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Chapter 361: You Go Ahead If You Can, I Am Truly Capable If I Proceed!
There was a spicy aroma.

There was a hint of cumin.

There was even the tantalizing smell of red-braised dishes.

And an array of sweet and tart flavors, even that strangely fragrant scent of stinky tofu.

Upon sniffing this strange pungency, Ding Yue immediately knew that it had to be stinky tofu!

"I don't think I've paid enough attention to the Culinary Arts department this year", Ding Yue mumbled as he approached the small square outside the cafeteria.

Just like the Institute of Traditional Chinese Studies, the Culinary Arts department was a new addition to Mist City Arts and Science University last year. Its specialties might be found at some universities, but not at others.

But because many students who enrolled at Mist City Arts and Science University last year loved food, the university combined it with Hospitality Management to create the Culinary Arts department.

That said, the outstanding students from the Culinary Arts department were indeed beneficial to Ding Yue's plan to develop the Mist City Arts and Science University.

Such as his plan to build a university hotel in the second phase of the expansion project!

Once the hotel is constructed, it will require not only students from the Hospitality Management program but also master chefs related to the Culinary Arts. That's the way to turn a university hotel into a top-notch and exquisite establishment.

At the event, there were several long tables filled with dishes prepared by students participating in the campus chef competition.

All types of utensils were available, even those for making pastries.

The students from the Culinary Arts department who participated in the chef competition had their "delicacies" tasted by other students, who then voted and scored them.

"Eww, what the heck is this, why is the tofu pudding salty? Isn't it supposed to be sweet? I can't give more than 2 points!"

A student scored the dish after trying the salty tofu pudding.

"Wow, salty tofu pudding? 10 points!" A fan of savory food cast a full score.

"Ha-ha-ha, whoever made this tofu pudding, you're really something else!" The surrounding students joked.

Ding Yue was baffled, were there really Culinary Arts students serving tofu pudding at this event?

And they made it salty?

You might just get yourselves killed by the sweet-toothed advocates in the crowd.

"Folks, please try my Twice-Cooked Pork! Authentic Sichuan cuisine!" A student finished preparing his dish—Twice-Cooked Pork, and brought it forward.

According to the rules of this Culinary Arts event, only ten students get to taste a dish and rate it.

"This looks quite good, 8 points, it's above average!"

"Why do I feel like the Twice-Cooked Pork made by the cafeteria chef is better? I can't give more than 5 points!"

"Not that great, 5.5 points!"

"You damn fool, you've probably never tasted real Twice-Cooked Pork before. It's awful!" A student from Sichuan province critiqued the student's Twice-Cooked Pork.

The student from the Culinary Arts department who made the Twice-Cooked Pork was extremely embarrassed.

"Let me try, let me try."

Then a chubby, food-loving student squeezed his way out of the crowd. He noticed that only nine people had tasted the dish, so there was room for one more.

The gluttonous Chubby guy, Xie Feiyang, didn't hesitate to pick up his chopsticks to try the Twice-Cooked Pork.

After a few seconds, the expression on Xie Feiyang's face clearly indicated his opinion of the pork: "Senior, your cooking skill really isn't up to par. You need more practice. Honestly, you're just not cut out for making Sichuan cuisine—total disaster."

Xie Feiyang, as a new student in the Culinary Arts department of Mist City Arts and Science University, loved to eat, eat, eat. So, on the very first day of school, his roommates gave him a nickname—Chubby Glutton!

At that moment, Ding Yue was watching this amusing campus chef event. He found it intriguing how the students tasted and critiqued one dish after another, made by the students of the Culinary Arts department.

This competition was a realistic reflection of the culinary abilities these students had achieved in the past year.

With the Twice-Cooked Pork, for instance, the student might have a great theoretical understanding of Sichuan cuisine.

However, the dish wasn't that tasty. As for finding out where he went wrong, that would require some deep introspection after the competition.

"Principal Ding, what brings you here?"

At that moment, Director Liang, the head of the Culinary Arts department, saw Principal Ding from a distance and hurried over to greet him.

"Director Liang, this event organized by your Culinary Arts department is quite fun." Ding Yue pointed at the chef competition spot and laughed.

"Well, this year, we have quite a few new students enrolling in the Culinary Arts department. We thought that letting the seniors conduct an activity or two would allow the freshmen to better understand the department and major they've chosen. Besides, this cooking competition lets the second-year culinary students show their skills and experience in a real showdown. It's also a good way to gauge how well they've learned."

Director Liang explained the purpose of hosting this school-wide chef competition to Principal Ding.

"I heard some of your Culinary Arts students have been recruited by the school cafeteria, right?"

Ding Yue turned to Director Liang and asked.

"Exactly, both Cafeterias 1 and 2 have recruited some students. They are quite skilled and well-versed in various cuisines. Having them train in the school cafeterias provides practical experience that would be beneficial after they graduate and enter society with their cooking skills."

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Liang Gao nodded in response.

"That's a great idea, I look forward to the Culinary Arts program grooming one or even more top chefs!"

Ding Yue gave Director Liang Gao some encouragement.

The majors that the students in the Culinary Arts program pursue and the fields they will be working in after graduation have to do with people's dining habits. If we can really nurture a top chef, it would be pretty amazing.

"We will certainly do our best!" Liang Gao confidently stated.

From Liang Gao's statement, Ding Yue realized that in the sophomore class of the Culinary Arts program, there probably weren't any students with the potential to become world-class chefs.

However, there should be many students who can produce delicious gourmet food.

The student who was criticized by the gluttonous chubby Xie Feiyang for making less-delicious twice-cooked pork had his cheeks turn red, "You don't have to lift a finger to talk, I tried my best to fry it. If you think you're better, go ahead!"

Clang!

The student tossed the spatula into the wok and decided to stop; his confidence was completely shattered.

"I will take over, then!"

Surprisingly, Xie Feiyang was not polite at all.

"Chubby guy, are you seriously going to do it?"

"Chubby, don't be impulsive!"

Xie Feiyang's roommates wanted to stop him, but they were unsuccessful. Xie Feiyang just grabbed his apron and headed towards the counter.

"Come on, let's see how delicious your twice-cooked pork can be."

The student was not convinced and wanted to see if the chubby junior really had any skills.

When Ding Yue saw the two students engaging in a "cook-off" with twice-cooked pork, he was intrigued and decided to watch from the side to see if the chubby kid could pull it off.

"What is your major, kid?"

"Don't overdo it, he is, after all, a senior with a food production major."

"Can I also give it a try?"

"Wow, he is all fired up."

"Interesting, brother, keep it up!"

When Xie Feiyang heard someone asking about his major, he raised his head and proudly said: "I also major in Gourmet Food!"

"Oh, a junior, okay then, let's see if you got any skills!" The senior student who cooked the initial twice-cooked pork laughed.

"Let's do it then!"

Xie Feiyang was not scared as he had learned some cooking from his father, who was a chef.

Furthermore, his father was a chef specializing in Sichuan cuisine!

Suddenly, a group of people gathered around, eager to see if the chubby guy could do it.

Boom~ Boom~ Boom~

Having prepared ingredients for twice-cooked pork like pork belly, green peppers, garlic sprouts, bean paste, black bean sauce, white sugar, ginger, and garlic, Xie Feiyang started cooking.

It was clear Xie Feiyang was somewhat skilled in cooking, but he obviously wasn't as professional as the students participating in the school's chef competition.

He poured oil into the wok and heated it over high heat before putting in the pork slices.

Then Xie Feiyang started stirring until the pork slices curled up and the fat became transparent, indicating that the oil had been fried out and it wouldn't taste greasy. He then pushed the meat to the side of the wok, swiftly added Sichuan pepper grains and bean paste and stirred. After the oil in the wok turned red, he stirred the meat back in and evened it out and then added the rest of the ingredients...

