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Ding Yue reminded them again.

Indeed.

Things will get really busy at the Academic Affairs Office at this time of the year during the summer vacation.

First, they have to manage the recruitment of new students, then comes the training for the new teachers, and finally the course arrangements for teachers once the new academic year starts and the freshmen are assigned to their majors.

All these tasks need to be coordinated by the Academic Affairs Office.

"Principal Ding, this work is our responsibility. We, at the Academic Affairs Office, will handle student recruitment and new teacher training well this summer. Please rest assured, Principal Ding."

Qi Chunsheng said with a smile.

"With Director Qi's words, I'm at ease." Ding Yue nodded, and then said, "Okay, if there's nothing else, let's have the heads of each department report their work."

"Alright, Principal Ding."

Qi Chunsheng stood up from the chair in front of the office desk and left the office.

Next, the heads of each department report their teaching work for the academic term to Ding Yue. Ding Yue will analyze the development of each department based on these reports.

After observing for an academic year, Ding Yue has decided to make the Mechanical Department, Computer Department, Medical College, Art Department, Architecture College, Esports College, and Animation Major the key development focuses of Mist City Arts and Science University.

'Key development' means that investment in these departments and majors will increase, so Mist City Arts and Science University can train more talented students.

These talented students will then be absorbed and integrated by Ding Yue's Feiyue Group once their systems have been established and are up and running successfully.

Mist City Arts and Science University will continuously cultivate outstanding students, and Feiyue Group will keep enjoying profits by employing these students, reinvesting the profits back into Mist City Arts and Science University.

As this cycle continues, the teaching funds of Mist City Arts and Science University will become more and more abundant.

In the end, Mist City Arts and Science University might be able to achieve the system's goal of becoming a world-class university, as specified by Ding Yue.

Feiyue Group, founded by Ding Yue, earned its first profit because of Lin Zhirou.

After her song "Confession Balloon" was released, it sold nearly ten million copies, which brought in a profit of several millions yuan for Feiyue Media, a subsidiary of Feiyue Group.

Although this first pot of gold wasn't very big and not even as much as what the system randomly rewards, it at least proves that Ding Yue's inner recycling idea can be realized.

Once the Medical Health Robot Big White produced by Mist City Arts and Science University is finished and handed over to Mist City Central Hospital for pilot testing...

After the pilot testing is over, and if Medical Health Robot Big White obtains the qualifications as a medical device, it can start accepting orders from hospitals across the country.

This could generate considerable profits.

"Principal Ding, I have prepared the list for the luxury cruise trip. Would you like to take a look?"

At this moment.

Secretary Wen Ruohan finished her busy work in front of the computer, printed out the list, and brought it to Principal Ding for his approval.

"Okay."

Ding Yue nodded in agreement.

This luxury cruise trip is the summer vacation benefit promised by Ding Yue to the students of the Computer Department, Law School, Medical College, and other similar departments.

All these departments were involved in the experimental project of Robot Big White. They worked arduously throughout the semester, which resulted in the successful creation of Medical Health Robot Big White, capable of taking part in the National Robotics Competition and the National Science and Technology Innovation Exhibition.

There were more than twenty people on the list, including Huang Youjie and Xu Bin.

These two also worked very hard this semester.

Huang Youjie's receding hairline and Xu Bin's lingering dark circles under his eyes were a testament to this.

About a few days ago, Xu Bin finally finished programming the legal chip.

In other words.

Once the complete legal chip is installed into Robot Big White, Big White can then transform into a legal robot.

At that time, Ding Yue could cooperate with Professor Luo Xiang, conduct a live broadcast, and maybe even a TV program, to improve their relationship. Then Ding Yue might truly be able to persuade Professor Luo Xiang to come join Mist City Arts and Science University as a visiting professor.

"When should we schedule the trip? There's a luxury cruise setting sail from East Sea at the beginning of the month, and there's also one in mid-July. The cruises at other times do not seem to be as luxurious."

Wen Ruohan expressed her dilemma.

To book the luxury cruise trip for the students, the exact dates must be confirmed.

"The beginning of the month won't work."

Ding Yue shook his head.

"Why not?" Wen Ruohan curiously asked.

"Because Tong Yihang and the others are still making Robot Big White. They should start their luxury cruise trip after they've finished making him. After all, Mist City Central Hospital is still waiting for us to deliver ten medical health robots for pilot testing."

Ding Yue explained.

"Oh, I see. In that case, I'll call Tong Yihang and ask when they expect to finish."

Upon hearing this, Wen Ruohan nodded and then pulled out her phone to call Tong Yihang.

"Hey, Tong Yihang, this is Wen Ruohan. I wanted to ask, when do you think you will finish making Robot Big White?"

Once the call was connected, Wen Ruohan asked.

"What's up, Secretary Wen? Is Principal Ding asking?" Tong Yihang asked curiously over the phone.

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"Well, that's not the case. Principal Ding promised to arrange a global luxury cruise tour for your summer vacation, and now I need to start booking tickets. But you guys are still busy, so I need to confirm the dates for the booking," Wen Ruohan explained.

"Oh, got it. In a week at most, we'll have finished manufacturing all 11 Big White robots," Tong Yihang replied.

"A week... well, we can't make the early month cruise then, we'll have to schedule for the middle of the month. Okay, Tong Yihang, I got it. You guys do your best. I'll get you tickets for the luxury cruise in mid-July."

"Great, thank you, Secretary Wen. We appreciate it."

"Hehehe, it's my job."

After ending the call, Wen Ruohan reported the situation to Principal Ding and then began preparing to purchase tickets.

Since it was a luxury cruise tour, the tickets would have to be for the most luxurious cruise available.

The most luxurious cruise anchored off the coast in mid-July was the Crystal Cruise.

Typically, there are four levels of accommodations on a cruise ship.

The most basic are the inside cabins.

