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Chapter 431: Large Shopping Entertainment Plaza

"Totally in favor! We have to support it! It's a pain in the ass to go all the way to the shopping district in University Town."

"We already have over thirty thousand people in two grades, and when we have four grades plus grad students, won't that be over a hundred thousand people? With so many students, we indeed need a large-scale mall for shopping, entertainment, and movie-watching needs. We definitely need to support this!"

"Wow, our school is awesome, allowing us to make this choice ourselves!"

"Obviously, we got to support!"

"Wow, it would be so cool if we had our own shopping plaza in the school!"

"Our school can't be praised enough, it feels so democratic."

"Hahaha, the school leaders probably want to hold a vote and see what the students want. After all, what if they built it and then no students went to patronize it? Wouldn't they lose a lot?"

"As long as they make sure the basic features for shopping and entertainment are good, I will definitely go to patronize it!"

"University students have strong purchasing power! I'm in!"

In countless Mist City Arts and Science University student chat groups and freshman chat groups, the students were all discussing the school's plan to solicit students' opinions on building a shopping plaza.

Undoubtedly, this is excellent news for the students.

Because having a shopping plaza on campus will make the students' daily life even more convenient and efficient!

Some students thought this was a vote for the benefit of the students, and so they shared this event with other places.

Soon, other college students in Mist City University Town also learned about Mist City Arts and Science University's plan to solicit student opinions on building a shopping plaza.

Jealous tears rolled uncontrollably down their cheeks.

Many colleges in University Town do not even have sufficient basic living facilities, let alone a shopping plaza. That's impossible!

Only rich private universities dare to do this. Now, the other private universities in University Town dare not to compete with Mist City Arts and Science University.

After all, their entire school only has a few billion investments, and the annual enrollment is not ideal, so how can they dare to invest more money?

But Mist City Arts and Science University is different!

Super popular source of students! Tuition fees are pouring in!

Moreover, it is rumored that Principal Ding's Feiyue Group is particularly wealthy. There are rumors that Mist City Arts and Science University invested twenty to thirty billion yuan to build a campus of 7500 acres.

Ah!

No wonder it's a rumor, it's a bit exaggerated.

As a location for Mist City Arts and Science University, an educational site, the cost of building various educational facilities is not high.

"Is this what other people's schools are like?"

"Damn it! Building a shopping plaza inside the school, isn't that awesome?"

"The enrollment at Mist City Arts and Science University, a private university, is outrageously high!"

"I feel that this school is very good to its students. I heard the cafeteria food is delicious. And a student from Mist City Arts and Science University told me that the school would have three sports fields when it's fully built. So jealous!"

"Now they're planning to build a shopping plaza for the students, I'm so jealous!"

"Hahaha, I'm from the opposite Art Institute, I support Mist City Arts and Science University's plan to build a shopping plaza. It seems to be very convenient for us too."

"I support it! I'm from the neighboring Mist City Management College!"

Ding Yue didn't expect that not only his students from Mist City Arts and Science University supported and hoped for the construction of a shopping plaza, but also the students from nearby colleges greatly supported the idea.

Thus, a new large-scale shopping plaza was added to the list of expansion projects for Mist City Arts and Science University.

Once this in-campus large-scale shopping plaza is built, perhaps it can even provide storefronts for Mist City Arts and Science University students to start businesses!

But Ding Yue estimated that once the shopping plaza is built, with at least one hundred thousand consumers from Mist City Arts and Science University and tens of thousands of potential consumers from nearby colleges, it will certainly be no problem for major businesses to settle in.

From all sides, its practicality sounds pretty good!

Chapter 432: Three Days East of the River, Three Days West of the River

"Just yesterday, during the National Day holiday period, our university received more than 7000 visitors, all drawn by our Book Ship Library and the university-themed hot pot restaurant."

The morning of October 2nd.

During the routine meeting of Mist City Arts and Science University, Huang, who in charge of the logistics department, reported the situation of the outside visitors during the National Day holiday to Ding Yue.

"According to this traffic flow? Will we be short of security personnel?"

Ding Yue looked at Huang and couldn't help but ask out of curiosity.

The school's security and order all depend on the maintenance of the security team.

"Our school's security team has expanded twice now, we have more than 100 security personnel, enough to maintain order around the Book Ship Library, the second dining hall, as well as the dormitory buildings and the school entrance."

Huang Youjie replied.

"Good, also make sure the training of security personnel is given priority and avoid any conflicts between them and tourists."

Ding Yue reminded him again.

After all, an issue such as this, if not given proper attention, may lead to some conflict between the tourists visiting Mist City Arts and Science University and the security personnel maintaining order at the school for a variety of reasons.

Once a problem like this is exposed online, it would more or less affect the university's reputation.

"We have strict requirements for security training, any security employee who fails to pass the training will not ultimately be recruited."

Huang Youjie answered seriously.

Ding Yue nodded with satisfaction, he had great trust in Huang, the director of the logistics department.

Ever since he took up management as a major, his performance in administering logistics has improved greatly.

Since he had mostly covered the knowledge of undergraduate law, he could devote more time to handling logistics matters.

At Mist City Arts and Science University, the security team, dormitory management department, and other worker departments, are all subject to worker department management led by Huang Youjie.

This also includes campus bus transportation and environmental cleaning services.

"Principal Ding, about the teaching arrangements for our first-year students returning after the National Day holiday, we have a plan formulated by the academic affairs office. This is the plan."

Qi Chunsheng, the director of the academic affairs office, handed a plan to Ding Yue.

Secretary Wen Ruohan, standing next to Ding Yue, took the plan into her hands.

Since it was a routine meeting, Ding Yue certainly would not look at the plan during the meeting.

"Principal Ding, our school's daily propaganda work runs normally, and we also have daily updates about the card-swiping of tourists during the National Day holiday."

Liu Hongxia, the director in charge of propaganda affairs of Mist City Arts and Science University, also reported on her work situation.

Since Mist City Arts and Science University welcomed many outside visitors swiping their cards at internet famous spots during the National Day holiday, the data, including the number of visitors, could be used as propaganda material. This would create an atmosphere that Mist City Arts and

Science University is very popular through various self-media platforms of Mist City Arts and Science University.

As such, it has certainly been the case.

Mist City Arts and Science University almost became a must-visit punching in location for outsiders visiting Mist City.

The only downside of Mist City Arts and Science University is its remote location, being in the outskirts of the University Town, which itself was on the urban periphery of Mist City.

More importantly, there are no hotels in Mist City Arts and Science University.

That is to say, those people who traveled to punch in on the same day would have had to leave, or find a hotel to stay in University Town, which made it quite inconvenient for those who arrived to punch their card.

After the routine work report of the propaganda department, the heads of various other departments who still remained in Mist City Arts and Science University reported on their work in turn.

The teachers of Mist City Arts and Science University were scheduled for the National Day holiday, but because there were more than 10,000 students staying in school, approximately one-third of each department and each department had staff staying in school.

However, series heads like Chen Ping from Tianfu Architecture College who established a responsible relationship with Tianfu Construction Group, were basically all staying put.

After all, Tianfu Architecture College commenced construction during the National Day holiday.

There's also old Qi from the academic affairs office who is very earnest.

Originally, he could have gone back for a holiday after the National Day holiday, but Old Qi said that he would be idle if he went back, so it was better to stay in school. This really touched Ding Yue's heart, what dedication!

Ding Yue also stated that all those who remained at school voluntarily during the National Day holiday would receive their usual welfare and salary benefits.

"Thank you all for abandoning your holiday and still holding your posts. If you're free from other tasks, you can take a break at any time."

Ding Yue stood up from his chair and said, "Meeting adjourned!"

