

## F. University 961

Chapter 961: Superiority from the Sports Academy

"Although there indeed is a downside, Principal Ding, the advantages here far outweigh the disadvantages, so I think this location is quite suitable for the hotel construction site,"

Director Chen Ping expressed his opinion and suggestion.

Ding Yue listened to Director Chen Ping's suggestion and considered the site next to the Central Sports Ground as a feasible location plan.

However.

Ding Yue still wanted to check out the third site.

After all, a better comparison could be made only after seeing all the options.

"Xiao Wen, what do you think?"

Ding Yue turned his head and asked for his secretary, Wen Ruohan's opinion.

"Well, Principal Ding, I'm not really in a position to offer any professional advice on this matter, but I feel building the hotel here would be quite nice. You'd be able to see the sunny great lawn, the Agricultural and Forestry Institute's fields, and our Central Sports Stadium. In short, the scenery is quite pleasant,"

Wen Ruohan shared her viewpoint.

Essentially, Wen Ruohan's perspective was the same as Director Chen Ping's.

They both acknowledged the advantages of this location.

"Alright, then. Let's go to the next site,"

Ding Yue nodded slightly and then said to Director Chen Ping and the others.

The group followed Principal Ding, walking from the Central Sports Ground towards the direction of the Book Ship Library.

From the Central Sports Stadium, it took roughly a twenty-minute walk to reach the Campus Central Park next to the Book Ship Library.

This is the vast Mist City Arts and Science University!

Ding Yue and Director Chen Ping arrived at the third site and continued to assess the situation.

"Director Chen, I think the best advantage here is that, after the hotel is built, you can see the Book Ship Library across from the park, and the school park is right beside it. The environment is quite good,"

Ding Yue expressed his opinion on the third location.

From Ding Yue's personal intent, he currently favored this site the most.

If the hotel were to be built here, it would be fairly convenient for the students of both the newly expanded campus and the old campus to come over.

Because the School Central Park north of the Book Ship Library is called "School Central Park" due to its relatively central location.

If the overall campus of Mist City Arts and Science University were in the shape of a rectangle, then this park would be in the middle but, if you wanted to be precise, just a bit to the right.

"Mhm, this is indeed a nice choice,"

Upon hearing Principal Ding say this, Director Chen Ping nodded his head in agreement with Ding's statement.

"Liu Chuanjie, what do you say?"

Ding Yue then quickly turned to Liu Chuanjie and asked for his opinion.

"Principal Ding, I also think this place is quite nice. As you said, the environment is good, and if the hotel is built here, it would be at a more or less equal distance from the students,"

Liu Chuanjie nodded and replied.

"Mhm,"

Seeing that Liu Chuanjie also agreed, a smile involuntarily appeared on Ding Yue's face.

This indicated that everyone was quite optimistic about this location. If that was the case, then the site for the school hotel could most likely be set here without any surprises.

"But Principal Ding,"

Suddenly, at that moment, Wen Ruohan, Ding Yue's secretary, spoke up.

"Hm? What is it?"

Ding Yue turned around and looked at his secretary, Wen Ruohan, and asked, "Do you have a better suggestion?"

"Principal Ding, if the hotel is built here, is it really suitable?"

Wen Ruohan blinked and inquired.

"Not suitable?"

A question mark appeared over Ding Yue's head. Earlier, both Director Chen Ping and Liu Chuanjie had mentioned that this place was quite nice, with good proximity and environment. Everyone thought it was okay, so why was his secretary Wen Ruohan suddenly questioning its suitability?

"Yes, Principal Ding. The park next door is meant to be quiet and tranquil, and right beside it is the Book Ship Library, which also has to be quiet. Moreover, the construction of the hotel will definitely severely disrupt the students' reading in the Book Ship Library,"

Wen Ruohan presented her perspective.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue immediately had an epiphany!

Goodness!

Had Wen Ruohan not mentioned it, Ding Yue would not have considered this point. He had neglected such an important issue.

Indeed, as Secretary Wen Ruohan had said, if they chose this site for the large-scale hotel, the construction noise would inevitably affect the Book Ship Library across from the park and would not be good for the park either.

Truly.

Both the park and the Book Ship Library required a quiet environment.

How could there be tranquility with the construction of a large hotel?

In such a case, building the large-scale hotel here would indeed be inappropriate.

Chen Ping, Liu Chuanjie, and the others who were with Ding Yue also heard Wen Ruohan's analysis and thought it made a lot of sense.

"Principal Ding, I think Secretary Wen is right. Building a hotel here would indeed affect the students who come to the park and the library during the construction period,"

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Director Chen Ping turned his head and said to Principal Ding.

"Right."

Liu Chuanjie also nodded in agreement.

Seeing everyone's responses, Ding Yue said thoughtfully, "Indeed, this is a major issue that cannot be ignored and is also difficult to resolve. Construction of a hotel will inevitably bring serious noise pollution, so this place is not suitable as the site location, correct?"

It was quite a pity.

The site Ding Yue was originally most satisfied with was here, but now it seemed not quite suitable for hotel construction.

"Absolutely correct."

Chen Ping and Liu Chuanjie unanimously responded.

"In that case, we have now finished inspecting the three potential sites. The area adjacent to the existing hotel isn't good, neither is this place, so it seems that the site next to the Central Sports Ground has become the best choice," Ding Yue analyzed and said.

Out of the three sites, two were unsuitable. The second one, next to the Central Sports Ground, was quite acceptable in all aspects except for being a bit distant.

"Principal Ding, looking at it this way, the site next to the Central Sports Ground, adjacent to the famous Sunny Great Lawn, and also convenient for tourists to check in after visiting, is quite good," Director Chen Ping pointed out another advantage of the site next to the Central Sports Ground.

"Hmm."

Ding Yue nodded and said, "It seems that place really is the most suitable. Director Chen, shall we settle on this then? Shall we build our school's second hotel next to the Central Sports Ground?"

"Alright, Principal Ding!"

Seeing Principal Ding make the decision, Director Chen Ping immediately agreed, "Shall we finalize it?"

"Yes, we can finalize it now."

And so,

Ding Yue officially decided on the site for the large hotel to be built by Mist City Arts and Science University, which may well become a five-star hotel in the future.

Located next to the Central Sports Ground, though not exactly adjacent since there was plenty of space around, a gap of a hundred feet or so would not be a problem at all.

After choosing the location for the construction of the large hotel for the school, Ding Yue headed back to the Administration Building, to the Principal's office, accompanied by his secretary Wen Ruohan and the intelligent robot Big White.

On their way back, when the secretary Wen Ruohan was checking her phone, she suddenly noticed that a group chat from the school was discussing something.

The news that Mist City Arts and Science University was preparing to bid as a host for the National University Sports Games began to spread online, and it had unexpectedly become the subject of mockery from Wucheng Sports College.

"This Wucheng Sports College, really full of themselves!"

Having read some of the content, Wen Ruohan murmured angrily.

"What's wrong, Xiao Wen?"

Ding Yue seemed to hear Wen Ruohan's grumbling, and it sounded like she mentioned something about Wucheng Sports College. He had no idea what it was about.