After a series of actions, he finally finished the fragrant twice-cooked pork.

"Come on, give it a taste."

Xie Feiyang confidently brought over the twice-cooked pork he had cooked.

The student who had just tasted the previous twice-cooked pork moved quickly, and with a chopstick in hand, said: "Me, me, me. I am from Shu Province, let me have the first bite to evaluate its taste."

He then picked up a piece of twice-cooked pork and put it in his mouth, chewing thoughtfully.

A lot of students around him were watching.

They all looked forward to his evaluation after the tasting.

Even Ding Yue was starting to feel a bit anticipated...

Chapter 363: Principal Ding Suddenly Feels Heartache

"Damn, you're gonna tell us how it tastes, right?"

"Tasty?"

"Hurry up!"

"How is it?"

Even the students around, including Wang Tong, who had stir-fried the Twice-Cooked Pork earlier, were getting impatient with the Shu People's student. Wang Tong was even getting nervous.

Could it be possible that this chubby freshman, who hadn't yet formally attended a class in the culinary arts department, could outdo him; having been in school for a year?

His twice-cooked pork was probably lacking because he couldn't master the seasonings and the heat was off, resulting in a dish that, after tasting, only got one compliment. The rest said it was average.

This chubby student was the only one who thought Wang should not cook Sichuanese dishes.

"Mmm~"

If that wasn't a sound inviting misunderstanding, he didn't know what was. And yes, that was the sound made by the Shu People's student after eating a piece of twice-cooked pork.

"Damn, how'd you think of L&P when eating Twice-Cooked Pork?"

"Is it tasty?"

"I can't stand it, let me try!"

"No, the same ten students who tasted it previously should taste this one too. Only then can we determine who cooked the better Twice-Cooked Pork."

"Right, right. Makes sense."

The Shu People's student licked his lips and couldn't help expressing his excitement: "The taste of this twice-cooked pork is unique, it's fatty but not greasy, with a concentrated flavour once you taste it. It has a glossy red appearance too, well done chubby guy, I've got my eye on you!"

Upon hearing this student's review, everyone else knew the outcome.

After all, he was an authentic member of the Shu People. He had two plates of twice-cooked pork, one he reviewed as 'pretty distasteful', and the other as 'unique in flavor, glossy red, fatty but not greasy, with a concentrated flavour'.

No brainer as to who won.

Senior Wang Tong was incredulous and quickly grabbed his chopsticks: "Is it, really?".

After tasting, Wang Tong's eyes lit up.

Damn!

This -- this is the real taste of Twice-Cooked Pork. It's delicious and it's way better than what he cooked.

"Alright, I admit defeat!" Wang surprisingly admitted on the spot that he had lost the battle. He was a little embarrassed that he, a senior, had been bested in craftsmanship by a mere freshman.

So be it. He'd no longer learn how to make Sichuanese cuisine, he'd switch to a cuisine that he's good at!

Something about the situation struck Principal Ding as he looked over at the chubby student, Xie Feiyang. After a while, a smile broke across his face.

Could this be talent?

After this little episode, Xie Feiyang suddenly became a "celebrity" in Mist City Arts and Science University's culinary department.

The culinary department students started calling him the "Upperclassmen Killer."

The on-campus chef competition was still ongoing and Principal Ding too got to taste a few dishes made by the students.

Some dishes were average, some tasted pretty good, and some even made him feel like they were made by a professional chef.

In the end, the best dish that Principal Ding tasted was Buddha's Temptation, made by a student named Li Mingwei!

Ding gave him a 9.9 out of 10, withholding the perfect score only so as to not make him complacent.

During the entire event, Wen Ruohan, his secretary, ate mostly desserts. She found the desserts made by the culinary department students to be quite tasty.

However, Principal Ding wasn't too impressed. To him, all desserts tasted the same.

While Principal Ding was engrossed in the culinary department's event, he received a call on his phone.

It was Xu Jiuge. He moved away from the crowd to a quieter corner to answer the call.

"Hello, Principal Ding. We've finished making 'Super Combat Team'." Excitement was evident in Xu Jiuge's voice.

"It's done?"

On hearing this, Principal Ding too was a little excited.

After all, production of the personal animation movie 'Super Combat Team' of the healthcare robot, Big White, had started back in May or June with significant investment of time and money. All in the hope of crafting a complementary animation movie for the healthcare robot, Big White.

Now, on August 30th, they had managed to complete the production of 'Super Combat Team' after months of intensive work.

This was quite swift!

In an era with advanced animation production technology, some companies take one or two years to produce one animation film. Yet, there are other companies that can create one within a few months.

Feiyue Animation was part of the latter.

And no, just because they spent less time, doesn't imply a substandard production. In fact, when Principal Ding saw the 20% completed version earlier, he found that the abilities of Feiyue Animation Studio were impressive indeed.

And ever since he acquired the studio, Principal Ding knew that Xu Jiuge and his team had been spending most of their time on the production of the animation movie 'Super Combat Team'.

"I am coming over right now to check it out."

Principal Ding was eager to see what 'Super Combat Team', the film that Xu Jiuge and the Feiyue Animation Studio had produced, was like.

"Alright, Principal Ding. I'll be at the studio waiting for you?"

"Okay."

After the call, Principal Ding shouted out to Wen Ruohan in the crowd.

"Principal Ding? You're done eating?"

Wen Ruohan had just had another dessert. All the food she ate could probably add a pound to her weight!

"You kidding, let's go. I am taking you to see a movie!" Principal Ding said, walking away to the building where Feiyue Animation Studio was.

With a puzzled look, Wen Ruohan followed. "Principal Ding, are you inviting me to a movie?"

Wow!

So exciting!

Handsome Principal Ding was asking her out to a movie? Could it be, like in the novels, the domineering, wealthy and gallant President Ding, was about to make a move on her?

Thoughts of a 5.2 million words long CEO-themed romance novel filled Wen Ruohan's mind.

"Sure, the Feiyue Animation Studio has finished making 'Super Combat Team'. You're not interested in watching? If you don't want to, then you can continue eating here."

Principal Ding said this without turning back.

"Of course, I'm in!"

Wen Ruohan was jolted out of her CEO novel fantasy. She realized that her excitement was premature.

She thought that Principal Ding was going to ask her out to the cinema. Turns out, it was to watch 'Super Combat Team'.

However, as it was 'Super Combat Team', Wen Ruohan was still looking forward to it. After all, this was an animation movie made by their school's Animation Studio. She could watch the sample footage with Principal Ding for the first time. This was an extraordinary privilege!

About five or six minutes later.

Principal Ding and Wen Ruohan arrived at Feiyue Animation Studio.

As soon as they entered the studio, Ding noticed that the studio staff, including the animation design and production students working as interns, were all dispirited with dark circles under their eyes from exhaustion.

"Principal Ding, you're here."

As Xu Jiuge walked over, Ding noticed she now had even darker circles under her eyes.

"You guys really went all out, didn't you?"

Looking at Xu Jiuge and the members of the Feiyue Animation Studio, Principal Ding couldn't help but feel a pang of sympathy.

Chapter 364: Movie Public Screening License

Ding Yue looked at Xu Jiuge's panda eyes, wanting to laugh but also feeling a bit heartbroken.

When he first met Xu Jiuge, she was a lively and youthful woman. Ever since the animation film "Super Combat Team" was initiated, she had led the Feiyue Animation Studio team working tirelessly day and night.

Now that "Super Combat Team" is finally complete, Ding Yue silently praises them in his heart.

"Principal Ding?"

Seeing Principal Ding so intently looking at her, Xu Jiuge called out.

"Eh, do you know your eyes look like a panda's right now?" Ding Yue came back to reality, sighing, "The last time I saw you, your dark circles weren't so severe."

