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Chapter 831: A Narrow Victory!

After the enrollment of the Aerospace Academy this year, depending on the number of students, Ding Yue will decide whether to allocate funds to develop the Aerospace Academy.

Alternatively, they'll see if they're able to obtain "black technology" related to the Aerospace Academy's needs. Once they have black technology, like graphene and 3D bioprinting, they can establish research projects.

Of course, all these are in the distant future.

Right now, Ding Yue is more concerned about whether they can successfully win the semi-final round of this Mid-Season Championship.

The third match has started.

After winning the second round, the FY team was riding high on momentum; Baxi Country's MBQ team hadn't figured out FY's new tactics yet, so the third match could be said to be somewhat rushed.

In the ban-pick phase, Jian Zihao's strategy was to allow Ming Qiang and Zhou Genshuo to bring their own strengths into play, and together with the previous match's tactics, establish a lead early and deny the enemy any chances.

With this strategy, the third match could very likely be won.

So, during the ban-pick phase of the third match, Ming Qiang and Zhou Genshuo's top and jungle positions dealt another unexpected blow to the MBQ team.

The two LPL casters commented that the FY team might have brought out some "black technology" this match.

"Let's see, with FY team pulling out a surprise tactic and the momentum from winning the last match, how well they will perform in this one."

"Alright, let's head into Summoners Rift, dear viewers, this is the third game of the Mid-Season Championship semi-finals!"

The commentary from the two well-known casters was very powerful.

This third match.

After their surprise tactic, the FY team indeed caught the baffled MBQ team from Baxi Country off-guard.

After some fierce competition, the FY team secured first blood and started snowballing.

Although MBQ from Baxi Country managed a comeback of sorts by claiming two dragons, ultimately, the Dragon Soul was taken by the FY team, who, with a surge of momentum, won a fight that ended in a five-for-two exchange, decisively clinching the match!

"Congratulations to the FY team for another victory. The score is now 2-1, and the pressure has suddenly shifted to the MBQ team!"

At this point, domestic viewers were in high spirits, as the FY team had gained the advantage and match point.

However!

During the fourth match, as MBQ from Baxi Country had caught on, the game was not as straightforward as the second and third matches.

It was obvious that in the fourth match, MBQ was playing with all their might, dragging out a forty-minute battle with FY team, exchanging blows back and forth, and even claiming several Barons.

Ultimately, with their jungler leading a strong and perfect team fight, MBQ caused the nerve-racked players of the FY team to panic.

In this final team battle, both luck and skill were on MBQ's side.

After a disastrous team fight for FY, and due to long respawn times, the two surviving players weren't able to defend their base.

In the end, MBQ pushed through and destroyed FY's base crystal in the fourth game, bringing the best-of-five series to the ultimate deciding match.

The fifth match began.

Ding Yue's heart rose to his throat.

Before the players took to the stage, Ding Yue once again encouraged the five players to give it their all.

Coach Jian Zihao also intended for the team to go all out in their play.

With that, the five players felt relieved of any psychological pressure.

Because Principal Ding had said that even if they lost, he would still be proud of their efforts.

Going into battle unburdened, each one of them had to bring forth their trump card.

As a result, the fifth match was played with exceptional intensity.

Xiong Jiahao, Ming Qiang, and the mid-laner Yao Jing all made brilliant plays.

But in this deciding match of life or death, MBQ from Baxi was fierce as well.

The relentless battles between the two sides left the outcome unclear at around twenty minutes; it was almost impossible to tell who would win.

Until the thirty-first minute.

FY's support, Feng Jin, initiated a great team fight, and his teammates followed up instantly, clashing with MBQ.

This team battle could be said to be one where every player demonstrated the utmost skill and coordination.

Eventually, FY won the team fight with a cost of three for four, and crucially, Xiong Jiahao's ADC was the last one standing, albeit on low health.

But it wasn't over yet.

In a critically low state, Jiahao, with a display of perfect kiting and life steal, managed to take down the last remaining member of MBQ.

Annihilation!

FY pushed forward with two players, giving it everything they had, and as the enemy respawned, they furiously attacked MBQ's base crystal.

Boom!

As MBQ's base crystal exploded, FY claimed the fifth and final game.

They won!

FY team from Mist City Arts and Science University won the Mid-Season Championship semi-final!

But this victory could be described as a narrow one.

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Baxi Country.

Rio de O'Neill Airport.

Ding Yue, accompanied by his secretary Wen Ruohan, had come to South America. The plane ride had taken quite some time, but Ding Yue had to be there.

His team from Mist City Arts and Science University, the FY team, had won the semifinals.

The final championship battle was up next, but given the current state of affairs, it would be very difficult for the FY team to win the championship.

After all, Ming Qiang and Zhou Genshuo were only substitutes. It was only after Qian Yu and Wang Shilin made their return to the stage that there was a chance to defeat the opponent.

This time, the finals opponent was Korea's DLH team, domestically referred to as "Big Tiger".

In the other semifinal match, Big Tiger team routed the European team CP, showing their terrifying strength.

The strong European team CP was defeated 3-0, which was unexpected by everyone. Now, the strength of Korea's Big Tiger team is truly terrifying.

Moreover, many esports media have expressed that if Big Tiger maintains this level of play, it's likely that not only will they win the mid-season championship, but they could possibly also take this year's S Competition championship.

Ding Yue had also watched the semifinal match between Big Tiger team and CP team.

Originally, Ding Yue had hoped that the European-American team CP would be able to eliminate Korea.

But who would have thought, the European-American team was so tragically defeated by Big Tiger, and this also revealed to Ding Yue the formidable strength of Korea's Big Tiger team.

If Qian Yu and Wang Shilin can't recover their condition, then his FY team will inevitably be unable to defeat Big Tiger team.

Therefore.

Ding Yue had come on this trip with the resolute goal to bring Qian Yu and Wang Shilin, his two students, back to their peak condition.

