people, all robust and wearing uniforms, were obviously not Mist City Arts and Science University students. Most likely, they were student athletes from other universities participating in the University Games.

As the Fifth Canteen's food was the tastiest and most varied, it was natural for the visiting university athletes to choose to eat there.

Moreover, Ding Yue noticed several volunteers from Mist City Arts and Science University at the entrance of the Fifth Canteen.

These volunteers were there to serve at the National University Sports Games.

At precisely eight o'clock in the morning.

At the entrance of Mist City Arts and Science University.

After having breakfast, Ding Yue and others arrived here, waiting for Governor Li from the Mist City Government building, Director Xiao from the Mist City Education Bureau, and the director of the Mist City Sports Bureau, among others, to arrive.

At Mist City Arts and Science University's Central Sports Ground, Director of Physical Education Xiong Yang and the staff from the Mist City Sports Bureau were all working together to arrange the opening ceremony.

Athletes from various universities across the country were also arriving at the Central Sports Ground continuously.

Not only that.

There were also students from Mist City Arts and Science University.

Today was the opening day of the National University Sports Games, and at the venue, aside from the competing athletes and staff, naturally, there was no lack of spectators.

Among these, a large portion of the work was naturally handled by students from Mist City Arts and Science University, and a small part of the spectators was real audiences from all over the country. Both Mist City Arts and Science University and the Mist City Sports Bureau allowed this portion of the audience to come to the site to watch the games or attend the opening ceremony.

When Ding Yue was quietly waiting for Governor Li and others to arrive, he suddenly received a call from Director Xiao Wenxing.

"Hello, Director Xiao, where are you now?"

After answering the phone, Ding Yue immediately asked.

"Principal Ding, we have already arrived at the university, and it will be no more than ten minutes before we get there. I am with Governor Li, his car is in front, and my car is behind," Director Xiao Wenxing said over the phone.

"Okay."

Sure enough, after ten minutes, Ding Yue and Huang Youjie, Xu Bin, and others saw a slowly approaching motorcade from afar, which was clearly extraordinary and even escorted by traffic police.

Who else could have such an entourage but Governor Li of the Mist City Government Building?

Very soon.

The motorcade slowly pulled up at the entrance of Mist City Arts and Science University.

The person who alighted from a black sedan was none other than Governor Li of the Mist City Government Building, followed by the Director of the Mist City Sports Bureau, Director Xiao Wenxing of the Mist City Education Bureau, and a host of Mist City official personnel.

Upon seeing this, Ding Yue immediately went up to meet them.

"Governor Li, welcome to our Mist City Arts and Science University."

Upon meeting Governor Li, Ding Yue smiled and shook his hand.

"Principal Ding, since I promised you, of course, I would come. The opening ceremony starts at nine o'clock sharp, right?" Governor Li also said with a smile.

"Yes, Governor Li, Director Xiao, Director Zhang, come, please, let's head to the Central Sports Ground now."

Ding Yue invited all the Mist City Government officials, prepared to head to the Central Sports Ground, because the opening ceremony of the National University Sports Games would start at nine o'clock.

"Okay, let's go."

Governor Li nodded and said.

"Uh, Governor Li, let's start driving. The Central Sports Stadium is quite far to the north."

When Ding Yue saw that Governor Li was preparing to walk with him, he realized that he hadn't explained clearly before, giving Governor Li the impression that it was walkable.

But in reality, Mist City Arts and Science University was so large that, from the southernmost entrance to the northernmost Central Sports Stadium, it would take at least half an hour to walk.

"Yes, Governor Li, Mist City Arts and Science University is very large, and the Central Sports Stadium is quite a distance from the entrance," Director Xiao Wenxing also added.

"Hahaha, alright then."

Governor Li grinned and said, "Principal Ding, lead the way."

After speaking, Governor Li turned and walked towards his car, and then the motorcade followed Ding Yue's car, driving into the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University. They first drove along the eastern boulevard for a while, then entered the Academic Avenue next to the Administration Building, headed north, turned east, drove to the end, and arrived at Mist City Arts and Science University's Central Sports Stadium.

The closer they got to the Central Sports Stadium, the more people and the livelier it got.

Students from Mist City Arts and Science University were also arriving at the Central Sports Stadium in droves.

"Did you hear that Governor Li is coming to the opening ceremony today?"

"That's really prestigious."

"Principal Ding is really awesome to be able to invite Governor Li."

"With Governor Li here, our Mist City Arts and Science University's National University Sports Games can be said to be very prestigious!"

"We really have to perform well at today's opening ceremony for Principal Ding!"

Along the way, the students of Mist City Arts and Science University were all beyond excited.

Chapter 1352: The Spectacular Opening Ceremony of the University Games

Mist City Arts and Science University, Central Sports Ground.

In the stands of the Central Sports Ground, the audience packed in dense crowds that could frighten anyone with a fear of crowds to death.

Among this dense crowd, the majority were students from Mist City Arts and Science University, with the remainder being citizens and university students from various parts of the country.

On the main platform directly in front of the Central Sports Ground, the leadership of Mist City Arts and Science University, as well as leaders from the Mist City Government building, were all seated here.

At several entrances of the Central Sports Ground, there were also quite a few people—roughly one to two thousand in sight.

These were athletes from various universities participating in the National University Sports Games, including athletes from Mist City Arts and Science University, volunteers from Mist City Arts and Science University, and staff from the Mist City Sports Bureau, which was organizing the event.

The "March of the Athletes" had already started playing within the Central Sports Ground.

The familiar melody indicated that this week-long National University Sports Games would be fought in tune with it.

"Governor Li, the opening ceremony will officially commence at nine o'clock. We've prepared a few opening ceremony programs, followed by the athletes' parade. After the athletes parade, it will be your turn to speak, Governor Li, and then we will officially declare the National University Sports Games open and start the competitions," Ding Yue said, carefully outlining today's opening ceremony schedule to Governor Li who was sitting next to him.

"Mmmhmm," Governor Li nodded in response, smiling, then said, "Then I shall just say a few simple words."

Governor Li had initially decided to attend the University Games hosted by Mist City Arts and Science University on a whim, and was only there to make an appearance. There was no need for any overly formal speech—just a few simple words would suffice.

"Alright."

Ding Yue was looking forward to Governor Li's speech, which was undoubtedly to be a crucial part of the opening ceremony of the National University Sports Games.

"Principal Ding, it's almost nine o'clock."

At this moment, Secretary Wen Ruohan spoke softly at his side.

"Mmm, let Director Xiong Yang prepare to start the opening ceremony performances," Ding Yue responded with a slight nod.

"Alright, Principal Ding."

Wen Ruohan immediately went to inform the Director of Cultural and Sports Affairs, Xiong Yang.