"Ahahaha, I've gotten used to it. Thankfully we managed to complete 'Super Combat Team' successfully. After a period of rest, I will be fine. Previously when we made shorter animation films, there were times like this too. Except those projects ended up being abandoned... Efforts without rewards, that's the saddest thing."

Xu Jiuge shrugged.

"You've worked hard, everyone has worked hard. Take a good rest for the next period of time."

As the boss of Feiyue Animation Studio, Ding Yue was moved by the commitment of his employees.

Therefore, Ding Yue secretly made a decision in his heart. After the premiere of "Super Combat Team", he would allocate a portion of the box office profit as bonus shares for everyone.

For example, he could take out one or two percent of the net box office income, or maybe even five percent, and reward the members of Feiyue Animation Studio. This could also motivate them to put more effort into making excellent animated films in the future.

"Let me say a few words to everyone."

Ding Yue scanned the studio's employees at their respective workstations, ready to give them a "boost".

Xu Jiuge told him some of them hadn't left the studio in days. They ate meals that interns fetched from the cafeteria, and they either slept on desk surfaces or on the sofas in the break area.

Clap clap clap!

Xu Jiuge walked to the center of the room, clapping her hands to get everyone's attention: "Wake up everyone, Principal Ding is here, he has something to say."

With Xu Jiuge's clapping and shouting, everyone in the studio perked up.

"You've all worked hard, completing an animated film in such a short time, you are all the best."

Ding Yue stepped forward, looking at the studio members and said, "Starting from today, everyone can take a good rest. There won't be any new projects for a while, and you'll still be paid during this break period. You can rest assured on this."

Ding Yue wouldn't stop paying them during the several months of rest.

After all, Ding Yue knew that nurturing talented people required fertile soil. These former members of Tianqi Animation Studio, brought over by Xu Jiuge, and some students from his Mist City Arts and Science University's animation design and production department, were all excellent animation creators.

In this parallel world, excellent animation creators are extremely precious in Xia Country.

Whoosh~

As soon as they heard they would have paid leave from Principal Ding, thunderous applause broke out, and everyone's spirits were lifted.

"Furthermore, there's one more benefit. I have decided that when our animation 'Super Combat Team' officially hits the theatres, I'll take out three percentage points of the net box office profits and distribute it as bonuses!"

When Ding Yue announced this, everyone in the studio, including Xu Jiuge, was pleasantly surprised.

Back when they were still at Tianqi Animation Studio, they also made animations for others. Investors paid the money, and Xu Jiuge's team just received their wage for their hard work. Regardless of the success or failure of the animation film, investors basically wouldn't share the profits with them.

Hence, Xu Jiuge and her team had planned to make their own animated film. However, due to insufficient funds, the project had been unable to bear fruit.

Ultimately, they were faced with financial crisis, prompting them to sell Tianqi Animation Studio completely packaged to Principal Ding.

Principal Ding is the sole investor of the animated film "Super Combat Team", meaning every penny used to make this film came from him.

Therefore, whether the film made a profit or suffered a loss would be Principal Ding's affair.

But the fact that Principal Ding was willing to share three percent of the net profit with them as a bonus if the film made a profit did cause feelings of surprise and gratitude.

"Thank you, Principal Ding!"

"Is Principal Ding serious?"

"Good, good! Principal Ding's pretty decent!"

"Thanks, Principal Ding!"

The members of Feiyue Animation Studio all expressed their gratitude to Ding Yue.

Originally, Ding Yue was contemplating between one to two percent or a bit more at five percent. In the end, after making a compromise, he decided to go with three percent.

If he made a profit, missing out on this three percent wouldn't hurt Ding Yue. In return, he would be able to encourage the members of Feiyue Animation Studio, which wasn't a bad deal.

"Principal Ding, we sent the sample to the film bureau for review yesterday. As long as we get the movie release license, we can schedule the premiere."

Xu Jiuge stepped forward and updated Principal Ding on the status of the sample film submission.

Oh right!

Ding Yue had almost forgotten about the film bureau's review process, assuming that as long as the film was made, it could be screened. However, there were clearly steps in the process that Xu Jiuge understood better than Ding Yue.

"So after the film is submitted to the film bureau for review, we have to get some kind of certificate before it can be released, right?"

Ding Yue asked.

"Mm-hmm," Xu Jiuge nodded, "it's the Public Film Screening Certificate. Luckily, though, that's not too difficult to obtain."

"Easy to get?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue was taken aback. Isn't it said to be quite challenging to secure a Public Film Screening Certificate?

After all, the film review process within Xia Country is rather strict, isn't it?

"Mm-hmm, we have an animated film, and the country has supportive policies in place for this sector. As long as the animated film doesn't contain any prohibited or illegal content, the review process, both the rigour and speed, is typically quite prompt."

Xu Jiuge responded earnestly.

"I see," Ding Yue murmured softly, then looked at Xu Jiuge and asked, "So how long do you estimate that our 'Super Combat Team' will take to be approved?"

"Based on past experience, the review of a typical animated film should be done within half a month at most. However, our 'Super Combat Team' is anything but typical. Given the ongoing pilot trial of Big White in hospitals and his growing reputation, this will likely expedite the review process. So, I'd wager we might be able to obtain the Public Film Screening Certificate within a week."

Xu Jiuge said with a smile.

"Wow, one week!"

If that were to happen on Earth in Ding Yue's past life, securing a Public Film Screening Certificate in just a week would be unthinkable.

"Principal Ding, shall we watch now or later? We only have standard equipment here, so we can only watch the regular version. If you want to see the 3D version, we could go to a theatre?"

Xu Jiuge invited Principal Ding to come over and watch the test screening.

"Sure."

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Xia Country Film Bureau.

As the department responsible for overseeing films in Xia Country, it receives many test screenings from various companies for review each day.

The Film Bureau's main task involves checking whether the content of the test screenings contains any prohibited, illegal, or other unacceptable elements.

Even though most test screenings are compliant with the Film Bureau's regulations, some companies walk a thin line or take risks.

Thus, the review of test screenings is critically important to a film. If it doesn't pass review, the film would effectively be banned, unable to be shown in cinemas or played on video media platforms.

Tang Ye worked at the Film Bureau, specifically overseeing content review for test screenings.

However, the review of a film is usually not done by a single person but an examination committee.

"Huh?"

In the test screening library, Tang Ye came across a film he was interested in, called 'Super Combat Team', which had been submitted for review the previous day.

"What's up, Tang?" His coworker noticed Tang Ye's surprise and inquired curiously.

"Wang, take a guess at what I've found. They have finished making this film so quickly?" Tang Ye said excitedly.

"Which film has got you so worked up?" Wang curiously leaned over, glimpsed at Tang Ye's computer screen, "Super Combat Team, Feiyue Animation Studio, produced by Feiyue Media... why does it seem familiar?"

"How can it not! Big White" Tang Ye quickly reminded Wang.

"Oh right, right, the healthcare robot Big White that some university made, right? They even made an animated film about it, and this is it!"

Upon Tang Ye's reminder, Wang remembered instantly.

Everyone loved Big White because of its adorable appearance and its healthcare functions.

Both Tang Ye and Wang were fans of Big White.

"Let's hurry up and review this one!" Wang was already growing impatient.

One of the biggest advantages of being a staff member in charge of reviewing film test screenings at the Film Bureau was the ability to preview films they liked.

"Alright then. From the looks of it, Mist City Arts and Science University is probably planning to release it during the National Day Golden Time slot, right?"

Tang Ye was looking forward to it.

However, despite his anticipation, conducting a thorough review of 'Super Combat Team' and ensuring it met the regulations was a priority that could not be compromised.

All that's left was for Tang Ye and the review committee to give 'Super Combat Team' the green light.

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As the theme song "Immortals" played in the background, Big White, adorned with his battle armor, swept the lead male character into the clouds.

