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Chapter 611: Zurich Federal Institute of Technology

The flight from China to Switzerland takes about ten hours.

Ding Yue and his group of six departed from Yancheng at 9 o'clock in the morning. When they arrived in Zurich, Switzerland, it was already around 7 o'clock in the evening according to Yancheng's time.

However.

Since Switzerland is in the Eastern European Time Zone, and Xia Country is in the China Standard Time Zone. Thus, there is approximately a seven-hour time difference between the two places.

In other words, 9 o'clock in the morning in Xia Country is 2 o'clock in the early morning in Switzerland.

And by the time Ding Yue and his team from Mist City Arts and Science University arrived in Zurich, it was around noon.

"We've been flying for ten hours, but it's still daytime in Switzerland?"

Huang Youjie was a bit confused after getting off the plane.

He hadn't considered the time difference.

Xu Bin then slapped the back of Huang's head, "Are you stupid? Isn't there a time difference?"

"Right, right. I forgot."

Hearing this, Huang hurriedly nodded.

Ding Yue felt rather energetic when he got to Zurich, Switzerland, probably because he had taken a nap on the plane.

The issue of jet lag did not seem to be a significant problem.

The other five people were in a similar situation to Ding Yue.

"Principal Ding, I remember Switzerland is in the Eastern European Time Zone, right? And Xia Country is in China Standard Time Zone, which means there's a seven-hour difference between here and Xia Country, so the current time in Switzerland is... noon?"

Wen Ruohan began calculating earnestly.

Ding Yue glanced at Wen Ruohan. Seeing the young lady's serious face as she calculated the time, he couldn't help but find her a little adorable.

There is some distance from the airport to downtown Zurich, but Wen Ruohan came prepared. She contacted their five-star hotel to arrange a shuttle.

Additionally, before the trip, Wen Ruohan had already exchanged a large amount of Euros for Principal Ding to use for their expenses and shopping in Europe.

Shortly after, two hotel shuttles arrived and transported the group of six to downtown Zurich.

Zurich doesn't seem to be as famous in Europe as Paris, London, Berlin, Prague, etc. At least, it seems less well-known back in China.

However, Zurich, as the largest city in the Swiss Confederation and the national center of politics, economy, culture, and transportation, is also one of the wealthiest cities in Europe. Zurich has been rated as one of the most livable cities in the world by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for many years.

In Zurich, more than 120 banks have their global headquarters, and over half of these are foreign banks. Hence, it is also known as the "Billionaires' City of Europe" and is one of the largest financial centers in the world.

After reaching downtown Zurich, Ding Yue noticed that the city was divided by the Limmat River, with the Old Town on the west bank.

And the New City District was on the east bank.

The hotel where Ding Yue and the others were staying was located in the New City District.

After arriving at the hotel, Ding Yue and his team checked into a luxurious five-star hotel. Since there was no need to stay in a presidential suite, they settled for an ordinary executive suite.

Despite the steep price, Ding Yue wasn't bothered by the cost.

"Principal Ding, I've put your luggage here. I'm going back to my room now." After placing Principal Ding's luggage, secretary Wen Ruohan prepared to leave.

"Good, you can go back and rest, try to adjust to the time difference."

Ding Yue nodded.

However, Wen Ruohan shook her head and said, "Well, Principal Ding, I took a nap on the plane, so I don't think there's a need to adjust the time difference."

As soon as Wen Ruohan had finished speaking, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin also arrived at Ding Yue's room doorway.

"Just arrived in Switzerland, and you're not resting?"

Ding Yue looked at Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, who were full of energy.

It seemed that everyone took a nap on the plane. Now that they had arrived in Switzerland, despite it only being noon, no one was tired. On the contrary, everyone was full of spirit.

The ACM International College Student Programming Competition starts at 2 PM Switzerland time tomorrow. If they were to rest now, they might have trouble sleeping at night, which would be bad for their performance the next day in the competition.

Upon this thought, Ding Yue frowned and said to Huang and Bin, "How about we go out for a walk?"

"That's just what we were thinking!"

Huang Youjie excitedly nodded.

Xu Bin also nodded: "I talked with Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen about going sightseeing today, then rest well tonight, and be ready for the ACM contest tomorrow!"

"Alright then, let's go!"

Seeing that Xu Bin and his computer team had a plan, Ding Yue readily agreed to the idea of sightseeing.

They could go sightseeing for the afternoon, then come back and have an early dinner and rest at the hotel. It was the perfect plan.

"Hehe, need a travel guide for Zurich?"

At this point, Wen Ruohan also got excited, waving her phone.

Before their trip, Wen Ruohan had already prepared travel guides for Zurich, Switzerland, and even the rest of Europe.

"Well done, Xiao Wen!" Ding Yue gave Wen Ruohan a thumbs up.

He had to admit that his personal secretary was incredibly meticulous and dedicated in her work. Ding Yue had lost count of how many times he had complimented Wen Ruohan.

When he first hired Wen Ruohan—a student in the secretarial studies program— as his secretary, Ding Yue didn't have high expectations. He thought it would take several years before Wen Ruohan could fully grasp her job.

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It was surprising that in just over a year, Wen Ruohan had become a mature secretary to the principal.

"Bin, call Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen, let's go!"

And so.

Under the careful guidance of Wen Ruohan, the six people from Mist City Arts and Science University left the hotel, took public transport in the city area, and began to experience the richest city in Europe and one of the most livable cities in the world.

According to Wen Ruohan's guide, the Old Town of Zurich is a must-see. A tram ride will get you there.

"This is Gothic architecture, isn't it?"

Walking down the streets of Zurich's Old Town, Huang Youjie glanced around. Occasionally, he could see a few European beauties, and the architecture here was obviously different from back home.

Upon arriving in front of a building, Huang couldn't resist any longer and quickly called Wen Ruohan to start taking photos in front of the building.

"Hey, hey, hey, Xiao Wen is my personal secretary." Ding Yue glared at Huang and joked, "Do you know that I charge for taking your photos?"

Huang was completely immersed in posing for various photos and didn't pay any attention to Ding Yue.

Ding Yue discovered that Zurich's Old Town was a hub for traditional craftsmen, antique traders, bookstores, and flower shops, as well as jewelry and fashionable boutiques.

Obviously, the best way to explore the Old Town is on foot. The streets were not like those inside the country. The roads were paved with cobblestones stretching through the city. A slow walk through the quiet streets under sufficient light was perfect for photography.

Further down the street, Wen Ruohan was quickly attracted by a jewelry store.

"Principal Ding, can I go in and have a look?"

