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Chapter 811: Our Mist City Arts and Science University?

"Student Xie Feiyang, I heard from Director Liang that you have a great talent for cooking, having learned all eight major cuisines of our Xia Country?"

Ding Yue said as he sipped his porridge.

"Hehe."

Xie Feiyang scratched his head with an awkward smile, feeling quite embarrassed to be praised by Principal Ding like that.

However, deep down Xie Feiyang was indeed very happy, for being praised by Principal Ding was an honor.

"The reason I called you over is mainly to ask if you'd like to take on an apprentice," Ding Yue said with a slight smile, continuing.

"Take on an apprentice?" Xie Feiyang scratched his head again, somewhat puzzled.

He was just a university student; an apprentice?

"Principal Ding, who are you planning to have me teach to cook?" Xie Feiyang asked bewildered.

"Well."

Ding Yue raised his head, gesturing towards the chubby white robot Big White standing not far away.

"Big White?"

Xie Feiyang followed the direction of Principal Ding's gesture and saw the robot Big White.

"That's right, Student Xie Feiyang, Big White now has the world's most advanced artificial intelligence chip, so I think it should learn things quite quickly," Ding Yue nodded and said, "So I thought, why not have you teach Big White some culinary skills? Then it can always cook for me, and since you'd be the one who taught Big White, it would be as if you were cooking for me every day."

After finishing his sentence, Ding Yue gave a thumbs up.

He was simply a logical master!

"Wow, Big White can learn to cook?" Xie Feiyang exclaimed in disbelief.

Who would have thought Principal Ding's AI robot Big White could be so advanced, truly amazing.

"So, Student Xie Feiyang, are you willing?" Ding Yue asked, then added, "Don't worry, there will be a reward. Also, Professor Yang was very satisfied with the Zhejiang Cuisine you made last night, well done. I'll have Secretary Wen bring you your cooking allowance from last night."

"Thank you, Principal Ding, of course I'm willing."

Xie Feiyang was thrilled. Who wouldn't like to get in touch with Principal Ding's AI robot Big White?

Big White, chubby and white, was adorably dumb, something everyone would want to hug and poke at, and Xie Feiyang was no exception.

Moreover, Xie Feiyang was a faithful fan of Big White.

When "Super Combat Team" was released, Xie Feiyang had gone to the cinema to see it three times.

Principal Ding's AI robot Big White was the original model, the genuine Big White. Xie Feiyang wouldn't miss the chance to get close to Big White or even teach it to cook.

"Okay, later I'll have Secretary Wen teach you the specifics of instructing Big White," Ding Yue said upon seeing Xie Feiyang's agreement.

Thump thump thump!

Just after Ding Yue finished speaking, a knock sounded at the door.

"Principal Ding, time to wake up, are you up yet, Principal Ding?"

From outside the door, Wen Ruohan's voice sounded faintly.

"Coming."

Ding Yue said, getting up and going to the door to let Wen Ruohan in.

"You're awake, Principal Ding."

Seeing that Principal Ding seemed okay, Wen Ruohan worried no more.

After all, last night Principal Ding had drunk quite a bit with Professor Yang Kaining, Principal Xu Dongcheng, and President Jiang Zhongbo.

"I just woke up too."

Ding Yue nodded, letting Wen Ruohan in and asked, "Xiao Wen, have you had breakfast yet?"

"I've eaten, but have you eaten yet, Principal Ding? If you haven't eaten yet, I'll go to the cafeteria for you... Oh? Looks like you're eating. Oh? Principal Ding, who is this?"

Wen Ruohan noticed the breakfast on the table and saw Xie Feiyang as well.

However, Wen Ruohan naturally didn't recognize Xie Feiyang, though he looked familiar, as if she had seen him somewhere before.

No surprise, he must be a student at Mist City Arts and Science University, right?

"This is Student Xie Feiyang from the Culinary Arts department. Do you remember the last Campus Gourmet Contest?"

Ding Yue reminded Wen Ruohan.

After thinking for a while, Wen Ruohan finally remembered, "I see now, good morning, Student Xie Feiyang."

"Good morning, Secretary Wen."

"Since you're here already," Ding Yue got back to his breakfast and spoke to Wen Ruohan, "later, please explain to Student Xie Feiyang how to operate Big White and about teaching it to learn."

"Oh sure, Principal Ding, what exactly is Big White going to learn? Gourmet cooking?" Wen Ruohan asked curiously.

She surmised as much since Principal Ding had just mentioned explaining to Xie Feiyang how to operate Big White for learning purposes and Xie Feiyang was a Culinary Arts student—presumably, he was going to teach gourmet cooking.

"Exactly."

Ding Yue nodded and smiled, saying, "Once Big White has learned, I'll wake up every morning to breakfast made by Big White, and when I want a late-night snack, Big White can make it for me too, wouldn't that be wonderful?"

"That's awesome."

Wen Ruohan listened to Principal Ding's words with envy. Life with AI was just so wonderful, wasn't it?

"I'll go find Professor Yang later, and you can tell Student Xie Feiyang... well, just come along, and bring Big White too."

Halfway through, Ding Yue changed his mind.

Originally, he was going to see Professor Yang to find out if Yang had any new ideas for the day.

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So he asked Wen Ruohan to stay and teach Xie Feiyang how to operate Big White and its learning process, but after giving it some thought, he decided to bring his own artificial intelligence robot, Big White, along.

That way he could show Professor Yang Kaining the "strength" of Mist City Arts and Science University, and it might even increase the chances of Professor Yang deciding to stay.

"Mm-hmm, okay."

Wen Ruohan nodded in agreement.

Xie Feiyang also nodded and said, "Okay."

Soon, breakfast was finished.

"Big White, follow me."

Ding Yue gave the command to Big White, and then the cute and silly robot quickly followed its master, Ding Yue.

Wen Ruohan and Xie Feiyang followed closely behind. At the same time, Wen Ruohan began explaining to Xie Feiyang some operations regarding Big White and how to instruct it to learn knowledge.

Since Xie Feiyang wasn't very familiar with the artificial intelligence Big White, he listened very intently. The more intently he listened, the more incredible he found Big White to be.

After leaving the house, Ding Yue headed straight to the apartment where Professor Yang lived.

The apartment arranged for Professor Yang was on the same floor as his own, not far away, and he reached the door in a moment.

Thud, thud, thud!

"Professor Yang, Professor Yang, are you up?"

After knocking on the door and calling out a few times, there seemed to be no movement inside the apartment.

"Is Professor Yang not in the apartment?" Wen Ruohan muttered.

"Where could Professor Yang have gone?"

Ding Yue also muttered to himself, knocked on the door again, and called out for Professor Yang a couple of times, but there was still no response.

Seeing this, Ding Yue grew vaguely worried. After all, Professor Yang had drunk quite a bit last night. Although he was safely sent back to his apartment to sleep, Ding Yue couldn't help but wonder if something had happened.

With this thought in mind, Ding Yue quickly took out his phone and called Professor Yang.

Even though Ding Yue could have Big White make the call, in his urgency, he didn't think about using the artificial intelligence's capabilities.

Beep, beep, beep~

The call connected, but nobody picked up for a while.

Ding Yue's concern became more intense, but soon, the phone was answered.

"Hello, Principal Ding."

