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Chapter 1511: Maiden Flight Test of the Iron Battle Suit_2

"What else could you help with? Naturally, to help with programming." Ding Yue said, spreading his hands.

At this moment, Tong Yihang had almost finished putting the Iron Man suit on Principal Ding, so when Principal Ding spread his hands, mechanical noises sounded.

"No problem, no matter what level of program you want written, it's all a piece of cake for me."

Xu Bin said confidently.

For a computer master like Xu Bin, there was no program in the world he couldn't write.

Xu Bin's ambitions had long surpassed ordinary programming; he now aspired to create a virtual world in the Metaverse!

"That's great; just wait and get to work when the time comes, hahaha."

Ding Yue said with a big laugh.

At this point, Tong Yihang had almost finished putting on most of the Iron Man suit on Principal Ding, leaving only the helmet.

According to Ding Yue's design, the helmet of the Iron Man suit, just like in the movies, attached from the back and flipped forward over the face, covering Ding Yue's entire face.

Clang!

With the metal sound of interlocking pieces, an "Iron Man" in a suit of armor was "born".

"Holy shit! Awesome!"

Xu Bin couldn't help but exclaim after seeing it.

Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and a few others also widened their eyes at the sight of the Iron Man suit being worn for the first time. The effect was absolutely stunning.

"It looks just like an Iron Man."

After watching, Ding Xiaoyou muttered, "But it would be really cool if it could fly."

"Big White."

After putting on the Iron Man suit, Ding Yue softly called out to his artificial intelligence, Big White.

"I'm here, Principal!"

The voice of Big White came from inside the Iron Man suit.

Since Xu Bin had already installed the AI system Big White into the suit, Ding Yue could communicate directly with Big White through it.

Moreover, once Ding Yue gave permissions to Big White, the AI could execute all functions of the Iron Man suit according to Principal Ding's instructions.

In front of Ding Yue, various virtual operation panels appeared, all looking very sci-fi. For a moment, Ding Yue felt as if he had opened his own University System.

Luckily, the two panels were actually different; otherwise, Ding Yue might have thought he was hallucinating.

"Principal Ding, you can test Big White's control over the entire Iron Man suit from within," came Tong Yihang's voice.

"Okay."

Ding Yue thought it indeed wouldn't hurt to try.

So Ding Yue gave a series of voice commands for some functions he could think of, asking Big White to intelligently control them. The response was quite nice—everything was very smooth.

Ding Yue didn't expect it to be so smooth; there was hardly any flaw to pinpoint.

"So far, I haven't detected any problems."

Ding Yue reported to Tong Yihang.

"Very well, Principal Ding. Shall we proceed with the first flight test?" asked Tong Yihang.

"Sure."

Ding Yue nodded and then asked Tong Yihang to start disassembling the Iron Man suit.

About five minutes later, Ding Yue emerged from the metal crate, and Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei assembled the Iron Man suit again. However, this time it was empty—no one was inside.

To be precise, it wasn't exactly empty. It would have been fine to say it was empty before, but now it was different. The suit now contained a chip—its core being the AI of Big White.

"Big White, remember to record all data during the flight test later," Ding Yue instructed.

"Understood, Principal." Big White responded.

Big White was now both the system inside the Iron Man suit and the chubby white companion beside Ding Yue. Although the carriers were different, the core was the same—it was all Big White.

"Principal Ding, what kind of power device is used in this? The output is so high that it's astonishing..."

As Tong Yihang was preparing to initiate the flight test for the Iron Man suit, he was shocked.

"Keep it cool."

Ding Yue gave a faint smile and said, "Anyway, it's awesome, that's all that matters. As for what kind of energy device it is, I can't tell you that."

After finishing his sentence, Ding Yue turned to Big White and said, "Big White, energy activation."

"Preparing to start the flight system!"

"Boosters!"

Hum!

Along with a string of commands, the iron suit emitted a deep humming sound.

Everyone's gaze was fixed on this metallic iron man, eager to see how it would take off and the extent of its flight capabilities in the sky.

Naturally, the most excited person was Ding Yue.

After all, this "toy" was something Ding Yue took the initiative to suggest; he wanted to create it for an Iron Man experience. Whether it could become a real-life Iron Man depended on whether today's maiden flight test could proceed smoothly.

This was the first step towards initiating the Iron Man experience. Only if the first step was successful could every subsequent step be steadily and confidently taken.

Boom!

Suddenly, amidst a surge of energy fluctuation, two thrusters at the bottom of the iron suit propelled it upward, taking off directly!

This scene looked somewhat familiar to everyone.

It was just that last time, it was the fluffy and chubby White Fatty, Big White (●—●), that took flight like this, but this time, it was an iron suit!

Whoosh!

The iron suit soared into the air, tracing an arc in its trajectory. Most crucially, after the iron suit flew into the sky, it seemed exceptionally stable, and its speed was continually increasing.

"Seems to be going smoothly."

Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei exchanged glances.

"Whoa, this energy thruster is powerful!" Xu Bin exclaimed, then turned to Ding Xiaoyou, who was standing behind Ding Yue, and asked, "Xiao You, what kind of energy device technology are you using?"

"Nope, nope, nope, not telling you."

Ding Xiaoyou said playfully, sticking out her tongue.

Actually, it wasn't about not telling Xu Bin, but rather that this technology should still be considered "top secret" for Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group, or at least that was what her brother Ding Yue had told her the last time.

"Stingy."

Xu Bin rolled his eyes and then looked up, trying to find the iron suit flying in the sky. As it became smaller and smaller in his view, Xu Bin realized it was ascending higher and higher.

"Principal Ding, the speed is about to exceed 100 km/h, and this is just the beginning. This power is simply too strong – it could even surpass high-speed trains and achieve supersonic speeds without a problem."

Tong Yihang exclaimed while observing the data.

This reminded Tong Yihang of the last time the AI robot Big White competed against Alpha Dog, when Big White achieved supersonic flight, stunning everyone present.

"Supersonic is a given."

Ding Yue said calmly.

If an iron suit he made couldn't reach supersonic speeds, then how could that even compare to the experience of being Iron Man?

"Keep accelerating, but be careful not to fly too high. You can circle around at a low altitude."

Ding Yue gave an instruction to Big White.

Since it was a flight test, they couldn't fly too high as that would only bring unnecessary trouble. With low-altitude flight in this uninhabited mountainous area, along with some devices, they wouldn't be detected.

"Got it, Principal."

Big White responded.

Following that, Big White performed a three hundred and sixty-degree large circle maneuver in the sky.

"Holy cow! That looks so cool flying up!"

"It seems much more fierce than the previous Big White."

Xu Bin and the others couldn't help but express their awe.

Seeing this, Ding Yue was also filled with surging emotions.

How awesome would it feel to wear the iron suit and soar like this?

But good things should not be rushed.

They still had to wait for the step-by-step testing to conclude. Only when absolute safety could be assured would he be able to wear the iron suit and experience what it's like to be Iron Man!

Chapter 1512: Another Year Has Passed!

The weather is getting colder and colder.

In the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, students have already started wearing down jackets, and couples are warming each other's hands. Around the end of the year, Mist City Arts and Science University is generally busy preparing for the New Year's Eve Gala.

