

## Imitator 208

### Chapter 208: Crushing Defeat

The battle room's layout was very simple, with just a 'battle platform' like the one seen in the previous rule introduction in the center, and nothing else.

He Xiaojun confirmed the 'battle platform's' height again. This height should have been specially designed so that when players stood ready at the battle platform, the black barrier would just block the chest area, while the card placement area was in a relatively inner position on the tabletop.

This meant players had no way to confirm the opponent's specific card play.

Even if both sides raised their hands high, displaying the cards they wanted to play to each other, during the process of lowering their hands, they would still enter the opponent's blind spot, still having many opportunities to switch cards from their pockets or from the tabletop.

The rules only restricted that players must place their cards in the designated area before the prompt tone ended, with no situations of temporary card switching, playing cards too late, or placing multiple cards.

But this 'temporary card switching' should refer to switching cards after the prompt tone started, not that cards couldn't be switched from beginning to end.

Obviously, the God's Imitator who designed this game didn't want situations like 'players mutually displaying cards then cooperating throughout' to appear too simply and mindlessly.

Players could choose to cooperate, mutually informing each other what specific cards they would play, but whether the other party would betray couldn't be verified, only relying on mutual trust between both sides.

"Hey, why am I thinking so much!

"A fair luck-based game. The more I think, the more oxygen I consume. Wouldn't thinking more mean losing more?"

'Gray Wolf' He Xiaojun looked at his opponent, a female player wearing a 'Rabbit' mask.

"Hello."

'Gray Wolf' He Xiaojun heard his own voice had also changed. The oxygen mask also had a built-in voice changer.

'Rabbit' Han Mengying also politely nodded and said, "Hello."

From the moment she entered the battle room, she had been carefully observing 'Gray Wolf's' movements.

'Gray Wolf' first observed the battle platform, probably thinking about whether there were simple cooperation strategies.

Then he eagerly stood ready on the other side of the battle platform. Although she couldn't see his specific expression, she could still feel he was somewhat excited.

Obviously, such game rules would make those players who suffered in general strategy games unconsciously somewhat excited.

Because of fairness.

Rock-paper-scissors, such a game didn't seem to have much room for using strategy. Luck would become the deciding factor affecting victory or defeat.

Although each person had five cards, these cards didn't have to be used up.

The game rules stated that when players returned to the rest room, they had to destroy extra cards.

This meant players could choose to play only one or two rounds, or even choose not to play at all.

Of course, since when both sides only bet 1000 chips, it would trigger the 'minimum security' additional benefit, this game became one with expected returns that were definitely positive.

The simpler-minded the player, the more inclined they were to start quickly and test how their luck was at that moment but these insignificant small movements had already allowed Han Mengying to collect enough information.

Both sides each bet one 1000 chip.

The first stage was the two-player battle 'practice stage'. Free betting wasn't allowed, but the 1000 chip additional benefit would be automatically triggered.

Both held 'Fool Decks', but were unaware of each other's hands.

After considering, Han Mengying took out the only 'Sage Card (Paper)'.

'Gray Wolf' He Xiaojun looked at the three types of cards in his hand: 3 'Fool Cards' (Rock)', plus one paper and one scissors each.

He thought about it and took out a 'Fool Card (Rock)'.

Because this card was most abundant, playing one first could still ensure he kept rock-paper-scissors each in his hand, preserving sufficient choice space for the second round.

After all, five cards could be played five times. With the additional benefit, the more you played, the more worthwhile it was.

This battle platform would have different sound effects based on match results. The card placement positions also had grooves, and it would automatically detect whether both sides' card plays were compliant. It could be said to have perfected every detail to the extreme.

After placing cards, both sides pressed the 'Start' button. The battle platform automatically emitted 'beep, beep, beep, beep' sounds.

Both sides' card plays met regulations, so accompanying the final 'beep' sound, the black barrier opened.

Both cards were simultaneously flipped by the battle platform's mechanism and collided.

'Rabbit's' 'Sage Card (Paper)' shattered 'Gray Wolf's' 'Fool Card (Rock)', winning this round.

Then both cards were recovered by the battle platform.

Three 1000-value chips were ejected from Han Mengying's coin slot, including the original 1000 bet plus 2000 in profit.

The 1000 chips 'Gray Wolf' originally invested were swallowed.

"Hm?"

'Gray Wolf' He Xiaojun felt his luck wasn't very good. An inauspicious start.

However, this was only the first small round after all. Both sides quickly each invested 1000 chips again to proceed with the next round.

This time, 'Rabbit' Han Mengying's 'Thief Card (Scissors)' won again against 'Gray Wolf's' 'Sage Card (Paper)'.

"Huh? What's going on?"

'Gray Wolf' was puzzled. He looked at the cards in his hand, then looked at his opponent, that female player wearing the 'Rabbit' mask.

Both wore masks. The other party shouldn't be able to see his expression either.

The battle platform was also fair.

Such results could seemingly only be attributed to luck.

'Rabbit' still quickly took out a card and placed it on the battle platform, neither speaking nor urging.

So 'Gray Wolf' He Xiaojun subconsciously wanted to select another card to continue the game.

He looked at the remaining 3 cards in his hand: 2 'Fool Cards' (Rock)' and 1 'Thief Card (Scissors)' left but just as he was about to place a card, he suddenly realized.

No, can't play anymore!

If the previous two rounds were luck, then this round was no longer luck.

'Gray Wolf' He Xiaojun had already used one rock and one paper, so he had two rocks and one scissors remaining.

What about 'Rabbit'?

If she also held a 'Fool Deck', having used one paper and one scissors meant she still had 3 'Fool Cards' (Rock)' remaining.

He Xiaojun realized that no matter what he played, he would definitely lose.

Of course, the opponent might also hold a 'Sage Deck', in which case she would have two papers and one rock remaining.

Should he use scissors to bet the opponent would play paper?

No, absolutely not!

If the opponent also had a 'Fool Deck', that would be like giving chips to the opponent.

He Xiaojun suddenly discovered this game couldn't be played anymore.

Fortunately he realized in time. If he had been a bit more foolish, he could have lost one more round.

"Not playing anymore."

'Gray Wolf' He Xiaojun chose to give up and stopped depositing chips.