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Chapter 221: Shocked! Could this be orthopedics?

At the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University.

A "rumor" began to circulate, that the admission offices of Qinghua University and Yanjing University have come to Mist City Arts and Science University to fight over a student.

This student is a fresh graduate who took the College Entrance Examination this year.

It's none other than Ding Yue's younger sister, Ding Xiaoyou, the founder of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Yes!

The news of prestigious universities like Qinghua and Yanjing, as well as Fudan and Xiamen, vying for Ding Xiaoyou, the College Entrance Examination Champion of Mist City, started spreading around the campus, and soon, the whole of Mist City knew about it.

Then it spread all over the internet.

Now, everyone in the country knows that Qinghua, Yanjing, Fudan, and Xiamen have come to Mist City to recruit this student, Ding Xiaoyou.

Well, that's what you get when you're the top scorer in the College Entrance Examination with a score of 741.

Mist City Arts and Science University Forum -

[Have you heard? Qinghua and Yanjing have come to our school to admit Principal Ding's sister!]

[Hahaha, really impressive!]

[What do you expect? After all, she has Mist City's highest score. This score is rare and frightful even on a national level!]

[Who do you think will be able to recruit Principal Ding's younger sister, Qinghua University or Yanjing University?]

[Hahaha, it will be interesting if Principal Ding's sister eventually chooses Mist City Arts and Science University!]

[Please, don't joke around. Is it even possible for her to choose Mist City Arts and Science University with a score of 741?]

[That's simply impossible!]

[Well, you never know, maybe our Mist City Arts and Science University will eventually become a top comprehensive university in the country!]

[She might even be preparing to study abroad. Doesn't Harvard sound good?]

[That's indeed possible. Given the wealth of Principal Ding's family, she can actually afford to study abroad.]

[Staying in the country is also a good choice, both Qinghua and Yanjing universities are great.]

On the official school forum, students are busy discussing today's events, guessing which top national universities Xiaoyou might choose.

Even on Twitter, a high-heat trending topic was formed.

Trending at #29 on Twitter: #QinghuaAndYanjingVyingForMistCity'sTopscorer#

Under this hot topic, many internet users join the discussion.

When Mist City's College Entrance Examination Champion released her results, it trended once, and with it, Mist City Arts and Science University.

Everyone knows that Ding Xiaoyou, the science champion of the College Entrance Examination in Mist City, is the younger sister of the young Mist City Arts and Science University Principal, Ding Yue.

They say a family doesn't walk a hundred steps without a footprint!

With a brother who started a private university, and a sister who scored the highest in the College Entrance Examination, such an impressive family is indeed rare.

"Haha, I've been wondering ever since the results were announced whether Qinghua and Yanjing would fight to get this Ding Xiaoyou."

"It's a guarantee. Isn't there news every year about Qinghua and Yanjing vying to admit outstanding College Entrance Examination students?"

"I wonder which university this hierarchical Excellence Examination student will choose?"

"When we were young, everyone thought about attending either Qinghua or Yanjing, right? Now, she could choose either, and even make them fight over her!"

"Look at her, then look at me. Sigh, I'm truly just an extra in this world."

"Who isn't just an extra in this world? I feel like a good-for-nothing."

"Did you hear that the older brother of this Excellence Examinations student, who is also the Principal of Mist City Arts and Sciences University, and a few professors at Jiangnan University of Science and Technology published a paper on semiconductor physics in a national authoritative journal a while ago?"

"These siblings are amazing, aren't they? One has his own thriving private university, and the other is a College Entrance Examination champion, fought over by Qinghua and Yanjing. Just amazing! What kind of family lineage do they come from?"

Netizens are eagerly discussing this topic, like excited onlookers.

For Ding Yue and his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, netizens can only describe them as "awesome". After all, the brother is so awesome that he started a university and published a physics paper with professors, which might solve the challenge of semiconductor materials.

And the sister directly scored the top score in the College Entrance Examination, with Qinghua and Yanjing University vying to admit her!

What god-like experiences!

"Isn't this the path of a protagonist possessing a protagonist's aura in the online novels?" one netizen made a fun comparison.

Discussions about this matter on the internet were boiling.

At this time, in the principal's office in the Administration Building of the Mist City Arts and Science University.

Ding Yue, his sister Ding Xiaoyou, their parents Zhang Yuping and Ding Jianjun, along with a few acquaintances, were in conversation with the admissions officers from Qinghua University.

"So you're saying that if my daughter attends your Qinghua University, she not only gets free tuition, but also receives a high scholarship, and you will also reward a 100,000 yuan bonus for the College Entrance Examination Champion?" Zhang Yuping asked excitedly.

"Correct, that's right, this is our Qinghua University's huge favor towards excellent students!" the middle-aged woman from the admissions office answered, nodding.

Free tuition, scholarship, and a bonus of 100,000 yuan from Qinghua University! Moreover, it was Qinghua University who came to us. If this gets back to our hometown, it would be a huge event!

However!

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Ding Yue actually didn't think much of Qinghua University's supposed benefits. With Ding Yue's current financial strength, does his sister really need these tuition scholarships and champion grants?

As long as I'm willing, I could easily give my sister a million in pocket money!

None of that really matters!

What's important is if Qinghua University has state-of-the-art learning and experimental research environments in the field of study that my sister is interested in.

"Put it this way, my sister wants to apply for astronomy, biotechnology, and energy chemistry. Does Qinghua have the world's leading scientific research environment in these fields?" Ding asked directly.

It's well known that the four trump card majors at Qinghua University are architecture, management, clinical medicine, and electronics.

Although Qinghua University is the top-tier in our nation, some of its majors aren't necessarily the best out there!

"Ding Xiaoyou, our astronomy, biology, and energy chemistry programs at Qinghua University are also front-runners in their respective fields. We hope you can really consider it." said the middle-aged lady from the admissions office, looking sincerely at Ding Xiaoyou.

Obviously.

