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Chapter 151: The First Bachelor's Degree Diploma

"I think the robot from your school is really interesting. If a legal education robot like it could show up in my live stream and even interact with me, the broadcast effect would definitely be much better."

On the video call.

Professor Luo Xiang proposed some ideas for cooperation.

This surprised Ding Yue a bit. He didn't expect that Professor Luo Xiang would actively express his desire to cooperate with the legal robot from his school.

It seems that when Professor Luo said it wasn't quite appropriate, he was just pretending.

Deep down he wants to cooperate with a legal robot like Big White.

Since that's the case.

There's no escaping cooperation now, the next thing to determine is how to cooperate.

"Sure, Professor Luo, when do you have time?"

Ding Yue immediately asked.

"Principal Ding, I was just saying casually. Are you really able...what's its name again?"

"Big White."

"Right, can you really let Big White come to my livestream to broadcast legal education with me?"

Professor Luo Xiang found it unbelievable.

At the same time, he felt it was very refreshing, as he usually educates the netizen audience about the law through the outlaw.

If there was such a cute robot like Big White, the live-broadcasting program's effect and style would definitely level up.

Just like Professor Luo Xiang saw just now.

Principal Ding commanded a simulated crime scene, Big White warned of legal consequences, made an emergency call, and promptly stopped the criminal behavior.

"Of course, Professor Luo, when are you free? We can bring Big White to Yancheng."

Ding Yue asked with a smile.

"No, no, no, how can I trouble you, Principal Ding? I can make time to come to Mist City, right?"

Professor Luo Xiang turned out to be quite amicable and considerate of others.

Because Professor Luo Xiang thought that since he's going to cooperate and live-broadcast with legal robot Big White, it's more convenient for him to go to Mist City than for Principal Ding to bring Big White to Yancheng.

"All right, then Big White and I will wait for you at Mist City Arts and Science University."

"Deal."

Even though Ding Yue and Professor Luo agreed to cooperate, considering Professor Luo is a law professor at Xia Country Political and Law University, he might be quite busy usually.

So when Professor Luo Xiang could come to Mist City is still uncertain.

They chatted about the robot product, Big White, for about an hour.

The conversation flowed from robot Big White to legal chips, and then to the "Comprehensive Legal Solutions".

Professor Luo Xiang was quite interested in "Comprehensive Legal Solutions", a work compiled by the Law School of Mist City Arts and Science University.

He had not expected that this kind of comprehensive private University Law School could produce a project of such huge scale.

For this, Ding Yue specifically briefly introduced Huang Youjie, the compiler of "Comprehensive Legal Solutions", and others to Professor Luo Xiang.

"Your School of Law has a bright future ahead!"

This is what Professor Luo Xiang said to Ding Yue after getting a good understanding.

Hearing these words from Professor Luo Xiang, each student from the Law School, including Huang Youjie, was stirred up and resolved to make outstanding contributions in the field of law for Xia Country in the future.

The video call eventually ended because Professor Luo Xiang had other matters to attend to.

After finishing testing Big White in front of the building, Ding Yue had Tong Yihang and their team bring Big White back to the lab.

If they stayed in the front of the building for too long, many students would surely flock to watch Big White after class.

After all, it's hard not to attract people with Big White's appearance.

Back in the lab, Ding Yue found a problem with Big White. It could only fit one chip.

This limits Big White's functions.

If it can only fit one chip, Big White can only be a medical health robot or legal robot, but not both.

However, Ding Yue hopes that Tong Yihang and their team can make Big White do both.

"Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Yang Jie, Li Shengbin, can you design multiple chip interfaces in Big White? So that it can accommodate multiple chips."

Ding Yue asked the team.

You know.

The medical chip and legal chip are just Ding Yue's initial ideas.

If they could write professional knowledge and skills of other majors into chips, then Big White's functions would be richly varied.

"Principal Ding, it's achievable, but it would be technically more complex, so the cost would increase."

Tong Yihang answered seriously.

"We are still in the R&D stage, so don't worry about the cost. Just do as I say."

Ding Yue nodded and said after hearing this.

Now, this Big White robot is the first and only one in the world, so it must be unique.

When Big White participates in the National Robotics Competition and the National Science and Technology Innovation Exhibition, and gains more recognition, we can consider the cost issue when it needs to be mass produced.

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"Alright, Principal Ding, we'll add four more chip interfaces for Big White, for a total of five. That should be sufficient, shouldn't it?"

"It should."

"So you're saying we need to plug in five chips? You're not serious are you, Principal Ding? Do you still plan for us to continue programming?" Xu Bin sighed and an overwhelming sense of despair filled his heart.

"At present, the legal and medical chips should suffice, but in the future, when Big White needs a wider range of functions, you'll have to put in a bit more effort. Hahaha."

Ding Yue slapped Xu Bin's shoulder and laughed heartily.

"You merciless capitalist... Enough is enough. We haven't finished programming the medical chip yet and the medical school has already organised another batch of over seven thousand case studies and treatment plans."

With that said, Xu Bin left with Chen Jun to continue writing the program.

At this rate...

Have the faculty and students of the medical school really organised over ten thousand case studies and treatment plans?

That's impressive!

The second testing phase for Big White finished that day. As Ding Yue was leaving, he told Tong Yihang and the rest of the team that their main task now is to optimise Big White.

The exterior and polyvinyl chloride fibers, carbon fiber skeletons, etc. don't need an upgrade, but other parts could be optimised and improved.

"Alright, Principal Ding, we will strive to optimise Big White to meet your satisfaction."

"Good, you're all hard workers. After this semester, the university will organise a luxury European cruise holiday. Everyone who participated in the Big White project can go free of charge."

Ding Yue told Tong Yihang and the others.

"Wow!"

"That's amazing!"

"A luxury European cruise, seriously?"

"I've never been on a cruise before."

Upon hearing Principal Ding's words about the luxury European cruise, Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Yang Jie couldn't contain their excitement.

They were once again filled with motivation.

After leaving the mechanical engineering laboratory, Ding Yue, along with his secretary Wen Ruohan and Huang, returned to the Administration Building.

Currently,

Huang Youjie and the School of Law have finished compiling the "Comprehensive Legal Solutions", so Huang has started relaxing.

Even though he's the director of the logistics department, most of his work is done by his secretary.

Hence, Huang Youjie now has a lot more leisure time.

Furthermore, since he's been studying law-related books day and night from last semester to this semester, he should be able to start on his graduation thesis and should be able to finish his undergraduate degree in two years if nothing goes wrong.

Huang plans to receive his bachelor's degree in two years.

"Hahaha, Huang, you still need two years, while I, on the other hand, am about to get the first bachelor's degree certificate from Mist City Arts and Science University."

Ding Yue laughed as he said this to Huang.

Because Ding Yue has achieved all the credits he needs.

His graduation thesis has been finished and has successfully passed the defence.

Now,

Ding Yue is just waiting for the Registrar's Office to issue the university's first graduation certificate.

This hard work and early graduation, with Principal Ding leading by example, is definitely a great inspiration for the students of Mist City Arts and Science University.

He believes that a year or two later, especially when the current students reach their third year, some excellent students are likely to complete their studies early and apply for graduation.

While Ding Yue and Huang were talking about graduation certificates in his office, Director Qi Chunsheng of the Registrar's Office called Ding Yue.

"Hello, Director Qi."

"Principal Ding, are you in your office at the moment? The graduation certificate you asked us to make for you is ready. I can bring it over now, and as soon as you sign and stamp it, it will be effective. We have sorted out the information for the Student Credit Network, congratulations Principal Ding on your graduation ahead of schedule."

On the phone, Director Qi Chunsheng congratulated Ding Yue.

"Hahaha, great, then Director Qi, please bring it over. I'm in the office."

Having heard Qi's congratulations, Ding Yue felt quite pleased, so he quickly asked Qi to bring the finished graduation certificate over.

"Alright, Principal Ding."

Usually, graduation certificates are printed in bulk since every year thousands of students graduate from a typical university.

If every student's graduation certificate had to be specially made, it would consume too much time, energy, and cost.

However, Ding Yue's graduation certificate is different.

This is the first graduation certificate of Mist City Arts and Science University, and this is only the first academic year of the university, with only the first-grade level.

It will take about three or four years before the first batch of large-scale graduates will appear.

About five minutes later.

Qi Chunsheng came to the door of the Principal's office, knocking on the door thrice.

The Academic Affairs Office is also in the Administration Building, only two floors away from Ding Yue's Principal's Office, so Qi Chunsheng's arrival was quite quick.

"Come in."

Qi Chunsheng pushed the door and came in, greeted Principal Ding and Director Huang: "Principal Ding, Director Huang."

Then, Qi Chunsheng walked over with the graduation certificate made for Principal Ding that he was holding in his hand: "Principal Ding, this is the graduation certificate made by the Academic Affairs Office."

Ding Yue looked at it. The cover was still in the familiar color, with the familiar emblem on it, and the words "Officially supervised by Xia Country Education Authority" and "Bachelor's Degree Certificate" at the bottom.