Psychological Guidance Cards had already been exchanged, a total of two, each worth 100 reputation points.

Using Psychological Guidance Cards can have a positive effect on someone in a very poor psychological state. Ding Yue hoped to use them to restore Qian Yu and Wang Shilin's mental condition.

Qian Yu should be better off.

Over the past week, his situation had gradually improved quite a bit, but Wang Shilin still couldn't forget about his girlfriend giving him a piece of the green grassland.

The more he thought about it, the angrier he got.

The angrier he became, the more he thought about it, falling into a vicious cycle.

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After arriving at Rio de O'Neill Airport in Baxi Country, the hotel's shuttle service came to pick them up.

Ding Yue had Wen Ruohan book the hotel where his FY team was staying in Rio de O'Neill; it was more convenient that way.

About forty minutes later.

Ding Yue and Wen Ruohan arrived at the hotel. After asking the hotel staff to deliver their luggage to their room, Ding Yue directly went to find Jian Zihao and the members of the FY team.

In a hotel room.

"Principal Ding just called me, saying he had arrived at the airport. I think he should be coming to the hotel soon," said Jian Zihao.

Jian Zihao had already summoned all members of the FY team to his hotel room, waiting for Principal Ding's arrival.

"Principal Ding is finally here," someone said.

"We're playing in the final. Of course, Principal Ding has to come."

"But Korea's Big Tiger team is so strong."

The students discussed, feeling somewhat intimidated at the mention of Korea's Big Tiger team.

Even the top laner Ming Qiang spoke with somewhat diminished confidence: "Korea's Big Tiger team's top laner is really too strong; I'm worried I might not have any advantage in the lane."

"Their top and jungle synergy is also very strong," said the jungler Zhou Genshuo.

Korea's Big Tiger team gave the impression that you could hardly find any flaws in them.

Whether it was individual laning capability, rhythm control, or operations, Korea's Big Tiger team made you feel extremely pressured.

"We can try to defeat Big Tiger team with perfect team fights," suggested Jiahao, the captain and ADC of FY team.

"Hmm."

At that moment, Jian Zihao nodded and said with a smile, "Yes, that's right. We need to steady our lanes, avoid giving Big Tiger team any rhythm, and then it all comes down to our team-fighting ability. If we do well in team fights, we have a chance."

Although Jian Zihao knew that Korea's Big Tiger team was very strong, he also knew it wasn't without countermeasures.

FY team's overall team strength wasn't weak either.

Of course, if players Qian Yu and Wang Shilin could enter the stage in good condition, then Jian Zihao believed that the team of Jiahao, Feng Jin, Yao Jing, Wang Shilin, and Qian Yu could at least fight Big Tiger team to a standstill.

"Right, we need to have some confidence," Feng Jin said to everyone.

Then the mood among the group improved a bit.

Ding dong!

Just then, the doorbell rang.

Jian Zihao hurried over to open it and saw their most respected Principal Ding.

"Principal Ding, you've arrived so quickly," said Jian Zihao happily.

"The ride here from the airport wasn't too bad with traffic, and the lights were on our side, so it was relatively quick. Plus, once I arrived, I came straight here," said Ding Yue, smiling as he entered the room and saw all the members of the FY team who had come to Baxi for the mid-season championship.

"Hello, Principal Ding!"

"Principal Ding, you're here."

"With Principal Ding here, our fighting strength has increased a bit more," exclaimed the team.

Everyone was very happy to see Principal Ding.

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After all, Principal Ding held an extremely high status in everyone's heart, and everyone deeply respected him.

This young man single-handedly developed Mist City Arts and Science University to its current state.

It was also because Principal Ding had established the esports major at Mist City Arts and Science University that Xiong Jiahao and the others had a professional path which led them to the finals of the Midseason Championship today.

"Take a seat, take a seat, everyone sit down,"

laughed Ding Yue as he said to everyone, "Good thing the visa process went smoothly, otherwise, we might not have been able to make it here."

After everyone was seated, they all listened intently to Principal Ding.

It seemed like Principal Ding was about to say a few words next, to add a bit of fuel, to encourage a little confidence.

However.

Ding Yue didn't start speaking right away but instead smiled and asked everyone, "Time for dinner, right? Are you hungry? The principal here is treating everyone to a big meal!"

"Principal Ding, you are too kind!"

"A big meal!"

"So freaking cool!"

Man, as soon as Principal Ding arrived, he treated everyone to a big meal. How cool could that be?

Although the FY team had funding for their trip to Baxi Country for the Midseason Championship and their meals were quite good, a big meal paid for by Principal Ding was something else, a luxurious feast for sure.

Because everyone knew that Principal Ding had money, and lots of it.

"Let's go."

Without a second word, Ding Yue took everyone out for a lavish meal that cost tens of thousands of dollars.

But tens of thousands of dollars were nothing more than a sprinkle of water to Ding Yue, barely worth mentioning.

The main thing was, Ding Yue thought it would be good to take everyone out for a meal, to relax a bit, and then find an opportunity to help Qian Yu and Wang Shilin, the two students, to alleviate some of their mental burden.

Indeed, everyone had a great time at the meal.

Taking advantage of the moment, Ding Yue called over Qian Yu and Wang Shilin.

He started with the easier case, Qian Yu.

"Principal Ding, you were looking for me."

After Qian Yu arrived, he sat down beside Principal Ding.

Leaning against the railing, Ding Yue looked out at the beach and the sea in the distance, then calmly asked Qian Yu, "How about it? Another week has passed; how do you feel about your condition now?"

Qian Yu had already expressed several times in the chat group that his condition was gradually improving.

Ding Yue could tell from the tone of their chats that indeed, Qian Yu had recovered a lot, and being an adult now, he had to accept whatever decision his parents ended up making.

After all, he would have to start a new life with his girlfriend, creating a new family of his own.