After everyone in the conference room left, Old Huang stepped forward and asked, "Yue, what's our plan for today?"

"As you wish."

Ding Yue shrugged, "There's still a lot to do after the National Day holiday, so I'll take these few days to rest."

Speaking of which, Ding Yue was planning to take a good rest. The school affairs would be handled by the heads of various departments. Unless there were major issues, Ding Yue would allow the heads of various departments to handle them on their own.

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An Yujia is responsible for Feiyue Group, so Ding Yue doesn't need to worry at all.

After the National Day holiday, Ding Yue has to attend the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference. He also has to watch closely to see how Sun Chengkang, a student majoring in National Arts, does against the Thai Boxing master Zhao Kai.

And there's also the upgrade to be done on the No.1 robot Big White!

With all these tasks, indeed it will be quite busy.

Being a headmaster is indeed a busy job.

In most cases, the school's unrelated and trivial affairs are handled by relevant departments. Ding Yue was glad to have the National Day holiday as a rare chance to rest.

"Well, in that case, it's also quite nice to sleep in for a few days and play some games." Huang Youjie spreads his hands and adds, "By the way, how's the box office for 'Super Combat Team' going?"

"I forgot to check until you mentioned it."

Ding Yue organizes his thoughts upon being asked by Huang about the box office performance of the animated movie 'Super Combat Team', produced by Mist City Arts and Science University.

He rises from his seat, returns to his office, turns on his computer, and checks the data on Cat Eye Movie.

All box office data is transparent and can be seen in real time on major platforms.

Today is the third day of the screening for 'Super Combat Team'.

On September 30th, the box office for 'Super Combat Team' was over ninety million and it was only a little bit short of breaking a hundred million.

But it couldn't be helped, due to the low proportion of showtimes. The seats were limited, and even with a more than ninety percent occupancy rate, the box office was still below a hundred million.

However!

Yesterday, the box office for 'Super Combat Team' saw a strong rise!

That's because cinemas nationwide began increasing the number of showtimes for 'Super Combat Team'!

So, after yesterday, the box office for 'Super Combat Team' quickly surpassed two hundred million yuan.

Xu Jiuge's team had already released two box office posters yesterday.

One for breaking a hundred million and the other for breaking two hundred million.

"Principal Ding, Jiuge told us in the group that they've already prepared the posters for breaking three hundred million and four hundred million in box office," the secretary, Wen Ruohan, cheerfully reported.

Principal Ding couldn't help but smile upon hearing the news, "Are we really going to have two hundred million for today's box office?"

Yesterday, they released two posters because they were just short of a hundred million on September 30th, and so the one hundred million box office poster was released on October 1st.

Meanwhile, the box office on October 1st had also surpassed a hundred million, which gave rise to the creation of the poster for two hundred million box office.

"Let's see how it's doing now!"

After opening the Cat Eye Movie website, Ding Yue checks the real-time box office data.

[Box office data for October 2nd]——

First Place: "Chronicles of Demon Sealing", Total Box Office: 574 million. Today's Box Office: 167 million, Screening Percentage: 38.41%, Occupancy Rate: 63.3%!

Seeing that 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' still held the first place, Ding Yue couldn't help but marvel at the impressive performance of this fantasy special-effects film.

Adding in the presale figures, today's box office for 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' will easily break six hundred million.

Second Place: "Super Combat Team", Total Box Office: 461 million, Today's Box Office: 159 million, Screening Percentage: 22.22%, Occupancy Rate: 90.19%!

"Damn, the box office is at 461 million!"

When Ding Yue saw the total box office for "Super Combat Team", he couldn't help but exclaim.

"How much?"

Huang Youjie asked in disbelief upon hearing it.

"The total box office is at 461 million, and today's box office is 159 million, so it seems there's no problem reaching 200 million today!"

A smile spread across Ding Yue's face.

Although he knew that the first few days are usually when the box office increases the most rapidly, looking at the current situation, there might still be room for growth?

After all, the screening percentage of 'Super Combat Team' rose from eight percent on the first day to fourteen percent yesterday.

Today, the screening percentage had directly soared to 22.22%!

An increase in the screening percentage means more showtimes each day, and viewers who want to watch 'Super Combat Team' won't have to worry about not being able to buy tickets.

As can be seen, 'Super Combat Team' has created an explosive response. Ding Yue even felt that today might not be the end of the explosion for 'Super Combat Team'. What if this is just the beginning?

"Principal Ding, 'Super Combat Team' is indeed popular. My high school classmates' Twitter feeds are all being flooded with Big White related content. Hahaha."

Wen Ruohan confirmed the high box office performance of 'Super Combat Team' with the current situation in reality.

Indeed.

Whenever a movie has high box office and good reviews, it's bound to go viral on Twitter, as well as on various forums, websites, and Twitter, triggering a high level of discussion!

Since the official release of 'Super Combat Team', Ding Yue has not had to ask the school's publicity department to buy 'trending' for the movie to boost popularity.

Yet, from the first day of its release until today, there have been related 'trending' topics regarding this movie on Twitter.

All of these trends are triggered by netizens discussing it of their own accord!

In addition to the trending of 'Super Combat Team,' 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' also has quite a good trending effect!

This is quite normal!

After all, if the second film on the box office rankings, 'Super Combat Team', has good popularity, the first one, 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing', certainly must be even more popular!

Having just checked, Ding Yue found that the screening proportion of 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' has also increased slightly, even reaching close to forty percent on September 30th – the proportion 'Space Fortress' had on its premier day.

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Next up is "Our Youth Time," which ranks third at the box office, with a total box office breaking four hundred million yuan and today's single-day box office just about making it to one hundred million yuan.

"Our Youth Time" may have a decent box office, but in truth, its share of scheduled screenings has fallen since its opening day.

And here's a question.

Within a total of a 100% scheduling ratio, happen that the screen share of "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" has seen a large increase.

The screening share of "Super Combat Team" has also soared.

So the question arises, where did this huge increase in scheduling shares come from?

The answer is beyond doubt!

The scheduling share of a movie significantly decreased within just three days!

Exactly!

The film happens to be the one helmed by Director Ma Wenhai, the same Ma who challenged Ding Yue, and looked down on the animated film "Super Combat Team" from Mist City Arts and Science University!

Director Ma's "Space Fortress" vividly demonstrates what the audience's definition of humility is!

The resounding failure of "Space Fortress" was something Ding Yue couldn't have predicted!

Because at the start, Ding Yue had assumed that "Space Fortress" should at least be a worthy piece from a first-tier director like Ma Wenhai, plus it's a "sci-fi blockbuster" with a young male star who pulls in huge crowds. It seemed to have a good cast!

How could its box office performance be so dismal?

Exactly!

"Space Fortress" crossed the one hundred million mark on its opening day, owing mostly to it commanding nearly forty percent of the day's screen share.

However, the next day, which was yesterday, major cinema chains nationwide began to downgrade the screen share of "Space Fortress," causing it to dwindle in step, though it still got over one hundred million.

A camel in its death throes is still bigger than a horse!

Today, October 2nd, on the third day of its release, Ding Yue looked at the data for "Space Fortress"!

In fourth place: "Space Fortress", total box office 370 million yuan, today's box office 81.66 million, screen share 21.6%, attendance rate 31.77%!

"Hahahaha!"

Seeing the box office data of Director Ma's "Space Fortress," Ding Yue couldn't help but break into deceitful laughter again.

Such a pathetic box office!

Such a pathetic screen share!

And such a pathetic attendance rate!

Ding Yue can now say with one hundred percent certainty that "Space Fortress" has utterly flopped and is probably going to lose its pants.

After all, having invested over three hundred million yuan, at least nine hundred million yuan in box office earnings would be required to break even!

But clearly!