"Professor Yang, you're not in your apartment?" Ding Yue immediately asked, "I came to see you, but you didn't seem to be there when I knocked."

"Yeah, I'm not in the apartment. After getting up this morning, I went to the cafeteria for breakfast, and then I started wandering around Mist City Arts and Science University..."

Professor Yang Kaining spoke calmly and naturally on the phone.

"So that's how it is. Then, Professor Yang, where are you now in the school? I'll come over to you right away."

Ding Yue quickly asked.

His Mist City Arts and Science University covered 7,500 acres of land; searching for one person without a specific location in such an enormous campus was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

"I'm currently... should be in the library, the one that looks like a ship."

Professor Yang replied.

"Book Ship Library, alright, I'll be right there."

After ending the call, Ding Yue turned to take the elevator.

Big White, Wen Ruohan, and Xie Feiyang quickly followed.

Once Ding Yue and Big White descended the building, many students quickly became intrigued.

Because Principal Ding rarely brought Big White with him in public.

Even when he did, it was with Big White sleeping inside a red metal box. Today was different, though; Big White was lively and bouncy, following Principal Ding with adorable little steps.

"Look, that's Big White, isn't it?"

"Yes, yes, yes, that's Principal Ding's exclusive medical health robot, Big White."

"I've heard that Principal Ding's Big White has already become an artificial intelligence robot."

"For real?"

"Definitely for real, otherwise why would Big White be so obediently following Principal Ding?"

"That's too amazing, I really wish I had an artificial intelligence robot like Big White."

"Don't even think about it. I heard the chip in Principal Ding's Big White alone is worth more than a million."

"That expensive, how do you know that?"

"A buddy of mine is in the Computer Science department. That's what people over there were saying."

"Oh, so that's how it is."

The students were discussing animatedly, watching Principal Ding take Big White out for a "stroll," filled with envy.

It would take about fifteen to twenty minutes to walk from the apartment complex to the Book Ship Library.

Fortunately, the school had already started to set up a batch of those campus sightseeing cars.

Ding Yue directly took Big White and Wen Ruohan and others, riding the campus sightseeing car towards the Book Ship Library.

It was also a good opportunity to experience what it was like to ride the campus sightseeing car of Mist City Arts and Science University.

And indeed, it was quite comfortable. The speed was neither fast nor slow, and it took only about one to two minutes to reach the Book Ship Library.

Upon arriving at the plaza in front of the Book Ship Library, Ding Yue saw Professor Yang Kaining from afar.

He was leisurely walking at the entrance, seemingly waiting for Ding Yue to arrive.

"Professor Yang."

Ding Yue waved at Professor Yang Kaining and then jogged over.

Professor Yang Kaining looked towards the voice, seeing Principal Ding running over, followed by a white and chubby guy.

"Hmm?"

Professor Yang Kaining was curious about the white and chubby guy; it must be the medical healthcare robot Big White from Mist City Arts and Science University, right?

Within Xia Country, the medical healthcare robot Big White was incredibly popular. Major hospitals in provincial capitals across the nation had basically been equipped with such a robot.

Abroad, Big White also enjoyed a fair amount of popularity, although due to certain reasons, foreign hospitals had not yet been equipped with such medical healthcare robots.

"Professor Yang, we drank so much last night. Why didn't you rest a little longer?"

Upon approaching, Ding Yue asked with a smile.

"My alcohol tolerance is actually quite good. I got up very early today, and seeing that the campus is so large and appears to have recently built a rather large area, right? So, I thought I'd come have a look around," replied Professor Yang Kaining with a smile.

"Indeed, the western part of Mist City Arts and Science University has just been completed. We're still setting it up, and after the school term starts in September, all teachers and students will be able to use the new teaching buildings, dormitories, and laboratories," Ding Yue nodded, explaining.

"Impressive," said Professor Yang Kaining, his eyes filled with admiration for the campus. "Such a large university campus will accommodate tens of thousands, or even a hundred thousand students, won't it? This is indeed remarkable, truly remarkable."

"The initial estimate is that once Mist City Arts and Science University is fully enrolled across four grades, plus the graduate and even doctoral students, the number will exceed a hundred thousand."

"Tens of thousands of people?"

Professor Yang Kaining expressed some shock.

A university with tens of thousands of people has an immense scale and high management difficulty; indeed, it is no ordinary feat.

Most importantly, Professor Yang Kaining believed that Principal Ding could manage such a university very well.

At least from what he could see now, it appeared to be very well managed.

"Principal Ding, does Mist City Arts and Science University have doctoral degree authorization points?" After hearing Principal Ding mention graduate and doctoral students, he wanted to ask.

"We're preparing to apply for doctoral degree authorization points, and we should gradually obtain them," said Ding Yue with confidence.

"Then I wish you good luck," Professor Yang Kaining said with a smile.

"By the way, Professor Yang, I came to find you early this morning because... let me just be honest. With just a few days left before you leave, I was wondering how you've considered that matter?"

Having had that meal together the previous night, everyone was quite clear on what matter Ding Yue was referring to.

Professor Yang Kaining furrowed his brows slightly, then after a moment said, "Principal Ding, when I first arrived at Mist City Arts and Science University, I was busy researching 3D bioprinting technology in the field of biomedical engineering, so I never had the chance to visit our Mist City Arts and Science University, and back then, that area was still under construction, right?"

"Right, right, right."

Ding Yue nodded.

Wait a minute!

Ding Yue seemed to have realized something.

When Professor Yang Kaining spoke of Mist City Arts and Science University, he prefixed it with "our."

For people from Xia Country, the meaning behind the word "our" was clear.

Could it be...

Has Professor Yang already started considering himself a part of Mist City Arts and Science University?

At this thought, Ding Yue felt overjoyed.

At the very least, this meant that the balance in Professor Yang Kaining's heart seemed to have started tilting towards staying at Mist City Arts and Science University.

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Book Ship Library.

Second Floor.

Ding Yue and Professor Yang Kaining found a quiet spot to discuss various matters about Mist City Arts and Science University and Professor Yang Kaining's options.

"Professor Yang, I sincerely hope you can stay. Everything Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology can offer you in terms of research conditions, we at Mist City Arts and Science University can provide as well,"

Ding Yue declared earnestly.

Although the life sciences at Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology are impressive, as long as one is willing to invest, Mist City Arts and Science University won't fall short.

Moreover,

with the systematic support in hand, given time, the strength of the life sciences sector might even match that of the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

Of course, this is on the premise that they could recruit top life scientist Professor Yang Kaining.

"I can see Principal Ding's sincerity,"

Professor Yang Kaining nodded and then said, "To be honest, I am considering it. However, I'm still hesitating."

At this moment,

Professor Yang Kaining finally revealed his true thoughts to Ding Yue.

He hadn't made a decision yet, but staying at Mist City Arts and Science University was indeed a possibility he was contemplating.

There were many factors influencing this consideration.

First, as Professor Yang Kaining grew older, he increasingly harbored the sentiment of returning to his homeland.

Clearly, the allure of Yanhuang Land was stronger for bringing out such sentimentality in Professor Yang Kaining.

Second, after participating in biomedical engineering and 3D bioprinting technology at Mist City Arts and Science University for over half a year, Professor Yang Kaining truly felt that each teacher and student involved in the biomedical field on this campus was exceptionally talented.

The most outstanding among them were the two students, Gu Yong and Lu Qingyan.