Even the admissions office personnel didn't directly answer Ding Yue's question and didn't dare to guarantee that Qinghua University's astronomy, biotechnology, and energy chemistry are at the very top.

"Sister, just think it over anyway. After all, Qinghua University is so sincere in its recruitment." Ding Yue didn't criticize Qinghua University, he just asked his sister Ding Xiaoyou to choose carefully!

"I'm really grateful that you've come to invite me to Qinghua University. Qinghua University is indeed one of the top universities in our country, but... can I think it over a bit?" Ding Xiaoyou apologetically spoke to the middle-aged woman from the Qinghua University admissions office.

"Of course you can, choosing a university is a very important thing, and we hope you can choose our Qinghua University. I won't disturb you anymore." The lady from the admissions office said understandingly.

It's not like as long as someone personally comes over, they need to agree right away.

Moreover, this time not only did Qinghua University come, but also Yanjing University, Fudan University, and Xiamen University, all of who wanted to admit Ding Xiaoyou.

So Ding Xiaoyou had many options.

They hoped that Qinghua University could attract her.

After she finished speaking, the person from Qinghua University's admissions office got up and excused herself, leaving the office.

Next, it was the representative from Yanjing University's admissions office who came over, offering various substantial benefits that were on par with Qinghua University's, showing a fierce competition between the two top-tier colleges.

Ding Xiaoyou also used the excuse of needing to think it over and did not immediately agree to the admissions offer.

Then came Fudan University and Xiamen University both of which have impressive energy chemistry programs, which Ding Xiaoyou thinks highly of.

If Ding Xiaoyou decided to pursue energy chemistry and her brother does not build a Mist City Arts and Science University, she very likely might choose between Fudan University or Xiamen University.

After all, at Ding Xiaoyou's level, choosing the right major is more essential than the university itself.

Eventually, one or two hours had passed.

Ding Xiaoyou had met with representatives from the four top-tier national universities.

All had not given a clear reply.

All university admissions offices knew usually when multiple universities all want the same person, they'd have a period of time to consider after meeting with each university's admissions office.

"Xiaoyou, look, You've talked with Qinghua University, Yanjing University, Fudan University, and Xiamen University. Which one do you like most?" Mom, Zhang Yuping asked eagerly.

From an adult's perspective, any choice among these four universities is excellent.

Both Qinghua and Yanjing are top-tier universities domestically, obviously choosing them can't be wrong.

Fudan University and Xiamen University both have the energy chemistry major that Ding Xiaoyou especially likes, so they'd be great choices as well.

"Um."

Ding Xiaoyou was really torn.

Choosing one out of the four universities was really hard for Ding Xiaoyou who often encountered difficulty making decisions.

Moreover.

Ding Xiaoyou still remembered what her brother Ding Yue had said back at the apartment.

So Ding Xiaoyou lifted her head and looked at her brother Ding Yue: "Hey, Ding Yue, what you said back at the apartment about setting up the world's most advanced energy chemistry research laboratory for me, was it for real?"

Hearing this, Ding Yue's eyes lit up.

He was overjoyed.

It seemed her sister was planning on joining him, right?

Choosing among the four universities was indeed hard for her, but Mist City Arts and Science University is like their own home. If her own home can offer the world's most advanced energy chemistry research lab, then why not study there?

Ding Xiaoyou, when attending university, will definitely go for a research career. If she likes the field of energy chemistry, as long as she can make achievements, the university doesn't really matter then.

And as Ding Yue said before.

If she goes to Mist City Arts and Science University, he could further elevate his sister's prospects.

"Of course. Wen Ruohan." Ding Yue looked seriously at his secretary Wen Ruohan.

"Principal Ding."

Wen Ruohan had been waiting on standby.

"Coordinate with the logistics department and Huang. Immediately contact Cambridge, Imperial Polytechnic University, Technical University of Denmark, Singapore National University, and Nanyang Technological University. We're going to spend money to buy the most advanced experimental equipment in the field of energy chemistry!"

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Ding Yue directed.

Huang Youjie, standing aside, was startled for a moment then nodded and said, "Okay."

"Are these universities particularly good in the field that Youyou is interested in?"
Zhang Yuping asked curiously.

"Uncle and Auntie, Cambridge, Imperial Polytechnic University, Technical University of Denmark, Singapore National University, Nanyang Technological University, all these universities are extremely exceptional in the field of energy technology. They represent the cutting edge of energy technology research globally," Xu Bin explained to Uncle Ding and Aunt Zhang.

Upon hearing this, Ding Xiaoyou immediately gave her brother, Ding Yue, a thumbs up.

If they were to build forefront labs in the field of energy chemical technology, wouldn't the cost be astronomical?

Her brother is really generous!

If it really happens, Ding Xiaoyou was considering to stay at her brother's Mist City Arts and Science University, to provide some sort of support!

After all, she is the College Entrance Examination Champion from Mist City!

"Youyou, do you mean to say that you're going to stay in your brother's university?" Her mom, Zhang Yuping, asked with disbelief.

Choosing her son's Mist City Arts and Science University over renowned universities like Qinghua, Yanjing, Fudan, and Xiamen University.

Indeed, this is a shocking choice!

"Ah, Youyou, you must think this through," her father, Ding Jianjun, reminded her at the end.

If she misses out on Qinghua and Yancheng University, she'd only be able to join them again next year by retaking the College Entrance Examination.

"Yes, yes, I understand."

Ding Xiaoyou nodded and then secretly made an "OK" sign with her hand behind her back towards her brother, Ding Yue.

Seeing this, the stone in Ding Yue's heart finally began to settle down a bit.

It looks like...

His sister indeed plans to give him some support, but on the premise that he provides her with the best environment to study energy chemistry.

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin both had to admit that they admired Ding Xiaoyou's decision and selection!

If either Huang Youjie or Xu Bin had scored 741 points in the College Entrance Examination like her and faced the situation she's in now, they might not necessarily choose Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University.