These inside cabins are usually in the middle of the ship, with only a door facing the corridor, no windows, and the rooms are a bit smaller than standard business hotel rooms and often have hideaway bunks. Without any natural light, the lights have to be turned on during the day making it the cheapest option. Usually, inside cabins are for those with average economic conditions.

Obviously, since the school is paying for this luxury cruise, it won't just be a luxurious ship, but the cabins also have to be luxurious there is no way Wen Ruohan would book inside cabins for the students.

Slightly better than the inside cabins are the ocean-view rooms.

Don't be deceived by the name "ocean-view room". It's actually quite different from what people usually imagine.

Ocean-view rooms on the cruise ship are on either side, with windows that look out to the sea. The rooms are similar to standard business hotel rooms, usually with hideaway bunks, and one window that can't be opened provides natural light and a view of the ocean.

Further up, there are the balcony rooms.

Balcony rooms are also on either side, with sea-facing balconies. The rooms are similar to standard luxury hotel rooms, usually consisting of one large bed and an extra bed for children. Luxury cruise ships generally also have balcony rooms facing the walking street. In sea-view balcony rooms, there is a 1.2-meter-high solid fence, a balcony that's about four square meters with chairs and a table, and they're quite comfortable.

The prices for balcony rooms are usually quite steep.

However.

These are not what the students from Mist City Arts and Science University should be treated to.

Wen Ruohan set her sights on—suites!

Suites come with private balconies. They are either on either side of the ship or at the front of the ship, facing the sea, and the rooms are similar to suites in a luxury hotel.

Suite guests can enjoy perks like complimentary champagne, pastries, daily fresh fruit, priority boarding and disembarkation, priority luggage delivery, upgraded bath products, invitation to the captain's private cocktail party, two opportunities for complimentary dining in the specialty restaurant on board, and private butler service.

The suite itself includes a bathroom with a bathtub and a living room, as well as a mini bar, hairdryer, TV, telephone, computer port, vanity, and a desk with power outlets for laptops. There is also a sofa bed.

You can say it's very comfortable and luxurious. A suite can generally accommodate 3-4 guests.

Since Mist City Arts and Sciences University is arranging for over twenty students to enjoy this luxury cruise tour, Wen Ruohan will need to book 5-6 suites.

About half an hour later, Wen Ruohan finally succeeded in placing the order.

She booked a total of 6 suites on the Crystal Cruise. The reason it took so long was that she had to input over twenty identification numbers.

In addition to this, Wen Ruohan also needed to handle passport procedures for the students going on this luxury cruise tour.

After all, it's a global luxury cruise tour, so passports are required as they would be leaving the country.

After Wen Ruohan booked the tickets for the Crystal Cruise, Ding Yue had already finished his teaching work reports with several department heads.

"Principal Ding."

The next to step in was Jian Zihao, the head of the E-sports Game College.

"Director Jian, it's been a long time. How's our Feiyue eSports team's record recently?" Ding Yue asked with a smile as soon as he saw Jian Zihao.

The first thing that came to his mind when he saw Jian Zihao was his own League of Legends eSports team from the E-sports Game College of Mist City Arts and Science University—Team FY.

After Team FY won the City Heroes Competition last time, they successfully advanced to the professional league.

They started playing in the professional league this year, and if they performed well, they would have the chance to advance to the LPL league!

If everything goes smoothly, Team FY would have a place in the LPL league next year.

"Principal Ding, since our FY team advanced to the professional league, Xiong Jiahao and the others have been in great form. They've practically swept the second teams of other clubs in the professional league, and they are currently leading with the highest points!" Director Jian announced proudly.

The City Heroes Competition went well for them, and the LSPL is currently a piece of cake. It seems that Director Jian did not misjudge Xiong Jiahao and the others. They indeed have the potential to become professional players, their skills are at least at the LPL level.

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"So you're saying, there's a good chance of moving up to the LPL after finishing this year's First Division Professional League?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue asked with a hint of excitement.

If the FY team could indeed manage to break into the LPL, it would probably make the E-sports Game College of Mist City Arts and Sciences University famous overnight.

After all, they'd have nurtured a team that made it into the LPL from scratch in just one year.

This would undoubtedly make the professional competition dream seem even more appealing to young people.

"Judging by the current scores, I have confidence in saying I believe the FY team can make it into next year's LPL professional team lineup!"

Jian Zihao confidently nodded, "But Principal Ding, the main reason I came here isn't to report on the FY team."

"Oh?"

Ding Yue thought that since Jian Zihao, as the head of the E-sports Game Institute, was coming to report on his work, it would primarily be about the FY team.

After all, the FY team is the most outstanding part of the E-sports Game Institute right now.

"In addition to the FY team, other students in various majors have also been performing exceptionally well this semester, especially the students in the game design program—they're really putting their all into it!"

Jian Zihao said seriously.

Because Mist City Arts and Sciences University newly set up the E-sports Game Institute, they naturally incorporated the game design program into the Institute.

After all, many universities offer game design programs, which started coming into people's sights when gaming began to rise at the beginning of the 21st century.

Nowadays.

More and more people are getting into game development.

Therefore, a good number of students are naturally enrolling in the game design program at the E-sports Game Institute of Mist City Arts and Sciences University.

"The students in the game design program... don't tell me they're thinking about designing and developing a game?" Ding Yue asked with a smile.

"Actually, those students do have such an idea, and so they asked me to seek Principal Ding's approval to apply for game development funding for the game design program's first development project."

Jian Zihao replied truthfully.

One year has passed, and the E-sports Game Institute now has the FY professional team while the students in the animation design and production program even have the Feiyue Animation Studio and are in the process of creating an animated film of Big White.

Just like the students of the Film and Television School, the students of the game design program also want to make a name for themselves.

Therefore.