A Bachelor's degree is the degree of regular undergraduates.

After flipping through it, the border design of the graduation certificate was more or less the same.

Then, there was the logo of Mist City Arts and Science University and the words "Mist City Arts and Science University" on top.

And a ID photo of Ding Yue on the right side.

[Mist City Arts and Science University logo.jpg] ——Mist City Arts and Science University——[ID photo.jpg]

Student _ Ding Yue _ Gender _ Male _ born on xxxx-year/x-month/xx-day, enrolled in our university's Physics Department in 2020 to study Physics, has completed all courses in the teaching plan, passed all tests, and is granted graduation.

Principal:

Mist City Arts and Science University

July 1, 2021

Certificate Number: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Looking at the graduation certificate in front of him, Ding Yue felt somewhat excited.

"Principal Ding, on here it needs your signature, and seal of the Mist City Arts and Science University is needed here," Director of the Academic Affairs Office Qi Chunsheng pointed to two places on the graduation certificate and said to Ding Yue.

"Okay."

Ding Yue nodded and took out a signature pen.

He wrote his signature behind the Principal column.

It was likely going to be the first and only graduation certificate of Mist City Arts and Science University signed by Ding Yue himself.

For future graduation certificates, the signature in this location will be printed with Ding Yue's signature stamp, not his actual signature.

After signing.

Ding Yue took out the official seal of Mist City Arts and Science University from the drawer of his desk and stamped it in the column with the words "Mist City Arts and Science University".

Just like this.

The first graduation certificate of Mist City Arts and Science University was officially born!

"I'm so envious, Yue, you're already a university graduate!" Huang Youjie looked at the graduation certificate in Ding Yue's hand, and sighed enviously.

"Hmm, for this certificate, I still have to wait three years to get it." Wen Ruohan was also very envious.

As expected of Principal Ding, with such good academic performance, he managed to get his graduation certificate in only one academic year.

The key point is, Principal Ding didn't grant himself any special privileges.

He earned this graduation certificate entirely on his own merits.

"Director Huang, Wen Ruohan, you two better work hard." Ding Yue lifted up his graduation certificate, waved it at Huang Youjie and Wen Ruohan, and even special encouraged the two of them.

Upon seeing this, Huang Youjie and Wen Ruohan didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

"Principal Ding, this is the first graduation certificate of our university, should we post an announcement on the official website? This could serve as a motivation for our students."

Qi Chunsheng suddenly asked.

"Okay, let the publicity department post an announcement on the school's official website." Ding Yue nodded in agreement to Qi's suggestion.

Chapter 153: Scholarship for the Poor Student Athlete

The next day.

Almost all the students on campus had learned of the very first bachelor's degree conferred by the university.

No doubt.

Everyone also knew that the person who earned this bachelor's degree in just one academic year was none other than their Principal Ding.

Since Principal Ding was around the same age as them, he surely must pursue higher education too.

Hence, Principal Ding typically had two identities at Mist City Arts and Science University: A principal, and a student.

Now.

The student identity of Principal Ding was officially ended.

Principal Ding's scholarly name immediately spread among the students.

On the university's official forum ——

[Principal Ding is truly awesome! He showed us the results of diligent studying through his action!]

[Graduated at light speed! Principal Ding is indeed a role model for us!]

[When can I graduate ahead of schedule like Principal Ding?]

[Honestly, as long as you study hard, I feel there should be other top students in our school who can graduate early, right?]

[Oh, in the beginning, I thought you all were academic failures like me, who got left behind in the college entrance examination. Never thought you were actually hidden scholars!]

[No kidding, Principal Ding is truly awesome! His professional level is probably even higher than regular graduate students of physics.]

[Certainly! Remember, Principal Ding's graduation thesis was approved by a few professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology!]

All over the student discussion groups of Mist City Arts and Science University, the topic of Principal Ding receiving the first bachelor's degree of the University was being discussed.

Thanks to past experiences and lessons, this news pretty much circulated only within the student population of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Moreover, after the last time when Principal Ding was questioned and trended, everybody came to know that the graduation thesis of Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University was genuinely valid. So this time when Principal Ding received his graduation certificate, nobody dared to question it.

After all, if he was capable of writing a graduation thesis that was approved by the Physics Department of Jiangnan University of Science and Technology, effortlessly finishing the college-level physics curriculum in four years was definitely not an issue.

Even if someone wanted to tarnish him, they would have nowhere to start!

In the morning.

Since Ding Yue had completed his graduation process and the Big White experiment project was going smoothly,

he suddenly found himself with some free time.

So.

Ding Yue, accompanied by his secretary Wen Ruohan and Director Chen Ping of the Architecture Department, visited the construction site to the west of the Mist City Arts and Science University.

The workers from the Tianfu Construction Group were busy at the site, with various pieces of construction equipment continuously operating.

Far away, the outer frame of the new library [Bookship] of Mist City Arts and Science University was basically structured.

Since the construction started in January and five months had passed, plus the [Bookship] library was a major project costing 150 million yuan, the construction speed was pretty fast.

This also owed a lot to the efficiency of the Tianfu Construction Group.

Ding Yue had to admit, the company was pretty good. He thought to himself, once his Feiyue Group establishes the Feiyue Construction Company, it would definitely compete with companies like the Tianfu Construction Group, after hiring talents from his university's architecture department.

The question was whether they could compete or not.

"Principal Ding, our [Bookship] project is expected to be capped by the end of May, then the interior construction can begin in June, and by mid-August, it should be successfully completed."

Director Chen Ping from the Department of Architecture briefed Ding Yue about the construction progress of the [Bookship].

As the project manager appointed by Ding Yue for the school, Chen Ping knew the situation on the site very well.

"Are those our students over there?"

Ding Yue saw a group of young men not far away, who were using measurement equipment and wearing hard hats, performing measurement tasks near the construction site.

"Yes, yes, they are our students. For our Department of Architecture, this place is the perfect practical training ground!"

Director Chen Ping confirmed.

The Building Department of Mist City Arts and Science University used the construction site as a practical training base for many of its major projects and the results were quite good.

Ding Yue looked in another direction, where another series of buildings had been partially constructed. A considerable portion of a few high-rises had been built already and various crane equipment was operating in an orderly manner.

"Director Chen, it's the dormitory apartment buildings over there, right? They can be finished on time too, can't they?" Ding Yue pointed to those buildings and asked.

Chen Ping immediately nodded, and replied: "Rest assured, Principal Ding. The Tianfu Construction Group is working according to the plan, our dormitory apartment buildings will also be completed by the end of August."

"That's good."

Ding Yue said with satisfaction.

Just then.

Ding Yue noticed a young man on the construction site not far away.

He was over one meter ninety tall, and by his height, Ding Yue knew who he was.

During the winter vacation, a sports student named Yang Chen came to Ding Yue and said he wanted to work on the construction site to make money.

Seeing as Yang Chen did indeed need money, Ding Yue thought it over and agreed.

The student Ding Yue is looking at now is Yang Chen.

"Yang Chen!"

Ding Yue called out the student's name.

Yang Chen turned around upon hearing a somewhat familiar voice calling his name, and spotted Principal Ding in the distance.

Upon seeing Principal Ding, Yang Chen quickly trotted over: "Principal Ding, what brings you here?"

"I came to check the progress of the construction, and then saw you. Don't you have class today?" Ding Yue laughed and asked.

"No, no class today, so I came to work. Thank you, Principal Ding." Yang Chen nodded and thanked Principal Ding once again.

It was thanks to Principal Ding reaching out to the construction site that he could easily spend his spare time moving bricks and doing odd jobs.

While doing manual labor was tiring, it could still earn him some money by the end of the day.

Besides attending classes and necessary training, Yang Chen usually spent whatever spare time he had working on the construction site.

While others were playing games, Yang Chen was working.

While others were dating, Yang Chen was still working to make money.

You have to say, Ding Yue admired this stalwart young man for his diligence. It wasn't easy.

Suddenly, Ding Yue seemed to remember something and asked Yang Chen: "Students like you who are financially disadvantaged receive aid from the school, did you get it?"

Regarding scholarships and grants, Ding Yue had instructed Dean Qi Chunsheng to make sure they were properly implemented.

Since Yang Chen had chosen to work at a construction site due to financial hardships, asking him about financial aid is a good way to verify if it is reaching the genuinely needy students.

"Yep."

Yang Chen nodded and replied with a hint of a smile: "Principal Ding, I received the scholarship. I'm grateful for the scholarship, and I even got a merit-based scholarship. There are so many scholarships in our school, I got 15,000 yuan, I sent all of it back home."

Seeing Yang Chen so happy, Ding Yue also felt gratified.

Poor students as honest as Yang Chen deserves strong support from the school. Not to mention that he even managed to get a merit-based scholarship, it means that Yang Chen is among the top students in the College of Sports.

After all, the 15,000 yuan scholarship from Mist City Arts and Science University is not that easy to get.