As the head of the Cultural and Sports Department at Mist City Arts and Science University, Xiong Yang was the main person in charge of assisting the Mist City Sports Bureau in organizing this University Games. Naturally, he was responsible for the related performance programs.

"The first performance is ready to take the stage."

Director Xiong Yang went to the dressing room and informed the already prepared students from the National Academy.

This first performance, "Bonding Through Martial Arts," meticulously prepared by the National Academy, was a martial arts performance that marked the beginning of the University Games.

"Great!"

The students responded in unison and then orderly headed for the Central Sports Ground.

In the stands surrounding the Central-West Stadium, all the seats were filled with spectators. However, the football field of the Central Sports Ground was empty, serving as the vast stage for the opening ceremony performances.

In no time, the students performing "Bonding Through Martial Arts" from the National Academy had all arrived on the Central Sports Ground and were ready to begin.

As the music started.

Within the robust and impressive music, the performance of "Bonding Through Martial Arts" officially commenced.

"It's started, it's started."

"The opening ceremony performance has finally begun."

"Is this the National Academy?"

"They seem quite impressive."

"Wow, those students from the National Academy look so graceful and poised."

"I wish I had studied at the National Academy from the beginning."

"I always knew Mist City Arts and Science University's National Academy was amazing, but seeing it now, it truly stands out."

"This performance is so interesting!"

In the stands, whether they were students from Mist City Arts and Science University, citizens from the city, or university students from all over the country, everyone highly praised the "Bonding Through Martial Arts" performance.

The reason why this performance of "Bonding Through Martial Arts" received such high reviews from the audience was mainly because the students from the National Academy performed exceedingly well.

Even on the main platform, Governor Li, Director Xiao Wenxing, Director Zhang from the Sports Bureau, and others all nodded in satisfaction after watching the performance.

"Principal Ding, which performance group did we invite for this? They performed quite well. I see their martial arts are powerful yet effortless; martial arts, as our traditional essence of Xia Country, surely deserve to be promoted," Governor Li, unaware that the performing group was actually students from Mist City Arts and Science University, thus inquired.

Hearing this, Ding Yue quickly explained, "Governor Li, the performers are actually our students from Mist City Arts and Science University, from the National Academy."

At this time, Director Xiao Wenxing also explained to Governor Li, "Yes, Governor Li, you might not know, but Mist City Arts and Science University also houses a National Academy, specifically set up to teach our country's excellent martial arts. These students, naturally, are from Mist City Arts and Science University's National Academy."

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"Oh?"

Governor Li was immediately a bit surprised and delighted, smiling as he said, "I had no idea Mist City Arts and Science University's specialized education in higher institutions was actually quite rich."

As the governor of Mist City, who was not a professional in the Department of Education, it was quite normal for Governor Li to be unaware that Mist City Arts and Science University also had a National Academy.

"We at Mist City Arts and Science University adhere to the principle of establishing majors based on students' interests and hobbies. In addition to traditional science and engineering, humanities, and arts majors, we also have many specialized departments."

Ding Yue gave Governor Li a simple introduction to the distribution of professional departments at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Governor Li, next up is an excellent program from our university's drone major, responsible for the drone performance,"

Ding Yue said with a smile.

After the National Academy's "Bonding Through Martial Arts" performance concluded, the drone program was up next.

It must be said that drone performances are truly versatile; they can be used in any situation. However, this time it was during the day, so perhaps the lighting effects were not as impressive.

Nevertheless, the drone major still had ways to make the drone performance spectacular this time.

Buzz buzz buzz!

There were no drones placed on the Central Sports Ground.

However!

The sound of drones was approaching.

At the entrance to the Central Sports Ground, rows of drones flew out from the passage.

And outside the Central Sports Ground, faculty and students from the drone major were seriously operating these drones.

In fact, these drones were not like ordinary drones. The drones used in this performance carried programs inserted by the computer science department, which then directed their performance flights.

In other words,

today's program called "Sports Drones," was a collaboration created by Mist City Arts and Science University's computer science department and the drone major.

The computer science department was responsible for writing the flight programs for the drones, while the drone major provided the drones and overall control.

"What is this program?"

Governor Li, seated at the main platform, grew curious upon seeing rows of drones flying over the Central Sports Ground and asked.

Although he knew it was related to drones, general drone performances didn't seem to be like this, right?

After all, Governor Li had seen many drone performances over the years, usually during occasions like the National Day, and there would be related drone performances.

"Governor Li, this is a drone performance, provided by our Mist City Arts and Science University's drone major. However, it also involves the computer science department because the drone performance is based on programs,"

Ding Yue explained with a smile.

"Oh, a drone performance."

Governor Li nodded slightly, saying nothing further.

Director Xiao Wenxing took the opportunity to say, "Principal Ding, your university's computer science department is well-known nationwide. The artificial intelligence robot Big White was developed by them, wasn't it?"

"Speaking of artificial intelligence robot Big White, I recall that the national healthcare robots were introduced by your Mist City Arts and Science University, right?"

Governor Li then remembered some details about Big White, though he wasn't referring to Ding Yue's version of the artificial intelligence robot Big White, but the original healthcare robot Big White developed by Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Yes."

Ding Yue nodded and replied.

"And it seems, I saw a news piece a few days ago about Google Company's AlphaGo robot from the United States challenging your robots?"

Governor Li asked again.

"There is indeed such a matter; it seems to have caught the attention of the citizens," Director Xiao Wenxing added from the side.

Ding Yue also replied, "Governor Li, it is true. The challenge match between the two robots is actually to be held at our Mist City Arts and Science University, right at the closing ceremony of the National University Sports Games."

"Is that so?"

Governor Li furrowed his brows slightly and said, "I remember that Google Company in America is quite formidable in artificial intelligence technology. Principal Ding, are you confident?"

For Governor Li, objectively recognizing the level of Google Company's artificial intelligence technology in America was normal. Thus, he was somewhat worried whether Mist City Arts and Science University's artificial intelligence robot Big White would be able to withstand the challenge.

If we lose this, I'm guessing there will be no avoiding the buzz from The United States again, which would be somewhat unfavorable, not only for Mist City Arts and Science University but even for Mist City as a whole.

"Should be no problem."

Ding Yue's smile contained a trace of confidence.

"Your artificial intelligence robot Big White really is impressive. In the incident with the bridge and the bus last time, thanks to Big White's intervention, it even received honors from the Mist City Government Building. This time, it's not just representing Mist City Arts and Science University; it's representing Mist City, and even our Xia Country's artificial intelligence technology."

Governor Li said this, immediately elevating the significance of the challenge between the artificial intelligence robot Big White and the Alpha Dog robot.

This was also Governor Li intentionally putting some pressure on Principal Ding.

Ding Yue understood this and immediately nodded, "Mm-hmm, Governor Li, rest assured, I am very confident in the artificial intelligence robot Big White that our Mist City Arts and Science University has created."

