

Top Student: Experience Infinite Occupations

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In the conference room of the Tianbao City Big Data Center Hotel, Dr. He had a smile on his face as he drew out a few key points of the competition.

“Alright, just revise according to the key points I have circled.” Dr. He was wearing casual clothes. He was not tall, about 1.65 meters tall. He wore gold-rimmed glasses, had a big belly, and was bald. His voice was loud and confident.

Bi Jialiang took down everything Dr. He said in his notebook. He was very excited and secretly rejoiced because many of the points that Dr. He highlighted were unexpected and he didn’t revise them.

“Dad, why are you so late today?” He Hongyun asked. They had started at nine in the morning and waited until nine at night before He Jingguo finally showed up.

“The leaders of the Provincial Bureau were especially interested after hearing my report. They asked for a live demo of the Jingguo Data Restoration software.” Speaking of this, He Jingguo’s face was flushed. Although the leaders at the Provincial Bureau didn’t express on the spot that they wanted to purchase the Jingguo Data Restoration software, they appeared very satisfied with it.

After asking He Jingguo to quote the price on the spot, they asked He Jingguo to go again the following Tuesday.

“The demo went well. If nothing goes wrong this year, the entire province’s Public Security Bureau will purchase our company’s software.” He Jingguo was full of smiles and he was in high spirits. He had always maintained his quote of 200,000 yuan per year per county!

There are 89 county-level Public Security Units and 12 municipal-level units in Jinshan Province, totalling 101.

Therefore, his overall quote was 20.2 million yuan!

As long as he could get this contract, he could buy the villa he had taken a fancy to some time ago.

“Previously, I heard from your Teacher Tian that a student called Li Chengqian will also come over? Why don’t I see him?” He Jingguo changed the topic and asked.

“Li Chengqian is on leave. He said that he has something important to do and will only arrive at noon tomorrow.” Bi Jialiang explained what happened at that time.

“Dad, Li Chengqian came in first in the second provincial joint mock exam. He’s so full of himself.” He Hongyun snorted coldly. There was dissatisfaction in his voice. He didn’t hold back and simply spoke his mind.

“I heard from Teacher Tian Wenming that Li Chengqian also scored full marks for the internal programming theory test at Tianyi High School.”

“He’s so full of himself he may not even think you are worth his time.”

“Maybe he didn’t think that it would be useful to attend your class.”

“That’s why he applied for leave.” He Hongyun’s tone was cold.

He Jingguo looked at He Hongyun in surprise. This was the first time he had heard his son speak ill of someone so spitefully.

“If he applied for leave because he had something to attend to, that’s his business. You don’t have to be upset.” He Jingguo comforted him. Although he didn’t show it, he was a little uncomfortable about what Li Chengqian did.

He also took note of Li Chengqian’s name. “If I were to meet him during the competition...”

“Li Chengqian is such an egomaniac, and he has now offended Dr. He, who is also one of the judges of the Junior Informatics Programming Competition.” How could offending the judges be beneficial for him? It was impossible.

“This fellow! I didn’t previously notice this about him, he looked so harmless with his big eyes and he’s usually extremely arrogant and aloof. I didn’t expect him to be so petty as to complain about such minor things. I have to be careful around him.” Bi Jialiang now saw He Hongyun in a new light.

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When Li Chengqian returned home, Li Tianlan and Chen Li were happily chatting with each other. The anxiety in their eyes had also disappeared.

The 100,000 yuan that they received today gave them confidence in their lives.

Although they still thought about going out to get a job, they aren’t as anxious as before.

Li Chengqian looked at the old couple’s expressions and heaved a sigh of relief. He picked up the noodles that his mother had prepared in advance and ate heartily.

“Son, I feel like I’m dreaming today.” Chen Li was smiling by the side.

“100,000 yuan was transferred to our account at one go.”

“Moreover, everyone at the Municipal Bureau was polite to us. It was Captain Qin and Captain Wang who welcomed us when we got there.”

“When we left, it was Captain Qin who personally walked us out.” At this point, Chen Li and Li Tianlan’s faces were flushed. Just this alone made them feel so proud.

Just this matter alone was enough for them to brag about for the rest of their lives.

This was the first time the two of them had ever received such treatment.

Chen Li and Li Tianlan knew very well why Captain Qin gave them face. It was because of Li Chengqian.

“Son, you don’t know this, but at the Municipal Bureau, Captain Qin and Captain Wang praised you so much that I felt embarrassed...” Chen Li’s eyes were filled with pride.

Li Tianlan didn’t say anything, but he kept a smile on his face.

Li Chengqian listened quietly to his mother’s chatter with a faint smile on his face.

After he finished his meal, Li Chengqian returned to his room. He was unusually excited.

Why was he working so hard to develop the Divine Dragon Optimization app during this period of time?

It was for the Software Engineer profession.

Now, the development of the Divine Dragon Optimization app had been completed. The prerequisites for becoming a Software Engineer had been met.

Now, he could advance and become a Software Engineer.

With excitement, Li Chengqian muttered in his heart.

“Open the Professions Mall! Become a Software Engineer!”

Immediately, a translucent page appeared in front of him, and lines of words appeared.

[Profession: Software Engineer]

[Job Requirement 1: Attain level 9 for Worker profession (Completed), attain level 9 for Student profession (Completed).]

[Job Requirement 2: Attain master proficiency level for High School Knowledge skill (Completed), attain elementary level Information Technology skill (Completed).]

[Job Requirement 3: 50,000 experience value points required (Completed).]

[Job Requirement 4: Develop a C-grade software singlehandedly (Completed).]

[You have fulfilled the requirements for becoming a Software Engineer. You have consumed 50,000 experience value points. You have successfully entered the Software Engineer profession.]

[You have obtained Profession: Software Engineer level 0 (0/100,000).]

“The experience value points required to level up is too scary.” Although Li Chengqian had expected this, his heart still skipped a beat when he saw the 100,000 experience value points.

In his previous life, in the Master of All Professions game, perhaps it was in order to attract people to play, very few experience value points were required to level up in the three basic professions of Students, Farmers, and Workers.

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Once he became a Software Engineer, the experience value points required to level up would increase drastically.

This was a game manufacturer’s trick to attract people to play their games. The same trick also often appeared on phones. They use the same tactic to lure you in, and once you are hooked, they will start upping the stakes.

“Upgrade!” Li Chengqian took a look at the Experience Pool and realized that there were still more than 300,000 experience value points left. He chose to upgrade without hesitation, his heart filled with anticipation.

He worked hard to develop the C-grade software because he wanted to quickly obtain the first skill of a Software Engineer.

Mental Coding!

This was a divine skill.

Especially when combined with the Focus and Rational Thinking skills, the effect was magnificent.

With the Mental Coding skill, Li Chengqian was confident that he could single handedly change the world order of the software industry and radically change the software trade.

62 Mental Coding

Lines of text quickly flashed in front of Li Chengqian's eyes.

[You have consumed 100,000 experience value points. Software Engineer profession upgraded to level 1 (0/200,000).]

[You have obtained a Software Engineer skill: Mental Coding (Novice 0/100,000).]

[Mental Coding (Novice 0/100,000): Consumes 10 Stamina Points and enhances the activation of brain waves for 1 minute. In this state, brain waves can be automatically encoded into a signal that can be recognized by the computer. Information can be entered into the computer with your mind.]

(Note: 1. The body will experience slight discomfort during use. 2. Using the brainwave receiver can greatly increase the usage time of the Skill and greatly increase the transmission efficiency.)

"This is the skill!" Before obtaining the Mental Coding Skill, Li Chengqian could rely on the Focus and Logical Thinking skills to become a top programmer in the world.

After becoming a Software Engineer, he could single handedly support a software empire using the Mental Coding Skill.

It was just like when he was developing the Divine Dragon Optimization app. He had in fact all the codes in his head, but he could only manually input the codes into the computer one key at a time. The development speed was limited by his typing speed.

His hand speed limited his development speed.

Now, this constraint no longer existed because of the appearance of the Mental Coding skill.

The only thing that limited his development speed was his brain speed!

The faster he thought, the faster he inputted.

"The novice level of Mental Coding only lasted for a short time."

"Upgrade!"

[You have consumed 100,000 experience value points. Your Mental Coding skill has been upgraded to competent (0/200,000).]

After the Mental Coding skill was upgraded, the other descriptions did not change. However, the duration increased from one minute to five minutes.

“It’s a pity that the experience value points I accumulated a while ago are almost used up.” During this period of time, he had been developing software intensively and had earned a large amount of experience value points.

When he completed the development of the Divine Dragon Data Restoration software, he received 50,000 experience value points as a reward. When he completed the development of the Divine Dragon Optimization app, he received 200,000 experience value points.

He had accumulated 320,000 experience value points even before he became a software Engineer.