Now for Ding Yue to truly keep his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, at his university, he needs to invest heavily.

The high-end lab awarded by the system earlier seems to have been used prematurely by Ding Yue. It was traded for a high-end physics laboratory.

If he had known what would happen today...

He would have saved it and directly exchanged it for the advanced energy chemical research lab that his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, requires. This would have easily enabled him to keep his sister at his university.

But now...

Ding Yue can only spend money, a colossal amount of money, to purchase the most advanced research equipment in the field of energy chemistry from the earlier mentioned universities like Cambridge, Imperial Polytechnic University, Nanyang Technological University, etc.

When it comes to lab equipment, it's fairly straightforward as long as there is money, you should be able to buy it.

The corresponding technology is priceless, and throwing money at it might not necessarily be able to buy it.

But Ding Yue doesn't need the technology!

After a few years of diligent study from his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, coupled with the buff effect he gave her, she would basically become a walking energy chemical technology creation machine, right!

The field of energy chemical technology actually covers a wide range. The most famous area that all countries in the world are investigating is probably nuclear energy.

However, Ding Xiaoyou is not interested in energy research. She prefers research in battery energy technology.

In the following few days...

Mist City Arts and Science University begun to make various contact with globally renowned schools such as Cambridge, Imperial Polytechnic University, Singapore National University, Technical University of Denmark, and Nanyang Technological University.

Initially, these globally renowned schools were unwilling to deal with Mist City Arts and Science University.

After all, what are they dealing with? Mist City Arts and Science University, a run-down school?

However, as soon as, Mist City Arts and Science University indicated they had the funds, the interactions between the two parties started to move along a normal path.

The deadline for submitting applications was quickly approaching...

Universities such as Qinghua University, Yanjing University, Fudan University, and Xiamen University once again asked if Ding Xiaoyou had made her decision yet.

This time...

Ding Xiaoyou made, arguably, one of the most earth-shattering and heart-stopping decisions in her life!

That is, to reject top schools such as Qinghua University and Yanjing University!

That's right!

The College Entrance Examination Champion of Mist City's science field turned down the top schools like Qinghua University and Yanjing University, and chose to apply for Mist City Arts and Science University!

When this news spread, online netizens were blown away!

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Mist City Department of Education.

Inside the Director's office.

"What?"

Upon hearing the news, the Director of the Department of Education, Xiao Wenxing, was stunned. He was very shocked!

"Are you sure you didn't get it wrong?"

Xiao Wenxing stared at his secretary, asking.

"Director Xiao, it wasn't a mistake. Ding Xiaoyou has indeed rejected the offers from schools like Qinghua University or Yanjing University, and the major she has applied for in Mist City Arts and Science University is energy chemical engineering!"

His secretary answered with full certainty.

Snap!

Xiao Wenxing was initially standing, but upon hearing this news, he fell back and sat down in his chair. He was genuinely perplexed.

This was Mist City's College Entrance Examination Champion this year!

She didn't go to Qinghua University or Yanjing University, even Fudan University or Xiamen University were not her choice.

Instead, she went to a local private college, Mist City Arts and Science University!

This was utterly absurd!

Even though the Mist City Arts and Science University is her brother's, but still...

Xiao Wenxing could hardly believe it!

An event like this was enough to shock the City Director of the Department of Education, Xiao Wenxing.

"Prepare the car, we are going to Mist City Arts and Science University immediately!" After calming down a bit, Xiao Wenxing decided to visit the Mist City Arts and Science University to see the situation.

Best case, he would be able to meet with the College Entrance Examination Champion Ding Xiaoyou, and see if they could still have a proper conversation?

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Meanwhile.

The news of Ding Xiaoyou refusing offers from Qinghua and Yancheng University is currently heating up online!

Twitter, TikTok, Mopu Pedestrian Street, various online forums, Bilibili and so forth are all buzzing with the news of Ding Xiaoyou's rejection of Qinghua and Yancheng University's offers.

On Twitter ——

[Mist City News]v: Shocking! This year's College Entrance Examination champion in science, Ding Xiaoyou, turned down offers from prestigious universities such as Qinghua and Yancheng University, choosing instead to enroll at Mist City University of Arts and Sciences!

Retweets (12.7k), Comments (8.1k), Likes (23.9k)

This piece of news posted by Mist City News' official Twitter page has received over tens of thousands of retweets and likes, with over eighty thousand comments.

In the meantime, the hashtags #College Entrance Examination Champion of Mist City refuses Qinghua and Yancheng University's offers# and #College Entrance Examination Champion of Mist City chooses Mist City Arts and Sciences University# have spiralled into a buzz of millions!

Netizens were completely shocked when they saw this news!

"What on earth! She straight up refused Qinghua and Yancheng University? She's absolutely gutsy!"

"She declined offers from Qinghua and Yancheng University and chose to enroll at Mist City Arts and Sciences University?"

"This is real love from a younger sister to her older brother!"

"What on earth? What kind of strange couple are you all attempting to portray?"

"The younger sister is going straight to her brother's school? Is that too overboard?"

"You bunch of netizens, your thoughts are just too... something."

"This younger sister is indeed extraordinary! The champion of the College Entrance Examination goes directly to her brother's school to make a grand entrance?"

"Has she gone crazy? Giving up Qinghua and Yancheng University to attend a broken-down school?"

"This is insane. It's like surreal news!"

"I was stunned when I saw the news. Qinghua and Yancheng University are universities that many people dream of going to but this top scorer refused them. Even refuses were not the matter; she's actually going to her brother's private university instead?"

Everyone was shocked by this piece of news!

Meanwhile, there was a cheer at the Mist City Arts and Sciences University. Most of their students had scored poorly in their College Entrance Examination.

And yet.

The champion of the College Entrance Examination from Mist City is coming to Mist City Arts and Sciences University!

At the moment, Ding Yue and his sister were in the dean's office.

