2390. Removing Stars From a String   Hint   ⊙⊙

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You are given a string `s`, which contains stars `*`.

In one operation, you can:

- Choose a star in `s`.
- Remove the closest **non-star** character to its **left**, as well as remove the star itself.

Return *the string after **all** stars have been removed*.

Note:

- The input will be generated such that the operation is always possible.
- It can be shown that the resulting string will always be unique.

Example 1:

Input: s = "leet**cod*e"
Output: "lecoe"
Explanation: Performing the removals from left to right:
- The closest character to the 1st star is 't' in "lee**t****cod*e". s becomes "lee*cod*e".
- The closest character to the 2nd star is 'e' in "le**e***cod*e". s becomes "lecod*e".
- The closest character to the 3rd star is 'd' in "leco**d***e". s becomes "lecoe".
There are no more stars, so we return "lecoe".

Example 2:

Input: s = "erase*****"
Output: ""
Explanation: The entire string is removed, so we return an empty string.

Constraints:

- $1 <= s.length <= 10^5$
- `s` consists of lowercase English letters and stars `*`.
- The operation above can be performed on `s`.

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