"That's good."

Governor Li nodded and then started watching the drone performance seriously.

It had to be said, this drone performance was truly different from the ones Governor Li had seen before.

Because the previous drone performances were all at night, with lighting effects.

However, this time the drone performance by Mist City Arts and Science University at the National University Sports Games had no lighting effects. The drones, like a sinuous dragon, flew out from the entrance of the Central Sports Ground and then rose to mid-air.

At first, it appeared to be quite chaotic.

But soon, the densely-packed drones began to fly like a swarm of bees, eventually taking on a mysterious transformation and forming the shape of an athlete.

Such a drone formation in the appearance of an athlete was more difficult than forming standard characters, because the distance between the drones had to be much smaller than that required for writing "characters."

Whoosh!

In a moment, a wave of applause erupted from the stands.

Governor Li, on the main stage, also clapped and said with a smile, "Not bad at all. The level and difficulty of this drone performance might be the highest I've seen."

"Thank you for your praise, Governor Li."

Ding Yue spoke calmly.

Then, the drones that formed the shape of the athlete dispersed, splitting into two parts.

One part continued to maintain the shape of an athlete, although definitely smaller than the first. The other drones transformed into various sports equipment like hurdles, shot puts, soccer balls, table tennis balls, badminton shuttlecocks, volleyballs, and high jump bars.

In this manner, the drone formation shaped like an athlete began a variety of sports performances.

Running!

Hurdling!

Shot put!

Soccer!

Swimming!

Cycling!

High jump!

Various athletic movements appeared in the sky, truly eye-catching and novel.

No one had ever seen a drone performance like this. What was most crucial was that the shapes formed by the drone formation were very realistic, looking as if a person were performing various sports in the sky.

"Great, really great, this drone performance is truly amazing!"

Governor Li couldn't help but repeatedly express his admiration.

Ding Yue's mouth couldn't help but reveal a smile.

The opening ceremony performance organized by Mist City Arts and Science University for the University Games was, it seems, quite successful.

And for the audience present, this was undoubtedly a spectacular opening performance of the National University Sports Games!

Chapter 1354: The Terrifying Yancheng Sports Academy

Outside the Central Sports Ground.

Teams from universities all over the country were ready to march in.

Each university team formed a small formation, led by a flag-bearer holding their school's name high, ready to orderly enter the Central Sports Ground.

It was just like the Olympics.

On site, volunteers and staff from the Mist City Sports Bureau were conducting orderly guidance.

Inside the Central Sports Ground, the drone performance from "Sports Drones" attracted waves of applause; this drone show was quite a bit different from the usual performances and was extremely impressive.

Together with the earlier performance from the National Academy titled "Bonding Through Martial Arts," these two acts alone were already spectacularly eye-catching.

In fact, these were the only performances of the opening ceremony.

Initially, there was also a singing performance, but ultimately, based on a decision by the Mist City Arts and Science University school committee, it was cancelled.

After all, singing performances leaned more towards an arts evening, but this time, it was the National University Sports Games, where sports competitions remained the theme and both "Bonding Through Martial Arts" and "Sports Drones" were most fitting. Plus, the duration of these two performances combined wasn't short for the one-hour ceremony.

From nine o'clock, the opening ceremony would end at ten, and at ten sharp, the competition's preliminary rounds and other events would commence.

After the drone performance concluded, it was time for Director Xiong Yang from the Arts and Sports Department of Mist City Arts and Science University to announce the official entry of the teams from competing universities.

"Hoo-hoo."

After receiving the microphone, Director Xiong Yang announced, "Please welcome the teams from the competing universities!"

Thump, thump, thump~ Thump, thump, thump~ Thump, thump, thump-thump~

The familiar melody of "March of the Athletes" filled the air once again.

Beneath this melody, university teams from across the nation began making their entrance one by one from the left-side passage, from outside the Central Sports Ground.

This National University Sports Games, held at the Mist City Arts and Science University, was being live-streamed through the Mist City sports television station, the Mist City television station, and the official Feiyue Home streaming media platform channel of Mist City Arts and Science University.

On the Feiyue Home streaming media platform, the official channel for Mist City Arts and Science University amassed several hundred thousand viewers.

Currently, the daily active users on Feiyue Home streaming media platform exceeded one million.

"This year's University Games are really spectacular."

"The opening ceremonies of the past University Games were quite plain, but this year is different."

"I knew if Mist City Arts and Science University were organizing the University Games, it wouldn't be simple."

"This venue is really huge."

"Wow! No wonder they chose to hold the National University Sports Games at Mist City Arts and Science University, this sports ground is truly majestic."

"I feel like this sports ground can almost rival the Bird-Nest."

"No, no, no, comparing it to Bird-Nest, it still lacks a bit of flavor."

"It's starting, it's starting, the competing university teams are preparing to make their entrance."

"Guangcheng University is checking in!"

"Students from Shencheng University are here to cheer for their alma mater."

"Haicheng University, go, go, go!"

"Jiancheng University of Technology, go for it!"

"The athletes from Yancheng Sports Academy are forever awesome!"

"To be honest, Yancheng Sports Academy really is powerful. I heard that this time several athletes from the national team who are competing are from Yancheng Sports Academy."

"Yancheng Sports Academy has been really amazing these past few years!"

On the Feiyue Home streaming media platform, hundreds of thousands of netizens watching the opening ceremony of the National University Sports Games were marveling at how splendid the ceremony was and the ongoing march of the competing university teams.

Many university students from across the country were in the chatroom cheering for their alma maters, all hoping to see their school shine at the National University Sports Games and take home several gold medals.

Among all the competing university teams, Yancheng Sports Academy undoubtedly captured the most attention and spotlight.

Yancheng Sports Academy, known as the strongest sports university in the country, was almost a collection point for all the outstanding sports students nationally, and being one of Xia Country's top four sports academies, their popularity was quite natural.

After all, Yancheng Sports Academy had many national-level professional athletes, including several well-known domestic professional football players from their school's football team, who were also playing for the professional football club in An Country.

"Next up, the team from Southwest University..."

"Coming up next, the team from East China University of Science and Technology..."

"The team from Jiancheng University of Polytechnics is slowly making its way toward us..."

"Yancheng University of Polytechnics..."

Amid the commentator's successive introductions of the university teams entering the Central Sports Ground, the cheers from the crowd grew louder.

"Approaching us now is the team from Yancheng University!"

Yancheng University!

Ranked alongside Qinghua University as one of the top universities in the country, their team's entrance was met with an endless stream of applause and cheering.

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In fact, Yancheng University and Qinghua University were not only formidable in academic research, but they were also quite excellent in sports.

