

## F. University 641

### Chapter 641: The First Batch of Early Graduation Ceremony

"However, 200 million is undoubtedly a drop in the bucket for the research of photolithography machines.

Ding Yue has indeed endowed Luo Peng, Su Beilin, Tong Yihang, and Liu Tiefei, all participants in the photolithography machine experimental project, with the relevant technical knowledge.

But to turn technical knowledge into tangible results of photolithography machine research and development, there are inevitably various money-consuming steps in between.

Domestic companies like Guoxing Technology are actually carrying out R&D on photolithography machines. But due to technical barriers, many technologies lack any precedent and can only rely on their own exploration. Therefore, R&D funds are simply sky high.

However, under normal circumstances, these large tech companies are supported by state funds.

As far as Ding Yue knows, the state has already given Guoxing Technology Group hundreds of billions of RMB in support funds for photolithography machines and chip research, allowing Guoxing Technology to mass-produce 24nm and 12nm chips, and make 7nm chips.

Even so, domestically, there is still a gap held open by foreign countries in this field.

"Don't worry about the money."

Ding Yue raised his hand and said generously.

It's almost the end of the year now. If all goes well, the box office earnings from the animated film "Super Combat Team" can be settled.

Once the money is in hand, Ding Yue plans to inject another round of funds into the photolithography machine project, so that Luo Peng and Tong Yihang can successfully push the project forward.

It should at least last till September next year.

Because by next September, Mist City Arts and Science University will welcome another batch of freshmen. And by then, the more than 30,000 existing freshmen will be due to pay their tuition for the new year, which is a significant sum of money.

"Okay, since Principal Ding has said so, we can rest assured and continue the photolithography machine project. We will also optimize and improve the graphene mechanical stripping preparation machine you assigned to us as soon as possible."

While Luo Peng had just finished speaking, a figure appeared at the office door.

"Director Qi."

Secretary Wen Ruohan looked at Principal Ding upon seeing that the newcomer was Director Qi Chunsheng from the Academic Affairs Office.

"Principal Ding seems busy, I will come back later?" Qi Chunsheng, seemingly interrupting, proposed to leave first.

He can visit later when Principal Ding is not busy, as what he has to report to Principal Ding isn't that urgent anyway.

"Director Qi, it's okay. We're almost done."

Ding Yue stopped Director Qi Chunsheng and said to Luo Peng and Tong Yihang: "Okay, you guys can go."

"Goodbye, Principal Ding."

After Luo Peng and Tong Yihang left, Qi Chunsheng approached Principal Ding's desk.

"Go ahead, what is it?"

Ding Yue lifted his head slightly, indicating for Qi to sit down.

Qi Chunsheng is of advanced age - it's not reasonable to have him standing during work reports.

Sitting down, Qi Chunsheng seriously stated, "Principal Ding, as for the proposal to prepare an early graduation ceremony that you mentioned last time, we, the Academic Affairs Office, have almost finished preparations. The first batch of nine students has passed their thesis defenses, and we have prepared their graduation certificates."

Having said that, Qi Chunsheng took out a stack of prepared graduation certificates.

"What about the Student Credit Network?" Ding Yue asked.

To allow early graduations, documentation must be submitted to the Ministry of Education. The Student Credit Network will then update the academic information in a timely manner," Qi Chunsheng answered.

Ding Yue doesn't know much about the details of early graduations in this parallel world of Xia Country, hence his enquiry with Qi Chunsheng.

"Alright, then we will schedule the graduation ceremony for these nine students at this year's New Year's Eve Gala," Ding Yue finalized.

There are only a few days left in 2021 and with 2022 forthcoming. Holding an early graduation ceremony for nine students and inserting a mini graduation ceremony into the New Year's Eve Gala on the 31st would be their first gift of the New Year.

"Principal Ding, this idea is excellent. Many students will be watching the New Year's Eve Gala. Including a graduation ceremony for nine students would also be lovely. I will discuss this with Director Xiong later."

Upon listening, Qi Chunsheng agreed with Principal Ding's timing arrangement and suggestion.

The director of the Sports Department, Xiong Yang, started planning this year's New Year's Eve Gala a month ago. To insert the mini graduation ceremony for Xu Bin and the other eight students into the New Year's Eve Gala needs some coordination and arrangement.

"Right, Qi, to better motivate our students, each of the nine students graduating early will be awarded a bonus of One Hundred Thousand Yuan. We will also establish an Early Graduation Bonus mechanism. Any student that can manage to graduate within two years, completing all four years of university study, will receive a bonus of One Hundred Thousand Yuan!"

Ding Yue thought for a moment, offering this reward could serve as a significant motivation for students.

After all, there are quite a number of potential students with the ability to graduate early in Mist City Arts and Science University, all they need is a bit more encouragement to push them to work harder and master their university-level knowledge. And then, they can graduate successfully and even early.

"Principal Ding, are you sure you want to give out such a huge sum of bonus?" Director Qi Chunsheng asked, frowning.

"Yes!"

Ding Yue replied firmly: "As for the money, one hundred thousand yuan per person is not much. The students who can graduate early like them are rare talents that come once in a century!"

"Well, if Principal Ding says it is okay, then I will start with the preparations!"

In the last few days of December 2021, the weather unanticipatedly warmed up briefly.

Especially on the 30th and 31st, the sunshine was particularly delightful.

However, when it came to the start of the New Year's Eve Gala in the evening, the temperature dropped again.

This year's New Year's Eve Gala was held in the stadium, all faculty and students of the school can come and watch, and the arrangement of the performances was coordinated by Director Xiong Yang along with the Department of Arts, Student Union, and various clubs.

At around seven in the evening, the New Year's Eve Gala was about to start.

Ding Yue brought his secretary Wen Ruohan and his younger sister Ding Xiaoyou, two beautiful girls, to the stadium.

Soon, Xu Bin and Huang Youjie also arrived.

"Yue, in the blink of an eye, another year has passed," Xu Bin said with a sigh after standing by Ding Yue's side.

"Yeah."

Ding Yue responded with a smile and a nod.

Last year, no, it would be the year before last once today is over. Back then, Ding Yue, Xu Bin, and Huang Youjie prepared to set up a fake university to deceive their parents.

Unexpectedly, due to Ding Yue's system, this fake university became real.

Now, it feels like it's been a long time since that happened.

"Bin brother, Youjie brother, I heard that you guys are going to have an early graduation ceremony at the New Year's Eve Gala tonight?"

Ding Xiaoyou turned to Xu Bin and Huang Youjie and asked.

Ding Xiaoyou was Ding Yue's younger sister. Since Xu Bin and Huang Youjie were of the same age as Ding Yue and had grown up together, Ding Xiaoyou usually called them brothers.

"Yes, hahaha, I'm going to graduate from college!" Huang Youjie laughed heartily with a beaming face.

He never imagined that he could go to university, let alone graduate early.

Without a doubt, choosing to follow Ding Yue and engage in this venture indeed was the right decision. Ever since joining the university founded by Ding Yue, Huang Youjie felt that his daily enthusiasm for learning was much stronger than before.