He had consumed a total of 250,000 experience value points just now.

He only had about 70,000 experience value points left now. This wasn’t enough for upgrading the Software Engineer profession or the Mental Coding skill.

“Let me try the effect of the skill.” Li Chengqian closed his personal interface, turned on his computer, and opened the unfinished core program document of the Divine Dragon Operating System.

[Divine Dragon Operating System core completion rate: 5%.]

After looking at the completion rate of the Operating System, Li Chengqian began to activate his Skill.

“Focus!”

“Rational Thinking!”

Li Chengqian had not used these two skills today. He had been waiting for this moment.

“Mental coding!”

After the Mental Coding skill was activated, his brain waves were instantly strengthened and activated. His entire body began to twitch slightly, as if he had epilepsy. It was difficult for him to adapt.

At the same time, he felt a passageway that connected his hand to the laptop in front of him.

Without needing anyone to teach him, he understood how to transmit the information in his brain to the computer.

He began to try to transmit the code in his mind directly to the computer in front of him through the channel.

Immediately, the indiscernible characters on the computer screen jumped rapidly.

Countless lines of code scrolled up. In just a second, there were a total of 300 lines of code in the program document. The efficiency was a thousand times that of Li Chengqian's manual input!

If he could maintain this speed, he would only need an hour to complete the one million lines of code that form the core of the entire Divine Dragon Operating System.

However, the speed of output was limited by the brain's thinking speed.

In other words, it was a brain speed limitation.

In the past, Li Chengqian felt that with the enhancement of the Focus and Rational Thinking skills, there was no limit to his thinking speed.

Now that he was using the Mental Coding skill, he realized that even with the enhancement of the two skills, his thinking speed was limited.

He could reach a speed of 300 lines per second, or 18,000 lines per minute if he could input without thinking.

If he input as he thinks, he could only reach an average speed of 50 lines of code per second.

Only 3,000 lines of code can be entered in a minute.

This was the first time Li Chengqian had experienced such a carefree input speed. He couldn't stop at all. Although his body kept twitching slightly, he used the Mental Coding skill three times and worked frantically for a total of 15 minutes. He only stopped when he ran out of stamina.

[Divine Dragon Operating System core completion rate: 5%.]

With the enhancement of the Mental Coding skill, a week's work was done in 15 minutes.

"Awesome! As long as one's stamina can keep up, the core of the operating system can be completed within a day." Even Li Chengqian himself was shocked by this efficiency.

Li Chengqian paused the effect of the Focus and Rational Thinking skills.

After the state of extreme rationality had subsided, the senses of his mind and body came back.

“Ouch... It hurts...” The soreness in his body made him gasp.

“Is this what is meant by slight discomfort? Who are you kidding!” At this moment, Li Chengqian’s skill notification came on. Note 1: The body will experience slight discomfort during use.

Right on the heels of that, he felt extremely weak and hungry. His face was pale and his entire body was trembling. He was dizzy, his body was weak, and he could barely stand up.

He was only left with 0.4 stamina after using the Mental Coding skill three times in a row.

After a full five minutes, his Stamina Stats slowly recovered to 1 point. Only then did he have a little strength.

He got up feebly, picked up ten medicinal wolfberries, and chewed them.

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One medicinal wolfberry could recover 1 point of stamina.

As soon as he ate it, a warm feeling came from his stomach. He gradually regained color on his pale face.

“I won’t do such a stupid thing again in the future. I almost died.” Li Chengqian’s eyes were filled with lingering fear. “Even if I want to work hard, I have to prepare enough restoration portions in advance.”

“When I have a certain level of strength, I’ll restart the Farmer profession and think of a way to get a piece of land to become a farm owner.” In the game in his previous life, the Farmer profession and the advanced class of the Farmer profession were extremely important in the Master of All Professions game.

However, the Farmer profession was too surreal in reality.

There could be big trouble if he wasn’t careful.

Therefore, Li Chengqian didn’t dare to use it flippantly.

“I have to get the brainwave receiver as soon as possible. With the brainwave receiver, not only will the duration of the skill increase, but the aftereffects of the Mental Coding skill will also disappear.”

Why was his body twitching when he used the Mental Coding skill? The reason was actually very simple. It was because brain waves were running amok in his body.

Li Chengqian didn't know if brainwave receivers existed in reality.

If such a thing existed, he would buy it directly. If such a thing didn't exist, he would have to research it himself at all costs.

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"One more thing. Before I get my hands on a brainwave receiver, I definitely can't use the Mental Coding skill outside." Li Chengqian's body would twitch like an epileptic when he was using the skill. If anyone saw it, they would definitely think he was sick.

"I'll rest first. I still have to catch the high-speed rail tomorrow. Hiss... This sequelae is really f*cking long-lasting. It's too weirdly satisfying."

63 Arrival, Meetup

Two thirty p.m. the following afternoon, in the conference room of the Data Center Hotel.

Li Chengqian and the others walked in with their luggage.

Bi Jialiang welcomed Jian Qingli with a warm smile and took over her suitcase.

He Hongyun was still flipping through the '30-day Homemade Operating System' book. He had been reading this book for a month and was still at the first chapter, even then, he could only understand a small portion of the chapter.

Despite this, he felt that he had benefited immensely. Chapter one gave him a certain understanding of the assembly language and also gave him a preliminary understanding of a computer's startup process.

When Li Chengqian and the others came in, he snorted coldly because he bore a grudge with Li Chengqian. He couldn't be bothered to look at Li Chengqian and the others, so he didn't even raise his head.

Teacher Tian Wenming waved at Li Chengqian and the others. "Come, sit down and rest for a while."

"Teacher, didn't you say that we were going to get the competition pass directly?" Zhao Peng wiped his sweat and said while panting.

"We'll wait a while for Dr. He. He told me that he'll be here in half an hour." Tian Wenming raised his hand and glanced at his watch. "Dr. He is one of the judges for this

Junior Informatics Programming Competition. It'll be good for you to have him meet you and get to know each other."

It was naturally impossible to play favoritism and cheat, but when it came to the segment where Dr. He was doing the marking, no one would say anything if he gave one or two extra points.

"Alright." Zhao Peng sat down reluctantly. His luggage was very heavy, and he was exhausted from the journey. He only wanted to get his competition pass as soon as possible and return to the hotel to sleep.

He wasn't bothered about Dr. He at all.

With Li Chengqian around, there was no need to worry about any judges.

There was no need to get familiar with him at all.

Li Chengqian and Ding Ling also sat down. After chatting and laughing for a while, Li Chengqian took out a heavy book titled 'Introduction to Integrated Circuits' from his luggage.

He had already done the online research this morning after he woke up. In the real world, there wasn't any functioning brainwave receiver.

All the currently available brainwave receivers required the skull to be cut open and electrodes to be planted.

A brainwave receiver that could be used outside the body had not been developed at the moment.

Li Chengqian didn't want to blow his own brains out, so he was prepared to develop a brainwave receiver himself.

Integrated circuits were key to the development of a brain wave receiver.

Integrated circuits were needed for a number of processes, including processing collected brainwaves, releasing brainwave signals, and removing unwanted brainwaves.

Moreover, integrated circuits and software technology both belong to the information technology domain. They were two sides of the same coin. Learning integrated circuits would also complement his knowledge of software technology.

Moreover, Li Chengqian was also very interested in integrated circuits.

What is an integrated circuit?

The processor, memory, storage, 5G chip of a phone, the graphics card for mining, and other high-end things were all integrated circuits.

Most of them couldn't be produced in the country.

Even design was at least 10 years behind foreign countries in most fields.

This was why Li Chengqian was interested in integrated circuits.

At this moment, Zhao Peng who was reclining lazily beside Li Chengqian, said impatiently, "Sigh, I'm too tired. I really want to sleep."

He Hongyun, who was reading, immediately took offense. He felt that Zhao Peng's attitude was clearly disrespectful to his father.

"Every single person in Li Chengqian's group is annoying. Li Chengqian is annoying, and so is Zhao Peng."

"After they are eliminated from this round, I must teach them a good lesson and make them regret their attitude." He had already prepared a script. After the results have been released, he would tell Li Chengqian and the others about how He Jingguo was the one who set the scope of the exam.

This way, Li Chengqian and the others would definitely regret not participating in He Jingguo's training.

This was the only way to vent his anger.

He had specifically instructed He Biliang not to leak a single word on the key points that He Jingguo had pointed out.

Since he chose to take leave and not attend this training, he had to bear the consequences.

Then, he saw the book Li Chengqian was reading, 'Introduction to Integrated Circuits'. He sneered. "The competition is about to start, and he still wants to read unrelated books. Li Chengqian is simply crazy."

"Moreover, the speed at which he flipped through the book is so fast. It doesn't look like he's reading at all. He's simply flipping through the book." Li Chengqian read very quickly. Although he couldn't reach the speed that he read at when the Focus skill was activated, he could still read three to four pages in a minute.