"I'm feeling pretty good now, Principal Ding. After you arrived, I got really uplifted. I think I should be able to play in tomorrow's match, barring any surprises," said Qian Yu, smiling. "Honestly, I can't be bothered to manage my parents' issues anymore."

"Not bad, young man."

Reaching out, Ding Yue patted Qian Yu's shoulder and said with a smile, "That's the spirit, keep a broad-minded outlook. Remember, even if your parents get divorced, it's because their relationship didn't work out, but they are still your parents."

"Yeah, I understand that," nodded Qian Yu as he spoke.

At this point, Ding Yue had already used one of the Psychological Guidance Cards on Qian Yu.

The specific effects were not immediately apparent to Ding Yue, especially since Qian Yu had already recovered quite a bit.

"Tomorrow's finals are very important for all of us,"

said Ding Yue as he saw Qian Yu was relatively open-minded about his parents divorcing, and then he brought up the next day's finals.

"Yeah, yeah."

Qian Yu nodded.

"Then I'll just give it to you straight. I watched and analyzed the entire semi-final game. Given the current cooperative abilities of Ming Qiang, Zhou Genshuo, and their team, they may not have a problem playing against other teams, but against Korea's Big Tiger team, it looks grim; there's practically no chance of winning," Ding Yue began to say seriously. "Only if you and Wang Shilin regain your best condition and play can we stand a chance against the Big Tiger team."

"Principal Ding, Director Jian said the same thing before you came," Qian Yu expressed with surprise.

It was unexpected that both Principal Ding and Director Jian had such good judgment.

"So, you see, the FY team needs you now. Buck up, forget all your worries, show your best form, and don't let your teammates down," Ding Yue said with heartfelt sincerity.

The thought of his teammates made Qian Yu's feelings complicated.

If it hadn't been for his own issues, there would not have been such twists in the quarterfinals, and the semifinals would not have been so hard-fought; everyone had to battle through five games before barely winning against Baxi Country's MBQ team.

Thinking of Xiong Jiahao, Feng Jin, and Yao Jing, who had trained with him day and night in the past, coordinating plays together, executing one beautiful team fight after another in perfect harmony, and as a dark horse, the FY team had charged onto the world stage.

The complexity in Qian Yu's heart turned into deep emotion.

At this moment.

How could he let the team down?

Exactly as Principal Ding had just said to him, he must not disappoint his teammates.

Yes!

The ones who stood with him every night were not the heroes of Summoners Rift but his teammates right beside him.

How could he possibly let them down?

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Champions!

It's everyone's dream!

"Principal Ding, don't worry, I feel really motivated right now!" A flame of passion ignited within Qian Yu's heart.

His blood began to surge with excitement.

This was the passionate fervor that Qian Yu had been unable to recover before, a state in which nothing in life could affect him.

"I believe in you,"

Ding Yue nodded with a smile, assuring Qian Yu.

Because Ding Yue saw a perfect confidence emanating from Qian Yu.

A confidence that seemed to radiate with a brilliant light.

At this moment, Ding Yue knew, as soon as Qian Yu had regained his composure, his form would quickly return to normal.

All he needed to do was to go back, join his teammates, grab the mouse, touch the keyboard, and his form would return to its peak.

"Hmm."

The light of confidence in Qian Yu's eyes was dazzling.

"Go back and communicate well with your teammates, oh right, ask Wang Shilin to come over to me,"

Ding Yue gently patted Qian Yu's shoulder and smiled as he spoke.

After returning, Qian Yu informed Wang Shilin that Principal Ding was looking for him, and then began to interact with his teammates Xiong Jiahao, Yao Jing, and Feng Jin.

Seeing Qian Yu's renewed vigor, Xiong Jiahao and the others were ecstatic.

Once a person's mentality returned, their state in playing the match could quickly recover, which Xiong Jiahao and the others knew all too well.

The reason for Qian Yu's decline in gaming performance was the impact of his parents' divorce; his mentality had taken a serious hit.

But now, in Qian Yu's eyes, Xiong Jiahao saw a confident fire burning brightly.

"Welcome back, brother!"

Xiong Jiahao embraced Qian Yu.

"After we go back, let's play a game to see if my form has come back. Director Jian, if I'm back in shape, you've got to give me a chance to play,"

Qian Yu said to Director Jian Zihao with a smile.

"Of course," Director Jian replied with a calm smile and a nod.

Meanwhile, Director Jian couldn't help marveling at Principal Ding's personal charm, which was so strong that just having a conversation with Qian Yu face-to-face almost completely normalized his mental state and even ignited a sense of passion.

Over to Wang Shilin.

He too came to Principal Ding's side.

Seeing Wang Shilin's dejected appearance, Ding Yue couldn't help but chuckle and say, "Look at you, so defeatist."

Damn! Principal Ding started off by calling him defeatist—was he really that hopeless?

Otherwise, why would his girlfriend leave him and even put a massive green hat on his head?

Thinking about it, Wang Shilin felt even worse, as if he was about to break down entirely.

"Principal Ding, you don't know, I treated her so well. All the money I made from the matches, I spent on her. And then she treated me like this. I heard from her best friend that she found a rich second-generation guy and cheated on me, fuck!"

Wang Shilin was furious.

"Pull yourself together!"

Ding Yue placed a hand on Wang Shilin's shoulder and spoke to him like a buddy.

In fact, Ding Yue was about the same age as Wang Shilin and the others.

It was only because Ding Yue had the title of principal and had more experience—giving off an air of maturity and stability—that he seemed more respectable.

"Principal Ding, I've tried to pull myself together, but... sigh,"

Wang Shilin said dejectedly, shaking his head.

Indeed, he, like Qian Yu, had tried to use time to heal the wounds he had incurred.

But in the short term, there was no obvious effect.

"There are thousands of pretty girls in the world, trust me, you surely haven't met the best one yet. The bad ones you meet are not worth it,"

Ding Yue said to Wang Shilin with a smile.

At this time, Ding Yue used the second Psychological Guidance Card on Wang Shilin.