"Later, I'll be personally giving you your graduation certificates. Our Mist City Arts and Science University is a government-recognized private university. The graduation certificates are also nationally recognized bachelor's degrees. Oh right, in addition, each of you will also receive a one hundred thousand yuan graduation bonus!"

Ding Yue said to Xu Bin and Huang Youjie, smiling.

"Wow, we have such a treatment?" Xu Bin exclaimed in surprise.

Although one hundred thousand yuan was not a large sum for Xu Bin and Huang Youjie anymore.

However, it was still a graduation bonus. The implication was not the same.

"Brother, is there a graduation bonus? If every graduating student gets one hundred thousand yuan, won't we go bankrupt?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Xiaoyou couldn't help but ask curiously.

Immediately, Ding Yue gave his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, a flick on the forehead: "Have you been studying too hard and become silly? How could we give every graduating student one hundred thousand yuan graduation bonus? This bonus is a reward for outstanding students who graduate early, and they must graduate within two years!"

Obviously, this one hundred thousand yuan graduation bonus has a threshold.

"I see."

As the blasting music rang out from the stadium stage, this year's New Year's Eve Gala officially kicked off...

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Mist City Arts and Science University's stadium.

On stage, a dance troupe of tall and attractive girls is in midst of a fiery sexy dance, accompanied by music.

The New Year's Eve Gala is undoubtedly a great opportunity for the multitalented students to showcase their talents.

Various interesting programs come one after another.

Even the chess club students performed a chess match, which left Ding Yue exclaiming, "Goodness me!" after watching it.

After about an hour of the New Year's Eve Gala show performances, around eight in the evening,

Director Xiong Yang, the director of the Culture and Sports Department, approached Principal Ding and said, "Principal Ding, after this program performance according to our arrangement with the Academic Affairs Department, there will be a mini-graduation ceremony for the students who are graduating early."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue nodded lightly, then turned to Huang Youjie and Xu Bin next to him and said, "Bin, Huang, you two should go and get ready."

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin are also two of the students who were graduating early in this mini-graduation ceremony.

Huang Youjie is even the only student from the entire Faculty of Law who could graduate early this time.

Actually, that was pretty good already, as there were many departments and majors that still didn't have any students that could graduate early.

However, Ding Yue thought that, factoring in the number of potentially eligible students from each department who could graduate early was not in the minority.

Only that they might not have earned enough credits due to various reasons.

For example, Cui Hai from the School of Architecture, who was Liu Chuanjie's roommate, co-designed the landmark building of Mist City Arts and Science University—the Book Ship Library.

His academic performances were undoubtedly excellent, but Cui Hai's daily studies were not as compact as Liu Chuanjie's.

Liu Chuanjie practically devoted all his time to studying.

On the other hand, Cui Hai was in a relationship with a student from the Mist City Fine Arts College, which is across the street.

There were quite a few students from Mist City Arts and Science University dating students from the Mist City Fine Arts College, just like Cui Hai.

Over the past year, a phrase had been circulating around the Mist City Fine Arts College, which stated that seventy percent of the local female students in the couples from their college were in relationships with boys from across the street at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Alright then, we will go first."

Xu Bin and Huang Youjie went to gather with the other seven students who were graduating early.

Ding Yue also stood up and walked towards the stadium's rest area, followed by his secretary, Wen Ruohan.

As for Ding Xiaoyou, she did not bother joining the crowd. It was enough for her to watch the upcoming mini-graduation ceremony from the side of the playground.

"Phew."

Soon, the dance performance on the stage ended. Director Xiong Yang blew into the microphone twice and announced, "Dear students, dear teachers, tonight at this New Year's Eve Gala, we have specially added a little interlude. I believe many students already know, it's the graduation ceremony for our university's first batch of early graduates."



At the words of Director Xiong Yang, discussions immediately broke out among the students in the stadium.

In actual fact, not many students knew about the little 'graduation ceremony' interlude at tonight's New Year's Eve Gala.

"Graduation ceremony?"

"What's going on?"

"Didn't you hear? Besides Principal Ding, nine other students from our Mist City Arts and Science University have already completed their curriculum and their graduation papers and defenses. I heard that Principal Ding will personally hand them their diplomas tonight."

"Wait, what? They graduated?"

"What the hell? I haven't even been here for one semester and there are already people graduating early?"

"I have to say, these early graduated seniors are truly amazing."

"I would be thrilled just to graduate smoothly, let alone graduate early. I don't even dare to think about it."

"My god, our university is only two years old and people are already graduating?"

"Finishing four years of coursework in two years and handling their graduation papers and defenses. This is truly impressive."

The nine early-graduated students from various departments have inevitably become the object of "admiration" for all the students present.

Ninety percent of the students in Mist City Arts and Science University love to study. This was because Ding Yue gave them a study buff.

However, the learning efficiency still differs from person to person. Most students are not quite genius material, but there's no problem in completing four years of university study smoothly, mastering all the knowledge and techniques in their respective majors during their university phase.

Within the span of a few minutes, the news about the nine early graduates surprised not only the students at the scene but also those who didn't attend the New Year's Eve Gala. They learned about this event from various channels, like chat groups, forums, etc.

Before long, everyone started guessing who those nine students were.

However,

In a short while, someone with insider information exposed that the nine students were from Art Department, Mechanical Department, Computer Science Department, Law School, School of Architecture, and other majors.

Actually, at the sports field, they were about to announce who were the nine students that were going to graduate early.

"Let's invite our respected Principal Ding to the stage."

After Xiong Yang finished speaking, he stepped aside.

At this moment, Ding Yue walked onto the stage in a calm and composed manner. He smiled and said to all the teachers and students present, "Tonight, let's give our most enthusiastic applause to congratulate our nine fellow students for successfully completing their university studies and successfully applying for early graduation!"

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As his words fell, a wave after wave of enthusiastic applause echoed through the sky above the stadium.

"Let's welcome these nine students, who are Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Yang Jie from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Xu Bin and Chen Jun from the Department of Computer Science, Lin Zhirou from the Department of Art, Liu Chuanjie from the Department of Architecture, Huang Youjie from the Department of Law, and Xia Qing from the Department of Physics!"

Principal Ding solemnly announced the names of the nine students graduating early tonight.

Xu Bin and Huang Youjie led the way, walking up to the stage, followed by Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Yang Jie.

After all, they are the three top students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Of the nine early graduates from Mist City Arts and Science University this time, three are from the Department of Mechanical Engineering alone.

From this, it can be seen how exceptionally strong the Department of Mechanical Engineering is.

It has to be said that the two strongest departments recognized by current students in Mist City Arts and Science University are the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Computer Science.

Next to take the stage was Lin Zhirou from the Department of Art, the first campus belle of Mist City Arts and Science University. More than a year has passed, and Lin Zhirou's beauty still remains top-notch, with her figure becoming slimmer and more graceful.

Lin Zhirou is a music student in the Department of Art, and she has been practicing her dancing rigorously during her study.

Therefore, it goes without saying that Lin Zhirou has a perfect figure.