As the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue is also very concerned about the New Year's Eve Gala.

Ever since the successful first test flight of his steel armor suit, Ding Yue reined in his focus a bit and temporarily shifted some of his energy to the development and construction of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Despite the daily teaching activities of the university being managed by department heads, numerous professors and lecturers, as well as Director Qi Chunsheng leading the team in the Academic Affairs Office, Ding Yue still wants to keep an eye on things.

Of course.

Besides the affairs of the university, Ding Yue also has to worry about some matters concerning Feiyue Group.

For instance, the progress of the lithography equipment manufacturing plant, the training of related technical personnel, etc., are all very important issues. According to previous plans, these need to be completed before the end of the year. Therefore, the top technical personnel from the Mechanical Engineering Department, such as Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Luo Peng, and Su Beilin, are all extremely busy.

This has also resulted in Tong Yihang and the others having very little time to continue the construction and enhancement of the steel armor suits for Ding Yue, creating a situation where his younger sister Ding Xiaoyou is always coming to Ding Yue to ask, "Where's my steel armor suit?"

You should know that Ding Yue had promised his sister Ding Xiaoyou that he would build her a suit of steel armor.

Since the most important energy power device for the steel armor suit was developed by his sister Ding Xiaoyou, Ding Yue had no choice but to deliver. However, Ding Yue did warn his sister Ding Xiaoyou that once her suit was made, she shouldn't wear it out flying casually, or else she'd be in for a tea-drinking session.

During this time, when Ding Yue was paying attention to the daily affairs of the school, he could be considered as having some free time.

Every day, he would "go to work" at his principal's office and drink tea.

When he had free time, Ding Yue would engage in some "creative work," naturally bringing over some outstanding entertainment works from Earth in his previous life since they didn't exist in this Parallel World.

Typically, Ding Yue would use the excuse of having a mysterious friend to introduce these works.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Today, like usual, Ding Yue came to his office to "work," and was reading some school documents when suddenly someone knocked on the office door.

Because Ding Yue was engrossed in reading the documents, he didn't hear the knock.

However, secretary Wen Ruohan was present. After hearing the knock, she went to the door.

"Director Xiong."

Wen Ruohan approached the door and saw that it was Director Xiong Yang from the Culture and Sports Department knocking.

"Secretary Wen, is Principal Ding here?"

Director Xiong Yang stood at the door, not knowing whether Principal Ding was in the office, so he asked Wen Ruohan.

"Mm, please come in, Director Xiong."

Wen Ruohan nodded her head, then let Director Xiong Yang in, turned around, walked towards Principal Ding, and said, "Principal Ding, Director Xiong is here."

On hearing this, Ding Yue looked up and saw Director Xiong Yang from the Culture and Sports Department walking toward him.

Director Xiong Yang of the Culture and Sports Department is quite busy all year round, especially at the end of the year when he starts getting busy with the New Year's Eve Gala.

"Director Xiong, please have a seat."

Ding Yue picked up a cup of tea, took a sip, and then asked with a smile, "Is Director Xiong here to report on the arrangements for the New Year's Day Gala?"

"How did Principal Ding know?"

Director Xiong Yang asked in surprise.

"Hahaha, with the end of the year approaching, the most important task for your Culture and Sports Department is the New Year's Eve Gala, isn't it? And that's one of Mist City Arts and Science University's annual highlights, isn't it?"

Ding Yue calmly stated.

This doesn't require any guessing, does it? Besides the New Year's Eve Gala, what other large-scale cultural and sports activities could there be at Mist City Arts and Science University?

Small-scale cultural and sports activities wouldn't require Director Xiong Yang to come report to him personally; he can manage and organize them with the Culture and Sports Department. So this time Director Xiong Yang's visit must surely concern the New Year's Eve Gala.

"Yes, Principal Ding. From last year's New Year's Eve Gala, our Mist City Arts and Science University's gala has become a huge hit, with audience numbers not far behind Toi TV Station or Dream Blue TV Station," Director Xiong Yang said, growing more passionate.

This can be considered as one of Director Xiong Yang's "work achievements," since he, as the person behind the overall coordination of the New Year's Eve Gala, had made last year's event at Mist City Arts and Science University a great success.

"We must strive for excellence again this year."

Ding Yue said to Director Xiong Yang with a smile.

"We think so too, but... last year we really did pull off a lot of spectacular stunts, creating a peak for university New Year's Eve Galas. To surpass our own performance is indeed a challenge," Director Xiong Yang humbly acknowledged the current situation.

"That's true."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue nodded slightly and said, "Surpassing oneself is always the hardest, but it's not impossible, right, Director Xiong?"

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"Exactly, exactly."

Director Xiong Yang nodded and then handed a preliminary New Year's Eve Gala performance schedule to Principal Ding: "Principal Ding, this is the tentative schedule for the New Year's Eve Gala. Would you take a look?"

Ding Yue took the performance schedule from Director Xiong Yang's hand and started to look it over seriously.

Such matters related to the reputation and opinion of big events hosted by Mist City Arts and Science University were certainly to be taken seriously by Ding Yue.

Consider this.

Last year's New Year's Eve Gala was very successful, and if this year's falls flat, wouldn't there be voices rhythmically lambasting Mist City Arts and Science University, saying it's starting to slack off or something?

"Hmm, the programs for this year, although they don't possess spectacular innovations, actually represent the characteristics of our Mist City Arts and Science University."

After looking over the performance schedule for the New Year's Eve Gala, Ding Yue felt that there was nothing particularly outstanding.

"Does that mean it's a bit too mediocre?"

Director Xiong Yang asked directly.

"Sort of... That's pretty much what I mean," Ding Yue nodded slightly and said: "The main issue is that it lacks any real surprises."

"Surprises..."

Director Xiong Yang touched his chin, deep in thought.

Director Xiong Yang was now placing great importance on the New Year's Eve Gala, as not managing it well would disappoint and fail the foundational reputation built up by Mist City Arts and Science University last year.

"The main issue is, considering our university's situation, last year's New Year's Eve Gala indeed had too many big hits."

Director Xiong Yang began to analyze.

"That is true, for this year... how about releasing some new songs or something?"

Ding Yue also pondered the idea.

If it's difficult to be innovative in other aspects, then the safest method would be to have several singers from Mist City Arts and Science University release new songs.

Indeed, debuting new songs at the New Year's Eve Gala would definitely build up the audience's anticipation.

Of course, the premise is that the new songs must be of high quality, at least they must be top-notch.

"Principal Ding, that's indeed a good idea. However... this year, student Lin Zhirou and her peers haven't prepared many new songs," Director Xiong Yang said with a sense of helplessness.

Regarding Lin Zhirou, as a rising star singer from Mist City Arts and Science University, this year she only released one song in the first half of the year, maintaining her popularity. Other singers, even though their presence has been steadily increasing, don't have plans to release new songs in the second half of the year or at year-end.

"That's not a problem, they are all very talented."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue smiled indifferently and then pulled open his office drawer: "Luckily, this year my composer friends have created quite a few pieces."

Here we go again!

Ding Yue was pulling out his mysterious friend once more.

Prior songs of Lin Zhirou and others were all created by Ding Yue's mysterious friend, and naturally, it was the same this time.