Wen Ruohan asked Principal Ding for permission.

After all, as a girl, it would be more appropriate to visit a jewelry store. However, exploring a jewelry store could take some time, so she asked Principal Ding if they could wait for her.

Upon hearing her request, Ding Yue, with a smile, nodded in approval.

So Wen Ruohan hurried into the jewelry store.

Despite being in the Old Town of Zurich, the richest city in Europe, there was no shortage of jewelry and fashionable goods. Renowned brands were everywhere, evidently reflecting the high consumption here.

About five minutes later, Wen Ruohan came out of the jewelry store with a crestfallen look.

"Are you done shopping?"

Ding Yue asked upon seeing Wen Ruohan's deflated mood.

"It's so expensive!"

Wen Ruohan echoed a phrase often spoken by many of today's young people when facing the cost of consumption.

"On this trip to Europe, you handled a lot for us all. So, I'll reward you. Go in and pick a piece of jewelry you like, and I'll pay." Ding Yue said with a light laugh to Wen Ruohan.

After hearing what he said, Wen Ruohan's face lit up with joy, and she asked in surprise, "Principal Ding, really?"

"Hmm? When have I ever gone back on my word?" Ding Yue shrugged nonchalantly.

"Yay! Long live Principal Ding!"

Wen Ruohan, reigniting in excitement and joy, once again rushed back into the jewelry store.

In the end, Wen Ruohan picked a piece of jewelry worth around 500 euros, which is about 3,500 yuan.

It was only when Ding Yue went into the jewelry store to pay that he found out, the piece of jewelry Wen Ruohan chose was actually one of the cheapest items in the store.

"Wen Ruohan, you could have chosen better pieces, why did you only pick a piece of jewelry worth 500 euros?"

Upon leaving the jewelry store, Ding Yue couldn't help but curiously ask Wen Ruohan.

Under similar circumstances, a more vanity-loving girl would probably have chosen jewelry worth thousands of euros or even more expensive ones.

"I think this piece is really pretty, and I like it a lot. It's 500 euros, Principal Ding, that's a lot!"

Wen Ruohan said purely and joyfully.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue couldn't help but chuckle.

This girl was indeed a good person.

After a tour of Zurich's Old Town and experiencing its unique cityscape, Ding Yue and the others unknowingly arrived again at the riverside.

This river should be the Limmat River cuddling the Old Town.

By the river, tourists were interacting with swans, forming quite an interesting picture.

"Can you imagine how enjoyable life would be if we lived here?"

"This is the richest city in Europe. Without money, life here wouldn't be so pleasant."

"Hahaha, thinking about it, I actually think that back home is quite good."

"That's right, we have many pleasant cities in Xia Country, and even better landscapes. Zurich, after all, is just like this."

"By the way, Chen Jun, where would you like to live in the future?"

"I want to go to Shu City. The pace of life is slower there. What about you?"

"I want to buy a villa in a quiet environment, and when I have nothing to do, I'll do some software programming. That life would be so comfortable."

Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen, two students from the computer science department, walked along the banks of the Limmat River and started conversing.

"I think your idea is quite good, Ouyang Chen," Ding Yue said, naturally joining in their conversation, "Work hard in the future, and the money for a villa will come quickly. After all, with the progress of technology, who wouldn't want to work remotely in their own villa amidst the peace and quiet?"

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Ding Yue felt that achieving Ouyang Chen's ambition might not be that difficult.

Xu Bin had told him that Ouyang Chen was highly skilled in computer technology, otherwise, he wouldn't have chosen him to form a team for the ACM International College Student Programming Competition.

Ding Yue obviously wanted to retain such a computer talent as Ouyang Chen for his use.

Once Ouyang Chen joined his Feiyue Group and developed amazing software, it wouldn't be hard for him to make money.

"But after we start working, which company would allow its programmers to work remotely from home every day?"

Chen Jun sighed helplessly and shook his head.

In the country, programmers in the IT industry, besides working and doing overtime at the office during the day, would likely have to do more work once they got home. Their lives were extremely tough.

The thought of working from home whenever you want was almost unthinkable.

Of course, excluding the special circumstances of last year.

"At Feiyue Group in the future, excellent IT staff can work remotely from wherever they want."

Ding Yue looked at Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen and said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen were immediately filled with longing for Principal Ding's Feiyue Group.

All students at the Mist City Arts and Science University knew that the Feiyue Group was the corporate entity behind their university and was also owned by Principal Ding.

The welfare at Feiyue Group was astonishingly good, which many students also knew.

The first group of students to join Feiyue Group were from the Mechanical Department. Although they were working on the manufacturing of Big White healthcare robots at Feiyue Group, their compensation far exceeded that offered by similar mechanical manufacturing companies.

"Principal Ding, is what you said just now really feasible? After graduation, if we work at our school's company, do we not need to punch in and out from nine to five every day?"

Chen Jun asked Principal Ding excitedly.

Ding Yue replied with a relaxed smile and a nod, "Exactly. For jobs like computer programming and software development, it doesn't matter where you do it, as long as you have the equipment, right?"

"Principal Ding, I heard that the staff at Feiyue Animation took a long paid leave after finishing 'Super Combat Team'. Is that true?"

Ouyang Chen asked curiously.

The company treats its employees extremely well, doesn't it?

You should know that in most companies in our country, overtime has essentially become the norm. It's even been said that working a 996 schedule is a blessing, and programmers often work round the clock.

The Feiyue Animation studio, which many students from the Animation Department of Mist City Arts and Science University have joined, started going on holiday in September and continued until December. This was unbelievably fantastic.

Feiyue Animation is a department under Feiyue Group. One can tell how great Principal Ding's Feiyue Group is from this small example.

However, Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen didn't know whether Principal Ding's Feiyue Group was hiring computer science graduates.

"Of course, it's quite normal for the Feiyue Animation studio to take a longer leave this time after their great success."

Ding Yue answered, then looked at Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen and asked, "Where do you plan to work after you graduate?"

"Silicon Valley!"

"Zhongguan Village!"

For computer science students, places like Silicon Valley or Zhongguan Village are undoubtedly their ideal destinations.

"Quite good." Ding Yue praised Chen Jun's and Ouyang Chen's career plans.

However!

Silicon Valley and Zhongguan Village might not be the best places for Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen.

"Have you considered staying here?"

Ding Yue suddenly looked at the two of them and asked, "The school is planning to create its own high-tech industry, and we need talents in the field of computer science like you."

Just like Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei from the Mechanical Department, Ding Yue certainly wanted to keep Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen.