It must either the top few students in a large major or the top few in a smaller department, since the scholarship quota is limited.

Merit scholarship, merit scholarship.

It's an award of funds to students who excel academically.

A student as meritorious and virtuous as Yang Chen should rightfully receive nearly 20,000 yuan in scholarships and grants.

"Very good, keep up the hard work next semester. As long as you maintain good academic performance, you are sure to get a scholarship every year. The school is very fair and impartial in this regard!"

Ding Yue walked up and gently patted Yang Chen's arm as he spoke.

Originally, Ding Yue intended to pat Yang Chen's shoulder.

Damn it!

But considering Yang Chen's towering height, Ding Yue could only reach his shoulder on tiptoe, so he ended up patting Yang Chen's arm instead.

"Yes, Principal Ding, I will definitely work hard. By the way, Principal Ding, our school basketball team has won several games against other schools this semester. Also, I joined the school's short-distance track team which might compete in the National University Sports Games. I want to give it a try."

Yang Chen took this opportunity to speak to Principal Ding about the condition of the school's basketball team.

And his own plans.

The National University Sports Games, also known as University Games, are quite prestigious.

"The University Games, not bad. Are you good in short-distance running?" Ding Yue curiously asked.

Looking at Yang Chen, this tall figure, wouldn't he be slow when he runs?

After all, Ding Yue felt that those who run fast are usually not very tall.

But, you never know with sprints.

After all, it's about explosiveness, and Yang Chen is quite muscular, so he must be quite explosive!

"I guess I'm just okay. Last time our College of Sports held a trial, I came second. But I feel that I did not give my best in that."

Yang Chen sighed regretfully.

"Impressive! Excellent in both basketball and short-distance running, you are indeed a talent!" Ding Yue praised.

Director Chen Ping, who was standing behind Ding Yue, also nodded in agreement.

As for Wen Ruohan, she had to always crane her neck to look at Yang Chen.

Because for Wen Ruohan, who was a little over 1.6 meters tall, he was just too tall for her!

Maybe he's from the north?

Because, Wen Ruohan felt, northerners generally tend to be taller and bulkier than southerners.

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An outstanding athlete like Yang Chen.

Ding Yue thought he was quite worth developing.

And.

If Ding Yue remembered it right, he seemed to still have a few [Sports Attribute Cards]?

He obtained these [Sports Attribute Cards] when he completed the military training mission.

At that time, he did not use any [Sports Attribute Card], because, after all, the school did not have any particularly outstanding athletes then.

He did use one of the rewards, a [Physical Fitness Scroll +1], which was used by the entire school.

Ding Yue had already used it at the military training graduation ceremony then.

That's why the physical fitness levels of the students from Mist City Arts and Science University are still quite good.

Now.

The three [Sports Attribute Cards] seem to have found their purpose.

It is the Yang Chen right in front of Ding Yue.

He is a top-notch student from the School of Sports, who has won a scholarship, is from a poor family, but has a rich ambition.

He also manages to find any spare time to work and earn money.

There's no reason not to support a student like this!

"Yang Chen, I think you should definitely give short-distance races a shot. The National University Games require qualifications, right?"

Ding Yue encouraged Yang Chen.

"Principal Ding, to sign up for the National University Games, you need to achieve qualifying results in short-distance races, which I have achieved. And the teachers of the

School of Sports have also helped me sign up for the University Games, so the results should be out soon."

Yang Chen scratched his head with a sincere smile.

"Great, it is held in August in the Summer season right?" If Ding Yue remembered correctly, the National University Games were held in the summer.

Either in July or in August.

"Yes, in August." Yang Chen replied.

"Great, if the registration is successful, work hard and strive to bring honour to the school!" Ding Yue praised Yang Chen.

Ding Yue hadn't considered growing the sports department before, but Yang Chen was an exceptional student.

In that case, why not give it a try.

"System, does a gold medal in the National University Sports Games count as University Honour?" Ding asked the system immediately.

"Yes!"

After getting the reply from the system, Ding Yue couldn't help but show a faint smile, and then switched the interface to the item bar.

Using the three [Sports Attribute Cards] on Yang Chen is more than fitting.

"Use one [Sports Attribute Card] on Yang Chen."

Ding!

"Host, please choose the related sports attribute——"

In front of Ding Yue, many sports item attributes appeared including swimming, basketball, soccer, badminton, weightlifting, high jump, gymnastics, sprinting, table tennis etc.

Ding Yue felt like the system had listed all of the sports.

But Ding Yue knew it very well, a sports attribute should not be assigned casually.

Since Yang Chen's strengths lie in sprinting and basketball, then he should be endowed the BUFF of the [Sports Attribute Card] in these two areas. Otherwise, adding other attributes will not have any significant effect.

"First, add a sprinting sports attribute to Yang Chen!"

Ding Yue decided.

After all, Yang Chen has already signed up for the sprinting event at the National University Sports Games and he is skilled in the sport. At a time like this, adding a sprinting sports attribute will undoubtedly make him even better!

Ding!

"Congratulations to the host for successfully giving student Yang Chen the [Sports Attribute Card (Sprinting)], increasing sprinting attribute by 10 points."

[Sports Attribute Card] used successfully.

Yang Chen didn't detect a thing, but Ding Yue already saw that the [Sports Attribute Card], like the scroll last time, turned into a glowing light that entered into Yang Chen's body.

Ding Yue wasn't sure how powerful the effect of a [Sports Attribute Card] enhancing Yang Chen's sprinting by 10 points is.

But adding attribute is definitely better than not.

However.

Ding Yue learned that one [Sports Attribute Card] can only be used to add one sports attribute per student.

A second one cannot be used.

In other words.

Only one can be used per person. Ding Yue originally planned to give Yang Chen another [Sports Attribute Card] to enhance his basketball attribute.

It looks like there's no chance for that now.

However, adding sprinting also works. I hope Yang Chen can successfully enter the National University Sports Games, and bring back an honor for the school.

With this, Ding Yue can now complete one of the three university honors necessary to upgrade Mist City Arts and Science University to "Well-known".

Shortly after Ding Yue increased the effect of Yang Chen's [Sports Attribute Card], his cell phone rang.

Yang Chen, on the other hand, is quite perceptive: "Principal Ding, I'm off to work, thank you for the university's cultivation!"

After saying that.

Yang Chen turned and walked toward the construction site.

Ding Yue glanced at the incoming call display.

It was a call from Professor Zhou Wen of Jiangnan University of Science and Technology.

These days, Ding Yue has been waiting for news from Professor Zhou Wen.

Ever since Professor Zhou Wen, together with Professor Shen Congde and Professor Wang Shangzhong, last visited the Advanced Semiconductor Physics Laboratory at Mist City Arts and Science University, they have been discussing the potential cooperation between the Physics Department of Jiangnan University of Science and Technology and Mist City Arts and Science University.

If the authorities at Jiangnan University of Science and Technology agree, Professors Zhou Wen, Shen Congde, and Wang Shangzhong can come to teach at Mist City Arts and Science University and participate in the study of gallium nitride semiconductors.

By then, Ding Yue's [University Professors] task may be successfully completed.

"Hello, Professor Zhou."

Ding Yue quickly answered the call.

"Hello, Principal Ding, I have good news for you." Professor Zhou Wen didn't beat around the bush and said straightforwardly: "After several meetings between our Physics Department and the university, we have decided to establish a cooperative relationship with your Physics Department."

"Really? That's great."

Ding Yue was indeed quite pleased when he heard this news from Professor Zhou Wen.

After all, Ding Yue has had doubts about whether this would work out.

Now that the matter is finally settled, and Jiangnan University of Science and Technology has agreed, it's good that Mist City Arts and Science University, a private university, can establish some connection with a major university.

The cooperation between the physics departments of the two universities is undoubtedly the result of careful consideration by Jiangnan University of Science and Technology and Professor Zhou Wen.

Otherwise.

How could a prestigious university with a solid foundation like Jiangnan University of Science and Technology take interest in Mist City Arts and Science University, a privately-run university that's less than two years old?

They are primarily interested in the Advanced Semiconductor Physics Laboratory at Mist City Arts and Science University.

But that's okay.

Each takes what they need, and this was Ding Yue's plan from the start.

The Physics Department of Jiangnan University of Science and Technology can use the Advanced Semiconductor Physics Laboratory at Mist City Arts and Science University for their research.

This may provide an opportunity to make a significant breakthrough in the domestic development of gallium nitride semiconductor materials.

In return, Ding Yue will gain three professors of physics.

If his Mist City Arts and Science University has a master's degree authorization point, that would be even better. That's because Ding Yue could directly apply for graduate study at his own university, thus eliminating the need to go to places like Qinghua and Yancheng University.

It's not that Ding Yue looks down upon Qinghua and Yancheng University, it's just that he feels it would be better to stay at his own university during the postgraduate phase.

After all, Ding Yue has the system at hand, so researching whatever he wants during the graduate phase would be a breeze, right?

And it's very likely that Ding Yue will be researching semiconductor materials in his graduate phase.

