

## F. University 1521

Chapter 1521: Who Says Only Those in the Light are Heroes? \_2

"Today, I bring everyone a new song, accompanist please."

Jia Wenbo stood on stage with a sunny smile, speaking with natural ease.

Everyone knew that once Jia Wenbo made an appearance, he was sure to sing a new song.

For a popular singer with real strength like Jia Wenbo, to bring a new song tonight was naturally much anticipated by the audience.

And so, a piece of music that felt quite foreign to everyone but rhythmically pleasing began to play.

The prelude was somewhat intense.

But it wasn't until Jia Wenbo began to sing that everyone realized the song started off very, very low.

"All."

After starting to sing, there was only one word.

It left the audience perplexed, but the tune made them look forward to what the lyrics would be next.

"Is about being brave."

"The wound on your forehead, your differences, the mistakes you've made."

Jia Wenbo's voice was known to be powerful, but in the beginning of this song, it was unexpectedly low, taking the audience by surprise.

However, this deeper voice was quite pleasant to listen to, really showcasing Jia Wenbo's strong singing talent.

As Jia Wenbo performed, the giant screen in the background started to display something like a music video for the song, depicting a city where light and shadow intertwined.

It seemed to resemble, in its near-realistic animated style, Mist City?

When the iconic Mist City buildings featured in the video, everyone could confirm that it definitely was Mist City.

"All, no need to hide.

Your threadbare toy, your masks, your self.

They say, to carry the light, tame every monster.

They say, to mend your wounds, no one loves a clown.

Why isn't solitude, glorious?

Flaws in a person are worthy of praise."

Every line sung by Jia Wenbo was clear and emotive, and the low pitch conveyed a slight oppressiveness.

"It feels pretty good, huh?"

"Is this Jia Wenbo's first attempt at this kind of song?"

"Do you feel the lyrics are starting to gain momentum?"

"Right, right, I also feel that growing strength, it should gradually increase."

The audience, hearing Jia Wenbo singing a style he had never done before, couldn't help but start analyzing.

"Who says being covered in mud doesn't make you a hero?"

When Jia Wenbo sang this lyric, the on-site audience faintly felt the song was about to burst with energy.

"Ah, nicely written lyrics, who says being covered in mud doesn't make you a hero?"

"Damn! The video is well-made!"

"The firefighters in the video have perfectly interpreted this line."

"Who says being covered in mud doesn't make you a hero?"

As the music continued, suddenly, a white figure seemed to fly in from the edge of the sky amidst the flames on the screen.

"Look, what's that in the video?"

"Is that a video?"

"It looks like Big White flying over."

"Big White?"

"Surely that's Big White, but what's that on Big White?"

At this moment, the video on the screen seamlessly blended with the virtual imagery through certain technologies and angles.

Ding Yue, held tightly by Big White, flew from the side of the big screen into the video, then circled above the stage with the help of the live virtual image technology.

At this moment, even the on-site audience was nearly unable to distinguish between reality and virtual.

How did Big White fly out of the screen with a person in tow?

Most crucially, they landed steadily on stage, right in front of Jia Wenbo—wasn't that Principal Ding?

"Damn! Principal Ding?"

"What the hell? How did Principal Ding appear?"

"Damn, Principal Ding flew out of the screen with Big White?"

"That's freaking cool!"

The students from Mist City Arts and Science University on-site were boiling with excitement, with every student wondering how Principal Ding and Big White flew out of the big screen.

This was simply too magical, wasn't it?

The sci-fi effects were maxed out!

It wasn't just the audience on-site; the viewers in the livestream were also blown away, seeing Big White bringing Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University flying out of the screen. Watching the live broadcast, this scene was absolutely stunning.

The camera angles in the Mist City Arts and Science University broadcast room were superbly chosen, allowing the viewers online to clearly witness them flying out of the screen.

As soon as Ding Yue landed, he picked up where Jia Wenbo left off and continued singing.

"Holy shit! Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo are singing this song together?"

"I never anticipated that even Principal Ding would take the stage."

"Principal Ding is forever a legend!"

"I've been really looking forward to this song!"

"Is this a duet between Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo?"

"Holy shit, this new song is so grand, with Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo singing together!"

The students of Mist City Arts and Science University screamed when they saw Principal Ding follow Jia Wenbo and continue singing the song.

"Love how you brave the dark alleys solo,

Love the way you refuse to kneel,

Love your standoffs with despair,

Never willing to shed a tear,

Love your tattered dress,

Daring to face the gun of fate,

Love how much you resemble me,

Our scars are all the same."

After Ding Yue sang this part, the audience, both live and online, exploded with excitement.

"It sounds so good!"

"Brothers, spam 'good' in the chat!"

"Good!"

"Really good!"

"This one's a hit!"

"This song's going to be a sensation!"

"Damn, the new song is so catchy!"

The barrage in the live stream was completely drowned in an ocean of "good"!

"Will you go? Match? This ragged cape!

Fight? Yes, fight! For the humblest of dreams!

Here's to the weeping and roaring in the night!"

When Ding Yue reached the chorus, Jia Wenbo joined in, and the explosive power they unleashed lit up the entire venue.

"Listening to this song, I feel so empowered!"

"Yeah, from Jia Wenbo's deep beginning to the chorus's powerful outburst, it's just incredible."

"This song hits just right!"

"It's the first song of the year I'm going to have on repeat."

"A tribute to the weeping and roaring in the night!"

When the online audience heard the chorus, they too felt a fiery energy surge within.

"Who said that only those standing in the light are considered heroes!"

The last line of the chorus, sung solo by Ding Yue, perfectly capped off the first section, leaving the listeners craving more.

Especially that last line, "Who said that only those standing in the light are considered heroes," touched countless audience members deeply.

Indeed.

Just like in the video, who says that in reality, only those in the spotlight are heroes?

"They say, quit your madness,

As if wiping off dirt.

They say, climb the stairs submissively,

The price is bowing down.

Let me then, can't, ride the wind,

Proud as you are, with that solitary courage.

Who said that facing the ordinary doesn't count as heroism."

Jia Wenbo continued singing this part.

Following closely, it was Ding Yue's turn to continue.

Their perfect collaboration ignited the atmosphere at the scene.

The layers of empowerment one after another gave all the audience a sense of power, which, coupled with the hysterical roar of the chorus, became a blaze of strength that could instantly set the whole venue ablaze.

It must be said that "Lonely Brave" really tests that explosive vocal power.

When Ding Yue first encountered this song, he really didn't think he could do it, but after continuous practice and with the skillful teaching of Lin Zhirou and Jia Wenbo, and guidance from music masters.

In this way, Ding Yue kept practicing until now, finally being able to master "Lonely Brave" perfectly, controlling the release and explosion of power very precisely.

Because of this, the cooperative performance between Ding Yue and Jia Wenbo was seamless, presenting "Lonely Brave" even better to all the audience.

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"Lonely Brave" set the entire venue ablaze and blew up the whole network.