Such outstanding students would surely become technical talents in the computer industry in the future, which would be crucial to the internal development of Mist City Arts and Science University that Ding Yue was planning.

"Principal Ding, you just said...you want us to stay after graduation?" Chen Jun asked incredulously, "Actually, I'm willing to join."

Ding Yue glanced at Chen Jun.

He didn't expect this young man to be so enthusiastic. It seemed that he was a hardcore fan of the Mist City Arts and Science University.

"I'm also willing. Actually, I really want to work on software development with Director Xu."
Ouyang Chen also nodded.

Seeing the two students agreeing, Ding Yue nodded with satisfaction, "Great, then let me take the liberty of welcoming you to the Feiyue Group in advance."

"What are you talking about?"

At this moment, Xu Bin, who had finished frolicking with the swans by the river, walked over. Seeing Ding Yue chatting with Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen, he curiously asked.

"Recruiting talent."

Ding Yue simply responded with these four words to Xu Bin, then walked towards Huang and Wen Ruohan, "We've finished touring the old town, let's go to the main show for today."

"Main show?"

Xu Bin was slightly taken aback and whispered, "What main show?"

"What do we do?" Ding Yue turned around and looked at Xu Bin, asking him.

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"We came to participate in the ACM International College Student Programming Competition." Xu Bin answered.

"Uh, I mean, our Mist City Arts and Science University... It's a university, right? Since we are in the richest city in Europe, shouldn't we visit the universities here?"

"You mean!"

Upon hearing this, Xu Bin's face lit up with delight, and he excitedly said, "Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology!"

Ding Yue smiled slightly and nodded.

"Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, what kind of joke is this? Is it better than our Mist City Arts and Science University?"

Wen Ruohan heard Director Xu mention the name of this university from not too far away, and couldn't help but ask Huang Youjie next to her.

"Pfft!"

Huang Youjie had just taken a sip of water and suddenly spat it out.

"What's wrong, Huang?"

Ding Yue had just walked over and saw Huang spit out a mouthful of water and asked out of curiosity.

"Just now... Secretary Wen asked, asked whether the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is as good as our Mist City Arts and Science University, haha!"

Unable to restrain himself, Huang burst out laughing.

Wen Ruohan was completely baffled and didn't know what was going on, "Could it be... that this Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is very impressive?"

Obviously, Ding Yue noticed that Wen Ruohan didn't know about the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, because indeed the name of this school isn't easy to remember, especially compared to Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial Polytechnic, and Nanyang Technological Universities which are somewhat mouthful.

"Xiao Wen, haven't you heard of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology?" Ding Yue looked at Wen Ruohan and asked.

Wen Ruohan honestly shook her head.

She couldn't recognize even many of the universities in her own country, let alone those on a global scale. She had never studied them.

"Speaking of top European institutions, which three do you think would make the cut?" Ding Yue asked Wen Ruohan another question.

"Um, Cambridge? Oxford? These two universities are definitely there, right?"

"That's correct."

Ding Yue nodded.

"Um, what about the third?" Wen Ruohan was stumped because when she thought of world-renowned universities in Europe, she could only think of Cambridge University and Oxford University.

A smile appeared at the corner of Ding Yue's mouth, he raised his hand, and patted Wen Ruohan on the head, "The third one is the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology."

"Are they that impressive?"

Wen Ruohan was stunned upon hearing this.

Can this university, which she has hardly ever heard of, be on par with Cambridge and Oxford?

That's incredible!

"In the QS World University Rankings, Oxford University ranks fourth globally, and Cambridge University ranks seventh globally. Do you know what rank the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is?"

Ding Yue asked again with a smile.

"I know, I know, Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is ranked sixth!" At this point, Ouyang Chen excitedly stepped forward and said.

Hearing this, Ding Yue turned his head and glared at Ouyang Chen.

"Wow! World's sixth!" Wen Ruohan was completely flabbergasted.

This exceeded her initial estimation. Because just a while ago, when Principal Ding said that the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology could be ranked with Cambridge University and Oxford University as the top three world-renowned universities in Europe, she thought its world ranking could at least be in the top twenty.

But she didn't expect it to be ranked sixth, even higher than the ranking of Cambridge University, how terrifying!

"The Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology has always been known as the best institution in Europe, you can see its strength!"

Xu Bin explained to Wen Ruohan.

"At the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, there are too many winners of the Nobel Prize, Fields Medal, and Turing Award, Einstein graduated from the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology!" Ding Yue patiently explained to Wen Ruohan.

Hiss!

Wen Ruohan couldn't help but gasp upon hearing this.

Who doesn't know Einstein!

He graduated from this university?

No wonder this university is so powerful. She had just questioned whether this university was better than their Mist City Arts and Science University.

This isn't a question of whether it's better or not, it's simply a beating!

Seeing such a surprised look on Wen Ruohan, Ding Yue then smiled and said: "But perhaps in the future, our Mist City Arts and Science University might be even better than the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology."

Chapter 615: Chinese American Professor of Biological Science

Everyone felt like Principal Ding was "dreaming".

This Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is so outstanding, ranked sixth in the QS World University Rankings, and there's quite a gap with the private institution Mist City Arts and Science University.

However.

Only Ding Yue firmly believed, there will come a day when his Mist City Arts and Science University will surpass the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology and become the most impressive university in the world.

After touring the old city of Zurich, Ding Yue and the others went to the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

As a strong yet not so well-known university in domestic, it held great appeal for college students majoring in computing engineering like Xu Bin, Chen Jun, and Ouyang Chen .

For Ding Yue, since he had already traveled to Zurich, a visit to the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology was a must.

The main campus of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is located in the center of Zurich. Established in the 1860s, it has a certain history of teaching. The Zurich University is located next to it.

Zurich University is also quite notable, although its ranking isn't as high as that of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology. However, it holds the 59th place in the QS World University Rankings, on par with other first-tier universities in the Xia Country excluding Qinghua and Yancheng University.

Because the main campus in the city center is a bit old, the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology built a new campus on the foothills in the northern part of the city.

This new campus is called the - Science City!

The new campus concentrates departments like physics, chemistry, materials, architecture, and civil engineering, and should be the main teaching site now.

As for the main campus, also known as the old campus, due to its distinct architectural features, it has become a must-see sight for visitors in Zurich.

As Ding Yue and the team started from the old city, inevitably they were closer to the main campus, that is, the old campus.

So, they arrived at the old campus of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology to check in first.

At this place, several tourists were taking photos and checking in, Ding Yue and his friends spent about half an hour touring the old campus of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, all six of them took a photo as a memento.

