

Imitator 138

Chapter 138: Malicious Probing

While examining the various facilities in the venue, Lin Sizhi said, "Most likely they will."

Cai Zhiyuan was silent for a moment, "Then should we consider helping them? This depends on whether we want a stupid community as the Conglomerate, or let a smart community be the Conglomerate."

Lin Sizhi shook his head, "If we go help now, we'll only make Community 12 more wary of us. With the wisdom they've displayed, they probably aren't capable of understanding our goodwill."

"Even if we help them with good intentions, we won't necessarily get much in return."

"Having a different Conglomerate isn't necessarily bad. Compared to stupid people, I prefer playing games with bad people."

"After all, bad people's behavior is more predictable."

Cai Zhiyuan said nothing more, essentially agreeing with Lin Sizhi's assessment.

Qin Yao listened from the side, completely confused, "Huh? Is the conversation progressing this fast?"

"Why have you already determined the intelligence levels and good and evil of the two communities? And how did the conversation turn to changing Conglomerates?"

"Am I having memory loss? Did I miss something?"

Cai Zhiyuan looked at Lin Sizhi, and seeing that the latter was studying the machines in the venue with interest and didn't seem inclined to explain, he had to take on the role of commentator himself.

"It's simple. This time before the game officially starts should be used for thinking about rules and discussing optimal strategies with community players.

"Once the game begins, it will proceed continuously for 20 rounds. During this period, if you want to discuss game strategies, it will take up normal game time.

"It's very likely that one step behind means every step behind.

"So when Lawyer Lin discusses game rules without avoiding anyone, it's actually an honest approach.

"But Community 4's behavior, on the surface inviting Community 12 to check the tax rate adjustment machine, isn't really for that purpose.

"Because in the early stages of this game, there's no need to adjust tax rates at all.

"Community 4 wants to use this opportunity to separate Community 12 from us, while wasting Community 12's time for internal rule study, trying to instill wrong game strategies and create preconceived notions.

"If Community 12 were even slightly smart, they should know that such proposals are inherently malicious probes.

"Once they agree, they'll be labeled as 'idiots' and encounter more low-level scams in subsequent games."

Qin Yao was somewhat surprised, "Then this Han Mengying from Community 4 is also very smart!"

Cai Zhiyuan shook his head, "Not exactly very smart.

"This is a high-reward but also high-risk decision. Once exposed, they'll be highly vigilant against the other party.

"If our community were the Conglomerate and Community 4 used this strategy against us, they would have already lost half the game at the start."

Lin Sizhi added, "But after all, the game rules clearly state that the community with the least visa time gets priority to be the Conglomerate.

"So directly treating Community 12 as idiots and probing them is overall still a strategy where benefits outweigh risks."

Qin Yao nodded in understanding, "Mmm... I get it."

"But how is Community 4 planning to deceive Community 12? Currently, it seems the Conglomerate players have too much advantage."

"To completely control the game's initiative, they need to use the management room's functions to replace the Conglomerate family."

"But the Conglomerate family's personnel composition can always ensure there's one 'Old Age' and one 'Adult', and by leveraging the early wealth advantage well, they can ensure they always have 3 votes, while the other two 'Adult' players have at most 2 votes."

"That is to say, the Conglomerate community can completely control the management room."

"Fan Zehui probably thought of this point too, so he feels comfortable discussing cooperation with Community 4, right?"

Cai Zhiyuan was somewhat surprised, "You can actually think of these things? That's quite good."

Then he looked at Lin Sizhi and shook his head, "As for what specific trap Community 4 will set up, it's still unclear.

"I'm only considering the intelligence gap between both sides and feel this possibility exists.

"If Community 12 can always maintain the Conglomerate position, then we'll naturally have to change strategies too."

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Inside the management room.

The four people briefly checked the specific operation method of this machine.

Before entering the management room, they needed to swipe their ID badges. Only players selected as management for the current round could enter.

The machine could change the Conglomerate community and separately adjust four types of tax rates for Conglomerates and Civilians.

Currently, all tax rates were at '0%'.

Next to the machine were rule explanations about 'modifying tax rates'.

[Any management player can adjust current settings after swiping their ID badge and press the confirm button to 'Submit Proposal'.]

[Other management players can click 'Agree' or 'Oppose' to vote on the current proposal after swiping their ID badges.]

[When 'Agree' votes exceed half, tax rate adjustment is complete. The panel will lock at this time and broadcast notification in the public area, taking effect immediately.]

[When 'Oppose' votes exceed half, the proposal will be rejected, and that player cannot submit new proposals in this round.]

[But other management players can still propose other plans, and rejected players can still cast 'Agree' or 'Oppose' votes.]

Although the rules weren't complex, Han Mengying still gave a careful explanation and hypothesized several different possibilities, such as when specifically to increase wage tax or investment tax.

Fan Zehui and Zhou Rong nodded frequently.

There were still over four minutes until the game officially started.

Han Mengying felt the timing was about right and began getting to the point.

She looked at Luo Wei, "Could this friend from Community 17 please step aside briefly? I want to discuss game strategy with Mr. Fan.

"Of course, if you prefer to stay here, that's fine too. We can change locations."

Luo Wei looked at Fan Zehui, and it was obvious that Fan Zehui felt the same way.

Now both Community 4 and Community 12 didn't trust people from Community 17 much.

Luo Wei realized that even staying here would be meaningless. The other party would still find other places to chat, and her behavior would only create more hostility.

So following Cai Zhiyuan's earlier suggestion, she tactfully withdrew.

Han Mengying looked at Fan Zehui and Zhou Rong, "Before discussing specific strategies, I want to first praise your wisdom.

"Not cooperating with Community 17 is absolutely the right choice.

"If a player is smart and benevolent, then they're the best cooperation partner.

"But if a player is excessively smart, even smarter than everyone else in the entire venue, then trying to discern their goodwill becomes meaningless."

Fan Zehui didn't answer this question directly, "The game is about to start. Tell us about the strategy you've thought of."