"Xiaoyou, you're on fire right now, your popularity is explosive!" Ding Yue said to his sister after seeing the news online.

He had anticipated this explosion of news today.

Since the day his sister decided to join his Mist City Arts and Sciences University, Ding Yue had known that something like this would happen.

The entire internet might explode with discussions about this piece of news.

Perhaps even the Mist City Education Bureau may pay him and Ding Xiaoyou a visit.

Suddenly, the office phone rang.

Seeing that Principal Ding was chatting with Ding Xiaoyou, Wen Ruohan went over to answer the phone.

"Principal Ding, it's a call from the Mist City Education Bureau." Wen Ruohan's voice came through.

"Oh?"

Ding Yue paused, then got up from the couch to the desk and took the landline from Wen Ruohan: "Hello, this is Ding Yue."

"So, Director Xiao is on his way to our school already? Okay okay, I got it!"

The call from the Mist City Education Bureau was to inform Ding Yue that Director Xiao was on his way to Mist City Arts and Sciences University after learning the news.

He is expected to arrive soon.

It was anticipated that someone from the Mist City Education Bureau might visit him and Ding Xiaoyou.

What was unexpected was that it would be the Director of the Education Bureau, Xiao Wenxing.

However, even if the Director of the Education Bureau comes, it won't change anything.

The university my sister chooses is entirely up to her.

Didn't you see that the College Entrance Examination Champion was free to drop out after enrolling in university?

Just as Ding Yue finished the call from the bureau, Secretary Wen Ruohan received a call from the Secretary of the Education Bureau's office.

"Principal Ding, it's Director Xiao."

At the entrance of Mist City Arts and Science University.

A black sedan slowly arrived.

Ding Yue stood on the right side of the entrance. Upon seeing the black car, he turned to his secretary, Wen Ruohan, and asked, "Secretary Wen, is that the car?"

"I believe so. I checked, and the license plate matches Director Xiao Wenxing's car from our Mist City Education Department."

Wen Ruohan nodded, confirming.

Ding Yue had just received a call from Director Xiao Wenxing of the Mist City Education Department, and immediately hurried to the university gate to welcome him.

After all, Director Xiao was the head of the Education Department, overseeing Mist City's educational work.

Even though Ding Yue knew why Director Xiao came, he still gave him the respect he deserved.

However, only Ding Yue needed to come to welcome him; there was no need for a large-scale welcoming ceremony as that was not the practice.

He remembered that during Director Zhang's previous visit, they mentioned that there was no need for extravagant welcomes.

The black sedan slowly arrived and came to a stop at the gate.

After seeing this, Ding Yue approached the car.

The car door opened.

First, a young man got out of the car, then a middle-aged man wearing glasses came out from the other side.

The man wearing glasses was most likely Director Xiao Wenxing.

Although Ding Yue had seen pictures of Director Xiao Wenxing online, there were some differences between the official photo and what the director looked like in person.

"Director Xiao, welcome to Mist City Arts and Science University,"

Ding Yue warmly extended a hand to shake Director Xiao's hand.

After shaking hands with Ding Yue, Xiao Wenxing asked, "You must be Principal Ding. Impressive for someone so young. I remember when your university, Mist City Arts and Science University, applied for an allotment of 5000 acres of educational land; we held a special meeting to approve it."

"Thank you, Director Xiao, for your support of our private education," Ding Yue expressed his gratitude.

Then, pointing in a direction to his right, he said, "Director Xiao, over there is the first phase of our university's expansion project, which is almost at the final stage now."

In the direction mentioned, high-rise apartments towered, and one could see the majestic Book Ship Library in the distance.

"Eh? That building... is that the Bookship Library?"

Director Xiao Wenxing looked in the direction Ding Yue pointed and asked.

The Bookship Library was quite well-known in Mist City.

Firstly, the Bookship Library had won the Best Innovation Award at the 2020 Hop Cup, and it also had a significant online presence.

"Yes, Director Xiao, that is the Bookship Library. It is almost ready for final inspection now," Ding Yue replied.

"Let's go, let's take a look."

Director Xiao Wenxing gave a slight nod and started walking towards the university campus.

Ding Yue hurriedly followed him.

Director Xiao was the head of the Mist City Education Department, so even if his university was a private one, as long as it involved education, Ding Yue's university would be under Director Xiao's jurisdiction.

However, upon his arrival, Director Xiao did not immediately start discussing matters related to Ding Yue's sister, Ding Xiaoyou. Instead, he first wanted to tour the Mist City Arts and Science University.

In fact, Director Xiao Wenxing had planned to visit Mist City Arts and Science University for some time but hadn't had any free time to do so.

The moment he saw the headline news about Ding Xiaoyou, the College Entrance Examination Champion, he knew he had to come.

There were many wonderful things about Mist City Arts and Science University.

In only one year of its establishment, it had made great strides in certain fields of study. For instance, the Book Ship Library they were about to visit.

Winning the Hop Cup was a testament to their success.

"Principal Ding, I heard that this Book Ship Library was designed by some students from your university's Architecture Department?"

Director Xiao Wenxing asked curiously.

"Indeed, Director Xiao. The library of our school was too crowded, and many students didn't have places to read. There was an urgent need to build a new library, so I started a university-wide collection activity for library designs."

Ding Yue explained, "The university's teachers and students were quite active in this."

"Hahaha, that's a great idea, letting the students design their own library. It would undoubtedly stimulate their enthusiasm."

Director Xiao Wenxing said nodding.

"Yes, yes, the students from all over the university designed many works, but in the end, the works designed by the students of the Architecture Department were the most suitable. As the saying goes, 'everyone has a specialty in their field'. Eventually, a design submitted by a team made up of several students from the Architecture Department and one teacher was selected by both the school committee and the entire university faculty and students. This design became the Bookship Library."

Ding Yue said with a smile.

"Excellent, excellent."

Suddenly, Ding Yue and Director Xiao Wenxing had arrived at the Book Ship Library.