After all, Ding Yue's graduation thesis is about gallium nitride semiconductor materials. If he's going to research semiconductor materials, then it's better to stay at his own Mist City Arts and Science University, because it has a top-notch laboratory.

"Principal Ding, with this, we can start deeper cooperation. Professor Shen, Professor Wang and I can teach at Mist City Arts and Science University, push the development of your Physics Department, and meanwhile, the three of us old men can work with you on research related to gallium nitride semiconductor materials."

Professor Zhou Wen is indeed a seemingly foolish but wise person.

He understands the dynamics within this situation very clearly, and he is also willing to teach at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Because he wants to use the Advanced Semiconductor Physics Laboratory at Mist City Arts and Science University to research gallium nitride semiconductor materials.

"You'll be most welcome."

Ding Yue said honestly.

Mist City Arts and Science University really welcomes Professors Zhou Wen, Shen Congde, and Wang Shangzhong.

Because what Ding Yue cares more about is the reward of the [University Professors] task, the tempting second-level University Treasure Chest!

The [2nd-level University Treasure Chest] is obviously going to offer better rewards than the previous [1st-level University Treasure Chest].

As a fan of opening treasure chests, Ding Yue is very curious about what good items he could get from a [2nd-level University Treasure Chest].

Hopefully it's something good.

Otherwise, if Ding Yue went through the trouble of recruiting more than five professors and the reward he received was average, he would feel like he had suffered a major loss.

"About the specifics of the cooperation, should I let the dean of our Physics Department contact Dean Pang Jianbo from your Physics Department?"

"Sure."

Ding Yue would certainly not personally handle the cooperation negotiations.

This is a collaboration between his university's Physics Department and the Physics Department of Jiangnan University of Science and Technology, so naturally, it's the responsibility of their department head, Pang Jianbo.

Otherwise, what use would be a department head?

"So Professor Zhou, when will you, Professor Shen, and Professor Wang arrive?" Ding Yue asked about the main matter.

Because only when the three professors come to Mist City Arts and Science University and sign their teaching contracts, would they truly become professors of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Only then can the task [University Professors] be considered completed.

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"Principal Ding, in a few days, Professor Shen, Professor Wang and I will be able to come over,"

said Professor Zhou Wen on the phone.

"Alright, Mist City Arts and Science University is always looking forward to your arrival," Ding Yue contemplated, he needed to prepare logistical arrangements in advance.

After all, they are three professors of physics. Once they arrive at Mist City Arts and Science University, they must be well taken care of.

After ending the call with Professor Zhou Wen, Ding Yue immediately called Huang to arrange the accommodation for the three professors.

Huang said that the last time the three professors visited the advanced physics lab at Mist City Arts and Science University, each of them was arranged a suite in the apartment.

If that's the case, the same apartments should be arranged for their stay.

Ding Yue didn't object to Huang's suggestion.

After all, those three suites are considered the best at the Mist City Arts and Science University, even the one that Ding Yue stays in is of the same standard.

After confirming the accommodation arrangements for the three professors, Ding Yue contacted Director Liu Hongxia from the school's publicity department.

He asked Director Liu Hongxia to post an announcement on the school's official website about the collaboration between the Physics Department of Mist City Arts and Science University and the Physics Faculty of Jiangnan University of Science and Technology.

This news also should be publicised.

The school's publicity department had handled such matters smoothly before.

First, the internal announcements are made on the school's official website and public accounts for our students.

Then, on social media platforms like TikTok and Twitter, official announcements about the collaboration are made through the official account of Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Mist City Arts and Science University has quite a bit of standing, to be able to collaborate with Jiangnan University of Science and Technology."

"If I remember correctly, Jiangnan University of Science and Technology is a prestigious university, right?"

"That's right, Jiangnan University of Science and Technology is quite powerful."

"Does this mean the physics department at Mist City Arts and Science University is also pretty strong? If I don't get into university next year, I'll go to Mist City Arts and Science University."

"It seems that the collaboration between Jiangnan University of Science and Technology and the Physics Department of Mist City Arts and Science University is related to that paper."

"Eating melon seeds."

Below the comment section of TikTok and Twitter, netizens expressed their surprise at the collaboration between the physics departments of Mist City Arts and Science University and Jiangnan University of Science and Technology. They all agreed that Mist City Arts and Science University must be rather impressive.

Otherwise, how could an obscure private university collaborate with a key public university?

Here at Ding Yue's side, after inspecting the construction site,

he prepared to return to his office.

However, as he was passing by the school gate, he saw a large group of students gathered there.

"What's going on?"

Ding Yue frowned as he looked at the cluster of students at the gate and muttered to himself.

"Principal Ding, shall we go take a look?"

Wen Ruohan expressed her curiosity.

Ding Yue thought for a moment, and felt that he should go take a look. After all, it happened right at the entrance of his own school. If there was any trouble, as the principal, he could intervene immediately.

However, he didn't think it would be anything major.

If something significant had happened, the security department would have notified the school leaders by now, and Ding Yue would have received the news promptly.

Thus, curiosity piqued, Ding Yue and Wen Ruohan headed towards the school gate.

"Principal Ding."

The security guard at the gate greeted Principal Ding politely upon his arrival.

"What's happening there? Why are so many students clustered together?" Ding Yue asked the guard curiously.

If there was an issue, the school's security should have intervened or done something by now.

But from what he could see,

Much of the security staff appeared to be onlookers without any intention to intervene.

"Principal Ding, a student from our school has had a car accident," a young security guard said.

"A car accident? Then why are you standing here? Is anyone hurt? Have you called 120 (the emergency number) yet?"

Ding Yue tensed up at the news.

A car accident is a serious matter!

How could he have not received any notification about it?

"No, no, Principal Ding, it's not that kind of car accident. The student was flirting with a few girls from the Art College across the road and he got caught," a local security guard quickly clarified.

"Oh, I see."

Upon hearing this explanation, Ding Yue understood what had happened.

So a scumbag student from his school was dating several girls from the Art College across the road, playing the field and got caught?

Rather intrigued, Ding Yue went forward to observe the situation. As the principal, at most he could condemn this playboy. Beyond giving verbal education, there wasn't much else he could do.

He certainly wouldn't punish the playboy for this.

After all, the school rules do not specify that students cannot date. Neither do they state that students cannot date students from other universities.

And they certainly do not prohibit a student from dating multiple girls from another university.

That's their freedom.

"Principal Ding is here."

"Hello, Principal Ding."

"Principal Ding."

Upon seeing Principal Ding approach, the students parted to allow him a closer view of the carnage wreaked by the playboy's exposure.

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Several girls were seen surrounding a fairly handsome young man, sobbing on about something like "you're such a jerk."

Indeed, even jerks have to be good looking.

Many of the onlooking students were envious of this 'King of the Sea,' as this guy was apparently handling three girlfriends at once.

He was practically a master of time management!

"Are you the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University?" one of the girls who was berating the jerk asked, looking at Ding Yue.

"I am."

Ding Yue nodded.

"So this is what your students are like, cheating on us. Hmph, a fish rots from the head down. Jerk, pah!"

This girl just started cursing without making any differentiation.

Ding Yue was dumbfounded.

What does this have to do with me?

An innocent bystander hit by a stray bullet.

"The school obviously can't interfere with students' personal feelings. However, we will certainly educate those who display such jerk-like behavior!"

Ding Yue explained.

"Principal Ding is right!"

"Exactly, how could the school possibly interfere with affairs of the heart."

"But the jerk is indeed a jerk."

"Bro, how did you manage to juggle three girlfriends at the same time?"

"Holy crap, three girlfriends? What happened? I just got here, can someone fill me in?"

"I still don't even have a girlfriend, and some people already have three."

The surrounding students started discussing animatedly.

Seeing this, Ding Yue felt that as the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University who was already present on the scene, he had a duty to educate his own students.

So he called over the jerk 'King of the Sea.'

"While the school can't interfere with personal feelings, your actions undeniably contradict moral principles. Since you're a student at Mist City Arts and Science University, I, as your principal, have a duty to remind you to maintain your personal integrity, form a correct view of love, and not regret your actions when it's too late; do you understand?"

Ding Yue earnestly lectured the jerk 'King of the Sea.'

As for how he should deal with his situation with the three art academy girls, that was for him to figure out on his own.

Ding Yue, as an outsider, could obviously not interfere.

What he didn't expect, however, was...

That an incident of today...

Had somehow leaked to the internet and turned into quite a heated topic.

Especially on TikTok, where someone posted a short video.

It went viral when someone shared it claiming that a student of Mist City Arts and Science University cheated on three girls.

A barrage of netizens condemned the jerk in the comments section, jokingly hailing him as a love management guru.

"This dude's incredible, dating three girls at the same time; it took so long for him to crash and burn!"

"How does one handle three girlfriends simultaneously?"

"This is a true love management guru!"

"Hahaha, petition for Mist City Arts and Science University to start a course on love management!"

"666, dating three girls at once, simply a role model for all of us!"