The very individuals in charge of movie review and approval at the Movie Bureau could not help but feel excited and thrilled.

From the very beginning, Tang Ye had seen many positive aspects in this animation film, "Super Combat Team".

The charming foolishness of Big White, a medical-health robot, was once again displayed in the film through animation.

The film was quite uplifting and positive throughout, with no objectionable content largely due to the use of fictitious cityscapes.

"Could an animated film be this exciting?"

A member of the review team turned towards Tang Ye and old Wang, asking eagerly.

"I... I didn't expect it to be so thrilling. Big White in his battle armor looks so cool. It's quite impressive that an animated movie could reach this level!"

Tang Ye replied, genuinely amazed.

"National Animation, Rise!"

Old Wang even shouted the slogan, "National Animation, Rise!"

While in another world, "Super Combat Team" was a foreign animated film, Ding Yue had brought it here to the parallel world, tweaking the fictional background and character depictions to represent the people from Xia Country.

Moreover, it was produced domestically by Feiyue Animation Studio, thus for the people of Xia Country in this parallel world, this was indeed a national animated film.

"Honestly, this is the first time I have seen such a remarkable animated film. Previous animated films mostly had some shortcomings either in production or in the storyline."

Another member of the review team offered his opinion.

He made comparisons to countless animated films he had seen before. This 3D animated film, whether in terms of production quality or the visual and emotional impact it delivered, was very powerful.

"Past 3D animated films were all meant for children, but I think 'Super Combat Team' is a film that even adults would appreciate."

"Hahaha, didn't we all enjoy watching it?"

"In terms of content, I see no issues."

"Agreed."

"Yes."

"Indeed."

During the review process of "Super Combat Team," the group carefully checked for violations of any rules laid out by the Movie Bureau or the national government. It seemed clear that Feiyue Animation Studio had handled things appropriately in the production of this movie.

"Let's get the review comments written and submit it for confirmation."

"Sure!"

Once an animated film that exceeds a hundred minutes in length gets the nod from almost every member of the review committee, it suggests that the film is in accordance with the regulations laid out by the Movie Bureau.

The bureau usually makes decisions based on "the number of comments" a film receives during the review - the more comments it gets, the more problems the film is perceived to have. If the review team members don't raise any issues, it is approved straight away.

For films reviewed by Tang Ye and his team in the past, review team members would generally identify some problems. They would then instruct the production company to address the "modification comments" from the Movie Bureau and report back on the results within thirty days. If no problems are found upon re-examination, the film is issued a "Public Screening License" by the Movie Bureau.

But if it fails the re-examination, it would need to be modified again unless the film distributor decides not to release the movie.

Thus, in Xia Country, the review team of the Movie Bureau ultimately controls the fate of a movie.

Meanwhile, at Mist City Arts and Science University...

As the person in charge of the movie producer Feiyue Animation Studio, Xu Jiuge contacted Miss An immediately after watching the sample of "Super Combat Team" with Principal Ding.

Since the distribution of "Super Combat Team" is handled by Feiyue Media under Feiyue Group, Miss An, as the CEO of Feiyue Group, was naturally responsible for the corresponding distribution work.

Feiyue Media applied for a movie distribution license as soon as they started working on the "Super Combat Team" animation project.

That means, Ding Yue as the investor, his Feiyue Media as the distributor, and his Feiyue Animation as the producer, are all branches of Ding Yue's Feiyue Group. Therefore, when sharing the box office income, they would only need to share it with the cinemas.

Miss An coordinated the distribution-related work, including making copies, applying for keys, scheduling, mailing copies to cinemas, promoting, buying advertisements, negotiating profit-sharing ratios, and signing contracts with cinemas, etc.

Apart from these tasks, distributors usually have grunt work to do, such as organizing promotional events at movie theaters across the country, booking cinema advertising slots, monitoring showings, and supervising ticket sales, etc.

But the promotional part of "Super Combat Team" was largely taken care of thanks to the popularity of the health care robot, Big White.

This greatly reduced costs.

Many films claim to have an investment of several hundred million, but that often includes the cost of promotion. If you hire a star to promote the film heavily, organize various activities in movie theaters across the country, and book popular advertising slots, the promotional costs are quite high.

Miss An, however, simply sent some Feiyue Media employees to handle advertising in movie theaters, monitor screenings, and supervise ticket sales.

She also contacted major online ticketing platforms to prepare for the movie's immediate release on these platforms once the public screening license is obtained.

For example, Taopiao, Cat Eye, Nuomi, and Meituan, etc.

After watching the sample of "Super Combat Team," Ding Yue felt good about it. Although many scenes did not look the same as the "Super Combat Team" from another world on Earth, due to changes in the cityscape background and character modeling.

However, as the biggest highlight of the entire film, Big White, basically presented the effect that Ding Yue wanted.

At the same time, there were not many changes in the plot, just a change of setting, so the overall smoothness and compactness of the plot were completely fine.

Now.

Ding Yue is just waiting for the "film public release license" of the "Super Combat Team" to be issued, and then he will announce the release date.

Time moved quickly to August 30, and it was now September 1, a new month.

Today is considered a relatively important day for Mist City Arts and Science University.

Because the military training for the new students of the class of 2021 was officially beginning today.

The opening ceremony and Military Training Mobilization Conference in the morning was still an important day for Mist City Arts and Science University.

This time, since Ding Yue had had experience, he didn't prepare a written speech.

At last year's opening ceremony and Military Training Mobilization Conference, Ding Yue used a written speech, making his speech as the dean of the conference seem somewhat overly formal and boring.

Today, Ding Yue was prepared to improvise.

"Principal Ding, are you sure you don't want to prepare a speech? If necessary, I can download a speech script from the internet right now and modify it."

Early in the morning, in the principal's office.

Secretary Wen Ruohan asked Principal Ding again if he wanted a speech script.

"There's no need!"

Ding Yue looked at Wen Ruohan, shook his head, and said, "Using a speech script is boring for me to speak and boring for the students to listen."

"Oh, okay then."

Seeing that Principal Ding was still insisting that he didn't need a speech script, Wen Ruohan didn't say anything more.

The new students of the class of 2021 had all received their military training camouflage uniforms yesterday, and overnight, more than 22,000 people had put on their brand-new camouflage uniforms.

"I feel like my camouflage suit is a bit tight."

"Little Li, it's not that the camouflage suit is too tight, it's that you're too big, you've stretched it."

"Huh?"

In the girls' dormitory, a few girls were wearing new camouflage uniforms, but the girl called Little Li was always feeling that a few buttons on her camouflage suit couldn't be buttoned up.

"Let me see..."

A roommate came up and muttered after looking, "Hmm, indeed, you're too big, you've stretched it."

"How big are you? You can't even button your clothes?" Roommate Axin came over curiously and looked.

Then looking at herself, she immediately fell into self-pity.

"Didn't you try them on after you received them yesterday?" the roommate asked.

Little Li shook her head, "I went out to play yesterday... so..."

"Little Li, why don't you go and change to a bigger camouflage suit? If you hurry, there should be enough time."

"Well, okay."

Wearing camouflage uniforms, students continuously came out of the newly constructed apartment buildings and ten dormitory buildings.

They were all headed towards the direction of the canteen or sports field.

The living environment in these two new apartment buildings is probably the best in Mist City Arts and Science University. They have a good reputation, but the price is a bit expensive. It starts at ten thousand yuan for a single room in the dormitory.

For two-room suites, or three-room suites, the prices are even more extravagant.

The two new apartment buildings are named Elegant Garden No.1 and Elegant Garden No.2. Although initially the school considered Elegant Garden No.1 to be for males and Elegant Garden No.2 to be for females.

In reality, due to the fact that single rooms in the newly built apartment buildings, as well as two-bedroom suites, are incredibly suitable for extremely close friends or couples to live in.