If Yancheng Sports Academy could be considered the top sports powerhouse in Xia Country, then Yancheng University and Qinghua University could definitely be ranked among the first-class sports performers.

As expected.

After the Yancheng University's team entered the Central Sports Ground, the next to appear was Qinghua University.

Having these two universities enter one after the other had become a common practice in many editions of the National University Sports Games.

Subsequently, numerous other universities' teams made their entrances, culminating in hundreds of universities and thousands of athletes gathering on the field.

At last, the announcer called out, "Finally, let us welcome the host of this National University Sports Games, the team from Mist City Arts and Science University!"

At the end, it was finally Mist City Arts and Science University's team's turn to enter.

Typically, the host team is always the last to enter, and there are occasions when the next host is also arranged to enter at the end. However, unlike the Olympics, the venues for the subsequent National University Sports Games were not determined well in advance, hence that scenario did not exist.

Therefore, Mist City Arts and Science University became the last participating university team to enter.

"Huang, Bin, look, our Mist City Arts and Science University's team has an imposing and spirited presence," said Ding Yue, feeling a surge of pride as he watched their team enter.

"Yes!" Xu Bin nodded in agreement.

"Hehe, this time, as the hosts, we must win more gold medals, and Yue, look at the number of participants from our Mist City Arts and Science University – it must be the highest, right? Nearly a hundred, right?" Huang Youjie excitedly remarked.

This time, the National University Sports Games had hundreds of participating universities with thousands of athletes, averaging about a dozen participants per university.

However, the actual situation varied.

Some teams, being weaker in sports, had only a few athletes who qualified for the National University Sports Games and had limited spots available for their university.

Others had very strong sports capabilities, such as Yancheng University, Qinghua University, Jiancheng University, Shencheng University, and Haicheng University, whose participant allotments were quite substantial, certainly above fifty people each.

As for top sports-focused institutions like Yancheng Sports Academy, they undoubtedly had hundreds of participants.

Finally, there was Mist City Arts and Science University, the host, which had the highest participant allotment, so their team made up more than a hundred people, even ten more than Yancheng Sports Academy.

Thus, the National University Sports Games saw over a thousand athletes from hundreds of universities.

After all the university teams had entered, it was time for the speeches.

Ding Yue, following the speech prepared earlier, had his personal AI robot Big White relay it in real-time, making it appear effortless.

"Alright, finally, I wish all the participating university teams good luck in claiming victory in the coming week!" Ding Yue concluded his speech and then returned to his seat.

Next up were speeches from the heads of Mist City's Education and Sports Bureaus.

Given the limited time, Director Xiao Wenxing of the Education Bureau and Director Zhang of the Sports Bureau spoke briefly, and then Governor Li of Mist City Government personally took the stage.

It should be noted that the most prestigious person at this National University Sports Games was undoubtedly Mist City's Governor Li.

"Now, please welcome Governor Li from Mist City Government to speak!"

Applause rippled through the Central Sports Ground.

Governor Li stepped up to the podium and began his address at this National University Sports Games.

It must be said, Governor Li's prowess in delivering speeches was top-notch, earning even Ding Yue's lavish praise by the end.

After Governor Li's speech ended, another round of applause erupted in the Central Sports Stadium.

"Lastly, I declare the National University Sports Games officially open!"

Governor Li finally announced the official start of the Games.

The opening ceremony of the National University Sports Games thus concluded, and various competitions were about to begin.

The categories and types of competitions were mostly similar to the Olympics, although many Olympic events were not included in the National University Sports Games.

Each edition of the National University Sports Games featured three main types of competitions.

The first were the track and field events held in the Central Sports Ground, including long-distance running, sprinting, hurdling, relays, as well as high jump and long jump.

The second category comprised swimming and gymnastics competitions.

The third category included various ball sports, such as table tennis, badminton, basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

Since this was the National University Sports Games and not the Olympics, the events weren't as comprehensive as those in the Olympics, and the selections were generally sports that university students frequently engaged in.

Today, as the first day of competitions, undoubtedly the most anticipated were the track and field events, especially the sprinting competitions because they included the hundred feet dash, known as the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle!

Mist City Arts and Science University first participated in the National University Sports Games when their athlete, Yang Chen, had won the championship in the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle and broke the hundred feet record of the Games!

This time, Yang Chen also registered for the hundred feet, but he did not participate in the two hundred feet.

As Yang Chen was focusing solely on the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle, he decided to give up the two hundred feet, since competing in two events could impact one's performance.

However, the competitors in the two hundred feet were essentially the same, all being exceptional sprinters from universities across the country.

The preliminary rounds of the hundred feet took place first.

The Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle had the highest number of participants.

Eventually, based on the group ranking results, the semifinals and finals were held.

Without a doubt, as a national level professional sprinter, Yang Chen's strength was formidable, and he smoothly advanced to the finals as the top of his group in both preliminary and semi-final rounds.

The two hundred feet competition also took place.

Throughout the entire morning, nearly all attention was focused on the hundred feet and two hundred feet races.

Three athletes from Yancheng Sports Academy performed remarkably well in the semi-finals of the hundred feet and two hundred feet.

Among them, a student named Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy, displayed astonishing speed during his group's semi-final and successfully broke Yang Chen's previous record at the National University Sports Games by 0.03 seconds!

"Too strong, too strong, Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy has broken the National University Sports Games hundred feet record previously held by Yang Chen from Mist City Arts and Science University!"

The event commentators got excited as well.

"Holy shit! So fast?"

"This is insanely fast!"

"Don't overlook that little 0.03 seconds; it's not something just anyone can achieve."

"Yang Chen was actually 0.05 seconds slower than Zhou Hao in the semi-finals."

"Damn, it looks like Zhou Hao is going to take the championship!"

"Is a new generation of university sprinters about to emerge?"

Whether it was the spectators present or those watching the live broadcast online, everyone was astounded.

During the semi-finals, Yang Chen and Zhou Hao were not in the same group, although Yang Chen had also managed to match his previous record of the National University Sports Games by a mere 0.01 seconds and advanced to the finals.

But Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy had directly broken Yang Chen's record and was now leading by a considerable 0.05-second margin!

Chapter 1356: A New Legend Has Been Born!

"Fuck! Yue, this Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy is really terrifying!"

At the chairman's stand, Huang Youjie couldn't help but exclaim after seeing Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy set a new university record for the hundred feet during the semifinals.

"Shh!"

Even Ding Yue couldn't help but suck in a breath of cold air.

This Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy truly was terrifying. After setting this new record, it probably won't be so easy to break it again.

"Yue, this guy is definitely fierce. It looks like student Yang Chen is under a lot of pressure."

Xu Bin couldn't help but frown as he spoke to Ding Yue.

"Mm-hmm."

Ding Yue nodded and said softly.