He Jingguo walked into the conference room with a flushed face an hour later.

“Tian Wenming, I’m really sorry. I was asked by the provincial office to test the data restoration software again. It’s a provincial level purchase this time. This contract is worth more than 20 million yuan. This is a big amount, thus they are very careful and want to review all the details and parameters of the software.” He Jingguo appeared to be explaining, but he was actually showing off. His tone was smug.

“He Jingguo, you’ve come to this stage already? Has the provincial office already decided to use your Jingguo Data Restoration software?” Tian Wenming had always kept a straight face, and he was known as poker face in Tianyi High School. But when he heard the amount, envy could be seen on his face.

“It hasn’t been decided yet, but it should be done within the next few days.” He Jingguo’s face was filled with pride, and he couldn’t hide his smile at all.

When He Hongyun heard his father’s words and saw the envy and jealousy in the eyes of the others, he was extremely proud.

He looked at Li Chengqian with a smile. Then, he realized that Li Chengqian was still reading with his head lowered. His face was calm and focused, as if he had not heard what He Jingguo said at all.

“Sure, you keep on pretending!” He Hongyun was a little dissatisfied when he didn’t see Li Chengqian’s envious gaze.

“He Jingguo, congratulations!” Tian Wenming was especially envious and congratulated him. The money He Jingguo was going to earn from this order was more than what he would ever earn in his lifetime.

“Let’s have a meal together when the deal is done.” He Jingguo didn’t pretend to be humble this time. He was all smiles.

“Tian Wenming, let’s not talk about anything else for now. Let’s get down to business first.” He Jingguo changed the topic and looked at Li Chengqian and the others.

“Tian Wenming, who are these students?”

“Li Chengqian, Zhao Peng, Ding Ling, and Jian Qingli. Li Chengqian, this is Professor He.” Tian Wenming quickly started introducing them.

He Jingguo nodded and said to Li Chengqian with a smile, “Li Chengqian, I heard that you are very good in programming theory.”

“Do your best in this competition and strive to enter the finals.”

He Jingguo also saw the book 'Introduction to Integrated Circuits' in Li Chengqian's hand. He shook his head. He knew this book. It was a postgraduate course in integrated circuit design.

This book was equivalent to three years of postgraduate courses!

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One could imagine how difficult it was.

Even if he wanted to learn integrated circuits, he should start with the most basic analog circuits and digital circuits. It was a joke to jump directly to integrate circuits.

"He's clearly studying software technology, but he's reading books related to integrated circuits. He is not focused, it will be hard for him to achieve anything." He Jingguo judged Li Chengqian in his heart.

Then, He Jingguo's gaze moved away from Li Chengqian and looked at Tian Wenming. "Tian Wenming, since everyone is here, take them to get their competition passes. I still have something to do at the provincial office, so I'll make a move first."

Under Teacher Tian Wenming's lead, the few of them went to the data center to get their competition passes.

As He Hongyun was a local of Tianbao City, he went home after receiving his competition pass.

The others went to the front desk of the hotel together. Tian Wenming made arrangements for them. "Jian Qingli, Ding Ling, the two of you will stay in one room. Li Chengqian and Zhao Peng will stay in one room."

As they were on a school trip, the accommodation was paid out of school funds. They were thus on a budget and could only stay in a standard room.

"Teacher Tian, I need to inform you that due to some special circumstances, I need to stay alone." He had received a call from Qin Datong earlier, asking him to prepare to go to the provincial office on Monday to conduct a demonstration of the Divine Dragon Data Restoration software. He was also asked to submit a report within a day.

Apart from this, he still had to continue writing the core code of the Divine Dragon Operating System at night. When the time came, he would need to use the Mental Coding skill.

He absolutely couldn't allow anyone to see the epileptic-like state he would be in.

Seeing that Tian Wenming seemed to be considering his request, Li Chengqian hurriedly said, "Teacher Tian, don't worry. I'll pay for the accommodation myself. I won't use the school's funds."

"That's not what I mean," Tian Wenming said solemnly. He first glanced at Li Chengqian, then at Ding Ling. Although he didn't say anything, his gaze said it all.

He felt that Li Chengqian had other motives for staying in a room alone.

Because of Tian Wenming's gaze, Ding Ling's face instantly turned red. Even her ears turned red.

Zhao Peng whistled and had a mischievous smile on his face.

Jian Qingli was visibly upset. She didn't say a word and looked at Li Chengqian, wanting to see how he would respond.

Bi Jialiang's eyes lit up as he secretly sized up Jian Qingli. There was desire burning in his eyes.

"Teacher, you've misunderstood. I really have something on." Li Chengqian didn't have any bad intentions at all. However, now that this happened, his heart skipped a beat and he started having some thoughts.

At the age of 17 or 18, teenagers' hormones are raging and they are filled with fantasies about the opposite sex.

Although Li Chengqian had been reborn and his mentality was that of an adult, his body was only 17 years old.

Tian Wenming stared into Li Chengqian's eyes for about 10 seconds. Seeing Li Chengqian's determined gaze, he agreed because he felt that even if he didn't agree now, Li Chengqian would still move out to stay alone later.

"I agree to let you stay alone. However, you're still young and shouldn't mess around," Tian Wenming instructed seriously.

After he heard this, Zhao Peng burst out laughing, and he even whistled as he laughed.

Ding Ling's face was flushed. She was extremely shy, but she had to pretend to be calm. However, she no longer dared to look straight at him. She kept looking down at her toes and her heart was pounding.

She didn't know if it was because she was nervous or shy, but her body was tense and she felt like she was about to stiffen.

When Jian Qingli heard this, her face turned red. She secretly cursed in her heart. “I used to think that Teacher Tian Wenming was quite honest. I didn’t expect him to be a bad person.”

“No, I have to keep an eye on Ding Ling. I can’t let her leave the room.”

“If she and Li Chengqian really sleep together, I won’t have a chance.” Jian Qingli thought about it and found the crux of the issue.

“Ding Ling, let’s go to our room first.” Jian Qingli pulled Ding Ling along. She picked up the room card from the front desk and walked towards the elevator. As she walked, she turned around and said to Tian Wenming, “Teacher, we’ll go up first.”

As Jian Qingli spoke, she looked at Li Chengqian with a faint smile. There was smugness in her eyes as if she had won the battle. It was as if she was saying to Li Chengqian, “I’m keeping my eyes on Ding Ling, you can’t do anything with her.”

Li Chengqian watched as Ding Ling disappeared into the elevator. While he felt lost, he also became hopeful. His heart started palpitating. “Will she really come looking for me tonight?”

Bi Jialiang looked crestfallen as he watched Jian Qingli leave.

When Li Chengqian proposed that he stay alone, his heart was also thumping. He became even more excited after hearing what Teacher Tian Wenming said.

At night, if Dingling went to Li Chengqian’s room...

Jian Qingli would be all alone in her room.

This way, his chances were much higher. He didn’t dare to think too deeply now. It would be a blissful thing even if Jian Qingli let him enter the room only to chat.

If something else happened along the way, that would be wonderful.

However, Bi Jialiang could clearly see that Jian Qingli did not even look at him when she left. Jian Qingli’s beautiful eyes were fixed on Li Chengqian.

“The person Jian Qingli is paying attention to is Li Chengqian.” This thought made him extremely upset.

“I must do better than Li Chengqian in this competition. I must defeat Li Chengqian.” Bi Jialiang was still very confident in defeating Li Chengqian. Not only did he think so, but his teammate, He Hongyun, also felt the same way.

“I will prove that I am better than Li Chengqian!”

"Bi Jialiang, what are you thinking about?" Tian Wenming patted Bi Jialiang when he saw him staring blankly at the elevator.

Bi Jialiang came back to his senses and his expression turned bitter.

Only then did he remember that he was sharing a room with Teacher Tian Wenming.

At night, even if Ding Ling really went to look for Li Chengqian, with Tian Wenming and in their room keeping an eye on him, he had no way of going to Jian Qingli's room.

"Teacher, I want to stay alone too. What do you think?" Bi Jialiang asked tentatively.

"No!" Tian Wenming refused without hesitation. Then, he said, "I'm going to check your progress tonight. Have you mastered the key points highlighted by Dr. He yesterday?"

Under the influence of his hormones, Bi Jialiang suggested unwillingly, "Teacher, we can do the test first. After the test, let me stay alone, okay? You've already agreed to let Li Chengqian stay alone. You must be fair."

"No!" Tian Wenming rejected Bi Jialiang flatly and then dealt him a fatal blow. "Li Chengqian's results allow him to choose any university in the country. Can you do that? Your only chance is the Junior Informatics Programming Competition. Do you understand?"

After Tian Wenming said this, Bi Jialiang kept quiet and didn't mention staying alone again.