This song is really amazing. It makes you feel the roaring and growling amidst desperation, as well as that strong sense of power, leaving you with a feeling of never wanting the song to end.

"It sounds so good."

"It's nice."

"Is this a new song by Jia Wenbo and Principal Ding?"



"Principal Ding sings really well."

"Jia Wenbo sings with a sense of power."

"The collaboration between Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo is truly awesome."

"Principal Ding, make your debut already."

"I can't wait for Principal Ding to become a top singer in the Music Circle hahaha."

"Never would I have imagined that Principal Ding could sing so well."

"What's the name of this song?"

Whether it was the students from Mist City Arts and Science University at the venue or the online audience in the live stream, everyone felt their blood boiling after listening to "Lonely Brave."

However, at the moment, no one knew the name of the song because when Jia Wenbo and Principal Ding started singing, they did not introduce it.

"Who says only those in the spotlight are heroes..."

In the end, the song concluded as Ding Yue sang this last line of lyrics.

After finishing "Lonely Brave," Ding Yue prepared to give the audience a brief introduction to the song, at the very least to let everyone know its name and where they could listen to it next.

"I can see everyone is really enthusiastic. Do you all like this song?"

Ding Yue asked the live audience, holding a microphone.

"We love it!"

"It's great!"

"Just tell us the name of the song, Principal Ding, and that's that!"

"Sing it one more time, hahaha."

"It really is quite nice."

"This must be one of the best new songs of the year, right?"

"Principal Ding, are you switching careers to become a singer?"

"The crossover artist, Principal Ding!"

At the Central Sports Ground, the vast majority of the audience were students from Mist City Arts and Science University, and they couldn't have imagined that Principal Ding would sing so well. In fact, many students wanted Principal Ding to directly embark on a career as a crossover artist, switching from a private entrepreneur to a singer in the Music Circle. The thought alone was quite thrilling.

"This song is called 'Lonely Brave,' a tribute to every brave soul who marches on alone!"

Ding Yue told all the audience the name of the song.

The moment Ding Yue revealed the name, countless netizens had already whipped out their phones, opened their music apps, such as Penguin Music and Web Cloud Music, and started searching for "Lonely Brave."

However.

No matter on Penguin Music or Web Cloud Music, no one could find any trace of this song.

"Why can't I find 'Lonely Brave'?"

"Hasn't the song been released on Penguin Music or Web Cloud Music?"

"Right, I can't find 'Lonely Brave' at all."

"Are you guys joking? This is a song by Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo, how can it be on Penguin Music or Web Cloud Music? Have you ever seen Lin Zhirou's songs on either platform?"

"Exactly, this song will probably be released on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform."

"Honestly, the content on Feiyue Home streaming media platform is getting richer, and I really like it."

"Feiyue Home streaming media platform must be one of the best domestically made platforms, right?"

"Then let's listen to songs on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform."

It dawned on the online audience that "Lonely Brave" had just premiered today, so it was unlikely to be found so soon. Moreover, as a song from a Feiyue Media artist, it definitely would not be released on Penguin Music or Web Cloud Music.

Songs produced by one's own company should naturally be released on their own platforms.

"'Lonely Brave' will soon be available on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform. If you like it, you can go and listen - it's free," Ding Yue said with a smile.

Traditionally, after a new song is performed at the New Year's Eve Gala tonight, it would officially be released on platforms at midnight or around nine or ten o'clock the next morning.

But Ding Yue thought about it and knew the audience must be very eager, feeling itchy to listen to the song on their music players immediately after hearing the duet with Jia Wenbo, especially with such a positive reaction.

So Ding Yue made a decision. He decided that as soon as the performance of "Lonely Brave" with Jia Wenbo was over, he would have the Feiyue Media staff immediately upload the song to the Feiyue Home streaming media platform. Being their own platform allowed for immediate review and approval. Once approved, netizens could search for and listen to "Lonely Brave" on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform.

Ding Yue and Jia Wenbo had already recorded "Lonely Brave" in the studio a while ago.

Indeed.

As soon as Ding Yue informed the audience that the song was called "Lonely Brave" and it was available on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform, some netizens immediately searched for "Lonely Brave" on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform.

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Wow, it actually came up in the search.

Not only was it searchable, but it was also available to listen to online for free, just as Principal Ding said.

This efficiency is simply incredible.

"This new song is dedicated to everyone, hoping that in the new year, everyone can strive forward as a brave person, even if it's as a lonely brave person, and run forward with relentless effort," he said.

Ding Yue said these rather motivational words, inspiring every student present at the venue and every netizen watching the live stream.

I must say, Principal Ding's speech combined with the song "Lonely Brave" is such an incredibly motivating pep talk!

On Twitter, the song "Lonely Brave" sung by Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo quickly hit trending and the ranking is still rising sharply; many netizens, after listening to "Lonely Brave," frantically recommended it to friends and participated in the topic discussion, creating a wave of popularity for "Lonely Brave" in no time.

Meanwhile, on TikTok, many short video creators started using "Lonely Brave" as background music for their videos, and more and more netizens began asking in the comments section what the song was called and why it was so nice to listen to?

Gradually, the popularity and spread of the song "Lonely Brave" began to rise exponentially.

On Bilibili, there are already uploaders creating various video content matched with the song "Lonely Brave", how could they not ride on this wave of popularity?

In just a few minutes, the song "Lonely Brave" on Feiyue Home Streaming Media Platform has already surpassed one million plays, which, though not particularly remarkable on Penguin Music or Web Cloud Music due to their large user base and traffic, is still quite impressive for Feiyue Home Streaming Media.

For the Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform, this is already very impressive.

Simply put, if assuming one person takes about three to four minutes to listen to "Lonely Brave" once, then in those few minutes, having more than one million plays implies that over one million users are using the music channel on the Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform.

In fact, right now, the number of users on the Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform has already exceeded ten million, as there are already over ten million viewers watching online in the live stream room of Mist City University of Arts and Sciences.

Many viewers, seeing Principal Ding mention that "Lonely Brave" was available on Feiyue Home Streaming Media, went straight there to search and listen to it.

At the Mist City University of Arts and Sciences Central Stadium's New Year's Eve Gala, the program continued.

After Ding Yue and Jia Wenbo finished singing "Lonely Brave," Ding Yue briefly spoke and then exited the stage, handing it over to the next act.

"Principal Ding, your performance just now was really impressive," said Jia.

"Really?"

Ding Yue smiled and said, "I was worried it might have been lacking."

"It was perfect, honestly, Principal Ding, your singing skills are basically indistinguishable from a professional singer's. Have you ever considered becoming a singer, hahaha," Jia Wenbo said, laughing heartily.

"Become a singer? Aren't you afraid I'll steal your job?" Ding Yue calmly replied.

To be honest, adding another career as a singer wouldn't be impossible; after all, besides his obligations with Feiyue Group and Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue generally has plenty of free time.