Originally, it was thought that with Yang Chen coming back to compete, Mist City Arts and Science University would definitely secure the gold medal for the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle. But no one expected that during the semifinals, such a dark horse would suddenly burst onto the scene.

Yancheng Sports Academy should truly not be underestimated. Actually, Ding Yue had never underestimated Yancheng Sports Academy, but a difference of 0.05 seconds for the hundred feet is really, really tough.

In the end, out of the eight finalists, three were from Yancheng Sports Academy.

Mist City Arts and Science University also had two, one of which was Yang Chen, and the other was a new talent from Mist City Arts and Science University's Sports Academy named Huo Feiyang.

Ding Yue didn't know much about the student Huo Feiyang, having only heard the head of the sports department, Xiong Yang, mention him once, saying that this student had potential and might become the next Yang Chen and enter into the National Track and Field Short Running Team.

"Didn't our Mist City Arts and Science University also have another student who made it to the hundred feet final, what's his name?"

Huang Youjie suddenly said.

"Director Huang, this student's name is Huo Feiyang."

Wen Ruohan, the secretary standing by with the finalists' list for the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle, said to Huang Youjie.

"Right, right, right, it's this Huo Feiyang. I heard from the sports academy people that he's quite impressive too. What was his performance in the semifinals?"

Huang Youjie quickly asked, nodding his head.

"Um, student Huo Feiyang's semifinal performance was a bit worse than student Yang Chen's and even further behind the first-place Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy."

Wen Ruohan replied.

"The main hope is still on student Yang Chen; he's the one with the best chance to defeat Zhou Hao and the other competitors from Yancheng Sports Academy."

Ding Yue still had high hopes for student Yang Chen.

After all, Ding Yue had valued Yang Chen highly years ago; he was the student who had brought the glory of winning the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle championship and setting records to Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Yes, Principal Ding, it mainly depends on student Yang Chen."

Wen Ruohan also nodded and said.

While the people from Mist City Arts and Science University on the chairman's stand were discussing whether there was still a chance to win the championship in the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle, the eight finalists had already arrived on the track, ready to make their final preparations.

Whether it was the audience at the venue or the viewers watching the livestream, everyone was filled with anticipation for this Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle.

Now, as university students' physical fitness has been improving, many records, even those set at the National University Sports Games, have already been able to reach the standards of the National Games, and even the Asian Games. Higher yet, they might even reach the standards of the Olympic Games.

"Yancheng Sports Academy is really strong this year!"

"Fuck, out of eight finalists, Yancheng Sports Academy has three?"

"Could there be a situation where Yancheng Sports Academy sweeps the top three?"

"That Zhou Hao is really too powerful; he's broken the National University Sports Games record!"

"Zhou Hao is really awesome!"

"Li Xuan from Yancheng Sports Academy is also very impressive!"

"Right now, it looks like Yancheng Sports Academy indeed has the best chance of taking the championship gold, but Mist City Arts and Science University actually still has a chance too, because Yang Chen is also great."

"It seems like Yang Chen hasn't had many standout achievements in the past few years."

"Yang Chen has gotten old."

"Yang Chen has been in the National Team for two years, right? He also won some decent achievements at the World Championships."

"Does Yang Chen have a chance at next year's Olympic Games?"

"If Yang Chen can't produce any results at this year's National University Sports Games, there may not even be a chance for him at next year's Olympic Games."

"This round, Zhou Hao should also be able to join the National Short Distance Team, right?"

"The new record has already been born in the semifinals."

"Yes, an era belonging to the hundred feet sprinters of Yancheng Sports Academy has arrived."

"Honestly, even if our competitors make it to the Olympics, they'll be suppressed by those black athletes."

"In terms of sprinting power, black athletes indeed have an advantage, but our Xia Country is not without chances; I believe in our athletes."

While netizens were filled with expectations for Xia Country's young university students, they were also realistic about the world stage of such a hundred feet sprinting battle.

After all, up to now, the world record for the one hundred feet is still the nine seconds fifty-eight set by the black athlete Bolt!

Regular folks should not even think about that.

For professional sprinters, breaking ten seconds is already impressive.

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Yang Chen had previously won the One Hundred Feet championship at the National University Sports Games with a time of 9.98 seconds, a result that many professional athletes struggle to achieve in international competitions.

Currently, the fastest sprinter in the country, Su Shen, has a personal best of 9.83 seconds at the Olympics, which also broke the Asian record.

This time, at the National University Sports Games hosted by Mist City Arts and Science University, during the semifinals, Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy surpassed Yang Chen's previous record by 0.03 seconds, setting a new record.

That is to say, Zhou Hao's time in the semifinals was 9.95 seconds!

For university athletes, breaking 9.9 seconds is extremely challenging, and among the three contestants from Yancheng Sports Academy, Zhou Hao had the best chance.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle finals are about to begin. Let us eagerly await and see who will be the fastest university student this year!"

the host on the scene said.

In the livestream room of Mist City Arts and Science University, the audience was filled with anticipation, wondering what kind of miracles might occur in the finals.

Could the freshly set National University Sports Games record of 9.95 seconds be broken again?

All of this was unknown.

And unknowns, for most people, are often the most attractive.

"It's about to start."

Ding Yue felt somewhat complicated at this moment.

If his Mist City Arts and Science University did not win a gold medal in the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle's final, it would be quite embarrassing and, as some netizens had mentioned, what if Yancheng Sports Academy took the top three spots?

Wouldn't that be something?

In fact, when Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy broke Yang Chen's record of 9.98 seconds in the semifinals, Mist City Arts and Science University had already been metaphorically slapped.

If they didn't win any medals or achieve better results, it would not bode well for Mist City Arts and Science University.

But at this moment, Ding Yue had no other option but to, like most people, hope that Yang Chen or Huo Feiyang could perform well.

"The athletes are in position."

Just now, the eight athletes were warming up on their respective tracks, but as the competition was about to start, they were all ready.

Just waiting for the starting gun to fire!

The leaders of Mist City Arts and Science University on the podium held their breath.

This was the final of the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle.

It was all about who would be the fastest and bring honor to their university!

Bang!

With the sound of the starting gun, the race began!

Eight athletes sprinted from the starting line like arrows released from a bow.

However!

An unexpected situation occurred; after everyone had started, another sound rang out.

This sound meant that someone had false-started!

Everyone had to stop.

"What happened?"

"Someone false-started!"

"Wow, maybe the finals were too nerve-wracking, someone actually false-started."

"Wow, I'm totally shocked."

"Who false-started?"

"I don't know, but the result should come out quickly, then we'll know who did it."

The audience at the venue and those watching the livestream were all tense.

Even Ding Yue and his colleagues were nervous, thinking, my goodness, someone false-started, what if it was one of our own from Mist City Arts and Science University?

Quickly, the result was in!

After repeated verification by the race committee, it was determined that the false starter was Wang KF from Yancheng Sports Academy in lane seven!