"Oh, that's really wonderful. As long as we have excellent pieces, I believe Lin Zhirou and the others will certainly bring surprises to the audience," Director Xiong Yang said, excitedly upon hearing this.

"There's still time before the New Year's Eve Gala, so let them start preparing."

Ding Yue handed several music composition manuscripts to Director Xiong Yang.

The next steps, Ding Yue didn't need to lay out, as Director Xiong Yang already understood.

That is, to immediately take these manuscripts to Miss An Yujia, and under her coordination, start prepping Feiyue Media's artists like Lin Zhirou, Jia Wenbo, and others to work on these new songs.

As for what these new songs are, Director Xiong Yang, not being a music professional, didn't open them to check, but he trusted the friend of Principal Ding, the creator.

After all, a creator who has crafted a masterpiece like "Blue and White Porcelain" can't be that far off the mark, right?

"Additionally, I have another idea that I want to run by you, Director Xiong Yang, to see if it's feasible," Ding Yue said.

Ding Yue suddenly thought of something and said to Director Xiong Yang with a smile.

"Principal Ding, what are you thinking?"

Director Xiong Yang asked eagerly.

The whims of Principal Ding might be indeed quite good.

"This year, our Mist City Arts and Science University has developed a 5nm lithography machine, so think about it, leveraging this topic, could we create a skit for the Gala?"

Ding Yue suggested.

After all, for Mist City Arts and Science University, the greatest achievement this year is, without a doubt, the development of 5nm lithography machine technology!

"Naturally, that's no problem at all, and I think it's very necessary," Director Xiong Yang immediately nodded and said: "It's our glory at Mist City Arts and Science University. Besides, Principal Ding, I think we can take this opportunity to satirize those foreigners in our skit."

"Hahaha, that would be great."

Ding Yue laughed and said.

"Also, starting from this year, Mist City Arts and Science University is planning a Metaverse Plan. Now that we have the 5nm chips, we have the opportunity to officially develop the Metaverse, so let's take advantage of this year's New Year's Eve Gala to do a program about the Metaverse."

Ding Yue suggested again.

It's time to announce Mist City Arts and Science University's venture into the Metaverse field, let the whole country, and even the whole world know that the Metaverse isn't just for big corporations like Google, Facebook, and Penguin. Most importantly, Mist City Arts and Science University will certainly do it better than them!

"A program related to the Metaverse, very well, Principal Ding."

Director Xiong Yang quickly noted down Principal Ding's "suggestion."

The suggestions of Principal Ding were tantamount to being carried out. After all, somewhere in Director Xiong Yang's mind was the latent awareness that Mist City Arts and Science University

belonged to Principal Ding. What Principal Ding said goes – of course, as long as it did not violate certain principles.

"Sigh, before you know it, another year has passed."

While discussing the New Year's Eve Gala with Director Xiong Yang, Ding Yue couldn't help but express such sentiment.

Year after year, Ding Yue felt that time was flying by, yet it was also very fulfilling.

Especially when he saw his Mist City Arts and Science University getting better every year, the sense of accomplishment was genuinely exhilarating.

"Yes, Principal Ding, although this year is almost over, we will still be united and continue to work hard next year," Director Xiong Yang said very inspiringly.

"Mm-hmm, I am grateful to have you all. You are the foundation of Mist City Arts and Science University."

Ding Yue said with a smile and a nod.

Mist City Arts and Science University cannot do without two groups of people: the students and the faculty and staff.

Every student and every faculty member makes up Mist City Arts and Science University as it is today, making the University's reputation resonate domestically and even internationally this year.

Two major events this year have completely made the world recognize Mist City Arts and Science University, letting them know that in the far East, such a powerful private institution exists.

The two major events are none other than the grand AI robot competition and the emergence of the 5nm lithography machine technology!

"Principal Ding, to be honest, when I worked elsewhere before, it was hard to have this kind of passion and motivation. Here at Mist City Arts and Science University, I feel full of strength every year, every day, even every second," Director Xiong Yang said excitedly.

In fact, Ding Yue could clearly see it.

Not just Director Xiong Yang, many faculty members at Mist City Arts and Science University felt the same.

The most typical example was Director Qi Chunsheng.

Director Qi Chunsheng, although already at retirement age and could have chosen a comfortable retirement, did not opt to retire. Instead, he chose to continue working at his post, contributing to the educational work of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Why is that?

Believe it is the power of love that truly made them fall in love with Mist City Arts and Science University!

Chapter 1514: The Most Anticipated Program of the Year

In these days nearing the end of the year,

Ding Yue often visited the recording studio of the Music Department at Mist City Arts and Science University, essentially going there every day.

This matter,

started from two weeks ago.

Two weeks earlier, Ding Yue tasked Director Xiong Yang to be in charge of this year's New Year's Eve Gala, introducing some new programs mainly featuring singers from Mist City Arts and Science University to perform a few new songs, at least to boost the audience's anticipation.

Then Ding Yue handed over the music compositions created by his "friend" to Xiong Yang, who approached Miss An to coordinate with the singers under Feiyue Media. Ultimately, it was a fortuitous coincidence or whatever, student Jia Wenbo suggested singing this new song as a duet with Principal Ding.

Well, since Jia Wenbo had brought it up, how could Ding Yue refuse?

Formerly tone-deaf, Ding Yue now was different; he would occasionally redeem some buffs or other music-related props from the system store to improve himself.

Now, Ding Yue could be considered a little prince of karaoke. Having decided to perform a duet with Jia Wenbo, he even added a few more buff effects to ensure a good performance.

After all, Jia Wenbo is a powerful singer who performed the theme song "Immortals" for "Super Combat Team." Singing along with him, without some genuine skill, the disparity would probably be quite noticeable.

Therefore, Ding Yue came to the studio to practice singing every day.

Moreover, he sought guidance from the best music teachers at Mist City Arts and Science University, even Lin Zhirou volunteered to step in personally to help Principal Ding enhance his "singing skills."

"Principal Ding, actually, when you sing a song with Jia Wenbo, you don't need to reach a perfection in vocal skills, you already have a really good foundation," Lin Zhirou said gently to Principal Ding.

"Really?"

Ding Yue looked at Lin Zhirou and smiled.

It has to be said, these past few years Lin Zhirou seemed to have cultivated more charm and grace, almost like an untouchable mega-celebrity yet she was very gentle, especially kind to herself.

No wonder she was the first campus beauty of Mist City Arts and Science University.

"So Principal Ding, you just need a little more practice, and you can perform with Jia Wenbo," Lin Zhirou nodded and said.

"Hahaha, look, even our little diva here says so, it shows I do have a musical foundation," Ding Yue proudly declared.

At this moment, Professor Wang Jianxin smiled at Principal Ding and said, "Such potential like yours Principal Ding, is quite rare; if you took a professional singer's path, you might actually succeed."

Professor Wang Jianxin is a renowned music master in Xia Country, even he was praising Ding Yue, which gave him even more confidence.

"Hahaha, I wouldn't say so, I'm not as amazing as Lin Zhirou and Jia Wenbo,"

Ding Yue immediately shook his head, modestly speaking.

"Principal Ding, you've made rapid progress, and your learning ability is strong, truly deserving of a genius capable of developing gallium nitride semiconductor technology," Jia Wenbo praised from the side.