If visiting the old campus is for sightseeing, then visiting the new campus, Ding Yue wanted to see what this so-called "Science City" was really like.

"Onward! To the new campus of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology!"

After Ding Yue and his team set off, they talked about the new campus of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology on the road.

"I heard that in the new campus of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, there are countless research bases for physics, chemistry, materials, etc., and many big figures in the related fields are doing research here."

Xu Bin said with emotion.

"So that's why it's also called the Science City, it makes sense." Ding Yue said with a hint of envy in his tone: "I wonder how many patented technologies will be born here in a year."

"There's no need to guess, the number is definitely huge." Huang chimed in from the side.

"The physics, architecture, natural sciences, engineering and technology, and biological sciences of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology are all world-class."

Ding Yue said seriously.

The physics at Mist City Arts and Science University is still at its initial stage. Only Ding Yue and a few professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology have achieved something in the field of third-generation semiconductor materials technology.

Then there's Xia Qing, who is rather talented in the field of quantum mechanics, but other aspects are yet to show promising prospects.

Hence, the physics at Mist City Arts and Science University obviously can't compare to that at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

But Ding Yue is quite ambitious.

Physics at Mist City Arts and Science University will be greatly developed eventually, it's just a matter of time. If all else fails, after admitting 4 terms of students, Ding Yue doesn't believe that none of them would be outstanding.

Moreover, Ding Yue will grant learning BUFF as a bonus!

The architecture at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is also quite impressive, and so is that at Mist City Arts and Science University.

However, these two "impressive" are not at the same level yet, at least they're miles apart.

Ding Yue is very optimistic about the future development of the Architecture Department of Mist City Arts and Science University. Besides, he himself is inclined to invest resources in its construction and development. If it still couldn't take off, it would be a let-down to Ding Yue's expectations.

In fact, Ding Yue was particularly interested in the biological sciences of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

Although the Mist City Arts and Science University offers relevant majors in biological sciences, Ding Yue hasn't put much attention in this field so far after over a year.

"Principal Ding, I've contacted a Chinese professor from the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology. He welcomes our visit to Zurich and is willing to take us around the new campus of Federal Technology University in North Foothill."

In the car, Wen Ruohan suddenly raised her head excitedly and spoke to Principal Ding.

"Oh?"

Ding Yue was quite surprised upon hearing this.

Ding Yue originally planned to just visit the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology casually to learn as much as they could.

Turns out, Wen Ruohan had done a great job, even contacting a Chinese professor from the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

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If there's a Chinese professor leading Ding Yue and others on a tour of the Science City, they will surely learn more.

"What's the professor's name?" Ding Yue asked immediately.

"Professor Yang Kaining, a professor of biological sciences at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology," Wen Ruohan answered.

Ding Yue immediately took out his mobile phone and searched online for this Professor Yang Kaining.

Being a professor in such an important field as Biological Sciences at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, he must be quite a figure.

Sure enough, online information shows that Professor Yang Kaining, who is 52 years old this year, graduated from the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology with a degree in biological sciences and has decades of biomedical research experience abroad, with commendable achievements.

As he grew older, in addition to continuing his research in the field of biological sciences, Professor Yang Kaining returned to his alma mater to teach.

Furthermore, Ding Yue found out online that although Professor Yang Kaining is of Chinese descent, he still has strong emotional ties to Xia Country, and he visits it almost every year to live for two to three months.

For someone like Yang Kaining who is engaged in cutting-edge scientific fields, it is definitely better here in Switzerland, especially since the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is his alma mater after all.

After a car ride, upon arriving at the new campus of the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology at the North Foothill, Wen Ruohan led everyone around the campus for approximately twenty minutes before they finally met Professor Yang Kaining in front of a teaching building.

"Hello, Professor Yang!"

Seeing Professor Yang Kaining, Wen Ruohan waved and immediately jogged over to him.

"Hello, hello. You must be Wen Ruohan, who contacted me online, correct?" Professor Yang Kaining looked at Wen Ruohan in front of him and asked with a smile.

Ding Yue took a close look at Professor Yang Kaining. Although he was in his fifties, he looked quite spirited. Wearing black-framed glasses, his demeanor very much resembled that of a prominent scientist.

It was such a pity that a person engaged in the research of biological sciences was not able to stay in his home country.

Given the opportunity, Ding Yue would definitely invite Professor Yang Kaining back to Xia Country to continue his research in biological sciences.

"Professor Yang, this is our Principal, Ding Yue!" Wen Ruohan gave a brief introduction of Principal Ding to Professor Yang Kaining.

"You are from... Mist City Arts and Science University?" It seemed that Professor Yang Kaining had not heard of this domestic university.

At this point, Ding Yue stepped forward, extended his hand to shake with Professor Yang, and said politely, "Hello, Professor Yang. A pleasure to finally meet. I am Ding Yue, the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University. We are a private university in our country, so you might not have heard of us."

"Oh, I see."

Professor Yang suddenly realized.

So it was a private university from his home country. It was no wonder he had not heard of it. If it was Mist City University, Yang Kaining, as someone quite familiar with his home country, would have known about it. Mist City University is one of the Double First Class Universities in the country.

But, he had indeed never heard of this Mist City Arts and Science University.

The majority of Professor Yang Kaining's time is devoted to his research in biological sciences. While he's familiar with the situation in his home country, it is quite normal for him not to know of Mist City Arts and Science University, a private university which has only been established for a little over a year.

Moreover, this young man Ding Xiao seemed quite youthful.

He must be the son of a domestic private education conglomerate, right?

If Yang Kaining had known this initially, he might have reconsidered Wen Ruohan's suggestion over the internet to take them on a tour of the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

The reason Yang Kaining agreed in the first place was because Wen Ruohan seemed quite amiable in her internet correspondence, explaining that they had come from their home country, hoping to visit and learn from the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

Due to his Chinese heritage, Yang Kaining warmly agreed to Wen Ruohan's request to take them on a thorough tour of the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

"Though our Mist City Arts and Science University is an obscure private university, we are aiming high in our learning journey. This is why, during our trip to Zurich, we absolutely have to visit the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology," Ding Yue said to Professor Yang Kaining with an eager-to-learn expression.

Indeed, Yang Kaining saw in Ding Yue an eager-to-learn attitude, which he appreciated.

"Alright then, I'll show you around. This school is also known as the Science City of Zurich. Many scientific disciplines and majors at the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology are taught here in the new campus, including physics, architecture, and materials science, which are globally top-ranking."

Professor Yang Kaining began to lead Ding Yue and others around the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology's campus, introducing Ding Yue to some of its features.