And since Mist City Arts and Science University implements a policy that allows dormitories to be reassigned, many new student couples live in the same apartment building, in two-bedroom suites, or single-room apartments.

Under the presumption that the couple mutually agrees, Mist City Arts and Science University also allows couples to live together in the same apartment room.

Therefore.

As more and more new student couples applied for apartments, Elegant Garden No.1 and Elegant Garden No.2 gradually became the living places for wealthy couples.

Of course, there are also wealthy students who alone occupy a two-bedroom suite. Without question, it is because their families are rich, and they can do whatever they please!

"I've already prepared the money to apply for a two-bedroom apartment in Elegant Garden. Now, I just need a girlfriend to live with me. Which lucky lady would like to be my girlfriend?"

On the school forum, not long after this post was published, it blew up.

Chapter 366: Mercilessly Rejecting Sister's Request

The newly built ten dormitory buildings abided by the principle of separate accommodations for male and female students.

This implies that only female students lived in one building while only male students lived in another, because these ten dormitory buildings were constructed differently from the other two high-rise apartment buildings.

The high-rise apartments resembled typical residential blocks, primarily composed of small homes, and two-bedroom apartments.

Regular dormitory buildings, on the other hand, were about six to seven stories high, and each room was a separate dormitory, accommodating six beds, four beds, two beds, or even single beds.

In reality.

Due to the students of Mist City Arts and Science University starting to date, some females and their boyfriends applied to live together in the apartments of the Peach Garden and Liyuan buildings of the old campus.

Initially, the school, intending that Peach Garden should be for male students and Liyuan for females, was not supportive of couples living in the Peach Garden or Liyuan apartments.

However, as the number of couples on campus increased, so did their pleadings.

Eventually, the university's Logistics and Dormitory Management Department agreed to allow couples to move into the Peach Garden and Liyuan apartment buildings.

That is to say, within the Peach Garden apartments, many couples might be residing, and the same in the Liyuan apartments.

Fittingly, the security management of the apartment building was stringent. Although it allowed couples to reside, it required swiping access cards to enter and exit.

Since there were so many freshmen living in the newly built Elegant Garden apartment buildings, from the registration on August 23rd to now, some freshmen quickly established romantic relationships, and some couples came to Mist City Arts and Science University paired off from the beginning.

Therefore, just like Peach Garden and Liyuan, the same accommodation method was implemented in the Elegant Garden Apartments during the period when students applied to switch dorms after the school finished the initial distribution.

However, due to the high cost of the apartment rooms.

Actually, most students still chose the Quiet Night Building, which refers to the newly built ten dormitory buildings.

Namely, Quiet Night Buildings 1-10.

After a few days, the freshmen teased the Quiet Night Building, calling it the "Jing Ye Building"!

Around 22,000 freshmen from the Quiet Night Building dorms and the Elegant Garden Apartment proceeded gradually towards the stadium.

Then, each major started to line up according to the formation arranged in advance.

Last year, with over 9,600 freshmen, the stadium already seemed quite crowded. Now, the 2021 class has over 22,000 students, and each major's formation is relatively compact.

But with the full utilization of the vast stadium, it was no issue to host over 22,000 people. It just seemed a bit cramped.

"How many new students did our school admit this year? It looks like a lot more than last year."

"I don't know. Do any of you know?"

"I heard that over 20,000 new students were admitted. It looks exhilarating."

"Someone with a fear of crowds probably wouldn't dare to come."

"Hahahaha, we used to endure the scorching sun during military training. Now we can finally watch our juniors in the grandstand. It feels good!"

"But today, there's no sun, and it's pretty cool!"

"Damn! Didn't the heavens have eyes? At this time last year, it was scorching!"

"I also originally came to watch the juniors sunbathed by the sun today, but the sun is not showing its power!"

On the grandstand of the stadium, many sophomores came early to watch the first-year juniors' military training.

Because at this time last year, they were the ones standing on the field for military training. It was scorching, and the weather was hot. Although the heat of summer was over by September, in Mist City, September is usually quite hot.

Yet this year was extraordinary!

Clouds in the sky have already blocked the sun, and the temperature has even dropped to approximately twenty-seven or twenty-eight degrees.

This temperature, compared to last year's scorching thirty-six or thirty-seven degrees, was almost like heaven and hell!

As a result, many sophomores in the grandstand couldn't help but exclaim how lucky the juniors were this year.

Looking at the weather, wouldn't it rain tomorrow?

As everyone knows, military training is usually paused on rainy days. The freshmen this year couldn't possibly be that lucky, could they?

On-stage, the members of the student union have already set up the necessary equipment. Ding Yue has already departed from the Administration Building, heading toward the stadium.

Alongside Ding Yue were Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, as well as Ding Yue's secretary, Wen Ruohan.

"Yue, I heard that Xiao You didn't want to participate in the military training, did you really refuse her?"

On the way, Huang Youjie inquired about this gossipy matter.

"Yes."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue shrugged and smiled, "That girl Xiao You, she only knows how to read and study day after day. How could she not participate in the military training? If she doesn't take part in military training, her physical fitness will deteriorate."

That's right.

Before the military training began, Ding Xiaoyou came to find Ding Yue, expressing that she did not want to waste her time in military training.

With a month dedicated to military training, Ding Xiaoyou stated that she could have started some of her energy chemistry experiment projects.

However.

Ding Yue did not fulfill his sister's request. Being the Principal of Mist City Arts and Science University, he couldn't favor his sister, Ding Xiaoyou. Although she is his sister, she also holds another identity: the 2021 freshman of Mist City Arts and Science University.

As a freshman, unless there are special health circumstances, everyone must attend the military training without exception.

If Ding Xiaoyou wanted to try a campus-themed hotpot, or wanted to stay in the best apartment room, Ding Yue could let her enjoy these privileges, since he owned all these assets.

But as students, especially regarding the freshman military training, everyone should be treated equally.

Otherwise, if Ding Yue gave his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, the privilege of not participating in military training, what would the other 20,000+ students who participated think?

So, Ding Yue told his sister Ding Xiaoyou, concerning the energy chemistry projects, a month delay wouldn't make much difference. She'll have plenty of time after that, and he promised to satisfy all her experiment needs, regardless of cost.

Seeing the "ruthlessness" of her brother, Ding Yue, Ding Xiaoyou had no option but to adjust her mentality and actively participate in the military training starting today.

In the sports field, Ding Xiaoyou stood in the ranks of the chemistry department.

Speaking of the chemistry department of Mist City Arts and Science University, there weren't many students in it last year.

But this year was different.

Because the academic genius Ding Xiaoyou chose the Chemical Department of Mist City Arts and Science University. As a result, Principal Ding specifically equipped her with the world's most advanced energy chemistry laboratory.

Therefore, many students interested in chemistry chose the chemistry department of Mist City Arts and Science University.

In fact, over thirty of the five hundred nationally recruited students chose the chemistry department at Mist City Arts and Science University.

These thirty-plus students are different from the less academically successful ones who were manually recruited. They all scored above the undergraduate line in the College Entrance Examination and became eligible to choose Mist City Arts and Science University.

These students' interests lie in majors such as chemistry or chemical energy. However, their scores barely passed the bachelor's degree line, and didn't reach the score line of key universities.

For instance, they were interested in Fudan University's chemistry department, but couldn't get in.

If they went to the chemistry department of a regular college, it's apparent that such places' teaching intensity or even facilities wouldn't compare with Mist City Arts and Science University's.

Not maybe, definitely couldn't compare!

Because the chemical laboratory equipment in Mist City Arts and Science University was bought from Nanyang Technological University.

So, in comparison, for those students who scored on the undergraduate line but failed to get into key university's chemistry departments, Mist City Arts and Science University undoubtedly became their best choice.