Wang Shilin had indeed heard this from his teammates, too.

But when his teammates said it, he couldn't take it in. Yet, when Principal Ding said it, it seemed somewhat reasonable to him.

"When you win the S Competition World Championship and get that huge prize money, then you can drive a luxury car and be with even more beautiful women, right?"

Ding Yue started to "bait" Wang Shilin with prospects.

In fact, this wasn't just baiting; that was their goal for striving and fighting hard. Whether it was Xiong Jiahao, Qian Yu, or Wang Shilin, their goal was to attain the highest glory in League of Legends through their professional careers.

The Mid-Season Invitational was an opportunity, but the S World Championship was clearly more attractive and naturally had a higher value.

"Principal Ding, I really want to win a World Championship at the S Competition. By then, she will definitely regret it,"

Wang Shilin said with an intense look in his eyes.

"So, pull yourself together. Play well in tomorrow's Mid-Season Championship, then the Summer season, the playoffs, followed by the S World Championship. I believe you can do it. When you get the trophy for the S World Championship, the satisfaction and sense of achievement are something no trashy girl can give you."

Ding Yue continued to comfort Wang Shilin, "If you guys manage to win the trophy at the S World Championship, I will give each of you One Million as a bonus!"

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"Thank you, Principal Ding. You're really generous!"

Upon hearing those words, Wang Shilin felt quite excited.

Principal Ding lived up to his reputation, being so generous. If they managed to win the S World Championship trophy, not only would they share the champion's bonus, but Principal Ding had also promised an additional one million. That's a huge profit.

By then, Wang Shilin could consider himself a successful person.

And the sense of achievement that comes with being a successful person is something that a woman, and especially a bitch, cannot offer.

"So, pick yourself up and don't let your teammates down." Ding Yue used the same words to encourage Wang Shilin.

At that moment,

Wang Shilin felt almost exactly the same as Qian Yu did.

That was the realization that their teammates' many days and nights of hard work were all aimed at achieving greater success together.

But halfway through, he had almost destroyed everyone's hope because of a woman.

Wang Shilin's heart was instantly filled with guilt, but that guilt quickly transformed into a driving force.

"Right, I can't let my teammates down. Hao, Xiao Jin, Da Yao, I can't allow myself to be the cause of their failure."

Wang Shilin's heart ignited with a flame fueled by motivation.

Just like Qian Yu.

"Oh, by the way, how's Old Qian?" Wang Shilin suddenly asked, "I feel like I can do it now, but if Old Qian... if he can't adjust his state, then without him, our team loses its soul."

In Wang Shilin's view, the team's soul consisted of himself, Qian Yu, Xiong Jiahao, Feng Jin, and Yao Jing — the five together made up the spirit of the FY team.

Though the substitutes Ming Qiang and Zhou Genshuo were also good, there was no doubt that the team played better with the original five.

"Hahaha, Qian Yu's mental state has adjusted way better than yours," Ding Yue immediately burst into laughter.

Yeah, this Wang Shilin was still not forgetting to care about his good teammate Qian Yu's condition.

Come to think of it,

Even when their conditions slipped, both of them did so together, so it was impossible for Wang Shilin not to care about Qian Yu.

"Hahaha, that's great, that's great. After listening to Principal Ding's talk, I feel much more enlightened. If Old Qian's also better off than I am, then maybe we can try to return to the team."

Wang Shilin had this confidence.

Although he didn't dare say his gaming state had 100% recovered now.

But with a little time to practice with his teammates, he believed he could quickly regain the feeling of being at his peak.

"Good, after you go back tonight, practice with your teammates," Ding Yue said, hugging Wang Shilin tightly, then whispered into his ear, "But don't let me down, come on, defeat Korea's Big Tiger team!"

"Yes!"

Wang Shilin nodded his head and responded confidently.

Over the past two years, the LoL teams from Korea had become quite arrogant.

At last year's world tournament, Korea's teams performed very well, and besides the Big Tiger team, there was also the ST team from Korea, which was also extremely strong.

These two teams were hailed as Korea's twin titans and were also considered strong contenders for this year's S Competition world champion.

If they could defeat the Big Tiger team at the mid-season champion tournament, they could deflate Korea's arrogance a bit.

It would also prove to the world that Xia Country's LPL teams had returned to form, aiming for the championship.

Ever since IG and FPX had won back-to-back championships, followed by Shu Ning Team's regrettable loss to a Korean team, Xia Country's LPL results had once again quieted down.

Now,

this year, a professional esports team from Mist City Arts and Science University had become the center of attention.

Ding Yue also hoped that his FY team could help the LPL region regain the throne of the world's number one region!

After getting back from the meal,

Qian Yu and Wang Shilin began training with their three teammates Xiong Jiahao, Feng Jin, and Yao Jing.

The previous substitutes, Ming Qiang and Zhou Genshuo, were happy for Qian Yu and Wang Shilin's return to form.

Because Ming Qiang and Zhou Genshuo both understood well.

If they played instead, as Director Jian Zihao had said, they simply wouldn't stand a chance against Korea's Big Tiger team.

So at that moment,

Ming Qiang and Zhou Genshuo were very willing to step aside and let Qian Yu and Wang Shilin return.

Only with their good state could the FY team have a chance to fight against the Big Tiger team.

The training in the evening saw Qian Yu and Wang Shilin's condition improving very rapidly.

In the first round, their cooperation was almost back to 80-90%.

In the second round of training, the five of them finally regained that feeling, the one where they were dark horses, dominating the LPL and the mid-season championship tournament.

When Ding Yue and Director Jian Zihao saw the five again become a cohesive unit, a weight lifted from their hearts.

Ding Yue, watching the five of them train seriously, couldn't help but smile at the corner of his mouth.

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The next morning.

Xiong Jiahao and his teammates got up on time and went through another training session.

This time it was a warm-up before the match, which was scheduled to take place in the afternoon.

Noon.