Given the situation today in what should have been the best day for a box office explosion, "Space Fortress" is likely to just barely cross the one hundred million mark.

And after today, it goes without saying that the screen shares of "Space Fortress" are sure to be further compressed, and the final outcome is that from tomorrow, the daily box office won't be able to cross the hundred million mark anymore, and will only get lower and lower!

This is the typical trajectory of a crummy box-office flop. Ding Yue predicts that the final box office tally for "Space Fortress" will probably be around 600 million yuan!

Which means, Director Ma Wenhai's so-called "sci-fi blockbuster," "Space Fortress," is probably going to end up incurring a loss of one hundred million yuan!

Investors must want to skin Director Ma Wenhai alive, right?

Thinking of this, Ding Yue can't help but feel a pang of sympathy for Director Ma Wenhai. But for some reason, he just can't muster sympathy, Ding Yue just wants to laugh - hahaha!

Commander Ding remembered a fortress movie from his previous life on Earth. Actually, he felt that Director Ma Wenhai's version was just a tad better compared to that fortress movie from his previous life on Earth.

Alas!

Flying the "sci-fi blockbuster" banner, but what was served up to the audience was a pile of crap... of course, the audience wouldn't buy it!

Ding Yue thought back to when Director Ma Wenhai tagged him, predicting with full confidence that his "Space Fortress" would be the box office champion of the National Holiday Period.

But in just three days, they've personified the saying: A swift reversal in fortunes!

Chapter 435: Click to Receive the First Cup of Milk Tea of Autumn

Starting from September 30th, many young people's Twitter feeds were dominated by four movies.

These were the four popular movies released during the National Holiday Period: "Chronicles of Demon Sealing," "Super Combat Team," "Our Youth Time," and "Space Fortress."

Interesting thing is!

The first three gained popularity on Twitter due to their good reputation and respectable box office revenues.

"Went to see 'Our Youth Time' and 'Super Combat Team' today. The former is an excellent youthful romance film, and the latter is the best animated film I've watched till date. Incredibly phenomenal!"

"'Super Combat Team' is super amazing! I recommend everyone to go see it. You'll regret if you don't!"

"Big White is endearing, warm, and super cool! I'm in love with Big White!"

"I've to work hard to make money so I can buy myself a Big White in the future, hehe!"

"Highly recommend an animated movie - 'Super Combat Team'; it's brilliant!"

These are the posts about "Super Combat Team" on young peoples' Twitter feeds.

In essence, these are the evaluations of the animated film "Super Combat Team" by netizens on Twitter, forums, and Bilibili.

The reputation of "Super Combat Team" is taking off, with an ever-increasing proportion of daily screenings, is the best proof.

The world of cinema is very practical!

For popular movies, they will definitely arrange many screenings, increase the number of shows, and even wish the interval between two shows in the same cinema was only ten minutes!

For movies that don't sell much at the box office, the number of screenings will naturally be reduced. "Space Fortress" is a real-life example.

Cinema is a business; large amounts of screenings were arranged initially, but the box office couldn't beat a movie with fewer screenings. Anybody but a fool knows how to arrange the screenings next.

On Twitter, apart from the praise for "Super Combat Team", "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" also received a lot of accolades!

Because "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" somewhat exceeded everyone's expectations, in a good way!

Everyone initially thought it would just be another special effects fantasy like before, but surprisingly, the plot wasn't too bad and the actors did pretty well!

Add to that the flawless special effects, and the box office revenue for "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" kept climbing.

By today, the third day, it's still number one at the box office!

Ding Yue estimates that with "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" having such a high rating, if his Mist City Arts and Science University's "Super Combat Team" could surpass it remains a question.

After all, looking at today's box office alone, "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" and "Super Combat Team" lead the pack, both can easily surpass two hundred million yuan!

"'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' was a real surprise after viewing, the director really did a fantastic job this time!"

"The plot is good, I like that fox demon, utterly seductive."

"I also like that fox demon! Okay, I'm an LSP too!"

"Coincidentally, I'm an LSP too, and I also like that fox demon."

"'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' is one of the best fantasy blockbusters I've seen in recent years. I strongly recommend everyone to see it. It's really good. Trust me!"

"I saw 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' and 'Super Combat Team' today. I have to say, there are good movies this National Holiday Period."

"Chronicles of Demon Sealing" and "Super Combat Team" can be described as massively dominating Twitter, often appearing together.

And then there's "Our Youth Time," which also appears in many young people's Twitter feeds.

This is because, after all, it's a youthful love story, and this genre is quite appealing to young people.

And with the movie having raked in several hundred million yuan, it shows that "Our Youth Time" has appeal.

Ding Yue saw "Our Youth Time" and gave his own evaluation. Thus, he believes it is reasonable for this movie to have some degree of popularity. After all, who doesn't long for or reminisce about love in their youth?

Among the four films, the top three have all gained popularity from high praise and rave reviews.

Director Ma Wenhai's "Space Fortress" is different, however, as it was widely criticized by audiences on Twitter.

Even on Twitter, there was a trending topic about the bad reviews of "Space Fortress."

On Bilibili, the owners had already started actively editing and mocking videos of "Space Fortress."

Because any ordinary audience who saw this "Space Fortress" would all give a very unified evaluation.

That is - a lousy movie!

That said, the quality of "Space Fortress" is still much better than those truly worthless crappy movies.

At least it has decent special effects, and some older actors' stunt performances are okay.

In reality, "Space Fortress," which bragged about being a "sci-fi blockbuster," has been completely eclipsed by "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" in terms of special effects!

On top of that, the remaining plot, the protagonist's acting, clothing props, etc., have been ridiculed over and over again, becoming the material for Bilibili owner's videos.

By late afternoon, Ding Yue had dinner at the second canteen at six o'clock, returned to the apartment, and looked over at the real-time box office data.

Today's box office for "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" had already exceeded 235 million yuan.

His Mist City Arts and Science University's "Super Combat Team" also had over 210 million yuan in single-day box office revenue.

Chapter 436: Click to Get the First Cup of Milk Tea in Autumn

In other words, Ding Yue's Feiyue Group made approximately 140 million yuan in just one day!

Now Ding Yue finally understands why so many investors are willing to fund movie production. This is simply a moneymaker!

Feiyue Animation Studio and Feiyue Group, which combines movie production and distribution under one roof, can earn about fifty to sixty percent of the box office returns if the tickets do well.

The most crucial point is that the production cost of "Super Combat Team" is only tens of millions.

In the Elegant Garden Apartment, Ding Yue, lying on the sofa, picks up his phone to look at his Twitter feed for the day.

Indeed, many high school classmates are talking about the two movies, "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" and "Super Combat Team". Some are even bragging about being alumni with Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University.

However, aside from discussing movies, it seems that many people in the feed are talking about something called "the first cup of milk tea in autumn"?

After seeing the phrase "milk tea", Ding Yue instantly craves his pearl milk tea. He has been fairly busy in September and has not been drinking milk tea as frequently as before.

Now, Ding Yue wants to drink milk tea again, very much so.

"What's this all about?"

Ding Yue sees everyone posting about "the first cup of milk tea in autumn" and sending red envelopes via Whatsapp. He murmurs, "Everyone wants to drink milk tea? Indeed, it's autumn. Given the excellent box office performance of 'Super Combat Team', I might as well treat my students to milk tea!"

Very quickly, as Ding Yue wonders, a marketing plan forms in his mind.

Ding Yue immediately takes out his phone and sends a voice message to his secretary, Wen Ruohan: "Wen Ruohan, are you free? Can you get me a cup of warm pearl milk tea?"

It's already October and the weather is getting gradually colder, so Ding Yue decides not to order iced pearl milk tea. He prefers it at room temperature or even slightly heated.