Students in the game design program decided to approach Teacher Jian and Director Jian Zihao to see if they could request funding from Principal Ding to develop a game.

Upon hearing Jian Zihao's words, Ding Yue was reminded of the time when Director Zhu Youzhao of the Film and Television Institute came to see him.

That time, Director Zhu Youzhao of the Film and Television Institute came to him hoping to secure an opportunity for the students to showcase their talents.

Ding Yue granted it.

Even though there were many ups and downs, the Film and Television Institute finally presented an output that somewhat satisfied Ding Yue—"A Bite of Xia Country".

After all, the first episode of "A Bite of Xia Country" has now had over ten million views on Bilibili, which is pretty good.

And now, students from the game design program at the E-sports Game Institute also wanted a chance.

As the principal, who wants to turn Mist City Arts and Science University into the world's top comprehensive university, Ding Yue couldn't find it in his heart to refuse.

But still, Ding Yue wanted to confirm with Jian Zihao.

"Director Jian, do you think our game design students have the ability to develop a decent game?"

Ding Yue looked at Jian Zihao and asked.

Jian Zihao laughed and shook his head: "I'm not sure about that, but I do believe they have the capabilities to develop and produce a game. However, whether the game will be popular, that's something even less certain."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue pondered for a while.

He thought the students of the game design program also had it tough, why not give them a chance to showcase their talents?

Chapter 214: 100,000 pieces, make me satisfied, understand?

Mist City Arts and Science University.

Within the teaching building of the E-sports Game College.

Summer vacation had begun after the final exams, but in a classroom of the Game Design major, more than ten students were still diligently practicing their professional skills in front of their computers.

The main courses of the Game Design major include Planning Basics, Framework Design, Figure Basics, Color Basics, Prop Production, Environmental Production, Character Production, and so on.

For these more than ten most excellent students of the Game Design major, they had basically mastered everything they should learn during this academic year.

Now.

What they needed was to get into a real fight and produce a real game.

This was the dream of all students in the Game Design major.

Footsteps came from the corridor, which didn't affect the students' focused practice at all.

In a while.

Ding Yue and Jian Zihao arrived at the classroom door together.

The secretary, Wen Ruohan, followed behind Ding Yue.

"Principal Ding, these thirteen students didn't plan to go home for this summer vacation. So, they come to this classroom to learn and practice every day."

Jian Zihao briefly explained the situation of the thirteen students in the classroom to Ding Yue.

"How? Are they a team?" Ding Yue curiously asked.

Jian Zihao nodded and answered: "Yes, if there is a game project to do, they will be a complete team, but I guess they can't make a big game."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue nodded thoughtfully and then said: "Let's go in and look first."

The reason for Ding Yue's visit this time was that he heard from Jian Zihao that the students of the Game Design major also wanted to get a chance to showcase their skills, like the students of the Film and Television College.

After considering it, Ding Yue decided to give them an opportunity.

It's just that Jian Zihao said that these students were still at school, so he let Jian Zihao bring him over to take a look.

Unexpectedly, these students were quite diligent. The summer vacation had already started, but they continued to stay in school and study hard.

However.

Ding Yue speculated that they might have done this to show him, after all, they wanted a chance to make a game.

And if they wanted to do a game project, naturally Principal Ding would have to finance it.

Although Ding Yue had this speculation, he was more willing to believe that it was the students' active choice to stay in school and study hard.

For majors like Game Design, which have strong hands-on operation abilities, apart from teaching textbook theory and the use of software, teachers basically can't teach much more, relying mainly on students practicing and improving by themselves.

This process takes a lot of time.

When Ding Yue walked in at the door of the classroom, he glanced at the students sitting in front of the computer inside. Among thirteen people, there was only one girl. The other twelve boys mostly had short hair and thin hair.

Two male students had long hair with a perm, probably to hide their hairline, right?

"This hairline, it's even more exaggerated than Huang and the students in the Computer Department!" Ding Yue couldn't help but think secretly.

"Good morning, Principal Ding!"

As soon as Ding Yue walked into the classroom, the students greeted him in unison.

"Hello, students."

Ding Yue also kindly greeted the students.

The students in the Game Design major seemed energetic, apart from having a slightly higher hairline and less hair.

These are all the best of the Game Design major.

Jian Zihao had introduced to Ding Yue that the Game Design major of the E-sports Game College had over a hundred and twenty students in two classes, namely Game Design Class 1 and Game Design Class 2.

Among the more than a hundred students in the two classes, only these thirteen students are very good at studying.

"Principal Ding, all the students who won scholarships in both classes of the Game Design major are in this team."

Jian Zihao continued to whisper in Ding Yue's ear.

"Not bad."

Ding Yue nodded slightly.

Those who can win scholarships must be the top in the professional field. Game design even puts more emphasis on teamwork, just like animation major, it requires teamwork to make a decent work.

If done alone, you could probably only make a very simple stick figure game.

Of course, there are also particularly diligent individual game designers who might actually develop a decent game by working hard on their own.

But, alas, these type of game designers usually only last until their thirties or forties!

Some even reach the end of their life at only forty...

So, the Game Design major of Mist City Arts and Science University formed a team to develop a game as their practical operation.

This team brought together the thirteen most outstanding people in the Game Design major. Ding Yue looked at them, and it seemed that he saw someone familiar?

"You... you..."

Ding Yue looked at a spectacled male student in the classroom. He seemed familiar, as if he had seen him somewhere.

But!

Ding Yue had seen so many people, and this bespectacled student in front of him must be one of those students he had only seen once or twice, no more than three times.

"Principal Ding, my name is Su Chaoyang. I am also a student in the Animation Design and Production major. We have met before at Feiyue Animation Studio. Now I have joined Li Meng's game design team as a game artist."

Chapter 215: 100,000 pieces, make me satisfied, okay?

The bespectacled Su Chaoyang said to Principal Ding with a smile.