Third, over this period, whether it was President Jiang Zhongbo, Principal Xu Dongcheng, or Principal Ding, all had expressed strong hope for him to stay.

Therefore, Professor Yang Kaining was somewhat swayed.

Furthermore, the decline in life sciences research funding at Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, along with increasingly tight projects, made Professor Yang Kaining feel that overseas might not be so favorable after all.

All things considered,

Professor Yang Kaining was leaning towards returning to his homeland, joining Mist City Arts and Science University, experiencing a brand-new research environment, and also having the financial backing of the rather wealthy Principal Ding.

The reason why Professor Yang Kaining was still indecisive, apart from these factors favoring his stay,

was his reluctance to leave Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

After all, he had spent a considerable part of his research career there.

Moreover, when comparing Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology with Mist City Arts and Science University, there was indeed a gap of several ranks.

Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology was ranked within the global top ten, while Mist City Arts and Science University's overall strength was quite low, of course, when measured against the world's top standards.

If considered among private domestic universities, Mist City Arts and Science University was actually quite good; even among public universities, Mist City Arts and Science University stood out in certain fields compared to some key institutions.

Luckily, Professor Yang Kaining had a favorable view of the "Life Sciences" at Mist City Arts and Science University, since life sciences are closely related to biology and medical specialties, and currently, the medical school of Mist City Arts and Science University was also strong.

"Professor Yang, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. I know this choice is indeed a difficult one, and no matter what, I respect your personal decision. I also hope that you, Professor Yang, can take your time to consider it carefully,"

Ding Yue said calmly.

Whether or not he could secure Professor Yang Kaining wasn't something Ding Yue was entirely sure about.

It all depended on what Professor Yang Kaining ultimately decided.

As Ding Yue and Professor Yang Kaining were having a serious conversation, a phone call came through to Ding Yue's cell phone.

Since they were in the library, with the artificial intelligence robot Big White nearby, Big White had already set Ding Yue's phone to silent mode.

"Principal, you have a phone call."

The warm and pleasant voice of Big White resounded.

Professor Yang Kaining, sitting nearby, couldn't help but glance at Big White; this chubby, white creature seemed to be quite intelligent.

"Whose call is it?"

Ding Yue didn't even bother to take out his phone, and simply asked Big White.

"The call is from Ding Xiaoyou, your sister," Big White replied.

In Big White's intelligent chip, Ding Xiaoyou was naturally a vital member of Mist City Arts and Science University's personnel management system, related to Principal Ding as siblings, and furthermore, Big White maintained a constant connection with Ding Yue's phone when operating normally.

"Xiao You, huh."

Ding Yue pondered for a moment, and then said, "Adjust the phone's volume to match the library's decibel level, and connect the call."

"Understood, Principal."

Beep!

With a "beep," the call connected, and the voice of his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, came through, though quite softly so as not to disturb others in the library.

Moreover, the spot Ding Yue had chosen was a secluded and peaceful nook in the Book Ship Library.

"Brother."

"Xiao You, what's up? I'm in the middle of discussing important matters with Professor Yang," Ding Yue spoke, lowering his voice slightly as he asked.

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"Oh, then you go ahead and be busy," Ding Xiaoyou said, ready to hang up the phone.

At this moment, Professor Yang Kaining said, "Principal Ding, if your sister has something important, it shouldn't be delayed either."

After all, they had discussed almost everything that needed to be discussed, and Professor Yang Kaining didn't want to be the reason Principal Ding was held up from attending to her sister's matters.

Moreover, as far as Professor Yang Kaining knew, Principal Ding's sister was an incredible genius.

Even calling her a genius seemed somewhat insufficient.

"Xiao You, go on, what is it?" Ding Yue asked, "I'm not busy now, anyway."

"Hee hee hee, I made a special graphene battery for Big White, want to try it out?"

An excited Ding Xiaoyou said from the other end of the phone.

"Oh?"

On hearing this, Ding Yue's eyes lit up, and he said, "Sure."

Big White was great in all aspects, except its endurance was lacking. Normally, it had to charge inside a red metal box, which wasn't an issue when it was in the office or an apartment room.

However, when it came to carrying it around all the time, the endurance was pretty much strained, and it was questionable whether it could last even half a day.

But with a specially made graphene battery, Big White's endurance and charging speed would greatly improve.

This meant that Ding Yue would soon be able to carry the adorably clueless Big White with him at all times.

And having Big White with him wasn't just for show—just like how it took the call earlier and could handle various other data-related tasks, Big White's abilities were stronger than several computers combined.

Ding Yue had indeed planned to use Big White as his artificial intelligence assistant, working alongside Wen Ruohan to handle his daily affairs.

But because of the battery issue, he wasn't able to use it 24/7, which was quite regrettable.

However, with the graphene battery, things would be different.

Who would have thought that while his sister Ding Xiaoyou was busy with all sorts of things, she still remembered to produce a custom graphene battery for his Big White.

"So, should I bring the battery over to you?" Ding Xiaoyou said happily.

"Great, we are at the Book Ship Library, and Big White is right beside me. I will wait for you at the library's front plaza," Ding Yue said after glancing at Big White.

"Alright."

After hanging up the phone, Ding Yue prepared to go to the library's front plaza to wait for his sister to come over, and then install the graphene battery in Big White and perform an endurance test.

Professor Yang happened to be there too, and he was quite interested in Big White the artificial intelligence robot, as well as in Mist City Arts and Science University's graphene technology. Therefore, he decided to come along to witness it for himself.

This event would also provide him with a chance to assess the strength of Mist City Arts and Science University in the graphene field.

If they could develop a graphene battery and apply it in a robot, it would mean that the university was indeed at the forefront in this area.

Although Professor Yang Kaining was a scientist specializing in life sciences with a focus on biomedical and cell biology, he had some understanding of graphene too.

This future material could, in fact, also be applied in the field of biomedicine.

"Professor Yang, let's go down to the plaza," Ding Yue invited Professor Yang to join him.

"Okay."

Wen Ruohan and Xie Feiyang, who had been there all along, followed Principal Ding and Professor Yang, taking Big White out of the Book Ship Library with them.

From Principal Ding's apartment to the Book Ship Library, Wen Ruohan had been explaining to Xie Feiyang how to teach Big White specialized knowledge.

Xie Feiyang had quite decent comprehension and learning abilities. In less than half a day, he had roughly figured out how to teach Big White.

Next, it would be time to see how well the artificial intelligence robot Big White could learn.

Twenty minutes later.

In front of the Book Ship Library's plaza.

Ding Xiaoyou and her friend Liu Yan arrived together.

Liu Yan was not only Ding Xiaoyou's good friend but also an important assistant in her work on developing graphene technology products.

In Ding Xiaoyou's hands was a not-too-large box, while Liu Yan was carrying a computer bag.

"Xiao You, this graphene battery you've custom made for Big White, how much of an improvement will it provide compared to the supercapacitors currently in use?"

Ding Yue stepped forward, eager to ask.

Last time, Ding Yue had seen the first graphene battery developed by his sister. That graphene battery must have had a significant capacity, because his sister, Ding Xiaoyou, had said that the first graphene battery she developed could power the entire energy chemistry lab for several days without a problem.

"It's hard to say, it depends on what Big White usually does."