Seeing the completed structure up close, the library appeared even more majestic.

It was akin to the feeling of standing in front of the Bird's Nest Stadium. The aura was self-explanatory.

"By the way, Principal Ding, have you seen today's headline news?" Director Xiao Wenxing was chatting with Ding Yue when the topic shifted towards the reason for his visit.

Yes.

Director Xiao Wenxing has asked about Ding Xiaoyou's situation.

"What is Director Xiao referring to?"

Ding Yue knew exactly what was meant, but still wanted Director Xiao to "elaborate".

"In our education sector in Mist City, a big news broke out today. The science champion of this year's college entrance examination in Mist City, your sister, Ding Xiaoyou, refused the admissions offer from Qinghua and Yancheng University, and chose to attend your university."

When Xiao Wenxing said this, his tone became noticeably more serious.

"So, Director Xiao is talking about this. Indeed, my sister has finally chosen my Mist City Arts and Science University. This has also surprised me."

Ding Yue scratched his head and said.

Upon hearing this, Xiao Wenxing immediately turned his head and looked at Ding Yue solemnly: "The champion of the science subjects in the college entrance examination has been eagerly admitted by Qinghua and Yancheng University, but didn't go. To be honest, I was very shocked when I saw this news."

Ding Yue expressed that he could understand Director Xiao's astonishment.

After all, as the person in charge of education, seeing this year's science champion of the college entrance examination in Mist City refusing the admission from Qinghua and Yancheng University and choosing Mist City Arts and Science University, it was impossible not to be shocked.

Here it is.

This shock directly shocked Director Xiao into visiting his university.

Mist City Arts and Science University has been operating for a year now, and Director Xiao didn't inquire about it during this time. Now here he was, visiting Mist City Arts and Science University in person.

"So, Director Xiao came for this matter?" Ding Yue looked at Director Xiao Wenxing and asked.

"Not exactly, I've wanted to visit your school for a while now. Over the past year, your school has made quite a few achievements. The medical health robot Big White is quite impressive, I heard it's about to collaborate with the Mist City Central Hospital, isn't it?"

The topics that Director Xiao spoke about were always very abrupt.

Just now he was discussing the Book Ship Library, then instantly asked about his sister Ding Xiaoyou.

Then now he abruptly asked about the collaboration between the medical health robot Big White and Mist City Central Hospital.

"Yes, we have established a pilot partnership with Mist City Central Hospital. In a few days, we should be ready to send the first batch of ten medical health robots, Big White, to Mist City Central Hospital for the pilot experiment."

Ding Yue nodded and replied.

"Your school does have a promising future, quite a lot of money is being invested right?" Director Xiao Wenxing asked again.

"Indeed, every semester, the investment of our Mist City Arts and Science University in teaching and education is extremely large!"

After finishing speaking, Ding Yue thought he could take this opportunity to explain his sister Ding Xiaoyou's situation, so he continued, "My sister chose my Mist City Arts and Science University this time because our school plans to purchase a set of the

world's most advanced energy chemistry research laboratory equipment. Director Xiao, you may not know that my sister loves this major!"

"Oh? Is that really the case?"

Upon hearing this, Xiao Wenxing's face expression changed instantly.

Before coming here, he didn't know about what Ding Yue just said, so he was somewhat confused as to why Ding Xiaoyou, who scored 741 on the college entrance exam, would refuse Qinghua and Yancheng University and choose Mist City Arts and Science University instead?

Now after hearing what Ding Yue said, he felt a bit more understanding.

However.

After all, Mist City Arts and Science University is just a regular private university and can't be compared with top domestic universities like Qinghua and Yancheng University.

It's still quite baffling that Ding Xiaoyou made this choice.

"By the way, where's your sister?" Director Xiao Wenxing suddenly asked.

"Does Director Xiao want to meet my sister?" Ding Yue asked.

Director Xiao Wenxing nodded: "After all, she's the college entrance examination champion of our Mist City this year. I hope it's not too much trouble to meet her."

"Hahaha, Director Xiao, where do you get that from? Wait a while, and I'll have her come over."

Having said that, Ding Yue took out his cell phone and made a call to his sister Ding Xiaoyou.

"Hello, Brother."

"Sister, come over to our school's Book Ship Library now. Director Xiao is here, and he wants to meet you."

"Ok."

After hanging up the phone, Ding Yue said to Director Xiao Wenxing with a smile, "Director Xiao, my sister will be here soon."

"To tell you the truth, I personally think that top universities like Qinghua, Yancheng University, or Fudan, would be the best destination for excellent students like your sister."

Xiao Wenxing shared his opinion.

But.

The choice of university during college entrance examination is the student's own business. Neither parents nor the education bureau can force them to intervene.

After all, times have changed.

And this is a top student like Ding Xiaoyou.

However, since Ding Yue just mentioned that Mist City Arts and Science University is planning to purchase the most advanced research equipment in the world in the major field that Ding Xiaoyou loves, then Mist City Arts and Science University indeed is a good choice.

"How much does it cost for your school to purchase that energy chemistry laboratory equipment?"

Director Xiao Wenxing asked curiously again.

"The estimate is over 20 million USD to start." Ding Yue replied.

"Over a hundred million yuan?"

Ding Yue nodded, "Yes, currently the world's most advanced energy chemistry equipment is only owned by a few universities such as Cambridge, Imperial Polytechnic, Nanyang Technological University, and Singapore National University. Now, our Mist City Arts and Science University is actively in touch and negotiating."

"The investment is quite large, worthy of being a private university." Xiao Wenxing had visited many private universities in Mist City before.

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Ding Yue is the first one who is willing to make such a substantial investment in education.

Usually, many private universities run as profit-driven entities, using education as a means of profit-making.

Honestly speaking, as the Director of the Mist City Education Bureau, Xiao Wenxing, has some reservations about those private colleges that treat education as a tool for profit-making.