Ding!

Wen Ruohan: Okay, Principal Ding, ten minutes!

Wen Ruohan, this girl, is really proactive. Whenever Ding Yue gives orders, she never declines, even when it's not during normal working hours.

Such a dedicated, meticulous, and capable secretary - Ding Yue obviously made a great choice.

After sending a Whatsapp message to Secretary Wen Ruohan, Ding Yue sends a voice message to Xu Jiuge at Feiyue Animation Studio: "Jiuge, have we sent out today's poster for breaking the 100 million mark?"

Ding!

Xu Jiuge: Principal Ding, the poster for breaking the 300 million mark has been sent out, and the one for breaking the 400 million mark will be ready soon!

"Good, hold off on the 400 million poster for now, wait for my command!" Ding Yue orders.

Xu Jiuge: Ah? Okay, okay!

Although Xu Jiuge doesn't know what Principal Ding is planning to do, it's always right to follow his orders.

Then, Ding Yue makes a call to Xu Bin.

"Hello, Yue, I'm busy. Do you have any instructions?" Xu Bin asks immediately after answering the call.

Xu Bin is working with the computer science team to write the first robot Big White's "human-like intelligence program".

They've been working for several days without interruption, even having special staff to fetch them meals from the canteen.

The logistics department has even provided a few foldable beds and blankets for them. When they're tired, they just rest and sleep nearby.

This is exactly like the 996 workday plus overtime for programmers, or game studio programmers!

However, it isn't Ding Yue forcing them to work hard. Instead, everyone in the computer science team feels that their efforts are worthwhile. This is because Principal Ding provides generous remuneration and benefits. They also aim to transfer the "human-like intelligence program" proposed by Director Xu to the gallium nitride chip as soon as possible.

The only person who can interrupt Xu Bin and his team is Ding Yue.

"I do need a little favor concerning a small program. And don't tell me you can't handle it." Ding Yue says seriously.

"Really? I'm busy writing the 'human-like intelligence program' for you, Yue. And you have more tasks for me? You might as well work me to death."

Xu Bin cannot help but complain.

This pace is inhuman!

"Oh come on, a small program like this, you can handle it in no time." Ding Yue laughs: "I believe in you."

"Go ahead, Yue."

"Here's the thing, 'Super Combat Team' is a huge hit at the box office, and there's a trending topic today. So, I plan to treat the entire campus to milk tea as part of a marketing move. But how can we ensure that all teachers and students get the milk tea I'm treating them to? I can't send each and every one of them a red envelope, of course. So I thought, can you make an automatic red envelope retrieval program for me and put it in the school's Public Account? That's not too difficult for you, right?"

Ding Yue shares his detailed thoughts with Xu Bin.

"That's no big deal. I can get it done in minutes." Xu Bin says confidently.

"Alright, then make it so that all teachers and students input their student or work number, then verify their identity to get a milk tea red envelope, one red envelope is 52 yuan."

Ding Yue continues.

"Okay... Wait, a milk tea red envelope is 52 yuan???" Xu Bin was taken aback. "What kind of milk tea is this expensive? That's price manipulation!"

"Ahem, it's just a trending topic for today. Let's make it 52 yuan."

"Alright, 52 yuan per student. With more than 30,000 teachers and students in our school... Gosh, that's over a million!"

Xu Bin quickly calculates in his mind and gasps.

"Just over a million, that's not a big deal. Consider it a welfare for the students for the National Day. Besides, this comes with some marketing potential. Do you know how much net profit our 'Super Combat Team' has made up to now?"

Ding Yue brags.

To be honest, looking at the box office of "Super Combat Team" and then thinking about the net income, it's impossible not to get carried away. Over one million isn't a lot of money at all. It does feel like pocket change.

Most importantly, Ding Yue can use this to do some marketing. He can take advantage of the current trend and give the teachers and students of Mist City Arts and Science University some benefits, boost the school's popularity, and link it all to "Super Combat Team"!

"Boss, you're generous!"

Xu Bin exclaims, "Give me half an hour at most, and I'll finish the small program you need."

"Alright, looking forward to your good news!"

Sensing Bin's confidence that there won't be any issues, Ding Yue is reassured.

Because Ding Yue only worries about how to conveniently give the students their first fall cup of milk tea. He can't possibly send individual red envelopes; he would drop dead from the effort.

And of course he can't buy a 52-yuan cup of milk tea for every student, right?

There are only ten thousand students on campus at most, the rest have gone home or are out for vacation.

So a 52-yuan red envelope for "the first cup of fall milk tea" is the best choice!

With the program Bin creates, it can be distributed through Mist City Arts and Science University's Wechat Public Account. This would make it convenient and efficient for students to claim.

It can also ensure that all students will receive it and avoid instances of false claims. After all, you need to input either your student or work number and verify with your ID to collect the "First Cup of Fall Milk Tea" red envelope!

As long as the student number and ID number entered by students match the electronic student registration information of the school, there should be no problems at all.

Chapter 437: Unexpected! Missing Student

In Mist City Arts and Science University, a girl's dorm room.

"Hmph, the ship of friendship turns over so easily, Xiao Ping, you didn't invite me to have the first milk tea of Autumn.

Xiao Zhao didn't go home or travel during this National Day holiday due to tight finances.

Staying at school was the best choice, because there were not only affordable and delicious cafeteria food but also relatively low expenses.

Plus, she could utilize the heaps of time during the National Day holiday to study in the library. Perhaps, bumping into a handsome guy?

That morning, Xiao Zhao went to the Book Ship Library to read for the whole morning. After lunch, she arranged to see a movie with a roommate in the afternoon.

They saw "Super Combat Team," and Xiao Zhao was so excited.

After all, "Super Combat Team" was produced by their school's animation studio and animation students. She felt a sense of intimacy watching it in the cinema.

After returning in the evening, Xiao Zhao noticed a trending meme on the internet, "The first milk tea of Autumn."

Then, Xiao Zhao decided to follow the trend and sent a message to her high school best friend, Xiao Ping.

What a genuine response!

Xiao Ping: Darling, love is mutual and so is milk tea. Why don't you send me the first cup of Autumn milk tea first? Then I'll send you one. [haha_big_laugh_meme.jpg]

Well, nothing could be done about it.

For updating her Twitter posts, Xiao Zhao sent Xiao Ping 52 yuan through Whatsapp, remarking it as "the first milk tea of Autumn."

Then, Xiao Ping also sent Xiao Zhao 52 yuan with the same remark, "the first milk tea of Autumn".

Great, now they could post this on their Twitter feed, hehehe!

However!

Just at this moment, Xiao Zhao's roommate, Xiao Zhang, screamed: "Ah!!!!!! Xiao Zhao, the first cup of Autumn milk tea!!!! Principal Ding is treating every student to the first cup of Autumn milk tea!!!!!"

"What?"

Xiao Zhao didn't hear it clearly. All she knew was that Xiao Zhang seemed extremely excited.

"Milk tea! The first cup of Autumn milk tea!" Xiao Zhang ran over and shouted excitedly.

However, Xiao Zhao shook her head skillfully, "Love is mutual and so does milk tea. Why don't you get me a cup first?"

"Not that, check Twitter!" Xiao Zhang quickly shook her head.

"Huh?"

Xiao Zhao felt a bit dazed by Xiao Zhang, then picked up her phone and opened the Twitter app.

Once she opened it, Xiao Zhao immediately saw a Twitter post from her following [Mist City Arts and Science University] official Twitter account. The post accompanied two pictures, one was a movie poster announcing that "Super Combat Team" had grossed over 400 million yuan, and the other was a screenshot of the "The first milk tea of Autumn" payment transaction!