"Principal Ding, the false starter was from Yancheng Sports Academy, in lane seven, and after reviewing the situation, the committee has decided to disqualify him from the final."

Secretary Wen Ruohan reported to Principal Ding.

"Mmm, I see,"

Ding Yue nodded.

Typically, in cases like this false start, especially in a final, the punishment is disqualification, as was the case at the last Olympics in Japan.

Ultimately, Wang KF from Yancheng Sports Academy in lane seven was disqualified from the final.

Wang KF walked off the track holding his head in disbelief and agony, finally coming to terms with the fact that the final of the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle was now beyond his reach.

The other competitors who were affected by the false start had no choice but to reset their mental state.

On track three was Yang Chen from Mist City Arts and Science University, and on track four was his teammate and fellow student, Huo Feiyang, also from Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Keep it up, this might be your first experience with a false start, keep your spirits up and don't let it get to you."

Yang Chen took the opportunity during the interval to encourage Huo Feiyang, who was beside him.

"Mm-hmm."

Huo Feiyang nodded and adjusted his mindset once again.

Meanwhile, Yancheng Sports Academy still had two competitors left, Zhou Hao and Li Xuan.

These two seemed unaffected, perhaps because they had adjusted their mental state quite well.

Then,

everyone lined up at the starting line once again.

The referee raised the starter pistol.

"Okay, we can see that after Wang KF from Yancheng Sports Academy was disqualified for a false start, the race is about to begin. This time with only seven competitors, let's see who will emerge as the ultimate Hundred Feet Sprinting Champion!"

Bang!

The starter pistol fired once more over the hundred-feet track!

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

Each competitor sprinted off like an arrow released from its bow.

This time, it was evident that the other three competitors from various colleges seemed a bit disrupted by the false start earlier. One competitor, probably fearing a disqualification for jumping the start, was a bit conservative and thus fell behind right at the start.

Yang Chen exploded with speed!

But it was clear to everyone that Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy was also bursting with power!

At this moment, a new figure appeared in the leading group, someone who was unexpected!

Yes!

It was Huo Feiyang from Mist City Arts and Science University, as swift as the wind!

"He's caught up, Huo Feiyang from Mist City Arts and Science University has caught up, almost level with Zhou Hao in the sprint!"

The commentator was incredibly excited.

At this moment, even Ding Yue was astonished as he watched Huo Feiyang, who was like the wind on the track.

He was so fast!

Had Huo Feiyang been holding back during the heats and the semifinals?

And finally unleashed his full potential on the finals track?

Yang Chen was also fast, but it was visible that he was slightly behind Zhou Hao and Huo Feiyang by about a third of a body length.

In the final sprint phase!

Zhou Hao showed amazing explosive power!

However!

What no one had expected was that beneath Zhou Hao's stunning burst of speed, there was another presence with even greater explosive power!

"Holy shit! He's caught up with Zhou Hao!"

"Who is that guy?"

"That dude in lane four, so freaking fast!"

"This speed, I'm totally numb!"

"Did he just pull ahead by a body's length?"

"What sort of speed is that?"

Everyone watched the player in lane four's ultimate burst of speed, actually pulling ahead of Zhou Hao, stunning everyone present.

The key point was that many spectators still didn't know who the competitor in lane four was, especially those watching the live stream online. Before this, their attention hadn't been on him at all, never imagining that he could become one of the strongest contenders for the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle.

But for the students of Mist City Arts and Science University, they knew him. Huo Feiyang from the sports academy, a student without much notable achievement yet hailed by the coach as having boundless potential.

"He's crossed the line! He crossed the line! Lane four's Huo Feiyang is the first to cross the finish line!" the commentator shouted excitedly.

Chapter 1358: Doping Incident?

The Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle, from start to finish, lasted just over ten seconds.

In an instant, it was over.

Under the watchful eyes of tens of thousands at the venue and hundreds of thousands in the live stream, Huo Feiyang from Mist City Arts and Science University was the first to sprint across the finish line!

And his performance looked to be extremely good.

Zhou Hao, who came in second, had already broken the National University Sports Games One Hundred Feet record set by Yang Chen in the semi-finals, and he performed brilliantly in the final.

But despite that, Zhou Hao's brilliance was overshadowed by the sudden emergence of Huo Feiyang.

Because Huo Feiyang took a commanding lead and sprinted across the finish line, such strength reached a new height, unprecedented at the National University Sports Games before.

"How many seconds?"

"This looks like it might have broken 9.9 seconds?"

"I think there's a chance it broke 9.9!"

"Holy shit, being able to run under 10 seconds is already freaking awesome, but breaking into 9.9, that's godly!"

"With a bit more effort, he could totally qualify for the Olympics!"

"Awesome! So fast!"

"Can't wait for the results to come out!"

Whether it was the audience on site or those watching the livestream, everyone was eagerly awaiting Huo Feiyang's results.

Even Ding Yue was looking forward to it.

Winning the gold medal was a certainty, but now it all depended on what Huo Feiyang's final time was, whether he set a new record at the National University Sports Games for the Hundred Feet Sprint?

Did he break 9.9 seconds?

These were crucial questions!

"Dear viewers, the results of this much-anticipated final of the National University Sports Games Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle are in. Congratulations to Huo Feiyang from Mist City Arts and Science University for winning the championship with a time of 9.91 seconds, once again setting a new record for the Hundred Feet at the National University Sports Games! Let's congratulate him!"

At that moment, the excited voice of the commentator could be heard.

On the giant screen at the venue, the results of the seven finalists also appeared.

The first place, undoubtedly, was Huo Feiyang, who everybody visibly saw crossing the finish line first, with a time of 9.91 seconds!

This result surpassed the 9.95 seconds record created by Zhou Hao in the semi-finals, setting a new record!

Zhou Hao came in second with a time of 9.94 seconds, which was 0.01 seconds faster than his semi-final performance—a significant improvement for him. If it hadn't been for Huo Feiyang, Zhou Hao would have continued to set new records in the semi-finals and finals, which would definitely have been legendary.

It's a pity!

It's a pity that Zhou Hao met Huo Feiyang, who directly shattered the myth Zhou Hao had just established!

Yang Chen came in third with a time of 9.96 seconds, which was also a very respectable result, but it still fell short compared to Huo Feiyang and Zhou Hao.

"Almost broke into 9.9."

"Indeed, 9.9 is a huge barrier!"

"What are you talking about, many professional athletes in the Olympics finals can't even reach 9.91, that's already freaking awesome!"

"Congratulations to Huo Feiyang!"

"Congratulations to Mist City Arts and Science University for claiming the fastest university honor, hahaha."

"Mist City Arts and Science University is still strong!"

"How come Huo Feiyang, who had average results in the group stages and semi-finals, suddenly became so powerful in the finals?"