"Oh, right, I knew I recognized him." Ding Yue had an 'aha' moment upon hearing this.

He had previously visited Xu Jiuge's Feiyue Animation studio, where besides the original staff, several people from the Animation Design and Production major had already been brought over for training.

Su Chaoyang was one of them; Ding Yue had seen him once, though it was quite a brief encounter.

It seemed...

This student called Su Chaoyang must be quite talented in the field of computer original graphic design. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been handpicked by Xu Jiuge for training at the Feiyue Animation studio and wouldn't be forming a game design team now.

Such a guy!

Real hardcore!

Ding Yue seriously wondered if his future involved the kind of struggle middle-aged people often face...

Still, this lad must be quite exceptional, after all, pursuing dual major is really something!

In Mist City Arts and Science University, aside from Huang and Bin, whom Ding Yue forced to study both administrative management and law and computer science, there are few students in other faculties and majors studying two or more majors.

Even Ding Yue didn't consider studying more than one major when choosing his.

The most he did was to self-study some relevant professional knowledge about mathematics before studying physics.

"I heard from Director Jian that all thirteen of you form a team, is that correct?"

Ding Yue glanced once again across the classroom at the thirteen students.

"Yes!"

"Yes! We're a team!"

The students answered in unison.

Ding Yue nodded with a smile, then asked, "So, who is the leader of the team?"

"Li Meng!"

"Definitely Li Meng!"

"Li Meng is the best!"

"Li Meng! Li Meng! Li Meng!"

"Bro Meng!"

The students all called out Li Meng's name.

Observant Ding Yue recalled Su Chaoyang mentioning Li Meng earlier, it seemed that this Li Meng was indeed the leader of this small team of thirteen.

"So, if you form a team, do you need a teacher to lead?" Ding Yue asked.

Generally speaking, when a team is formed, it's composed of both teachers and students. For example, Liu Chuanjie from the School of Architecture and Design, led by Su Weize. In the Mechanical Engineering team led by Li Shengbin also.

But this group is entirely composed of students majoring in game design.

"Principal Ding, we don't need a teacher. Actually, what the teacher taught us, we have already mastered. The teacher can't teach us more, after all, what the teacher taught contains only theories and basic operations. The rest is up to us to continually learn, practice, and explore in order to develop our skills."

Just then, a tall and robust young man spoke up.

If Ding Yue's guess was correct, this person should be Li Meng.

Otherwise, he wouldn't be so confident in responding to his words.

"You're Li Meng, right?" Ding Yue asked the husky young man, confirming his suspicion.

Frankly speaking, this young man seemed more like a physical education student. Who could tell he was majoring in game design?

"Yes, Principal Ding, it's me."

Li Meng nodded in response.

"You've been studying diligently at Mist City Arts and Science University for a year now, and you have three more years ahead to further hone your skills. But right now, you want a chance to design and develop a game on your own, right?"

"Yes, Principal Ding! We want to develop a game!"

"Yes, Principal Ding, can we consider this as our practical training?"

"Principal Ding, you must support us!"

"We definitely won't let Principal Ding down!"

The students seemed very confident.

Ding Yue quite liked this confidence, as it might stem from their ability.

If they could be so confident, it meant that their abilities were certainly commendable.

"Seeing everyone so proactive, so passionate, so in love with their major, and hoping to excel in it, this is exactly the goal of Mist City Arts and Science University. Ok, in that case, I'll give you a small opportunity."

Ding Yue nodded in satisfaction and said to the thirteen students, "I'll provide you with a fund of 100,000 yuan. Within one month, you should develop a game for me. As long as the game you develop doesn't disappoint me, I can allow you to continue developing bigger and better games. How about that?"

Ding Yue decided to give them a chance.

But certainly not a big one to start with.

Plus, small teams like this would struggle to develop a big game, so Ding Yue decided to give them 100,000 yuan to develop a mini-game first.

As long as the mini-game they develop is not disappointing, Ding Yue can consider further investing in Li Meng's team.

Once this team matures, Ding Yue can bring them into his Feiyue Group, setting up a Feiyue game development department.

"Thank you, Principal Ding!"

Li Meng had a loud voice. As soon as he heard Principal Ding agree to provide the funding, he immediately expressed his gratitude.

"Thank you, Principal Ding."

The other students echoed their gratitude.

Just as Ding Yue was about to add a few more comments, his mobile phone rang in his pocket.

"Alright then, you guys do your best. As for the application for the funding, I will instruct my administrative secretary to liaise with you."

Chapter 216: Satisfy me with 100,000 yuan, got it?

After Ding Yue finished speaking, he took out his mobile phone and walked out of the classroom.

Anyone who could call his own mobile phone was certainly not any junk call, it would definitely be someone he knew.

Ding Yue had asked Bin to install a scam-prevention program on his phone which meant any calls deemed spam didn't even come through.

Xu Bin, the small computer genius, was quite capable in this area.

After all, from the beginning, he wanted to become an engracking hacker, but halfway through, Ding Yue brought him over to write chip programs.

Sometimes Ding Yue would wonder, did he hold back the growth of a great hacker?

But it didn't matter.

The chip program writing required by the robot 'Big White' was basically completed, and Xu Bin also brought out a mature team of people.

So, Xu Bin did have time to continue his hacker technology and firewall work.

He picked up his phone to see a call from his sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

"Hey Ding Xiaoyou, what's the matter?" Ding Yue knew that when his sister called him, she definitely had an agenda.

"Ding Yue, come to my room." She said.

"What's up?"

Ding Yue was taken aback when he heard this.

"It's about university application choices, are you coming?" a disgruntled Ding Xiaoyou replied.

"Oh, that's it, alright, I'm on my way."

After hearing those words, Ding Yue responded and then hung up the phone.

"Principal Ding."

Just as Ding Yue prepared to leave the teaching building for the Liyuan Apartments, Secretary Wen Ruohan followed him out.