In fact, Ding Yue already knew all of this.

"I've heard that the physics at Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology is impressive and being a physics student myself, that's partly why I came here today,"

Ding Yue said, chuckling.

"So you're a physics major, Principal Ding?" asked Professor Yang with curiosity.

Ding Yue scratched his head shyly, and replied, "I'm still young and inexperienced. I've only just started my graduate study."

Ding Yue hadn't yet obtained his graduate degree yet, so of course he couldn't compare with Professor Yang.

Professor Yang was a postdoctoral researcher at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology!

"At your age, being able to undertake a graduate study is already impressive," Professor Yang naturally noticed Ding Yue's age, which was indeed younger than most graduate students.

"Which university are you studying at, Principal Ding?" Professor Yang asked out of curiosity.

Ah, finally we're getting to the point. In front of Professor Yang, Ding Yue's academic qualifications might appear insignificant, but his university carried some weight: "I'm currently in the physics department at Qinghua University."

"Oh?"

Professor Yang was speechless, looking at Ding Yue in astonishment.

Studying physics at Qinghua University, that was definitely out of the ordinary. His future looked promising, and he was so young. It indicated that he had truly made achievements in physics.

If this were in his own field of biological science research, having a student of Ding Yue's age undertaking graduate studies at Qinghua would undoubtedly be considered a genius by Professor Yang.

"Our Principal Ding has also developed the third generation of semiconductor material technology in our country," Wen Ruohan proudly interjected at this point.

"Hmm?"

Professor Yang hadn't fully recovered from his initial surprise before Wen Ruohan's words astonished him once again.

"Principal Ding, you... studied semiconductor materials?" Professor Yang asked curiously. "I thought there were some impediments in the development of the third-generation semiconductor material field domestically. You..."

"Professor Yang, I, along with several professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology, have indeed developed gallium nitride, a third-generation semiconductor material, which has brought our country to the global standard in this field. However, it's not as great a feat as it might seem," Ding Yue said modestly.

However, Ding Yue's words gave Professor Yang a new perspective on him.

Initially, he thought Ding Yue was just a rich young heir, nothing more than a young upstart. Yet not only was he a graduate student from the physics department at Qinghua, but he had also collaborated with domestic experts in physics to develop the third generation semiconductor material technology?

Though the third-generation semiconductor material technology wasn't considered cutting-edge on a global scale, it certainly held significant importance domestically in Xia Country.

"Principal Ding, I would have never guessed you were this capable," Professor Yang said in surprise.

"Not really, Professor Yang," Ding Yue stayed humble.

As long as others recognized his skills, it was enough. He always aimed to keep a low profile, not flaunting his capabilities too much.

After all, there were countless people around the country and even the world who were far more capable than Ding Yue.

But there was only one Ding Yue in the world.

"By the way, Principal Ding, why are you in Zurich...?" Professor Yang suddenly became curious and asked.

"I'm leading our Mist City Arts and Science University's computer science team to compete in the ACM International College Student Programming Competition!"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue immediately raised his head, puffed out his chest, and answered proudly.

Chapter 617: Provocation!

Parallel World——

Mist City.

In the city of August, the sweltering heat is unbearable, with heatwaves rolling in.

Outside the Happy Garden Community, a handsome young man wearing a short-sleeved T-shirt and cool sandals, about 1.78 meters tall, walked into the Coco Milk Tea Shop.

"You're here?"

"I'm here."

"What would you like to drink?"

"A cup of bubble milk tea please." Ding Yue smoothly seated himself opposite a skinny man with glasses, then yelled to the beautiful shop assistant, "Sister, no tapioca, no tea."

Upon hearing this, the lady blushed instantly.

"Ding Yue, have some dignity. Don't think being handsome will prevent people from coming to beat you up."

Huang Youjie, the man with glasses, rolled his eyes and took a couple of sips of his favorite "fresh milk purple potato mash".

Shit.

It would be good if it wasn't fresh and didn't contain potato mash.

Huang Youjie was Ding Yue's high school classmate, and they were meeting here today to discuss some very important matters!

"Cut to the chase."

Ding Yue suddenly asked seriously: "Did you bring the stuff?"

"Yes, I did. What about the money?"

"It's ready. I tricked... I mean, I borrowed all of my sister's New Year's Money." Ding Yue pulled out a Xia Country Commercial Bank card from his pocket.

"How much?"

"20,000 yuan!"

Ding Yue responded with a hand gesture.

The money in the bank card was Ding Xiaoyou's, his sister, New Year's Money that she had saved over the years, plus some pocket money she earned as a UP owner on Bilibili.

"I sold all my figurines and put them on second-hand sites, along with my skirts, black stockings, wig, makeup... combined with all my possessions and I only have six thousand five hundred yuan."

Huang Youjie wiped the corner of his eyes in pain.

Then he also pulled out a bank card from the Xia Country Construction Bank, which contained all his savings.

"Good bro!"

Ding Yue extended his hand emotionally, and heavily patted on his shoulder.

The customers in the milk tea shop, who were drinking their tea, stared at these two whispering guys with suspicious eyes.

What could it mean?

Were they going to make some kind of shady deal in this milk tea shop?

"Give me the stuff first, I need to check the goods."

Ding Yue seemed to sense the curious glances from nearby customers and quickly put his bank card away.

Huang Youjie nervously pulled out three EMS postal parcels from a black bag next to him: "This one is mine, this one is yours, and this one is Bin's."

"Oh yes, where is Bin?"

Ding Yue asked.

"Bin is next door in the Starlight Internet Cafe with his master, making a website for us. He said his master would only charge us 5000 yuan."

"5000 yuan for a website?"

Ding Yue didn't know much about this aspect and didn't know if spending 5000 yuan on making a website was a loss or a bargain.

"Bin says it's mostly about renting a server...he can do the design for the website; by the way, the URL is..."

Ding Yue didn't bother asking about it any further.

Not sure about Bin's computer skills, but his master's abilities were no joke!

Picking up his EMS parcel, Ding tore it open and took out an admission letter from it.

The front is a fiery red background color.

It has printed on it—[[School Badge.jpg] Mist City Arts and Science University]: "Understand the world, Be virtuous and wide-ranging" and a background of a campus.

On the other side, it shows the content of the admission letter.

[[School Badge.jpg] Mist City Arts and Science University]

Admission Notice:

Dear Ding Yue,

By this letter, you are admitted to our School ____ Architecture College (department) ____ Civil Engineering Major _____. Please report to the school with this notification. Further details about the time and location, please refer to the "Freshmen Orientation Guide".