Seeing Bi Jialiang's defeated expression, Tian Wenming spoke again, "There's another very important reason. I think your team has a chance of entering the top 50 in the country, which is why I've put in so much effort on your team. You have to cherish this opportunity. Seize it and your life will be very different. You have a long journey ahead and there will be plenty of opportunities."

After Bi Jialiang heard this, he perked up and no longer looked dispirited. "Thank you for your support, Teacher. I'll definitely work hard."

Although Tian Wenming didn't state explicitly, Bi Jialiang understood Tian Wenming's hidden message. Tian Wenming felt that he had a chance of entering the top 50, and that was why he took the trouble to invest his efforts on him.

As for Li Chengqian, he was not hopeful, therefore Tian Wenming left him to his own devices and couldn't be bothered at all.

After Li Chengqian and the others got their room cards, Tian Wenming once again emphasized the time of the competition and the things to take note of.

The theory test was in the morning. They have to be at the examination hall at 8:30, the official test starts at 9, and ends at 11.

The hands-on programming test was in the afternoon. They have to be at the examination hall at 2, the official test starts at 2:30 and ends at 5:30.

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Meanwhile in the room, Li Chengqian's body twitched and trembled. His face turned pale and haggard.

Don't get the wrong idea. It was just the aftereffect of using the Mental Coding skill.

Li Chengqian endured the soreness all over his body and chewed the ten medicinal wolfberries that he had placed in his mouth in advance.

After resting for a few minutes, he finally recovered his strength. Then, he looked at the program document for the Divine Dragon Operating System core.

[Divine Dragon Operating System core completion rate: 11.5%!]

With the enhancement of the skill for 10 minutes, he completed 20,000 lines of code and increased the completion rate of the Divine Dragon Operating System core by 2%.

"The Mental Coding skill is simply invincible! This efficiency is super amazing!" This time, Li Chengqian had learned his lesson. He stopped after using the Mental Coding skill twice, so the soreness in his body was still bearable.

"I must get the brainwave receiver done." Feeling the pain in his body, Li Chengqian was determined again.

Then, he leaned against the headboard and picked up the 'Introduction to Integrated Circuits' book to continue flipping through it. Unfortunately, he was too disturbed to calm down.

"Ding Ling wouldn't come over tonight, would she?" After this thought came to his mind, his heart started palpitating, and he became excited.

Knock, knock, knock... At this moment, there was a knock on the door.

Li Chengqian's heart skipped a beat. He hurriedly put on his clothes and ran to the door. He asked expectantly, "Who is it?"

"I'm Qin Datong!" A deep male voice came from outside the door. Qin Datong had to report to the provincial office on the Divine Dragon Data Restoration software the following day, thus he needed to have a better understanding of the software.

After knowing Li Chengqian's room number, he came over directly.

Li Chengqian excitement died instantly. He was extremely disappointed and became listless. He adjusted his mood, opened the door, and invited Qin Datong in.

"Yo, looks like you don't welcome me. You look disappointed. Could it be that you're waiting for your little girlfriend?" Qin Datong said with a smile.

Although Li Chengqian hid it very well, he had worked for so many years and had seen all kinds of people. How could Li Chengqian's emotions escape his eyes?

"Captain Qin, there's no such thing!" Li Chengqian naturally denied it.

"We're all men. What's there to be shy about? When we're 17 or 18 years old, everyone is the same. This is determined by genes. This is the reproduction instinct of living things," Qin Datong said with a knowing smile.

"Captain Qin, let's get down to business." Li Chengqian had thought that Qin Datong was a serious person. He didn't expect him to have such a cheeky side.

Qin Datong's expression turned serious. He took out the materials he had prepared and handed them to Li Chengqian. "Tomorrow at around 10:30 am, Chief Zhao will recommend the Divine Dragon Data Restoration software to the leaders. This is the report."

"Take a look at the data in the report and see if there's any information you wish to supplement."

Li Chengqian nodded. He took the report and read it word by word.

The two of them discussed the items one by one. They finally finished editing the report at 2 a.m.

"Alright, that's about it." Qin Datong stretched and stood up tiredly.

"You still have a competition tomorrow. Rest early..." Although Qin Datong felt that with Li Chengqian's programming skills, he would win the Junior Informatics Programming Competition for sure.

"I'll call you if anything crops up tomorrow." Qin Datong stood at the door and looked at Li Chengqian with a hint of envy.

He would go to the provincial office the next day to propose purchasing the Divine Dragon Data Restoration software. Chief Zhao would attend personally and testify how the 36 cases had been solved. They would also submit the test report of the software.

There was a 99% chance that the provincial office will purchase the data restoration software.

If nothing unexpected happened, Li Chengqian would soon become a multi-millionaire.

“Also, young people must exercise restraint. Why are you eating wolfberries at this age? If you start eating wolfberries now, what will happen when you reach our age!” Qin Datong pointed at the glass jar that Li Chengqian had placed on the bedside table. There were red wolfberries in the jar.

“Chief Qin, it’s not what you think.” Li Chengqian also looked embarrassed. He used wolfberries to recover his strength. It had nothing to do with what Qin Datong said at all, but Li Chengqian could not explain it to Qin Datong.

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In the other room, Ding Ling and Jian Qingli went to bed early after they arrived. They had turned off all the lights in the room, but neither Jian Qingli nor Ding Ling was asleep.

Ding Ling was lovesick and her heart was still pounding. She hid under the sheets as she was a bundle of nerves, shy and anxious at the same time.

Various mages popped up in her mind from time to time, making her blush. She didn’t dare let anyone see the state she was in.

Jian Qingli wasn’t sleeping either. She kept her eyes on Ding Ling.

There was no way on earth she would let Ding Ling out of the room tonight.

Tian Wenming and Bi Jialiang weren’t asleep either. Bi Jialiang was memorizing the most important knowledge points of the competition. Teacher Tian Wenming was especially meticulous. He tested Bi Jialiang on every knowledge point until he answered everything correctly. Only then did he move on to test him on the next knowledge point.

Only Zhao Peng was sleeping like a baby in his room.

The next morning, at seven o’clock, Teacher Tian Wenming brought everyone to the hotel cafe.

“What did you guys do last night?” Zhao Peng looked around after he took a seat. He was extremely surprised to find that everyone except him looked dispirited and exhausted. Furthermore, everyone had huge dark circles under their eyes.

“Bi Jialiang and I were revising the knowledge points for the competition last night. We only went to bed at four in the morning.” After Tian Wenming explained himself, his gaze shifted to Li Chengqian and the other two.

“Hiss... Could it be...” Zhao Peng seemed to have thought of something. His eyes instantly widened as he looked at Li Chengqian in shock.

“What’s with that look! It’s not what you think!” Li Chengqian glared at Zhao Peng unhappily. “Last night, Qin Datong came to look for me. I chatted with him until two in the morning before going to bed.”

In fact, after Qin Datong left, he had also spent a long time trying to fall asleep. In the end, he had no choice but to use the Rational Thinking skill to calm his mind before he finally fell asleep.

It had to be said that the Rational Thinking skill was also a divine skill for calming the mind and soothing the nerves.

“Ding Ling, what’s wrong with you? Why do you have such big dark circles under your eyes?” Zhao Peng’s focus shifted to Ding Ling’s face.

Ding Ling blushed instantaneously.

But she was wearing a hat and a mask, which only revealed her tired eyes and the dark circles around them, so no one knew that she was blushing.

Ding Ling had always been aloof. Other than being warm to Li Chengqian, she had always been cold to others. Therefore, although she was shy in her heart, she pretended to be cold. “It’s none of your business.”

Zhao Peng choked on his words. After feeling awkward for a while, he turned his gaze to Jian Qingli.

“It’s none of your business! You’re a grown man and yet you are long winded like an old lady,” Jian Qingli retorted bluntly.

Zhao Peng almost choked to death.

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“Alright, hurry up and eat. After we are done, we’ll wait at the entrance of the competition hall. He Hongyun will meet us at the entrance.” Tian Wenming said seriously, but there was a twinkle in his eyes.

At the entrance of the Big Data Center, under Tian Wenming’s lead, the team stood under the huge screen outside the Data Center.

There was a line of red text on the screen: Arena of the Fifteenth Junior Informatics Programming Competition.

On the road in front of Tian Wenming and the others, a brand new BMW X7 was parked by the roadside. He Jingguo and He Hongyun got out of the car arrogantly.

“Tian Wenming, I’m sorry. I’m late as I wasn’t familiar with this car that I had just bought.” He Jingguo patted the car. There was nothing but smugness on his face.

“He Jingguo, it’s only 7:50 now, you’re not late. The timing is just right.” Tian Wenming’s eyes were filled with curiosity and envy as he sized up He Jingguo’s new car.