Ding Xiaoyou said, shaking her head, and then placed the box on the table.

The staff of the Book Ship Library specifically brought over a more agile-style round table for Principal Ding, along with several chairs.

Liu Yan also placed her laptop bag on the table, then took out her computer, presumably to test and record some data.

"Hello, Professor Yang."

Upon seeing Professor Yang Kaining, Ding Xiaoyou greeted him warmly and enthusiastically, "I really admire you, Professor Yang, you're truly amazing."

After greeting him, good Lord, Ding Xiaoyou immediately showered him with a torrent of flattery.

Professor Yang Kaining smiled and said to Ding Xiaoyou, "You young people are even more remarkable. Nowadays, it's the new waves that push the old ones forward."

Professor Yang Kaining wasn't just "being modest" but truly felt from the bottom of his heart that young people nowadays learned fast and were impressive, and they were very committed to scientific research.

At least, that was the case for the outstanding talented students he saw at Mist City Arts and Science University. They were on par with the doctoral students he mentored at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, it was just a matter of specialization.

"Bro, how long can the supercapacitor Big White is using now last when you take it out for a walk like this?"

While unpacking the box containing the graphene battery, Ding Xiaoyou asked her brother Ding Yue.

"About half a day, Big White, send your battery data to Xiao You," Ding Yue replied, and then directly instructed Big White to send its battery data to his sister.

Very quickly, Liu Yan on the computer received the relevant battery data.

"Xiao You, our graphene battery has an endurance capacity that could be increased by 50 to 100 times compared to Big White's current supercapacitor. And regarding the charging speed, the improvement is quite significant. Big White's supercapacitor needs to charge all night, but our graphene battery only needs less than 15 minutes to be fully charged," Liu Yan analyzed the data and then explained the situation to Ding Xiaoyou.

Meanwhile, Ding Yue and the others nearby also understood the situation.

"The graphene battery really is something else."

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

It had to be said.

The breakthroughs in graphene and graphene battery technology made by Xiaoyou and her team over the past year or two were truly a great revolution in battery energy, drastically elevating the practical performance of batteries by dozens or even hundreds of times.

Of course.

The graphene batteries currently made in the lab definitely had a higher cost.

If they were to be used commercially, the practical performance might be slightly lower, but compared to high-capacity lithium batteries, achieving tens of times the endurance capacity should be entirely feasible.

"The maturity of graphene battery technology really is a revolution in the field of battery energy," Professor Yang Kaining couldn't help but remark.

Even Professor Yang only knew that the graphene batteries researched by Mist City Arts and Science University were formidable; he was still unaware of the even more formidable technology for producing graphene at the university. Before the official launch and operation of the graphene plant, Mist City Arts and Science University, including Xia Country, had maintained good secrecy on this matter.

"The earlier data on the graphene battery's endurance was just estimated from existing data. After we install it into Big White and conduct some tests, we'll know for sure," Ding Xiaoyou said and then took out the graphene battery from the box.

Compared to Big White's supercapacitor, the graphene battery was much smaller.

This was also one of the characteristics of graphene batteries.

"Hold on."

Ding Yue seemed to have forgotten something.

To replace Big White's battery seemed to require a professional to do it.

"What's up?" Ding Xiaoyou asked with a mumble.

"Big White's structure is quite complex, and it involves replacing the supercapacitor with a graphene battery. Can you handle it?" Ding Yue asked, frowning.

Ding Xiaoyou shook her head very directly and then asked with a questioning look, "Bro, didn't you tell Tong Yihang and Teacher Luo to come over?"

"Uh... I forgot."

He regretted drinking so much last night.

Chapter 815: Is This Big White at Full Capacity, Terrifying!

"Principal Ding."

After receiving a call from Principal Ding, Tong Yihang and Luo Peng from the Mechanical Engineering department rushed over immediately.

According to Principal Ding's request, they brought the tools needed to dismantle Big White and replace its battery.

"You two have arrived, come here, quickly, today we're going to switch Big White to a graphene battery."

Upon seeing Tong Yihang and Luo Peng arrive, Ding Yue hurriedly waved them over to start a minor upgrade for Big White.

This minor upgrade mainly involved replacing Big White's battery.

In terms of operation, it was indeed a minor upgrade, but when it came to the battery, upgrading from a super lithium battery to a graphene battery, it was definitely a major upgrade.

A few months ago, Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and Luo Peng had already designed a reserve graphene battery slot for Big White.

It was prepared specifically for the custom graphene battery for Ding Xiaoyou.

Now, only two simple steps were needed.

The first step was to remove Big White's supercapacitor.

The second step was to install Big White's graphene battery.

Under the guidance of Principal Ding, Luo Peng and Tong Yihang began the operation.

First, they had to shut down Big White and then deflate it.

After all, Big White was an inflatable robot.

"Goodbye, Principal."

With Big White actively saying farewell to its owner Ding Yue, it entered a dormant state.

Zzzz~

After deflation, the power was turned off.

A powerless Big White was nothing but a pile of components plus polyvinyl alcohol fibers.

Luo Peng and Tong Yihang worked together in skilled coordination.

After all, they were the ones who assembled Big White part by part, especially Tong Yihang, who was a direct participant in the original assembly.

Luo Peng later became familiar with Big White's mechanical structure.

In no time at all, they had dismantled Big White's supercapacitor.

"From today on, you're retired," Tong Yihang muttered as he set aside the disassembled supercapacitor, perhaps thinking it could be kept for display in Big White's future museum.

"Principal Ding, shall we keep this supercapacitor?" Luo Peng turned his head and asked Principal Ding.

"Mm-hmm, this is Big White's first battery after all, we must keep it, it's very commemorative," Ding Yue nodded and said.

To Ding Yue, this Big White held great significance; it had undergone upgrades from a medical health robot to a legal robot, and now to an artificial intelligence robot, having accompanied him through many days and nights.

After Tong Yihang and Luo Peng removed Big White's supercapacitor, they took a new battery from Ding Xiaoyou's hands.

A graphene battery!

Whether it was in appearance or shape, this graphene battery looked significantly more "sci-fi."

It wasn't as big as the supercapacitor and was only the size of a small palm.

The installation process was also clearly different from that of the supercapacitor.

Inside Big White's mechanical structure, a battery slot had already been modified for the graphene battery.

Therefore, Tong Yihang, holding the graphene battery, simply inserted it into the slot.

After ensuring it was securely fastened, Tong Yihang nodded to Luo Peng.

"Installed?"

Ding Yue had witnessed the entire process of installing the graphene battery. Wow, was it that simple?

It was like... installing batteries in a flashlight, or even simpler, just plug it in and it's done.

"Principal Ding, the graphene battery has been installed," Luo Peng informed Principal Ding.

"Quick, let's try it out," Ding Yue replied, rubbing his hands together in anticipation to see Big White's performance with the new graphene battery hardware upgrade in terms of energy supply.

"Right away."

Luo Peng nodded and then proceeded to restore Big White's state, and after one last check to ensure all mechanical structures were normal, he sealed up the polyvinyl alcohol fibers with a special material.

Power on!

Beep!

With the "beep" of a sound, Big White's power was activated, and in less than a second, Big White successfully booted up.

Yes!

Big White employed a gallium nitride (GaN) chip, which was a custom piece specifically designed by Guoxing Technology, and it utilized the most advanced chip fabrication technology.