"Principal Ding, that Wucheng Sports College is so arrogant, saying that our Mist City Arts and Science University is not qualified at all to apply to host the National University Sports Games," Wen Ruohan said, stomping her foot in frustration.

"Oh?"

Hearing this, Ding Yue responded indifferently with a smile, "Is that so?"

Wucheng Sports College was a professional sports institution, so naturally, it was incomparable in that regard. But his own Mist City Arts and Science University shouldn't be that bad, right? To be mocked by Wucheng Sports College like this.

"Yes, Principal Ding. Mist City Arts and Science University really doesn't know where they got their sense of superiority from!" Wen Ruohan continued to grumble.

"After all, they are a sports college," shrugged Ding Yue, then asked, "What does it say online?"

Though Ding Yue didn't seem to care much about what he was saying, he was curious about how Wucheng Sports College mocked his Mist City Arts and Science University.

"On Mist City Forum and on Twitter, there are many posts and tweets saying that the sports achievements of Mist City Arts and Science University are mediocre at best, and yet, as a private university, it has the audacity to apply to host the National University Sports Games."

Wen Ruohan explained, but she didn't plan to show her phone to Principal Ding, "I won't show it to you, Principal Ding, to save you the annoyance."

"What is there to be annoyed about? That's just their sense of superiority coming from their sports academy, but our Wucheng Sports College isn't bad either. Our students are very hardworking and excellent. When the time comes for the National University Sports Games, we just need to win a few more championships and gold medals."

Principal Ding's mindset was quite relaxed.

After all, there were all sorts of people on the internet, and Ding Yue's mood wasn't going to be affected by a few comments, unless they were trending and very detrimental to Mist City Arts and Science University. Only in such a situation would Ding Yue step in to handle it.

"Principal Ding, you really have a great attitude."

Seeing Principal Ding speak so, Wen Ruohan couldn't help but admire him.

"Alright, let's not go back to the office. Let's take a stroll over to the sports college instead."

Principal Ding laughed, shrugged his shoulders, and then changed direction, heading towards the sports college instead of the Administration Building.

Wen Ruohan quickly followed him.

Mist City Arts and Science University currently has three sports grounds, and since it's the freshmen's military training period, one of the sports grounds wasn't allocated for the freshmen's use for military training.

Because Mist City Arts and Science University has a sports college, the number of students enrolled has been increasing year by year, and the sports college students mainly focus on physical training for their classes.

Normally, the students from the sports college would have their physical education and training sessions at the largest Central Sports Ground.

However, the largest Central Sports Ground was now being used for the military training.



When Principal Ding arrived at the sports ground used for learning and training by the sports college, Director Xiong Yang, who is also in charge of the Department of Physical Education and head of the sports college, came over as well.

Wen Ruohan had called him over.

"Principal Ding, what brings you here?" asked Director Xiong Yang, approaching quickly.

Director Xiong Yang had been busy preparing materials to apply for the venue for the National University Sports Games when he received a call from Principal Ding's secretary, Wen Ruohan, asking him to come to the sports ground.

So Director Xiong Yang hurried over immediately.

"Hmm? Director Xiong, why have you come?" asked Principal Ding, curious upon seeing Director Xiong Yang.

"Hehe, Principal Ding, I asked Director Xiong to come over. Weren't you interested in seeing the situation at the sports college? I thought it would be perfect for Director Xiong to give you a tour," Wen Ruohan said with a smile, explaining.

"That makes sense."

Principal Ding was just caught up in coming over and had forgotten to ask his secretary Wen Ruohan to inform Director Xiong Yang, but it turned out that student Wen Ruohan could really anticipate his thoughts.

Principal Ding wasn't too familiar with the sports college, so if he was going to take a look, he was just going to look. In reality, he wanted to know if the students from Mist City Arts and Science University's sports college could make a brilliant showing at next year's university games and bring pride to Mist City Arts and Science University.

So to understand this, it was more appropriate for Director Xiong Yang to provide the introduction.

"Principal Ding, did you want to come over to see how our sports college students are preparing for next year's National University Sports Games?" Director Xiong Yang asked with a chuckle.

"Oh?" Principal Ding looked at Director Xiong Yang with surprise, wondering if even he could guess his thoughts?

But it was no surprise, really. He hadn't visited for a long time, and today he had suddenly shown up, plus he had talked about the National University Sports Games with Director Xiong Yang earlier in the day.

Therefore, Director Xiong Yang only needed to guess to figure it out.

"Director Xiong, do we have any standout students in the various sports disciplines of our sports college now? I still remember Yang Chen from the year before last very well. As I've heard, Yang Chen is doing quite well in the National Team now, isn't he?" Principal Ding asked with a smile.

When it came to the sports achievements of Mist City Arts and Science University, Yang Chen, the excellent runner, was the first person that came to Principal Ding's mind.

"Yang Chen indeed became a symbol of our sports college, but over the past year or two, some students have been quite outstanding and are training very hard," Director Xiong Yang replied earnestly.

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Mist City Arts and Science University.

On the sports field, one after another, the robust figures of male and female students were training intensely.

He, she, each one of them.

They all held athletic dreams close to their hearts.

After arriving at Mist City Arts and Science University, these dreams of sport became even more profound, and within these campus grounds, they felt that as long as they worked hard, they could make great progress.

In fact, the students of the Sports College were the "toughest" group among all the students at Mist City Arts and Science University.

While students of other majors had to learn various professional knowledge, the study BUFFs that Ding Yue provided for the students were their rocket boosters!

But it was different for the students of the Sports College.

Those who studied sports had professional knowledge as well, but it was completely different from other majors.

Because progress in sports requires continuous training and practice, the study BUFFs were not as effective for the students of the Sports College.

So.

Ding Yue would generally apply a sports-specific BUFF effect separately for the athletes.

Last time, it was Yang Chen.

Ding Yue successfully helped Yang Chen join the National Team, and Yang Chen didn't just make the team, he performed quite well at the World Championship, achieving impressive results.

Now, as Mist City Arts and Science University competes to host the National University Sports Games, many online comments suggest that the university's sports sector certainly can't compare to that of Wucheng Sports College.

This was something Ding Yue could not deny.

But!

Now, Ding Yue set his sights on the Sports College of his own Mist City Arts and Science University. If he wanted to secure the hosting rights for the National University Sports Games, then the Sports College of Mist City Arts and Science University had to step it up a notch.

That's why Ding Yue came over to "inspect" the Sports College, and while he was at it, to see if there was a chance to add a sports training BUFF for the students.

"Principal Ding, look, the students training on the sports field today are all excellent. Their training results in their respective sports far exceed the level of provincial athletes," Director Xiong Yang enthusiastically introduced to Principal Ding.

In Director Xiong Yang's view, it would be ideal if the athletes of Mist City Arts and Science University could join the National Team in their freshman or sophomore years, at the age of eighteen or nineteen, during the prime time of their athletic careers.

"In which areas do our students from the Sports College particularly excel?" asked Ding Yue, looking curiously at Director Xiong Yang.