Then Xiao Zhao blinked her eyes and carefully read the content of this post by the university's official Twitter account.

[Mist City Arts and Science University] v: Congratulations to our school's animated film "Super Combat Team" for breaking 400 million yuan at the box office in three days! To celebrate this great news, Principal Ding has decided to treat all the teachers and students to the first cup of Autumn milk tea. All students, teachers, or staff of Mist City Arts and Science University who follow the school's official Wechat account can receive this by verifying their student or staff ID and identification number.

[400 million yuan box office image.jpg], [First cup of Autumn milk tea screenshot.jpg]

Shares (11k), Comments (17k), Likes (39k)

"Wow!"

After seeing this Twitter post from the official school account, Xiao Zhao was instantly thrilled.

How wonderful is Principal Ding?

Our school's animated movie, "Super Combat Team," is a big hit, and Principal Ding decided to treat all the teachers and students to a cup of Autumn milk tea today!

"Is it real?" Xiao Zhao couldn't help asking with a frown.

"If the school says so, it must be real. Why don't we check the school's public account to see if we can claim it?"

"Yeah, right, today's not April's fool day!"

Xiao Zhao nodded and quickly switched her phone screen to Whatsapp, where she found the Mist City Arts and Science University's official account.

As a freshman of Mist City Arts and Science University, Xiao Zhao thought the school's public account was incredibly handy. It could be used for handling all sorts of things, even for recharging your account.

It must be admitted, they did an excellent job with the school's public account service.

After entering the public account, Xiao Zhao prominently saw a link regarding the claim for "the first cup of Autumn milk tea."

After entering the link, it led to a page where she had to input her student ID.

Xiao Zhao quickly entered her student ID and then input her ID for verification. The system was supposed to match the input student ID and ID with the ones from the school's student information database. Once the verification was correct, she would be able to claim the "the first cup of Autumn milk tea."

"Verification successful, student Zhao Siyan, please click to claim Principal Ding's treat of the first cup of Autumn milk tea—[click to claim]!"

Xiao Zhao saw the popped-up interface and clicked on "claim"!

"Congratulations on successfully claiming Principal Ding's treat of the first cup of Autumn milk tea. It's been instantly transferred to your Whatsapp balance!"

After successfully claiming it, in the dialogue box of the official account, there was an image of a transferred payment marked with "the first cup of Autumn milk tea." Although it was an image, Xiao Zhao saw an instant payment notification appearing on the notification bar of her phone.

Xiao Zhao immediately exited the official account, and just as expected, she saw a payment reminder. The first cup of Autumn milk tea, 52 yuan!

To confirm it was real, Xiao Zhao intentionally checked her Whatsapp balance, and indeed, it increased from 102 yuan to 154 yuan!

"Wow, indeed, 52 yuan was credited! Principal Ding really treated me to the first cup of Autumn milk tea!"

Xiao Zhao was so excited she was almost jumping.

When Xiao Zhang heard from Xiao Zhao that it was real and the money had genuinely arrived, he happily went to the school public account to collect it too!

At this moment!

Thousands of students at Mist City Arts and Science University knew about this news, and they were spreading it to each other in various school chat groups, telling everyone to get the first cup of Autumn Tea that Principal Ding was treating everyone to!

"Oh my, it's actually real!"

"Hahaha, I thought Principal Ding was joking at first."

"I've got it, what about you guys?"

"I've successfully collected it too, 52 yuan, it's great!"

"Principal Ding is so trendy, he's already using the gag that just started trending today."

"Wow, Principal Ding is taking such good care of us!"

"I feel great, now I also have the first cup of Autumn Tea!"

The students who received the first cup of Autumn Tea red packet were utterly excited and joyful. The feeling of getting treated by Principal Ding was simply too fantastic, wasn't it?

At this moment, Ding Yue was showing a slight smile from the corner of his mouth while watching the online popularity of this incident in his apartment room. The pearl milk tea in his hand instantly tasted better.

Even though this cup of pearl milk tea was worth over one million yuan!

"Principal Ding, I've collected it too!" After buying the pearl milk tea for Principal Ding, Wen Ruohan learned that Principal Ding was planning to treat all the teachers and students to the first cup of Autumn Tea. Therefore, immediately after this feature was launched on the school's public account, she hurriedly went to receive Principal Ding's benefits.

Xu Bin was really awesome. The program link that Ding Yue asked him to create, which was expected to take half an hour, Xu Bin finished in less than 20 minutes.

Then, Ding Yue topped up his account with enough money, let students collect a limited 52-yuan Autumn Tea red packet by entering their student ID and identification number on the school's public account!

"Principal Ding, can each of the more than 30,000 teachers and students in the entire school receive one portion?" asked Wen Ruohan curiously.

Ding Yue nodded immediately, smiling and said, "That's right, everyone can get a cup of Autumn Tea."

"A 52 yuan cup for more than 30,000 people, wow, that's over a million!" Wen Ruohan was stunned.

Principal Ding was too rich and too generous, wasn't he?

However, upon thinking about it, the school's animated movie had already exceeded 400 million yuan in box office revenue. They didn't know how much money this had made for the school. A mere one million seemed to be just daily pocket money for Principal Ding, right?

After all, Wen Ruohan knew that Principal Ding could definitely make a lot of money every day. After all, Principal Ding does own the Feiyue Group!

On Twitter, there was already a trending hashtag "The First Cup of Autumn Tea."

But very shortly, a new trending topic with even higher popularity appeared—
#OtherPeople'sAutumnTea#

Exactly!

Ding Yue's marketing strategy not only incorporated today's popular jokes and the Super Combat Team's box office record of breaking 400 million but also genuinely added a great amount of popularity to Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Wow, I'm so jealous."

"Is this what other people's schools are like?"

"Mist City Arts and Science University again? This university is too good to its students!"

"Other people's schools treat their students like treasures, our school doesn't regard us as people!"

"I also want a cup of Autumn Tea. Principal Ding, I want it! I want it! I want it too!"

"Oh my! One Autumn Tea per person? They're really rich!"

"Is this what is called 'Rich and Capricious'?"

"Let's be honest, with the high box office revenue of 'Super Combat Team', Mist City Arts and Science University has simply made a fortune. To principal Ding, spending over a million on milk tea is just a drop in the ocean."

"So here comes the question, can students not from Mist City Arts and Science University also get the milk tea?"

"I'm so envious, at this moment, I wish I were a student at Mist City Arts and Science University."

Ding Yue watched the rising popularity. In just a blink, this trending topic had directly shot to the top of the Twitter Trending list.

This was indeed earning a lot of popularity for Mist City Arts and Science University!

Just when Ding Yue was satisfied with his successful marketing campaign, suddenly his phone rang.

"Director Qi?"

Ding Yue couldn't help but frown.

How come Qi Chunsheng, the director of the Dean's Office, was calling him this late at night?

It was known that Qi Chunsheng never called him at this non-working time.

"Hello, Director Qi, what's the matter?" asked Ding Yue, perplexed after picking up the call.

"Principal Ding, one of our students went missing. It has been over 48 hours, and the student's parents have been unable to contact the student!"

Over the phone, Qi Chunsheng's very anxious voice could be heard.

"What?!"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue suddenly felt a buzzing sound in his head!

An emergency situation, a student went missing after the holidays!

This was not a good thing!

Chapter 438: First Emergency Response

Shock!

As soon as Ding Yue heard what Qi Chunsheng said, his face paled in shock and his mind blanked out for a moment.

Wen Ruohan seemed to have noticed something different about Principal Ding and hurried over to whisper, "Principal Ding, what's wrong?"

Originally, Wen Ruohan bought him milk tea in his apartment room. After claiming the first autumn milk tea red envelope, she planned to leave and return to her dormitory.