After that, Chen Jun from the Department of Computer Science, Liu Chuanjie from the Department of Architecture, and Xia Qing from the Department of Physics also came on stage one after another.

All nine students had donned gowns symbolizing graduation from university.

Now that they have graduated early, their academic qualifications are equivalent to a bachelor's degree.

Among these nine students, it's safe to say that most of them would be taking the postgraduate entrance examination. Only Lin Zhirou from the Department of Art chose not to.

Generally, art students start looking for jobs after their undergraduate studies.

Although some of the others are also preparing for postgrad, in reality, they have already "worked".

Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Yang Jie need no introduction, they were core team members of the laser engraving machine project.

And all three of them have been recruited by Principal Ding to work under Feiyue Technology, with generous salary and benefits.

Apart from their bond with the university, the reason these three students chose to work under Feiyue Technology was because Principal Ding offered them irresistible perks.

No need to elaborate on Chen Jun from the Department of Computer Science. Engaging in projects with Xu Bin is equivalent to having a job.

Liu Chuanjie from the Department of Architecture had been designing for the university. And Ding Yue had mentioned to him that Feiyue Group would be establishing Feiyue Construction Company and wished to invite Liu Chuanjie to serve as the chief architect. Without a doubt, Liu Chuanjie quickly accepted.

If it weren't for Principal Ding choosing his design [Bookship Library], how could Liu Chuanjie have gained such great fame?

It goes without saying for Lin Zhirou from the Department of Art. She is already the most well-known student in Mist City Arts and Science University and signed with Feiyue Media under Ding Yue early on.

As for Xia Qing of the Department of Physics, being a theoretical physics student, it's challenging to find work, and Xia Qing plans to pursue postgraduate studies. Hence, Xia Qing basically eliminates the graduate-to-work process, focusing on his studies.

On the stage, Director Qi Chunsheng of the Academic Affairs Department fetched the graduation certificates and handed them to Principal Ding.

"Now, please welcome Principal Ding to present the graduation certificates to the nine early graduates!" said Xiong Yang, the Director of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics.

Ding Yue held the graduation certificates, walked over, and presented them to each of the nine students, including Xu Bin and Huang Youjie.

After completing the distribution of the graduation certificates, Ding Yue turned around, faced the students in the stadium, and announced, "To reward the nine students for their diligent studies and early graduations, I, the Principal, have decided to give each student a graduation bonus of one hundred thousand yuan!"

Ding Yue's words fell silent, and the scene remained quiet for about half a second.

The sudden silence made Ding Yue feel as if he said something wrong. However, moments later, the students all cheered.

"Holy crap! One hundred thousand yuan graduation bonus!"

"Wow, average people might not even earn one hundred thousand in a year."

"Principal Ding is too generous, isn't he? Everyone gets a graduation bonus of one hundred thousand yuan straightaway?"

"A graduation bonus of one hundred thousand yuan upon graduation? Isn't that fantastic?"

"I guess it's the graduation bonus for the early graduates, those who graduate normally definitely don't get it."

"So envious, they receive a one hundred thousand yuan bonus as soon as they graduate."

Countless students' eyes were full of envy.

One hundred thousand yuan was a considerable amount to them.

After all, most of them come from well-off families, but have not started earning yet. If they graduate early, they can get a one hundred thousand yuan graduation bonus?

"Let me clarify the graduation bonus system of our school to everyone. To encourage students to study hard and master knowledge and technology, our university rewards those who complete their four-year university studies within two years with a graduation bonus of one hundred thousand yuan each!"

Ding Yue briefly explained the threshold of this "graduation bonus".

It was very clear and simple, that is, any student who graduates early within two years can receive this one hundred thousand yuan graduation bonus.

"Wow, this is amazing!"

"Sigh, I guess I won't be able to qualify."

"Xiao Liu, you've earned lots of credits already, right? You have a chance to earn all the required credits this year, and then write your graduation thesis. Seems like you have a chance, right?"

"I think it's going to be tough, as there is a little over a semester left."

"Completing four years of university study in two years and also passing the graduation thesis defense does seem difficult."

"Hahaha, I must try for it, that's a one hundred thousand yuan bonus after all!"

"If you think about it, one year's tuition is thirty or forty thousand, if you graduate within two years, there's a one hundred thousand yuan bonus. It's a sure gain no matter how you calculate it!"

Seeing the fighting spirit from the students on the field, a faint smile appeared at the corners of Ding Yue's mouth.

This early graduation bonus of one hundred thousand yuan was just an incentive.

Even though Ding Yue gave all his students of Mist City Arts and Science University a learning boost, the number of students who could complete their four-year university studies within two years would probably be very few.

But it would definitely not be as simple as just the nine of them, including Xu Bin.

Ding Yue wondered, would there be a two-digit number?

As Mist City Arts and Science University levels up in the future, the learning boost gets stronger and the number of students increases, perhaps there will be a chance to break into three digits?

In short, giving ten yuan graduation bonus reward to a student who can graduate early in two years, Ding Yue clearly would not be at a loss.

Additionally, Ding Yue hoped for more students to be able to graduate early. After all, those who could graduate early were the talented students of their respective majors, just like Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei.

The earnings that Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei and Yang Jie created for Mist City Arts and Science University and Ding Yue's Feiyue Group were not something one could measure just by a bit of money.

After Ding Yue announced about the graduation bonus, Qi Chuncheng, the director of academic affairs, brought over nine bonus plaques.

Then, Ding Yue personally handed out the one hundred thousand yuan bonus plaques to Xu Bin, Huang Youjie, Tong Yihang and others one by one.

In fact, this money had already been transferred to each one of them.

Next, Ding Yue asked the nine of them to share their feelings about graduating early.

In fact, these graduation sentiments were also prepared in advance, the purpose was to let their words inspire the students of Mist City Arts and Science University to study harder.

Among the nine, Huang Youjie spoke with the most passion. Not only was his speech well-written, but his delivery was also quite good.

Liu Ping, a law major student in the stadium, felt a surge of fervor in his heart after hearing Huang Youjie's speech.

"I must study hard from now on, strive to finish my studies early, and graduate early like Director Huang!"

Liu Ping secretly made this resolution to himself.

After this small graduation ceremony, various performances of the New Year's Eve Gala continued, but the big topic for the evening at Mist City Arts and Science University was definitely about the nine students including Xu Bin, Huang Youjie, and Tong Yihang who graduated early, and the graduation ceremony Principal Ding specially arranged for them.

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In the rest room of the stadium.

After the brief graduation ceremony during halftime, Ding Yue and the nine students returned to the rest room.

"This time, your smooth early graduation has added great motivation for our other students," Ding Yue said with a smile, looking at Tong Yihang and the other eight.

"Principal Ding, it is something we should be doing." Chen Jun was eloquent.

"Well, since you've graduated, let's discuss your plans post-graduation," even though Ding Yue was quite familiar with these nine students now, he was always eager to hear their own thoughts.

In fact, out of the nine, excluding Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, most of the remaining seven were already contracted to join Ding Yue's Feiyue Group.