"There's no need to say much about track and field. Ever since we had the example of student Yang Chen, many students studying track and field in our Sports College have been working incredibly hard and putting in great effort, leading to a surge of talented athletes. I believe they can achieve some results at next year's National University Sports Games," Director Xiong Yang began by introducing the track and field students of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Students of the Sports College usually trained in a single athletic discipline, though there were some who crossed fields. However, professional coaches generally did not recommend that one individual train in multiple sports disciplines.

For instance, if you practiced badminton, then you wouldn't go running.

If you played basketball, you wouldn't go swimming.

Being well-trained and excelling in a single professional field to achieve outstanding results in competitions was the best approach.

In the sports sector, it was evident that for professional athletes, it's not about quantity but about mastery!

"Hmm, and what about besides track and field?" Ding Yue asked further.

"In classic sports like table tennis, badminton, long jump, high jump, volleyball, and swimming, we have some excellent students as well. Among this year's new intake, there should be quite a few promising ones. If we explore their potential well, I'm confident they can shine at next year's National University Sports Games," replied Director Xiong Yang with confidence.

"We'll see when the time comes. What about team sports?" Ding Yue then inquired, "Like basketball? Football?"

It had to be said, in the realm of sports, basketball and football were arguably the two most classic disciplines, with the NBA and the World Cup being events most people would know of.

If Mist City Arts and Science University's basketball or football team could reach a certain level, that would naturally be an excellent outcome.

Ding!

"Congratulations, Host, on receiving the University Development Task—[Professional Football Team]!"

"Task details: Establish a university professional football team and participate in at least one competition!"

"Task reward: +100 reputation points, [2nd Level University Treasure Chest+1]."

Suddenly, just as Ding Yue was thinking about basketball or football, a system notification sounded in his mind.

Another new University Development Task.

Ding Yue examined the University Development Task in detail. The difficulty didn't seem high; it only required the establishment of Mist City Arts and Science University's professional football team and participation in a competition, without stipulating the outcome of the match.

After completing these, he could pocket the 100 reputation points.

Moreover, there was a [2nd Level University Treasure Chest] to be gained. Although this [2nd Level University Treasure Chest] seemed rather insignificant, having it was better than not, for even the leg of a mosquito is meat after all.

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"As for the basketball team, I remember we already had one," Ding Yue turned his gaze to Director Xiong Yang and directly addressed the situation of the football team.

"Principal Ding, there are indeed many football enthusiasts, so there is no shortage of students studying football in our School of Physical Education. We have dozens, and if you add the football lovers from other majors, Mist City Arts and Science University currently has four registered football teams, but they are all amateurs,"

Director Xiong Yang immediately responded upon hearing the question.

In the vast Mist City Arts and Science University, football teams existed, but as Director Xiong Yang said, they were all amateur teams. Even those formed by students specializing in football could not yet be considered professional football players because, in Xia Country, football was incredibly challenging.

The system tasked Ding Yue with establishing a professional football team for Mist City Arts and Science University – could it be intending for him to train the university's football team, and then, through relentless effort, to completely turnaround the national team's current situation?

Good lord!

At the thought, a surge of excitement couldn't help but bubble up inside Ding Yue's heart!

If the state of the national team could indeed change as a result of the emergence of Mist City Arts and Science University's professional football team, that would be utterly thrilling.

"Director Xiong, gather all four of our school's football teams, as well as the other football enthusiasts and students majoring in football!"

After his moment of excitement, a spark of passion ignited within Ding Yue, and he promptly instructed Director Xiong Yang.

This time, Ding Yue planned to carefully select and form a real football team from within Mist City Arts and Science University, then see if they could achieve some success.

"Principal Ding, could it be... could it be that you're preparing to establish a professional football team for the school?"

Upon hearing this, Director Xiong Yang's eyes widened with excitement, and he asked.

Ding Yue did not speak, simply nodding slightly.

But that single nod from Principal Ding was an affirmative answer, which made Director Xiong Yang even more thrilled inside.

"Principal Ding, do you know? I am also a football enthusiast. Unfortunately, I am too old to play football now, but just thinking about our Xia Country's football... sigh, I hope our Mist City Arts and Science University can form a football team and achieve some results!"

Director Xiong Yang spoke with excitement and passion.

"Oh? Director Xiong, you have such a vision? But with our national team's environment, I fear it's going to be tough,"

Although Ding Yue shared Director Xiong Yang's aspirations, his response was sharp, like a "knife."

And it was brutally honest – the current state of Xia Country's national football was indeed worrisome. How many years had it been since they last qualified for the World Cup?

"Isn't that the truth? But Principal Ding, if our Mist City Arts and Science University's football team could achieve even a little success at the National University Sports Games, that would be quite good for us,"

Director Xiong Yang said with a smile.

The dream is beautiful; who doesn't wish to see the national team make it to the World Cup and even dominate from there on out?

But reality can be harsh!

Director Xiong Yang was well aware of this, so his expectations were simply to achieve a certain level of success in the National University Sports Games.

At the National University Sports Games, there would be participation slots for teams from over twenty universities across the country. To secure a spot, dozens to hundreds of university football teams would need to compete.

The level of football in this competition wouldn't be considered too professional, but it definitely wouldn't be poor either.

"Alright."

Ding Yue, hearing this, smiled and nodded, "Then let our goal be to first win the football championship at the National University Sports Games!"

"Great!"

Upon hearing this, Director Xiong Yang was instantly fired up.

This wasn't just inspiring, was it?



"Director Xiong, didn't I ask you to inform our school's football teams?" Ding Yue reminded him.

In the midst of their conversation, Director Xiong Yang appeared to have forgotten this task.

"Oh right, right, right, Principal Ding, look at me, talking and talking and just forgetting about it; I'll contact them right away,"

Having said this, Director Xiong Yang immediately began to reach out.

He first contacted a football team group he was in, then notified the school's football association. After that, they would notify each other, and in this way, they could basically call everyone over.

About fifty to sixty people were present.

Though Mist City Arts and Science University had only four football teams, with eleven players on each team, plus substitutes, as well as other football enthusiasts from the association, there were indeed fifty to sixty people.

Director Xiong Yang mentioned that Principal Ding had summoned them, so those in the football association who received the message immediately notified everyone else, and then they all rushed to the sports field.

Like other universities, Mist City Arts and Science University had various hobby associations, including a football association that basically attracted students who liked football or wanted to learn it.

About five minutes later,

people gradually started arriving at the football field of the sports complex.

In fact, one of the football teams was already training on the field at that very moment, composed of students from the football specialization at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Come on over, everyone,"

Director Xiong Yang, having alerted the others, then gathered this football team from the sports field.

A dozen people quickly assembled.

"Good day, Director Xiong, good day, Principal Ding,"

the dozen or so people called out in unison.

"Good day, students. Hey, who is your coach?"

Ding Yue looked over the students, all players, but none seemed to be the coach, so he asked.

How important a coach was to a football team naturally didn't need to be elaborated on by Ding Yue.

"Ahem,"

Director Xiong Yang cleared his throat at this moment and said to Principal Ding with a smile, "Principal Ding, I'm undeserving, but I am their coach."

"You, Director Xiong?"