But seeing Principal Ding after his phone call, he appeared somewhat startled.

A moment later, Ding Yue quickly adjusted himself and quickly asked, "Director Qi, have the student's family members reported the matter to the police?"

"They have reported it. After receiving calls from the student's family and the police, I informed you, Principal Ding, immediately."

This is no trivial matter!

A student went missing right after being on vacation, and none of her family members can get in touch with her.

In this digital age, almost every college student has a mobile phone. After taking a break, they would definitely contact their families if they were going to go home.

How did they go missing?

Ding Yue was worried, and had no choice but to worry. After all, they were his students at Mist City Arts and Science University. They were like his children. If their safety couldn't be confirmed, how could he not be worried?

What was more important was that Ding Yue hoped that this student wouldn't have an accident. Otherwise, it would be a loss to Mist City Arts and Science University!

"What exactly happened?" After calming down, Ding Yue asked with composure.

"It's a female student from the School of Business Administration named Zhou Xiaoyan, a freshman. She went on vacation to go home after military training. She had a chat with her family about going home on the morning of September 29th through WhatsApp. As a freshman, it is currently unknown when exactly she left the campus."

Qi Chunsheng immediately briefed Principal Ding on the situation.

"If the police set up a missing person case, then we, as the school, must certainly work with the police to find this student immediately. Call on the head of the Business Administration Department and come to my office right away!"

Ding Yue's thoughts began to clear.

The first priority now was to cooperate with the police immediately to see if there were any leads to find the missing Zhou Xiaoyan.

Because Ding Yue was aware that a female college student disappearing was a very dangerous situation.

Find her one second earlier, and she will be safer!

"Okay, Principal Ding. Should we contact the police right away? Zhou Xiaoyan's parents reported the case from their hometown and our Mist City police station also opened a case."

Qi Chunsheng asked.

"Then ask the Mist City police department to see if they can send someone over."

"Yes, Principal Ding!"

After hanging up, Ding Yue took a deep breath.

"Principal Ding, what happened?" After seeing Principal Ding finish his phone call, Wen Ruohan anxiously asked.

Looking at Principal Ding's expression, it must not be a small thing. Wen Ruohan hoped that she could help Principal Ding in some way.

"One of our female students is missing, Wen Ruohan. Hurry to the Administration Building!"

Ding Yue said, immediately put on his coat and started changing his shoes at the apartment's front door.

"Ah! Okay, okay!"

Upon hearing this, Wen Ruohan was stunned and quickly followed Principal Ding.

The news about the student called Zhou Xiaoyan's disappearance quickly spread through a student group on Mist City Arts and Science University.

[Mist City Arts and Science University Student Chat Group] -

"I heard that a freshman girl from the School of Business Administration is missing?"

"When did this happen?"

"I don't know, I heard it from someone else."

"Ah? No way!"

"I heard she might even be in danger."

"Tut tut, let's not spread rumours, she's our classmate. Hope she's safe!"

"Apparently her parents have already called the police!"

"I pray the girl is fine, nothing must happen to her!"

Even though it was already night, students were extremely concerned with this matter. Some students even @mentioned Principal Ding in the group, wanting to know what exactly had happened.

Ding Yue knew that once such a thing happened, an announcement would have to be sent out immediately as the student's parents had already reported it.

While the school actively cooperated with the police on one hand, it also has the duty to inform the students who do not know the truth about what has happened in the school.

Otherwise, students will definitely let their imaginations run wild!

Many colleges' reputations were affected because they didn't announce the situation in a timely manner and did not handle related matters immediately, leading to various speculations among students and distrust from the outside world and more!

Ding Yue obviously wouldn't let this kind of thing happen to Mist City Arts and Science University.

What had happened, what the school did about it immediately, all had to be handled well. Otherwise, once some rhythm was created on the internet, it would become difficult to handle.

In that case,

Ding Yue immediately called Liu Hongxia, the director of the school's propaganda department, asking her to quickly publish the news of a female student at Mist City Arts and Science University going missing and a case being filed, on public social media accounts such as Twitter and Official accounts to avoid students or the outside from spreading various rumors.

After all, when people think of a missing female college student, they create various assumptions and start to spread those assumptions. The story can change in the process of being passed on, who knows what it would eventually become, ultimately resulting in a rumor!

"Principal Ding, within the university's student group, quite a few students are already discussing the disappearance of Student Zhou Xiaoyan."

After glancing at her phone, Wen Ruohan promptly reported this to Principal Ding.

"Mm, I know. I've instructed the Propaganda Department to issue a notice regarding this matter." Ding Yue nodded, appearing extremely composed.

Because Ding Yue knew, as the Principal, it was imperative not to panic during such times.

It was best to issue a notice while students were still discussing it, before it makes its way online and internet users start making speculative assumptions and spreading rumors, which would make it hard to control.

Shortly after.

The public account of Mist City Arts and Science University pushed a related notice and an announcement was also published on the university's official website.

Then, it was posted on Twitter.

"Mist City Arts and Science University: Urgent situation! A female student from our Business Administration College, Zhou Xiaoyan, has gone missing. Her family filed a missing person report 48 hours after she disappeared. Upon receiving this news, Principal Ding established an investigation team without delay to assist Mist City Police Department in locating the missing student. We hereby notify, if there are any leads, please contact us immediately!"

It must be said that the notice from Mist City Arts and Science University was very timely.

Internet users praised the prompt response from Mist City Arts and Science University. Not long ago, the university was trending because Principal Ding invited students for the first cup of milk tea of autumn. Now they promptly notified about this incident, unlike other universities that tend to cover up when something happens.

"Hoping she's safe!"

"Ah, it looks like she didn't return home after the holidays. Hope nothing happened to her."

"Did anyone check if this female student has a boyfriend or something?"

"This feels so dangerous, I hope nothing happened."

"This notice came out too quickly!"

"I hope they find the missing student soon."

"Everyone, do not spread rumors or speculate. The university must provide all available information!"

For internet users, all they could do about this sudden event was pray for the safety of the missing female student.

Meanwhile.

In the administration building of Mist City Arts and Science University, in Ding Yue's office.

Ding Yue and Wen Ruohan arrived at the office. Qi Chunsheng and Liu Qianxing, the department head of the College of Business Administration, were already there.

"Principal Ding!"

"Principal Ding!"

Upon seeing Principal Ding, Qi Chunsheng and Liu Qianxing hurried to report: "I checked the student's departure record. Student Zhou Xiaoyan left the university at 2:45 PM on September 30, to be precise, she left the dormitory with her suitcase."

Liu Qianxing first reported the time Zhou Xiaoyan left campus.

Because the University Housing Department of Mist City Arts and Science University has a specific stipulation that whenever there's a summer or winter break, or the National Day holiday, students who leave the dormitory with their suitcases need to register their departure.

If they do, they must register!

This procedure is meant to ensure the students' safety. After all, if the university doesn't even know when the students leave, that would be utterly irresponsible.

"Okay."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue nodded slightly, acknowledging that he understood.

"Principal Ding, I contacted the police bureau. The University Town branch will send Officer Zhang over soon."

Qi Chunsheng reported the situation as well.

"Alright. Arrange all the specific details, and when Officer Zhang arrives, report the information to her."

Ding Yue instructed Qi Chunsheng and Liu Qianxing.

"Okay, Principal Ding."

At this moment, at the gate of Mist City Arts and Science University, a police car drove in, headed straight for the Administration Building.

"Yue, do you know when that student left school? I can access the surveillance footage straight away!"

At the office door, the voice of Xu Bin could be heard.

Xu Bin and Huang Youjie also came over.

Xu Bin had been specifically called over by Ding Yue. Even though he was busy developing his 'human brain-like intelligence program', it couldn't compare to this sudden emergency.