"Welcome back, Big White," Ding Yue smiled and said to Big White after it successfully powered on.

"Principal, hardware scan shows I have a new battery installed," Big White stated.

"Wow, Big White's level of intelligence is pretty impressive, it can even feel that?" Xie Feiyang exclaimed in surprise from the side.

Everybody glanced at Xie Feiyang, as if to say what was so surprising about that. After booting up, any computer can detect its hardware components, let alone an artificial intelligence robot like Big White. Checking its own hardware instantly upon booting was nothing unusual.

That wasn't all.

Big White also possessed data memory intelligence capabilities, meaning that even if it was powered down and its body destroyed, as long as that chip was intact, Big White maintained data memory functions, effectively holding an "electronic memory" of all prior data.

This was similar to a hard drive; as long as the data was stored on a hard drive, it would persist, unless the drive was completely damaged and unrecoverable.

Chapter 816: Is This Full-Load Big White? Terrifying!

"That's right, we've replaced it with a more powerful graphene battery,"

Ding Yue said to Big White with a smile.

"Graphene battery, a new type of battery developed utilizing the properties of electric ions rapidly and massively shuttling between the surface of graphene and electrodes."

Big White quickly searched the internet and learned what a graphene battery was.

"Now your endurance should be very strong, let's test it out," Ding Yue moved forward, pulling Big White along for a few steps.

"Principal Ding, how should we test it?"

Wen Ruohan asked curiously.

"It's quite simple, we just need to put Big White in a high-power operating state and then compare the current endurance data with the previous one,"

Ding Xiaoyou explained simply.

"Oh oh."

Ding Yue stood beside Big White, glanced at his sister's assistant, Liu Yan, then back to his sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

Liu Yan was busy using a computer to connect to Big White's battery data attributes so they could monitor the situation from the computer during the test.

About thirty seconds later, Liu Yan nodded, "Principal Ding, it's ready."

Seeing his sister and her assistant prepared, Ding Yue immediately said to Big White, "Big White, max out your computational power, mechanical skeleton energy, arm energy, everything to full load. Run a few laps around the Book Ship Library square, and see that rock over there? Lift it a few times to test."

Ding Yue issued several test instructions to Big White.

Soon, Big White entered a state of high computational and mechanical energy load.

After all, a machine, no matter what kind, consumes the most electricity when operating under high load.

And the rate of electricity consumption is exactly what would show how strong the graphene battery's endurance is.

"Okay, Principal!"

After entering the high-load computation state, Big White quickly maxed out his mechanical energy and started running around the library square at incredible speed.

The speed of Big White was simply jaw-dropping!

"Wow, so fast!"

"What did you expect, Big White's mechanical energy is really strong."

"Big White's cute little steps usually seem so adorable, I never thought he could run this fast!"

Both Wen Ruohan and Ding Xiaoyou were amazed by the speed Big White demonstrated.

Because no one had ever seen Big White run so fast, usually following Principal Ding at the pace of a normal person's walk, and even taking cute little steps, extremely adorable.

But now, seeing Big White at full mechanical energy was like seeing a blur.

After running about ten laps around the Book Ship Library square, Big White came to the nearby greenery.

There was a rock there, used for landscaping, that looked to be a few hundred pounds.

Big White approached the rock, scanned it, and then lifted it effortlessly. He even did a few lifts with the rock like a weightlifter, moving it up and down several times.

Then, carefully, Big White put the rock back in its place.

"Wow, Big White is so strong?"

"Is this Big White under high load, terrifyingly powerful!"

"Big White always looks so adorable and dorky, who would have thought he had such strength?"

Some curious students had already come over to watch, and they were all stunned to see just how impressive Big White was.

Mist City Arts and Science University had a robot mascot, and that was Big White.

Of the more than thirty thousand students, there was hardly one who didn't like Principal Ding's robot Big White.

It's just that no one ever imagined that Big White's arm strength was so astonishing, or that his running speed was so fast. It seemed he could easily outpace the top human athletes.

Being a machine, it was definitely much stronger than the human limit.

Moreover, the skeletal materials and mechanical arm materials used by Big White had also been upgraded, so lifting up a thousand pounds was really not a problem.

With Big White around, Ding Yue felt completely secure.

Actually.

Ding Yue indeed asked Xu Bin to write a safety protection program for Big White; he wasn't sure if Xu Bin had finished it or not.

In fact, even without the safety protection program, based on the legal program in Big White's chip, it would intervene to a certain extent when faced with dangerous situations involving harm.

This had already been tested during the last video session with Professor Luo Xiang to test the legal chip.

After a series of high-load tests, Big White returned to its owner, Ding Yue's side.

What Ding Yue wanted to know now was how much battery power Big White had used up after being put through such high-load maneuvers?

If it had been the old supercapacitors, it would have been quite good if Big White's battery capacity could have remained at half after such a high load.

"Xiao You, how is it?"

Ding Yue hurriedly looked towards his sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

Ding Xiaoyou and Liu Yan were in front of the computer, checking on the battery usage after Big White's high-load test.

Tong Yihang and Luo Peng were also looking forward to hearing from Ding Xiaoyou and Liu Yan.

"Big White's battery is still at ninety-eight percent."

Ding Xiaoyou said to her brother Ding Yue with a smile.

"Just that series of operations used up only two percent of the battery?"

Upon hearing this, joy gradually spread across Ding Yue's face.

It seemed that the issue with Big White's battery life was now completely resolved.

As expected of graphene batteries!

Ding Yue could only describe it with one word — awesome!

Usually, Big White followed Ding Yue around, simply running its smart chip, and its mechanical energy consumption was akin to an ordinary person walking, far less than the just experienced computational and mechanical energy at full load.

Under such circumstances, Big White had used up only two percent of the graphene battery's capacity.

From this, it was evident that this graphene battery could probably last Big White for a month with normal 24-hour online status.

"Principal Ding, the battery data analysis is out. If Big White uses it as usual, keeping it running 24 hours a day, it could last for at least 30 days," Liu Yan immediately informed Principal Ding of the battery data test results.

At this time, Ding Xiaoyou, touching her chin, muttered, "By this calculation, even if Big White's computational capacity and mechanical energy were running at high load, it could still operate for a full day."

This level of improvement was something Ding Yue had not even dared to dream of before.

After all, with the previous supercapacitors, Big White could only follow him around for half a day before needing a charge.

But now.

With a graphene battery, Ding Yue could keep Big White by his side for more than a month.

Wouldn't that mean Big White could serve as his personal assistant 24 hours a day?

And once Xu Bin finished writing the safety protection system, Big White could also act as his 24-hour bodyguard.

It was simply too exhilarating.

"Nice!"

Ding Yue snapped his fingers, a bit excitedly exclaimed.

Ever since Big White was created, it had one flaw — the battery. The medical health robots like Big White supplied to hospitals had to be plugged in all the time to function optimally.

But now, it was different; the battery issue was essentially solved.

And in the future, as his sister Ding Xiaoyou continued to optimize the graphene battery, its performance would only become stronger.

When Professor Yang Kaining saw how happy Principal Ding was, he too felt pleased with Mist City Arts and Science University's successful implementation of the graphene battery in a robot.

Seeing the joy on the faces of Principal Ding, Ding Xiaoyou, Tong Yihang, Luo Peng, and others was like reliving the excitement and delight he felt when he first made achievements in his research.