[Stamp]

August 11, 2020

Well.

This fake admission notice letter was so professionally done, it even included a "Freshmen Orientation Guide" in the parcel.

Yes, indeed, this was a fake admission notice.

As for the Mist City Arts and Science University on the admission letter.

It's a fake university name chosen by Ding Yue and his friends after discussion.

Within the Xia Country's education system, there is no such university as Mist City Arts and Science University at all.

But that doesn't matter.

Once Xu Bin has completed making the "Mist City Arts and Science University" official website, Ding Yue will send the URL to his parents.

Along with this admission letter.

Ding Yue didn't believe his parents still wouldn't believe he had been admitted to a real undergraduate university.

In reality.

Ding Yue failed this year's College Entrance Examination, his grades were abysmal.

Most importantly.

When Ding Yue first travelled to this Parallel World, he found that the original owner of this body had actually photoshopped his less than 200 points College Entrance Examination scores to over 500 points, and then sent the photoshopped screenshot of the results to his parents.

This operation left Ding Yue utterly flabbergasted!

When Ding Yue looked at the photoshopped image of the results he had sent to his parents, he initially wanted to take it back, but more than two minutes had passed since the message was sent, and it was too late to take it back.

Subsequently, Ding Yue received his parents' ecstatic praises.

They said things like "we didn't waste the past eighteen years nurturing you," "son, you really didn't let your parents down," "with a score of over five hundred, you can confidently enter an undergraduate university," and so on and so forth.

Ding Yue was in tears.

What should he do?

Tell the truth?

That would probably anger his parents, and then invite a violent beating of mixed double spiral heavenly bamboo shoots stir-fried pork from them.

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After being hammered, he would be thrown on a construction site to move bricks.

No way!

After all, Ding Yue was a top graduate from a significantly distinguished university on earth in his past life.

Now that he's crossed to a parallel world, he simply cannot decline to being a brick-moving, college entrance examination failing young man, could he?

After calming down.

Ding Yue quickly thought of a super exciting solution.

That is—to fake it until he makes it!

Firstly, as a transmigrate, Ding Yue figured he could simply plagiarize some articles and songs in this Parallel World, becoming a copyright infringer, and he would surely become established, right?

When the time comes and he's earned the money, he can then confess to his parents about his College Entrance Examination failure, and naturally, his parents wouldn't have anything to say anymore.

After all, in this day and age, being able to earn money is the "Correct Way".

The silver "New Year's Money" is the symbol of strength!

People always say that studying will change one's destiny, but in fact, it is all about gaining knowledge from studying, then using the knowledge to make money, which in turn changes one's fate.

So Ding Yue figured, why not deceive his parents for now and let them think that he really got into a bachelor's degree university?

Then, during the four years of university life, it should be sufficient for Ding Yue to become established as a copyright infringer, right?

With this idea in mind.

Ding Yue just happened to be discussing this with his schoolmates Huang Youjie and Xu Bin during a BBQ session, and all three agreed right away.

In agreement on their PY (laying low deceit) plan!

Because both Huang Youjie and Xu Bin had dismal College Entrance Examination results this year, just like Ding Yue.

However, it's not so easy to deceive parents about failing the college entrance examination.

First of all.

You have to have an admission notice, right?

You can photoshop a college entrance examination score screenshot, but you can't be without an admission notice, so Ding Yue had Huang Youjie find someone to make three fake admission notices.

Then, parents need to know what university you got admitted to, right?

Mist City has dozens of universities and colleges of all sizes, and University Town has even more. The name "Mist City Arts and Science University" sounds legit and has that vibe.

But just in case the parents look up about this non-existent university on the internet.

Ding Yue had Bin and his master be in charge of building the official website of Mist City Arts and Science University, as well as making some Q&A information on Zhihu and Qian Du about the school, and of course on Qian Du Qian Ke.

"Ding Yue, now that we have the admission notices, and the official school website is being built, what if my parents want to send me to the school for registration when the school starts?"

Huang Youjie drank the remaining milk tea in one go and asked with concern.

"Well...Don't panic, it's not a big problem."

Ding Yue said confidently.

Then he activated a thought in his mind and a virtual panel appeared in front of him -

"[System] Activation Process: 40%..."

"1. Admission Notice (Completed)."

"2. Establishment of School Official Website (In Progress)."

"3. Find School Establishment Location (Uncompleted)."

"4. School Registration (Uncompleted)."

Another reason why Ding Yue insisted on performing the charade of failing the college entrance examination was to see what kind of hacker abilities he would activate after completing these four steps.

Parallel World—

Mist City.

In the city in August, the sizzling heat was unbearable, radiating high temperatures everywhere.

Outside the Happy Garden Community, a young man about 1.78 meters tall wearing T-shirt and slippers walked into the Coco Milk Tea Shop.

"Are you here?"

"I'm here."

"What do you want to drink?"

"A cup of pearl milk tea please." Ding Yue smoothly sat opposite a slim man wearing glasses and shouted at the shop assistant girl, "Miss, no pearls and no tea, please."

The girl turned red instantly when she heard this.

"Ding Yue, you should have some shame, don't think people wouldn't go over to beat you just because you are good-looking."

Glasses-wearing Huang Youjie rolled his eyes and said, then took a sip of his favorite "fresh milk purple potato mash".

Damn it.

If only it wasn't fresh and didn't have the potato mash.

Huang Youjie was Ding Yue's high school classmate. The two have met here today to discuss very important issues!

"Enough of that."

Ding Yue suddenly asked seriously: "Did you bring the stuff?"

"I brought it, where's the money?"

"It's ready, I cheated... borrowed it all from my sister's New Year's money." Ding Yue then took out a card from Xia Country Commercial Bank from his pocket.

"How much?"

"Twenty thousand!"

Ding Yue answered, holding up his hand to represent the number.

The money in the bank card comes from years of New Year's money saved by his younger sister Ding Xiaoyou, as well as some pocket money she earned as an UP host on Bilibili.

"I sold all my miniatures on Idle Fish, as well as my little skirts, thigh-high socks, wigs, cosmetics... I pooled all my belongings and it only comes to six thousand five hundred yuan."

Huang Youjie painly wiped the corner of his eye.

Then he also pulled out a bankcard from Xia Country Construction Bank, which contained all his savings.

"Buddy!"

"Ding Yue, now we have our admission letters, the school official website is under construction. But what if my parents want to take me to school for registration when school starts?"

Huang Youjie drank the rest of his milk tea in one gulp, and then asked with concern.

"Well... Don't panic, it won't be a big deal."