After having lunch with everyone, Ding Yue confirmed that the condition of Xiong Jiahao, Feng Jin, Yao Jing, Qian Yu, and Wang Shilin was very good.

Therefore, Jian Zihao finalized the starting lineup—it would be these five, FY team's original members!

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Five o'clock in the afternoon.

The "League of Legends" Mid-Season Championship officially kicked off in Baxi Country's Rio de O'Neill, and the atmosphere at the venue was incredibly hot.

Although most of the audience were locals from Baxi Country, there were also viewers from Europe and Korea.

Of course.

The most noteworthy were the viewers from Xia Country.

These viewers from Xia Country were definitely loyal fans of the FY team.

Over on Bilibili, once the live stream started, the popularity quickly surpassed ten million and was still steadily increasing.

Netizens tuned in to watch the live stream, eagerly anticipating today's FY team from the LPL region to defeat Korea's Big Tiger team.

"The finals have finally arrived."

"This is FY team's first world championship final, I hope they play well."

"I heard that FY team's Qian Yu and Wang Shilin made a comeback?"

"I hope they can bring back a championship."

"Beat the Korean Big Tiger team into the ground for me!"

"Let's be real, the Big Tiger team is so strong, FY team is just a newcomer dark horse, their chances of winning aren't great."

"Nobody would object if I said Big Tiger is number one in the world, right?"

"Why do we have fans of Big Tiger in our little Bilibili chatroom?"

"FY, go for it!"

"My sunflower seeds, drinks, and snacks are ready, just waiting for tonight's big fight. This time we must regain our glory and defeat the Korean team!"

Domestic netizens had high hopes for the FY team.

But there were also some pessimistic netizens who felt that FY team probably stood no chance against Korea's Big Tiger team.

Because everyone had seen the semifinals.

FY team barely won against Baxi's MBQ team in a hard-fought semifinal, which showed FY team's limited strength.

And this time, Korea's Big Tiger team displayed terrifying strength, sweeping Europe's strongest team.

Such terrifying strength, right?

So.

A portion of domestic netizens started to switch sides, supporting Big Tiger team to win the championship, as in electronic sports, respecting strength is a normal thing.

However, more viewers still supported their local FY team.

At Mist City Arts and Science University, without a doubt, all teachers and students were fervently supporting the FY team.

On Bilibili's fan contribution list, the top contributor was a second-generation rich student from Mist City Arts and Science University, supporting the FY team with all his might just to cheer them on.

Today's finals commentary was delivered by the same people as in the semifinals, Vale and Miwa, plus a female commentator, Rita.

"Hello everyone, welcome to the battle for the championship of the 'League of Legends' Mid-Season Championship. Today, our LPL's FY team will face off against Korea's Big Tiger team. Another classic Xia-Korea showdown, and you can imagine how exciting this bo5 will be," one commentator said.

"Yes, the much-anticipated Xia-Korea battle begins again. Who will take home the Mid-Season Championship trophy today? Let's find out after a short commercial break..."

Well, look at that.

Starting with a commercial.

Back in the Bilibili live stream room, after a video advertisement, the broadcast returned to the commentators.

Popularity had soared past 20 million, closing in on thirty million.

This showed just how popular "League of Legends" major events still were.

Albeit more and more gamers no longer have much time to play games, their years of passion for "League of Legends" won't easily fade away.

So, major "League of Legends" events like this still attract a lot of players to watch.

And even more so for finals like today's, and especially a Xia-Korea showdown, which drew a lot of attention from netizens.

On the scene.

Ding Yue and Jian Zihao led the seven members of the FY team to the backstage rest area.

"How do you all feel now? Relaxed? Nervous?"

Ding Yue looked at everyone and asked.

"Pretty relaxed, not nervous," Qian Yu replied with a smile.

Wang Shilin nodded as well.

There was no need to talk about Xiong Jiahao, Feng Jin, and Yao Jing; they were already itching to go up against Korea's Big Tiger team.

"Good!"

Ding Yue nodded, then asked, "Do you have confidence for today?"

"Yes!"

Everyone responded in unison, their voices loud and full of vigor.

This was precisely the attitude Ding Yue wanted from his players.

It was clear that the five players were all in their best form. Such a team in the LPL would undoubtedly be unstoppable.

But today was different, as they faced Korea's strongest Big Tiger team, whose fearsome prowess was well known.

Even so, FY team had to wrest a victory from the jaws of Big Tiger today!

"Players, prepare to enter the stage," said a staff member to the FY team.

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So Jian Zihao had the five players take the stage.

"Remember, everyone, play the first game according to Director Jian's strategy and tactics."

"Okay!"

After Ding Yue gave his final reminders, he watched the five players leave the dressing room backstage and walk towards the competition stage in the front.

"We can see that today, our FY team's starting lineup is—

Top lane! Wang!

Jungle: Qian!

Mid lane: Dayao!

Bottom ADC: Xiongxiong!

Support: Jin!"

The commentator grandly introduced the FY team's starting lineup for today's final.

This lineup was FY team's original lineup.

When the domestic netizens and audience saw the starting lineup, they couldn't help but cheer.

After all, this was the lineup they most wanted to see, as each player was dearly loved, and together, they were the FY team's strongest battleship!

"Today the FY team has finally sent out their original starting lineup; this is bound to be a suspenseful best of five finals!"

"Yes, now Korea's Big Tiger team has also appeared, with their familiar five starting players, who are..."

Swiftly, the starting five players of Korea's Big Tiger team also took the stage.

The same five people as in the semi-finals, who have always been Big Tiger team's players, they have never replaced a player.

Both teams' players entered the gaming area.

Then they tuned their competition-specific computers, and the ban phase began.

The ban decision of Korea appeared to be the result of a lot of effort; the style they demonstrated this time was completely different from the semi-finals.

This move could not help but make Jian Zihao a little sweaty.

Oh boy.

After I researched your semi-final style, you present a completely new style of ban picks in the finals?