In the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, once again, Professor Yang Kaining felt that sense of hope for the future.

At that moment, Professor Yang Kaining even felt a strong urge.

That was to stay behind, to become one with Mist City Arts and Science University, to personally rediscover that long-lost feeling.

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A few days later.

Professor Yang Kaining was finally about to leave Xia Country to return to the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

Professor Yang's departure had been anticipated by Ding Yue.

After all, it was not something Professor Yang could decide in just a few days whether to stay or not.

Moreover, even if Professor Yang had made up his mind, he had to return to Europe, to Zurich, Switzerland, as he is still a professor of life sciences at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology.

At the time of Professor Yang Kaining's departure, Ding Yue personally took him to the airport.

Before leaving, Professor Yang expressed that his return to his home country was a very good experience, especially during his time at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"At this university, I saw the kind of longing and impulse for science that I had when I was young, as well as a drive that seemed filled with hopeful radiance. Principal Ding, I will give serious thought to that matter once I'm back, goodbye."

These were the last words Professor Yang Kaining said to Ding Yue before boarding the plane.

After sending off Professor Yang Kaining, Ding Yue was about to drive back to the university from the airport. Just as he was leaving the airport expressway, a phone call came in.

"Hello, Director Xiao."

It was a call from Director Xiao Wenxing of the Mist City Ministry of Education for Ding Yue.

"Principal Ding, I'm calling you because there's good news I wanted to inform you about right away."

Director Xiao Wenxing's voice was filled with excitement on the phone.

"Good news?"

Ding Yue frowned slightly. What good news could there be at this time?

"After recommendations from various institutions such as the Ministry of Education, the National Patent Office, Xia Science Institution, and national pharmaceutical authorities, your Mist City Arts and Science University's graphene mechanical exfoliation and 3D bio-printing technologies have been nominated for the National Science and Technology Awards!"

Director Xiao Wenxing's voice became very excited as he spoke these words.

The National Science and Technology Awards!

This was the highest scientific and technological award in Xia Country. Being nominated for such a prestigious award was quite impressive.

Even many scientific achievements from the Xia Science Institution were not easily awarded the National Science and Technology Awards.

But Mist City Arts and Science University now had two scientific technologies nominated for the National Science and Technology Awards.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue was stunned for a moment before a flame of excitement ignited in his heart.

"Director Xiao, are you talking about... the National Science and Technology Awards?"

Ding Yue murmured inquiringly.

"That's right, Principal Ding, the National Science and Technology Awards, the highest and most authoritative scientific and technological awards in our country," Director Xiao Wenxing immediately explained. "I knew it, your Mist City Arts and Science University's graphene technology has a significant impact and definitely stands a chance at the National Science and Technology Awards. The 3D bio-printing technology is also quite impressive."

"This is only the nomination. Whether we will actually win the award is still uncertain," replied Ding Yue modestly.

The National Science and Technology Awards are given to recognize outstanding contributions to scientific and technological advancement by citizens, teams, and organizations.

Five National Science and Technology Awards have been established by the state of Xia Country, namely: the National Highest Science and Technology Award, National Natural Science Award, National Technological Invention Award, National Science and Technology Progress Award, and the Xia Country International Science and Technology Cooperation Award.

The most prestigious among these is the National Highest Science and Technology Award.

This award must be sanctioned by the elders of Xia Country, who also issue a certificate and a cash prize. It is indeed the highest honor within the Xia Country scientific community.

The remaining four awards also hold very high prestige and offer prize money between 5 to 8 million.

Of course, for an award like the National Science and Technology Awards, the prize money is the least important aspect. What matters most is the impact and social status it confers.

Imagine.

If in the end, Mist City Arts and Science University does win two National Science and Technology Awards,

who then would still consider Mist City Arts and Science University a private, unrecognized university?

In fact.

Even now, Mist City Arts and Science University has already shed the label of "unrecognized university."

After all, the achievements made by the university in the past two or three years are one after another, displaying a strength that demands respect.

"Hahaha, Principal Ding, in my opinion, both your graphene technology and 3D bio-printing technology at Mist City Arts and Science University are of great significance. There should be no problem winning this year's National Science and Technology Awards," confidently stated Director Xiao Wenxing.

He seemed to have even more faith than Ding Yue.

Ding Yue could understand this, after all, his Mist City Arts and Science University is under the jurisdiction of the Mist City Ministry of Education.

If Mist City Arts and Science University were to win the National Science and Technology Awards, Director Xiao Wenxing of the Mist City Ministry of Education would certainly have some "merit" in this, which is beyond doubt.

Hence, Director Xiao Wenxing had such strong confidence in Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Oh, by the way, Director Xiao, which awards are the graphene technology and 3D bio-printing technology from our Mist City Arts and Science University nominated for?" inquired Ding Yue, driven by curiosity.

There are five categories in the National Science and Technology Awards.

Ding Yue pondered for a moment. If they could win the strongest one, the National Highest Science and Technology Award, that would be truly impressive.

However, clinching this National Highest Science and Technology Award is not that easy.

"According to the information I received, since the 3D bio-printing technology is a collaboration with Professor Yang Kaining, it is nominated for the Xia Country International Science and Technology Cooperation Award,"

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Xiao Wenxing replied, "As for graphene technology, it was only mentioned that it was selected, but it's still not clear exactly which award it has been nominated for. We should expect to wait a while longer for news. It's said that Xia Science Institution is still researching that."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue anticipated that the 3D bioprinting technology being nominated for the Xia Country International Science and Technology Cooperation Award was within his expectations.

After all, the 3D bioprinting technology indeed required the collaboration with Professor Yang Kaining to complete successfully at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Professor Yang Kaining provided the bio-ink technology, which was a crucial component.

Without Professor Yang Kaining's bio-ink technology, relying solely on Mist City Arts and Science University's own development of bio-ink technology would probably have pushed the timetable back by a year or two.

In that case, the precious life of Principal Xu Dongcheng's beloved daughter, Xu Meijia, might not have been saved.

Most importantly, Professor Yang Kaining is a Chinese national residing in Switzerland and works at the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, so the nomination of 3D bioprinting technology for the Xia Country International Science and Technology Cooperation Award is completely justified.

The question was whether they could ultimately win the award.

In the past year or two, Ding Yue mulled over it and realized that there seemed to be no significant scientific research achievements from domestic and international collaboration.

The Xia Country International Science and Technology Cooperation Award, as the name suggests, is specifically given to international scientists or scientific institutions collaborating with Xia Country.

Actually.

Ding Yue was more concerned about the graphene mechanical exfoliation preparation equipment technology.

Currently, Xia Science Institution has not yet decided which award to nominate it for.

This technology could potentially be nominated for three out of the five National Science and Technology Awards.

One is the National Highest Science and Technology Award.

The second is the National Technological Invention Award.

The third is the National Science and Technology Progress Award.

Among these three,

Ding Yue thought the second possibility was quite low.

After all, the graphene mechanical exfoliation preparation equipment was not a new invention, and the scope of the National Technological Invention Award is somewhat more specific.

Just as its name implies, it is most likely awarded to inventions of great significance to Xia Country.

The remaining two,

Naturally, Ding Yue hoped to receive the National Highest Science and Technology Award.