“When did you buy this car? How much is it? It looks very high-end!” Tian Wenming asked enviously.

“This car is imported. It only costs 1.8 million yuan, it’s not that expensive,” He Jingguo said proudly.

“Wow... It’s so expensive!” Tian Wenming gasped. He usually didn’t care much about cars, so he only knew that BMWs were very expensive, but he really didn’t know that they were so ridiculously expensive.

He had wanted to test drive the car, but after hearing the price, he killed the thought instantaneously.

Bi Jialiang’s eyes were filled with envy when he heard the price of the car.

When Jian Qingli heard that the car was so expensive, she saw He Hongyun in a different light.

Zhao Peng pursed his lips indifferently. He Jingguo’s boastful introduction made his impression of He Jingguo worse. “What’s the big deal? It’s just a lousy car.”

“As if he’s the only one to own one.”

“You are just a bunch of sour grapes.” He Hongyun sneered and said disdainfully when he heard Zhao Peng’s muttering.

Ding Ling had been staying close by Li Chengqian’s side the entire time. All her attention was on Li Chengqian. She didn’t pay attention to what He Jingguo said about the price at all.

At this moment, Li Chengqian was holding a book titled ‘Analog and Digital Circuits Explained’. He was reading it very quickly. Although this book was also very difficult, it was nothing compared to ‘Introduction to Integrated Circuits’. Li Chengqian found it a breeze to read.

He had heard He Jingguo bragging, but couldn't be bothered at all.

"Son, give your best in the competition. As long as you can get into the top three in the preliminary round, I'll reward you with a two-million yuan sports car," He Jingguo said generously. At noon today, the provincial office would place their order for his data restoration software. Twenty million yuan would be transferred to his account in a week. A sports car worth two million yuan was naturally not a problem.

Bi Jialiang looked at He Hongyun enviously. "He's really impressive, awesome."

"Xiaobi, you have to work hard too," He Hongyun encouraged Bi Jialiang with a smile.

"Tian Wenming, I'll take my leave first. I might have to sign the contract with the provincial office today. I have to prepare in advance and might be very busy today. I'll leave He Hongyun in your good hands today." He Jingguo said with a smug smile on his face. He glanced around before getting into the car and leaving.

Li Chengqian and Zhao Peng were standing together with Tian Wenming. It was as if he didn't see the two of them at all. He didn't even greet them when he left.

He never took Li Chengqian seriously from the get go.

"He's so full of himself just because of some minor success. Beware, pride come before fall!" Zhao Peng snorted coldly.

"Contract? Ha!" Zhao Peng said knowingly. When he mentioned the word contract, he sneered.

"Li Chengqian, He Hongyun, hurry up and enter the competition hall." Tian Wenming watched the BMW leave. He turned around and spoke to Li Chengqian and He Hongyun.

In the first theory test of the preliminary round, only one person from each team was needed.

Needless to say, Li Chengqian would represent his team.

After careful consideration, Tian Wenming chose He Hongyun to represent Bi Jialiang's team.

Although Bi Jialiang was unwilling, he knew from the past two days of interaction that He Hongyun's theoretical knowledge was indeed a little better than his.

He Hongyun nodded at Tian Wenming and quickly stepped forward. His voice was filled with animosity. "Li Chengqian, I hope that you will still score full marks this time. Although it's useless to score full marks."

In the Junior Informatics Programming Competition, the theory test only took up 40% of the score. The real deciding factor had always been the hands-on segment.

Moreover, the theory test for the Junior Informatics Programming Competition was well known for being very tough. In the past ten years, it was very rare for people to score 70 marks, and fewer than five people have done so.

One was considered very good if he achieved a pass.

Most people couldn't even score the passing mark, which was 60.

That was why He Hongyun said that.

"Also, we're participating in a programming competition this time. I see that you've been reading books on hardware since you arrived at the hotel. Let me remind you that you've been reading the wrong book." He Hongyun had a look of disdain on his face and a cold smile on his lips.

He had a good memory.

Li Chengqian was reading 'Introduction to Integrated Circuits' the day before. Today, he was holding 'Analog and Digital Circuits Explained'.

'Introduction to Integrated Circuits' is course material for a three-year postgraduate course, and 'Analog and Digital Circuits Explained' is course material for a four-year undergraduate course.

"There's one more thing I need to remind you. The two books you've been reading require four years of undergraduate and three years of graduate school. It takes a total of seven years to finish them. You've learned the graduate school curriculum yesterday and the university curriculum today."

"You're simply a prodigy!" He Hongyun's tone was exaggerated, his voice filled with mockery.

"Those who didn't know better will think that you're impressive, but in the eyes of those who know the industry, you're a phony. You're an idiot!" He Hongyun felt his mood improve after he spoke his mind.

He felt that he had given vent to the annoyance that had accumulated in his heart over the past few days.

After releasing a few hearty laughs, he strode into the competition hall with a smug expression.

When Bi Jialiang heard He Hongyun's words, he also laughed. He looked at Li Chengqian as if he was looking at a joke.

Jian Qingli looked at Li Chengqian suspiciously, her eyes flickering.

Ding Ling looked at Li Chengqian with full confidence. There was only one thought in her heart, "Li Chengqian has never lied to me!"

"Captain, don't lower yourself to the level of these despicable people. Do your best. If you're pissed, I'll teach He Hongyun a lesson for you when the exam is over," Zhao Peng said angrily.

Recalling the scene two days ago at Tianyi High School, when Li Chengqian was writing codes and reading them out for him to enter into the computer, Zhao Peng was once again traumatized.

He cursed in his heart, "He Hongyun, you idiot. You have not seen what Awesome Li is capable of. You know nothing about what a genius he is."

"You called Awesome Li an idiot. You're the real idiot."

Li Chengqian was calm, and his expression didn't change at all. He flipped over the last page of the book, 'Analog and Digital Circuits Explained', and then handed the book to Zhao Peng.

"I'm going in for the exam." Li Chengqian smiled and greeted everyone before walking into the competition hall.

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"Let's go back to the hotel. We'll come down after they finish." The hotel was opposite the competition hall and was very nearby.

"Teacher, I want to wait for Li Chengqian here," Ding Ling said coldly.

"This is an online exam. The results will be released when the response is submitted. Those who did well will have their names and scores displayed on the big screen."

"It'll be easier for us to see the exam results from the hotel," Tian Wenming explained.

"Furthermore, Li Chengqian and the others will take some time. I don't think you guys have slept well. Everyone, go back and have a good sleep to prepare for the competition in the afternoon." The competition in the afternoon was on a team basis. Everyone would have to participate.

Li Chengqian found his seat based on the serial number on his competition pass.

The computer used for the exam had already been turned on. A countdown timer on the screen has been activated.

“12 minutes and 54 seconds to the theory exam...”

Behind the translucent countdown timer, the relevant information of this paper was displayed.

After the countdown ended, he had to enter his name, ID card, serial number, and other relevant information. He also had to undergo facial recognition before the exam could officially begin.

Above the competition hall, there were cameras that covered the entire hall, there wasn't any spot that wasn't reached.

With all these measures in place, there was no chance of anyone cheating.

Soon, the countdown ended.

After Li Chengqian entered his personal information, the test questions for the preliminary round of the Junior Informatics Programming Competition appeared in front of him.

“1. After a computer is powered up, which component is the first to be activated?”

“A. CPU, B. Memory, C. Hard drive, D. BIOS.”

“F*ck, what kind of question is this?” When everyone saw the first question, most of them were dumbfounded. They racked their brains but couldn't find any relevant knowledge.

“It's so difficult!”

“Who set this question? F*ck, the question is beyond the scope.” A wail came from the competition hall.

“Quiet, quiet! If I find out who's talking again, I'll send him out immediately, and he will be marked with a zero score.” The invigilator looked around the competition hall and shouted coldly.

Instantly, there was silence in the competition hall. Everyone scratched their heads, thinking hard.

Li Chengqian took a look at the question and smiled. He chose D straight away. This question was easy.

After he answered the first question, the second question and the corresponding list of answers were displayed.

Li Chengqian took a glance. It was also a very basic question, so he chose the answer straight away.

There were 50 multiple-choice questions in this test. Li Chengqian completed all the multiple-choice questions at a speed of three seconds per question. It took him about three minutes.

While the other examinees were still racking their brains over the third multiple-choice question, Li Chengqian had already started solving the True/False question.

He finished all 10 True/False questions within a minute.

There were 10 fill-in-the-blank questions. As he needed to type in the answers, it took him a while, and he used two minutes.

Li Chengqian then took 15 minutes to answer the last three subjective questions.

After typing the last code, Li Chengqian didn't have any intention of checking at all. He pressed the 'submit' button in the bottom right corner straightaway.

On the computer screen, Li Chengqian's test results were tabulated.

"The results of your test are as follows: You took 21 minutes and completed all the questions."