Goodness, everyone praising him like this made Ding Yue somewhat overwhelmed.

"Hahaha, come on, let's continue practicing," Ding Yue laughed and then gestured to Jia Wenbo to keep practicing the new song.

If this new song is perfected, it will definitely ignite the stage at the New Year's Eve Gala.

Don't know if it was due to being too immersed in practicing, but Ding Yue felt like time flew by very quickly, having a simple lunch right there in the studio before continuing, and before he knew it, it was already dusk when they finished practicing.

"Well, Principal Ding, shall we call it a day?"

Professor Wang Jianxin asked.

"Yes, thank you everyone for the hard work,"

Ding Yue nodded and said, "Everyone take a good rest for a couple of days, and let's continue on Monday."

"Alright, Principal Ding!"

The crowd responded in unison.

Following that, Ding Yue approached Jia Wenbo, smiled at him and said, "Jia Wenbo, practicing singing with you these days, I hope it doesn't interfere with any of your commercial performances?"

After all, during this period Ding Yue always required Jia Wenbo for practice sessions, both practicing together were necessary for Ding Yue to get the right feel, but Jia Wenbo was a popular singer, constantly in demand for commercial performances.

"Principal Ding, you might not know,"

Jia Wenbo explained with a smile, "Towards the end of the year, I and students like Lin Zhirou focus on our university's New Year's Eve Gala or prepare for the Spring Festival Gala invitations, any other commercial activities are usually declined by our company."

Ding Yue was momentarily stunned when he heard this.

Good lord, to devote these couple of months at year's end to the New Year's Eve Gala of Mist City Arts and Science University without accepting other commercial performances, what a spirit of love for their alma mater.

Ding Yue hadn't forced Lin Zhirou or Jia Wenbo to do this; they did entirely voluntarily.

"I truly appreciate your dedication to the school."

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Ding Yue sincerely thanked Jia Wenbo and the others.

Even though they graduated from Mist City Arts and Science University, for the sake of their careers and futures, it was not at all necessary to give up other commercial performance opportunities every year end for the school's New Year's Eve Gala.

Yet, Jia Wenbo and Lin Zhirou made that choice, showing their true love for their alma mater.

"Principal Ding, what we are doing comes from a sincere hope that Mist City Arts and Science University will keep improving, and that we can also contribute our own strength to the development and construction of the school," said Jia Wenbo with a smile.

"Very good."

Ding Yue nodded with satisfaction.

After a while, Jia Wenbo left the recording studio.

Only Lin Zhirou did not seem in such a hurry to leave.

Ding Yue could tell that Lin Zhirou seemed to have something she wanted to say to him.

"Principal Ding."

Just as Ding Yue stepped out of the recording studio, he suddenly heard Lin Zhirou calling him.

"Hmm?"

Ding Yue, hearing this, turned around to see Lin Zhirou standing there, looking at him with eyes so clear and flawless.

This made Ding Yue think of the first time he met Lin Zhirou.

This girl's charm was truly strong, not only in terms of her looks but also that indescribable quality about her.

It's hard to describe what Lin Zhirou's aura was like, but it was very attractive—perhaps she is the goddess of many people's dreams.

"Thank you."

Lin Zhirou said gently.

"Thank me?"

Ding Yue was somewhat puzzled.

What was Lin Zhirou thanking him for?

Lin Zhirou stepped forward and said softly, "If it weren't for Principal Ding, I wouldn't be who I am today."

Ah, that was why.

After understanding, Ding Yue thought it wasn't much of an issue, because Lin Zhirou had thanked him many times before, and even invited him to meals and such.

After all, in Lin Zhirou's heart, Ding Yue and Mist City Arts and Science University, which he founded, were the key factors and boosters that changed her life. Lin Zhirou even believed that without Principal Ding and without Mist City Arts and Science University, there would be no Lin Zhirou, the little queen of the Music Circle today.

"You have a long path ahead, and the Music Circle has been quiet for so many years. It's up to you guys now, keep it up," Ding Yue said with a smile to Lin Zhirou.

But it seemed like Lin Zhirou wanted to say something else, yet in the end, she did not speak.

"Shall we go? How about we have dinner at the Fifth Canteen?"

Ding Yue, being on the way, invited Lin Zhirou to have dinner together at the Fifth Canteen.

"Mhm."

Lin Zhirou nodded.

"You must be busy with work usually and rarely have meals at the school's Fifth Canteen, right? But let me tell you, the food at our school's Fifth Canteen is really good," Ding Yue chatted with Lin Zhirou as they walked out of the building.

"I come here often," Lin Zhirou suddenly replied.

Ding Yue initially thought that with Lin Zhirou's status as a superstar singer and her busy schedule, she would surely rarely stay to eat and live at the school. But unexpectedly, Lin Zhirou still resided in the school's apartment building and often went to the Fifth Canteen for her meals.

"Is that so, that's good, that's very good."

Hearing this, Ding Yue immediately said with a smile, "It seems like you still really like the school environment."

"Yes, Principal Ding, within the school, I believe I can always hold on to the original passion I had when chasing my music dreams," Lin Zhirou said sincerely.

Ding Yue looked at Lin Zhirou.

He felt that this girl was truly different.

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In the blink of an eye, another month had passed.

The new year is approaching, and the Mist City Arts and Science University is actively preparing for the New Year's Eve Gala.

TV stations in various regions are also actively getting ready for the New Year's Eve concerts. In the past, these concerts have always been a great opportunity for all major TV stations to compete for ratings.

Stations like Toi TV Station, Dream Blue TV Station, and Yancheng TV Station, would invite numerous celebrity singers to attract audiences and compete for ratings.

However.

Last year, the competitive scene among the major TV stations was disrupted.

And the one that broke this pattern was not an emerging TV station, but a university. That university is none other than the Mist City Arts and Science University.

Last year's New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University was a resounding success, acclaimed as the most spectacular in recent years. Many viewers even believed that it was more exciting than the Spring Festival Gala.

Therefore, this year, what many netizens are most looking forward to is the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University.

As a result, concerts such as those by Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station are close to being ignored.

But this wasn't a big problem for Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station; they just needed to continuously market their events.

For instance, Toi TV Station, as early as a week before, had been constantly buying trending spots to market this year's New Year's concert, showcasing various popular stars and singers, with a formidable digital army backing them up.

Dream Blue TV Station was not lagging behind either; their marketing was practically an overwhelming assault.

It made everyone think that this year Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station had monopolized the trending topics, when in actuality, these were just superficial efforts. What really caught attention was this year's New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University.

This angered the directors of Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station to no end.

Despite this, Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station were quite confident, after all, they had invited many popular stars this year, and just the public following of these stars alone would support high viewership. After a bit of marketing, they should attract a lot of viewers, and by so doing, potentially decrease the audience numbers for Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Principal Ding, this year's New Year's Eve Gala has already prepared for multi-angle live streaming, and we've also upgraded the servers at Feiyue Home. We can definitely ensure a smooth broadcast of the New Year's Eve Gala. Furthermore, this year our target is to compete with the ratings of Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station," reported Director Xiong Yang to Principal Ding in the office of the Administration Building at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Now.