"Congratulations to the sports athletes of Mist City Arts and Science University for setting a new One Hundred Feet record at the National University Sports Games again!"

Whether it was the audience on site or those watching the livestream, everyone was congratulating Huo Feiyang and Mist City Arts and Science University.

Ding Yue, sitting on the podium, was grinning from ear to ear, turning to Huang Youjie and Xu Bin beside him and saying, "Who would have thought, it turned out to be Huo Feiyang who stepped up!"

"He's so strong, Huo Feiyang didn't seem this powerful before," said Huang Youjie.

"I heard that Huo Feiyang is actually very talented, but he's only run under ten seconds once in major competitions. His training is rigorous, and his coach says Huo Feiyang has limitless potential. This time, he fully unleashed his potential in the finals," Xu Bin analyzed.

"Uh-huh."

Ding Yue nodded slightly and said, "Perhaps the 9.95 seconds record Zhou Hao set in the semi-finals applied huge pressure, which then completely spurred Huo Feiyang's potential. Now that he can run 9.91 seconds, it means that with even more intensive training, I believe Huo Feiyang can break into 9.9 seconds. Maybe he'll surprise us even more in other competitions in the future!"

While most people were amazed that Huo Feiyang won the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle championship, some were expressing skepticism.

"I don't understand, Huo Feiyang had average performances before, how did he suddenly become so awesome?"

"I checked online for Huo Feiyang's past competition results, and it seems he rarely ran under ten seconds, why was he so awesome this time?"

"Could it be performance-enhancing drugs?"

"Hey, don't talk nonsense, bro, doping is a serious accusation!"

"I'm skeptical."

"I hope the committee will investigate!"

Chapter 1359: Doping Incident? _2

The reason these netizens suspect is mainly that Huo Feiyang, unlike Zhou Hao and Yang Chen, had not achieved impressive results previously, perhaps giving the impression of a sudden, drastic improvement in this competition.

Even during the preliminary and semi-final rounds, there was a significant difference in his performance compared to the finals.

Another person who harbored doubts about Huo Feiyang was Zhou Hao, who finished second.

As a provincial-level professional sprinter, Zhou Hao knew very well that for college athletes, running a hundred feet within ten seconds was remarkable.

Achieving a time of 9.95 seconds in the semi-finals and even improving to 9.94 seconds in the finals was an unparalleled feat, where a progression of 0.01 seconds is extremely challenging for professional athletes.

Yet Huo Feiyang seemed like he was cheating.

In hundred feet races, if someone is suspected of cheating, it usually involves performance-enhancing drugs.

So right after the race had concluded, Zhou Hao immediately sought out his coach from Yancheng Sports Academy.

"Coach Zhang, I'm not convinced about the results. Could there be an issue with Huo Feiyang, who came first?"

Zhou Hao directly communicated his concerns to his coach.

"You mean, that person might have used performance-enhancing drugs?"

Upon hearing this, Coach Zhang furrowed his brows and asked.

"The possibility is too great!"

Zhou Hao, unable to hide his dissatisfaction, said, "I request an investigation into Huo Feiyang."

"I think so too. I'll submit a request to the competition committee right away!"

Coach Zhang, also discontented that his protégé hadn't won the championship, recalled Zhou Hao's comments and the unbelievable results of Huo Feiyang, and decided to apply directly to the committee for an investigatory test into whether Huo Feiyang was using drugs.

Once that was confirmed, Huo Feiyang's results would naturally be voided or even lead to a suspension, and the championship would then belong to his protégé Zhou Hao.

Thus, Coach Zhang Mingxin from the Yancheng Sports Academy, went directly to the competition committee's staff, who were also employees of the Mist City Sports Bureau.

"What? You mean, to have the competition committee perform a drug test on Huo Feiyang, the hundred feet champion?"

The committee member asked in astonishment.

"Yes, we have reason to suspect this athlete used performance-enhancing drugs, and the committee can indeed administer drug tests to every participant, right?"

Coach Zhang Mingxin spoke earnestly.

"Uh, well, although that's true, but..."

The committee member seemed troubled.

Should a drug test be conducted?

After all, the event was hosted by Mist City, and critically, Mist City Arts and Science University was the host venue. The accusation against a participant from the host institution using performance-enhancing drugs was indeed quite astonishing and unexpected.

"Is there any hesitation on this matter?" Coach Zhang Mingxin asked sternly.

"Coach Zhang, please wait a moment."

After some consideration, the committee staff decided to seek guidance from higher-ups.

Consequently, as Director Zhang of the Mist City Sports Bureau quickly became aware of the situation, Director Xiao Wenxing of the Mist City Education Bureau was informed as well.

Since Director Xiao Wenxing had been notified, Ding Yue soon found out.

"Director Xiao, what are you saying? Someone is accusing Huo Feiyang from Mist City Arts and Science University of using performance-enhancing drugs? Impossible! Absolutely impossible!"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue felt this was utterly absurd.

Not to mention that Mist City Arts and Science University conducts comprehensive health exams for all competing students, Ding Yue also believed in the integrity of his students at Mist City Arts and Science University—that they could not possibly resort to such despicable means to win!

"Principal Ding, please calm down. We, the competition committee, will provide a clear answer regarding the matter."

Director Xiao Wenxing tried to soothe Ding Yue.

"I am very calm!"

Ding Yue, with a somber face, said, "No matter who reported our student Huo Feiyang from Mist City Arts and Science University, the competition committee has the right to test him for doping, and I'll wait for the results."

"Alright!"

Director Xiao Wenxing nodded and then asked Director Zhang to notify the competition committee to prepare for the doping test for student Huo Feiyang.

However, before the results were out, it was important that the matter wasn't publicized.

In the end, it all depended on the results of the doping test. Ding Yue naturally had nothing to say, and if Huo Feiyang indeed had used doping substances, then this student inevitably had to be punished and his first-place gold medal would have to be annulled.

But if Huo Feiyang was innocent, then it was imperative not to wrong him!

"Principal Ding, rest assured, after the race, the competition committee will conduct doping urine tests on all contestants, and it will not affect the current race results."

Director Xiao Wenxing once again stabilized Principal Ding's emotions.

"Mm, let's wait for the results,"

Ding Yue nodded and said.

Consequently, the competition committee informed the seven finalists, all of whom were taken to prepare for the doping urine test.

Meanwhile, at this time, Zhou Hao from Yancheng Sports Academy posted a blog post on his Twitter.

[Yancheng Flying General Zhou Hao]v: It's regrettable that I couldn't win the gold medal for my alma mater, but I hold doubts about the first-place result; I don't rule out the possibility of doping—waiting for the truth!

Zhou Hao, as a well-known athlete from Yancheng Sports Academy and a popular blogger, received a lot of attention from netizens after this tweet.