However, becoming a singer isn't something Ding Yue is in a rush about. The future holds plenty of time and energy for that, and he could approach it leisurely. After all, Ding Yue isn't relying on being a singer to make money or gain fame; it's merely an interest, so he is in no hurry.

"Principal Ding, in the music circle, I believe that it's all about skill in the future. Those who are skilled will definitely have an audience, so there's no such thing as stealing someone's job," Jia confidently stated.

With the emergence of more and more skilled singers, those young male stars who used to rely on their popularity are becoming increasingly less favored. After all, their singing can't compare to these skilled singers—there's no harm without comparison.

"Hahaha, it's good to be confident. As for becoming a singer, I am quite interested. Once I have the time and energy, why not develop towards becoming a singer," Ding Yue said, laughing.

"Then we welcome Principal Ding to join us as a peer," Jia Wenbo said with anticipation.

Jia Wenbo is quite confident in himself, even if a strong singer like Principal Ding enters the music circle, it won't affect his future development.

"Principal Ding, what are you guys talking about?"

At this moment, Director Xiong Yang hurried over towards Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo.

Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo had just finished singing "Lonely Brave," and as the person in charge of tonight's New Year's Eve Gala, it was natural for him to come over and ask what Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo needed after the song was done.

"Jia Wenbo was discussing matters related to singers with me."

Ding Yue briefly responded, then asked Director Xiong Yang, "Director Xiong, how does our singing performance rank among all the performances in terms of viewership data?"

"Hahahaha, Principal Ding, speaking of that, I must congratulate you guys. Your and Jia Wenbo's "Lonely Brave" is currently the program with the best viewership data, and the response has been excellent. I just checked, and it's trending on both TikTok and Twitter, and not at a low rank at all."

Director Xiong Yang said laughing.

This was somewhat unexpected for Ding Yue.

Initially, Ding Yue thought that simply making a big splash during the live performance of "Lonely Brave" with Jia Wenbo would be quite good already.

The reality was it did set the scene on fire, but what Ding Yue didn't expect was that online, within a short time, "Lonely Brave" had already become massively popular?

"Principal Ding, it looks like the two of us are going to top the New Year's New Song List."

Upon hearing this, Jia Wenbo excitedly joked.

"This is indeed unexpected."

Ding Yue was quite calm, after all, as a successful person, he definitely didn't care about these superficial honors.

However, the wider "Lonely Brave" is sung, the better it naturally is.

Eventually, whenever people hear "Lonely Brave," they'll immediately think of it as a song produced by Mist City University of Arts and Sciences, and anything that can boost the reputation of his university is a good thing!

"By the way, Principal Ding, online, the netizens are now calling you the strongest cross-genre singer."

Director Xiong Yang suddenly said.

"The strongest cross-genre singer?"

Ding Yue was slightly puzzled upon hearing this.

But he quickly realized.

He indeed qualified as a cross-genre singer, especially after tonight's duet of the new song with Jia Wenbo, going from a private university principal to a singer.

"Hahahaha, yes, yes, tonight, I indeed am a cross-genre singer, but I won't consider myself the strongest."

Ding Yue laughed and shrugged.

Ding Yue didn't believe that in this parallel world, there wasn't any other impressive cross-genre singer.

For instance, someone who initially started as a restaurateur, crossed over to become a singer, and turned into a popular and powerful singer?

"Principal Ding, I acclaim you as the strongest!"



Jia Wenbo said laughing.

"Oh, stop stirring things up, Jia Wenbo. You also had a hard time preparing for our duet of 'Lonely Brave' recently. Rest well tonight."

Ding Yue rolled his eyes directly at Jia Wenbo and said.

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This belonged to a night at Mist City Arts and Science University.

On various social media networks, what netizens discussed was no longer some TV station's traffic-driven star-studded New Year's Eve concert, but one brilliant performance after another at the New Year's Eve Gala of Mist City Arts and Science University.

The New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University has almost become a cutting-edge trend for young people in pursuit of excellent film, music, and entertainment programs.

Whether it's a TV drama preview or a new song from a diva or a popular singer, you can see it here.

According to statistics from the Broadcasting Authority, tonight, including NTS, the peak online viewership of the New Year's Eve Gala programs of all provincial television stations, online television stations, and live streaming platforms was undoubtedly Mist City Arts and Science University. They hit a peak online viewership of over fifteen million.

Fifteen million online viewers - what kind of concept is that?

And this doesn't even include those who didn't watch the live broadcast but participated in topic discussions on online platforms; it seems that Mist City Arts and Science University did quite well with its New Year's Eve Gala.

Starting from eight o'clock in the evening, various performances from the New Year's Eve Gala of Mist City Arts and Science University began to hit trending one after another, and many remained popular until the next day without losing heat.

For instance, the new song "Lonely Brave" performed by Principal Ding and Jia Wenbo.

In just one night, its play count broke fifty million.

That's right!

A play count of fifty million, and the Feiyue Home streaming media platform also gained traffic of over one million new users overnight. Netizens were frantically recommending the song "Lonely Brave" to their friends.

On Twitter, there even appeared a "Lonely Brave" phenomenon, where many people posted their first tweets in a long time, inspired by "Lonely Brave," perhaps hoping to catch the attention of someone special in their hearts.

Actually.

The success and popularity of Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala were all within Ding Yue's expectations.

After all, the world never fails those who are serious.

Each segment of the New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University was created and choreographed by everyone with hard work and sincerity. What the audience saw was the fruits of their labor, not just empty applause for some traffic-driven stars invited by TV stations by merely standing on stage.

Ding Yue always adhered to a principle.

That is, the cultural and entertainment workers emerging from Mist City Arts and Science University might be as good-looking as Lin Zhirou, but you cannot rely on looks alone.

You must have strong capabilities, whether in music or acting; as long as you are strong enough, Feiyue Media will give you more resources. Otherwise, we're sorry, but we do not cultivate young male stars.

The students from all departments of Mist City Arts and Science University who aspire to enter the entertainment circle also understand this, so everyone works extremely hard. Even the good-looking boys and girls with attractive physiques are striving hard, rather than thinking of becoming a traffic-driven star by relying on their looks alone.

This fundamentally differs from the current situation in the entertainment industry.

After the New Year's Eve Gala, the New Year began.

Mist City Arts and Science University also embarked on a new journey.

In January, Ding Yue focused on the final month of teaching work at Mist City Arts and Science University, and students from all departments and majors underwent their final exams.

In the end, students from all departments and majors of Mist City Arts and Science University performed very well.

Over 200,000 students, not a single one cheated or broke the rules in the exam rooms, and this year's failure rate was extremely low. Among so many people in the entire school, only a three-digit number of students failed, which is a decent achievement for any university.

Originally.

Ding Yue had hoped that Mist City Arts and Science University could achieve a continuous zero-failure rate, but then thought that the difficulty was indeed too great. Unless the teachers deliberately eased up, there would inevitably be some students who slipped up.

Indeed, with over two hundred thousand students at Mist City Arts and Science University, only a few hundred ended up failing, which was a very good ratio already.