Plus, there was Ding Xiaoyou, the super academic presence!

"Xiao You, you're Ding Xiaoyou, right? The valedictorian from Mist City? Hi, my name is Liu Yan."

Ding Xiaoyou was standing bored in the sports field, waiting for the Opening ceremony and Military Training Mobilization Meeting.

Her brother is too slow. It was already past nine, and he still hadn't shown up or started the meeting!

Just then, Ding Xiaoyou heard someone next to her call out her name. From the voice, it was a girl. Ding Xiaoyou turned her head and looked at Liu Yan: "Hello."

"Xiao You, I'm also from the chemistry department."

"I know. This group seems to be the chemistry department group," Ding Xiaoyou replied half-jokingly.

"Is the equipment Principal Ding bought for you installed yet? Will we students also have the opportunity to use the lab? I really like energy chemistry too!"

Liu Yan sounded enthusiastic.

"Yes, it will be installed in a few days. If you're outstanding enough, you'll also have a chance to participate in projects in the lab," Ding Xiaoyou answered with a smile.

"Hmm, I will definitely work hard. I aim to study well during my four years in college, so I can also participate in the lab projects with you. I believe energy technology will have a huge room for development in the future." Liu Yan said excitedly.

"I believe the same. I like researching battery energy technology," Ding Xiaoyou responded, finding Liu Yan interesting, and started chatting with her.

"Hmm, solar cell technology is now used in space stations. In the future, it may be used in more areas. But I think, in chemical energy, fuel cells or even graphene cells are worth researching."

"That's right. I want to research graphene cell technology in the future. Liu Yan, how about we exchange our Whatsapp?"

Ding Xiaoyou said and pulled out her phone.

"Ah? Xiao You, you brought your phone?"

"Huh? We can't bring phones?" Ding Xiaoyou looked around and found all her classmates shaking their heads.

Not allowed to bring phones?

Brother didn't tell me this rule about military training. Hmm, I'll teach him a lesson when I get home!

Chapter 367: Long-Legged Senior Sister, Online Ice Gourd
On the sports field of Mist City Arts and Science University.

More than 20,000 freshmen were welcoming the start of the annual opening ceremony and Military Training Mobilization Meeting in the cool weather.

After Ding Yue arrived at the ZX platform, Xiong Yang, the director of the Department of Physical Education, hurriedly came to report the relevant situation.

The specifics of this time's military training, including the exact number of participants and the training instructors.

The main training instructor this time was an old acquaintance of Ding Yue, the same as last year, Chen Yan from Mist City Military Arts University.

In addition to these, Xiong Yang, the director of the sports department, also reported to Principal Ding about the arrangements for this year's military training.

Ding Yue listened roughly, then nodded and said, "Alright, let's prepare to begin."

Ding Yue was not planning to be specifically involved in this year's military training matters, he just needed to appear at key moments.

Such as during the military training performances, the Military Training Closing Ceremony, and at today's opening ceremony and Military Training Mobilization Meeting.

There was no other option, this year's military training rewards were no longer enticing enough for Ding Yue.

If successfully completing the military training mission could earn a [Level 3 University Treasure Chest], Ding Yue would definitely be extremely enthusiastic.

After the director of the physical education department Xiong Yang finished speaking, he prepared to let Principal Ding give the opening ceremony speech.

Ding Yue was dressed in formal attire today, looking very handsome, especially since Ding Yue was one of the best-looking people at Mist City Arts and Science University.

In last year's school beauty and school hunk competition, Ding Yue received the most votes.

It was a pity that Ding Yue had already graduated.

Speaking of school beauties and hunks, Ding Yue planned to take some time to check out this year's quality of school beauties and hunks from the Class of 2021.

There wouldn't be anyone as beautiful as Lin Zhirou, would there?

After all, school beauty Lin Zhirou was the one with the most votes among more than 9,600 candidates.

However, this year's class of 2021 freshmen, there were more than 22,000!

Among more than 22,000 people, there must be a lot of beauties, it depended on who everyone considered the most beautiful.

Ding Yue was quite curious indeed, hmm, just simply curious!

"Ahem."

After walking to the front of the podium, Ding Yue cleared his throat lightly.

Due to today's opening speech being improvised, Ding Yue was not as tense as last year. Instead, he was more relaxed.

"Dear students, I'm your most handsome Principal Ding!"

Ding Yue began his speech with no modesty at all, instantly causing the students on the field to burst into laughter.

"Damn! That's not wrong!"

"It is well known that Principal Ding is indeed super handsome!"

"I know, our school hunk last year from Mist City Arts and Science University was Principal Ding, right?"

"You think about it, you think about it carefully. You may think Principal Ding is boasting, but in fact, Principal Ding is just stating a fact."

"Principal Ding is too handsome, does Principal Ding have a girlfriend?"

"Stop dreaming, Principal Ding is worth billions. You still want to climb to the top and become a golden phoenix?"

"Hahaha, Principal Ding is really humorous."

The students whispered among themselves, but this did not affect Ding Yue's continued opening speech: "I'm honored and so is Mist City Arts and Science University that you all chose us. In the past year, many have chuckled at us because they look down on us as a private university, but we slapped them in the face with our outstanding academic achievements!"

As soon as Principal Ding finished speaking, it instantly resonated with more than 20,000 students in the sports field. They cheered loudly.

"Many of our students may have failed the College Entrance Examination due to various reasons and did not get admitted, but it does not mean that you have given up the right to learn. As the saying goes, learning never stops at any age. You chose Mist City Arts and Science University to continue your studies, and I believe that you will definitely succeed in your studies in the next four years or even longer at Mist City Arts and Science University! What do you think?"

"Yes!"

The students on the field responded in unison.

The voices of more than 20,000 people seemed to shake the entire sky above the field.

"In the field of your favorite interests or majors, do you want to succeed?" Ding Yue asked loudly again in the form of a speech question.

"Yes!"

The students' response was even louder.

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin were sitting on the platform, watching Yue's ability to mobilize the students' emotions, they were also quite impressed.

"Bin, It's a real pity that Brother Yue didn't become a speechmaker."

"Hahaha, tru dat!"

In Ding Yue's opening speech, he repeatedly touched upon the students' passionate emotions, with the ultimate goal being to encourage the students to work hard, again and again at Mist City Arts and Science University, especially in the field they were passionate about.

That's right!

It doesn't matter if you were the worst student when you entered the university. As long as you are willing to study hard at Mist City Arts and Science University, you will definitely succeed!

That was what Principal Ding said!

The reason why Ding Yue dared to say this to the students with such confidence was, of course, because above the whole of Mist City Arts and Science University's campus was hovering an Academic Overlord Totem shaped like a golden dragon!

This totem was like an invisible hand pushing the majority of Mist City Arts and Science University students to study proactively and it could also enhance learning efficiency.

If you still failed to pass your exams with this, it would mean that you were beyond lazy.

In this era, lazy people deserved to be eliminated!

Without a doubt, Ding Yue's opening ceremony speech inspired the new students of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Plus under the invisible influence of the [Academic Overlord Totem], the students were extremely passionate. Many students could not wait to bury themselves every second in their own bosoms, ah no, in their books!

After Ding Yue's opening speech was over, it was time for the chief instructor Chen Yan's military training mobilization speech. After she finished speaking, the military training was about to start.

Just then.

The clouds in the sky seemed to awaken, gradually moving away. In less than half an hour, the entire sky over Mist City Arts and Science University was clear.

"Hahaha, the sun has come out!"

"Did my wish come true?"

"What wish did you make?"

"I made a wish for the sun to come out for our juniors!"

"Damn! It really came out!"

"I'm going to the fruit shop to buy watermelons, so I can eat while watching the juniors train."

"Dude, are you the devil?"