"Remember their one hundred thousand yuan funds, you should apply for it from the Finance Department." Ding Yue turned back and told Wen Ruohan.

"Alright, Principal Ding. Where are you off to, Principal Ding?"

"I have to see my sister."

With that, he turned around and left.

Ten minutes later, Ding Yue arrived at the Liyuan Apartments from the E-sports Game College's teaching building.

Xiaoyou lived in the Liyuan Apartments. Ding Yue arranged a standard two-bedroom apartment for her. The accommodations were as good as her own, after all, her identity as the principal's sister deserved that.

Ding!

After stepping out from the elevator, Ding Yue stood in front of his sister's apartment door.

The door seemed to be slightly ajar, and chatter could be heard from inside.

From the voices, Ding Yue could tell it was Huang and Xu Bin, plus a female voice that he was all too familiar with.

Who else could it be if not the school's beauty Lin Zhirou?

Ding Yue walked right in, "Yo! Everyone's here."

"Since your sister is preparing for her university application, we thought we'd come over to offer some advice," Huang Youjie said, shrugging his shoulders.

Huang and Bin were Ding Yue's buddies. They usually had a good relationship with Ding Xiaoyou. Being part of the leadership team of Mist City Arts and Science University, it made sense that they were invited over for a discussion on university application choices.

As for Lin Zhirou, it made even more sense. After all, the person Ding Xiaoyou was closest to at Mist City Arts and Science University was probably Lin Zhirou, right?

The two of them were like sisters.

Next would be Wen Ruohan. Ding Xiaoyou's relationship with her brother's secretary, Wen Ruohan, was also quite good.

In short, as long as someone had a good relationship with Ding Yue, Ding Xiaoyou would be friendly with them too.

"With a score of 741, is Qinghua or Yancheng University really all you're considering?" Ding Yue asked Xiaoyou with a laugh.

"Oh? Is that so? In that case, I'll just choose Qinghua." Xiaoyou retorted while glaring at her brother.

Humph!

She intended to give her brother an opportunity to advise her, but contrary to her expectations, Ding Yue suggested Qinghua or Yancheng University the moment he arrived.

How come?

Does Mist City Arts and Science University not welcome its top student?

"Ahem, sister, I don't think it's that simple. If you wanted to apply to Qinghua or Yancheng University, you'd have done so already instead of calling us all over!"

Ding Yue saw through the ruse at once.

Could it be...

Did sister Ding Xiaoyou not want to go to Qinghua or Yancheng University? Was she considering other colleges? Or was she thinking of studying abroad?

"You're pretty smart." Ding Xiaoyou muttered.

"Wait, wait. You're not thinking about going overseas for college, are you? MIT? Harvard? Stanford? Columbia? Princeton? Caltech? UPenn?" Ding Yue asked as he frowned at his sister.

These were all top-tier renowned colleges in America.

Despite their reputation, Ding Yue didn't recommend that Ding Xiaoyou study at these overseas universities. How could she spend her future on foreign shores?

"Uh, hmph, I'd never thought about going abroad for university," Xiaoyou shook her head.

"Then what are you thinking? If it's not Qinghua, not Yancheng University, then where else do you want to go? Wait, hey, little sister, you're not ... thinking about coming to our Mist City Arts and Science University, are you?" Ding Yue suddenly asked with a smirk.

"Principal Ding, Xiaoyou did mention earlier that she's considering our school, didn't she?" Lin Zhirou said with a chuckle.

At this time, Huang sighed, "741 reading at our Mist City Arts and Science University, WTF, I can't even dare to think about that!"

On the other hand, Xu Bin was more sensible. He said to Ding Xiaoyou, "Xiao You, you should consider this carefully. Although our University is quite decent, hehe, you really have to think it over. You can't just come here because it's your brother's university. For your scores, top-ranking universities in the country are truly at your beck and call."

"Bin's got a point."

Ding Yue was the first to agree with Bin's logic.

Just because Mist City Arts and Science University was his, it didn't mean that his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, had to attend.

Besides, the university was currently just a private institution, nothing like Qinghua or Yancheng University, the top-notch public universities in the country.

"Bro, I'm not saying that I definitely want to go to Mist City Arts and Science University. First of all, let's clarify what major I'm going to study in the future."

Spreading her arms wide, Ding Xiaoyou rested her forehead in her palms.

"So, what major are you thinking of studying?" Sitting on the sofa, Ding Yue patted his sister's head and asked.

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PS: Ercou wishes everyone a happy Qixi Valentine's Day, huh? Seems like Qixi has passed? Ercou is kind of confused while writing. I was wondering why today so many girls confessed their feelings to Ercou, but all were rejected by Ercou, hehe, women, go away, writing is much more interesting, right?

In order to impact the power ranking, Ercou is going to unleash a barrage of words this week. Each day might see over 10,000 words, or possibly even 20,000. I just checked the rankings, seems like it dropped again. Asking everyone to support with a subscription, so Ercou can impact the ranking with peace of mind!!!

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Ding Yue knew that his younger sister, Ding Xiaoyou, had three interests when it came to university majors.

Unlike most girls, she favored science over humanities.

Astronomy was one of her hobbies.

In the field of astronomy, there's general astronomy and astrophysics, both encompassing a broad range of studies, but ultimately focused on stars and the universe.

Besides that.

Ding Xiaoyou was also very interested in biotechnology.

Biotechnology often involves life studies, a field where one could almost create one miracle after another.

In line with the science subjects she had studied in high school - physics and biology, Ding Xiaoyou has corresponding university majors she is interested in.

As well as chemistry.

In the field of chemistry, Ding Xiaoyou is particularly interested in energy chemistry. This includes energy classification, properties, uses, utilization, efficient conversion, etc., aiming for rational, efficient, sustainable energy use, and exploring energy conversion efficiency and sustainable development of energy.