But with the development of society, and an increasing number of students taking the college entrance exam, there is a place for private universities.

If all of Mist City's private universities were like Mist City Arts and Science University, wouldn't it elevate the overall quality of college education in Mist City?

"Director Xiao, I believe that for private universities, education should always be our top priority, regardless of the amount of investment. We at Mist City Arts and Science University will not hesitate to push ahead. I believe that only after we have made a name for our private university and enhanced our capacity, will we benefit in return."

Ding Yue's words clearly showed a high level of awareness.

Of course, these words were intended for Director Xiao Wenxing to hear, but they also highlighted one of the development policies of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Indeed, only by continuously improving the reputation and status of Mist City Arts and Science University, would both the university and the Feiyue Group behind it even more benefit.

"Well said, Principal Ding. I'm reassured to hear your thoughts. These days, too few private universities have the same approach as you. I have high hopes for Mist City Arts and Science University. In popular terms, its future is promising!"

Xiao Wenxing affirmed Mist City Arts and Science University.

The reputation of the university is quite good, among both its students and the general public.

As a private university, Mist City Arts and Science University is thought to be a great institution in many aspects, even if it might not be as academically strong as some public universities.

But academic strength is something that takes time to accumulate bit by bit, as Xiao Wenxing noticed.

Over the past school year, Mist City Arts and Science University has been rapidly building up its academic strength!

Given time, there is sure to be a significant improvement in the teaching quality at Mist City Arts and Science University.

In Xiao Wenxing's opinion, Mist City Arts and Science University is far superior to other local private universities in Mist City.

Not long ago, a local university in Mist City had used the quality of its accommodation as a selling point in admissions.

However, after enrolling the students, the four-bed dormitories were changed to six-bed and eight-bed ones, which led to widespread dissatisfaction among students.

It was only after the Mist City Education Bureau intervened that this issue was resolved properly.

By comparison, Mist City Arts and Science University is much better.

There have hardly been any issues in its operation since the university was established; they had even successfully turned the popular campus-themed hotpot event into a tourist attraction for Mist City!

Hearing Director Xiao Wenxing's affirmation and recognition of his Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue felt quite elated.

After all, this was the official recognition of his university, was it not?

Ding Yue also believed that the future development of Mist City Arts and Science University would not disappoint Director Xiao.

Excitingly.

In the future, when Mist City Arts and Science University becomes a first-class domestic institution, or even a top world-renowned university, Director Xiao will even be able to use that achievement to secure a promotion to the National Education Administration, hehehe!

While Ding Yue was having a cordial conversation with Director Xiao Wenxing, Ding Xiaoyou walked over from a distance.

"Brother."

After approaching, Ding Xiaoyou called out to Ding Yue and then looked at Director Xiao Wenxing. She was not sure which one of them was Director Xiao.

"Let me introduce you, this is Director Xiao from our Mist City Education Bureau," Ding Yue introduced.

"Hello, Director Xiao!" Upon hearing this, Ding Xiaoyou cheerfully greeted Director Xiao Wenxing.

"Hello, Ding student, or should I say, Top Scholar Ding," Xiao Wenxing laughed, "Mist City hasn't had a student scoring 740 points in the College Entrance Exam for several years now. I heard that aside from the essay in the Chinese test, you have received full marks in all other subjects, including math and the comprehensive science test. You truly are a gifted student!"

Firstly, Director Xiao Wenxing affirmed Ding Xiaoyou's exam results,

As there was no doubt about Ding Xiaoyou's College Entrance Examination scores.

There was absolutely no question about this!

"Thank you, Director Xiao!" Ding Xiaoyou thanked Director Xiao for his affirmation.

Xiao Wenxing took a deep breath and then asked Ding Xiaoyou, "Ding student, are you aware that your refusal to accept the admission offers from top domestic universities like Qinghua and Yancheng University is headline news today? As the Director of the Mist City Education Bureau, it is my duty to investigate this matter. May I ask why you chose to decline the offers from Qinghua and Yancheng University?"

"Ah? Isn't the right to choose which university I want to attend mine alone?" Ding Xiaoyou blinked her sparkling big eyes and asked.

"Hahaha, yes, Ding student, don't get me wrong, I'm just asking," Xiao Wenxing nodded in laughter.

"You see, Xiao You, your decision is in the headlines today – it's trending at number one. It has a significant societal impact, so it's understandable for Director Xiao to ask, isn't it?"

Ding Yue was giving some assistance on the side.

"Oh, haha, Director Xiao, actually, neither Qinghua nor Yancheng University is particularly strong in the field of Energy Chemistry, which is my interest. I hope to have the best learning and research environment, an environment that even Fudan University and Xiamen University, which have relatively stronger Energy Chemistry programs, cannot provide."

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Ding Xiaoyou explained to Director Xiao, "But my brother can. He'll get a set of the most advanced energy chemistry research equipment from places like Cambridge or Imperial Polytechnic University. Then I can do the research I love the most! As for the university, I don't really care."

Upon hearing Ding Xiaoyou's explanation,

Director Xiao Wenxing began to understand, and felt that Ding Xiaoyou, a hardworking female student, was focused on producing research results and didn't care about whether she held a degree from Qinghua or Yancheng University.

But it made sense.

With a family as rich as Ding's, and owning the Feiyue Group, pursuing energy chemistry research was her purest goal.

They had the foundation to pursue this pure goal.

From a general public's perspective, it might be challenging to understand Ding Xiaoyou's decision to reject Qinghua and Yancheng Universities for Mist City Arts and Science University.

But at this moment, after hearing Ding Xiaoyou's explanation and knowing that she was happily and willingly looking forward to studying in the most advanced environment at Mist City Arts and Science University, everything made sense to Director Xiao Wenxing.

Therefore, Director Xiao Wenxing nodded, smiled, and said to Ding Xiaoyou, "Miss Ding, I admire your enlightened decision. I hope you will make achievements in your favorite field in the future!"