"Why is it always Mist City Arts and Science University? Every student there is a talent!"

This incident didn't damage the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University, as it was only a student's personal behavior. It was unnecessary to involve the university unless someone was stirring up trouble.

But now, the public sentiment towards Mist City Arts and Science University was so favorable that there were fewer people trying to instigate.

Thus, this incident earned Mist City Arts and Science University a surge of popularity value, which surprised Ding Yue.

Three days later.

Mist City Arts and Science University finally welcomed Professors Zhou Wen, Shen Congde, and Wang Shangzhong.

Ding Yue and the three professors signed a teaching agreement stating that they would teach at Mist City Arts and Science University for at least five years following the collaboration between the two institutions.

The moment the agreement was signed...

A system prompt finally rang in Ding Yue's mind.

Ding!

"Congratulations to the Host for completing the mission [University Professors] and successfully obtaining more than five professors!"

"Congratulations to the Host for receiving the mission reward: +100 Reputation Points, [University Treasure Chest (Level 2)] +1."

Hearing the system's notification.

Ding Yue felt thrilled.

Finally, he got the Level 2 University Treasure Chest. Ding Yue had been longing for this level 2 treasure chest for a long time.

However, Ding Yue did not rush to open this level 2 treasure chest.

First, he arranged the three professors appropriately.

After the three professors arrived at Mist City Arts and Science University, Director Qi Chunsheng of the Academic Affairs Office and Professor Pang Jianbo of the Physics Department customized special courses for them.

But, the main reason the three professors came to Mist City Arts and Science University was not to teach.

It was to conduct semiconductor research in the university's Advanced Physics Laboratory for Semiconductors.

Therefore, Ding Yue permitted the three professors to use the university's Advanced Physics Laboratory for Semiconductors.

Not only that.

Ding Yue also discussed the research of gallium nitride semiconductor materials with the three professors in the Advanced Physics Laboratory for Semiconductors.

"Who would have thought, in my lifetime, I'd get to use the most advanced experimental equipment to conduct research on gallium nitride semiconductor materials."

Professor Zhou Wen looked at the laboratory and couldn't help but sigh.

Prof. Shen Congde then turned to Zhou Wen and Principal Ding and asked, "Professor Zhou, Principal Ding, do you have confidence in developing mature gallium nitride semiconductor materials?"

"If we can, our country's semiconductor material technology will upgrade from silicon materials."

Professor Wang Shangzhong said excitedly.

You should know.

Upgrading from silicon materials to gallium nitride materials is undoubtedly a huge leap for the domestic semiconductor chip industry.

In other words, if the three professors and Principal Ding can truly develop the chip technology of gallium nitride semiconductor materials, they will certainly make their names known domestically.

Because the technology in this field is currently blocked by foreign countries.

Foreign countries have made significant breakthroughs in this field, but our country has not grasped it, which puts our country in a passive position for a long time.

"Taking Principal Ding's paper as a breakthrough point, I think we can give it a try."

Professor Zhou Wen was very confident.

In fact.

Ding Yue was the most confident among them.

Because inside Ding Yue's mind, he has already absorbed the knowledge about [GaN Gallium nitride semiconductor material technology], but Ding Yue won't realize this technology immediately.

After all, if he did, it would seem too abrupt.

Bringing Professors Zhou Wen, Shen Congde, and Wang Shangzhong to his Mist City Arts and Science University, besides fulfilling the [University Professors] mission, Ding Yue actually has another purpose.

That is to use the three professors as a cover, and then gradually realize the gallium nitride semiconductor material technology.

In this way, Ding Yue can not only gain "fame and fortune" but also won't be questioned by others.

After all, it's a joint effort between Ding Yue and the three professors in this field of physics. How could it possibly be questioned?

Therefore, in the Advanced Physics Laboratory for Semiconductors, Ding Yue and the three professors jointly determined the future research project of "gallium nitride semiconductor material technology".

After some discussion, Ding Yue returned to his office.

"System."

Then Ding Yue had a thought, and impatiently pulled up the system interface.

Earlier, Ding Yue was busy communicating with the three professors in the Advanced Physics Laboratory for Semiconductors, and didn't have time to open his newly obtained Level 2 [University Treasure Chest].

Now that he returned to the office, Ding Yue was already rubbing his hands in anticipation.

Ding Yue immediately switched the system interface to the item column, and saw the Level 2 [University Treasure Chest] emitting a faint white light.

This Level 2 [University Treasure Chest] looks obviously much cooler than the Level 1 treasure box that Ding Yue got before.

"Open the treasure chest!"

Finally came the part Ding Yue loved the most - the treasure box opening segment.

Accompanied by the increasingly bright white light, the treasure chest was about to burst open!

Ding!

"Congratulations to the Host for opening a Level 2 [University Treasure Chest], you have obtained..."

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A blinding white light blossomed in front of him!

Level 2 [University Treasure Chest] opened, causing a wave of excitement to surge through Ding Yue's heart at that moment.

Ding!

"Congratulations to the host for unlocking Level 2 [University Treasure Chest]. You have received the following rewards: Prop Master's Degree Authorization Point Card+1 (Optional), School Funding+ Two Hundred Million Yuan!"

Ding Yue's eyes widened in shock as he saw the rewards from unlocking the Level 2 [University Treasure Chest].

Two hundred million yuan in school funding.

For Mist City Arts and Science University, this was undoubtedly a substantial amount.

For instance, it could be used to purchase teaching equipment and laboratories for several departments.

He didn't expect that even after the system gradually stopped giving school improvement funds as rewards, he could still obtain funds for school improvement from the University Treasure Chest.

This was a pleasant surprise for Ding Yue.

But!

What really surprised Ding Yue was not the two hundred million yuan in school funding.

Instead, it was the reward of an "optional Master's Degree Authorization Point Card"!

This was something Ding Yue had long dreamed of having!

As Mist City Arts and Science University did not have Master's Degree Authorization Points, Ding Yue, who was about to graduate early and prepare for postgraduate exams later this year, could not pursue his postgraduate studies at Mist City Arts and Science University.

However, Ding Yue wanted to continue studying for his postgraduate degree at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Therefore, Mist City Arts and Science University needed to acquire Master's Degree Authorization Points. Initially, Ding Yue thought that the university had to grow and strengthen before it could apply for them from the education authorities.

But to his surprise.

He actually acquired the qualification for Master's Degree Authorization Points by unlocking a Level 2 [University Treasure Chest].

"View [Master's Degree Authorization Point Card (Optional)]."

Ding Yue wanted to see how this prop could be used.

Prop: [Master's Degree Authorization Point Card+1 (Optional)]

Use: After the host applies to the education official for a Master's Degree Authorization Point for a certain major, using this card will increase the success rate by 10% - 100%.

Note: The stronger the school's specialization, the greater the increase in success rate.

Turns out.

This is not a prop card that can directly grant Mist City Arts and Science University the authorization for Master's Degree for a certain major.

Instead, it's a prop that can increase the chances of a successful application.

But this is also good.

If he could successfully use this prop and enable Mist City Arts and Science University to acquire a Master's Degree Authorization Point.

Then Ding Yue could even laugh in his dreams.

But a problem arises.

This [Master's Degree Authorization Point Card (Optional)] can only be used for an application for one major.

So, what major should Mist City Arts and Science University apply for the Master's Degree Authorization Point?

Firstly, the Architecture Department of Mist City Arts and Science University has achieved significant results, owing to winning the Hop Cup Best Creative Award.

The Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science department also have promising futures.

After all, these two departments jointly created the robot "Big White".

Although "Big White" has not officially debuted and gained recognition from the public yet, Ding Yue knew that it was only a matter of time.

When the National Robotics Competition and the National Science and Technology Innovation Exhibition officially start, "Big White" from Mist City Arts and Science University will undoubtedly become the focus of attention.

Although these two majors are the most suitable for applying for the Master's Degree Authorization Points.

However, Ding Yue insisted.

My physics major is the most important.

Because if Ding Yue takes the postgraduate exam, and if the physics major at Mist City Arts and Science University has a Master's Degree Authorization Point.

Then Ding Yue can directly take the graduate exam at his own university.

Moreover, the physics department at Mist City Arts and Science University currently has the best resources, including a high-level physics laboratory and three professors. It also maintains a partnership with Jiangnan University of Science and Technology.

The key point is that the note on this [Master's Degree Authorization Point Card (Optional)] states that the success rate of applying for a Master's Degree Authorization Point will increase with the strength of the university's major.

Considering this, the strongest major at Mist City Arts and Science University is undoubtedly physics.

Therefore, after some consideration, Ding Yue decided to apply for the Master's Degree Authorization Point for the physics major.

As for the mechanical engineering and computer science majors, they would have to be addressed in the future.

After deciding to apply for the Master's Degree Authorization Point for the physics major, Ding Yue called Director Pang Jianbo of the Physics Department the next day.

"Principal Ding, did you call for me?"

Pang Jianbo asked as he entered the principal's office.