There were reasons for the failures: some had been absent or skipped classes due to various situations, while others had slipped up during the exams.

Not performing well is not critical, but having the right attitude towards learning is essential.

In the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, there are very few students without a proper learning attitude, because they are all influenced by the learning BUFF of Mist City Arts and Science University, and they all love to study.

Of course, Ding Yue cannot guarantee that the learning BUFF he applied works one hundred percent for every student, as there are always some exceptions.

However, such exceptions do not greatly impact Mist City Arts and Science University; ultimately, they only affect the future lives and prospects of those students themselves.

In the blink of an eye, the end of January arrived.

What Ding Yue cared about most every day was nothing else than the final examination situation of his own Mist City Arts and Science University, as well as the current core circumstance of photolithography machine production and manufacturing for Feiyue Group.

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Last year-end, Ding Yue had Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Luo Peng form the strongest phototechnology manufacturing and production training team, aiming to officially start producing photolithography equipment this year.

But photolithography equipment is not so easy to manufacture.

Even though Mist City Arts and Science University had already mastered the technology, it was not easy to nurture another batch of skilled personnel.

Luckily, with the strong capabilities of Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Luo Peng, they indeed fulfilled the "military order" they made to Principal Ding before the year-end, and the first team of technicians able to manufacture photolithography equipment had been trained.

Ding Yue had put An Yujia in charge of finding a place in the High-tech zone early on to set up a black tech factory area, and had already prepared the corresponding equipment and materials.

Now.

The team, equipment, materials, and funds were all in place.

Starting from the 3rd of January, the photolithography technology team from Mist City Arts and Science University had already started to move into the black tech factory to begin researching and producing 5-nanometer process photolithography machines, etching machines, and other equipment.

According to the previous plan, it would be possible to produce several photolithography and etching machines within a month. Since this was just the beginning, Ding Yue knew that the first few months might be slower, which was understandable.

But no matter, once the core equipment such as the photolithography and etching machines for manufacturing chips were available, both Feiyue Group and Guoxing Technology Group would be able to produce 5-nanometer chips.

With the 5-nanometer chips, major domestic electronic device manufacturers welcomed a true spring. Hence, netizens said that domestic mobile phone and computer manufacturers had another chance to rise, thanks to Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group.

In fact, domestic electronics manufacturers were truly grateful to Mist City Arts and Science University for developing homegrown photolithography machines, heralding the arrival of the domestic chip era.

However, these domestic electronics manufacturers also quietly wondered if the chips manufactured by Feiyue Group and Guoxing Technology Group would be priced higher?

Or if the price would be comparable to foreign chips?

If that were the case, the domestic electronics manufacturers would not be happy because it meant their costs would not be lowered or might even increase.

Capital obviously did not want to see this happen. Even domestic corporate groups were primarily profit-driven!

If Ding Yue knew these domestic companies' thoughts, he would probably feel quite disheartened.

Because these domestic electronics companies were all too cynical, Ding Yue never intended to monopolize the domestic chip market from the start, or he wouldn't have agreed to give almost half of the photolithography machine's annual production to Guoxing Technology Group.

Furthermore, in terms of pricing for the photolithography machines and chips, Ding Yue had discussions with Guoxing Technology, and he ultimately did not choose substantial profits. Instead, he chose to elevate the Chinese brand and the rise of domestic electronic brands, meaning the price of domestic chips would undoubtedly not be too high.

Ding Yue made this decision not because he didn't want to make money, but because the R&D funds spent by Mist City Arts and Science University on the development of photolithography machine technology were not as high as normal R&D, as he used a lot of black tech and applied BUFF effects to teachers and students, saving a lot on development costs. As such, there was no need to pursue high profits. Even normal profits would be very lucrative for Ding Yue.

That's the advantage of having a system!

At the end of January, Ding Yue inspected the black tech factory responsible for manufacturing photolithography machines and etching machines, overseen by An Yujia. With just two or three days left, he had basically finished all the work at hand and was also preparing for the New Year.

On the last working day before the Spring Festival, Ding Yue finally breathed a sigh of relief after Secretary Wen Ruohan reported on all the work.

"Phew."

Ding Yue let out a long breath of relief, stretched lazily, and then sank back into a laid-back posture in his office chair.

"Principal Ding, can we celebrate the New Year after today's work is done?" Secretary Wen Ruohan asked expectantly.

"Yes, are you sure you are not going back for the New Year this year?"

Ding Yue nodded with a smile and asked Secretary Wen Ruohan.

In previous years, Wen Ruohan would go back home to spend New Year with her family, but this year she chose to stay at Mist City Arts and Science University and experience the festival at the school.

"Yep."

Wen Ruohan nodded confidently: "I won't go back this year. After all, every year I go home for the holidays, my parents complain that I don't do anything around the house."

"Hahaha, isn't that just the way with young people? My parents used to say the same about me," Ding Yue laughed heartily.

It seems that the parents of every young person are all the same.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Just as Ding Yue finally had some free time to chat with his secretary Wen Ruohan and take a break, the office door was suddenly knocked on urgently.

"Who is it?"

Wen Ruohan was quite puzzled, immediately turned around, and went to the office door. At the doorway stood a department head who wasn't very familiar, the head of the Biology Department, which Wen Ruohan knew, but not well.

Because the department head of the Biology Department seldom visited Principal Ding's office.

"Director Yang?"

Wen Ruohan asked: "Are you looking for Principal Ding?"

"Yes, is Principal Ding in?"

Director Yang Xuejin immediately nodded and then asked.

"I am here."

From inside the office, Ding Yue's voice followed: "Director Yang, please come in. What do you need me for?"

"As New Year's is upon us, and yet here I am, troubling Principal Ding."

Director Yang Xuejin said somewhat apologetically.

"No worries, we haven't gone on holiday yet, is there something work-related? Or is it something else?" Ding Yue asked quite calmly.

Director Yang Xuejin was the head of the Biology Department at Mist City Arts and Science University. As for the Biology Department, it was responsible for teaching in the field of biology and, of course, included a portion of biomedical science, thus it was hard to separate the Biology Department from the Medical School.

"Principal Ding, on behalf of the students and teachers of our Biology Department laboratory, I earnestly request research funding!"

Director Yang Xuejin was very direct.

"Research funding?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue frowned slightly and asked: "Director Yang, isn't the annual research funding for each department ample? Do you have a shortfall?"

Each year, the research funding that Ding Yue allocated to each department was quite generous, hence there were seldom any situations where someone would come to him for financial aid.

Since Professor Yang Xuejin had come, there must be a reason.

Ding Yue was not adverse to listening.



"Principal Ding, our Biology Department's annual research funding is indeed ample, but... in these past few months, we have made a very important technological breakthrough."

Professor Yang Xuejin said excitedly.

"A very important technological breakthrough? Which technology?" Upon hearing this, Ding Yue's eyes immediately lit up.