"You got 50 multiple-choice questions correct. 100% accuracy. 50 marks."

"You got 10 True/False questions correct. 100% accuracy. 10 marks."

"You got 10 fill-in-the-blank questions correct. 100% accuracy. 10 marks."

"Subjective questions pending review by the examiner."

"This test is over."

Then, the words that had just appeared faded away. The screen of the computer was locked. In the middle of the computer screen was this message: "The paper has been submitted. This test is over."

Li Chengqian was not surprised by the results of the test.

After his rebirth, he had been reading software and hardware books. With 19 Intelligence points as the foundation, and with the enhancement of the Focus skill, his memory, comprehension, and logical thinking abilities had greatly improved.

His understanding of software, computer hardware, operating systems, and so on had already reached an unprecedented level.

Even if the questions in the test were a hundred times harder than this, he could still score full marks.

Because he was preoccupied with the brainwave receiver, Li Chengqian raised his hand after the test ended. "Teacher, I'm done with the test. May I leave now?"

"Sure." The invigilator glanced at Li Chengqian's computer. After confirming that the screen showed that he had submitted his paper, he nodded expressionlessly.

He submitted his paper in 20 minutes. He clearly didn't know how to answer the questions! He must have felt that there was no point in staying on, so he completed the test haphazardly.

"Tianyi High School, Li Chengqian!" He casually glanced at the exam information pasted on Li Chengqian's computer and thought to himself, This Tianyi High School is definitely not a good school. Otherwise, they wouldn't have sent such a person to the Junior Informatics Programming Competition.

Most of the examinees were still thinking hard about the multiple-choice question. When they saw Li Chengqian submit his paper and leave, they said, "This brother must have simply given up."

"Sigh, it's too difficult. I don't even know how to answer a single question. I really want to fill in the answers haphazardly, but I'm afraid that my teacher will beat me up."

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In another competition hall, He Hongyun's expression was solemn, as if he was deep in thought.

"The questions this time are too difficult. Of the 30 multiple-choice questions I just did, I'm only sure about 23 questions." He Hongyun glanced around and realized that everyone was scratching their heads too.

"If I find it difficult, the others will definitely find it even harder." He Hongyun was very confident. "My knowledge is not inferior to university students who specialize in software technology."

"If I can answer 23 out of 30 questions, then the others can only answer 10 questions at most, I'll give them 15 questions tops." He Hongyun was extremely proud and confident of his knowledge.

"I've seen the programming questions that Tianyi High School used for the last test. It's not difficult. I could easily score full marks." Then, He Hongyun thought of Li Chengqian. His heart was filled with arrogance. "It's not a big deal that Li Chengqian scored full marks."

"The questions this time are too difficult. If the content Li Chengqian was reviewing was the previous year's Junior Informatics Programming Competition, he could only score 50 marks at most. He won't even be able to get a passing score of 60 marks."

"Luckily for me, Dad has highlighted most of the key areas for me to revise. Otherwise, I would only be able to pass."

"That arrogant Li Chengqian. He actually took a leave of absence from my father's lecture. He didn't even cherish such a good opportunity."

"I must tell him later that these questions were all knowledge points that my father highlighted." He Hongyun's face was filled with arrogance and pride. He was delighted just visualizing Li Chengqian being regretful.

"He must be thinking hard about the questions like everyone else." He Hongyun imagined Li Chengqian scratching his head and he continued to do the questions happily.

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"I wonder if he would still be as arrogant when he failed the test."

"I wonder if he would still have the cheek to walk around with those ridiculous books..."

Backstage in the data center, when Li Chengqian chose to submit his paper, a notification sounded.

"Eh, it's only been 20 minutes, and someone has already submitted his paper? His paper has even been assigned to me for review?" Shi Chengsan was one of the markers. He specialized in reviewing the subjective questions for this exam. When he heard the notification, he casually turned on the marking system on his computer.

He had just seen the questions for this test. They were very difficult!

A person who submitted the paper in 20 minutes was most likely clueless and had given up.

Therefore, he didn't pay much attention and started to review the paper casually.

After seeing Li Chengqian's answers, he was all eyes.

After reviewing, he found that Li Chengqian got all three subjective questions correct!

Shi Chengsan was astonished. "He got all three subjective questions correct! What a feat!"

"Moreover, he submitted his paper within 20 minutes. This person is a genius! Let me see how he did with the other questions." Shi Chengsan was overjoyed when he saw Li Chengqian's results for the other questions.

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Multiple choice questions, full marks!

True/False questions, full marks!

Fill-in-the-blank questions, full marks!

"What an outstanding student. He actually didn't make a single mistake and scored full marks! How is this possible?" After Shi Chengsan saw Li Chengqian's results, he was stunned and found it unbelievable.

This was because even if he were to attempt this test, he would only be able to score 80 marks at most.

And Li Chengqian actually scored full marks!

This meant that Li Chengqian's grasp of the basics was even more solid than a lecturer from the university's Information Technology faculty.

"What? Someone scored full marks?" When the other teachers heard Shi Chengsan's exclamation, they all surrounded him in disbelief.

"Look, this student called Li Chengqian only took 21 minutes for the test! In such a short period of time, he actually scored full marks. He's really amazing!"

"Full marks, that's awesome!"

"This is a programming genius!"

"Quick, bring up the video of his exam and see if he cheated." Chen Lili, the supervisor of this competition, also rushed over. After understanding the situation, she immediately made arrangements.

"The Junior Informatics Programming Competition has been held for fourteen years. No one has ever scored full marks in the theory test. The highest score was 83 points, that was during the fifth year! He's currently studying for a master's degree at Divine Dragon University. His academic level is extremely high. He has already received an invitation to work at BAT."

"This will be a historic moment in the Junior Informatics Programming Competition, a student who scored full marks! We must take it seriously and do proper verifications."

"We must not leak any news about this. No one is allowed to spread it. Don't post the results on the big screen for the time being. We'll announce it after we have done the verifications."

"There are still two hours until the end of the test. We have plenty of time to do these things," Chen Lili said worriedly.

After Li Chengqian came out of the hall, he looked around but didn't see Ding Ling and the others.

"It's still early. I'll go browse and buy some books to read." After discovering a bookstore not far away, Li Chengqian strode over.

He submitted his paper early for two reasons. Firstly, the questions were indeed too simple. There was no point in staying in the competition hall. Secondly, he needed to continue reading and absorbing knowledge.

He had initially thought that creating a brainwave receiver was not a difficult task.

However, after learning about integrated circuits, digital circuits, and analog circuits, he realized that he had underestimated the task.

This thing was indeed very difficult.

There was a lot of knowledge involved. If he wanted to create a brain wave receiver, not only did he have to have high level software knowledge, he also had to master the technology related to gathering, amplifying, and noise reduction of brain waves.

If he wanted to realize these abilities, he had to use a special chip, which was a special CPU manufactured by AMD.

In addition, he also needed to have a detailed understanding of brain waves and a good understanding of the functional areas of the brain.

The brainwave receiver may only look like a helmet, but this thing was really a huge system. Once it was developed, it would have a great impact on the information industry.

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Meanwhile, He Hongyun submitted his paper at the last minute, just as the theory test ended.

On the computer screen, his test results were tabulated.

"The results of your test are as follows: You took 2 hours 29 minutes and completed all the questions."

"You got 35 multiple-choice questions correct. 70% accuracy. 35 marks."

"You got 8 True/False questions correct. 80% accuracy. 8 marks."

"You got 6 fill-in-the-blank questions correct. 60% accuracy. 6 marks."

"Subjective questions pending review by the examiner."

"This test is over."

He Hongyun did a mental calculation of his test score and revealed a confident smile. "I scored 49 marks out of 70 marks, 70% accuracy."

"Of the three subjective questions, I'm very confident about two of them, and I should be able to score some marks for the third one."

"My final score should be at least 70 marks!"

"In the previous competition, the first place in the theory test only scored 71 marks!"

"The questions for this competition are much harder than the previous one! I can definitely be in the top three for the theory test." He Hongyun stood up from his seat.

A series of sighs came from all over. "Other than subjective questions, my luck was bad. I only scored 15 marks!"

"I scored 20 marks!"

"I scored 18 marks!"

"I scored 24 marks. I don't know how to answer the subjective questions."

"What a coincidence. I don't know either."

"That damn question is so difficult and unexpected."

“The Junior Informatics Programming Competition has really lived up to its reputation.”

Amidst everyone’s whining, He Hongyun’s face was filled with arrogance as he walked out of the competition hall. “Which competition hall is Li Chengqian in? I can’t wait to tell him my score.”

“And see the look on his face.”

He felt that Li Chengqian definitely wouldn’t do as well as him, and his score won’t be as high as his!

“I heard that the results of this theory test will be released in batches within the next half an hour.”