Ding Yue needed to ensure that the missing student, Zhou Xiaoyan, was found as soon as possible with the help of the police.

The most accomplished person in the field of computer science at Mist City Arts and Science University, Xu Bin, naturally couldn't be missing at this time. And Ding Yue knew Xu Bin was very important. After all, the surveillance system of the university was set up by Xu Bin, making it far more efficient and convenient than a conventional surveillance system.

On his way to the office, Ding Yue had already informed Xu Bin about the situation over the phone.

"Director Xu, Student Zhou Xiaoyan left her dormitory in Quiet Night Building 7, at 2:45 PM on September 30!"

The department head of the College of Business Administration, Liu Qianxing, promptly informed Xu Bin.

"Less than three days ago. This means there's still hope to find her safely, unless something unexpected happened on her way home!"

Xu Bin muttered as he placed his laptop on Ding Yue's desk and started typing swiftly.

The first thing to do at this point is definitely to check the surveillance footage from Mist City Arts and Science University!

Chapter 439: Rumors Abound, Someone Smears

Thump thump thump!

The office door was knocked on.

In fact, the office door was not closed. Ding Yue turned to look and saw two police officers at the door.

"Officer Zhang, right?"

Upon seeing this, Qi Chunsheng immediately came forward to ask.

It was Qi Chunsheng who had contacted the Mist City Police Department and spoke to Officer Zhang on the phone.

"Hmm hmm, you are Director Qi?" The middle-aged Officer Zhang nodded.

Behind Officer Zhang was a comparatively younger police officer.

Considering that they'd come to understand the case so late, it was clear that the police officers of this Parallel World were quite dedicated.

"Hello Officer Zhang, I am Principal Ding Yue." Ding Yue walked forward, gave Officer Zhang a simple handshake, and immediately started to discuss the case: "I guess the police would want to have the surveillance video from our Mist City Arts and Science University as soon as possible, right?"

"Yes, only after obtaining your surveillance video can we analyze the case tomorrow or later."

Officer Zhang nodded and said.

"Tomorrow? We can check now!" Ding Yue shook his head and said, "Officer Zhang, I assume you understand that with every minute we save in solving this disappearance case, our students are one minute safer, aren't they?"

Upon hearing this, Officer Zhang looked at Ding Yue with surprise.

This young principal Ding seemed to be quite concerned and it was evident that he was very worried about the safety of the students--a very responsible principal.

"Right, but after obtaining the surveillance video, we need to perform a technical analysis to find leads. As soon as our technical staff starts work tomorrow morning, they will get right to it."

Officer Zhang explained.

According to the process, he was supposed to come to Mist City Arts and Science University to collect the relevant surveillance videos.

"No need, we can provide technical staff!" Ding Yue smiled and then looked at Xu Bin.

Xu Bin slightly nodded, then quietly hit the return key on the computer.

Then, on the projector screen in the office, one surveillance video after another began to appear.

"Officer Zhang, look, this is the video footage from September 30th, at 2:45 PM, when student Zhou Xiaoyan left the dormitory building."

Xu Bin explained to Officer Zhang.

Officer Zhang looked up and indeed saw the missing student in the surveillance video.

"You..."

"This is Xu Bin, our school's top computer genius." Ding Yue confidently said, "The school's surveillance system is his work; it's extremely quick to check the school's surveillance."

"Impressive, such talent." Officer Zhang couldn't help but exclaim.

Usually, finding video footage of missing persons from surveillance videos requires the technical department of the police station to complete the task.

Surprisingly, just as he arrived, Mist City Arts and Science University had already filtered the surveillance videos via a computer genius.

"This is at 3:03 PM, when student Zhou Xiaoyan left the school gate. The surveillance video segment..." Xu Bin switched the video and played the next surveillance video segment for Officer Zhang and others: "From here we can see that student Zhou Xiaoyan met with a man, or rather, this man was waiting for her at the school gate."

"This man is highly suspicious. The disappearance of student Zhou is obviously related to him!" Officer Zhang used his many years of case-solving experience for such observations.

"Indeed, in the last footage from our school's surveillance video, student Zhou Xiaoyan was last seen interacting with this man."

Ding Yue nodded, agreeing with Officer Zhang's analysis.

In the surveillance video, you can see Zhou Xiaoyan at the gate, carrying a white backpack and dragging a suitcase, walking towards a man in a black jacket.

The man in the black jacket then carried on a face-to-face conversation with Zhou Xiaoyan and took the suitcase from her.

The two seemed to know each other?

"Is this man in the black jacket a student at your school?" Officer Zhang frowned and asked.

"Just a moment!"

Xu Bin went over to his laptop and operated it for a while after which he was able to extract a clear image of the man in the black jacket from the surveillance video.

"I can execute an intelligent comparison between his face and the photos of each student from our school!"

As Xu Bin spoke, he continued operating the system.

Officer Zhang couldn't help but look at Xu Bin once again, was this young student of Mist City Arts and Science University this capable?

"Pretty impressive!" Officer Zhang couldn't help but praise.

Ding Yue just smiled and said, "Our school's top computer genius certainly isn't just all talk!"

"The results of the comparison are out. This man in the black jacket is not a student at our school." Xu Bin shook his head and said.

"Then, this is going to be difficult to investigate. We will need to check the route surveillance of student Zhou, and that's going to take a long time!" Officer Zhang noted that the case seemed to have reached a bottleneck.

If the man in the black jacket was not a student of Mist City Arts and Science University, they would have to check the surveillance video from when student Zhou Xiaoyan left the university.

"Officer Zhang, the more time we waste, the more danger our student Zhou is in. If I have the police's Sky Eye Authorization, I can immediately track down the movements of Student Zhou Xiaoyan within the entire surveillance video of Mist City!"

Xu Bin suddenly turned around and said seriously to Officer Zhang.

Hiss!

Officer Zhang couldn't help but gasp at his words.

Is he really that capable?

Just by giving him a lawful authorization, he could access and even match the Sky Eye Surveillance system of Mist City?

This sounds like a high-tech skill that only computer experts in sci-fi movies would have.

At least Officer Zhang knew that his colleagues in the Technical Department of the University Town branch wouldn't have been able to do it. The Technical Department relied on analyzing the movement tracks and paths of Student Zhou Xiaoyan to selectively retrieve surveillance footage.

The advanced Sky Eye Investigation technology is not available to the University Town branch. It's something that only provincial headquarters would have.

But a disappearance case like this obviously wouldn't alarm the higher-ups!

"Is that true?" Ding Yue couldn't help but look at Xu Bin and asked in astonishment.

Even Ding Yue thought that what Xu Bin has just said was impressive!

No wonder he is set to become the best hacker.

Of course, Xu Bin needed the Sky Eye Authorization from the police, otherwise, it would be illegal, and Xu Bin would not do it.

Xu Bin turned to Ding Yue and nodded firmly.

This small feat of technology was nothing in the eyes of the leading hacker, Xu Bin.

Even hacking into a super-encrypted internal network would be no problem for Xu Bin, but he would not do that because he is a man of principles.

"Officer Zhang, I trust in my friend!" Ding Yue said, looking seriously at Officer Zhang and nodding his head.

At a time like this, finding Student Zhou Xiaoyan as soon as possible is undoubtedly clear to Officer Zhang too.

Officer Zhang hesitated, then after about half a minute, he nodded and said, "Alright, I agree, but I need to check in first."

As soon as he finished speaking, Officer Zhang walked toward the floor-to-ceiling window, took out his mobile phone and made a call to his superior.

The phone call lasted about two minutes, and then Officer Zhang came over and said, "Alright, we, the police force, can authorize you. You will work as a technical assistant to our case."