"Please, have a seat."

After Director Pang Jianbo sat down, Wen Ruohan poured him a glass of water.

"Director Pang, I called you here today to request you to prepare some materials for our physics department. We plan to apply to the education authorities for a Master's Degree Authorization Point."

Ding Yue never beat about the bush, speaking directly to Director Pang Jianbo.

"Huh?"

Pang Jianbo was stunned by what he heard.

Because Pang Jianbo had never really considered applying for a master's degree authorization point.

After all, the universities that have master's degree authorization points usually have quite strong capabilities.

"What, Director Pang, do you think our physics department at Mist City Arts and Science University doesn't have the strength?" Ding Yue stared at Pang Jianbo and asked.

"No, no, Principal Ding, I'm just a bit surprised. But on second thought, if our Physics department wants to grow, indeed, we need a master's degree authorization point. Otherwise, we'd just be grooming potential postgraduate talents for other universities."

Pang Jianbo hastily shook his head and said.

What he said had some merit.

If the physics department of Mist City Arts and Science University does not have its own master's degree authorization point, most of the students would definitely opt for further study after graduation if they wish to do scientific research.

And these students who have chosen postgraduate studies will undoubtedly choose other universities because the physics major at Mist City Arts and Science University does not have a master's degree authorization point.

Isn't this just making a wedding dress for someone else?

"That's good. Director Pang, our physics department now has three renowned professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology with a high-level physics laboratory. Therefore, the teaching capability is very strong. We might as well try to

apply for a master's degree authorization point, and we'll see whether our application can pass."

What Ding Yue meant was that we could give it a try first.

Whether it can pass or not, it depends on our luck.

However, in reality, this was just a comment for Director Pang Jianbo. If the university applies for a master's degree authorization point for Physics major,

After using the previous [Master's Degree Authorization Point Card (optional)], it is estimated that the success rate can be increased to eighty or ninety percent, or even a 100% success rate.

"Principal Ding has a point."

Pang Jianbo nodded his head, feeling that there might be some truth to what Principal Ding said, so why not give it a shot.

"Alright then, Director Pang, prepare the documents required for applying for a master's degree authorization point once you return, and remember to inform me immediately once there's news."

Ding Yue said to Pang Jianbo with a smile.

"Alright, Principal Ding, I shall start preparing when I get back."

After delegating the task of applying for a master's degree authorization point for the physics major to Pang Jianbo, Ding Yue just waited for the good news from the education officials.

However, this process might be a long one.

After all, applying for authorization of a master's degree is not something that can be accomplished in a short period.

In that case.

Ding Yue was not in a rush.

In the coming period, aside from waiting for the master's degree authorization point application, Ding Yue was also waiting for the National Robotics Competition and the National Science and Technology Innovation Exhibition to be held.

This is important for Mist City Arts and Science University.

The opening date for the National Robotics Competition and the National Science and Technology Innovation Exhibition is set for May 30th, with the location being the Future Technology City in the economic development zone of Shu City.

The Medical School, Law School, Computer Department, and Mechanical Department of Mist City Arts and Science University were working day and night on the Big White Robot experimental project, all for the sake of being able to get onto the stage of the National Robotics Competition and the National Science and Technology Innovation Exhibition.

Time flew by, and it was soon May 20th.

This is a significant day, as young people across the country tend to do something for love on this day.

And on this day, Ding Yue decided to officially release the song "Confession Balloon" recorded by Lin Zhirou online.

Previously, Feiyue Media, which is signed by Lin Zhirou under the Feiyue Group owned by Ding Yue, had already held discussions with Penguin Music and NetEase Cloud Music for cooperation.

Eventually, due to the somewhat unscrupulous conditions by Penguin Music.

They chose to release it exclusively on the NetEase Cloud Music platform.

A few days prior to the release, Ding Yue had the Publicity Department of Mist City Arts and Science University promote it on various platforms.

That Lin Zhirou's "Confession Balloon" will officially land on NetEase Cloud Music at 10 o'clock in the morning on May 20th.

This kind of day, combined with such a song, is undoubtedly very appropriate.

In the morning.

Ding Yue got up early and began to monitor the situation of Lin Zhirou's "Confession Balloon".

Because Feiyue Media had paid an advertising fee to NetEase Cloud Music, there was a big recommendation on the homepage of the NetEase Cloud Music App, recommending Lin Zhirou's song "Confession Balloon".

Netizens had been looking forward to it very much.

"Confession Balloon" is not only a good song, but it is also very romantic, especially suitable for a day like "520".

Playing such a song and confessing to the girl you like would be blissful.

Originally, Ding Yue's plan was to have Lin Zhirou record all three songs after the Spring Festival, and then first release the song "Fragrance of Rice".

However, since the start of the semester, Ding Yue had been too busy to take care of Lin Zhirou's music release.

Plus, Lin Zhirou strived for perfection in her own song recording.

So the process dragged on until May, before everything was ready.

Since it was already May, a day like May 20th was definitely not to be missed.

So Ding Yue immediately changed his plan, putting the first song scheduled for release, "Fragrance of Rice", second.

And set the release of "Confession Balloon" on May 20th.

Netizens couldn't help but praise that this marketing move by Mist City Arts and Science University was just brilliant. They perfectly combined Lin Zhirou's "Confession Balloon" with the day "520".

Chapter 158: As long as she's brave enough, next year she will...

After having breakfast at Er's Cafeteria in the morning, Ding Yue arrived at his office.

His task for the day was simple.

He would just keep an eye on the sales of Lin Zhirou's song "Confession Balloon" on NetEase Cloud Music.

At half past nine.

Lin Zhirou also arrived at the principal's office, nervously awaiting the official release at ten o'clock in the morning.

After all, this song was given to her by Principal Ding who had asked his friend do the creation. This song bears Principal Ding's expectations for her.

At the same time, it also carries the reputation of the Art Department of the Mist City Arts and Science University.

Because Lin Zhirou was the most famous student of the Mist City Arts and Science University Art Department and had won the championship of the National College Student Art Festival Music Competition, her popularity was gradually rising.

Today,

It is the day to witness whether Lin Zhirou can achieve success in her music career.

Prior to this, the three songs "Fragrance of Rice", "Confession Balloon" and "Blue and White Porcelain" had not been officially released.

Generally, people could not hear any sound-optimized recorded versions online, with all other versions being recorded by mobile phones or being versions from live mobile broadcasts, which were not clear enough.

In this parallel world, whether it's novels, music or other copyrighted works, they all possess a high copyright awareness.

Piracy fundamentally has no room to survive on this land.

Therefore, people were eagerly expecting the official release of these few songs from Lin Zhirou, i.e., the official sale on the music platform.

After waiting for half a year.

Finally, the song "Confession Balloon" was planned to be officially released on this special day, May 20!

On the day of witnessing the results, Lin Zhirou was naturally extremely nervous.

"Zhirou, once your song is officially released at ten o'clock, it will definitely do well", Wen Ruohan encouraged a nervous Lin Zhirou.

Ding Yue also nodded at Lin Zhirou, saying, "Yes, you must have confidence in yourself."

Actually, Ding Yue was very confident.

"Confession Balloon" had received many praises during the competition, and with its catchy tune on this special day of 520, there was absolutely no reason for it to flop.

As time passed, it gradually approached ten o'clock.

Ding Yue asked Wen Ruohan to keep an eye on the real-time sales data of "Confession Balloon" on the computer.

By the time it was ten o'clock, Ding Yue had already opened the PC version of the NetEase Cloud software on his computer.

Right at the stroke of ten!

"Confession Balloon" was officially live.

Without saying a word, Ding Yue logged into his NetEase Cloud account and started to, no, it should be, he began to purchase "Confession Balloon".

In Xia Country of this parallel world, the price of a single song release is generally One Yuan each, which is a very conscientious price.

Purchase successful!

Next, Ding Yue refreshed his purchase number and it was 11111?

What a coincidence?

Moreover, Ding Yue started buying almost instantly after the release, and he was already ranked 11111th after buying just one?

Did it sell to over ten thousand people within a split second?

Ding Yue thought it must be people who had bought many times at once, just like some young male stars who clearly came from variety shows but insisted on being actors and releasing songs as singers as well. Their songs, when released, sold for several millions and even billions of times. God, how outrageous!

But when he looked at it, the top buyer had bought several millions times, and those who bought several ten thousand times were not few.

Just like this?

And they had the gall to brag about their sales of billions?

After refreshing the purchase ranking, Ding Yue found that the user who bought the most had only bought 6 times.

This was completely within the normal range.

Because those who bought dozens of times might probably have bought the song to give to their friends, which is normal.

But those who buy hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands of times, it's absolutely data manipulation.

What's even more outrageous is those who buy hundreds of thousands and millions of times, it's obviously trying to undermine the healthy circulation development of the music market, right?

While things are a bit better on NetEase Cloud Music, the situation on Penguin Music is simply disastrous.

When Ding Yue refreshed the sales of "Confession Balloon" again, he found that the sales data had already broken 50,000!