"Neuron sensing technology. This technology was also developed by a group of students and several teachers before, but there hadn't been any results. However, recently there has been some progress, only we need more funding to update the research equipment and environment."

Professor Yang Xuejin immediately replied.

"What did you say?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue tensed up instantly, his heart somewhat excited as he asked: "Are you sure it's neuron sensing technology?"

"Yes."

Professor Yang Xuejin nodded very affirmatively and said: "Do you know about this, Principal Ding?"

"Who wouldn't know about neuron sensing technology? Perhaps many of the world's biotech companies are developing it now; this technology is also the future." Ding Yue nodded and said: "I never imagined, never imagined that our Biology Department would actually be researching this..."

Chapter 1526: New Year's Ten Billion Yuan Plan

When Ding Yue heard Professor Yang Xuejin mention neuromorphic induction technology, his heart leapt with joy.

What is a pleasant surprise?

Come, tell me, what is a pleasant surprise!

This neuromorphic induction technology is considered cutting-edge technology for the current scientific standards, particularly suited for creating virtual worlds where people can experience the "reality" of a virtual world through neuromorphic induction. This experience is precisely what Ding Yue has been preparing for the Metaverse.

If you want to create a Metaverse, mere lip service won't do.

Every tech company in the world that wants to enter the Metaverse field is still at the stage of just talking and hyping up the concept; none of them yet has the ability to actually build a Metaverse.

Maybe the Metaverse is just something the tech giants have made up, an impossible dream. And undoubtedly, their goal is to shear 'Leeks'.

Of course, this might just be Ding Yue's guess; maybe there really is a company researching the Metaverse, even developing corresponding technology, because the Metaverse truly represents a direction for human future development.

After all, humanity's future isn't just about vast expanses of stars and seas; the virtual world also presents significant growth potential.

"Director Yang, are you saying... that your biology department has made some progress with the neuromorphic induction technology?"

Ding Yue suppressed his excitement, his eyebrows furrowed as he asked.

Because right now, Ding Yue couldn't yet confirm one hundred percent whether they had truly made progress and mastered this advanced technology, so he needed to ask again. If it's true, funding research wouldn't be an issue, right?

"Yes, Principal Ding, we are currently developing a helmet that can sense scenarios through brain neurons. You could come and take a look," replied Director Yang Xuejin seriously.

He must have made thorough preparations before coming to ask Principal Ding for money, otherwise, it would just be asking for trouble to request funds prematurely.

"Alright!"

Without a second word, Ding Yue immediately stood up from his office chair.

At the same time, Ding Yue silently recited in his mind, and the system interface was pulled up by Ding Yue.

"Neuromorphic induction technology, let's see if there is anything related in the system store."

Thinking it over, Ding Yue searched in the system store for content related to [neuromorphic induction technology], but it seems there was none.

"Not there?"

Ding Yue was momentarily puzzled, then thought again; perhaps some cutting-edge technology wasn't available in the system store and needed to be obtained through opening chests?

Thus.

Ding Yue opened his inventory.

In the system inventory interface of Ding Yue, there were plenty of system-rewarded chests.

From level-one to level-four chests, Ding Yue had saved them all, planning to enjoy opening them all at once.

"Considering neuromorphic induction technology, it should be considered advanced technology beyond the world's current scientific level," mumbled Ding Yue, "So, it should at least come from level-three University Treasure Chests, right?"

Ding Yue set his sights on the level-three University Treasure Chests in his inventory.

There were five level-three University Treasure Chests, all accumulated over the past year as Ding Yue developed his Mist City Arts and Science University and completed various honor and achievement tasks.

Previously, Ding Yue liked to open a University Treasure Chest as soon as he got one, but now it was different. As Mist City Arts and Science University gained more from these chests, every item needed careful management. So, to not disrupt his development pace, Ding Yue hadn't continually engaged in opening University Treasure Chests to fetch cutting-edge technologies.

Isn't saving them all up for a big opening spree great?

Is the feeling of opening a bunch of chests thrilling, or is it the feeling of opening one chest?

"Let's open a level-three University Treasure Chest then," Ding Yue pondered, deciding to try opening one level-three University Treasure Chest first.

Hadn't Ding Yue concluded before that whenever he wanted to do something, just open a chest, and then the chest's reward would likely be related to the current matter at hand?

Then let's verify that today.

Now, Ding Yue was thinking about "neuromorphic induction technology," wanting to see if opening a level-three University Treasure Chest would yield something related.

"Open one [level-three University Treasure Chest]?"

This prompt appeared before Ding Yue's eyes.

"Confirm to open!"

Without another word, Ding Yue confirmed to open the chest!

Ding!

"Congratulations to the Host for opening one [level-three University Treasure Chest], and obtaining [neuromorphic induction technology]!"

As expected!

Goodness!

The system's chest rewards indeed matched exactly what Ding Yue was thinking about.

Here it is, Ding Yue had just discussed the neuromorphic induction technology with Director Yang Xuejin, and now he directly opens the University Treasure Chest to get [neuromorphic induction technology], just what Director Yang's biology research team was working on.

That's splendid.

Ding Yue can now provide this [neuromorphic induction technology] to the biology department's research team, allowing them to develop the real neuromorphic induction technology faster and more accurately.

## Chapter 1527: New Year's Ten Billion Yuan Plan \_2

If this neural induction technology is successful, combined with the virtual world created by Xu Bin and his team using powerful chips in the future, a true Metaverse will begin to take shape.

A core aspect of the Metaverse is the immersive experience people have in the virtual world.

But how can we create an immersive experience in the virtual world for people?

Is it merely through the enhancement of virtual reality like VR?

Clearly, such technology is somewhat outdated for creating a real Metaverse. However, with neural induction technology, it will be different. This breakthrough innovation can make what was once only possible in online gaming novels—gaming helmets or gaming pods—a reality. People can simply put on a gaming helmet or lie in a gaming pod to immerse themselves almost completely in the virtual world through neural induction technology, and with such technology, building the Metaverse would become much easier.

Honestly, Ding Yue is quite looking forward to the arrival of that day.

After all, Ding Yue was also a gaming fan. As a gamer, who hasn't dreamed of such immersive gaming experiences?

In the game, you can immerse yourself in various landscapes and experience a myriad of gameplays. Isn't that incredibly awesome?

"Principal Ding, we've arrived, this way."

While Ding Yue was still immersed in the joy of opening the University Treasure Chest, he heard Director Yang Xuejin's voice.

Unknowingly, he had followed Director Yang Xuejin to the center of the research base, where the biology department also had a lab.

"Alright."

Ding Yue nodded slightly and followed Director Yang Xuejin into the biology lab at the research base center.

"Hello, Principal Ding!"

"Principal Ding!"

"Good afternoon, Principal Ding!"

In the lab, about seven or eight students greeted Principal Ding upon seeing him.

"Hello, students."

Ding Yue also warmly greeted his students.