"You're an angel among devils, that's why you're sending the juniors this heart-wrenching treat~"

The older students in the stands suddenly got excited.

The freshmen on the field began to grumble and complain as they saw the sun.

The weather was so cool, why did the sun come out all of a sudden?

Isn't the weather in Mist City too unreliable?

Soon, the long-legged senior who said she was going to buy a watermelon actually bought a large watermelon.

Then, under the watchful eyes of many training freshmen, this long-legged senior began to eat the watermelon in the stands...

The sun in the sky was getting harsher.

The new students in the training began to sweat, but when they saw the senior in the stands eating the watermelon, their feelings were quite complex.

"Do you think she might be beaten to death?" someone suddenly asked.

Chapter 368: The Second Phase Expansion Plan of The School

It is certainly possible for a stadium to squeeze in more than 20,000 people, but having all of them do military training on the pitch is evidently space-consuming.

Thus, some faculties and classes were taken to the spacious roads surrounding the gymnasium.

Since the gymnasium was built on the northern side of the campus, the roads there are wide and open, rarely frequented by people. Hence, it proved to be a quite suitable place for military training.

Besides, the plaza in front of the Book Ship Library also served as an excellent space for military training.

However.

It may be that the academic and sports department did not consider it thoroughly. They only thought of using the spacious plaza in front of the Book Ship Library for military training of the new 2021 batch but forgot the area housed a library.

Although more than 20,000 new students of the 2021 batch are undergoing military training, the sophomore seniors are still having regular classes.

Consequently, many of those going to the Book Ship Library were more or less disturbed by the new students training in the plaza outside.

Therefore.

A critique post about the military training on the plaza in front of the Book Ship Library emerged on the school forum, garnering much heat in the discussions.

[Did the school leaders in charge of military training decide on a whim to conduct it beside the library? Can students still read peacefully?]

Needless to say, the sister who posted was quite sturdy, going so far as to diss the school leaders in charge of the military training in her post.

The leader here does not refer to Ding Yue, for he no longer handles the new student military training this year, passing all affairs to Xiong Yang, the director of the academic and sports department.

"Ah, it's so annoying, I was reading perfectly well when suddenly, the sounds of counting from the outside!"

"Honestly, it's kinda noisy!"

"This year we accepted a bit too many new students, as the stadium is evidently insufficient for military training, but whoever thought of conducting it on the plaza in front of the library?"

"Move them all to the wide road near the gymnasium, please, just not here in the library area."

"Can we at least have some peace to read?"

"Who the hell arranged for the training to take place here?"

The post is growing more and more popular. Not only that, but some students have also reported the matter to the school management.

On the morning of September 3rd.

Ding Yue was contemplating an expansion plan for the second phase of Mist City Arts and Science University, as well as pondering over the establishment of a school construction team.

The number of new students this year has exceeded Ding Yue's expectations more or less.

Although Ding Yue believed that this year's system mission goal would likely be achieved, the unexpected increase of new students to more than 20,000 was a surprise.

Initially, Ding Yue estimated around 17,000 students. Now it appears that the Mist City Arts and Science University has become the choice of many students who did not perform as well in the College Entrance Examination.

Seeing how many new students signed up this year implies that the number of new students might be rising next year, and the years to come.

In that case, the original 2,500-acre campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, plus the newly built parts of the campus, would have difficulty accommodating the increasing crowd once all four student batches are recruited.

With the 9,600-plus students from the 2020 batch, the number of admissions is estimated to be at least 20,000 a year.

In two or three years, once all four student batches are filled, Mist City Arts and Science University would be home to at least 70,000 to 80,000 students.

Consider this: even Qinghua University only has around 50,000 students.

Therefore, Ding Yue thought it was necessary to get the new campus expansion back on the agenda soon, to make full use of the 5,000-acre educational land application.

At least to ensure that when the number of students in Mist City Arts and Science University reaches its peak in a few years, the school can still accommodate everyone perfectly.

"In two years, the count will be at least double my initial estimate. Many college buildings, including teaching buildings, laboratories, dormitories, will need to be expanded. Hence the second expansion project could be larger than anticipated."

Ding Yue mumbled to himself while listing the items for the second expansion project on his computer.

The second expansion project planned by Ding Yue is a major expansion for Mist City Arts and Science University. This means that all the educational facilities needed for the four student batches will be built during the second expansion.

In that case, the second phase of the expansion project would involve a lot more work than the first, which included basic educational facilities like the Book Ship Library, dormitories, basketball courts, etc.

Because even the basic teaching facilities, such as classrooms, laboratories, etc., are included in the second expansion project.

The increase in project size means an increase in Ding Yue's funding for the school.

This year, including old students, the tuition and accommodation fees collected exceeded ten billion yuan.

Last year, after enhancing the level of Mist City Arts and Science University to Minor Achievements, a reward of ten billion yuan in school funds was received, plus approximately three billion yuan in tuition and accommodation fees from the first academic year, along with the school funds rewarded from accomplishing the University Task this academic year.

The money is coming quickly, but it's also being spent quickly.

Quite a bit was spent on the first phase of the expansion project, with an investment of 1.5 billion yuan just for the Book Ship Library. There was also the over one billion yuan's worth of laboratory equipment purchased for his sister, in addition to various teaching expenses throughout the year.

In the end, only about 2.5 billion yuan remained.

Ding Yue sketched a rough plan: the remaining 2.5 billion yuan + 10 billion yuan from this year's tuition fees + the 1 billion yuan recruitment reward.

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1.35 billion yuan!

million allocated for this academic year's teaching expenditure. The remaining billion: 700 million can be used for the second phase of the expansion project of Mist City Arts and Science University. The other 300 million will be set aside for emergencies. After all, Ding Yue cannot guarantee that nothing will happen to his Mist City Arts and Science University within the next year.

"A sports stadium... for a campus that spans 7500 acres and houses 70 to 80 thousand students, we're going to need at least three or four sports stadiums to meet demand."

Ding Yue continued to ponder.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

At this moment, someone knocked on his office door.

Secretary Wen Ruohan promptly opened the door and found that the visitor was Director Qi Chunsheng, the head of the Academic Affairs Office.

"Director Qi"

Wen Ruohan called out.

"I need to see Principal Ding," said Qi Chunsheng as he walked into Ding Yue's office, "Principal Ding, the students have raised an issue with me and I feel it's necessary to report it to you."

"Oh? What's the issue?"

Ding Yue stopped typing on his computer, looked up at Director Qi Chunsheng and asked.

"Principal Ding, several sophomores have complained that the freshmen military training being conducted in the plaza in front of the Book Ship Library has considerably disturbed their studies in the library."

Director Qi Chunsheng promptly informed Ding Yue about the students' complaint.

"Ah, that's right!"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue instantly realized that it would indeed have a significant impact on students studying in the library.

Of course, the sound of the freshmen shouting slogans during the military training, such as "One, Two, Three, Four", especially given their numbers, could be considerably loud. How could it not disturb the sophomore students studying in the Book Ship Library?

It seemed that Ding Yue had initially chosen the square in front of the Book Ship Library for its spaciousness, which was perfect for military training. That was also why Director Xiong Yang of the Arts and Sports Department had organized it there.

However, they had completely overlooked this aspect.

"Principal Ding, shall we revise the location of the freshmen's military training conducted in the square?"

Director Qi Chunsheng asked hurriedly.

"Yes, a revision is necessary. It shouldn't disturb the sophomore students studying in the library,"

Ding Yue nodded, then looked at Director Qi Chunsheng and asked, "Director Qi, where do you suggest it be conducted?"

"There isn't much space left in the sports venue. We have around five to six thousand people here at the square in front of the Book Ship Library. If it comes down to it, we can arrange for some to be on the roads by the sports venues. We can also use Xingchuan Road. This should do."

Director Qi Chunsheng was familiar with the layout of the campus.