In the field of energy chemistry, the thing Ding Xiaoyou wants to research most is batteries.

Presently, the most common battery technology is lithium battery. If Ding Xiaoyou studies energy chemistry, she would like to research on fuel cells or other fields of battery technology.

Because Ding Xiaoyou believes that the innovation of future battery technology will certainly have a vast Blue Ocean Market.

After all, the current lithium battery technology is already struggling to power various electronic devices.

Even a small smartphone with a lithium battery has a very worrying battery endurance.

In terms of professional fields for her three hobbies.

For scholar Ding Xiaoyou, it was really hard to choose, not to mention Ding Xiaoyou is a girl who has a little bit of difficulty in making decisions.

"Ding Yue, you're not unaware of the majors I like." Ding Xiaoyou rolled her eyes and said to Ding Yue.

"Eh, Xiao You, I remember you loved astronomy from a young age, right?"

Huang Youjie suddenly recalled, and said.

"Well, astronomy is one of them."

Ding Yue nodded, and then continued, "The other two are biotechnology and energy chemistry."

"Oh? Xiao You, the majors you like are really...really unique, haha."

Xu Bin laughed after hearing this.

Even Lin Zhirou was somewhat surprised to find the science geek Ding Xiaoyou was actually interested in these majors.

Astronomy, biotechnology, energy chemistry, they all sounded complex.

To Lin Zhirou, a girl studying arts, this was completely like rocket science.

"Sigh, but which one should I choose?"

Ding Xiaoyou spread her hands helplessly, another bout of indecision kicking in.

In the recent days of submitting her College Entrance Examination aspirations, Ding Xiaoyou was not only torn between choosing Qinghua, Yancheng University or her brother's Mist City Arts and Science University, but also which major to choose.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue laughed and looked at his sister, "Xiao You, if you come to our Mist City Arts and Science University, why not just study all three majors? Wouldn't that be amazing?"

"Damn! Studying all three majors, that's hardcore!"

"But speaking of which, studying at Mist City Arts and Science University, I always feel super motivated. When I was in high school, I could never focus. But after coming to Mist City Arts and Science University to study, look at me now, aren't I awesome!"

Huang Youjie furrowed his eyebrows, proudly proclaiming.

"When we study at Mist City Arts and Science University, of course the learning atmosphere is excellent. The school's feng shui is great, it's magical!"

Ding Yue joked.

In fact, there was no magic, it was Ding Yue who had applied a Personal Learning Buff to all the students in the school, which made them focus on studying and improve their study efficiency and ability.

Ding Yue believed.

Rather than Ding Xiaoyou being torn between three majors, she might as well come to his Mist City Arts and Science University.

Because this way, Ding Yue could apply a Personal Learning Buff to his sister.

Ding Xiaoyou was initially a top student. If he added the Learning Buff to her, she would be a superhuman entity.

By then, studying one major would obviously not be enough. What about studying three?

So.

Ding Yue still wanted to coax his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, to his Mist City Arts and Science University. There was no way he was making it easy for universities like Qinghua or Yancheng University.

"I also think the learning atmosphere of your Mist City Arts and Science University is exceptionally good. Didn't you just recruit the poor performing students of the College Entrance Examination? Look at them now, they all love learning."

Having often visited the Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Xiaoyou had witnessed the excellent learning atmosphere Huang Youjie spoke of.

Whenever she went to the library, for instance, she saw almost all the seats occupied.

The students who came to the library to read were seriously invested in their books and not just "showing off".

Ding Xiaoyou really admired her brother's ability to manage the school's learning environment. It was really strong!

If she could study in such a positive atmosphere, Ding Xiaoyou believed that she would certainly make great progress.

But!

Mist City Arts and Science University doesn't have the labs she wants for her research, which greatly reduced Ding Xiaoyou's interest.

Both Qinghua and Yancheng University possess admirable laboratories where she could conduct research in her preferred major.

That was what Ding Xiaoyou valued.

"Since you think our Mist City Arts and Science University is good, why not consider it? Hahaha!"

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Ding Yue said, laughing.

Ding Xiaoyou rolled her cute little eyes, and said, "Only if your school has the laboratory I want."

"What kind of lab do you want?" Ding Yue suddenly became serious, "Our school now has the most advanced semiconductor physics lab in the world."

"I'm not interested in semiconductor physics, that's your research field, right?" Ding Xiaoyou retorted disdainfully.

"Whatever lab you want, I'll get it for you. Even if it takes all my savings, so you can do your experiments and research with peace of mind!"

Ding Yue said, slapping his chest confidently.

In reality, Ding Yue was really considering this. If an expensive lab could keep his little sister at Mist City Arts and Science University, it would be worth it.

Money is not an issue!

Ding Yue is not in short of money right now. Even if the lab costs a hundred million, he will buy it!

There is still some school funding left in Ding Yue's hands.

It would be appropriate to use it to purchase equipment and establish a lab, as it is part of running a school.

Although the first phase of the school expansion project cost several hundred million, and the regular running of the school cost some money, investing a hundred million from Ding Yue's pocket would still be a piece of cake.

"Wow! Bro, you really mean it?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Xiaoyou's eyes widened. "If I study chemical energy, can you get me a chemical energy research lab? As far as I know, if I want the most advanced chemical energy research lab in the world, it's gonna cost over a hundred million!"

Hiss!

Damn!

A hundred million indeed?

Ding Yue thought that tens of millions would be enough.

But that doesn't matter.

"Uh, it's just over a hundred million. If it could make my brilliant little sister stay, it's worth it!"

Ding Yue had already made his promise. He couldn't take it back now.

"Yue, so generous!"

"Such a powerful way to spoil his sister!"

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin both gave their thumbs up to Ding Yue.

Just as Ding Xiaoyou was about to say something, her phone suddenly rang. She picked up and answered the call.