Expecting that these seven or eight students were probably the aces of the biology department, much like Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei in the mechanical department, but as Ding Yue was less familiar with the biology department before, he cautiously asked Director Yang: "Director Yang, are these students the core researchers for the neural induction technology?"

"Yes, Principal Ding, and there are also two of our biology department professors," Director Yang Xuejin nodded.

"Understood."

Ding Yue then asked Director Yang Xuejin, "Could you please ask those two professors to come here? Have they left already?"

"They should still be here. I'll contact them right away."

Director Yang Xuejin immediately went to the laboratory entrance and called the two biology professors on his mobile phone.

The neural induction technology of the biology department was developed by these two professors leading their most talented students. After the establishment of the research base center at Mist City Arts and Science University, almost every department had its core project, and for the biology department, it was this research on human neural induction technology.

"Students, you've worked hard. It's almost New Year, and you are still here in the lab working hard. When are you planning to go back home for the New Year?"

Ding Yue took the opportunity to chat with the students in the lab.

"Ah, why go back? Just stay at school for the New Year."

"Yes, Principal Ding, we're not planning to go back this year."

"Research is most important!"

"Just celebrate the New Year right here in the lab."

The students unanimously responded.

Xu Bin originally thought that the students would all be leaving to go home for the New Year in the next few days, but unexpectedly, they decided not to go back and, even though it's Spring Festival, they planned to stay in the school's laboratory to continue their research on neuron induction technology?

This is really going all out!

However, Xu Bin couldn't really say anything, whether they chose to go home for the New Year or stay to push forward with the research on neuron induction technology, it was all a personal decision and thought deep within the students themselves; Xu Bin couldn't interfere. After all, he would never force the students to rush the development of neuron induction technology.

Moreover, this neuron induction technology, combined with computer virtual technology, would better realize the Metaverse Plan, and if one wants to enhance computer virtual technology, a 5-nanometer chip is certainly not enough; it needs to be advanced to a 3-nanometer chip. And to achieve 3-nanometer chips, the technology of 3-nanometer process photolithography machines must continuously be broken through.

Therefore, this is a long and complex project, not something that can be rushed.

"Okay then, whether you go home for the New Year or stay in the lab to research, it's all your own choice. If you choose to stay, then during the New Year, everyone can join the annual New Year's Eve dinner organized by the school. All students staying at school can have the New Year's Eve dinner, the school is also a home, after all."

Xu Bin said to everyone with a smile.

"Principal Xu is right."

"Can we join Principal Xu for the New Year's Eve dinner, haha."

The students asked excitedly.



"Of course." Xu Bin nodded and said, "Every Spring Festival, I spend it here at school with the teachers and students who stay. If you've stayed over the past years, you should know."

"Yes, yes, yes, Principal Xu, I stayed at school last New Year, and I remember it well. The New Year's Eve dinner was delicious, the atmosphere was harmonious and lively; it really felt like home."

One of the students said enthusiastically.

Last year, he didn't go home for the New Year but chose to stay at school and experienced the wonderful atmosphere of the school's celebration. This year, he wanted to do the same, and at the same time, he could stay to research neuron induction technology with his classmates.

"I heard from Director Yang that you guys are working on neuron induction technology here."

While chatting with the students, Xu Bin steered the conversation to the main topic.

"Yes, yes, yes, Principal Xu, come and see, this is the neuron induction helmet we are developing. Through the sensing of minute neurons, our brains can experience the virtual world through tactile and other sensory perceptions."

One of the students excitedly introduced to Principal Xu.

What neuron induction technology is, Xu Bin naturally knew.

Just as this student said, by using the body's neurons to feel virtual things, it provides an almost 100% immersive virtual experience.

"Oh? Have you already made a neuron induction helmet?"

Xu Bin asked, quite surprised.

"Yes, Principal Xu, but currently, since the virtual reality technology is not yet mature, this neuron induction helmet can't be fully operational yet. However, we can still test this neuron induction helmet in some other ways,"

explained the student.

"Hmm..."

Xu Bin nodded thoughtfully and then looked at the student, asking, "What's your name, young man?"

"Principal Xu, my name is Zhou Yang, and I am the leader of the student research team on neuron induction technology this time," the young man excitedly replied.

Being noticed by Principal Xu was no small matter, Zhou Yang knew this very well. For instance, Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei from the mechanical department, they are now top figures in the "technology" field at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Ask any student from Mist City Arts and Science University, who doesn't know the names of these two powerhouses, Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei?

Not to mention Big White came from their hands, and also the photolithography machine, which was also developed by the Mechanical Department's team including Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei!

"Young and promising."

Xu Bin looked at Zhou Yang and remarked.

His Mist City Arts and Science University truly had an endless emergence of talented individuals. The future world will surely be filled with outstanding alumni from Mist City Arts and Science University!

Chapter 1528: Virtual Helmet and Virtual Game

Zhou Yang, six months ago, along with a group of students from the biology department and several biology teachers, had been researching neuronal induction technology. It wasn't until two days ago that they achieved some results.

However, there's still some distance to go before they can achieve a 100% neuronal induction technology system; they need to keep working hard.

"Let me see what you have achieved in your research now, shall we?"

Ding Yue asked the brilliant young man with a smile.

"But Principal Ding, our neuronal induction helmet is not yet fully completed. To be precise, it is a prototype, which can achieve about 60% of the real sensory experience."

Upon hearing this, Zhou Yang immediately explained.

"Hmm... 60%, that's not bad."

Ding Yue stroked his chin, pondered for a moment, and then spoke.

The chance to experience the real sensations the virtual world brought through a neuronal induction helmet was something Ding Yue had always wanted to try, and now that he had the opportunity, he certainly wouldn't miss it.

"Oh right, almost forgot to ask, are there any side effects on the human body when using this neuronal induction helmet?"

Ding Yue suddenly thought of this and asked immediately.

"Principal Ding, you can rest assured. We are using weak neural induction, which won't cause any harm to the human body. However... I think anyone trying this neuronal induction helmet for the first time will definitely experience some physical discomfort, such as vomiting and dizziness, similar to someone who has never played 3D games before trying them for the first time."

Zhou Yang explained further.

"Oh, that's fine. Come on, let me have a try?"

Ding Yue was eager to try on the neuronal induction helmet, even though it was still a prototype. He wanted to test it.

"But... it seems impossible to experience it, because we do not yet have a virtual scenario that matches this neuronal induction helmet. Without a virtual scenario, it's impossible to experience the sense of reality it provides."

Zhou Yang had forgotten to mention this to Principal Ding.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue realized.

That's right!

What's the use of just having a neuronal induction helmet?

It's a peripheral equipment; without a virtual world for this peripheral to connect to, you can't experience anything.

It's like having a mouse and keyboard but no game to play. Can you play a game?

Or if you have a computer but no operating system, can you use it?

Obviously not!

Now there's a neuronal induction helmet device, but without "software," which is a virtual world, you can't use the neuronal induction equipment to experience the reality of the virtual world.