The retweets, comments, and likes quickly reached several thousands, and even pushed the discussion about this tweet into the Twitter trending topics around the thirtieth position.

"Damn! The first-place Huo Feiyang doped?"

"I knew it! How could he suddenly run so fast in the finals—it was because of this!"

"Give back our Brother Hao's gold medal!"

"That gold medal should be Brother Hao's!"

"If he used doping, that's utterly shameless!"

In Zhou Hao's Twitter comments, many unaware netizens assumed that the first-place winner in the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle, Huo Feiyang, had used doping, and quickly, the discussion shifted off course.

In reality, Zhou Hao didn't mean it that way. He just wanted to express his doubts, suspecting that Huo Feiyang might have used doping, ultimate results would still have to wait for the urine test.

However, on the internet, Zhou Hao's tweet was quickly seized by marketing accounts, who began spreading various claims that the Hundred Feet Sprinting Battle champion from Mist City Arts and Science University won because of doping and that Huo Feiyang's first-place was not genuinely deserved.

In a short period, more and more netizens were swayed by this misleading narrative.

Realizing that the situation was getting out of hand, Zhou Hao, after much thought, quickly deleted his tweet.

Unfortunately, the association between Huo Feiyang and doping had already sparked a massive discussion; marketers had taken various screenshots and stirred the pot.

At this time, Ding Yue was still unaware of the online frenzy.

He was at the Central Sports Ground, in the audience stands, watching other competitions and had nothing more to say about whether Huo Feiyang's performance had anything to do with doping—he was waiting for the test results.

"Principal Ding."

Just as Ding Yue was intently watching the long jump competition, the voice of his secretary, Wen Ruohan, suddenly came to his ears.

"Hmm? What's up?"

Ding Yue turned his head and looked at his secretary Wen Ruohan, asking.

"Principal Ding, look, the matter about our student Huo Feiyang using doping has already reached the trending topics on Twitter, currently at the twenty-first spot."

Wen Ruohan quickly handed her phone to Principal Ding to show him.

"What? It's trending?"

Ding Yue was somewhat astonished.

This issue, after all, was still without a concluded result, and the competition committee had also stated that all contestants would undergo urine tests after the race—how had their own Mist City Arts and Science University's Huo Feiyang alone made it to the trending topics?

Chapter 1360: Apologies!

"Principal Ding, what should we do? Should we do some public relations?"

Secretary Wen Ruohan asked anxiously.

Clearly, everyone knew that an athlete from Mist City Arts and Science University who had just won the hundred Feet championship, was connected with doping. Regardless of the outcome, the incident was very bad for the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Public relations?"

Ding Yue suddenly let out a cold laugh and said, "The innocent need not clear themselves, the guilty will not clear themselves. What use is public relations? If Huo Feiyang didn't use doping, then he rightfully deserves his championship. If there really were doping involved, then he must accept whatever punishment he should receive."

Although Ding Yue was not pleased that the doping incident had trended.

If they engaged in public relations now, it would only make people think that Mist City Arts and Science University was trying to cover something up.

The competition committee had already taken all the athletes for a urine test, and the results would be known very soon—whether Huo Feiyang had used doping or was innocent.

Now, all Ding Yue could do was wait.

"But Yue, how did this get trending? Was it done on purpose?"

Huang Youjie questioned with a skeptical attitude.

"Yes, Yue, if it was done deliberately, we definitely can't just sit idly by."

Xu Bin analyzed and said.

Whenever Mist City Arts and Science University was targeted, both Huang Youjie and Xu Bin believed that they should not let it go easily.

"Exactly, exactly, if someone intentionally did this to us, should I just sue them?" Huang Youjie was thinking of resolving the issue legally again.

"It's not out of the question," Ding Yue, touching his chin, began to analyze as well but then added, "But it's also possible that Huo Feiyang really did use doping. Although I don't believe in this possibility, until the final results are out, it remains a Schrödinger's cat situation—no one knows for sure, right?"

As the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University, although it was natural to be biased towards his students.

In the face of major right and wrong, he certainly couldn't irrationally favor his students; he could only choose to believe in his students and wait for the final test results.

"Principal Ding, what's wrong?"

At that moment, Director Xiao Wenxing from the Educational Bureau, who had just gone to speak with Director Zhang of the Sports Bureau, returned to the podium and, seeing Principal Ding looking somewhat distressed, curiously asked.

Hadn't he already told Principal Ding just a while ago? Whether the doping allegation was true was still unknown; they just had to wait for the test results.

"Director Xiao, I want to know who reported that our Mist City Arts and Science University student Huo Feiyang was using doping?"

When Ding Yue saw Director Xiao, he directly asked.

"Principal Ding, I'm afraid I can't tell you that," Director Xiao Wenxing shook his head.

"I know, but Director Xiao, do you realize what impact this doping issue has had on our Mist City Arts and Science University?" Ding Yue asked seriously.

"What happened?"

Seeing Principal Ding's expression, Director Xiao Wenxing knew the issue was not so simple.

"It trended, causing serious damage to the reputation of our Mist City Arts and Science University. Moreover, as the host of the National University Sports Games, doesn't this severely affect our reputation?"

Ding Yue said directly.

"What? It trended?"

Director Xiao Wenxing, after hearing this, felt somewhat incredulous.

How long had it been and this issue had already trended?

"Director Xiao, even though I know I must wait for the urine test results to know for sure whether our Mist City Arts and Science University student Huo Feiyang used doping, it has already trended even before that. This issue may not be so simple, so I want to know who exactly reported us. That shouldn't be a problem, right?"

Ding Yue said again.

"Well... alright, consider this off the record. The ones who reported your Mist City Arts and Science University student Huo Feiyang were the runner-up of the hundred Feet final, Zhou Hao, and his coach Zhang Mingxin," Director Xiao Wenxing quietly told Ding Yue.

"So, it was them."

After hearing this, Ding Yue seemed to instantly understand why Huo Feiyang was reported.

It appeared Zhou Hao was not happy being second. Of course, it was also possible that Zhou Hao genuinely did not believe Huo Feiyang's nine-second-nine-one performance and suspected doping.

"Director Xiao, how long until the urine test results are out?"

Ding Yue asked.

"The urine test results usually come out within half an hour to an hour. It's been a while now, so I think the results should be out in about ten to twenty minutes," Director Xiao Wenxing answered, then reassured Principal Ding, "Principal Ding, don't worry, the competition committee will definitely be fair and impartial."

As the director of Mist City Education Bureau and a member of the committee at this National University Sports Games,

there are two main bodies involved in the National University Sports Games: the students and the games themselves.

The games are naturally handled by the Mist City Sports Bureau, while the students are under the responsibility of Director Xiao Wenxing, making the Educational Bureau also a part of the committee.