The banning of heroes was still manageable, as Jian Zihao successfully had his players ban several of Big Tiger team's strong heroes.

But Big Tiger team's hero selection was completely beyond Jian Zihao's expectations, almost entirely different from his understanding of their team.

"Coach, their hero selection seems to be a different style from before," said Xiong Jiahao as the captain. He quickly spotted the issue and immediately communicated with the rest.

"Mm-hm, don't panic just yet, let's stick to the plan for our ban picks. What kind of trick is the Big Tiger team trying to pull this time?"

Jian Zihao first stabilized his players.

And then continued with the ban picks.

Big Tiger team's bottom lane duo was kind of expected, but mid lane picked Jayce, potentially flexing to the top lane, while top lane was Gnar, also possibly flexing to mid.

The jungle was a mage jungle!

This lineup was not unusual because it was uncommon, but because Jian Zihao had not seen Korea's Big Tiger team use such a lineup before.

The LPL commentators noticed as well and immediately said, "We can see that the Big Tiger team has unveiled their secret weapon right from the first game, it looks like they are ready to go all out."

"Our FY team's hero selection is somewhat more standard, but facing Big Tiger team's flex lineup, if Big Tiger correctly predicts our positions, it's going to be uncomfortable in the lanes."

From the perspective of hero selection, it was apparent that Big Tiger team had the upper hand.

They had the initiative.

Generally, having the initiative during the ban pick phase is quite important.

However, this round couldn't be helped.

Korea's Big Tiger team played a 'sneaky' one on Jian Zihao, directly revealing their secret strategy.

Well, nothing could be done there.

They would have to see how the players would adapt during the match.

"Don't worry about the opponent's lineup being fancy, no big deal. Just take each step carefully, play well, everyone, let's go!"

Jian Zihao could only encourage his five players.

"Okay! Let's go!"

The five players responded.

After the ban picks were done, the coaches of both sides left the stage.

Jian Zihao returned to the backstage dressing room and said to Principal Ding, "Principal Ding, I really didn't expect that Korea's Big Tiger team would unveil their secret weapon in the very first game."

"It is indeed a bit surprising," Ding Yue nodded slightly, then added, "Let's see how Xiong Jiahao and the others respond."

Now that the lineup was set and the game had started,

there wasn't much more that Jian Zihao, as a coach, could do.

From now on in the game, it would depend on the individual performance of the players.

"Guys, let's play steady early game and see what the opponents' tactics are," Xiong Jiahao advised his teammates.

"Got it."

"Received!"

"No problem!"

"Okay!"

The teammates responded one after another.

Over at Korea's Big Tiger team's side, the players were chattering away in Korean, likely also engaged in active communication.

The match began!

Ding Yue watched the game nervously.

Nobody could predict the outcome of the finals' first game.

Ding Yue initially estimated the odds to be fifty-fifty; his own FY team might win, but Korea's Big Tiger team could also win.

It all depended on whose players performed better.

Fans and netizens within the country were typing "Go FY" in the live broadcast chat, showing enthusiastic support.

"Neither side is initiating a team fight at level one in the river... "

"We can see that FY team's vision in this position is quite good."

The commentators started to cover the official match.

Both teams were playing steadily and cautiously in the lane during the early phase, with FY team performing very securely, while Big Tiger team seemed to gradually become more aggressive.

As expected.

After successfully flexing in the lanes, Big Tiger team attempted to dive the top-laner Wang Shilin in a two versus one dive.

Fortunately, Wang Shilin was quick to react, promptly clearing the minion wave with his abilities and retreating to the safety of his tower.

Without the minion wave, Big Tiger team's top and jungle dared not act rashly.

The intense first game of the finals unfolded with Big Tiger team repeatedly looking for opportunities, all of which were diffused by FY team.

Indeed, for the first ten or so minutes, the teams were really going evenly head to head.

Each took a Canyon Pioneer, and the dragons were also taken alternately.

In the blink of an eye, the game time reached twenty-two minutes, and both sides prepared to make a play around the Baron.

And it was at this moment.

An astounding play shook the entire venue...

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Ding Yue watched the game on the screen in the resting room's backstage, so tense that his breathing had become rapid.

This moment.

Perhaps several millions or even tens of millions of eyes around the world were watching the operation of each player in this game.

And it was at this time.

The FY team's top-laner successfully executed a vision trick and perfectly flanked from behind.

Yes, it was the top-laner Wang Shilin who took advantage of the vision provided by an excellently placed ward early on and moved to the enemy's rear through the vision gap.

Eventually, the stalemate was broken by Wang Shilin's initiation, and the team, with support Feng Jin and jungler Qian Yu quickly following up on Wang Shilin's lead, chained the control abilities together seamlessly.

Besides that.

The ADC Xiong Jiahao and mid-laner Yao Jing also began dealing massive damage to the opposition.

Xiong Jiahao's positioning could only be described as perfect, and the enemy's core jungler who tried to instantly kill Xiong Jiahao's ADC was unsuccessful.

Instead, after being hit by a set of moves from Xiong Jiahao, the enemy was taken down by a powerful ultimate from the mid-lane.

This team fight was completely dominated by the FY team, thoroughly breaking the balance that had lasted for over twenty minutes.

Ultimately, it was this team fight that allowed the FY team to break the deadlock.

Following that, Xiong Jiahao and his team charged forward triumphantly, throwing the Korean Big Tiger team completely off rhythm.

Just like that, at the thirty-three-minute mark of the first game, the economic advantage had reached six thousand.

"With the current situation, I think the Big Tiger team must be quite out of sync. As long as our FY team doesn't make any major blunders, we can basically take down the crystal base once the next wave of minions arrives," remarked the commentator Miwa, inclining toward an FY team victory based on the state of the game.

At the same time, the Colonel was also predicting, with the win rates now standing at eighty-one percent to nineteen percent.

It's roughly an eighty-two split.