The New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University can compete with Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station's New Year's concerts.

"Very good."

Ding Yue nodded, smiling, "We need to show the audience what a truly exciting, high-quality gala looks like, not like Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station that rely on inviting a bunch of popular stars only to produce a mediocre show."

"Yes, yes."

Director Xiong Yang immediately said, "Every program of our Mist City Arts and Science University controls its quality meticulously. Those of subpar quality will not be allowed."

"Very good."

"By the way, Principal Ding, I also discussed with Miss An and decided to use the momentum of the New Year's Eve Gala to highlight the trailers for a few dramas invested by Feiyue Media, just like last year's 'Wandering Earth', to build up excitement for them," Director Xiong Yang continued.

Director Xiong Yang already had a clear strategy in mind, which was to utilize the popularity of the New Year's Eve Gala and create a program similar to last year's 'Wandering Earth' trailer to attract attention for the TV dramas and simultaneously create a buzz for the gala.

"Are you talking about 'The Legend of Fairy Sword' and 'Langya List'?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue immediately thought of these two TV dramas.

These are two projects that Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Media had settled on a while ago; one is a Xianxia drama and the other is a fictional costume drama. Ding Yue had provided the scripts for both projects, but due to his busy schedule, he paid less attention to the progress of their production.

"Yes."

Director Xiong Yang nodded.

"Alright then." Ding Yue considered and found the idea appealing. He nodded, "We can definitely hype it up during the New Year's Eve Gala."

After he finished speaking, Ding Yue immediately turned to his secretary Wen Ruohan and said, "Xiao Wen, please ask Miss An to come over."

Chapter 1516: Explosive Start That Shakes The Entire Scene!

December 31.

The end of the year is approaching, the weather in Mist City is getting colder, but in Mist City Arts and Science University, with the upcoming New Year's Eve Gala, the campus has become heated up.

As an annual grand gala, students at Mist City Arts and Science University would not miss it for the world, and even many netizens across the nation are highly anticipating this New Year's Eve event.

On a certain website, as well as on various social media platforms, the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University is hailed as one of the most anticipated programs of the year. The expectations and high evaluations from netizens towards the gala are evident.

"Who would have thought that netizens were so looking forward to our Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala?"

"It seems like since last year, our Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala has already gone viral, huh?"

"Wow, this is really great!"

"Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala will always be epic!"

"Will Lin Zhirou be singing this year again?"

"I really want to hear Lin Zhirou sing 'Blue and White Porcelain', that song is so beautiful, I listen to it on repeat every day."

"Seeing how much everyone loves and looks forward to our Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala, as a part of this university, I am really proud and happy."

"Welcome, brothers and sisters, to watch our Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala on Feiyue Home streaming media platform!"

The students of Mist City Arts and Science University are immensely proud upon learning how popular their New Year's Eve Gala is.

For the students, this naturally translates into a sense of pride and belonging, and also fosters a sense of solidarity, which can bond all the students of Mist City Arts and Science University, whether they number in the tens or hundreds of thousands, into one strong unit.

This is why Ding Yue continuously strives to enhance the influence and reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University.

In the Central Sports Ground of Mist City Arts and Science University, Director Xiong Yang from the Department of Culture and Sports, along with all his staff, have arrived on site, busy making the final arrangements.

At eight o'clock in the evening, the long-awaited New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University will commence.

Director Xiong Yang is in charge of the overall coordination of this New Year's Eve Gala, a crucial task where no mistakes can be afforded, otherwise his career and future might be completely bleak.

Of course, in reality, Director Xiong Yang is even more concerned about the various impacts this New Year's Eve Gala will have on Mist City Arts and Science University; his personal career and future are secondary concerns.

In the afternoon, following the annual tradition, Ding Yue first came to the site to inspect the specific preparations.

"Principal Ding, we have carefully selected all our programs and have undergone rigorous rehearsals. There will definitely be no problems, and additionally, the order on site, as well as the security work, are cooperatively overseen by our Department of Culture, Sports and the security department."

Director Xiong Yang followed behind Principal Ding, accompanying him on the "inspection" while reporting on related work.

"Hmm, order and security are of utmost importance, especially as this is a large-scale gala and also a live broadcast, where no mistakes can be afforded," Principal Ding repeatedly emphasized.

"Understood, Principal Ding, we will strictly adhere to every procedure," Director Xiong Yang said resolutely.

"Good, is this year the same as previous years? In addition to some main events, there are backup programs, right?" Ding Yue further inquired.

Last year, Ding Yue learned that Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala actually prepared quite a number of performances, some of which were "backups," intended to be substitutes in case any issues arose with the planned programs, and thus would not guarantee a stage appearance unless necessary.

However, these "backup" programs had to be prepared and rehearsed very rigorously, adhering to the standards required for a performance.

"Yes, Principal Ding, we have some programs prepared as immediate substitutes, but these substitutes have also been well-prepared and rehearsed, please rest assured," Director Xiong Yang earnestly replied.

"They are quite unlikely to perform onstage and won't be seen by the audience, but they still put in tremendous effort, no less than those who do perform onstage. So, Director Xiong, my point is, whether in terms of performance remuneration or treatment, do not neglect these students," Ding Yue spoke with profound concern.

Every performing team and every staff member involved in Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala receives a "remuneration;" Ding Yue would not expect students to contribute to the school's New Year's Eve Gala for free, as that would be akin to treating them like slaves.

"Absolutely, Principal Ding, rest assured, we will certainly not let the students' hard work go to waste," Director Xiong Yang nodded repeatedly.

"Hmm, that is good to hear."

Chapter 1517: Explosive Start That Sets the Whole Place Ablaze! _2

Ding Yue nodded in satisfaction and then walked toward the field of the Central Sports Ground, at the same time, he said to Director Xiong Yang, "For the opening performance, we'll stick to the plan we discussed earlier, right?"

"Yes, Principal Ding, we'll use Big White for the opening performance. Big White is really popular this year and has amassed a large number of fans both domestically and abroad. Big White's

presence is sure to make an exceptional impact on the opening," said Director Xiong Yang with confidence.

Director Xiong Yang sounded very confident.

Ding Yue agreed with this as well.

After all, that's Big White, an AI robot that everyone in the country loves and that has become globally famous starting this year. This artificial intelligence robot is being hailed by many foreigners as the strongest AI robot in the world today.

The reason why Big White earned the title of "The World's Strongest AI Robot" was primarily due to its victory over Google Company's AlphaGo, which was known as the world's number one AI robot, in a challenge earlier this year, thus ascending to godlike status.

Using Big White for the opening will definitely be a showstopper!

"Okay, let's proceed with the original plan for the Big White opening."

Ding Yue nodded and said, "I hope that this year, we can also give our audience a New Year's Eve Gala to remember."

"I am sure we can," replied Director Xiong Yang immediately, taking over from Principal Ding.

In the afternoon, after surveying the place with Director Xiong Yang, Ding Yue went back to the Fifth Canteen for dinner.

Tonight, Ding Yue had a "show"; his duet with Jia Wenbo was not listed in the program. This was a deliberate move by Ding Yue to avoid revealing his name and act in the program, with the intent to surprise the audience and the students.