Ding Yue was somewhat surprised and after a glance at Director Xiong Yang, he nodded and said, "Alright then, Director Xiong, you will continue serving as the coach for our selected university's professional football team."

This Director Xiong Yang must have some skills, and if so, Ding Yue saw no harm in letting him continue to pursue his passion for coaching. After all, Ding Yue didn't necessarily need a famous football coach; someone from Mist City Arts and Science University would suffice.

Since it would be someone from his university, Ding Yue could provide them with various prop cards.

And so,

Ding Yue quickly used 100 reputation points in his system shopping center and exchanged for a [Top Football Coach Skill Card]!

Ding!

"Congratulations to the Host for a successful exchange!"

Upon hearing Principal Ding say that he would continue to serve as the coach for the upcoming university professional football team, Director Xiong Yang felt a surge of excitement and quickly expressed his gratitude, "Thank you, Principal Ding, for your trust."

Seeing that Director Xiong Yang did not refuse and was even eager to continue as the football team's coach, Ding Yue was quite pleased and immediately used the [Top Football Coach Skill Card] on Director Xiong Yang.

With this prop card, Director Xiong Yang would attain the standard of a top football coach.

Of course,

this level wouldn't be achieved overnight. Like other props, it would gradually and subtly manifest in Director Xiong Yang.

Ding Yue thought this was actually quite good.

"Director Xiong, the selection of players for our university's professional football team will be up to you. Pick out a squad from among the students at our school who are skilled in football, then we'll get our professional university team together to intensify training,"

Ding Yue said emphatically to Director Xiong Yang.

At that moment, the players of the nearby football team overheard Principal Ding's words.

One of them immediately asked, "Principal Ding, is the university going to establish a professional football team?"

Hearing this teammate question Principal Ding, the other students looked at him expectantly.

The fervor in their eyes came as a bit of a surprise to Ding Yue.

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These students all have a deep love for soccer.

When they heard that Principal Ding was preparing to establish a school professional football team, every single one of them was incredibly excited.

Currently, Mist City Arts and Science University doesn't have a professional soccer team, and even these students who study soccer professionally haven't joined any remotely professional teams; they've only been playing in teams formed by the students themselves.

"Principal Ding, I want to join the school professional football team and serve the school!"

One student immediately raised his hand eagerly.

At this moment, Director Xiong Yang smiled and shook his head at the student, saying, "Classmate, joining the school's professional football team is not something you can just walk into."

"Ah!"

The student was instantly stunned.

"Are you silly? Of course, there has to be a selection," said another student nearby, laughing loudly.

"That's right!"

Director Xiong immediately nodded and added, "Principal Ding said that everyone at Mist City Arts and Science University who loves soccer has a chance to be selected for the school's professional football team. If you want to join, you're going to have to work hard for it."

Even if the dozen or so people present were soccer students of the school, the establishment of the school's professional football team couldn't be biased in any way.

Everyone would be on the same starting line for the selection.

The students from the school's soccer association had the same opportunity as well.

True to that.

While Director Xiong Yang was telling these students to work hard and participate in the selection, another group of students arrived from not far away.

This group of students belonged to a few other soccer teams from Mist City Arts and Science University; they were from the university's soccer association, the students Director Xiong Yang had notified earlier.

"Good day, Director Xiong, Principal Ding," the group of students greeted upon seeing Director Xiong Yang and Principal Ding Yue.

Ding Yue also nodded and briefly greeted the students before turning to Director Xiong Yang to ask, "Director Xiong, have most of the people arrived?"

In the blink of an eye, there were several dozen people on the playground. Ding Yue looked around and felt that most had arrived.

"Yes, yes, Principal Ding, most have come, should you say a few words?" replied Director Xiong Yang with a slight nod.

"Okay."

After speaking, Ding Yue stepped forward a few paces to stand before the group of students.

At the same time,

In front of Ding Yue, a faint blue virtual system panel for the online shop appeared.

This virtual system shop panel was naturally something only Ding Yue could see.

"This [Football Willpower Card] is quite good, and it's only 10 reputation points. I'll exchange for it."

Ding Yue had originally wanted to look for some props in the system shop that could enhance the abilities of the students he would select for the school's professional football team, but he saw this [Football Willpower Card] at first glance and checked its effects.

Prop: [Football Willpower Card]

Selling price: 10 reputation points

Function: Use this prop card to imbue the school's football team with an ironclad will for the sport!

After reading the function description, Ding Yue felt that it seemed quite good.

Playing soccer is a grueling job, and a strong will is very important—it's akin to an effect at the spiritual level, which can be bought and used for these students who love soccer.

However, Ding Yue looked again and saw that this [Football Willpower Card], unlike the study BUFF he had applied before, had a single-target effect, not a group effect.

If it were a single-target effect, that meant Ding Yue would need to buy several of these prop cards.

Originally,

Ding Yue had intended to use this [Football Willpower Card] on every one of the students in front of him who loved soccer, but it seems that he could only wait until after the selection of the school's professional football team to buy a set of these [Football Willpower Cards] for their use.

After all, a good blade must be used on the cutting edge (not really).

"Then, I'll wait until the members of the school professional football team have been selected before exchanging for it," Ding Yue mused, and for the time being, he tucked away the system panel.

Looking at the dozens of students in front of him who loved soccer, Ding Yue couldn't help feeling moved and wondered how far his school's future professional football team could go?

Having some achievements at the district or city level wouldn't be all that impressive.

But achieving good results at the National University Sports Games or in provincial or even national competitions would be quite something.

Ding Yue estimated that his goal, at the very least, should be to lead his Mist City Arts and Science University's professional football team into the Xia Country professional first division league, right?

In Xia Country,

The top-notch soccer competition is the Xia Super League.

Commonly known as the Xia Super League!

And the second tier is the Xia Country professional first division league!

Playing in the first division league would already be quite an accomplishment, but to secure a spot in the Super League, one would have to compete with the top football clubs from all over the country.

Ding Yue had decided to establish his professional football team with the grand aim of revolutionizing the current state of Xia Country's national team.

Why not set the goal a bit higher?

With this in mind, Ding Yue began to speak to the students in front of him, "Classmates, you are the students of Mist City Arts and Science University who love soccer. Today, I, your principal, have an announcement to make to all of you."

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When Ding Yue began to speak, all the students looked at Principal Ding earnestly.

"I hereby announce that the school is about to establish a professional football club. We need a professional football team and everyone is welcome to participate enthusiastically in the selection process. Anyone who can make it through the trials and join the school's professional football team will then represent Mist City Arts and Science University in competitions far and wide," said Ding Yue with passionate eloquence to the students.

As the students heard Principal Ding say this, the blood within them started to heat up gradually.

"Fellow students, think about the current situation of our national team. Do you have thoughts of joining the national team in the future to change its status?"



Ding Yue continued to address the students, "If you have such ambitions, my friends, then start working hard. I believe in you, and perhaps there will come a day when Mist City Feiyue could secure a spot in the Xia Super League, and even break through to gain qualification for the higher echelons of football tournaments on behalf of Xia Country!"