“The top ten students’ names, schools, and marks will be displayed on the big screen in real time.” Based on past experience, the marks will be shown on the screen and they will be ranked as they are released. The final ranking would be released at one in the afternoon.

When He Hongyun walked out, Tian Wenming and the others were already waiting at the entrance of the competition hall.

“How did you do?” Tian Wenming asked with concern.

“I would score at least 70 marks!” He Hongyun said with a smug smile.

“Not bad, not bad.” Tian Wenming nodded seriously. He had a satisfied look in his eyes. “The highest score in last year’s theory test was 71 marks. If you score 70 marks, you are already in the top tier.”

“Teacher Tian, this year’s questions are much harder than last year’s. It’s very difficult to score as high as the highest score last year,” He Hongyun said proudly. He was confident of his results. He felt that he had a high chance of coming in first in the theory test.

Although He Hongyun didn’t say it directly, Tian Wenming understood what he meant.

“It’s good to have confidence.” He felt that He Hongyun’s arrogance and confidence were a little too much, but now wasn’t the time to destroy his confidence.

After Jian Qingli heard what He Hongyun said, her eyes lit up. “It would be great if He Hongyun could get first place. Then, he would be able to cut Li Chengqian down to size. I humbly begged to join his team and he actually rejected me.”

"He would rather have a timid little fatty than let me join his team. This egomaniac! B*stard!" Jian Qingli thought of Li Chengqian rejecting her and gritted her teeth in hatred.

Zhao Peng curled his lips in disdain. He was very disdainful of what He Hongyun said.

"Teacher Tian, look at the big screen. The results are already starting to appear." Bi Jialiang's eyes were fixed on the big screen, and the names on the big screen kept jumping.

Every time someone with higher marks appeared, the name on the tenth position would be displaced.

On the big screen, the current first place score was 48 marks, and the last place scored 38 marks. The average score was only 40 marks.

Some statistics were also shown on the big screen, such as the number of papers that have been graded, and the average results.

There were a total of 287 candidates participating in the competition in Jinshan Province. Currently, 53 test papers have been graded and the average score was 32 marks.

"This is unbelievable! The average score is actually so low." Bi Jialiang found it hard to believe.

"It's indeed too low. The average score for last year's exam was 45 marks!" Tian Wenming looked at the results on the big screen and found it unbelievable too.

"This is because the questions this year are very difficult!" He Hongyun had a smug smile on his face as he emphasized the difficulty of the exam again.

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"That's why I said that the highest score for this year's theory test will be lower than last year's. Perhaps, if I score 70 marks, I would be the highest scorer for this test," he said conceitedly.

"It's possible!" Tian Wenming nodded. He was even looking forward to it. If He Hongyun got first place in the test, he would also look good.

Everyone kept their eyes on the big screen. One hundred and fifty test papers had been graded, and the top score was only 57 marks. The overall average score had gone down by one mark to 31 marks.

“He Hongyun, have you seen Li Chengqian? Why hasn’t he come out yet?” Zhao Peng asked anxiously as he looked left and right. Most of the people in the competition hall had already left, and he still didn’t see Li Chengqian come out.

Ding Ling had already run to the exit of the competition hall. She was especially anxious and kept looking inside.

“I didn’t see him! I don’t know why he didn’t come out, but I’m guessing he might be too embarrassed to come out because he didn’t do well.” He Hongyun said with a smug look on his face.

“He Hongyun, don’t be smug. Li Chengqian’s results haven’t been released yet. If you talk big now, and Li Chengqian’s results turn out to be better than yours, I’m afraid you wouldn’t know where to look.” When Zhao Peng heard this, he felt especially uncomfortable in his heart. His voice was filled with displeasure.

“Hehe...” He Hongyun sneered in disdain.

“He Hongyun, you’re first! 73 marks! Second place is 57 marks. A 16-mark gap. Amazing!” Bi Jialiang said excitedly when he saw He Hongyun’s name on the big screen.

“He Hongyun, you’re amazing!” Jian Qingli was beaming with joy. She looked at He Hongyun with admiration.

“Li Chengqian, don’t think that you’re the only capable person in the world! He Hongyun is better than you.”

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“Did you just say that you’re afraid that I’ll be embarrassed?” After seeing the results, the smugness on He Hongyun’s face intensified. He looked at Zhao Peng mockingly.

“Look, I’m first! You should be the one to feel embarrassed.” He Hongyun pointed at the rankings and marks on the big screen like a victor. He patted Zhao Peng’s shoulder and laughed proudly.

Zhao Peng was so angry that his face turned green. This was the first time he had seen someone so smug and arrogant after just a minor victory.

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“Ding Ling, I’m here.” Li Chengqian walked out of the bookstore and happened to hear Ding Ling anxiously calling his name at the examination hall. He hurriedly responded.

"Captain, when did you come out? Why didn't you tell us? We were almost worried to death." Zhao Peng's spirits lifted when he heard Li Chengqian's voice. He ignored He Hongyun and ran to Li Chengqian's side, helping him with some of the books he was carrying.

"I submitted my paper in advance and went to the bookstore next door to read," Li Chengqian said with a smile.

"Don't do this next time. I was getting worried." Ding Ling also walked over. Her anxious eyes finally calmed down after seeing Li Chengqian. "Here's your phone. You must bring it with you so that I can contact you."

Li Chengqian handed his phone to Ding Ling as cell phones were not allowed in the competition hall.

"Mm, it won't happen again! If there's such a test next time, I'll go to the hotel room to look for you after I'm done." Li Chengqian took the phone and smiled at Ding Ling.

"Yes." Because of the words 'hotel room', Ding Ling was reminded of what Tian Wenming said the night before. She blushed instantaneously, and even her ears turned red. Her heart was beating wildly, and she was nervous and embarrassed at the same time.

At this moment, He Hongyun walked over with a smug expression.

"Li Chengqian, I found this test very difficult."

"It's quite difficult," Li Chengqian answered casually. The questions for this competition were not difficult for him, but for ordinary students, it was extremely difficult.

"What a pity, what a pity." Suddenly, He Hongyun looked at Li Chengqian as if he was looking at a pitiful worm.

"If you hadn't applied for leave on Friday, you would have been able to score an extra 30 marks. On Saturday, Dr. He helped us spot the topics for this test. We revised according to the topics he highlighted and indeed many of the test questions touched on these topics."

"During the test just now, there were a total of 30 marks that came from the topics highlighted by Dr. He." When He Hongyun said this, he felt extremely proud and vindicated.

"If you hadn't applied for leave, you would definitely have gotten these 30 marks. Unfortunately, you didn't cherish such a good opportunity. Are you regretting it now?" He Hongyun said with a hypocritical expression. His gaze towards Li Chengqian was already filled with mockery.

After saying that, he kept looking at Li Chengqian. He wanted to see regret on Li Chengqian's face.

Unfortunately, he was disappointed. From the beginning until the end, Li Chengqian had a calm expression, and he wasn't affected at all.

Li Chengqian was even secretly a tad amused by the high-spirited He Hongyun. If nothing went wrong, he should have scored full marks in this test. He didn't lose any marks and thus had nothing to regret.

What did He Jingguo's highlighted topics have to do with him?

An extra 30 marks? He had already scored full marks, so how could he score an extra 30 marks?

Regret? That was impossible.

He Hongyun's smile gradually disappeared when he realized that Li Chengqian was not regretful at all.

Then, he pointed at the big screen. His tone was arrogant, and his face was smug. He said again, "Li Chengqian, look at the rankings. I'm in the first place! 73 marks!"

"You're not even on the charts." He was furious to see Li Chengqian so calm.

Even though he wasn't on the charts, Li Chengqian was still so calm and arrogant. This made He Hongyun especially upset.

"So, what right do you have to be arrogant with me?" When he said this, He Hongyun's voice became cold as if he was questioning Li Chengqian.

"He Hongyun, please don't think too highly of yourself. I don't regret taking leave, and that's because I don't need training!"

"Furthermore, it was never me who was arrogant, but you. Don't you know how conceited and arrogant you are?"

"There's one more thing. Only 250 papers have been graded now. Perhaps I'm not on the charts yet only because my paper hasn't been graded."

"Lastly, please step aside. The books I bought are a little heavy. I need to take them back to the hotel first. Please don't block the way." Li Chengqian looked at He Hongyun calmly. He answered He Hongyun's questions one by one, calmly and slowly, and he didn't show any emotions at all.

“Did you hear what our captain said? Get out of the way. Move aside!” Zhao Peng wasn’t as polite as Li Chengqian.

“Li Chengqian, let’s go. Ignore this egomaniac. Let’s go back to the hotel and put the books away first.” Ding Ling walked over and wanted to help Li Chengqian carry the books, but Li Chengqian declined.

“Alright, since everyone is here, let’s go back to the hotel.” Tian Wenming walked over at this moment and spoke with a straight face.