In the program list, Jia Wenbo's performance was scheduled right after Big White's entrance, randomly presenting the theme song of "Super Combat Team," which was also Jia Wenbo's classic hit that brought him fame.

Following that, Jia Wenbo had another opportunity to take the stage, but this time it would be to perform a new song with Ding Yue. Ding Yue was very confident about this song; even if it didn't become a major hit, he was sure it would at least become moderately popular after tonight's performance. Ding Yue had confidence in this song, his own singing abilities, and speaking of Jia Wenbo, there was no need to elaborate—Jia Wenbo was indeed a powerhouse among the new generation of singers.

The evening quickly arrived.

Before eight o'clock, the live stream room of Mist City Arts and Science University on the Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform had already started broadcasting.

Since the official New Year's Eve Gala program had not yet begun, there weren't many viewers in the live stream room and it was a long way from peak online viewership.

However, even so, the number of online viewers was already quite impressive.

Tonight, Toi TV Station, Dream Blue TV Station, and other channels had invited numerous popular stars to their New Year's Eve singing competitions, vying for popularity and audience numbers with Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Front row seats!"

"Has it started?"

"Didn't they say it would start at eight o'clock?"

"Can the director show Lin Zhirou, hehe."

"Isn't the New Year's Eve Gala of Mist City Arts and Science University more exciting than the Toi TV Station's New Year's concert?"

"I'm dying of laughter. Toi TV Station's New Year's concert invited a bunch of young male stars."

"Guys, the New Year's Day Gala of Mist City Arts and Science University is what men should watch, not the girly stuff at Toi TV Station or Dream Blue TV Station."

"Exactly, what era are we in that they're still using young male stars?"

"Now it's the era where talent is king. Besides singing, dancing, and rapping, what else can those young male stars do?"

"You can't say that. Although those young male stars might not have much talent or good works, they know how to charm young girls!"

In the live stream room of Mist City Arts and Science University, the audience had already started a passionate discussion. The official broadcast content hadn't even begun, and the barrage of comments in the live stream room was already relentless, much like that of a super popular streamer.

No need to wonder about the comments during the actual performance later on—probably just like last year, turning on the comment feed during the performance would fill the screen with the audience's comments.

"Principal Ding, you're going on stage to perform later, are you nervous?"

In the backstage lounge, Secretary Wen Ruohan looked at Principal Ding and asked.

"Ah, this..."

Caught off guard by Secretary Wen Ruohan suddenly asking this question, Ding Yue didn't immediately know how to respond.

To say he was nervous—after all, he had seen the world, and it would be laughable to be nervous about something like this.

To say he wasn't nervous—

Would actually be false.

For a stage that everyone was looking forward to like this, it was also Ding Yue's first time stepping onto it, and he was going to sing a song for everyone. It was definitely impossible for him not to be nervous.

"Indeed, I'm a little nervous, but it's really just a little bit."

Ding Yue spoke with feigned composure.

"Principal Ding, you will surely sing wonderfully. But I'm really curious, what song are you going to sing, Principal Ding?" Secretary Wen Ruohan asked with a face full of curiosity.

It had to be said that Principal Ding's secrecy had been truly well executed. Even now, Wen Ruohan still didn't know what song Principal Ding would be singing with Jia Wenbo.

Wen Ruohan was Principal Ding's personal secretary, and even she didn't know; from this, we could see just how extraordinary the secrecy level was for the song Principal Ding was going to sing with Jia Wenbo today.

"Hahaha, you will find out in time."

Ding Yue even intentionally teased his secretary Wen Ruohan a bit more.

Since it had already been kept a secret up to this point, there was absolutely no need for Ding Yue to tell Wen Ruohan anything now. All they had to do was wait a little longer, until Ding Yue went on stage to perform with Jia Wenbo, then everything would be revealed.

"Alright then, I'll be looking forward to it."

Wen Ruohan said with anticipation.

"OK."

Ding Yue made an "OK" sign with his hand.

A short while later, a burst of loud and sky-high cheering erupted inside the Central Sports Ground.

It must be something that ignited the atmosphere at the venue.

If Ding Yue's guess was right, it was probably because Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala officially began, and Big White took the stage.

Because Ding Yue had already handed over Big White to Director Xiong Yang, instructing the relevant groups to control Big White's voice, after giving the permissions, Big White could fly a circle around the Central Sports Ground as arranged for the opening.

"Big White has started."

After hearing the huge cheers from inside the Central Sports Ground, Ding Yue immediately spoke, then stood up and walked out of the backstage rest room towards the Central Sports Ground.

Along with Big White's entrance, the prelude to a song closely related to Big White also started playing.

As soon as this prelude started, everyone started swinging along to a song that the audience was all too familiar with.

"I knew it, where there's Big White, there's always this number about chopping wood!"

"'Immortals' is indeed immortal!"

"Here it comes, here it comes, Big White takes the stage, setting the audience ablaze, just one 'Immortals' gives me full-body goosebumps, okay."

"Cool!"

"Wow, Big White flying is truly cool!"

"This flight, could it be paying homage to that flight during the battle with AlphaGo?"

"Hahaha, the moment I see Big White flying, I cannot help but recall the scene of Big White thrashing AlphaGo."

"There it is, there's the scene."

"I kind of want to own a Big White."

"Though I've listened to this song countless times, it still feels so exhilarating now!"

"My body has already started to catch the fire."

"Starting off with such an explosive performance?"

"Big White! Big White! Big White! Jia Wenbo! Jia Wenbo! Jia Wenbo!"

The cheering at the scene was like the roar of thundering waves, deafening!

"How many people are at this venue?"

Ding Yue looked at the dense crowd in the audience stands, the glow sticks in their hands, the smartphones, and couldn't help but exclaim.

This was just like a super star's concert. Ding Yue wouldn't believe it if there weren't tens of thousands of people!

Chapter 1518: Three Trailers Make Their Debut!

Mist City Arts and Science University, Central Sports Ground.

That night, the lights were shining brightly, and the cheers were sweeping over the Central Sports Ground like waves, with an intensity that was truly stunning.

Especially when the world-famous AI robot Big White hovered in the sky before descending from above, accompanied by the popular singer Jia Wenbo's performance of "Immortals," it was literally an explosion of excitement!

"Big White!"

"Jia Wenbo!"

"The New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University is forever god-tier!"

The audience's enthusiastic cheers, that surging passion, genuinely filled Ding Yue with immense gratification.

That a campus New Year's Eve party organized by his own Mist City Arts and Science University could attract such high attention, create such a shocking atmosphere, and fulfill so many viewers with anticipation and joy – what a sense of achievement!

At this moment, the live broadcast room of Mist City Arts and Science University already had over a million viewers watching online, and what's more, the number of online viewers was still soaring at an extremely fast pace.

This is because these young people had all flocked to the Feiyue Home streaming media platform to watch the live broadcast of the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University, resulting in a visible drop in viewership for the New Year's Eve concerts that would normally belong to the major TV stations.

The staff at Toi TV Station had done a statistic – just at eight o'clock when the New Year's Eve concert officially started, the number of viewers had fallen by more than forty percent.

Dream Blue TV Station was even more outrageous; the number of viewers for the New Year's Eve concert had dropped by more than half.

And the majority of these lost viewers were undoubtedly now on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform, excitedly watching the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University.