First, there was the sports stadium in the northernmost place. The area around it was open, and the roads built there were quite spacious.

A significant number of freshmen performing military training were already based there, but there was still space for some more.

Heading a little south from the stadium was the student accommodation area of the old campus, with the newly constructed Quiet Night Building located towards the west.

To the southeast of the old campus dormitory region was the Mist City Arts and Science University's sports field.

Presently, Mist City Arts and Science University only had this one sports field.

Below the sports field were several sports venues for basketball, badminton, volleyball, and tennis. The facilities in these places were rather dense, making them unsuitable for military training.

In the middle of the campus were the teaching buildings, laboratories, and old library of the original 2,500-acre campus.

In this middle section, two main roads extended from north to south on either side of the buildings, converging at the campus entrance.

One of them was Xingzhi Road, located below Ding Yue's Administration Building, and the other was Xingchuan Road.

"Alright, we'll go with your suggestion. Contact Director Xiong Yang of the Arts and Sports Department and transfer the freshmen from the plaza to the two locations you mentioned. We must not disturb the students studying in the library."

Ding Yue nodded, signifying his approval of Director Qi Chunsheng's distribution proposal.

"Alright, Principal Ding. I'll go to Director Xiong and get this taken care of," said Qi Chunsheng, getting up to leave.

However,

Ding Yue suddenly stopped Director Qi Chunsheng, "Hang on. Director Qi, you don't need to personally go to Director Xiong. Just ask him to come over. Ruohan."

"Yes, Principal Ding."

"Call over Director Xiong Yang of the Arts and Sports Department and Director Chen Ping of the School of Architecture," Ding instructed Wen Ruohan.

"Of course, Principal Ding," answered Wen Ruohan. She immediately contacted Director Xiong Yang and Director Chen Ping from the School of Architecture.

After he finished speaking, Ding Yue looked at Director Qi Chunsheng and said, "Perfect timing. I've been thinking about the further expansion of the university these past few days. Director Qi, once Director Xiong and Director Chen arrive, we can consolidate our opinions."

After Ding Yue finished speaking, he took out his mobile phone and messaged Huang Youjie and Xu Bin via WhatsApp, asking them to also come over.

He planned to gather the pivotal school leaders and listen to their suggestions regarding the expansion of the campus.

After all, Ding Yue was not a specialist in this area. For instance, he was unsure where to build specific buildings.

It was evident that consolidating the opinions of the Academic Affairs Office, the Arts and Sports Department, and letting Director Chen Ping from the School of Architecture use professional planning tools would enable the optimal use of each educational building.

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Otherwise, if Ding Yue were left to arrange this on his own, he would very likely put the dormitory building in the south and the academic building in the north. Then the students in the dormitory building would have to spend twenty to thirty minutes just on the walk to classes in the academic building, and they would most certainly curse him, Principal Ding, to death!

In a short while, Huang Youjie was the first to arrive at the principal's office.

"Director Qi is here too?"

After entering the office, Huang Youjie saw that Qi Chunsheng was also there, so he greeted Qi.

"Director Huang." Qi Chunsheng nodded slightly at Huang Youjie.

The two of them held the same rank at Mist City Arts and Science University, both being leaders in charge of specific areas of the school.

"Why are we called here?" Huang Youjie pulled over a chair, sat down, and asked curiously after he arrived.

"Isn't it because this year's enrollment exceeded our expectations? This means that our school may be enrolling more students than expected every year. Once the school is filled with students from four grades, the number of students will be enormous, which is why we must promptly plan the expansion of our school campus with its 5000 acres of land."

Ding Yue explained the purpose of calling them over.

"Oh, that's true." Huang Youjie nodded and then said, "I can only give some suggestions. As for the school's expansion plan, we have to consult Chen and the others from the School of Architecture."

"Exactly. We asked you here to obtain your suggestions. The concrete planning still has to be handled by the School of Architecture."

Ding Yue shrugged and said.

"Alright."

"Since Director Qi is here as well, surely we will have to build new academic buildings in Mist City Arts and Science University. How can we make the distance between the teaching area, the students, and the living area more reasonable when designing the layout of the academic buildings? Director Qi, do you have any suggestions or ideas?"

Ding Yue then turned to ask Director Qi Chunsheng.

Qi Chunsheng immediately nodded, "Principal Ding, we do indeed need to plan this carefully. I have encountered a situation at a university once, where the academic building was far from the students' dormitory building, resulting in a high rate of late arrivals for classes."

"That's right. It would be best if the academic buildings, dormitory buildings, and the cafeteria are lined up one after another, right?"

Ding Yue had been considering this awhile ago.

He felt that what he had come up with was probably one of the best ways to plan a school campus, involving the three different primary functional buildings: dormitory, academic building, and the cafeteria.

After all, the academic buildings are where students attend classes and study, the cafeteria is where they eat, and the dormitory buildings are where they reside and sleep. If these three crucial buildings were to be distributed in a haphazard manner during the planning, it's clear who would suffer the consequences - the students.

Ding Yue noticed that in the current campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, which covers 2500 acres, the academic buildings are in the middle, and both cafeteria 1 and 2 are on the east of the academic buildings. Cafeteria 1 is a bit above the others, on the north side, while Cafeteria 2 is below.

What is worth noting is that to the east of both cafeterias are dormitory buildings and apartments. Just like what Ding Yue mentioned earlier, the dormitory, the cafeteria, and the academic buildings form a straight line.

This makes it extremely convenient for students to go to classes, eat, and return to their dorms.

For instance, in the morning, after they pick up their textbooks from the dormitory, they can pass by the cafeteria on their way to the academic building, have breakfast, and then go directly to the academic buildings. This convenient and extremely efficient arrangement could save the students a lot of time.

Similarly, after classes in the afternoon or noon, they can head straight to the cafeteria, have a meal, and then merrily return to their dormitories to play fun games with their fellow roommates!

"Indeed, Principal Ding. The academic area, the cafeteria, and dormitories should ideally form one straight line, and not be too far away from each other. Otherwise, it would waste the students' time."

Qi Chunsheng nodded in agreement with Principal Ding's words.

"Next is the planning and arrangement of the gymnasium. For this, we need to ask Director Xiong Yang of the Sports and Culture Department if he has any good suggestions."

Ding Yue shrugged his shoulders and said.

However, both Director Xiong Yang of the Sports and Culture Department and Director Chen Ping of the School of Architecture had not yet arrived.

But speak of the devil, and he appears.

As Xu Bin pushed open the door of the principal's office, Director Xiong Yang of the Sports and Culture Department and Director Chen Ping of the School of Architecture came together with him.

"How come you three came together?" Ding Yue asked with a smile.

"We just happened to run into each other downstairs." Xu Bin came over, sat next to Huang Youjie, and then asked curiously, "Principal Ding, why did you call us here? Is there something you need?"

"Director Xiong Yang."

Ignoring Bin, Ding Yue first called out Xiong Yang.

"Principal Ding."

Upon hearing Ding Yue, Xiong Yang quickly came over.

"Just now, Director Qi pointed out that it's not quite appropriate to arrange for the military training of the freshmen of the class of 2021 in front of the Book Ship Library."

First, Ding Yue informed Xiong Yang about this issue, indicating that he should relocate the freshmen conducting military training in front of the Book Ship Library to another place.

"What do you mean, Principal Ding?"

Xiong Yang did not quite understand the meaning of Principal Ding's words. In what way was it inappropriate?

Where was the problem?

Obviously, Xiong Yang had also temporarily overlooked the issue of the military training affecting the students studying in the library.

"Director Xiong, many of the sophomores have complained that the military training of the freshmen happening in the square in front of the library is significantly affecting their studies in the library. Just now, Director Qi suggested that we move the freshmen conducting military training in front of the library to another place."