"Hello, yes, this is Ding Xiaoyou."

"Hello Ding Xiaoyou, I'm from the Qinghua University Admissions Office. Firstly, congratulations on your high score of 741 in the College Entrance Examination, and for being the top science student in Mist City."

The voice of a middle-aged woman claimed to be from the Qinghua University Admissions Office and congratulated Ding Xiaoyou on being the top science student in the College Entrance Examination.

"Thank you, Qinghua University. Are you calling for admissions?" Ding Xiaoyou curiously asked.

Ding Yue and the others, hearing Qinghua University mentioned, instantly understood what was going on.

Since Qinghua University had called, it was undoubtedly an active recruitment. They even might come in person, offering enticing benefits that were impossible for students to refuse.

This is the College Entrance Examination Champion in the science field!

And the score is extremely high, 741 points!

It's entirely normal for Qinghua University to take the initiative in recruiting.

"Yes Ding Xiaoyou, I'm sure you are familiar with our Qinghua University. As one of the top universities in the country, we sincerely hope that you can apply for your favorite major at Qinghua University. We offer many benefits for top scoring students, such as tuition waivers, scholarships, and College Entrance Examination Champion rewards!"

The woman on the phone enthusiastically mentioned a long list of benefits and advantages.

The only goal was to recruit Ding Xiaoyou, this talented and top-ranking student, into Qinghua University.

"Oh, I see. Thanks. I'll consider Qinghua University." Ding Xiaoyou did not give a clear reply.

"Ding Xiaoyou, we are now in Mist City. How about we meet and talk in person? This will give you a deeper understanding of our Qinghua University."

Continued the woman on the phone.

It seems they want to make a personal visit to extend an olive branch. This kind of scenario is not unheard of in previous years as Qinghua, Yancheng University, and some other colleges, all compete for top-level excellent students.

"This..."

Ding Xiaoyou felt embarrassed to refuse.

After all, the caller was from the Qinghua University Admissions Office. Having no choice, Ding Xiaoyou allowed them to come.

"We're at Mist City Arts and Science University, right? Actually, we're already at Mist City Arts and Science University." The middle-aged woman suddenly said.

"Ah? You're already here?" Ding Xiaoyou was somewhat surprised.

"Yes, Ding Xiaoyou. Do you have time now?"

"Oh, okay then." Ding Xiaoyou quickly muted her phone, then whispered to her brother Ding Yue, "Ding Yue, people from Qinghua University's Admissions Office are here to see me."

"What? They're already at the school?" Ding Yue asked.

"Um-hum."

Ding Xiaoyou nodded.

"Alright, let them go to my office in the Administration Building. We'll also go there. You can talk with the people from Qinghua University there. Let's also call mom and dad. I'll have my secretary guide the people from Qinghua University Admissions Office over."

Ding Yue furrowed his brows as he instructed.

This kind of thing can't be ignored. After all, people from Qinghua University Admissions Office had come in person. Even if they wanted to refuse the offer, they could not refuse to meet them.

"Alright then, someone will come to guide you shortly." Ding Xiaoyou said to the Admissions personnel of Qinghua University on the phone.

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Then, the call was ended.

Ding Xiaoyou's feelings were quite mixed at this moment.

The Qinghua University admissions staff had already arrived. Should she choose to go to Qinghua University?

Her brother had just said that he was willing to spend a lot to create the research laboratory that she wanted.

This made Ding Xiaoyou think about staying and remaining at her brother's Mist City Arts and Science University.

But for Qinghua University, it seemed best to meet them first. After all, it would be quite impolite not to see them when they had already made the trip.

Ding-a-ling!

Just after Ding Xiaoyou had hung up, and as everyone was preparing to leave for the Administration Building, Ding Xiaoyou's phone rang again.

Ding Xiaoyou hesitated for a bit this time.

But she still picked it up.

"Hello."

"Hello, is this Ding Xiaoyou? We are from the admissions office at Yanjing University. Congratulations on your excellent performance in the College Entrance Examination. We would like to warmly invite you to Yanjing University. Are you interested?"

On the other end of the phone, a pleasant voice came from a woman.

Yet, the words she spoke were too familiar. They were similar to what the representatives from Qinghua University had said.

Yanjing University, also known as Yancheng University or simply Yanjing University, is on par with Qinghua University in YanCity!

After a brief conversation, the Yanjing University representative, like the Qinghua University representative, had also arrived at the Mist City Arts and Science University.

Because previous news reports had mentioned that Ding Xiaoyou was the sister of Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University, these top-tier university admissions representatives came directly to her.

In their view, it was clear that Ding Xiaoyou wouldn't choose a private undergraduate college like Mist City Arts and Science University.

So, even if they came to visit Ding Xiaoyou at her University to discuss their own schools, it was no big deal.

"The Yanjing University Admissions office, they've also arrived."

Ding Xiaoyou looked helplessly at her brother Ding Yue.

Ding Yue couldn't help but chuckle! These top-tier domestic universities really had a high opinion of his younger sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

So much so, that they even took the initiative to visit them.

"Let's go, we'll head over first."

After Ding Yue said that, he rose and left the Liyuan Apartments, heading towards the Administration Building. Huang, Bin, Lin Zhirou and others followed suit.

Simultaneously, Ding Yue called his secretary, Wen Ruohan, and asked her to meet the representatives from Qinghua University and Yanjing University at the entrance of the school.

However!

On the way to the Administration Building, Ding Xiaoyou once again received several phone calls.

This time, the calls were from Fudan University and Xiamen University.

These two universities are among the top institutions in the country.

Most importantly, both Fudan University and Xiamen University have excellent energy chemistry programs - the field that Ding Xiaoyou is interested in.

The problem is, how do these universities know that Ding Xiaoyou is interested in energy chemistry?

It's clear.