This was quite demoralizing for Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station!

Could they only watch helplessly as their audience was snatched away?

This year, both Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station had intensified their efforts to invite popular celebrities, yet despite this, the effect wasn't very good. Aside from the die-hard fans of these celebrities, there were hardly any more viewers who actively wanted to watch the New Year's Eve concerts on Toi TV Station or Dream Blue TV Station.

Moreover, the TV stations discovered that the true fans of these so-called popular stars were exceedingly few; when the tide receded, it was akin to swimming in thin air!

This also led to the New Year's Eve concerts of Toi TV Station and Dream Blue TV Station looking lively on the surface but gradually becoming more and more deserted in terms of viewership data.

In contrast.

At Mist City Arts and Science University, after the explosive opening act with Artificial Intelligence robot Big White and Jia Wenbo singing "Immortals," the vibe was really getting more intense.

Countless viewers were anticipating what kind of surprises Mist City Arts and Science University would bring to the online community that night.

When Big White descended from the sky to stand on the stage with Jia Wenbo after the opening act, the wave of excitement at the venue reached a new height.

And on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform, the number of online viewers in the Mist City Arts and Science University's live broadcast room also skyrocketed, reaching around five million.

"Looking at this trend, breaking ten million online viewers tonight in the live broadcast room won't be difficult," marveled the backstage staff of Feiyue Home streaming media platform.

These online numbers represent the actual number of live viewers, not just some "heat" data – these are genuine viewers, each and every one of them.

After the opening with Jia Wenbo and Big White, another heavy-hitting bomb was dropped.

That's right; the next singer was Lin Zhirou.

Lin Zhirou took the stage for the second act with her classic song "Blue and White Porcelain," forming a stark contrast with Jia Wenbo's "Immortals," but creating alternating spikes in excitement throughout the New Year's Eve gala.

"The goddess is here!"

"Ahhhh! Lin Zhirou is really so beautiful!"

"She truly deserves the title of national goddess-level diva."

"So beautiful!"

"Lin Zhirou is still as good-looking as ever."

"I could admire this beauty for a lifetime!"

"Guys, my wife has made her entrance."

"How long have you been suffering from this condition?"

"If you can't drink, go to the kids' table!"

With Lin Zhirou's appearance, both the audience on-site and the viewers in the live broadcast room erupted into excitement.

Though everyone knew Lin Zhirou was bound to appear at the New Year's Day Gala of Mist City Arts and Science University, no one expected her to take the stage so quickly; damn, she went straight for the big moves.

Lin Zhirou's popularity now can only be described as top-tier in domestic entertainment.

There's hardly any domestic singer or celebrity who dares to clash head-on with Lin Zhirou in terms of popularity and talent.

And Mist City Arts and Science University, which cultivated Lin Zhirou, has also been acclaimed as a cradle of stars. After all, both Lin Zhirou and Jia Wenbo are alumni of Mist City Arts and Science University, and not just them, but many of the popular songs and beloved singers and actors of the past few years have come from Mist City Arts and Science University. This institution's fame in cultivating entertainment talents is quickly becoming comparable to Yancheng Films Academy and Haicheng Drama Academy.

Chapter 1519: Three Trailers Make Their Debut! _2

Lin Zhirou's rendition of "Blue and White Porcelain" is still as pleasant to the ears as always, garnering much praise as usual.

This song, included in the educational curriculum as a classic traditional music piece, has become a classic in the music world in Xia Country of Parallel World.

After Lin Zhirou finished her singing, the following programs were of high quality, including comedic sketches that were timely and continuously humorous, causing bursts of laughter and showcasing various kinds of positive energy, which were highly praised. It was said that the sketches at Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala were no less brilliant than those at the Spring Festival Gala.

Even after one sketch, the director of the Spring Festival Gala commented on Twitter that he hoped to collaborate with Mist City Arts and Science University to feature one of their sketches at the Spring Festival Gala if possible.

Besides the comedic sketches, there were also spectacular performances of National Arts that left the audience dazzled, marveling at the continuous excitement of the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Tonight's cultural activities at Mist City Arts and Science University made several appearances on trending topics.

And these trending topics were genuine hot topics discussed by netizens, unlike in previous years where they were bought either by celebrity studios or TV stations, lacking any real substance, just full of paid promotions.

The wonderful performances at Mist City Arts and Science University continued.

After a dance performance ended, the audience burst into warm applause.

The dance was incredibly beautiful, integrating multiple styles, with the traditional style being most prominent, giving the feeling of watching dance from ancient times.

After the dance performance, the next segment was not a performance but, like last year, a trailer showing.

"Ladies and gentlemen, as you all know, our Mist City Arts and Science University is not only home to excellent singers, but also to talented actors, directors, screenwriters, and producers."

The host began, "In the past two years, our Film and Television Academy at Mist City Arts and Science University, along with Feiyue Group's Feiyue Media, have produced several TV dramas that will be presented on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform in the coming year. Now, let's enjoy the trailers of these TV dramas together."

As the host spoke, the big screen behind the stage started showing an image.

"Feiyue Media produces quality TV series."

"Wandering Earth is fantastic, I hope your TV dramas are too."

"What dramas are these?"

"Hope these are good TV dramas."

"What genre are they?"

"Nice, looking forward to see how these TV dramas turn out."

"Hope they aren't like those trashy dramas acted by young male stars."

"If the trailer is good, I'll definitely follow it."

The audience in the live stream of Mist City Arts and Science University are quite genuine. As viewers, they adhere to one simple principle: if the drama is good, I'll watch and follow; if not, I'll critique and naturally won't follow the drama.

"Now, let's play the first trailer for the TV drama titled 'The Legend of Fairy Sword'!"

The host briefly introduced.

Then, the big screen started showing the trailer for "The Legend of Fairy Sword".

A classical Xianxia TV drama, indeed attracted many people's attention, coupled with the trailer cuts and ethereal special effects of "The Legend of Fairy Sword", and the actors' online performances, gave the audience a refreshing experience.

It must be said, the trailer was very well edited.

Even Ding Yue felt quite impressed after watching it.

"Wow, this looks quite promising."

"Xianxia drama, I love it!"

"How long has it been since our Xia Country produced a good Xianxia TV drama?"

"Xianxia dramas are hard to manage, but the trailer seems quite promising!"

"Hope it's not just a misleading trailer!"

"'The Legend of Fairy Sword', just the name of this TV drama sounds quite impressive!"

"The BGM is so nice!"

"The music is good, and the visuals are great, I hope it's going to be a great Xianxia drama!"

"Just by watching this trailer, I know I'm going to follow the new series."

"The music sounds pretty good, please tell me the song's name."

In the livestream room, the audiences' response was very positive.

Ding Yue specifically picked up his phone, watching the audience's reactions in his Mist City Arts and Science University livestream room, and was surprised to find that everyone was really looking forward to it, and many seemed quite satisfied with the song as well.

Indeed, in the trailer for "The Legend of Fairy Sword", Ding Yue also specifically had the production team add the song "Killing Wolf".

"Life, to show.

Love, traces of existence.

Fire, burns for a greater life.

Killing, to extol the splendor before burst.

Night, the wolves' deep eyes, lonely waiting for dawn."