"Mmm, thank you, Director Xiao!" Ding Xiaoyou happily thanked him.

Ding Yue was somewhat surprised; he hadn't expected Director Xiao to understand his sister's choice so quickly.

If the Ministry of Education had a director who sticks rigidly to traditional rules, it would probably be difficult for him to understand, even with explanations, and it might leave a bad impression of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Considering Director Xiao's position in the Mist City Ministry of Education, it seemed that Mist City Arts and Science University would not have too many difficulties in the future under the Ministry of Education's jurisdiction.

"A new academic year is approaching, how many students is your school planning to admit this year?" Director Xiao was indeed good at changing the topic.

He immediately asked about the admission circumstances of Mist City Arts and Science University this year.

"Director Xiao, in terms of national enrollment, our school won't have many students. Maybe several hundreds. But we might admit about 12,000 students through our independent admission," Ding Yue answered seriously.

In this parallel world, Xia Country's education system allows private universities to independently admit students, aside from national enrollment.

This independent admission is designed to invigorate private universities.

As a private university recognized by the Ministry of Education, Mist City Arts and Science University is qualified for college entrance examination enrollment.

However, it's clear that

not many students would apply to a newly established private university that sets college entrance examination qualifications.

After all, students need to achieve the undergraduate admission score to apply through the national enrollment system.

If they can reach that score, why wouldn't they attend a public undergraduate university?

However, it's different for Mist City Arts and Science University's independent admission. The 'independent admission' policy is meant to secure admission for private universities.

Otherwise, without independent admission, most private universities could collapse due to insufficient student admission.

In fact, despite the policy's leniency, many private universities struggle to attract students.

Similar to the predecessor of the Mist City Arts and Science University campus, the Mist City Siyuan University, schools fall because they can't attract students even through independent admission. Then they were taken over by Ding Yue.

The chairman of Siyuan Education Group would never have imagined that under Ding Yue's leadership, Mist City Arts and Science University would thrive.

In the first academic year, there were more than nine thousand students.

In the second academic year, they even planned to admit 12,000 students. It's clear that the final admission result might be even more!

"Principal Ding, with such a large enrollment, will your school's resources, including living and residential facilities for students, be able to keep up?"

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Unexpectedly.

Director Xiao Wenxing is quite humorous and witty.

As the director of the Mist City Education Bureau, it's perfectly normal for him to worry that the steps of private universities might be too big, thus easily causing issues.

After all, they had enrolled more than 9,000 students in the first academic year.

Now the recruitment plan for the second academic year is about to begin, and it is expected to enroll 12,000 people. Can Mist City Arts and Science University accommodate so many students?

Facing Director Xiao's inquiry.

Ding Yue answered confidently, "Director Xiao, the predecessor of our campus at Mist City Arts and Science University, which is Mist City Siyuan University, has always had a small number of students and therefore less accommodation available."

"But that is not a problem. Director Xiao must have noticed the row of buildings over there. They are the twelve apartment buildings built in the first phase of our school's expansion project. The housing conditions will vary according to the Price Bureau's regulations, including two apartment-style buildings and ten regular dormitory buildings. With these apartment dormitories, I am certain that the students' accommodation issues will be perfectly resolved."

Director Xiao had already noticed the dozens of buildings over there, although he hadn't asked Ding Yue what they were for.

So it turns out they are dormitory apartments.

In that case, regarding residential life, Mist City Arts and Science University is definitely able to accommodate the 2021 cohort of freshmen.

"What about faculty resources?" asked Director Xiao Wenxing.

"Director Xiao, throughout the past academic year, our school has been constantly expanding our faculty. The quality of education is also improving day by day. For most departments and majors, we have absolutely sufficient faculty. Moreover, for those that are key development areas, the faculty is even more excellent."

Ding Yue continued to introduce to Director Xiao, "For example, in the Architectural College, we have civil engineering professors. In the Medical College, we have established cooperation with Mist City Central Hospital, and more than ten professors and associate professors are part-time teachers. The Mechanical Department has also recruited excellent top-notch teachers. The Physics Department has established a partnership with Jiangnan University of Science and Technology and several physics professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology teach at our school!"

From Ding Yue's description, the faculty strength of Mist City Arts and Science University seems quite impressive, with a considerable number of staff at professor level.

This is really quite good for a private university.

"In the future, we will offer better conditions and salary to recruit more excellent professors to serve our students!"

Ding Yue said confidently.

Upon hearing this, Director Xiao nodded in approval.

For a well-funded private university, as long as they are serious about education and offer good benefits, it is not impossible to recruit more and more professors.

Right now, Mist City Arts and Science University is about to welcome its second year. In two years, there will be students from Freshman to Senior year at Mist City Arts and Science University. At that time, with tens of thousands or even more students, there will definitely be a need to continuously expand the faculty.

"If there are any difficulties, feel free to communicate with our Education Bureau. As long as you are serious about school-running and improving education quality, we will strongly support it."

Director Xiao Wenxing spoke generously.

"Thank you for your support, Director Xiao!"

In fact.

Mist City Arts and Science University mostly doesn't have any problems to bother the Mist City Education Bureau.

Except when applying for educational land last year.

Of course, in the future, Mist City Arts and Science University will certainly have dealings with the Mist City Education Bureau when development needs arise.

Since Director Xiao Wenxing supports Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue feels relieved.

Director Xiao Wenxing's support is not without reason.

Because during his visit, Director Xiao Wenxing saw the serious attitude and determination of Mist City Arts and Science University.

As long as Mist City Arts and Science University, this private university, is well-run, it will be a success for Director Xiao Wenxing!

"Let's go over there and take a look."

After touring the Bookship Library, Director Xiao Wenxing planned to go to the newly built apartment dormitory building and stroll around.

Then continue the conversation with Principal Ding.

Ding Yue took Director Xiao to tour the expanded campus area and then visited the normal use campus area.

A lot of topics were discussed during this time.