"Principal Ding, I have nothing much to say, I will always stay here, contributing as much as I can for our school as long as you need me," Tong Yihang was the first to speak.

Truth be told, Tong Yihang had expressed his intentions to Ding Yue a long time ago.

That was, regardless of anything, he would stay. Whether it was at Mist City Arts and Science University or Feiyue Group, the essence was the same: staying at Mist City Arts and Science University was tantamount to staying at Feiyue Group.

"Mmm, good," Ding Yue nodded satisfactorily.

He was quite assured of Tong Yihang, whose current abilities were primarily committed to the photolithography machine experiment project, the graphene mechanical exfoliation machine project, and the previous Big White robot project.

Moreover, Ding Yue had provided him with a generous package, so Tong Yihang had no reason to leave.

Both Liu Tiefei and Yang Jie felt the same as Tong Yihang; they had no superfluous ideas.

"Then, you all are planning to study post-graduation, right?" Ding Yue asked an important question.

At present, Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Yang Jie had attained formidable professional knowledge and skills in the field of mechanical engineering.

However, after their graduation, their current academic qualifications were merely bachelor's degrees.

Postgraduate studies were essential for them, as obtaining a master's, or even a doctoral degree, held incredible significance for them.

"Mmmhmm," Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Yang Jie all nodded simultaneously in response.

Ding Yue took a deep breath, and then queried, "So, for postgraduate studies, have you considered staying at our Mist City Arts and Science University?"

"Of course, but... Principal Ding, there is no Master's Degree Authorization Point for our Mechanics Department, is there?" Liu Tiefei voiced his dilemma.

Ideally, both Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei, or even Yang Jie, would fancy studying post-graduation at Mist City Arts and Science University.

But there was a problem.

Mist City Arts and Science University currently didn't offer a Master's Degree Authorization Point for any Mechanical Engineering-related majors, which meant that they couldn't study postgraduation there.

"Yes, Principal Ding, our Mechanics-related majors do not have a Master's Degree Authorization Point," Tong Yihang mirrored Liu Tiefei's helplessness.

Under such circumstances, their only option for further studies would be to apply to other universities' mechanical engineering postgraduate programs.

Ding Yue was naturally aware of the ongoing situation.

Currently, only the Physics Department at Mist City Arts and Science University had a Master's Degree Authorization Point, so Xia Qing could seamlessly continue her studies there.

Moreover, Xia Qing had already decided to continue her postgraduate studies at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"You need not worry about the Master's Degree Authorization Point, the school will certainly apply for it. If all goes well, our Mist City Arts and Science University should have a Master's Degree Authorization Point for Mechanical Engineering by next year. Of course, the same goes for majors in Architecture and Computer Science," Ding Yue commented, turning to look at Chen Jun from the Computer Science department and Liu Chuanjie from the Architecture school.

Both of them, he presumed, were also planning to pursue higher studies, and therefore, Ding Yue reassured them as well.

Ding Yue's confidence stemmed from his reasonable certainty.

This certainty was linked to his current major task, namely the "[Key Major Level]" task.

This system task had a reward of five [Master's Degree Authorization Cards].

A [Master's Degree Authorization Card] could significantly increase the chances of acquiring a Master's Degree Authorization Point—just as how Ding Yue had applied for one for the Physics major earlier.

If Physics could succeed in acquiring one, so could Mechanics and Computer Science—these two faculties were arguably the most robust within Mist City Arts and Science University.

Seeing Principal Ding's assurance, Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei hesitated for a moment, but eventually chose to trust his words.

Since Principal Ding said that the university was quite likely to receive a Master's Degree Authorization Point, they chose to wait.

After all, they had already witnessed the university successfully acquiring a Master's Degree Authorization Point for the Physics major. Given this precedent and Principal Ding's assurance, everyone naturally trusted him.

"You all have a lot of projects to work on currently, right? The matter of postgraduate studies needn't be rushed. Once the university manages to secure the Master's Degree Authorization Point, there will naturally be an opportunity for you all to display your talents," Ding Yue noted, smiling as everyone agreed.

"Alright, Principal Ding, we will complete our current tasks effectively," Tong Yihang affirmed, his eyes filled with determination.

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For Tong Yihang, the most important thing at the moment is to work on the photolithography machine experiment project with Teacher Luo Peng and the others.

Moreover, Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Yang Jie have all decided that even after starting their postgraduate studies, their main research area will be related to precision machinery processing in photolithography machines.

"Okay, everyone should continue to watch the New Year's Eve Gala. Those who don't want to watch the gala can go back and rest early."

After instructing these seven students, Ding Yue felt much more at ease in his heart.

As for Huang and Bin, he naturally didn't need to worry about them.

Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Yang Jie, Chen Jun, Liu Chuanjie, Xia Qing, and Lin Zhirou were about to leave.

At this moment, Ding Yue suddenly called Lin Zhirou: "Lin Zhirou, can you stay behind for a moment?"

Upon hearing this, Lin Zhirou stopped in her tracks and turned around, "Principal Ding, is there anything else?"

Ding Yue glanced at Huang, Bin, Secretary Wen Ruohan and others, promptly hinted with his eyes, and said, "Aren't you guys going to watch the New Year's Eve Gala? The performances are splendid!"

The air was silent for a moment.

"Oh, yes, watching the New Year's Eve Gala. Let's go, Huang, let's go watch it together. Secretary Wen, you come too."

Bin was smart, he instantly understood Ding Yue's meaning, and pulled at Huang, calling on Secretary Wen Ruohan before leaving.

Now, only Ding Yue and Lin Zhirou were left in the lounge.

"Student Lin Zhirou, your performance over the past year has been commendable," Ding Yue started by affirming Lin Zhirou's "achievements".

Lin Zhirou's achievements were naturally commendable. Over the past year, she had become the most popular artist and student in both Feiyue Media and the Art Department of Mist City Arts and Science University.

In particular, Ding Yue's decision to release the three songs that he had given Lin Zhirou one by one over the year had resulted in a great success.

Whether it was the sales of the three songs, especially "Blue and White Porcelain", which had become widely popular since its release on Double Eleven, or the increase in Lin Zhirou's popularity, both were soaring.

Now, Lin Zhirou's popularity was no less than that of a first-rate star; she could be said to be the strongest dark horse artist of the year.

"Thank you for your affirmation and support, Principal Ding," Lin Zhirou said humbly and gently, "Without Principal Ding, I also..."

Ding Yue suddenly raised his hand, indicating that Lin Zhirou need not say anything more: "Your success is also inseparable from your own hard work. How's the Spring Festival Gala coming along? I have been pretty busy with school affairs lately and haven't had the chance to follow up on it."

Upon hearing this, Lin Zhirou nodded gently and replied, "Hmm, I had been to Yancheng twice during this period. I have met with Director Li and we have had a preliminary rehearsal. Director Li is quite satisfied with my performance. Starting from January, I will be officially participating in all rehearsals for the Spring Festival Gala."

"Perform well. The Spring Festival Gala is an excellent platforming opportunity," Ding Yue said with a smile, "I hope that when New Year's Eve comes, I can watch your performance on TV and see you become a highlight of the Spring Festival Gala."