In this era of big data, whatever you search online leaves a record. Based on this data, they can understand your interests, and various platforms will then "intelligently" recommend related content.

In his previous life, Ding Yue had a discussion with a friend about Audi A8 cars during a meal.

As a result, when he woke up the next day, platforms like Bilibili, and TikTok, among others, started recommending various Audi A8 car review videos on their homepages.

Ding Yue was dumbfounded then!

In this age when every app is asking for your permissions, with the convergence of large data, your activity online almost feels like being in your underwear!

"Little sister Xiao You, it seems that top schools across the country want a piece of this pie," said Xu Bin to Ding Xiaoyou as they walked along the road.

"Ah, so annoying. I didn't know that being the College Entrance Examination Champion would come with so many hassles." Ding Xiaoyou said helplessly.

Her words left Huang Youjie, Xu Bin, Lin Zhirou and others feeling quite inferior.

Perhaps that's the life of a high achiever!

Upon receiving Principal Ding's call, Wen Ruohan immediately put her work on hold and rushed to the college gates.

Initially, Principal Ding said to welcome the admissions representatives from Qinghua University and Yanjing University, but then there was also someone from Fudan University and Xiamen University.

Exactly how many university admissions representatives were coming?

Without guessing, Wen Ruohan knew their purpose was not to visit Mist City Arts and Science University, but to meet Principal Ding's sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

Soon, Wen Ruohan arrived at the school gate of Mist City Arts and Science University, and saw the representatives from the enrollment office of Qinghua University at the security gate.

It was a middle-aged woman in her forties and two middle-aged men, who had already registered at the security checkpoint.

"Hello, are you from Qinghua University's admissions_office?"

"Yes, hello."

After some conversation, Wen Ruohan asked them to wait a while, as she needed to locate the representatives from Yanjing University, Fudan University, and Xiamen University.

Actually, the Qinghua University representatives had already seen the Yanjing University representatives next to them.

Everyone knew well enough that they were all here to recruit the science champion of the College Entrance Examination from Mist City.

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As for which household could secure the College Entrance Examination Champion, it all depended on their skills.

About ten minutes later.

Wen Ruohan finally gathered representatives from the Admission Offices of Qinghua University, Yanjing University, Fudan University, and Xiamen University--the four top universities in the country.

Then they marched toward the school's administration building.

Over at the Principal's Office in the administration building.

Ding Yue and others had already arrived, joined by his mother, Zhang Yuping, and his father, Ding Jianjun.

Despite not planning to interfere in the important decision of which university their daughter would apply to, Zhang Yuping and Ding Jianjun, as parents, at least wanted to be in the know.

"Son, why did you summon us here? What's the matter?" his mother, Zhang Yuping, curiously inquired.

She was still busy at the University's Second Canteen and had been called over by Ding Yue's phone call.

"Mom, you know Xiao You is making her university choices, right? Now we've got people from the admissions offices of Qinghua and Yanjing Universities knocking at our door. I thought it'd be best to have a meeting, so I called you and Dad over," Ding Yue explained.

"Oh, I see," nodded Zhang Yuping.

At this point, his father Ding Jianjun queried, "Has Youyou mentioned any university she prefers?"

Ding Jianjun was quite concerned about this.

Without a doubt, for Xiao You, both Qinghua and Yanjing universities were there for her choosing!

But Ding Jianjun was rather curious about which particular university she would pick.

"Who knows? Which university Xiao You picks is her decision. How about we don't interfere? Who knows, maybe Youyou is thinking about settling in our Mist City Arts and Science University, hahahaha!" Ding Yue laughed.

"Come on, your sister attending your university would be an underutilization of her talents!"

"Exactly!"

It was clear that Zhang Yuping and Ding Jianjun held Qinghua University and Yanjing University in higher regard.

However, Ding Xiaoyou then said, "Mom, Dad, as long as Ding Yue can provide me with the best lab, I might actually stay."

"Youyou, your brother's university is a private undergraduate institution. Qinghua and Yanjing are top universities in the country!" Zhang Yuping, hearing her darling daughter's words, quickly reminded her.

She couldn't make her choice rashly.

"Mom, what's wrong with Qinghua and Yanjing? They probably don't have the advanced labs I want for my specialized learning. Why should I go just because they're top universities? I want to study in the field I like, so I need the most advanced labs. I shouldn't have to go abroad for that, should I?" Ding Xiaoyou spread her hands, explaining to her mother.

Hearing what her sister had to say.

It seemed like the little girl really might stay at her Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Mom and Dad, don't worry. If my sister chooses our Mist City Arts and Science University, her future achievements might not be lesser than those if she'd gone to Qinghua or Yanjing. They could even be better!" Ding Yue confidently stated.

Because if his sister came to his Mist City Arts and Science University, then he would spend reputation points wholeheartedly to boost her!

With her brilliant academic prowess and his support, a promising future was definitely possible!

"Let our daughter choose for herself. We shouldn't worry too much. You see our son, despite not excelling in college entrance exams, isn't he outstanding now?" Ding Jianjun seemed to have understood.

No matter what choice their son and daughter made, as parents they shouldn't interfere too much.

Once upon a time, their son was viewed by him and his wife as incompetent, as if he were pretending to have made it to university. Yet, he ended up building a university, which is flourishing now, fundamentally changing the economic conditions of their family.

Upon hearing her husband's words, Zhang Yuping didn't say anything more.

She trusts her son and daughter.

Just as the Ding family agreed on allowing Ding Xiaoyou the freedom to choose her university, there was a knock on the office door.

"Principal Ding."

"Come in."

The one who entered was Wen Ruohan. She scanned the crowd in the office and then said, "Principal Ding, I've brought the representatives from the admissions offices of the four universities to the conference room. Would you like me to bring them in one at a time, or should we all go to Conference Room 2?"

"Bring the representative from Qinghua University first."