From Director Xiao Wenxing's conversation, Ding Yue could sense that Director Xiao was quite hopeful for the future development of Mist City Arts and Science University.

At the same time, he was also very much looking forward to his younger sister Ding Xiaoyou's future research results.

This expectation is a must.

Otherwise, if it goes like a stone dropped into the sea without making a sound, wouldn't today's headline news and trending topics become a black spot in the history of Mist City's education?

"Director Xiao, it's noon now, it's getting late. I have arranged for a meal in the school cafeteria. Would you like to join us for lunch?" Ding Yue asked.

An hour ago, Ding Yue had his secretary call his mother, Zhang Yuping, asking her to prepare a casual lunch with her specialties.

"No, the main purpose of my visit this time is to inquire about your sister, Ding Xiaoyou's situation, and to inspect your Mist City Arts and Science University. I'm not here just to eat and drink," Director Xiao Wenxing shook his head and said.

"Director Xiao, it is just a regular school cafeteria lunch, don't worry about it. Also, aren't you planning to inspect our school cafeteria, haha."

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Ding Yue explained with a smile to Director Xiao.

It was apparent that Director Xiao was concerned that Ding Yue had prepared some extravagant meal.

But this was not the case.

It was a simple school cafeteria lunch.

If there had to be a difference, it would be the few dishes personally cooked by Ding Yue's mother Zhang Yuping.

"Really?"

"Absolutely," Ding Yue confirmed with certainty.

"Good, the school cafeteria affects the dietary health of tens of thousands of teachers and students, I will certainly need to have a thorough inspection!"

Upon hearing this, Xiao Wenxing decided to do some investigation and resolved to have lunch at the Mist City Arts and Science University's cafeteria.

"Let's go then, off to the second cafeteria."

Ding Yue led Director Xiao Wenxing towards the second cafeteria, saying, "Director Xiao, we have a very popular campus hot pot restaurant on the third floor of our second cafeteria, you might want to try it out when you are off-duty, the flavor is excellent."

While speaking, Ding Yue started to promote the campus' hot pot restaurant.

"Really? That's good, I'll try it out during a rest period when I have some spare time." Xiao Wenxing had actually heard of the popular campus hot pot restaurant at Mist City Arts and Science University.

In his spare time, during vacations, he could come and taste for himself to see if it really is as authentically tasty as claimed online.

Xiao Wenxing was a long-time resident of Mist City, with a palate that could easily taste whether the hot pot was authentic or not.

Soon enough.

Ding Yue led Director Xiao Wenxing and a few others from the Education Bureau to the university's second cafeteria.

"Good noon Principal Ding, the spicy chicken today is delicious!"

"Hello Principal Ding, haha, I got the 9.9 yuan lobster meal at noon, it's delightful!"

As they stepped into the second cafeteria, students greeted Principal Ding enthusiastically and shared their "discoveries" in the school cafeteria that day.

As Ding Yue did not disclose Director Xiao Wenxing's visit to the teachers and students in advance, many students did not realize that the middle-aged man wearing glasses who came with Ding Yue was the Director of the Mist City Education Bureau.

From the smiles on the students' faces and their enthusiastic greetings to Principal Ding, Xiao Wenxing could see that Principal Ding was highly respected by the students, and the school cafeteria was a popular dining spot among them.

Many university cafeterias are not so popular, and are rather desolate, with students preferring to order food delivery rather than eating in the school cafeteria.

Compared to them, the bustling cafeteria of Mist City Arts and Science University gave Xiao Wenxing a different impression.

He could tell at a glance that this wasn't some contrived scene from the school authorities; it was just the usual state of affairs.

Xiao Wenxing had encountered situations during inspections of other universities where the management would try to create an illusion of popularity for the cafeteria.

But Xiao Wenxing had keen eyes, spotting immediately whether an arrangement was staged or real.

This can be seen from the expression and behavior of students during meals.

The students in Mist City Arts and Science University's cafeteria had genuine and carefree smiles on their faces, enjoying their meals wholeheartedly.

Director Xiao Wenxing first inspected the dishes at the cafeteria window.

The dishes indeed looked impressive. Even from a distance, he could smell the aroma, and the prices were very reasonable.

On top of that, the school cafeteria also offered half-priced small bowls of food.

"These half-priced small bowls are quite a good idea, with suitable portions and half the price. Most importantly, it avoids waste. Very good, very good."

Director Xiao Wenxing had high praise for the half-priced small bowls.

"In terms of food conservation, our school's propaganda and practice are both very effective," Ding Yue commented with a smile.

Frugality is, after all, a virtuous tradition ingrained in China over thousands of years.

"Just now, I noticed that students can get fruits at several entrances of the cafeteria. Are these the post-meal fruits arranged by the school?" Director Xiao Wenxing asked curiously.

Ding Yue immediately explained: "Director Xiao, the cafeteria launched a campaign to swap empty plates for fruits after the meal, in order to encourage everyone not to waste food."

"That's a great idea!"

Upon hearing this, Director Xiao Wenxing praised Ding Yue and Mist City Arts and Science University again.

There was indeed a lot of positive energy in this private university.

"Director Xiao, my mother made a few home-cooked dishes. Let's go and give them a try." Ding Yue led Director Xiao Wenxing to an empty table in the cafeteria.

Then Zhang Yuping, Ding Yue's mom, brought over the cooked dishes.

The food looked similar to those offered at the cafeteria windows, and there was not an excessive amount to result in waste since Ding Yue had told her the number of people dining.

Experienced cook Zhang Yuping prepared the food according to the quantity needed, which basically avoided waste.

When Xiao Wenxing saw that the dishes were largely similar to those in the cafeteria, full of common meat and vegetable dishes you would find at any university canteen, he felt a weight lift off his shoulders.

After all, Xiao Wenxing was worried that after agreeing to have lunch with Principal Ding in the cafeteria, the cafeteria might arrange a lavish feast.