How long had it been? A minute, right? And it's already fifty thousand?

When Ding Yue saw the sales data, he couldn't help but smile.

Looking at this trend, "Confession Balloon" is about to blow up instantly after its official release.

No!

To be precise, it has exploded!

For a rookie singer like Lin Zhirou, such data is simply unthinkable, right?

"Student Wen Ruohan, do you want to guess how many we have sold now?" Ding Yue said, smiling at a very nervous Lin Zhirou.

She was sitting on the sofa, daring not to check the sales data on her phone APP.

Hearing Principal Ding's question, Lin Zhirou shook her head and then guessed, "Umm, has it broken one thousand?"

"Hahaha!"

Ding Yue instantly burst into laughter and shook his head saying, "Guess bigger, be bold!"

"Huh?"

Upon hearing this, Lin Zhirou understood that Principal Ding was implying that even one thousand was less considering the sales. Could it have crossed two thousand?

And Principal Ding asked her to guess higher and be bolder. Surely it couldn't have already broken five thousand, right?

Lin Zhirou was extremely excited.

If the sales could actually exceed five thousand within this short minute, then the final 24-hour first-day sales would surely be an astronomical figure.

Lin Zhirou didn't dare to think further.

She humbly attributed all of this success to the well-written song, "Confession Balloon".

Indeed, if the song was written well, then she could give her best effort to sing this good song.

In fact,

Ding Yue, who had heard Lin Zhirou's recording of "Confession Balloon" in advance, found out that she had sang the song perfectly through her relentless efforts.

If this could be a massive success, aside from the song itself, Lin Zhirou would deserve at least half of the credit.

"Could it be... have sales already exceeded five thousand?" Lin Zhirou cautiously guessed.

"Eh!"

Ding Yue couldn't help but facepalm, looking at Lin Zhirou he said, "Lin Zhirou, why can't you guess a higher number. What are we even talking about here?"

At that, Lin Zhirou was thoroughly confused.

Could it be?

Has the sales actually exceeded five thousand?

Could it possibly break ten thousand?

Lin Zhirou was incredibly excited, but also beyond belief inside.

"Zhirou, let me tell you, our sales are actually five... hold on, let me refresh. Oh my God!"

Wen Ruohan stared at the data on the computer, she herself was startled, and unexpectedly blurted out, "Oh my God"?

Ding Yue immediately looked at Wen Ruohan: "Wen Ruohan, just look at the data, what's with your startled reactions?"

After finishing speaking,

Ding Yue also refreshed the data on his computer.

"Oh my God!"

All of a sudden, Ding Yue also exclaimed.

"Heh heh heh, Principal Ding, just look at the data, why are you so startled?" Wen Ruohan perfectly retorted with the words Principal Ding just said, throwing them back at him.

"What's going on?"

Lin Zhirou was completely bewildered on the side.

What's happened to Wen Ruohan and Principal Ding? Why are they having such startled reactions in quick succession?

"Two hundred thousand!"

Ding Yue almost doubted if he had misread the data, rubbing his eyes to make sure he wasn't seeing things.

After glancing at the purchase ranking, the user who bought the most only bought 13 times.

The current sales had actually broken through two hundred thousand!

"What do you mean two hundred thousand? You don't mean... sales of two hundred thousand, do you?" Lin Zhirou didn't even dare to think about having two hundred thousand sales.

Let alone at this moment.

Looking at the time, it was only ten zero three.

Not even five minutes had passed, and we've already sold two hundred thousand units?

"It's gone viral! It's gone viral! You've gone viral, Zhirou!" Wen Ruohan exclaimed to Lin Zhirou.

Based on this data, this could easily be a ten million unit selling single!

Ding Yue had also studied the data from single releases in the music scene of Xia Country in this parallel world.

If the sales could break through one hundred thousand within the first ten minutes, then the final sales could potentially break through ten million.

At this very moment,

Countless internet users from all over the country have made their purchases, adding to the anticipation of this long-awaited song, all on this special day of 520.

Many people, after buying the song, would also post on Twitter, mentioning the ones they wanted to confess their love to.

If they didn't have someone to confess to, then they could also listen to the song alone as a single dog.

Single dogs were like: What's the meaning of this????

On the official forum of Mist City Arts and Science University,

A student from Mist City Arts and Science University asked for help, stating that he had a crush on a student from Mist City Fine Arts College, and asked how could he make a better confession?

The alumni replying below have all suggested.

The first step, buy a "Confession Balloon", secondly buy a bouquet of flowers, and finally a romantic confession!

"Bro, all the alumni of our school are your strong supporters!"

"Last time, that jerk guy managed to hook up with three girls from the Fine Arts College, you're so infatuated, you can definitely do this!"

"Go for it, bro. Get the 'Confession Balloon' started!"

"Yes, yes, use 'Confession Balloon' sung by our schoolmate Lin, it's the best for confessions, go for it!"

"I have one piece of advice for you— if you're bold enough, she'll be on maternity leave next year!"

Feeling the full encouragement from the alumni, this student immediately bought a "Confession Balloon", then called his roommates and friends, and began to set up a carefully planned confession scene under the dormitory of that girl from the Fine Arts College. When the time comes, with the "Confession Balloon" at the confession scene,

it'll definitely create a romance-filled atmosphere, increasing the success rate of the confession.

Just like what the alumni said, you just have to be bold enough.

This Mist City Arts and Science University student and that girl from Mist City Fine Arts College began knowing each other in the previous semester, but because the male student was too timid, he was always too afraid to confess.

Today.

Lin Zhirou's "Confession Balloon" has provided him with an opportunity, and the encouragement from his alumni has given him courage.

He's ready to advance towards his own love.

As for whether the confession will succeed...

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It was evening.

On the NetEase Cloud Music platform, the song "Confession Balloon" shot straight to second place on the Hot Song Chart and to first place on the New Song List.

The sales had already exceeded 3 million times.

And it was soaring.

In the comment section of the song, NetEase Cloud users had all left their footprints.

"It's evening, time for some NetEase Cloud!"

"After listening to this song, I feel like I can't go on NetEase Cloud anymore."

"Ah! After listening to this song, I want to be in love, what should I do?"

"When will my love come?"

"Being a human, I'm sorry."

"Can't give birth to a human, I'm sorry."

"Eating a human raw, I'm really sorry!"

Thanks to the explosive sales of "Confession Balloon" on NetEase Cloud, its popularity had spilled over to Twitter and TikTok.

Adding to this, Ding Yue had the public relations department of Mist City Arts and Science University spend money to fuel the hype.

Today, May 20th, seemed to have become a solo show for "Confession Balloon".

TikToks featuring beautiful young ladies were on the rise, all using "Confession Balloon" as their background music.

Walking on the street, you could hear "Confession Balloon" playing from the speakers.

For a moment, this song was spreading all over Xia Country like a raging storm.

"Have you heard 'Confession Balloon'?"

"Let me recommend a good song to you, it's called 'Confession Balloon'."

"Dear, from the day I fell in love with you, sweetness came so easily~"

"On the banks of the Seine, coffee on the left bank, a cup in your hand, savoring your beauty!"

"You said you were hard to chase, wanted me to back off, no need to pick the most expensive gift, just the fallen leaves from the Champs Elysées~ oh~"

This kind of romantic song spread the fastest on college campuses, because college students' feelings are often very pure.

Liking someone just means liking them.

Countless university students across the country were all attracted by this song "Confession Balloon".

And opposite Mist City Arts and Science University.

That is, at Mist City Fine Arts College.

Under a girls' dormitory building, a romantic confession was taking place.

"Together, together, together."

Onlooking students were cheering and shouting "together."

This male student from Mist City Arts and Science University was down on one knee, holding flowers, and "Confession Balloon" was playing in the background.

"Monroe, I like you. Be my girlfriend~"

Behind this male student from Mist City Arts and Science University were quite a few students from the same university, who had specifically come to back him up.

Seeing his deep confession, they all cheered and yelled, "Together, together, together."

"Zhang Yang, you're a good person."

This girl named Monroe, standing in the middle of heart-shaped candles, responded to Zhang Yang's deep confession with these words.

She gave Zhang Yang the classic "you're a good person" line.

Zhang Yang was instantly stunned.

However!

Just at that moment, Liu Monroe opened her arms and hugged Zhang Yang, "I like good people."

This up and down almost gave Zhang Yang a heart attack.

The surrounding students saw this and screamed.

Zhang Yang's roommate quickly brought out the celebratory fireworks.

Bang, bang, bang!

The fireworks shot out, the scene was extremely romantic for a moment.

At this romantic moment, accompanied by Lin Zhirou's singing of "Confession Balloon", everyone envied this heavenly blessed couple.

However...

"What are you doing?! Stop making a mess everywhere! Hurry up and clean it up. There can't be open flames on campus!"

Hiss!

The dormitory supervisor auntie, armed with a fire extinguisher, came over and put out the fire from the romantic heart-shaped candles. She then insisted they clean up before leaving.