Winning this award would mean securing the highest honor in the field of science and technology in Xia Country.

"Oh, then let's wait for more news,"

Ding Yue calmly responded.

"Principal Ding, I knew it, when I saw potential in Mist City Arts and Science University, I wasn't wrong. The National Science and Technology Awards, those are truly..."

Director Xiao Wenxing said excitedly.

"We also have to thank the Department of Education for its continuous support over the years,"

Ding Yue said humbly.

"All right, Principal Ding, I have relayed the message. You should go and tell the teachers and students involved in these two projects. This is incredibly uplifting news,"

Director Xiao Wenxing said with a smile.

"Okay, thank you, Director Xiao, goodbye."

"Goodbye."

Beep beep beep~

After hanging up the call, the excitement in Ding Yue's heart lingered on.

If the 3D bioprinting technology and graphene technology were to win the National Science and Technology Awards, a few of Mist City Arts and Science University's departments could presumably become national key disciplines.

This was without a doubt terrific news for Mist City Arts and Science University.

For Ding Yue personally, it was even better news.

Because winning any of the National Science and Technology Awards would allow Ding Yue to complete the upgrade task he had been unable to finish for the past two years.

When that time came,

Mist City Arts and Science University could smoothly upgrade to a Level 3 institution, leaping into a whole new tier.

"Principal Ding, what did Director Xiao say?"

Seeing Principal Ding so excited, the secretary Wen Ruohan curiously asked.

Because Wen Ruohan had not seen Principal Ding this excited in a long time, it must be some excellent news, right?

"Hehe."

Ding Yue smiled and said, "The National Science and Technology Awards, our Xia Country's highest level of scientific and technological awards, our Mist City Arts and Science University has two technologies that have been nominated!"

Upon hearing Principal Ding say this, Wen Ruohan was stunned.

Goodness gracious!

The highest-level national award for science and technology was something Wen Ruohan hardly dared to dream about.

Yet her alma mater had managed to be nominated.

What's more, they had been nominated for not one but two technologies!

At this moment, Wen Ruohan couldn't help but silently shout in her heart, "Mist City Arts and Science University is awesome!"

The more awesome Mist City Arts and Science University became, the more proud Wen Ruohan felt because in the future she could proudly say that she graduated from Mist City Arts and Science University!

What?

Don't know about Mist City Arts and Science University?

Impossible!

Wen Ruohan even started to believe the phrase Principal Ding always said before, that one day Mist City Arts and Science University would become a top global, world-renowned school!

By then, who wouldn't know about Mist City Arts and Science University?

Just like now when you mention Harvard University, Cambridge University, Oxford University—who doesn't know, who's not aware?

"Xiao Wen, this good news must be made known to all the teachers and students throughout the entire school, immediately inform the publicity department to announce this news on the official school homepage, Public Account, student groups, and all, so that everyone knows."

The joy in Ding Yue's heart at this time was something he didn't want to enjoy alone.

He wanted the entire school's teachers and students to share this good news.

After speaking, Ding Yue took out his phone and called his sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

After all, his sister Ding Xiaoyou was his family.

She was a member involved in the graphite mechanical exfoliation fabricator project, so naturally, she needed to be told about the graphite technology being nominated for the National Science and Technology Awards.

"What?"

Upon hearing her brother say over the phone that the graphite technology had been nominated for a National Science and Technology Award, Ding Xiaoyou instantly became extremely excited.

"Xiao You, you heard right, but for now it's just a nomination, the final award has not been determined yet," Ding Yue said with a smile.

"That's amazing!"

Ding Xiaoyou exclaimed excitedly, "I just knew it!"

"Alright, I just wanted to give you a heads-up. I still need to inform Tong Yihang and the others as soon as possible."

Having said that, Ding Yue hung up the phone.

Ding Xiaoyou had wanted to say a bit more, but her brother hung up so quickly!

That guy!

He's good at everything, but hanging up on his sister is where he truly excels!

After calling his sister Ding Xiaoyou, Ding Yue then started to call and notify Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Yang Jie, and the others, including Luo Peng and Su Beilin.

They were all the aces of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Mist City Arts and Science University, and each one of them worked incredibly hard.

No sooner had they finished the graphite mechanical exfoliation fabricator project than they all got thoroughly absorbed in the lithography machine project.

The lithography machine project was even more challenging and significant than the graphite project, and it had officially been underway for over a year now, but progress was still slow.

It couldn't be helped.

The technological difficulties the lithography machine project faced were just too many and too tough.

The lithography machine project Mist City Arts and Science University was undertaking wasn't about catching up with the international advanced 5-nanometer lithography process technology but surpassing it!

Surpass!

Only by surpassing could Xia Country rise in this field and no longer be subject to foreign restrictions!

Upon learning about the graphite technology being nominated for the National Science and Technology Awards, as told by Principal Ding, Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Yang Jie, Luo Peng,

and Su Beilin were almost all moved to the strongest inner excitement and joy; happy was an understatement to describe their efforts and sweat over such a long time.

Ding Yue told them.

When the time came for the actual awards, he would definitely hold a commendation meeting and reward every teacher and student involved in these two projects.

Speaking of which.

It seems that Tong Yihang and the other Mechanical Engineering Department aces were all involved in both the 3D bioprinting technology and the graphite mechanical exfoliation fabricator projects!

Chapter 819: Stepping onto the World Stage, the Battle Begins!

Less than half a day.

The good news that two technologies of Mist City Arts and Science University have been nominated for National Science and Technology Awards spread throughout the entire university.

The school's official website released the announcement.

The school's public account pushed the related news.

In all major student groups and class groups, teachers and professors were also sharing this news.

Very quickly.

Not only the students of Mist City Arts and Science University, but also students from other colleges had heard this news.

In the past, many students from Mist City public undergraduate universities had biases against Mist City Arts and Science University, but now, these students couldn't help but want to shout "Mist City Arts and Science University is awesome."

A private university that wasn't even four years old was getting better and better, and there was a sense that it would become one of the popular colleges in the Mist City region.

On the other hand, the academic results of many public undergraduate universities were steadily declining.

This was definitely a blow to the head for those who attended public undergraduate universities.

"Alas, look at their school, their innovation, research, learning, and capabilities are truly strong!"

"Our school is really speechless."

"Just a while ago our school was even featured in negative news articles!"

"When Mist City Arts and Science University was recruiting, I even mocked Mist City Arts and Science University, but now I apologize!"

"Damn! As a public undergraduate student, I feel even worse than private university students."

"Honestly, the progress Mist City Arts and Science University has made over the years is really like riding a rocket."

"Their students are generally pretty good too."

"College really changes lives, think about it, the students they recruited at the time were those who failed the College Entrance Examination, and now they have achieved such results."

"Alas, don't talk about it anymore, it's really heartbreaking."

"This is a model of excellence from the top down, from management to teaching in a college!"

Many public undergraduate students who were once disdainful of "private" Mist City Arts and Science University, now had a sudden realization.

It turns out that in college education, whether it is private or not isn't important, what matters is whether various abilities such as teaching and management are excellent.

In their view.

The reason Mist City Arts and Science University could achieve such success, and even more so in the future, is definitely due to its spot-on teaching and management.

With Mist City Arts and Science University's academic performance steadily improving over the past two years, outsiders saw the university as having a very positive and even excellent learning atmosphere.

Furthermore.