Ding Yue confidently said.

Then, Ding Yue slightly moved his mind, and a virtual panel appeared before his eyes—

"[System] Activation progress: 40%..."

1. Admission letter (completed).
2. Establishment of official school website (in progress).
3. Find a school site (not completed).
4. School registration (not completed).

The reason why Ding Yue insisted on pretending the College Entrance Examination failure is real is to see what kind of advantage he will gain after he completes these four steps.

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"Yeah, I'm here."

"What would you like to drink?"

"A cup of pearl milk tea, please." Ding Yue sat down opposite a skinny man in glasses with ease, then shouted at the waitress, "Miss, I want it without pearls and without tea."

At his words, the waitress's face instantly turned red.

"Ding Yue, have some shame! Don't think that no one will come to beat you just because you're handsome!"

The glasses-wearing man Huang Youjie rolled his eyes and said, then sipped his favourite drink, fresh milk purple potato mash.

Shame.

If only it wasn't fresh and didn't have potato mash.

Huang Youjie was Ding Yue's high school classmate. The two of them met here today to discuss extremely important matters!

"Let's cut the crap."

Ding Yue asked seriously, "Did you bring the stuff?"

"I've brought it. Where's the money?"

"I got it ready. I fooled... I mean, I borrowed all my sister's New Year's money." As he talked, Ding Yue pulled out a bankcard from Xia Country Commercial Bank from his pocket.

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"Buddy!"

Chapter 619: Foreigners Do Not Have Martial Morals

Upon learning of the University of Pennsylvania in America's provocation against the three participating colleges from Xia Country, Xu Bin has been very angry.

Now hearing how calm Ding Yue is speaking, he has also calmed down himself.

"Yue, are you implying that the University of Pennsylvania's team is intentionally provoking us, with the goal to stir our anger?"

Xu Bin frowned heavily, looking at Ding Yue as he asked.

Ding Yue thought for a moment and gave a slight shake of his head, "I'm afraid it's not that simple. As Ouyang Chen just said, you should be able to break this program offered by the Pennsylvania University team without any problem, but it will take a lot of time, right?"

Seeing Ding Yue's question, Xu Bin immediately understood what was going on.

"Exactly, these foreigners are wickedly cunning, using such a program to infuriate us. If I were to crack their program, it would definitely ruin my sleep tonight."

The more Xu Bin understood, the more furious he became. He clenched his fist and hammered it onto the table.

"Yes, these foreigners wanted us to wear ourselves out dealing with their program tonight, so our performance in the ACM competition tomorrow would be obviously affected."

Ding Yue saw through the foreign strategy of these America's individuals.

These foreigners were taking advantage of Xia Country's own strategies, Ding Yue laughed.

"Principal Ding, are these foreigners afraid of us?" Chen Jun, who was next to Xu Bin, curiously asked.

"Not necessarily because they are scared of us that they would use such despicable means, but it is because these foreigners are innately despicable. Don't forget what they have done in the past."

Ding Yue responded coldly, "Even now, there are still vivid memories of the way foreigners have blocked all sorts of science and technology from our Xia Country."

In this parallel world, many fields of technology in Xia Country have indeed been blocked by foreigners.

For example, the third-generation Gallium Nitride (GaN) semiconductor material technology that Ding Yue successfully researched was already state-of-the-art.

However, when Ding Yue and a few professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology hadn't yet developed the GaN semiconductor material technology, domestic progress was still at the silicon material stage.

This is a live example.

"Principal Ding is right, none of these foreigners are any good!" Ouyang Chen said indignantly.

Xu Bin also nodded slightly, "Indeed, they're despicable. I was almost misled."

Regarding the despicable act of the University of Pennsylvania's team, Xu Bin both felt angry and thankful.

Fortunately, Yue was calm enough to rationally analyze the situation.

Otherwise, Xu Bin might have been provoked and would even stay up tonight to break the program of the University of Pennsylvania's team. If that were the case, he would have been genuinely deceived.

"Right, both Haicheng University of Transportation and Northwestern University of Science and Technology must also be working on the program from the University of Pennsylvania. We can't let them be deceived too."

Xu Bin suddenly remembered something, and quickly pulled out his cell phone.

"Yes, although Haicheng University of Transportation and the Northwestern University of Science and Technology are our competitors in this ACM competition, we are, after all, domestic universities participating in this competition. We should notify them immediately."

Hearing this, Ding Yue quickly nodded.

Now that Mist City Arts and Science University has become aware of this despicable strategy, they cannot let their allies fall into the same trap.

Soon, Xu Bin connected a voice call to the team leader of Northwestern University of Science and Technology, "Hello, Professor Liu, this is Xu Bin from Mist City Arts and Science University."

"Xu Bin, how is the progress you've made on the program from the University of Pennsylvania? We estimate we'll have it cracked by tonight."

Professor Liu asked over the call.

"Professor Liu, don't bother, we don't need to concern ourselves with the University of Pennsylvania. This is a trap they set. They want to drain our time and energy."

Xu Bin immediately explained to them.

"Is that so? Oh, it seems like it. The competition is tomorrow. Why would we spend our energy on this?"

Professor Liu suddenly realized after hearing Xu Bin's explanation.

They were the same as Xu Bin before, wanting to respond to the University of Pennsylvania's team directly and even prove that the computer power of Xia Country's universities is strong. Just one program, cracking it is amply possible.

But they ended up in a weird loop.

In this situation, a quick reminder can wake them up quickly.

Professor Liu understood what Xu Bin meant and he decided not to waste energy responding to the provocation from the University of Pennsylvania's team from his side.

"Professor Liu, we should have a good rest tonight, rejuvenate, and I hope we all achieve satisfying results in the ACM competition tomorrow!"

Xu Bin said courteously to Professor Liu.

They are all compatriots, it's a competition overseas. Although they are competitors, they are also friends.

"Yes, yes, yes, I will tell Chen and them immediately!" Professor Liu agreed with Xu Bin.

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The "Old Chen" mentioned by Professor Liu is Professor Chen, the person in charge of the Haicheng University of Transportation's competition team this time.

"Alright, thank you, Professor Liu."

After hanging up the call, Xu Bin took a deep breath and then looked at Ding Yue, "Yue, luckily you kept calm and saw through their tricks, otherwise our three universities in Xia Country really would have fallen into a morass tonight."

Ding Yue just smiled faintly, then reached out and patted Xu Bin's shoulder, "Bin, your task, you three, is to rest well. Everything should be focused on tomorrow's ACM competition, you don't need to be affected by other factors."

