



## After Proofreading

In 2021, as a volunteer, I attended a charity summer camp organized by the Smile Angel Foundation. At the camp, I met a group of children with cleft lips and palates ~~who had~~ With bunny-like lips, ~~they and~~ were happy to ~~come up to~~ approach me and ~~tell jokes or~~ share the smallest things in their daily lives ~~or tell me jokes~~. Unfortunately, due to ~~their~~ the congenital deformity ~~ies of the mouth~~, ~~they could~~ their words were not clearly pronounced ~~their words and it was difficult to avoid I couldn't help to not~~ control my eyes to look ~~staring at the defective parts of~~ their mouths. ~~If they were not heard clearly~~ heard ~~If I didn't hear them clearly~~, they ~~would~~ raised their voice ~~and increased their volume~~, as if talking was a very tiring and laborious task. I felt sorry for them, for they were born different from ordinary children. I helped them carry their dinner plates and even tie their shoes, although they could do these ~~things~~ tasks by themselves.

The problem is that there is an implied logic judgement here ~~—~~ I am ~~the strong one~~ strong and then so I take pity on the weak ~~ones as the strong~~.

As part of the closing ceremony held at a theater, the children put on a unique play called “Jing Hua Yuan” ~~in a professional theater~~. I watched them fluently speaking out ~~large sections of lines~~ long lines of dialogue and fluently, memorizing the sequence of the play ~~and~~, standing on stage well, and ~~and~~ remaining calm in ~~front of the face of~~ the crowded audience. ~~Fearlessly~~ Without fear, they let the microphone amplify their voices around the theater. It was hard to imagine that this was the result of just one week of practice. I was surprised to find that they were actually not different from other children, and even did performed better than some peers. I suddenly realized that they were not weak and did not need sympathy ~~pity~~ or ~~too much~~ excessive care from others, because it would take away their chances to temper themselves and ~~would~~ make ~~them less likely to~~ integrate into society more challenging. If we worry ~~that~~ these children will be nervous on stage because ~~of their physical defects~~ they can't speak clearly and thus not let them participate in the performance, they ~~tend to~~ may think ~~that~~ ~~themselves~~ they are defective in others' eyes and have develop a sense of inferiority. This is not what they need.

But what do they really need? I began to wonder ~~think~~. The foundation sponsors children with cleft lips and palates from poor families and provides them with surgical

treatment. The specialists teach ~~these children how to pronounce words correctly~~~~them~~~~the correct way to pronounce words~~. However, a few weeks are not enough to ~~really~~master the articulation ~~and pronunciation~~skills ~~and make~~ ~~have clear~~~~needed to~~ ~~speak clearly~~~~pronunciation~~. Back at home, they still need to practice ~~for some time~~ to achieve satisfactory ~~effects~~results. The biggest problem is how to achieve effective practice ~~at in the~~home. Through my research, I found that there is a mutual need between ~~the four groups of people: the~~ ~~children with cleft lip and palate~~, their parents, specialists and volunteers. ~~So, if~~ ~~if~~ they can ~~be effectively integrated~~~~together~~participate together, the benefits will be maximized. For example, a patient may need expert guidance in the process of speech ~~training, therapy, and while~~ the expert ~~can would like to~~ obtain data ~~from their questions to conduct more~~for in-depth research and ~~finally provide better solutions~~to provide better care. In order ~~to~~ ~~enable that for~~ patients ~~to can~~ achieve ~~the desired~~ ~~a desirable effect~~ ~~outcome~~ through ~~their~~ interaction with others, I took ~~all~~ these factors into account in my professional program ~~and~~ ~~I~~ built a web-based platform for children to engage in continuous voice training in a game-like ~~way~~ ~~manner~~, so that ~~they~~ ~~the children~~ can gradually ~~make~~ ~~aspeak with a~~ clear and correct voice ~~until they are cured~~.

Design is a global language that I can use to ~~communicate~~ ~~connect~~ with strangers. I need to ~~try to~~ understand ~~others' acts, what people are doing, what they are~~ feelings, and ~~what they are~~ ~~thoughts~~thinking. At all times, I should look at all people equally and ~~care about~~ ~~think about~~ their inner needs. I want to be a real designer and ~~create~~ ~~build~~ more scientific and diverse ways of living.