"That's true."

Ding Yue sighed and then murmured, "I've already asked Pei Gou and his team from Feiyue Games studio to work on this virtual world, but I don't know how far along they are?"

"Principal Ding, what did you say?"

Zhou Yang heard Principal Ding's murmur but didn't catch what he said, so he asked out of curiosity.

"Nothing much, regarding the virtual world, I've had Pei Gou and his team from Feiyue Games studio start on it already. It's just that I'm not sure about their progress, and I suppose the effect will not be very good with virtual electronic devices produced with 5-nanometer chips."

Ding Yue shook his head but still shared the information with Zhou Yang.

"They're already creating a virtual world?"

Zhou Yang, upon hearing this, immediately became excited and agitated.

Because in Zhou Yang's view, the best and most suitable application for neuronal induction technology was undoubtedly in the gaming field, with the opportunity to create virtual reality games.

Just like the devices and games described in online gaming novels.

"Mm-hm."

Ding Yue nodded, then took out his phone and made a call.

This call was to Pei Gou from Feiyue studio. It was rare for Principal Ding to call a student directly, but now was different. Firstly, the school was already on holiday, and secondly, Ding Yue was too eager to experience entering a virtual world.

Just like experiencing Iron Man.

Of course, since the Iron Man suit had not been fully tuned and safety had not reached 100%, Ding Yue would not recklessly try flying in the sky wearing the suit.

Because that could be dangerous. After all, a minor malfunction could mean a serious fall, and even with an excellent shock-absorption system, it would be difficult to ensure safety inside a metal shell.

But this neuronal induction technology was different, Zhou Yang had said it himself: using this device would not cause any harm to people.

"Hello, Pei Gou?"

Ding Yue had connected the call.

"Principal Ding? You're looking for me?"

Listening to Principal Ding on the phone, Pei Gou was instantly alert.

"Have you gone home for the holiday?"

Ding Yue asked.

"Yes, I'm already at home. After the New Year, I'll return to school as soon as possible," Pei Gou replied.

"Oh, since you've gone home for New Year, then there's no rush. Spend more time with your family, and then come back to school. I just wanted to ask, how is the Metaverse Plan I entrusted to Feiyue Games studio last time coming along? Is it in progress?"

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Ding Yue asked again.

"Oh, the Metaverse Plan, we are already using the Feiyue Engine to build it. We just need to work with the computer science department on the hardware. I think we should be able to create a device specifically for the virtual world. However, the 5nm chips ultimately have their limits. I believe that using 3nm chips would better showcase the virtual world we build."

Pei Gou immediately answered.

"No problem, we still need to work hard on the platform built with 3nm chips. Let's try the 5nm chips first."

Ding Yue said calmly.

"Mhmm, that's what we think too. If the 5nm chips can carry the load better, that would naturally be good." Student Pei Gou also agreed with Principal Ding's idea to give the 5nm chips a try first.

"Here's the thing, the biology department has made progress in neuron induction technology. I'm thinking, one team is building the virtual world, and the other is making peripheral equipment for experiencing the virtual world. They definitely cannot operate in isolation. It would be better to merge the two for research, testing, and advancing development. What do you think?"

Ding Yue was preparing to merge the two teams.

After all, neuronal induction helmet technology is more suited for gaming, and Pei Gou's Feiyue Games studio for building a virtual world matches perfectly with Zhou Yang's team.

Without collaboration, the progress would definitely be slower. Combining the two, we can more directly observe the progress of a virtual game being born.

Of course.

To truly give birth to a virtual game, the 3nm chips are indispensable; the 5nm chips can only serve as a trial or transition.

But even in transition, it's necessary to perfect the virtual helmet, i.e., the neuronal induction helmet along with the virtual game.

Now Zhou Yang's team is working on the virtual helmet and Pei Gou's team is building the virtual world. Although the division of labor is clear, if they don't collaborate and experiment more, it will just be talk.

Furthermore, Ding Yue plans to involve Xu Bin's computer team. With the three parties joining forces, they might be able to create the virtual device and virtual game that Ding Yue desires!

"Of course, there's no problem with that."

Pei Gou agreed without hesitation.

For one, it was Principal Ding's suggestion, so Pei Gou naturally could not oppose it, right?

Secondly, Pei Gou had also thought about it; to create a virtual game sooner, indeed, peripheral equipment like a virtual helmet is needed. The biology department's neuron induction technology is indeed the most suitable for making virtual helmets, so one can say it's a technology tailored for virtual helmets.

"Great, after you return from the New Year's holiday, work together on it. As for the computer science department, I will have Director Xu Bin actively coordinate with you. And regarding the chips, you know, Student Pei Gou, that these things can't be rushed. We need to proceed steadily toward 3nm chip technology, understand?"

Ding Yue immediately arranged the next steps.

"Mhm, I understand that, Principal Ding Xiao. Right after the New Year's holiday, I'll hurry back to school," Pei Gou replied.

"There, you said it just now, there's no hurry. Of course, if you're willing to come back early on your own, I won't stop you, haha."

Ding Yue didn't want to delay Pei Gou's time with his family over the New Year's holiday because of this matter.

"Of course, I'm willing to return early. It's boring to celebrate the New Year at home now. It's only on the first, second, and third days of the Lunar New Year that I accompany my family to visit relatives. After that, there's nothing to do. I'd rather come back to school directly. At least at school, there are many things I want to do, and lots of work waiting for me. Young people should be working hard, right?"



Pei Gou said with a smile.

"Hahaha, fantastic! You're great!"

Ding Yue laughed and praised.

This consciousness of Student Pei Gou could be said to be quite high.

"Alright, Student Pei Gou, I won't disturb you anymore. I'll hang up now. Call me if there's anything urgent. If not, we'll talk after you return to school after the New Year's holiday."

"Okay, goodbye, Principal Ding."

After hanging up the phone, Ding Yue turned his head and said to Student Zhou Yang, "I've already spoken to the Feiyue Games studio. After the New Year's holiday, your two teams will join together. Prepare to integrate the virtual helmet created with the neuronal induction technology with the virtual world that Student Pei Gou and his team have built. I will be expecting to see the results then, you know."

Principal Ding said to Student Zhou Yang with a serious face.

"Alright, Principal Ding, we definitely won't let you down," Zhou Yang suddenly felt the heavy responsibility, shouldered the burden, and was invigorated.

And what's most important is that it seems he has been highly regarded and entrusted with a heavy responsibility by Principal Ding. Since it's like this, Zhou Yang must lead his team to work hard, match well with the Feiyue Games studio team, and strive together.

Just thinking about it gets me so excited that my blood starts to boil.

"Director Yang said that your current research on neuron sensing technology still needs a lot of funding, right?"

Ding Yue chatted with Zhou Yang about this matter.

"Yes, Principal Ding, the subsequent progress, purchasing materials and equipment, all lack funding. We at the biology department really can't come up with the money, as is known to all, so we..."