Xu Bin was pretty excited to hear what Officer Zhang said.

After all, it was the first time that his hacking skills would be used to serve the people!

Then Officer Zhang gave Xu Bin a password to gain the Sky Eye authorization from the police. As such, any actions taken by Xu Bin from then on would not be considered illegal as he had the police's permission.

Once Xu Bin obtained the authority to freely access the surveillance videos of Mist City, he quickly used his skills to search for Student Zhou Xiaoyan's picture within the city-wide surveillance footage on his computer!

The reason for searching the whole city was that the police had already checked Zhou Xiaoyan's transportation records.

She had not purchased any train, bus or plane tickets to go home. In the absence of any ticket purchase records, it was highly probable that Zhou Xiaoyan was still in Mist City.

"Bin, how long will this take?" Ding Yue approached Xu Bin and asked curiously.

"Cough, Yue, if you could provide me with the world's most powerful computer, this would only take a few seconds. But given the current situation, I have set the best track route for selection, this will still take at least half an hour, as the amount of surveillance footage is huge."

Xu Bin explained.

After hearing Xu Bin's explanation, Ding Yue understood that even if it took half an hour or an hour, it was still relatively fast.

If they didn't proceed in this manner, Officer Zhang and his team would probably just get the surveillance video recording from the Mist City Arts and Science University and return to the police station, where the responsible ones might start working overtime tonight.

But under normal circumstances, a missing persons case like this would be continued using the relevant technologies after the police officers were back on duty the next day.

Officer Zhang had said that it would take some time to find Zhou Xiaoyan's surveillance footage tracks.

Without thinking, Ding Yue knew that it would have to start with several days at the least.

If they delayed that much and Zhou Xiaoyan got into any danger, wouldn't that be a disaster?

Nothing should happen to any student of his Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue would never allow that. After all, during the daily teaching and during vacations, the school always emphasized safety for its students.

"Principal Ding, so many people online are saying that we are irresponsible about student safety, so much slander, it's making me furious!"

While Xu Bin was busy searching, Wen Ruohan came up to Principal Ding holding her cellphone and spoke angrily.

In the beginning, they were just rumours, then somebody stirred the pot, and netizens started saying that the students of Mist City Arts and Science University are disappearing, that the school is not responsible, and that the safety of students is not assured, scathing criticisms without any basis.

"Hmm?"

On hearing this, Ding Yue looked at Wen Ruohan's phone and found indeed there seemed to be some people deliberately spreading rumors and leading negative opinions.

Could it be that someone is seizing this opportunity to tarnish the reputation of his Mist City Arts and Science University? Trying to start rumors and discredit the institution?

Of course, this was just Ding Yue's conjecture. It might also just be that some marketing account was leading the discourse and wound up causing a scandal.

"Principal Ding, if these rumors cause considerable impact, we can take public security management penalty measures and detain the rumormongers!"

Officer Zhang looked at Ding Yue and said very seriously.

Chapter 440: Found the Missing Student at Light Speed

Ding Yue was not concerned about the rumors on the internet at the moment.

The most crucial task was to find Student Zhou Xiaoyan from Mist City Arts and Science University who had gone missing.

"Officer Zhang, we can deal with the rumors later. It's more important to find Student Zhou Xiaoyan as soon as possible," Ding Yue said in a steady tone.

Officer Zhang glanced at Ding Yue. The young university principal always knew what was urgent and important. He was quite an impressive figure.

As a police officer of the University Town branch, Officer Zhang had heard of the well-known Mist City Arts and Science University.

Its ability to stand out among various private colleges was not without reason!

About twenty minutes later...

Xu Bin continued to review the Sky Eye Surveillance while pulling up the already found security footage for screen projection.

"After leaving our school, this is Zhou Xiaoyan's surveillance footage heading towards the commercial pedestrian street of University Town. After walking out from here, the two took the subway."

Xu Bin slowly switched the surveillance footage to portray Zhou Xiaoyan and a man in a black jacket taking the subway from University Town.

"They're heading towards the city."

Officer Zhang narrowed his eyes and questioned, "Is there more surveillance footage?"

Xu Bin nodded as he switched to more retrieved surveillance footage, "Here, the two alight from the subway at Binjiang Station, followed the surveillance cameras out, but then disappeared from the footage."

"I've found it."

Xu Bin found another video clip with a timestamp of 5:42 PM on September 30th. "Officer Zhang, these two entered this building in Jiangyuan Community and never came out."

"It doesn't look like a kidnapping, as Zhou Xiaoyan and the man in the black jacket seem to be happily chatting all the way. But, Zhou Xiaoyan is not from Mist City, so why would she tell her family that she was going home for the holidays and then not return? Furthermore, she's lost all contact through her phone and Whatsapp."

Officer Zhang quickly started to analyze the details of this missing person's case.

"Could it be a friend she met online? And then she was tricked into a pyramid scheme?" Ding Yue speculated.

Upon hearing that, Officer Zhang immediately looked at Ding Yue and nodded, "That was my thought as well. Xiao Liu, call the branch and ask for assistance, let's go immediately!"

Having confirmed that Zhou Xiaoyan and the man in the black jacket had entered Building 4 in Jiangyuan Community and never came out, they could almost certainly determine that Zhou Xiaoyan was in Building 4 at this moment.

"Officer Zhang, we'll go along with you. After finding Zhou Xiaoyan, we can take her back to school right away and wait for her parents," Ding Yue said earnestly.

Officer Zhang thought for a moment. Considering the difficulty of searching in the building and the inadequate manpower sent from the branch for by just missing person, he agreed. "Fine, Principal Ding, take some of our university security staff with you to assist in searching Building 4 in Jiangyuan Community."

"Okay!"

Ding Yue nodded and turned to Wen Ruohan, "Tell the security team to gather at the school gate."

Wen Ruohan immediately took out his phone and informed the security team.

"Let's go!"

It was the first time Officer Zhang had so quickly locked down a missing person's location. Knowing that Zhou Xiaoyan from Mist City Arts and Science University was in Building 4 in Jiangyuan Community, they set off immediately to rescue her.

Ding Yue took Huang and Bin. He asked them to start their cars and meet him at the school gate.

Ding Yue decided to leave Director Qi Chunsheng behind due to his age. Liu Qianxing, the Dean of the Business and Management School, accompanied them.

Once they arrived at the school gate, the head of the security team had already gathered a platoon of security personnel. Ding Yue asked Officer Zhang how many people they needed, to which he replied five or six. Ding Yue quickly selected five security guards to join them.

The three cars followed Officer Zhang's police car rapidly towards Jiangyuan Community in the center of Mist City.

On the way, Officer Zhang contacted the officers sent by his branch to assist him.

"Xiao Wang, there are three of you, right?"

"Yes, Brother Zhang."

"Good, let's meet at the entrance of Jiangyuan Community. If you arrive first, check with the property management for the list of tenants in Building 4." Officer Zhang immediately ordered.

"Sure!"

The journey from University Town to Jiangyuan Community in the city took over an hour.

However, while Ding Yue and Officer Zhang were on their way to Jiangyuan Community, they received news from the branch

"Officer Zhang, the branch reported that Zhou Xiaoyan's mother received a message on Whatsapp from Zhou Xiaoyan's phone," Xiao Zhang reported to Officer Zhang.

Officer Zhang asked gravely, "What message?"

"First, there was a blank message, followed by a message asking for a transfer of 50,000 RMB, claiming that she had accidentally hit someone else's car while riding a shared bike and needed to pay compensation!" Xiao Zhang replied.

"That's obviously the criminals' scheme. If it is a pyramid scheme, it's very likely they planned to defraud with her phone when Zhou Xiaoyan refused to cooperate."