Everyone understood that what Principal Ding referred to as gaining qualifications for higher football tournaments was indeed the World Cup qualifiers. It would indeed be a remarkable achievement if Xia Country's football teams could break through the World Cup qualifiers and officially enter the World Cup.

However, these goals were still rather distant for the professional football team of Mist City Arts and Science University, unless the team could have smooth sailing from here on out.

"Principal Ding, so shall we name our football club 'Feiyue Football Club'?"

Director Xiong Yang moved closer to Principal Ding and asked in a low voice.

"Mm-hmm."

Ding Yue nodded and smiled, "Yes, let's call it Feiyue Football Club, shall we?"

"Yes, it's a good name."

Director Xiong Yang agreed.

After all, everyone knew that the financial backer behind Mist City Arts and Science University was Principal Ding's Feiyue Group, which called its e-sports club Feiyue eSports and such.

Even the group's technology and media sectors were named Feiyue Technology, Feiyue Media, and the like.

Now that Mist City Arts and Science University was setting up a professional football team, this team would definitely need to stand out in the future, so naming it "Feiyue Football Club" was naturally unproblematic.

Everyone unanimously approved.

After all, being called Feiyue Football Club meant that they would essentially enjoy the same status and treatment as other departments of Feiyue.

"Principal Ding, I have a dream that our national team can make it into the World Cup!"

"Making it into the World Cup is nothing. We have to play remarkably in the World Cup!"

"Ha ha ha ha, if we could win the World Cup championship, that would be truly awesome!"

"Uhh, guys, calm down a bit, this is getting more and more far-fetched."

The students, after hearing Principal Ding's stirring speech, were all pumped up, imagining themselves representing the national team and advancing to the World Cup, even dreaming of performing well there.

The most outrageous was the student fantasizing about winning the World Cup championship someday!

To others, this dream indeed seemed far-fetched!

But to Ding Yue, having this kind of thought was excellent. Once the student was indeed selected to join Mist City Arts and Science University's professional football team, they could be endowed with a [Football Willpower Card], thus possessing a will as strong as steel to achieve the dream of winning the World Cup championship, no?

"Actually, having lofty ideals is pretty good. I hope that everyone maintains their high aspirations and remembers why they play football," Ding Yue said to the students with a smile.

In fact, Ding Yue was well aware. Why did young people like to play football now?

Was it really just for love and passion?

That certainly was a major factor, but there was another important one.

That was, the current national team had really let them down, and they hoped that by their generation, the situation with the national team could be improved.

Thus, Ding Yue encouraged the students to hold on to their lofty ideals.

Then, using [Football Willpower Card] to bolster their will to play football, they would be guaranteed mental strength. After that, with continuous improvement and effort in their future training, perhaps the professional football team of Mist City Arts and Science University truly had hope!

"Principal Ding, we young students, we just love some unrealistic fantasies," murmured Director Xiong Yang, who was standing by.

"Director Xiong, how can you call it an unrealistic fantasy? What if it is achieved? As long as we work hard, there might really be a chance to realize it. I believe in my students."

Ding Yue said so with confidence.

Upon hearing this, Director Xiong Yang found it difficult to say anything more.

Since Principal Ding supported the students having grand football aspirations, what else could he himself say? He would give it his all!

"Principal Ding is right, rest assured, I will rigorously select every member of the football team, then organize the team well and conduct daily training."

Director Xiong Yang's eyes were filled with determination as he spoke.

"Good, I'll leave this matter to you."

Ding Yue extended his hand and gently patted Director Xiong Yang on the shoulder, speaking earnestly.

No sooner had he finished speaking,

than Ding Yue's phone began to ring.

"Director Xiong, start the selection process. I'm going to take a call," said Ding Yue, and after saying this, he picked up his phone to check the caller ID.

Jian Zihao!

The name of the head of the E-sports department appeared, and the first thing that came to Ding Yue's mind was his own Feiyue team.

It seems like the finals of the Summer Game playoffs are coming up, aren't they?

The regular season had already ended, and the playoffs seemed to have started as well. Without any surprises, Ding Yue guessed that Jian Zihao was calling to discuss the finals of the playoffs.

Being busy with various school matters recently, Ding Yue had not been keeping a constant eye on Feiyue team's Summer Game events.

But Jian Zihao would still report to Ding Yue.

For example, Feiyue team had been winning in the Summer Game regular season just as effortlessly as they did in the spring, basically without any pressure.

This year's LPL dark horse, Feiyue team, undoubtedly deserved the title.

It was just unfortunate that this dark horse had sadly lost to Korea's Big Tiger team in the mid-year competition.

"Hello, Director Jian."

"Principal Ding, tomorrow is the final at our Feiyue team's home ground against Dragon City's LC team. Whoever wins will be our LPL region's number one seed in the S Competition. Do you have time tomorrow, Principal Ding?"

Jian Zihao asked excitedly.

This was the last match of the year for the Feiyue team, led by Jian Zihao, in the LPL for Mist City Arts and Science University.

Whether they win or lose, they can enter the S World Championship.

But if they win, they will enter the S World Championship as the number one seed.

If they lose, they will enter as the number two seed.

"Oh, the playoff finals, right, Director Jian, this time we're playing against that... that LC team, are we?"

Ding Yue had some recollection.

This year's Summer season saw the rise of the Dragon City LC team, another dark horse of the Summer Game, managing to defeat the QD team.

However, the QD team still had a chance, with the bubble match to come. With the strength of the QD team, getting a spot in the S World Championship shouldn't be a problem.

As League of Legends' mega-region, the LPL had four S World Championship slots this year, and similarly, Korea's LCK also had four.

Europe had three slots!

In any case, there were more spots at the World Championship this year.

It was just that the extra spots would require teams to compete from the start in the qualification rounds.

"Yes, Principal Ding,"

Jian Zihao replied, "If you're too busy with work, I will report the results to you immediately after the match."

"Hahaha, Director Jian, what are you saying? How could I miss such an important match, eh?"

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The next day.

Mist City eSports Arena.

For fans of electronic sports game "League of Legends," today's match held in Mist City is highly anticipated, even drawing many team fans to travel to Mist City and purchase tickets to watch the game in person.

On platforms like Shark, Tiger Fang, and Bilibili, the official League of Legends stream was achieving the second highest viewership numbers for a League of Legends competition this year.

The top viewership this year was during the Mid-Season Invitational global finals, where Mist City's FY team unfortunately lost to Korea's Big Tiger team.

The LPL postseason finals is definitely a match that the audience in Xia Country couldn't afford to miss.

In this match, the champion would become the LPL region's number one seed, competing as the top seed in the S World Championship.

There's no need to say more about the S World Championship.

It is the grandest annual global competition for "League of Legends."

Beyond the team fans and streaming audience, for the FY team, the arrival of one person was particularly important.

That person was Ding Yue.

As the president of Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue was quite busy with work, but he usually made it a point to attend and cheer on his students during major events or competitions.

This playoff finals was no exception.

Today, Ding Yue brought along his buddies Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, along with his secretary Wen Ruohan, and even the smart robot Big White was in tow.

In the eSports arena, pre-match preparations were underway.