"Hahaha, that team fight was played beautifully, and in just one fell swoop, the Big Tiger team's surprise tech-comp almost succeeded," laughed Jian Zihao, visibly elated.

The tone was almost set for the first game.

The final result was without surprises, as the FY team, with their advantage, won the last team fight to storm the high ground, and then directly destroyed the Big Tiger team's crystal base.

"Let's congratulate the FY team on securing the first game, leading the score one to zero for now!" called out Vale, unable to contain his excitement.

Being able to defeat the formidable Korean Big Tiger team on the world stage in the first game was truly unbelievable.

Most importantly, the start of the game had everyone believing that the Big Tiger team had the upper hand due to their coach's surprise tech-comp.

But, contrary to all expectations, the FY team, with their solid and steady strength and Wang Shilin's top-lane engagement, laid the foundation for victory in this game.

After the FY team's victory in the first game.

The players of the Korean Big Tiger team looked visibly frustrated, and the cameras quickly switched to the Big Tiger team's coach.

The game was a programmatic success.

The Korean Big Tiger team initially intended to surprise with a tech-comp but didn't expect to be countered by the solid strength of the FY team.

In the Bilibili live broadcast room domestically, the online audience was all smiles.

After all, the FY team had won the game.

Everyone was happy for the FY team's victory in the first game.

At the same time, they also laughed off the Big Tiger team coach's tactics—what a foolish move.

In front of an overwhelmingly strong team, such gimmicks are futile; it's about strength against strength.

"I'm so happy; we won the first game, a perfect start, indeed."

"Hehe, awesome, FY team, let's go!"

"I told you, just field Qian Yu and Wang Shilin, and with the support of Xiong Jiahao, Feng Jin, and Yao Jing, they are an invincible combo."

"Good grief, seems like finally Bathing Dog understands that these five are the ones who should be playing."

"Exactly, what was Bathing Dog thinking during the semi-finals? I was so nervous watching the game back then."

"Honestly, during the semi-finals, I really thought we were going to be eliminated at one point, but fortunately, we stabilized. Otherwise, Bathing Dog better be ready for the backlash."

"FY team really is strong. Actually, the Big Tiger team from Korea isn't weak either. It's just that they wanted to try some fancy stuff this time and ended up getting checked."

"Good lord, our FY team specializes in countering fancy tricks, hahaha."

At this time, even the main coach of the Korean Big Tiger team had come to understand this point.

"Next, we'll crush them with absolute strength. Roll over them, from their faces down. Got it!" prompted the Big Tiger team's main coach, to which all five players nodded in agreement.

In the next four games, or rather, in the next three games, every player of the Big Tiger team was resolved to use their most overpowering strength to defeat the FY team.

The goal was to win three consecutive points and take FY team out directly.

Back at the FY team's resting room.

Ding Yue saw the five players return to the resting room successfully and smiled, "Everyone played well in the first game. Now, we must keep up the momentum, try to extend our lead, and put pressure on the Big Tiger team from Korea."

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Ding Yue analyzed from a psychological perspective, saying that the next game should be won as decisively as possible because once the next game is won, it is very likely that they could achieve a three to zero sweep and shave the Big Tiger team bald.

"Alright!"

After hearing Principal Ding's encouragement, everyone responded in unison.

Then, a look of joy appeared on each player's face.

Finally, the five players played a perfect match in the finals, indicating that both Qian Yu and Wang Shilin had found their form again.

"Next game, I don't think the Korea Big Tiger team will play something fancy like the last one again, so it's going to be a tough fight. We need to ban the strongest heroes from the Korea Big Tiger team."

Jian Zihao started using the break to explain to the players how to approach the second game.

Based on normal thinking and analysis, the Korea Big Tiger team used a fancy lineup in the previous game, but failed to gain an advantage.

In this situation, the Korea Big Tiger team would likely play it safe.

In fact, the most terrifying thing about the Big Tiger team is their "stability". Their stability is incredibly strong, almost no teams in previous matches have been able to shake it.

Jian Zihao was, of course, very aware of this.

So Jian Zihao knew that after the Big Tiger team regained their "stability", they would become the toughest to deal with.

Because the hero pool of the Big Tiger team was simply too deep.

Even if you ban five targeted heroes, you can never be sure what other heroes they might bring out to contest with you.

Xiong Jiahao and the other four players were listening attentively to Coach Jian Zihao's explanation.

Ding Yue was also listening very carefully, yet Secretary Wen Ruohan, as someone who was not a professional gamer, could understand some aspects but was merely glossing over the professional strategies and tactics.

The rest time passed quickly.

Jian Zihao also used about two-thirds of the break to tell the players how to play the second game.

The players then used the remaining third of their time to adjust the strong momentum they had gained from winning the first game, getting ready to start the second one.

"The second game will start soon, players, prepare to take the stage."

A staff member came to inform them.

And so,

Coach Jian Zihao led the five players to give a quick farewell to Principal Ding, before leaving the resting room to return to the stage.

At this time, the Korea Big Tiger team also returned.

Both teams went back to their respective areas, preparing for the second game.

"I wonder what adjustments both sides will make for the second game?"

"You can see that after the first-game victory, our FY team players seem to be in a somewhat more relaxed mindset for the second game."

The two commentators started their discussion.

Having secured the first game, the FY team members indeed had an advantage, at least psychologically.

As for the Big Tiger team, they were facing a more serious situation.

"Bring out your strength!" the coach said to the players.

All five players were very calm and did not respond to the coach's words, but it was evident that each of them was very eager to succeed.

Not an impatient eagerness for success,

but a yearning for victory underlined by level-headed confidence in their own abilities.

Simply put, all five players were basically expressionless, looking somewhat cool and indifferent.

This was the most fearsome aspect.

"Alright, the championship decider Bo5's second game between FY team and the Big Tiger team begins now with the banning phase."

During the banning phase, both sides got rid of each other's strong heroes, but given the players' hero pools, even after banning strong heroes from the last game, they could still pick another equally potent new hero.