The romantic atmosphere abruptly changed to one of embarrassment.

Inside the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Have you heard? Another student from our school successfully confessed, using that song 'Confession Balloon'."

"Really?"

"Yeah, yeah, it was to a girl from Mist City Fine Arts College opposite us."

"Hahaha, many boys from our school are dating girls from Mist City Fine Arts College."

"Who can blame them, the Fine Arts College is mostly made up of girls."

"You should say there are too many rich students in our school."

"This is called, those who are near the water have the most moonlight."

Ding Yue had just left the Principal's Office in the Administration Building and was heading to the Peach Garden Apartment Building. Along the way, he heard students discussing various topics related to "Confession Balloon".

Even a student from Mist City Arts and Science University had successfully confessed to a girl from the Fine Arts College opposite, thanks to "Confession Balloon".

It seemed.

Lin Zhirou's "Confession Balloon" had indeed made a great contribution today.

"Principal Ding, have you heard? Our student Lin's song 'Confession Balloon' has resulted in a lot of couples. There are many confession videos on TikTok, all using 'Confession Balloon'."

"On TikTok? But aren't those all staged?" said Ding Yue, spreading his hands.

"There must be many, Sister Zhirou is going to be really famous now." Wen Ruohan said with envy.

"Well, she deserves it. She trains hard every day to improve her skills. If she doesn't become famous, it would be a travesty."

Ding Yue said with a smile.

If Lin Zhirou became famous, it would, of course, be a good thing for Ding Yue.

Because Lin Zhirou had signed a ten-year agreement with Feiyue Media, under his Feiyue Group.

One song, in less than a day, sold more than 3 million. This was like a money-making machine for Feiyue Group.

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"Wah, if I had known, I would have studied music too," Wen Ruohan said with regret. "After becoming famous, we'd definitely make a lot of money."

"When did you become money-minded?" Ding Yue shot a glance at Wen Ruohan, asking, "What, do you think the salary I'm giving you isn't high enough?"

"No, no, no, the salary Principal Ding gives me is already very high," Wen Ruohan quickly shook her head and said.

Ever since she became a regular secretary, she had been thrilled to collect her substantial monthly salary.

But who doesn't dream of becoming a superstar and making big bucks?

It's fine to daydream, right?

"Since you've chosen a university major, if you master it, you should follow that specialization in your life. Lin Zhirou does indeed have a background in music, so that's why she has succeeded due to her hard work... cough cough... as well as with my support,"

Ding Yue earnestly told Wen Ruohan, "Since you chose to study secretarial skills, being a secretary isn't bad. After all, once I become the world's richest man one day, imagine that, you would be the personal secretary to the world's richest man."

"Wow! Personal secretary to the world's richest man!" Upon hearing Principal Ding's statement, Wen Ruohan was instantly excited.

But then she thought again.

The world's richest man?

Principal Ding?

Is it possible?

Isn't this some kind of once-in-a-lifetime opportunity?

"What is it? Are you thinking whether I can become the world's richest man?" Ding Yue immediately saw through Wen Ruohan's thoughts.

It was evident on her face.

Young girls are not very good at hiding their expressions and feelings.

"Ah? Principal Ding, how did you know?" Wen Ruohan asked in surprise.

It seemed like he was really correct.

"You don't believe that I can become the world's richest man?" Ding Yue shook his head and laughed.

"I don't!" Wen Ruohan surprisingly candidly responded.

But that was also quite normal.

Although Ding Yue is wealthy, comparing him to the world's richest man, or even the richest man in the country, there's still a huge gap.

At present, Ding Yue's assets only consist of Mist City Arts and Science University, a Feiyue E-sports Club, and a Feiyue Media, in which Lin Zhirou is the only contracted artist.

Besides these, other companies under the Feiyue Group have basically not expanded into other business areas.

However, Ding Yue believes that with the constant development of Mist City Arts and Science University and the ongoing cultivation of talents in various fields,

and then integrating these talents into his own industry, allowing a positive cycle, he will someday master the key to the world's wealth.

"Principal Ding, I've arrived. Bye!" Wen Ruohan had reached her dormitory building and waved goodbye to Principal Ding.

"Okay."

Ding Yue nodded, watching Wen Ruohan walk into the dormitory building, and then he headed towards the Peach Garden Apartment.

As soon as he returned to his apartment, his sister Ding Xiaoyou video called him.

"Ding Yue, Ding Yue, Zhirou's 'Confession Balloon' has sold so much, it's amazing!" Ding Xiaoyou sounded very excited down the line.

She was a big fan of Lin Zhirou. Now that her idol's song 'Confession Balloon' was such a hit, how could she not be excited?

"You just found out?" Ding Yue said, rolling his eyes.

"I just finished class, and then I heard my classmates say that there's a great new song that came out today called 'Confession Balloon'. I thought, isn't that Zhirou's song? So, I went to NetEase Cloud to check it out."

"Ding Yue, you've really hit the jackpot this time."

"How so?"

"This song by Zhirou has done so well, selling several million in one day. Doesn't that mean you've earned a lot?"

Ding Xiaoyou knew that Lin Zhirou was an artist signed to her brother Ding Yue's media company, so most of the money from the song sales would end up with the company.

"It's just a small amount."

Ding Yue calculated for a moment.

In reality, just relying on song sales, you couldn't earn that much money.

Let's say 'Confession Balloon' could eventually sell ten million.

They would first need to share the proceeds fifty-fifty with the NetEase Cloud music platform.

Which meant that Feiyue Media could only receive about five million, and after deducting operation costs and the like, the net profit wouldn't be that much.

A few million yuan is less than what the system randomly gives for school funds.

However, for Lin Zhirou, it is indeed a profitable deal. After Feiyue Media received five million, they would give Lin Zhirou a cut.

"Wow, this much money is considered a small amount? My rich big brother, why don't you give me a little more pocket money? Hehehe."

When it came to pocket money, Ding Xiaoyou stopped using Ding Yue's name.

She started calling him brother.

"You little rascal, what do you want to buy this time?" Ding Yue knew, if his sister suddenly video calls him, she must want something.

Otherwise, knowing her, wouldn't she call Lin Zhirou first to congratulate her on the song's big sales?

"Hehe, big brother, I want to buy a DSLR." Ding Xiaoyou's tone suddenly turned adorable.

"You want to learn photography?"

"Yes."

"Alright, it's not much money." After Ding Yue finished speaking, he took out his phone and transferred some money to his sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

Buying a DSLR to learn photography was like acquiring a new skill. As a brother, how could Ding Yue not support it?

"Got the money, thank you big brother, bye and go to bed early."

Beep beep beep~

The video call was hung up.

"Damn! This little rascal!"

Ding Yue couldn't help muttering a sentence.

His sister Ding Xiaoyou was just too real!

But at this moment, Ding Yue was also tired. He yawned and went to take a bath and sleep.

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Over the next few days, Lin Zhirou's "Confession Balloon" sold quite well, with sales nearing ten million just a few days later.

This was good news for Mist City Arts and Science University.

Because Lin Zhirou was a student of the Art Department at Mist City Arts and Science University who managed to release a hot-selling song that was about to break ten million in sales while still in school.

This alone attracted countless arts students aspiring to pursue a career in arts or music.

Even some second and third-tier pop singers envied Lin Zhirou, an music major student who hadn't graduated yet, but could achieve such good results.

Director Jiang Xiuli's office in the Art Department started receiving countless calls every day asking about the enrolment situation for September.

After a few days, the Art Department's office phone was inundated with calls.

"We're recruiting, yes, recruiting!"

"Recruiting!"

"We're recruiting!"

"As long as you're interested in music, you can come and study!"

"Recruiting!"

Jiang Xiuli gave clear responses to all the countless people who called to inquire.

"Director Jiang, if we recruit too many new students this summer, won't we run out of teaching resources in the Art Department?"

Another teacher raised this concern.

"Yes, Director Jiang, typically in such situations, shouldn't the tuition fees for our Art Department be raised a bit?"

Another teacher suggested.

Jiang Xiuli considered it for a moment and decided to discuss this matter with Principal Ding.

Last year, the tuition fee for the school was 25,000 yuan, and all the departments and majors were the same.

But this year is different from last year.

The Art Department has gained great fame, and with so many people inquiring, the enrollment situation will definitely undergo some changes this year.

Therefore, the Art Department will have to invest more teaching resources and it is only fair that the tuition fee should be raised accordingly.

Mist City Arts and Science University is a private university, and whether the tuition fees should be raised or not is up to Principal Ding.

So, the next day, Jiang Xiuli came early to the Principal's Office in the Administration Building.

Knock knock knock!

"Principal Ding, it's Jiang Xiuli from the Art Department."

"Director Jiang, come in."

Ding Yue was reading a report about the upcoming National Robotics Competition and National Science and Technology Innovation Exhibition at the end of the month.

"Director Jiang, you came to my office so early, what can I do for you?"

Ding Yue put down the files in his hand and looked at Jiang Xiuli.