Zhou Yang immediately sounded a bit disheartened.

"It's okay, now that I know."

Ding Yue reached out and patted Zhou Yang on the shoulder, then said with a smile: "As long as the problem is about money, then it's not a problem."

Hiss!

Perhaps this is what it's like to be a tycoon with a net worth of hundreds of billions. Who else could say such words if not someone who never lacks money?

At this moment, Director Yang Xuejin called over several other teachers from the biology department.

Ding Yue noticed that everyone had arrived.

So now, the [Neuron Sensing Technology] I got from the University Treasure Chest today can be bestowed upon them. This way, they can benefit from the full BUFF effect of this technology and can make faster progress in applying neuron sensing technology. The creation of the neuron sensing virtual helmet can also be accelerated.

"Principal Ding."

The teachers greeted Ding Yue.

"You've all worked hard."

Ding Yue shook hands with the teachers.

Teachers, just like the students, also enjoy the BUFF effects provided by Mist City Arts and Science University, because these teachers, just like Luo Peng from the mechanical department, are the "treasures" of Mist City Arts and Science University.

"I heard from Director Yang that your project is currently very short on funds. Director Yang, draft a list of needs and the total funds required for me, and I will approve it for you."

Ding Yue straightforwardly offered.

Money is just numbers, after all.

"Principal Ding, as some of the materials and equipment are the most advanced in the world, their prices might be extremely high, so the needed funds will also be very substantial..."

Director Yang Xuejin spoke somewhat apprehensively.

Because he was afraid that if the funds required were too much, Principal Ding might reconsider if the projected gains were not proportional to the project investment, after all, Director Yang was judging this matter with his own perspective.

But, Yang Xuejin didn't have a deep understanding of this Principal Ding.

"Hmm?"

Ding Yue frowned slightly, then repeated, "Didn't I just say that no matter how much R&D funding is needed, I'll approve it?"

"It may take several billion, or even more."

Director Yang Xuejin still gave a reminder.

"No problem!"

Ding Yue said without a second thought.

What's a few billion?

For the photolithography machine experiment project, we have invested tens of billions or even hundreds of billions; this little matter is simply nothing.

Furthermore, investing a few billion or even upwards of ten billion yuan now into the development of neuron sensing technology for virtual helmets will, in the future, after creating virtual devices and games, reap returns far more than just ten or a hundred times the investment.

When everyone heard Principal Ding say this, they were absolutely thrilled!

Chapter 1530: One Must Be Strong to Forge Iron!

With Principal Ding's words, it seems that all future funding required for researching neuronal induction technology is secured.

Director Yang Xuejin couldn't contain his joy.

Zhou Yang and all the teachers and students in the lab showed delighted expressions, knowing that this project can progress much better with the substantial research funds.

"Director Yang, just let me know how much funding your team needs for the neuronal induction technology project. If you need it in the next few days, I'll arrange for the finance department to work overtime."

Ding Yue said seriously to Director Yang Xuejin.

"Principal Ding, there's no hurry, let's discuss it after the New Year."

Director Yang Xuejin said with a pleasantly surprised expression.

Although the biology team indeed urgently needs the funds to continue researching neuronal induction technology, since Principal Ding is so generous, there is no need to rush at this moment, right?

The New Year is just around the corner; let Principal Ding enjoy the holiday, and we can worry about these matters later.

"That makes sense."

Ding Yue stroked his chin and then laughed: "The New Year is coming. During the holidays, we shouldn't talk about work, and everyone should take a break. We'll talk about it after the holidays, hahaha."

"Yes, yes."

Director Yang Xuejin nodded hastily.

"Just like previous years, the school will organize a New Year's Eve dinner. All teachers and students who are at the school can come and enjoy the dinner together. Remember to come."

Ding Yue said smilingly to Director Yang Xuejin and students like Zhou Yang.

Since everyone has chosen to stay and work on neuronal induction technology this year, naturally, they should celebrate the New Year together with a festive dinner.

"Okay, Principal Ding, I'll definitely be there."

Zhou Yang replied excitedly with a nod.

Following him, many students also expressed that they would definitely attend the school-organized New Year's Eve dinner.

And just like that, we swiftly reached the day of New Year's Eve.

"Time flies."

Ding Yue couldn't help but reflect.

It feels like the last Spring Festival was just yesterday, and now, without realizing it, he has led the great Mist City Arts and Science University through another year, about to step into a new one.

This year's Spring Festival Gala, NTS still regularly invited Mist City Arts and Science University's superstar singer Lin Zhirou, and Jia Wenbo was also invited this year.

NTS had sent an invitation to Ding Yue as well, inviting him and Big White to be part of the Spring Festival Gala and had even tailored a program for them, but Ding Yue declined.

It's not that he doesn't want to appear on the Spring Festival Gala; after all, it's a stage many yearn for due to its high viewership.

But Ding Yue prefers to spend time with his family and all the teachers, students, and staff who stayed at Mist City Arts and Science University to celebrate the New Year together. That feels more meaningful.

Unlike the New Year's Eve Gala, Mist City Arts and Science University did not have performances this New Year's Eve, but it did have a live broadcast. The main reason for not having performances was to ensure everyone could relax and enjoy the New Year without being held up by program issues, and also not to compete with the Spring Festival Gala on New Year's Eve.

Because Ding Yue knew that if Mist City Arts and Science University were to create their own Spring Festival Gala program, it would definitely attract a lot of young viewers. As the Spring Festival Gala was just managing to capture the attention of the younger audience, it would be unfortunate if their viewership dropped because they switched over to watching the university's live broadcast instead.

Mist City Arts and Science University and NTS have always been close friends; such competition would be somewhat inconsiderate.

Today, the Mist City Arts and Science University was adorned with high-hanging red lanterns, filled with an atmosphere of lively celebration.

This year, several thousand students have stayed at Mist City Arts and Science University, much like previous years. Most of them were sophomores, juniors, or seniors; after all, the freshmen had only been at the university for one semester and might not know about the New Year's Eve activities traditionally held by the university. Otherwise, surely some of them would have wanted to stay and celebrate the New Year with everyone.

As evening approached, Ding Yue took a stroll around his Mist City Arts and Science University.

Accompanying him on his walk, other than the AI robot Big White, were his secretary Wen Ruohan, and of course, his two buddies Xu Bin and Huang Youjie, along with his sister Ding Xiaoyou.

These people and robots who had always been by his side enabled Ding Yue to feel the warmth in life.

"Yue, look at this campus. In just a few years, it has achieved so much. It was worth having your ambitious spirit back then. Following you was undoubtedly the right choice, hahaha," said Huang Youjie, filled with emotion.

This Mist City Arts and Science University, which carries numerous honors, rose from the ground like a skyscraper. Huang Youjie and Xu Bin had witnessed Ding Yue turning a formerly counterfeit university into a renowned one, even on its way to becoming one of Xia Country's top universities, famous worldwide. The sense of achievement that comes with being a part of it is indeed exhilarating.