Mist City Arts and Science University treated students very well, and there were almost no instances of students being dissatisfied with the daily management of the school.

From soft power to hard power, Mist City Arts and Science University was at the forefront of higher education, and its success was well deserved.

When Ding Yue learned that the outside world was gradually changing its views of his Mist City Arts and Science University and even came up with their own reasons for "success," Ding Yue couldn't help but laugh, albeit inappropriately.

Although the "success" reasons they deduced were indeed true.

They would never know that the key to Mist City Arts and Science University's success was ultimately Ding Yue's "World Famous School System."

Of course.

The efforts of the entire faculty, students, and school leaders also contributed to this outcome.

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"Sorry, the phone number you have dialed is temporarily unavailable."

"Sorry, the phone number you have dialed is switched off, please try again later."

Inside the Administration Building's president's office at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Ding Yue made a call to Professor Yang Kaining, but it was not answered, and the subsequent call went through to voicemail indicating the phone was switched off.

Originally.

Ding Yue had thought to share the good news with Professor Yang Kaining, but now it seemed Professor Yang Kaining must have already boarded his plane and was on his flight, so the call didn't go through.

Flying back to Zurich, Switzerland from Mist City would take about ten hours.

So Ding Yue decided to call Professor Yang Kaining the next day to tell him the good news.

After returning to Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue continued to deal with the usual school affairs.

When Ding Yue looked at the work list, he discovered something that he seemed to have forgotten to focus on due to being busy recently.

It was that his Mist City Arts and Science University's LOL professional team, FY team, had already won the Spring Championship, and now the Mid-Season Invitational had already started.

As the strongest dark horse of the LPL division, the FY team powerfully defeated the QD team and claimed the championship of the spring season.

The League of Legends Mid-Season Invitational was the first time the FY team, led by Jian Zihao, stood on the international stage to face strong teams from all over the world.

"The Mid-Season Invitational is almost at its finals, huh."

Ding Yue went online to check the schedule and was slightly astonished.

He had been so busy with the 3D biological printing technology lately that he hadn't paid much attention to his Mist City Arts and Science University FY team's competition progress.

Nevertheless.

The FY team, led by Jian Zihao, had smoothly progressed from the elimination rounds to the semifinals.

Now, Jian Zihao and his team were in Rio de O'Neill, Baxi country, South America, waiting for the upcoming semifinals against a professional team from Baxi.

That's right!

This year's League of Legends Mid-Season Invitational was held in Baxi Country, America.

The League of Legends Mid-Season Invitational, along with the League of Legends World Championship (S Competition), and the League of Legends All-Star Event, are collectively referred to as the three major global events of League of Legends.

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The importance goes without saying.

Most importantly, the Mid-Season Invitational for League of Legends allows us to compete against strong international teams, and after gaining experience from this major event, we will be able to accumulate invaluable experience for the S Competition in the latter half of the year.

After checking on the important information about the Mid-Season Invitational, Ding Yue immediately called Jian Zihao.

The first call didn't go through.

But the second one did.

"Hello, Principal Ding."

"Director Jian, are you all getting used to living in Baxi Country?" Ding Yue first inquired about the well-being of his FY team.

"Mmm, it's all right, everyone is pretty much accustomed to it by now," Jian Zihao replied.

"I've been so busy with the 3D bioprinting technology recently that I forgot about your competition schedule. It wasn't until I saw off Professor Yang today that I suddenly remembered," said Ding Yue apologetically.

"Principal Ding, you have to manage so many things for the entire university, and on top of that, the issues with 3D bioprinting technology at Mist City Arts and Science University are very important. I saw online that it has been nominated for the National Science and

Technology Awards, hasn't it?" Jian Zihao definitely knew which matters were more important.

Principal Ding being preoccupied with more important matters and thus overlooking his FY team's games was understandable.

"Yes, that really is great news. Of course, if your FY team could take the global championship at the Mid-Season Invitational, that would be equally incredible news!" Ding Yue said encouragingly.

"Mmm, Principal Ding, we'll do our best, but it seems there's a problem within the team right now..." Jian Zihao started with a determination to give it their all before his tone slowed abruptly.

"What happened?" asked Ding Yue, puzzled.

As the head of the university, Ding Yue obviously couldn't focus all his attention and energy on the FY team, so he was unaware of any issues currently within the team.

"Currently, FY team's players Qian Yu and Wang Shilin are not in a good state. Qian Yu is dealing with family issues, while Wang Shilin is troubled by some matters concerning his girlfriend," Jian Zihao quickly explained the team's situation to Principal Ding.

"Tell me more about it, what's happened to Qian Yu's family? And what about Wang Shilin's situation?" Ding Yue needed specifics.

Indeed.

Whether it's trouble at home or personal relationship crises, such issues can affect a person's state of mind.

Especially for top-tier players like Qian Yu and Wang Shilin, if their mental state is affected, it will undoubtedly reflect in their performance during a match.

And such impacts only get magnified in major competitions.

With the semifinals coming up, Ding Yue worried if they would be affected and lose the match?

It had not been easy for them to emerge as a dark horse and win the LPL Spring Festival games, then break into the Mid-Season Invitational.

If they were to falter now, it would indeed be a pity.

"Qian Yu is struggling because his parents have been fiercely arguing about a divorce, which might happen in the next few days," Jian Zihao said reluctantly.

Divorce!

This situation was indeed very distressing for Qian Yu.

"Ah, this... "

In the face of such circumstances, there was nothing much Ding Yue could do, as another family's personal matters were beyond the reach of a school principal.

However.

Ding Yue was not entirely powerless; at least, he could do something to help Qian Yu adjust his mental state.

But now, with Qian Yu and the others in Baxi Country, South America, while he himself was in China, even if he wanted to use items from the system's store to help them regain their composure, it was impossible to do so from thousands of miles away.

"Let's do this, I'll prepare to come to Baxi Country right away."

After saying this, Ding Yue turned to Wen Ruohan and said, "Wen Ruohan, purchase plane tickets immediately. We're going to Baxi Country."

"To Baxi?"

Wen Ruohan was momentarily taken aback, then quickly responded, "But Principal Ding, we need to apply for visas to go to Baxi Country."

"Er..."

Ding Yue had nearly forgotten about that; indeed, one does need to handle passport and visa affairs to travel abroad. He had a passport.

As this was not Ding Yue's first trip abroad, he had one, but to go to Baxi Country, the visa would have to be arranged in advance.

"Shouldn't there be enough time if we expedite the visa process?" Ding Yue murmured, "The championship isn't until next week."

Tomorrow's match was the semifinal, with Mist City Arts and Science University's FY team facing Baxi Country's MBQ team.

Of course, this was under the assumption that the FY team would win against MBQ in tomorrow's semifinal. Otherwise, they could just purchase tickets to return home, and he wouldn't need to go either.

"Alright, Principal Ding. I will prepare the materials and apply for the visa right away," Wen Ruohan nodded and immediately set to work.

"Principal Ding, what if tomorrow's semifinal..."

Jian Zihao suddenly spoke with some unease.

The truth was, the MBQ team from Baxi Country was also quite strong; the League of Legends teams from Baxi had made rapid progress in recent years.

Given the current state of the FY team, the quarterfinals had already been a struggle, and it wasn't at all certain that they could smoothly defeat MBQ in the semifinals.