The two competing teams had already arrived in the teams' rest area of the arena.

The FY team from Mist City Arts and Science University somewhat had the home-field advantage.

After all, the finals were taking place in Mist City, and FY's eSports club was based there, at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Meanwhile, the LC team from Dragon City had arrived in Mist City a few days earlier.

The five young players of the Dragon City LC team were arguably the day's most unexpected dark horse.

Over the past few years, the LC team had always been part of the LPL, but they generally were at the bottom of the standings, even at risk of dropping out altogether.

If it hadn't been for another team performing even worse than Dragon City LC at the beginning of the year, when Ding Yue's FY team moved up, it might have pushed the LC team out.

Unexpectedly, come the Summer season, the Dragon City LC team rapidly rose up.

This was thanks to a change in management and fresh faces; everything but the team name was replaced.

This was not a small matter—this change was earth-shaking.

During the regular season of the Summer Game, the Dragon City LC team may have lost a few initial matches, but as the season proceeded, their momentum grew stronger, and they forged ahead victoriously, reminiscent of FY team's performance during the previous Spring Game!

Therefore.

In the LPL region, there was talk of the Spring Game dark horse FY team and the Summer Game dark horse LC team, both of whom had strong capabilities, courage, and versatile and formidable play styles.

So, this playoff finals between Mist City FY team and Dragon City LC team could be said to be the centerpiece battle of the LPL region.

The veteran teams seemed to be gradually losing their vitality.

The rising new teams, on the other hand, were increasingly astonishing.

Even Ding Yue, after getting to know the Dragon City LC team, couldn't help but remark on the collection of talented young players in the team, who excelled in "League of Legends."

But no matter.

Every member of his own FY team was also extremely diligent.



They had savored the glory of being super dark horses, clinched the Spring Game championship trophy, but also experienced setbacks.

In the Mid-Season Invitational, FY team's young players were defeated by Korea's formidable Big Tiger team, spurring them to train tirelessly night and day afterward to improve their skills.

During the Summer season, Ding Yue had heard from Xiong Jiahao that they hadn't revealed all their strength and could already dominate the LPL region as is.

However, whenever they encountered the LC team, the matches were closely contested.

During the regular season of the Summer Game, FY team lost only once to LC team.

Xiong Jiahao had also mentioned that Dragon City LC team was a team worthy of respect; their abilities were significantly different from other teams in the LPL region.

Of course, established teams like QD were also quite formidable, but perhaps due to the ages of the players, their overall strength was relatively weaker compared to young teams like FY and LC, who may have more energy?

Inside the rest area of Mist City FY team at that time.

Ding Yue was casually chatting with his students before the game.

Casual conversation was better than incessant reminders.

Reminders could create pressure for these students who were now successful professional players, even though they were still students at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Next summer, several members of the FY team, including Xiong Jiahao, would graduate from the eSports college of Mist City Arts and Science University.

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A year in advance.

"You've come this far on your own effort and hard training, struggling hard. In the upcoming matches, just let loose and play. Of course, Director Jian has told me that you have quite a few tactics, which perhaps don't need to be revealed when playing against the LC team, to hold back for battling the teams from Korea."

Ding Yue said with a smile to everyone.

Xiong Jiahao and others all nodded their heads.

"I remember when you came back from the Mid-Season Invitational, you were all furious in training. Now, it's the last big battle of the year for our LPL region. Come on, tell me, what is your goal?"

Ding Yue looked at everyone and asked.

"Aim for the S10 World Championship, we want to win the championship!"

"Yes, we want to win the championship!"

"Championship!"

"Revenge!"

"To take revenge and win the championship!"

Xiong Jiahao, Feng Jin, Qian Yu, Yao Jing, and Wang Shilin all responded one after another.

Seeing the flames burning so fiercely in the hearts of Xiong Jiahao and the others, Ding Yue felt very pleased.

Although e-sports is different from the scientific research and technology developed by Mist City Arts and Science University, e-sports has been recognized by the era, accepted by the public, and even has the chance to be included in the Olympics in the future.

If the first professional team from the Mist City University of Arts and Sciences e-sports institute were to win the World Championship, its influence would go without saying, becoming a milestone in the history of League of Legends competition.

"Everyone, just play your best today. Since the LC team is an opponent you regard as respectable, show your strength, and have a vigorous and exciting battle with them. Even if you're unlucky and lose, it doesn't matter. Our qualification for the S World Championship has been firmly secured."

Jian Zihao said in a very relaxed tone to every member of the FY team.

In the current LPL region, FY team and Dragon City LC team have already confirmed their qualification for the S World Championship.

The finals between the two teams are now a competition between the first and second seeds.

The rest of the teams have to play in the bubble match. Whether the veteran QD team can make it to the S World Championship this year will depend on if they can break through in the bubble match.

Actually, QD team has a good chance.

Because the bubble match mechanism is different from the regular matches.

QD team only needs to play one match.

Before QD team, there will be two teams with enough points eligible for the bubble match to play a round first, and the winner will then play against QD team.

If it weren't for the fact that the LPL region also had four spots this year, QD team would need to play another round after winning to compete for the third seed qualification.

Now it's no longer necessary.

As long as QD team wins, they will be the third seed.

If they lose, there is still one more chance.

"Players, get ready."

Just then, at the door of the rest room, a staff member of the tournament organizers came over and informed the FY team to get ready. At the same time, the Dragon City LC team was also informed to prepare.

Although there were only about one or two thousand people at the venue today.

But in several online streaming rooms, there were tens of millions of viewers watching this dark horse battle today.

Two dark horses.

Who will be the strongest one?

Many viewers even started guessing and "setting odds" before the match.

And due to the high popularity, on Twitter, even before the match started, a trending topic #DarkHorseBattle# had already formed, with the heat value soaring and the ranking on the trending list also rising continuously.

"Who will win the championship in today's dark horse battle?"

"Based on previous matches, FY team is indeed a little stronger."

"Not necessarily, FY team also didn't win easily against LC team before."

"Both teams belong to the top tier now, let's see who will lift the trophy today."

"First, congratulations to both teams for securing a spot in the S World Championship."

"So here's the question, who do you guess will be the first seed?"

"According to this year's rules, it seems like the champions and runners-up of the playoffs are the first seed for the LPL region in the S World Championship, right? And the runner-up is the second seed, with the third and fourth seeds contending in the bubble match."

"This year is truly magical. Earlier this year, the FY team almost won the world championship, which was regrettable. And now in the second half of the year, the brand new LC team emerged; our LPL region is really fierce."

"Don't be too proud, the Big Tiger team from Korea has also maintained a strong performance in the Summer season."

"I'm a fan of the FY team, but I kind of favor the LC team today."

"The LC team has really transformed, becoming a top-tier team out of nowhere, so surprising."

"I'm definitely rooting for the FY team."

"Right, right, right, I'm also rooting for the FY team."

"I'll support the LC team a bit, but really, it doesn't matter, just play the game well."

It has to be said that in the past two years, the fans of the LPL teams have been quite harmonious.

