

Imitator 192

Chapter 192: The Necessity of Personally Executing the Death Penalty

Cai Zhiyuan explained, "If you could have realized this point earlier, you actually could have created 6 'childbirth badges' in the first judgment room. This isn't hard to do, unless you chose not to ask the audience when answering the entrance questions and insisted on guessing yourselves.

"In the second judgment room, you could create 2 'childbirth badges' and 1 'female badge.'

"In the third judgment room, you could create 1 'childbirth badge.'

"By the time you returned to the initial venue, even in the worst-case scenario where the consistency votes received 30 'x's, you'd still have a 54% success rate.

"You'd only need to create one more 'male badge.' Even with only a 54% probability, you could attempt to forcibly create it.

"This mechanism is also a kind of metaphor, a metaphor for 'childbirth' itself.

"If there's no childbirth plan, then it doesn't matter at all. Bearing the consequences yourself is quite reasonable.

"But if there is a childbirth plan, then the earlier the better. The more you delay, the more problems arise.

"The more players are inclined to create badges early, the more likely they are to discover this mechanism in the first judgment room and adjust their subsequent game strategy.

"Conversely, the more people tend to create childbirth badges only at the end, the more they hesitate, the more easily they're influenced by public opinion and various other complex factors, and the more they have to endure 'advanced maternal age' problems."

Yang Yuting said somewhat regretfully, "Yes, how could we not have realized this..."

"I understand. Part of the reason lies in the gender allocation of mechanisms 1 and 2.

"Because Jiang He bound mechanism 1 to females and mechanism 2 to males, it caused a mismatch of resources.

"There were more female players, but both Chen Yumei and I worried we couldn't withstand mechanism 1's weight, and Jiang He's stamina could at most only manage once.

"On the male players' side, there were fewer people. After Li Jiang used mechanism 2 twice consecutively, he also became afraid due to the severe pain.

"We all developed psychological rejection and resistance to the corresponding mechanisms, subconsciously not wanting to use them a second time.

"If it were reversed and Li Jiang used mechanism 1, with sufficient stamina he very likely would have tried using it consecutively. In that case, we'd be more likely to discover this mechanism..."

Qin Yao said somewhat surprised, "Put this way, Lawyer Lin's initial 'kill all' suggestion really was the simplest solution to this game?"

"Three questions total, two chances to ask for help. Even answering only 2 correctly, if all criminals were killed, that's a total of 300,000 childbirth fund.

"Even with only Li Jiang alone, you could choose to have him use the 15,000 tier when using mechanism 1.

"Then you three female players could share mechanism 2, three times each, with plenty of surplus remaining.

"If all three questions could be answered correctly, that goes without saying, you could even have several completely harmless chances."

Li Renshu nodded, "Yes, actually we audience members realized this during the game.

"Kill all is the simplest and most direct clearance method.

"Besides this, you could also choose to kill the 2 people in the first prisoner room, choose disciplinary action for the next 4, or kill the first 4 and choose not guilty for the last two.

"Save all isn't very reliable, because both 'not guilty' and 'disciplinary action' require spending childbirth fund. If only 2 questions are answered correctly, the margin for error would be much lower than kill all."

Yang Yuting felt very defeated, "We didn't think at all that 'kill all' was the suggestion Lawyer Lin gave! This is completely unlike your character!"

Lin Sizhi spread his hands, "I emphasize again, this suggestion was just the most feasible clearance suggestion I gave from the audience's perspective. It doesn't represent my professional ethics or my personal true views."

"If I were playing this game myself, I would definitely use other methods."

"Don't let my reputation suffer because of a game suggestion."

Yang Yuting asked again, "But how did Lawyer Lin think of this right when entering the game?"

Lin Sizhi explained, "Mainly because of the information gap."

"The audience knew information about 'consistency voting,' so they could infer the God's Imitator's game design thinking based on this hidden rule."

"The childbirth torture devices had three different tiers, meaning there exists a clearance method of 'fewer people but reducing mechanism difficulty through additional childbirth fund.'

"'Kill all' wouldn't affect consistency voting and could obtain additional childbirth fund. It's most likely a stable clearance route.

"Of course, the God's Imitator who designed this game also limited this strategy: they required judgment panel members to personally take action and complete the death penalty judgment with a dagger."

Yang Yuting obviously hadn't figured out this issue either, "Yes, requiring us to personally kill people, what kind of twisted taste is this?"

"Wouldn't it be simpler to have mechanisms kill them, or instant death?"

Lin Sizhi explained, "This counts as a simple test, and would also affect 'consistency voting' to some degree.

"Making a death penalty judgment is a relatively serious matter.

"Wrongful executions certainly can't be completely avoided, but at least, the person making a death penalty judgment for the first time should look the criminal in the eyes and take responsibility for their judgment.

"In some Western literary works, lords personally execute death penalties and always look the condemned in the eyes. This rule becomes a tradition passed down through generations in the lord's family.

"At least for the first execution, carrying it out personally ensures one retains a baseline reverence for the act of killing.

"If one just casually checks a few boxes on paper or presses a button to complete the execution, then those holding judgment power will quickly lose the sense of reality about killing, making them more likely to make less careful judgments.

"Just like how Jiang He decided to kill the first male criminal who caused death through negligence: if she knew in advance she'd have to do it personally, she very likely wouldn't have made the death penalty judgment."

Yang Yuting still didn't quite understand, "But why would this relate to 'consistency voting'?"

Lin Sizhi continued, "Because although 'judgment consistency' is somewhat stricter than the concept of 'fairness,' it's not completely without ambiguous space.

"Just as in 'King's Judgment,' the king could publicly announce prisoners' crimes and create associations with the prisoner rooms to change some audience members' views;

"'Childbirth Judgment' actually has a similar mechanism, only it's not done by speaking but by personally taking action.

"After making a death penalty judgment, the Chief Judge's behavior also affects the audience's impression of her.

"If she dares to personally execute the judgment and bear all consequences for her decision, then a small portion of the audience might approve of her more, which also helps 'consistency voting.'

"Conversely, if she doesn't dare personally execute the judgment and pushes this responsibility to others, that's adding to the crime. The double standards in judgment become more obviously exposed. Even those who favor her can't deceive themselves into giving biased votes.

"Of course, this mechanism ultimately only wins over swing votes and doesn't work on audience members with firm convictions."