"Hmm, I will try my best not to let Principal Ding down."

"Let's have a further discussion about your arrangements under Feiyue Media next year...."

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Mist City Arts and Science University's New Year's Eve Gala this year was richly diverse, with more and more students from the Art Department actively participating in the New Year's performance.

After the New Year's Eve performance on the evening of the 31st, the students either went back to their dormitories or left campus with their boyfriends or girlfriends to go to the various hotels in University Town.

This night was a meaningful New Year's Eve for young people.

Those who are single simply played some games.

As for the couples....

It was worth mentioning that tonight, almost nine out of ten dorm rooms in Mist City Fine Arts College, which was across from Mist City Arts and Science University, were vacant.

The dawn of January 1, 2022, came in the blink of an eye.

As today was the New Year's Day holiday, Ding Yue was able to sleep in until almost noon.

After waking up and looking at his Mist City Arts and Science University and the towering buildings outside the floor-to-ceiling window, he couldn't help but feel a sense of accomplishment.

The second phase of the Mist City Arts and Science University campus expansion project had already been underway for some time.

The construction of buildings such as dormitories and teaching buildings had also started, and the progress of the project was smooth.

"I can't believe it's 2022."

Ding Yue stood in front of the floor-to-ceiling window and couldn't help but sigh.

I had planned to go out on the balcony to take a good look at my Mist City Arts and Science University.

But...

The weather was truly a bit cold. I'd surely catch a cold if I went out there, wouldn't I?

Feeling extremely good, Ding Yue reflected on the fact that it was already 2022 and started planning for his Mist City Arts and Science University.

As 2022 entered a new Chapter, Mist City Arts and Science University also needed to set a goal for itself.

For example, in 2022, we aim to recruit more freshmen, expand the team of Mist City Arts and Science University, and cultivate more talents.

Of course, Ding Yue's biggest goal for 2022 is to upgrade his Mist City Arts and Science University to the Lv3 "Well-known" level.

Once he reaches the Lv3 "Well-known" level, Ding Yue will unlock many more good things.

Not long after waking up, Ding Yue received a call from his secretary Wen Ruohan.

"Hello, Principal Ding, are you awake?"

"Um, isn't it a holiday today? I just slept in. What's the matter?" Ding Yue asked after answering the phone.

"Ah, this morning, Sister Jiuge came to the office looking for you, but you weren't there, so I thought I'd let you know." Wen Ruohan explained.

"Xu Jiuge?"

Ding Yue murmured, then said, "Alright, understood."

Ding!

Suddenly, as Ding Yue finished his sentence, a sound rang in his mind.

It was a sound he was very familiar with and greatly enjoyed.

"Congratulations, Host, for completing the [Key Level Professional] task!"

Whoosh!

With the system's prompt, Ding Yue was presented with a system panel-

"[Key Level Professional] Task content: Confirm and implement at least 5 majors in Mist City Arts and Science University to reach the province-level key major quality!"

Task progress: 5/5 completed!

"Congratulations to the host for obtaining the reward for the [Key Level Professional] task: [Advanced Laboratory Room +1], [Lv3 University Treasure Chest +1], [Master's Degree Authorization Card]+5, and reputation points+500!"

The task is complete?

Ding Yue was stunned for a long time, unable to recover.



This [Key Level Professional] task was Ding Yue's biggest task at the moment, and also the one with the most generous rewards.

A lot of Ding Yue's previous work was aimed at completing this task.

For example, starting from attending the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference, many departments and majors later established cooperation and exchange relations with other universities.

With Ding Yue's substantial investment in these departments, he finally managed to achieve the provincial key major quality assessed by the system.

Now, the system has deemed this task completed and released the rewards!

The first day of the new year has surprisingly brought me such a big surprise?

Ding Yue was overjoyed, but quickly calmed down. After calming down, he remembered what his secretary Wen Ruohan had mentioned earlier about Xu Jiuge from Feiyue Animation Studio looking for him this morning.

Could it be...

Xu Jiuge got it done?

Previously, this task of Ding Yue's was just a little short of reaching 100% progress for the animation major.

Now that the task is completed, it means Xu Jiuge has succeeded. Did she convince her professor at Guangcheng Media University to come to Mist City Arts and Science University?

"Hello, Principal Ding? Are you there?" Wen Ruohan carefully asked after a while of silence on the other end of the phone.

"Ah, I'm listening. Wen Ruohan, ask Jiuge to come to my apartment directly, and by the way, help me get a meal from the cafeteria."

The weather was too cold, and Ding Yue didn't want to go out.

#### Chapter 647: 3D Biological Printing Technology

Having been Principal Ding's secretary for such a long time, it was usually Wen Ruohan who served Principal Ding water or tea. Unexpectedly, today was the day Principal Ding served her water.

At this moment, Wen Ruohan's heart was simply overjoyed to the point of explosion.

"Jiuge, what about you?"

Ding Yue turned to Xu Jiuge, asking.

"I'd like a cup of water too, thank you, Principal Ding," Xu Jiuge answered.

Ding Yue went on to pour two cups of water for them, and at the same time asked Xu Jiuge about the main topic: "Jiuge, the matter I last mentioned to you about inviting your former teachers to come to our Mist City Arts and Science University, has it been settled yet?"

Ding Yue was certain it had been.

Otherwise, how could their mission be completed?

Before this, the progress of the mission had already reached 4/5; only the progress of the animation major task was slightly lacking.

"Yes, Principal Ding. I haven't had a chance to tell you yet, but this morning, my teacher agreed to come to our Mist City Arts and Science University."

Xu Jiuge replied happily, nodding his head.

"Great." Upon hearing this, Ding Yue revealed a joyful smile, then carried the two cups of water over to Wen Ruohan and Xu Jiuge: "Jiuge, you deserve credit for this."

"Ah? Principal Ding, I just contributed a bit, the main reason being the generous benefits you offered. After weighing it up, my teacher decided to come to our Mist City Arts and Science University,"

Xu Jiuge didn't dare to take all the credit.

She mainly just brought up the matter with her teacher; the specific generous offers and the reason why the animation major at Mist City Arts and Science University was able to "take off" were all due to the "Super Combat Team" project Principal Ding initiated in the past.

Ding Yue smiled and then said, "With this, our animation design and production major at Mist City Arts and Science University will have more robust strength in the future. Jiuge, do you know what our goal is?"

"Principal Ding, our goal is..." Xu Jiuge took a sip of water and quietly wondered aloud.

"I think I've said it before? We aim to develop the world's top-tier animation major and establish a system that cultivates top-level animation talent,"

Ding Yue confidently smiled, pouring himself a cup of water as well.

"Right, right, right."

Xu Jiuge immediately nodded, echoing: "Principal Ding, we will do our best."

Xu Jiuge knew that the animation major was currently the main focus of development at Mist City Arts and Science University.

So, it goes without saying that Xu Jiuge will lead his team to cultivate one outstanding talent after another for Principal Ding's animation major at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Xu Jiuge's confidence mainly comes from the fact that the students of the animation major at Mist City Arts and Science University are truly exceptional.