Unlike before, when the fans of the famous teams would engage in all sorts of flame wars, you bash me, I bash you, now even the fans of an old brand team like QD don't dare to be too aggressive.

Because the performance of the QD team this year really hasn't been very satisfying.

They even almost missed the chance to play in the bubble match this year by accident.

Most players can see that the five members of the QD team seem to be falling behind, at least not maintaining the level they had last year, or even in the first half of this year.

During the first half of the year, the QD team could at least hold their own against the super dark horse FY team, though they ultimately couldn't beat the FY team.

But now things are different.

The FY team has already become a top-tier team in the LPL, with only the Dragon City LC team able to rival them.

"Let's go, everybody!"

In the rest area of the Mist City Arts and Science University's FY team, the smart robot Big White also encouraged Xiong Jiahao and the others.

Seeing Big White lifted everyone's spirits, and Big White was even cheering for them.

"Let's go!"

The five players sat in a circle, hands on each other's shoulders, and after a shout of encouragement, they each took their gear and were ready to enter the stage.

Jian Zihao, who was also the coach, was ready as well.

After all, during the ban-pick phase, Jian Zihao, as the coach, had to be there to "guide."

"Let's move out!"

Jian Zihao commanded.

The team left the rest area under the watchful eyes of Principal Ding.

At this moment, the atmosphere on stage was quite good.

After all, this was the LPL's post-season championship, and the organizers did a decent job, hardly ever dropping the ball in this regard.

"Principal, the online support rates for the two teams today are 34.61% and 65.39%," reported Big White to its master, Principal Ding.

This was an instruction that Principal Ding had given to Big White when they arrived at the Mist City e-sports stadium, to check the online support rates before the match.

"What? Our FY team only has less than 35%?"

Upon hearing this, Principal Ding asked in astonishment.

"Our side's support rate is 65.39%."

Big White responded again.

"Uh, Big White, could you be clearer."

Principal Ding immediately rolled his eyes at Big White.

Although Big White did not understand what its master's eye roll meant.

"Hahaha, Principal Ding, Big White is really funny," chuckled Wen Ruohan, the secretary, with her hand over her mouth.

Big White, well,

It's amusing, but

Sometimes it does show a somewhat "dull-witted" side, which is unavoidable because Big White needs to "learn" about anything "new."

"Has Big White's intelligence level been perfected by now?"

Xu Bin asked curiously.

Xu Bin had a large part to play in Big White reaching today's level of intelligence, since he wrote the human-like cognitive program that Big White uses.

"It's perfected, but whenever Big White encounters a field it hasn't learned about, that's when it becomes artificial stupidity," Principal Ding responded with another eye roll, and then asked, "Oh right, Bin, weren't you always telling me that you wrote a security system for Big White?"

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Ding Yue remembered that Bin had mentioned to him a long time ago that he wanted to implement a security system for Big White.

It was mainly to let Big White protect Ding Yue's safety.

After all, Ding Yue thought, aside from Big White serving as his daily assistant, with a security system, it could also act as his bodyguard. Having a robot with multiple purposes was just too cool.

"Hahaha, Yue, if you hadn't mentioned it, I almost forgot; the security system is already written."

Upon hearing this, Xu Bin burst into laughter and said, "I've been so busy lately with our Computer Science department's Internet of Things project that I haven't had the chance to tell you."



Upon hearing this, Ding Yue nodded slightly, showing understanding.

Lately, aside from artificial intelligence, another major project in the Computer Science department was the Internet of Things.

The Internet of Things is a major future development trend.

It involves real-time collection of voice, light, heat, electrical, mechanical, chemical, biological, and location data—any kind of information needed from objects or processes that require monitoring, connection, and interaction. It does so through various devices and technologies such as information sensors, radio frequency identification, Global Positioning System, infrared sensors, laser scanners, etc. By connecting to various possible networks, it achieves ubiquitous connectivity between objects and people, and realizes intelligent perception, recognition, and management of objects and processes.

Xu Bin was very interested in this field.

That is, through the network, to "intelligentize" everything in the world—a huge undertaking, and not an easy task to accomplish.

But Xu Bin was very confident.

"How is the Internet of Things project going now?"

After mumbling to himself for a moment, Ding Yue asked.

Actually, Ding Yue had some recollection of the Internet of Things project, which he had initiated by providing the "Internet of Things technology" to the Computer Science department. After a period of mastery by the faculty and students, they had already started the project.

Ding Yue did not interfere in this matter, as it was unrelated to his own specialty. Moreover, with his most trusted friend in charge, there was virtually no possibility of any problems. He left everything to Xu Bin to lead.

"We're still laying the foundation. There are plenty of technology companies and universities around the world working on the Internet of Things, but I'm still very confident."

Xu Bin replied with a smile.

Currently, Internet of Things technology is not considered an extremely advanced concept.

But achieving maturity in the technology and putting it into use is quite difficult. After all, no one can boldly claim to have a comprehensive Internet of Things system.

The Internet of Things technology encompasses a wide range of devices and technologies including information sensors, radio frequency identification, Global Positioning System, infrared sensors, laser scanners, etc.

All sorts of sensor technology.

And Global Positioning System technology, among others, requires an enormous amount of resources.

Especially the Global Positioning System, which needs satellite technology for support. Although Mist City Arts and Science University is getting better and better, it doesn't have a single satellite of its own when compared to those large technology companies.

"If you need anything, just let me know."

Ding Yue nodded and said earnestly to Xu Bin.

He definitely supported such future-leading technologies.

"At this stage, we only need money. I can handle the technology side with my team, but to realize the Internet of Things, there's something very important that we need, something essential for a comprehensive Internet of Things system."

As Xu Bin spoke, his tone became more serious and earnest.

"Oh? What do you need?"

Ding Yue raised his eyebrows, asking with a curious expression.

"Satellites! We need satellites! Of course, launching our own satellites isn't exactly realistic, so we need to collaborate with companies that have satellites or work directly with the national Beidou Satellite System."

Xu Bin responded.

Ding Yue was somewhat surprised upon hearing this.

But a moment later, Ding Yue smiled and said, "Why do you think launching our own satellites isn't realistic? If there's a chance in the future, we could also launch our own satellites, and even develop our own microsatellites, just like the foreign Space Exploration Technology Company."

In America, there is a Space Exploration Technology Company closely affiliated with Tesla.

The CEO of this company is the same person as Tesla's, the well-known Eli Mark.

The American Space Exploration Technology Company is involved in the research and development and launching of satellites, and even Mars landings and space tourism are in their plans.

"Awesome, if we could really launch our own satellites, that would be just too cool."

Xu Bin said excitedly.

However, Xu Bin was well aware that this might just be Yue talking.

After all, developing and launching one's own satellites is not so easy.

"These are things that can't be sorted out in a short time. We'll discuss it in the future. Let's talk about Big White's security system now."

Ding Yue steered the conversation back to the topic.

Right now, Ding Yue was eager to know just how powerful his robot Big White's security system would be.

"Just hold on a second, Yue."

After speaking, Xu Bin took out his phone and called his assistant, "Hello, Xiaoqing, bring my computer over, please. The address is Mist City Esports Arena. Call me when you arrive."