This is where professional players truly shine.

In reality, not every professional player has such a deep hero pool, but a top-tier professional player's hero pool is definitely extensive.

Otherwise, they'd be finished as soon as they were targeted.

Jian Zihao had a lot of experience with this from his playing days.

After a rather satisfactory banning phase for both sides, the second game officially commenced.

In Summoners Rift,

Another pinnacle showdown began.

The online audience watched with anticipation, hoping for their supported team to win.

Within Xia Country, most of the Xia Country netizens were rooting for their home team, FY.

But overseas, whether in Europe, Korea, Baxi Country, or in America, the online audience mostly believed that the Korea Big Tiger team would win the final victory of this Bo5.

The foreign netizens believed in the absolute strength of the Korea Big Tiger team, something a new dark horse team couldn't shake.

Just like Shu Ning at the world championship back then, no matter how strong Shu Ning performed, he still lost to the Big Turtle team in the finals.

Now, the Big Tiger was only stronger than the Big Turtle of the past, so it was nearly an insurmountable mountain.

The reason FY team won the first game was said by foreign netizens to have been because the Big Tiger team attempted to try something new in the first game, and this new attempt failed.

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So, it's time for Big Tiger team to show their tiger might.

And when the tiger might of Big Tiger team is unleashed, no one can withstand it, not even the dark horse FY team.

Viewers around the world all have their own preferences, and that's just how it is.

However, Ding Yue only hopes that his own FY team can fight with their worth and strive to take down Big Tiger team in the finals of the Mid-season Championship.

Of course.

Even if they can't take down Big Tiger team, it doesn't matter, Ding Yue knows the strength of Big Tiger team is very strong, something that Jian Zihao told him more than once.

After successfully guiding the players through the pick and ban phase, Director Jian Zihao returned from the stage to the resting room.

"Director Jian, can Big Tiger team really not be shaken?"

Ding Yue continued to talk to Jian Zihao about Big Tiger team.

"To be honest, Big Tiger team did not show their true strength in the first game, this game we can see how strong their execution really is."

Jian Zihao spoke with trepidation.

Although he didn't want to admit that Korea's Big Tiger team was formidable, that fact was unchangeable.

The LPL had indeed been quiet for several years, and now FY team had become the strongest dark horse of the LPL, but defeating Big Tiger team would still be difficult.

It was akin to how it was with Shu Ning Team and the Big Turtle team back in the day.

Naturally, Director Jian Zihao did not want history to repeat itself.

"We'll just have to see."

After hearing this, Ding Yue nodded slightly, then started focusing earnestly on the game.

After the second game began.

Big Tiger team indeed showed their steady strength, and this time they were not as reckless as in the first game.

In the laning phase, even Jiahao, who was a very strong ADC, did not manage to gain any advantage. The bottom lane duos were evenly matched, with neither side losing to the other.

This was a truly frightening situation.

For Jiahao, an aggressive ADC, not gaining an advantage after several bouts meant that he already considered himself at a disadvantage.

It was unexpected to see how strong and resilient Big Tiger team's bottom lane was in this game.

This game.

Jiahao had fully realized the caliber of his opponent, who indeed should not be underestimated.

Even though he was deemed the new generation ADC who even Director Jian Zihao considered to be more formidable, when facing Big Tiger team's ADC, Jiahao couldn't gain any advantage at all.

Sometimes he would even get harassed by Big Tiger team's support.

"Let's go up and play another set, at least force out a summoner skill!" said Feng Jin, feeling a bit impatient after being harassed by the enemy bottom lane.

"Feng Jin, don't be impulsive, they are holding steady, we need to be even more stable. It looks like the turnaround this game won't happen in our bottom lane."

Jiahao was very clear.

At this moment, if anyone were to act even slightly impulsive, it would be equivalent to exposing a flaw to the enemy.

The best method.

That would be for both bottom lanes to hold steady, and then, the rhythm would have to be found in either the mid lane or the top lane.

But despite this.

The mid lane and top lane were also closely contested, with both sides predicting the other's movements well. After several gank attempts and counter-ganks, both sides would retreat reluctantly after a skirmish without either side securing a kill.

In this way, with many skirmishes but no kills, the first dragon was smoothly secured by Big Tiger team.

FY team had no plans of contesting the first dragon against Big Tiger team, just like how Big Tiger team had let go of the second dragon when FY secured it.

It was because both teams were avoiding each other's edges.

"This Big Tiger is really too steady, this pace has dragged us down." Mid laner Yao Jing began to complain.

FY team's pace held a noticeable element of aggression, sharing a tradition with the LPL's style.

But Big Tiger team was different, if they could play steadily, they would. The games could be said to be quite boring.

However, they didn't care, because this was their pace, and they were very keen on playing such games.

For in such boredom, the boredom might suddenly give way to Big Tiger team taking a bite, swiftly ripping away a large chunk of flesh and leaving you crying in agony.

The key was, everyone understood this, yet there was nothing they could do.

If one were to lose their steadiness now, they might fall into a trap.

"Hao, what should we do? Shall we fight a round?" asked Qian Yu, the jungler, feeling helpless.

Now it was time to listen to Jiahao, the team captain and in-game leader.

"How about we do a five-man dive bottom?"

After some thought, Jiahao decided to break the situation.

Otherwise, being dragged into stagnant water by Big Tiger team was very troublesome.

Most importantly, it was about to mentally break them.

"Damn it!"

Yao Jing couldn't hold back any longer, "I can gain an advantage with this minion wave."

"My teleport is ready."

Top laner Wang Shilin was also prepared.

They planned to roam from mid to bot with the jungler, coordinating with the bottom duo to dive the turret and then having the top laner teleport in, executing a five-on-two dive.

Although the opposition was sure to support swiftly, as long as they could quickly secure the kills, the enemy's reinforcement might be too late, ending the fight then and there.