They are hardworking.

They are not stupid. Although they were initially recruited from a group of so-called "poor performers" with bad college entrance examination results, there are no true poor learners in this world.

As long as a person studies diligently, they are bound to learn something.

Not to mention, the students of Mist City Arts and Science University unconsciously benefit from the study buffet provided by Principal Ding.

"Also, the salary package previously promised to your teacher will definitely be implemented by the university. Secretary Little Wen, you need to follow up on this,"

Ding Yue directed Wen Ruohan.

"Yes, Principal Ding."

"There's one more thing." Ding Yue thought that since Secretary Wen Ruohan was here, she might as well inform her about another important matter so that Wen Ruohan could prepare as soon as possible.

"Principal Ding, what is it?" Wen Ruohan blinked, asking.

As soon as Principal Ding has an instruction, Wen Ruohan can now quickly switch into work mode.

This is what a qualified personal secretary should do.

"I've been considering, our Mist City Arts and Science University has developed to this point and the prospects are quite bright. Plus, didn't the first batch of students graduate early yesterday? Considering their future postgraduate studies, I've decided to select a group of faculties and majors to apply for Master's Degree Authorization Points."

Ding Yue said earnestly.

This is a very important matter for Mist City Arts and Science University.

The prestige of a university is not determined by how many students it has. Even if it has tens or hundreds of thousands of students, it's nothing compared to the strength and social recognition represented by a few thousand graduate students.

For the continuous development and construction of Mist City Arts and Science University, it is imperative to have accomplished students such as master's and doctoral candidates to uphold its reputation.

Otherwise, no matter how well Mist City Arts and Science University develops, it would still be difficult to become a nationally recognized key-level university.

"Principal Ding, our Mist City Arts and Science University is applying for Master's Degree Authorization Points again. What disciplines are we applying for this time? If I remember correctly, the last time it was the Physics Department where you worked, Principal Ding, that received approval," Wen Ruohan asked excitedly.

"Not just one, but several," Ding Yue shook his head, "Let's select the first ten faculties and majors."

Ding Yue contemplated for a moment, he had five Master's Degree Authorization Cards in hand and it was almost certain that he could obtain five disciplines with the Master's Degree Authorization Point.

The five disciplines could actually involve related subordinate disciplines.

For instance, the Master's Degree Authorization Point previously granted in Physics is now tied to most of the Physics programs at Mist City Arts and Science University, granting them the eligibility to confer master's degrees.

"Okay, Principal Ding, which faculties and majors are you particularly interested in?" Ruohan asked, "I can start preparing materials with the department heads after we go back."

"The Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Medical...and Animation disciplines. These four fields are quite strong in our university."

Ding Yue had essentially decided on these four.

The remaining one would be determined by Wen Ruohan after sorting through the other six. Whoever among the remaining six is the lucky one.

"Thank you, Principal Ding, for supporting our Animation department," Xu Jiuge thanked Principal Ding happily after hearing him mention the Animation department.

As a teacher of Animation and the director of Feiyue Animation Studio, Xu Jiuge naturally hoped that higher-degree graduates could emerge from the Animation department. Having the chance to study at the graduate level would be even better.

Many technologies and directions in animation actually deserve further research at the postgraduate level in the future.

"You're welcome, students of the Animation Department and all of you from the Feiyue Animation Studio have performed exceptionally well," Ding Yue affirmed confidently.

Next, Ding Yue and his secretary, Ruohan, discussed in-depth the preparation of materials for applying for the Master's Degree Authorization Point.

"Principal Ding, may I excuse myself for a bathroom break?" Xu Jiuge stood up suddenly, wanting to go to the restroom.

"Of course, it's over there," Ding Yue nodded and pointed him in the right direction.

After all, this was Ding Yue's apartment.

After discussing with Principal Ding, Ruohan began to write down important information on her phone. After the New Year's Day holiday, she would start coordinating the preparation of the necessary documents for each department.

Ding Yue sat on the sofa for a moment during his break, constantly thinking about his [Level-3 University Treasure Chest].

"I want to open the Treasure Chest!"

Ding!

"Do you want to open the [Level-3 University Treasure Chest]?"

"Open!"

What Ding Yue loved most was the process of opening the Treasure Chest, seeing unknown items bursting out after the Treasure Chest opens.

The feeling was absolutely thrilling.

A purple light overflowing from the chest was followed by an explosion, and an object emitting a golden glow came out.

Slowly, the golden light began to fade, revealing what appeared to be a machine?

Ding Yue wasn't sure what kind of machine it was.

But since it came out of a Level-3 University Treasure Chest, it should be something remarkable.

Ding!

"Congratulations, Host, on opening the [Level-3 University Treasure Chest] and receiving a 3D Biological Printer+3D Biological Printing Core Technology Package."

A package...?

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A 3D biological printer and its core technology, a complete package.

Ding Yue never expected this.

He opened a level 3 University Treasure Chest and found a packaged deal.

"What a great find."

Upon seeing the 3D biological printing set he acquired, Ding Yue couldn't help but talk to himself.

"Principal Ding, what were you saying? What's this great thing?" Wen Ruohan, who was standing next to him, heard Principal Ding mumbling about something, but couldn't quite hear it and asked curiously.

"Nothing."

Ding Yue laughed and shook his head.

He immediately concentrated and checked the 3D biological printer.

Item: 3D Biological Printer

Type: Biomedical Technology

Details: This 3D biological printer, made with globally leading 3D biological printing technology, can perform perfect biological technology printing 100% of the time.

Ding Yue was familiar with 3D printing technology, but this was a 3D biological printer, meaning it could only be used in the field of biomedical technology and couldn't 3D print things from other fields.

The technology involved in this gadget was even superior to the leading 3D printing technology equipment available globally today.

Although it couldn't be called black technology exactly, it certainly was the most advanced in the world.



3D printing technology does exist globally, but so far, it has not been widely used in commercial applications.

Not to mention the related technologies involved in this 3D biological printer.

Most importantly...

There is not only a 3D biological printer but also its corresponding core technology.

This is just fantastic.

If the black technology obtained by Ding Yue before was theoretical knowledge that required continuous research to gain results,

Then this time, it's much easier.

With a 3D biological printer and its core technology, as long as Ding Yue imparts this technology to the relevant students, the 3D biological printer won't need a prolonged period of research like a lithography machine experimental project.

Furthermore!

Ding Yue thought of something more. Since this 3D biological printing technology is related to biomedical technology, could it be combined with the medical health robot Big White previously developed by Mist City Arts and Science University?

Since the 3D biological printing technology and the 3D biological printer involve biology and medicine, this means that Ding Yue will need to ponder and further develop these two academic majors.

Especially biological sciences.

Ding Yue has already invested quite a bit in the medical department and lent much support, and the medical department has also made quite an impressive "achievement" with the Big White health robot.

This time, it seems the fields of biological science and medicine are going to merge.

While Ding Yue was daydreaming about various possibilities, Xu Jiuge emerged from the restroom.

"By the way, Principal Ding, about the characters you assigned us last time, we made storyboards and models but didn't have time to show you."

