

Imitator 116

Chapter 116: Layoffs

Xu Tong also came out of the CEO's office.

"I've prepared a new plan, and Aunt Su just approved it.

"Compared to the initial plan, almost all the arrangements have been completed, except for...

"We kept one work-injured employee with a 0% cure rate.

"I'll try to continue convincing Aunt Su."

Xu Tong was also somewhat anxious. She knew that as long as this goal wasn't accomplished, Su Xiucen would most likely die in the game, but she really didn't know what to do.

Li Renshu realized that Xu Tong might have some hidden circumstances she hadn't mentioned, since she and Su Xiucen were forced into this game but since the other party couldn't speak about it, asking would be useless.

This was ultimately someone else's judgment game.

Li Renshu and Fu Chen's task was to manage the company as well as possible, so they wouldn't have any worries.

"The good news is that we've reached preliminary cooperation with Community 8. Starting from the next round, we'll take turns winning. For future market research, we'll have stable funds coming in every two rounds.

"However... they should have laid off all their employees.

"I just checked the talent market situation. A large number of new employees have appeared, which should all be those they laid off."

Fu Chen was somewhat surprised, "So quickly? They're quite decisive in making decisions."

Xu Tong thought this was quite normal, "Tian Fan clearly looks like a very decisive person.

"Conducting layoffs now not only establishes an advantage and makes them go bankrupt later than us, but also means they'll have more money when leaving the game.

"The question now is, should we also lay off the last 10 people?"

Li Renshu shook her head, "We won't lay them off."

Before heading to market research, Li Renshu glanced once more at the company's account balance.

[Company 17 Limited]

[June company account balance: 139,000 minutes of visa time]

[July estimated income: 0 minutes of visa time]

[July estimated expenses: 34,000 minutes of visa time]

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In the passage leading to the market research venue.

Li Renshu turned to look at the scene outside, which seemed to have become even more desolate.

Bitter cold wind blew past. Initially there were only scattered unemployed people holding signs on the street, but as the game progressed, their numbers had multiplied several times and they were even forming long queues.

Li Renshu looked at the scene outside, lost in thought.

[Now, please have Company 8 Limited choose a business field.]

Tian Fan leaned close to the microphone, "Social."

Both sides had established cooperation. According to their agreement, when it was Community 8's turn to choose the business field, Community 8 would win and vice versa.

This was because the community that actively chose the business field would have a certain advantage with these types of questions. When answering seriously, even if the other party changed their mind, they wouldn't necessarily lose.

For both sides, this was equivalent to having an extra layer of insurance.

[A city with 20 million people might have how many taxis?]

Just as Tian Fan began thinking and calculating, Li Renshu spoke into the microphone.

"This round it's your turn to win. I'll enter 1.

"But I also want to remind you that while betrayal often brings additional benefits, it also brings serious consequences.

"If this were a single game, the person who breaks the contract would often gain the most.

"But if this is repeated games, then the trustworthy person will laugh last.

"If we can continue cooperating until the end in this game, then next time we meet in a game, we can also work together and overcome difficulties.

"But if you choose to betray this time, then all Community 17 players you encounter in future games will become your enemies."

"Jiao Hongtao from your community should have entered the 'Blind Date Game' with our community players and should be clear about our community's actual capabilities."

After speaking, Li Renshu turned the tablet screen around to let Tian Fan see the number '1' on it, then pressed [Confirm].

[Company 8 Limited's market research results are closer to the actual situation, seizing this business opportunity and earning a reward of 30,000 minutes of visa time.]

[Due to Company 8 Limited's additional investment of 20,000, they will receive an extra reward of 20,000 minutes of visa time.]

Tian Fan stood up, "I've already laid off all employees.

"Let's persevere together."

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Returning to the community, Xu Tong was waiting anxiously.

"You two come look quickly! The company's estimated income can actually become negative!"

Li Renshu hurried forward quickly. Indeed, the company's estimated income on the panel had become -10,000 minutes of visa time.

[Company 17 Limited]

[July company account balance: 105,000 minutes of visa time]

[August estimated income: -10,000 minutes of visa time]

[August estimated expenses: 32,000 minutes of visa time]

Originally everyone thought the company's estimated income would at most drop to zero. In that case, as long as they laid off all employees, they could remain undefeated but now it seemed that was obviously impossible.

God's Imitator wouldn't leave such a basic loophole for players to exploit.

This barely fit real-world logic. After all, many companies in reality also faced situations where even as shell companies, their debts could continue to expand due to loan interest or fines but for the players in this game, it was definitely the worst possible news.

This meant that each subsequent round of the game would deduct an additional 10,000 visa time.

The pressure on cash flow would become increasingly severe.

Market research profits were fixed. Now they could only earn 50,000 minutes of visa time every two rounds, averaging 25,000 per round.

They couldn't last much longer.

Community 8 had already laid off all their employees, which was an invisible pressure because continuing like this would only lead to one result: going bankrupt before the other side and losing the game.

Li Renshu asked, "Aunt Su still hasn't deleted that lung cancer employee with 0% cure rate?"

Xu Tong nodded, "No."

Li Renshu stood up and headed to the CEO's office, "I'll try to persuade her."

By now, Li Renshu had somewhat realized that this lung cancer employee with 0% cure rate was very likely related to this judgment task.

Without understanding the game mechanism, Li Renshu couldn't be 100% certain whether the game could be ended by surviving the economic winter, so she had to prepare early.

Although everyone would have 100,000 minutes of visa time deducted after company bankruptcy, at least they wouldn't die immediately.

After returning to the community, there would be interest-free loans for emergency help but before that, potential risks had to be eliminated, making Su Xiucen give up this lung cancer employee with 0% cure rate.

Although she didn't understand the specific mechanism, Li Renshu felt this was something that had to be done.

However, after entering the CEO's office, Li Renshu discovered that Su Xiucen wasn't at the office chair.

Li Renshu looked around and found Su Xiucen standing in front of the cold storage door that was emanating cold air, thinking about something.