“Li Chengqian, it sucks not to do well, right? It’s very difficult to accept this reality, right? But this is reality. You have to accept it.” Bi Jialiang’s tone was joyful. Li Chengqian’s poor results made him feel especially happy.

“Li Chengqian, thank you for refusing to let me join your team! Otherwise, I would have been shortchanged.” Jian Qingli didn’t say anything, but she was thinking this in her head.

“I had thought that you were very good, but now I know that there are many people better than you.” When Li Chengqian scored full marks for the second mock exam and the programming theory selection test, Jian Qingli was under the wrong impression that Li Chengqian was invincible and could achieve anything.

But she realized that she was wrong after this test.

Li Chengqian was not omnipotent. He was not as good as He Hongyun in programming theory.

It was displayed on the big screen that 268 people had been graded. Only a few papers had not been graded yet.

Li Chengqian’s paper was not likely to be one of these ungraded ones. What did this mean?

This meant that Li Chengqian was not in the top ten of this theory test.

Jian Qingli looked up at the big screen again and deliberately took a look at the results in the tenth place. Sixty marks!

This meant that Li Chengqian didn’t even pass the theory test.

“Thank you for rejecting me and giving me a chance to go to Divine Dragon University.” Jian Qingli smiled. She was a little terrified, to think that if Li Chengqian had agreed at that time, she might really have been eliminated in the preliminary round.

“Although He Hongyun is arrogant, he is capable and comes from a good family. He is indeed a more reliable person than Li Chengqian.” Thinking of the BMW that He Jingguo drove over in the morning and the 20 million yuan that He Jingguo mentioned in his chat with Tian Wenming, Jian Qingli felt that He Hongyun was becoming more and more pleasing to the eye.

“Li Chengqian, the theory test is only the beginning. In the next segment of the competition, I will still beat you...” He Hongyun said proudly. Not only did he want to crush Li Chengqian in the theory test, but he also wanted to crush Li Chengqian in the programming segment in the afternoon.

At this moment, everyone in the square suddenly fell silent.

Everyone looked at the big screen in disbelief.

In an instant, the top ten rankings that had remained unchanged for some time suddenly got updated.

The first place became the third place.

First place, Li Chengqian, Tianyi High School, 100 marks.

Second place, Du Siyu, Tianbao First High School, 90 marks.

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Everyone suddenly fell silent, and then started chattering all at once.

“Someone actually scored full marks!”

“Do you know this person called Li Chengqian? He’s too awesome. He actually scored full marks on such a difficult paper.”

Li Chengqian and the others heard all the chattering around them.

Zhao Peng was even more excited than Li Chengqian. He suddenly turned around and looked at the big screen. When he saw Li Chengqian’s name at the top of the big screen, and saw that he scored 100 marks, Zhao Peng shouted at the top of his lungs, “Li Chengqian, first place, full marks.”

Ding Ling smiled and looked at Li Chengqian with pride. She had never doubted Li Chengqian.

Earlier on, He Hongyun kept saying that Li Chengqian didn’t do well this time and his name wasn’t on the chart. He deliberately showed off in front of Li Chengqian and belittled him.

This made Ding Ling upset, but she kept her cool.

Now that she saw that Li Chengqian's results were even better than He Hongyun's and he came in first in this theory test, she felt vindicated and relieved.

He Hongyun, Bi Jialiang, and Jian Qingli turned around and stared at the big screen in disbelief.

When they saw Li Chengqian's name, ranking, and score clearly, they were dumbfounded.

"That's impossible. It's such a difficult paper. How can anyone score full marks? How can someone score higher than me?" He Hongyun's eyes were filled with disbelief. His face fell. Thinking of what he said to mock Li Chengqian just now, he felt his face burning, and he wished the ground would open up and swallow him.

"How is this possible? How did Li Chengqian do it? Why does he get full marks in every exam?" Bi Jialiang's face was ashen. He simply couldn't believe the results he saw. Li Chengqian scored full marks in the second mock exam and in Tian Wenming's selection exam. And now, in the theory test of the Youth Informatics Programming Competition, he had actually scored full marks too!

Is he still... human?

"How did Li Chengqian become so powerful!" Jian Qingli rubbed her eyes and looked at the scores on the big screen. She was so astonished she stood there mouth agape.

"This kid's grasp of theory is really amazing! I had underestimated him previously." Tian Wenming gave Li Chengqian a thumbs up, his eyes filled with admiration.

After seeing Li Chengqian's score, he understood the reason why Li Chengqian took leave.

Since he was already so advanced in his knowledge, there was naturally no need for He Jingguo's training. It would have been a waste of time if he attended the training.

"He Hongyun, take a good look. My captain is in first place. He scored 100 marks! You only scored 73 marks! You're not in first place!"

"I remember you were looking down on our captain just now. You said that he wasn't even on the chart and that he was arrogant."

"Look at this result. Look at the gap..." Zhao Peng had an exaggerated smile on his face as he mocked him unceremoniously.

"You're only in third place. Look at how happy you were when you were temporarily in the first place. You might have forgotten what you looked like just now." Zhao Peng was full of rage because of He Hongyun's mockery. How could he not give it back to He Hongyun now that the opportunity had come?

"Do you now know why our captain took leave and didn't attend your father's training? It's because our captain's standards are higher than your father's, understand? You think only your father is good, but there are actually many people better than your father," Zhao Peng said with a sneer.

"Zhao Peng... don't go overboard." He Hongyun was very upset after hearing what Zhao Peng said. He flew into a rage out of humiliation. He was seething with anger as he pointed at Zhao Peng.

"Overboard? Who's the one who's overboard? Who was the one who thought highly of himself and bragged in front of me and the captain just now?" Zhao Peng stepped forward, totally disregarding He Hongyun's rage.

"Why? I've hit a sore spot haven't I? You wanna hit me?" Zhao Peng looked at He Hongyun disdainfully. If the skinny He Hongyun dared to walk over, he would simply pin him down. He was confident he wouldn't be able to get up even if he used all his might.

"Zhao Peng, Li Chengqian, that's enough. Stop arguing. Don't make a fool of yourselves." Tian Wenming stepped forward and separated the two of them.

"He Hongyun, apologize to Li Chengqian. You were the one who started this." Tian Wenming looked at He Hongyun.

"Teacher Tian, I won't apologize!" He Hongyun's expression was cold. "Li Chengqian, I really didn't do as well as you in this theory test."

"But don't be smug. The theory test is only 40% of the total score. The hands-on programming test is the key to victory. I will definitely beat you in the hands on programming segment."

"Alright, I'll wait for you to defeat me." Li Chengqian's expression was calm. He wasn't at all bothered by He Hongyun's provocation.

In any case, he would be the winner!

The others may not know about Li Chengqian's actual programming abilities, but Zhao Peng was very clear. He had been Li Chengqian's input tool for a few days and saw first hand how terrifyingly good Awesome Li was.

He was a programming genius that exceeded laymen's comprehension.

When he heard He Hongyun's confident statement, Zhao Peng almost burst out laughing.

"This fool actually wants to compete with Awesome Li in hands-on programming? Isn't he looking for abuse? Even if his father, He Jingguo, were to compete with Li Chengqian, he would be tortured to tears." Zhao Peng held these words in his heart and didn't say them out loud. Since He Hongyun provoked Li Chengqian, he would wait to see He Hongyun make a fool of himself.

"He Hongyun, if you did something wrong, you have to admit it and take responsibility. Apologize to Li Chengqian now." Tian Wenming was starting to get angry. His tone was very heavy as he looked straight at He Hongyun with a firm gaze.

"Teacher Tian, I definitely won't apologize to Li Chengqian. There's no room for negotiation." He Hongyun's words were firm. Then, he quickly walked to the roadside. "Teacher Tian, I'll make my own way here in the afternoon."

"My father will come and pick me up. You don't have to worry about me." When He Hongyun mentioned He Jingguo, he regained his confidence again.

Soon, Jingguo Software and the provincial office would sign a contract, and Jingguo Data Company would have 20 million yuan in their account! His family would buy a villa in Tianbao City, and He Jingguo had promised to buy him a sports car. His mood suddenly lifted when he thought of this.

"20 million. Even if Li Chengqian and the others work their entire lives, they won't be able to earn that much money."

"Forget about 100 marks. Even if he scored 1,000 marks, what's the use? So what if he gets into Divine Dragon University? It can't be exchanged for money."

"He will never be as rich as me. I drive a BMW, he can only take the bus, I eat at a five-star hotel, he can only eat at a roadside stall." He Hongyun's smile became wider and wider.

"Eh, Dad said that he would pick me up at 12:30, why isn't he here yet? Could he have been held up by something?" He Hongyun took out his phone and looked at the time. Looking at the traffic on the road, he frowned.

Then, he dialed He Jingguo's number.