Xu Jiuge came over, sat on the sofa, and said.

"You've created them already?"

Ding Yue lifted his head upon hearing this and looked at Xu Jiuge.

"Mmhm."

Xu Jiuge nodded: "I forgot to bring them when I came here, but it's fine. I'll ask Zhang to send them."

After saying that, Xu Jiuge took out his phone and dialed his buddy Zhang to send the models.

"Okay, let's see if the character models you made meet my aesthetic preferences, hahaha." Ding Yue laughed.

After a while, Xu Jiuge finished the call and said to Principal Ding, "Principal Ding, the models have been sent to your email."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue got up and brought out his laptop from the bedroom, logged into his email. Sure enough, a new email was in the inbox. After downloading the attachment from the email, Ding Yue took a look.

Several character model images appeared before Ding Yue's eyes.

Wow!

Looking at these character models, Ding Yue was surprisingly satisfied. Although they didn't match the impressions in his mind from Earth in his previous life, they did meet his expectations.

After all, Ding Yue was well aware that in this Parallel World, it's practically impossible to create works identical to those from his previous life on Earth.

With the example of the previous "Super Combat Team", creating the works wasn't something that Ding Yue himself did, so it was impossible to replicate the images in his mind exactly.

However, reality also proved that even if the created works weren't exactly identical to those on Earth from Ding Yue's previous life, as long as the genres, plot, and overall quality were on par, they could still be successful.

"Principal Ding, what do you think of the modeling of these characters? If you're unsatisfied, we can redo them until you're satisfied," Xu Jiuge asked cautiously.

The quality of the works from Feiyue Animation studio was all overseen by Principal Ding.

"Super Combat Team" was successful after release mainly because Ding Yue in charge of ensuring the quality of the works.

If the products of Feiyue Animation studio failed to satisfy Principal Ding, that meant there was definitely a problem.

Xu Jiuge admired Principal Ding's appreciation ability.

Be it the previous "Super Combat Team" or the current characters, Principal Ding's imagination always seemed so unrestricted.

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No.

These seem to be character profiles from a collection of stories created by Principal Ding's friend. Feiyue Animation Studio's work plan for 2022 seems to be to turn these story collections into animated series.

Is this Ding Xiao's strategy?

Because frequent animation movies might lower the quality.

So last year we produced an animated movie, "Super Combat Team", and this year we will produce an animated series.

Xu Jiuge quite agrees with this strategy. Producing another animated movie after a year can better ensure quality and reputation.

"Hmm, not bad."

Ding Yue nodded in satisfaction and said softly, "It quite matches my aesthetic."

"So, Principal Ding, should we start preparing to produce the animated series? Just that... the story of the animated series..."

Xu Jiuge, seeing Principal Ding's satisfaction, spoke happily.

But quickly, Xu Jiuge hesitated because so far they still didn't know what the story created by Principal Ding's friend was.

Principal Ding said the series to be produced this year was adapted from the short stories created by his friend.

Therefore, Xu Jiuge was particularly curious about the short stories created by Principal Ding's friend.

"Oh, about that, my friend has already created the short stories, and I have directly purchased the copyrights. There are a total of 18 short stories."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue got up and started walking towards Big White on the wall side of the living room.

Beep!

Ding Yue pressed the startup button on Big White's red metal box.

"Big White."

Then Ding Yue woke up Big White.

"Principal, I'm here."

As Big White's voice rang out, the red metal box slowly opened. With a hissing inflation sound, Big White gradually inflated and stood up.

Seeing Big White, Xu Jiuge and Wen Ruohan felt a sense of comfort.

It couldn't be helped.

Big White was simply too likable, especially this Big White of Principal Ding, which is a robot Big White with "Artificial Intelligence".

"Sort out the story series of 'Love, Death and Robots' and send it to Jiuge's email." Ding Yue instructed Big White.

"Principal, who is Jiuge?" Big White asked.

Um...

The scene was quite awkward for a moment.

In Big White's large data storage, there seemed to be no record of Xu Jiuge, let alone Xu Jiuge's email.

Big White didn't know who Xu Jiuge was and what his email was, so naturally, it couldn't follow Ding Yue's command.

Since it couldn't execute the command, due to the "Human Brain-Like Intelligence Program", Big White, simulating human brain thinking, would ask its master Ding Yue who Jiuge was.

Ding Yue smiled helplessly, then pointed to Xu Jiuge sitting on the sofa, and said, "Big White, see, that's Jiuge, Xu Jiuge."

"Hello, Jiuge." Big White raised its chubby white hand to greet Xu Jiuge.

"Hello Big White."

"Jiuge, tell your email to Big White, I'll have Big White send the story series to your email. You guys at Feiyue Animation Studio will then adapt the eighteen story series into an animated series."

Ding Yue said to Xu Jiuge seriously.

"Okay, Principal Ding." Xu Jiuge nodded, then looked at Big White and said, "Big White, my email is [email protected]."

"Email entered successfully, sending now, sent, please check!" Big White almost instantly carried out Ding Yue's command.

Big White's current hardware, in addition to the somewhat advanced functions from the movie, the newly added functions are also made using the world's most advanced hardware.

If you say the previous medical health robot Big White was priced at 100,000 yuan.

Then this Big White of Ding Yue could be said to be a priceless treasure.

Just the gallium nitride chip alone is worth more than a million.

Ding Yue sat back down on the sofa, then called Big White over and said to Xu Jiuge, "Why don't we all watch the stories my friend created... You might get some inspiration for creating the animated series."

As Ding Yue finished speaking, Big White had already come in front of the sofa, standing blankly in front of Ding Yue and Xu Jiuge.

"Sure."

Xu Jiuge nodded and then curiously asked after a while, "Principal Ding, you just said there are eighteen story series? What's it called?"

"'Love, Death and Robots', of course that's my abbreviation, the full name is 'Love, Death and Robots'."

Ding Yue gave a light smile and said.

Exactly!

The series Ding Yue has prepared for Feiyue Animation Studio to produce this year is none other than the super highly-rated "Love, Death and Robots" that astounded everyone when it was produced by Netflix on Earth in a previous life!

"Love, Death and Robots?"

Xu Jiuge is a little puzzled by the title.

Not just Xu Jiuge, but Wen Ruohan standing nearby is also somewhat confused.

Soon enough, Wen Ruohan can't help himself and curiously asks Principal Ding, "Principal Ding, why is it called 'Love, Death and Robots'?"

"This name seems rather good, why not name the animated series this as well?" Xu Jiuge suggests.

Ding Yue nods: "Um-hum, as to why it's named 'Love, Death and Robots', that's because these eighteen story-episodes are themed around these three elements."

"Big White, pull up the stories of 'Love, Death and Robots'." Ding Yue issues an instruction to Big White.

The following second, a list of stories from "Love, Death and Robots" appears on the screen in front of Big White.

Xu Jiuge takes a careful look.