When this very familiar tune started playing, the audience praised that the soundtrack was good.

It had been a very, very long time since Ding Yue last heard "Killing Wolf" sung by Huang Yali, and listening to it today during the trailer of "The Legend of Fairy Sword" brought an indescribable sentiment to him.

Back on Earth in his previous life, Ding Yue quite liked the song "Killing Wolf".

After the trailer for "The Legend of Fairy Sword" ended, the netizens and audience's expectations for this Xianxia drama were sky-high, and many were eagerly wanting to know what the song "Life, to show, Love, traces of existence" really was.

Could it be sung by a college student singer from Mist City Arts and Science University?

Indeed, it was so.

This "Killing Wolf" was actually performed by a female student from the Music Department of Mist City Arts and Science University, and of course, this student was not Lin Zhirou, because Lin Zhirou's voice clearly wasn't suitable for "Killing Wolf"; forcing it would only produce the opposite effect!

Next up, was the trailer for a modern drama.

And, this drama had a very noticeable prompt, being adapted from "real events", this drama was also adapted by Ding Yue from a drama on Earth in his previous life.

Of course, Ding Yue also incorporated "real events", which refers to the deeds of helping to develop poor rural areas done by himself and his colleagues from the Agricultural and Forestry College of Mist City Arts and Science University.

And the TV series adapted from this real event is named "Mountain and Sea Love", a very simple and rustic drama.

This drama's trailer didn't seem as captivating as "The Legend of Fairy Sword", after all, one was a very appealing Xianxia drama, while the other was a more realistic poverty alleviation drama.

However, the rustic character images and short showcases of acting talent presented in the trailer did impress many viewers.

"It looks like a very rustic drama haha!"

"The makeup on the actors is pretty good, and the acting seems good too."

"Are these newbie actors?"

"I think I spotted a few veteran actors."

"Although it looks very rustic, I'm still looking forward to how amazing the story will be."

"As a kid who grew up in the countryside, I can relate strongly."

"This drama looks so real!"

"Let's look forward to it, not sure if it will be good."

From the netizens' and viewers' comments, Ding Yue could see that the expectation for "Mountain and Sea Love" was indeed lower than "The Legend of Fairy Sword", which Ding Yue could both understand and accept.

The last one played was the trailer for "Langya List", this imaginary costume drama, combining intelligence and schemes in the palace, was definitely attractive in terms of theme. The costumes, props, and the actors' performances once again skyrocketed the audience's expectations...

Chapter 1520: Who Says Only Those Standing in the Light Are Heroes?

"It looks like in the new year, Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Media are going to flourish in the TV drama field."

"I really like Xianxia dramas and fictional costume dramas, so let's look forward to 'Mountain and Sea Love' for now and see how it is after it airs."

"Whenever Mist City Arts and Science University comes out with a movie or TV drama, the uploaders on Bilibili start to have new material to edit, hahaha."

"I feel like every year, Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala has a segment for showing trailers."

"I must say it's a very clever approach. It not only enriches the content of the New Year's Eve Gala but also utilizes the traffic from the Gala to promote TV dramas."

Online viewers are continuously discussing the various shows and content of Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala tonight. The trailers for the TV dramas 'The Legend of Fairy Sword', 'Langya List', and 'Mountain and Sea Love' are also hot topics of discussion.

Among them, 'The Legend of Fairy Sword' is the hottest, followed by 'Langya List'. Because of the subject matter of 'Mountain and Sea Love', it might not temporarily attract the same level of attention and heated discussion as the Xianxia drama 'The Legend of Fairy Sword'.

"Welcome everyone to watch these three self-produced TV dramas by Feiyue Media on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform when the time comes. For the specific premiere dates of the three dramas, please follow Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Media's official Weibo; we will release the premiere announcements in January and February, one after another."

After the host finished speaking, he introduced the next show.

The following three acts were also quite well-received, with one receiving high praise from the audience. The other two, perhaps because they didn't hit the right note for the audience, did not become blockbuster performances.

Actually, this is quite normal.

After all, not every act can turn into a blockbuster, and audience tastes are wildly varied; it's not possible for every act to be liked by all viewers.

Just like audiences who don't understand dance, when a dance act comes on, they might find it somewhat dull and boring.

But for those who can appreciate dancing, they will applaud with delight and marvel at the performance!

Finally.

It was almost Ding Yue's turn to go on stage.

Since the new song that Ding Yue will sing with Jia Wenbo is arranged for a slot in the middle towards the back, this is to ensure there is a program to rev up the audience's enthusiasm at this stage.

Otherwise, if all the show-stopping acts are at the beginning, the audience will get more and more likely to fall asleep as they progress towards the end.

"Principal Ding, it's time for you and Jia Wenbo to get ready to go on stage."

In Ding Yue's earpiece, he heard the voice of the Sports Department Director Xiong Yang.

"Okay."

Ding Yue answered, then cleared his throat.

At this moment, his secretary Wen Ruohan and Lin Zhirou were both encouraging him, saying, "Principal Ding, you're the best."

"Hahaha, thank you for the encouragement."

Ding Yue nodded calmly and then left his exclusive audience seat to prepare behind the stage.

The performance stage at Mist City University of Arts and Sciences Central Stadium had been specially constructed for today. As the mystery singer who will perform with Jia Wenbo, none of the student viewers on-site or the netizen viewers in the Mist City Arts and Science University livestream knew that tonight's New Year's Eve Gala, Ding Yue would join Jia Wenbo in bringing a new song to everyone.

So, since he was supposed to make a surprise appearance, there had to be a surprising way to do it.

For this, the relevant team from Mist City Arts and Science University conducted many rehearsals with Principal Ding and finally decided on an entrance method, which Ding Yue also found very satisfying.

This entrance method involved the use of certain virtual technology and special effects technology.

The virtual technology was managed by Xu Bin, who created virtual visuals displayed through the large screens on stage and devices like virtual projectors, while special effects were produced by the Feiyue special effects studio.

"Big White, are you ready?"

Backstage, in front of a lifting platform, Ding Yue looked at Big White and asked.

"Ready for your command at any time."

Big White responded.

Then, Ding Yue stepped forward, standing in front of Big White, then turned around, with his back to the front of Big White, like one ahead of the other.

And Big White reached out, firmly securing his charge, while the specially installed safety locking device on his body also secured Ding Yue.

"Next, let us welcome singer Jia Wenbo to bring a wonderful musical performance to everyone!"

The host loudly announced on stage.

Jia Wenbo is up again.

The audience thought they had misheard; Jia Wenbo had another song to sing today.

At this moment, according to the plans of the overall coordination team, a little gimmick was staged. After the host announced Jia Wenbo's performance, the brief prelude of the 'Super Combat Team' theme song played suddenly at the scene.

But this prelude was only about three to five seconds long.

"Cough cough, already sung, already sung."

Jia Wenbo also cooperated with the three to five seconds of 'Super Combat Team' theme music, stepping onto the stage, then coughing lightly and saying, "Let's change to a different tune."

Clearly, the audience also realized this was the show crew playing a prank, and they broke into roaring laughter.

'Immortals' had indeed already been sung, and the audience would not forget it, as this song, along with Big White's entrance, served as an explosive opening act—how could they possibly forget?