"Okay." Xu Bin nodded, then said to Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen: "Chen Jun, Ouyang Chen, you two go back to rest immediately, don't think about anything, just get a good sleep!"

"Understood!"

Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen responded, then left Principal Ding's room and returned to their room to sleep.

On Professor Liu's side at Northwestern University of Science and Technology, they also notified Haicheng University of Transportation in time, asking them to stop cracking the University of Pennsylvania's program and explained the reason.

The people at Haicheng University of Transportation have bad tempers, and when they found out that the Americans were so wickedly cunning, they angrily criticized the University of Pennsylvania's competition team for being unsporting on domestic social media platforms!

Netizens in our country showed support for the three domestic universities participating in the competition when they saw the post from Haicheng University of Transportation, and called the American's tactics disgusting and unsporting!

However, since the Weibo of Haicheng University of Transportation didn't have much heat, the incident only caused a small splash on domestic social media platforms without trending much.

That night in Zurich, Switzerland, Ding Yue slept quite well.

The next morning, when Ding Yue woke up, his secretary Wen Ruohan came to invite him to have breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

"Xiao Wen, get everyone here." Ding Yue planned to have breakfast with everyone and then get ready to head to the ACM competition ahead of time.

"Principal Ding, everyone has been called."

Wen Ruohan answered.

"Okay."

About five minutes later, Ding Yue changed his clothes and then went to the hotel restaurant with Wen Ruohan.

Interestingly, when having breakfast in the hotel restaurant, Ding Yue also encountered a university's ACM competition team.

They are the competition team from the Nanyang Technological University.

Nanyang Technological University also ranks very high internationally, and most importantly, Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University has cooperated with Nanyang Technological University.

That's right!

The set of energy chemistry research equipment that Ding Yue's sister Ding Xiaoyou is using now, was purchased from Nanyang Technological University.

In this regard, Nanyang Technological University is indeed the world leader.

It was unexpected that they also met the competition team from Nanyang Technological University at breakfast in the same hotel in Zurich.

Ding Yue had a brief chat with the team leader from the Nanyang Technological University, the latter remembered Ding Yue's identity and immediately thought of the equipment order worth more than 100 million which caused a minor sensation at Nanyang Technological University.

"Principal Ding, the actions of the University of Pennsylvania against the participating universities from your country are indeed ungentlemanly."

Professor Sun from the Nanyang Technological University competition team said to Ding Yue.

"Forget it, they are not ungentlemanly, they are not gentlemen at all." Ding Yue replied.

Nanyang Technological University is located in Singapore, where a majority are of Chinese descent. Luckily, Professor Sun is also of Chinese descent and is a professor in the Department of Computer Science at Nanyang Technological University, making it convenient to communicate with Ding Yue.

Because they all speak the same language.

After breakfast, before Ding Yue and the others from Nanyang Technological University left, he naturally gave them a graceful farewell wish: "Professor Sun, see you on the competition field later, I hope your competition team can achieve good results."

"Great, Principal Ding, best wishes to your school as well, keep up the good work!"

After leaving the hotel, Principal Ding and his party took the hotel's special car to the venue of the ACM International College Student Programming Competition.

The venue was at a sports center, which had begun preparations for the ACM competition several days prior.

The related competition committees and sponsors were all ready to welcome the participating teams from the world's top universities majoring in computer science.

Among all participating universities, Mist City Arts and Science University was undoubtedly the most controversial.

Some foreigners who pay close attention to Xia Country's universities claimed that they had never heard of this university participating in any major computer science competition before, or achieving anything in this field.

Among the three schools participating from Xia Country, Haicheng University of Transportation was undoubtedly the most prestigious.

After all, Haicheng University of Transportation had won the championship in a previous ACM competition and was internationally recognized as having the most powerful computer science department among domestic universities.

As for the Northwestern University of Science and Technology, they had some recognition but not much. Foreigners felt that this university might have been given a chance to participate for some reason.

The most controversial, however, was still Mist City Arts and Science University.

Many foreigners only learned right before the competition that Mist City Arts and Science University is a privately-run university in Xia Country.

The foreigners' perception of "privately-run universities" was actually different from those in their country. Many of the top universities in the world were private entities, so Mist City Arts and Science University became a "dark horse" in the eyes of foreigners for a time.

Inside the rest area for the Xia Country teams at the ACM competition venue, after arriving, Ding Yue had his secretary Wen Ruohan take care of all the "needs" of Xu Bin, Chen Jun, and Ouyang Chen going forward.

Serving tea and water was the most basic. Now, the trio of Xu Bin needed to focus all their energy on the upcoming competition.

The ACM competition rules were different from those of typical matches.

The competition stipulated that each team could have at most three enrolled college students. They needed to solve eight or more complex real-world programming problems within a five-hour limit. Specific competition rules also included each team using one computer. Contestants needed to race against time, competing against each other in logic, strategy, and mental quality.

Yes!

All qualifying teams from around the world would be competing against the clock within these five hours.

Whichever team could solve the problems set by the committee, such as program coding, faster and better, would be the champion of this ACM International College Student Programming Competition!

The top ten teams in the ACM International College Student Programming Competition finals will receive a scholarship: the first prize is 100,000 US dollars, the second prize is 50,000 US dollars, the third prize is 20,000 US dollars, and the fourth to tenth prizes will each receive 10,000 US dollars.

In addition, the championships in North America, Europe, South Pacific, and Asia will also be recognized.

Of course, these four championships don't hold as much weight as the overall championship!

In terms of prize money, Ding Yue didn't think it was a lot.

The first prize was only 100,000 USD. What Ding Yue valued was not the prize money, but the honor and impact of the ACM competition.

If Xu Bin could represent Mist City Arts and Science University and win this global championship of the ACM competition, then in the field of computer science, Mist City Arts and Science University would become famous overnight.

And it would be a leap, from obscurity, to becoming internationally recognized in computer science.

"Bin, this ACM competition is very important for us at Mist City Arts and Science University. Other colleges have computer science departments that are renowned worldwide, while we are more like newcomers, needing to make our mark through this ACM competition!"

Ding Yue said profoundly to Xu Bin.

Of course, Xu Bin understood his good friend's meaning and immediately nodded: "Yue, don't worry, I can't say for sure that I can claim this championship, but I'll do my best!"

The participating universities this time are basically the top ones globally, and even with all his confidence, Xu Bin couldn't make a claim of completely outperforming everyone else.

"Principal Ding, we will also do our utmost to assist Director Xu!" The eyes of Chen Jun and Ouyang Chen, the two students, were also full of fighting spirit!