Indeed there are eighteen stories in total, each named -

"Sunny's Advantage"

"Three Robots"

"The Witness"

"Suits"

"Soul-Sucker"

"When the Yogurt Took Over"

"Beyond the Aquila Rift"

"Good Hunting"

"The Dump"



"Shape-Shifters"

"Helping Hand"

"Fish Night"

"Lucky 13"

"Zima Blue"

"Blindspot"

"Ice Age"

"Alternate Histories"

"Secret War"

Seeing the names of these eighteen story-episodes, Xu Jiuge raises his eyebrows slightly, thinking that these stories seem to contain a lot of elements, which is indeed a bit intriguing.

But Xu Jiuge still has a doubt in his heart.

That is, these eighteen story-episodes, they are not part of the same world view? Are they independently separate?

Because Xu Jiuge sees that there are "Ice Age", "Suits", "The Witness", "Soul-Sucker", "Fish Night" and so on, the themes represented by these clearly diverse.

"Principal Ding, I have a question." Xu Jiuge directly tells Principal Ding his doubt.

"What?"

"That is, these eighteen story-episodes, they don't continue from one to another? They are independent, right?" Xu Jiuge asks curiously.

"Correct, these are eighteen unrelated independent stories." Ding Yue nods definitively.

This is one of the characteristics of "Love, Death and Robots". Usually, animated series have many episodes narrating the same story.

But "Love, Death and Robots" is made up of eighteen independent story-episodes.

"I see..." Xu Jiuge is a little confused, but quickly thinks that perhaps when Principal Ding's friend created these eighteen stories, it was due to different inspirations: "In that case, what we need to make are eighteen independent animated films, each with a different story?"

"Yes." Ding Yue gives a slight smile and nods: "This should not pose any difficulty for our Feiyue Animation Studio, should it?"

"Of course, it wouldn't be difficult, it's just..." Xu Jiuge responds: "We've never done anything like this before, so we're a bit lacking in experience."

"That's okay, as long as we put our hearts into it, it won't be a problem." Ding Yue doesn't think the lack of experience matters at all. As long as we have the technology and strictly follow the stories in production, there should be no problem.

"Principal Ding, I have another question..." Having read the titles of these eighteen independent stories, Xu Jiuge has many questions he wants to ask Principal Ding.

These questions are mainly about how to make "Love, Death and Robots", because this kind of topic indeed surprises and amazes Xu Jiuge.

"Feel free to ask."

Chapter 650: As long as I don't open my mouth...

There indeed were some things about "Love, Death and Robots" that Ding Yue needed to discuss with Xu Jiuge.

Fortunately, Xu Jiuge brought it up.

"Principal Ding, if these eighteen stories are being adapted and produced into eighteen separate animated episodes, are we using the same production method? I mean, the style, the tone, and so on."

Unsure of how to make decisions in this area, Xu Jiuge could only ask Principal Ding.

Hearing Xu Jiuge's question, Ding Yue laughed and said, "Wouldn't it be too dull if we produced all eighteen stories in the same style?"

On their previous Earth, "Love, Death and Robots" had used different production techniques for almost every animated episode.

This even included 2D, 3D, CG, and various artistic styles like realism, absurd, and cartoon.

Topped with the richness of themes, such as sci-fi, fantasy, horror, comedy, and mystery, the fusion, coupled with quality storytelling, naturally made for a highly acclaimed masterpiece.

In this parallel world, the animation technology within Xia Country was more than sufficient for these needs.

So, Ding Yue wanted Xu Jiuge and her team to give their utmost creativity in producing these eighteen story sets.

Be it the techniques, the artistic style, 3D, 2D, or realism-- everything was possible.

As long as they can portray the unique style of "Love, Death and Robots" and tell the stories well, it would essentially be considered a success at the production level.

"Principal Ding, I was thinking along those lines as well." Xu Jiuge revealed a touch of a smile, "These eighteen stories are independent of each other. So, why not express them using different technologies, methodologies, and artistic styles? It would provide more visual impact and a sense of surprise."

Xu Jiuge's words and thoughts were almost a perfect match with Ding Yue's considerations.

Ding Yue couldn't help but glance at Xu Jiuge. This lively, youthful, attractive woman was indeed full of great ideas.

"A variety of animation styles should be employed, but they must be in line with the story's theme. Just don't go over the top," Ding Yue nodded and said.

"Principal Ding, rest assured, my partners and I will make utmost efforts to keep things under control. After we finalize the style and production approach, we'll report back to you at once. Ultimately, the final decision lies with you, right?" Xu Jiuge said earnestly.

When Xu Jiuge became serious, she gave off a trustworthy, reliable vibe.

"Very well."

Then, Ding Yue went on to suggest, "Since these eighteen independent animation episodes are using different styles and methods, can we give Feiyue Animation Studio, or even those competent students from the Animation Major, opportunities to showcase their talents?"

Ding Yue felt this was indeed an opportunity for the Animation students to hone their skills.

Suppose these eighteen animation episodes differed in style, techniques, and methodologies. In that case, they would require many ideas and specialists in various areas for production.

This would be a golden opportunity for the students from Mist City Arts and Science University's Animation program.

This would give them a chance to learn while participating in the production and to learn from their progress.

"That's a good point, Principal Ding."

Xu Jiuge instantly agreed with Ding Yue's suggestion, "Although Feiyue Animation Studio has expanded its team quite significantly, for these eighteen story episodes, we may not be able to think of eighteen distinct artistic and production styles. Incorporating the Animation students into this project does seem like an excellent idea."

"Well, you'll have to work hard then. Keep it up!" Ding Yue encouraged Xu Jiuge.

Feiyue Animation Studio's major project for the year was "Love, Death and Robots."

Just like "Super Combat Team" from the previous year, Ding Yue hoped that Xu Jiuge and her team could successfully produce it and garner substantial profits.

Then, these profits could be invested in the construction and development of Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Principal Ding, it's our job after all. Should I start preparing then?" Today's discussion had come to an end, Xu Jiuge now knew about Feiyue Animation Studio's new project, "Love, Death and Robots."

Since that was the case, it wasn't quite appropriate to remain at Principal Ding's home any longer. She needed to go back, thoroughly go through "Love, Death and Robots" stories to lay a foundation and prepare for the production ahead.

"Sure."

Ding Yue nodded, stood up and escorted Xu Jiuge to the door. Since it was rather cold outside, and he didn't feel like changing, Ding Yue didn't accompany her any further.

"Goodbye, Principal Ding."

"Goodbye."

After Xu Jiuge departed, the secretary, Wen Ruohan, was the only one left with Ding Yue.

"Xiao Wen?"

"Hehe, Principal Ding, your house is so cozy that I don't feel like leaving," Wen Ruohan lifted her head, chuckling.

"Then don't."

"Ah? Principal Ding, you..." Upon hearing this, Wen Ruohan became instantly nervous.

What was Principal Ding thinking?!?!?

"Get Luo Peng, Su Beilin, Tong Yihang, and Liu Tiefei over here." Ding Yue then instructed.

Upon hearing this, Wen Ruohan breathed a sigh of relief. Those unaware might have thought that Principal Ding asked her not to leave because he wanted something from her, but it turned out he just needed her to do something.