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After hanging up the phone, Xu Bin immediately said to Ding Yue, "Yue, once Xiaoqing brings the computer over, I'll upgrade Big White and load the security defense system."

"Ah, there's no need to hurry like that."

Ding Yue laughed and nodded his head.

"It's not that I see you, Yue, are so eager to check out Big White's security defense system," Xu Bin said with a shrug.

While the two were discussing the security defense system for Big White, the esports arena was about to start the game.

It seemed that during the ban/pick phase, Mist City Arts and Science University's FY team got targeted by Dragon City's LC team.

"Let's use the tactics we practiced before, got it?"

Coach Jian Zihao said to the five team members.

"Got it!"

Everyone answered.

"Good, let's go all out for the first game."

After saying that, Jian Zihao turned around, went to the center of the stage to bow to the opposing coach, and then left the stage to return to the team's rest area.

"Coach Jian, the ban/pick phase this game seems a bit odd."

Huang Youjie asked as soon as Jian Zihao returned to the team's rest area.

After all, Huang Youjie was also a seasoned League of Legends player, and at a glance, he could tell that there was something off about this first game. It appeared that Xiong Jiahao's ADC position was being targeted quite openly.

As the captain of the FY team, as well as the main output ADC position, Xiong Jiahao had a few very powerful ADC champions he played exceptionally well with before the Summer Game and playoffs, all of which had been targeted and banned by Dragon City's LC team.

"No worries, our lineup is one they've trained on for a long time with high proficiency, and they even have a specialized strategy starting with jungle and support synergy,"

Coach Jian Zihao smiled and explained to Huang Youjie.

"Oh right, right, the jungle and support have more control, allowing for synergy, now it really depends on the roaming ability of the jungler and support."

Upon hearing that, Huang Youjie nodded slightly, instantly understanding the advantages of this particular lineup.

"The opposing lineup is quite forceful, typical of a young team."

After checking the lineup, Ding Yue couldn't help but remark.

It was now 2022, and younger teams were full of vigor and fighting spirit. It was rare for established teams to remain and achieve results.

Even a well-established team like the QD team was in decline.

It could be said that it was an era for the newcomers.

Their own FY team was, to be exact, also a new team, just rising to prominence this year, and they had the chance to aim for the S World Championship. It could truly be said that Xiong Jiahao and his teammates were very skilled and hardworking.

"Yes, Dragon City's LC team is known for their aggressive play style," Principal Ding continued, "You probably haven't seen many of LC team's previous games. Basically, their approach is always like this, but with this approach they've crushed other teams."

Coach Jian Zihao analyzed, "If it weren't for our FY team's rich strategic and tactical play, plus the fact that each of our players is top-tier, the LC team could have easily overwhelmed us during the regular season."

There was no denying that while analyzing the strength of Dragon City's LC team, Coach Jian Zihao didn't undermine the morale of his own FY team, offering an objective evaluation of their opponents.

Yet even though Dragon City's LC team was strong, Coach Jian Zihao was very confident in his own FY team.

Not only was Coach Jian Zihao confident in the FY team, but many fans of the FY team, as well as some spectators, were also quite optimistic about them. After all, the FY team had experience in major competitions and had once battled fiercely against Korea's formidable Big Tiger team.

Although they had lost, everyone felt that there was honor in the FY team's defeat.

Suddenly,

the game began.

Ding Yue watched intently at the screen in the rest area, where the live game footage was being broadcast.

The first game saw the FY team on the blue side, while the LC team was on the red side.

In the very beginning phase of the game, the "level one teamfight," neither side engaged in a teamfight but instead had their own strategies.

The Dragon City LC team, known for their aggressive play, actually performed quite well in their tactical maneuvering, a combination of rough and refined which was the reason they emerged as a dark horse during the Summer season after constant battling.

As the laning phase started,

Every player on the FY team displayed extremely impressive individual strength, with a slight edge in the top and middle lanes.

However, Dragon City LC team's mid-laner and top-laner were fiercely competitive, trading blows almost blood for blood, and even with the help of their jungler, managed to initially carve out a slight advantage.

But.

The jungler on the FY team quickly responded, after all, Qian Yu was a top-tier jungler.

"Feng Jin, come mid for a second."

Upon reaching level three, the jungler Qian Yu called over Feng Jin, Xiong Jiahao's support, ready to coordinate a jungler-support move, along with the mid-laner, to make a play.

"Okay, I'm on my way."

As he spoke, Feng Jin was already halfway there.

Because as soon as Feng Jin reached level three, he began to roam according to tactics.

And as Feng Jin, the support, began to roam, Xiong Jiahao, the ADC, started to play more cautiously, keeping a safe distance.

But the strength of the Dragon City LC team lay in their aggression and ability to seize opportunities.

When they realized FY team's support might be absent, LC's bot lane not only alerted their teammates but also pressed forward.

By pressing forward, they could determine whether the opposing support was setting up vision or roaming elsewhere.

If he had gone to place vision, by pushing forward and pressuring Xiong Jiahao's ADC, they knew Feng Jin's support would have to come rushing back.

As LC's bot lane duo pressed forward, Xiong Jiahao feigned an attack on the enemy ADC, but instead of being intimidated, the two opponents pressed even closer.

Seeing this, Xiong Jiahao knew he couldn't afford to overextend and immediately retreated!

This reaction confirmed for the two LC players that FY team's bot lane was indeed left with only an ADC, confirming the support's absence, and instantly made LC's mid-laner grow cautious.

After all, if the support was missing, the mid-lane could be their next destination.

Xiong Jiahao was pushed out of the minion wave, but fortunately, he had controlled it well from the start and could now start farming under his turret.



Farming under the turret is a true test of skill, especially when the enemy bot lane duo is trying to disrupt.

Nonetheless, Xiong Jiahao managed to last-hit every minion under the turret, showcasing his top-tier abilities.

Meanwhile, the situation in the mid-lane was tense.

After being warned by his teammates, LC's mid-laner realized he might soon be the target of a mid-jungle-support gank, especially as FY's mid-laner seemed very eager to engage.

Faced with this situation, LC's mid-laner was naturally wary of falling for the bait.

However, in reality.

Feng Jin wasn't lurking in the mid-lane; he was heading towards the top-lane with the jungler Qian Yu, having already crossed the river.

"There's a ward in the river by top lane," said Wang Shilin over the team's voice channel, "but the tri-bush is clear; you can loop around."

And so.

Feng Jin and Qian Yu made their way hand in hand, circling around the back of the Baron pit through the tri-bush.

The commentator got very excited at this point.

"Okay, we can see that FY team's jungler and support are making a long detour – it's utterly unforeseen! At this moment, the top-laner has already reached level five, while the support is only at level three!"

The commentator continued with bated breath.

First blood might be about to be drawn.

Dragon City LC's top-laner probably had no idea that FY's jungler and support were about to gank top instead of mid, a completely unexpected turn of events.

Yao Jing, in the mid-lane for FY, was continually attempting to engage LC's mid-laner, seemingly as a lure!

"How can their jungler and support be so patient?"

LC's mid-laner uttered in the team's voice chat.