

Imitator 272

Chapter 272: Destroying Mutual Trust

Everyone lowered their heads in deep thought.

What Wei Yinzhang said wasn't actually difficult to understand.

Although as long as death cases appeared in games, players would hate the God's Imitator, depending on specific situations, players' degree of hatred would also differ.

If the God's Imitator directly limited the plot opening order and file announcement order from the game rules level, that would be equivalent to them trying to pre-determine the game's results.

All the hatred generated from this would naturally concentrate on the God's Imitator who designed the 'Shelter Game' themselves.

And even if this hatred toward one God's Imitator expanded, it would only expand to other God's Imitators but having hidden players decide all this meant a large portion of hatred was shared by the hidden players.

And when this kind of hatred expanded, it would expand to other communities.

The God's Imitator was using this method to deflect contradictions.

Yang Yuting thought for a moment, "But this kind of thing isn't absolute, right?"

"The God's Imitator set down extremely cruel mutual harm rules. Players kill each other within the rules. No matter how you look at it, the greatest guilt still lies with the God's Imitator.

"When reviewing, most communities should be able to think this through clearly, right?"

Wei Yinzhang shook her head, "Not necessarily.

"There's still a question of 'degree' here.

"That is to say, depending on specific game mechanisms, players' degree of hatred toward 'God's Imitators' or 'other players' will also differ.

"The more cruel the game rules, the higher the hatred value toward the God's Imitator. Conversely, the more lenient the game rules, the lower the hatred value toward the God's Imitator.

"But this change isn't from one extreme to another. Rather, it dynamically changes and adjusts.

"You can think of it this way:

"If the God's Imitator left absolutely no way out in the game, then players would definitely only hate the God's Imitator and not other players.

"But what if the God's Imitator left 10% of a way out, and other players cut off this way out?

"Similarly, what if the God's Imitator left 20%, 30%, 40% of a way out?

"Although this probability is still not high, it objectively still exists. At this time, players would naturally transfer part of their hatred from the God's Imitator to other players."

Xu Tong thought for a moment, "But the 'Shelter Game' should be that kind of game with very few ways out, right?"

After a moment of consideration, Wei Yinzhang shook her head slightly, "Actually, if forced to say, although this game had many death rules and was very dangerous, if players cooperated fully, the mortality rate wouldn't necessarily be very high.

"If hidden players were willing to give up part of their profits, not deliberately favor certain communities when bidding on plots and announcing criminal files, and let all field players share death risks as evenly as possible, all players' survival rates would rise.

"It would just mean getting slightly fewer gold coins from bidding on plots.

"This way, field players also wouldn't choose to fight them to mutual destruction. Hidden players' death risks could also decrease.

"Similarly, field players could also choose not to drain the audience's gold coins in the most extreme way. If they sold normal shelters at prices around 15 gold coins, the audience could completely accept it.

"Thinking carefully, the mutual harm among hidden players, field players, and audience, including the mutual harm between core players and marginal players within communities, certainly had reasons from game mechanisms, but a large part of the reason also lay in the players' own greed.

"Suppose now we want to cooperate with players from another community, and we know:

"Players from this community will only cooperate when the game mechanism completely supports cooperation. As long as the game mechanism has any interest factors inducing betrayal, they won't cooperate.

"In this situation, would we still cooperate with players from this community?

"Both involve coercion and temptation, death threats. Some communities gave up immediately, while some communities might persist for a long time before giving up.

"Although from the results both gave up, the length of resistance time is also enough to explain many issues.

"The God's Imitator of 'Shelter Game' wanted to tell all players one thing: communities cannot cooperate, cannot trust each other. As long as game rules tighten slightly, as long as some insignificant interests slightly tempt them, other communities will immediately betray.

"And to prove the God's Imitator is wrong, one must still firmly uphold one's values under tightened rules, firmly resist the rules.

"Unfortunately, from the situation in 'Shelter Game,' only our one community achieved this.

"And the behaviors players displayed in this game will influence firsthand witnesses' judgments of the current entire Gallery ecology.

"This game's scale was unprecedented. Five communities played field players, one community played hidden players. In addition, there were 30 audience members.

"That is to say, this game encompassed at least 10 communities.

"I believe Officer Cao's actions, although they increased this game's mortality rate, also to a certain extent cracked this God's Imitator's 'heart attack.'

"He told all players that regardless of how game rules change, at least our Community 17 will still strive to maintain fairness and justice.

"If our Community 17 chose to cooperate with Community 12 and Community 15 to divide the audience's gold coins, then even if fewer players died in normal gameplay, surviving players wouldn't feel fortunate.

"Because mutual trust between communities would be completely destroyed and unable to be repaired."

Wei Yinzhang continued, "Not only that, this game is also destroying mutual trust within communities.

"The 'gold coin' setting reshuffled all players' remaining visa time. Weak players' gold coins and strong players' gold coins have completely identical value.

"So for leaders of weak communities, scheming against players from their own community has the same profits and is much easier.

"Just like Community 12 and Community 15.

"Their core players all survived and brought back all the gold coins earned in the game. Very bountiful harvest.

"But Wang Weidong and Chen Guangming both, intentionally or unintentionally, made other marginal players bear greater risks in the game, leading to their deaths.

"Then after returning to the community, or entering the next game, will players from the same community still trust them?"

"This will again bring huge impacts to the community's ecology."

"After trust shatters, core players from many communities might choose to use high pressure and forced commands to constrain members' behaviors."

Wei Yinzhong paused slightly and finally summarized, "So this game isn't just about killing people, but also attacking hearts."

"What happened in the game definitely can't be simply covered up with one sentence 'the God's Imitator is at fault.'"

"From now on, various communities will very likely start investigating God's Imitators in their own communities. Contradictions between players and God's Imitators will inevitably intensify greatly."

"But contradictions between communities, and within communities, will also similarly intensify greatly."

"This game's results might completely change some people's philosophies, making them go from 'cooperation' to 'confrontation,' from 'trust' to 'suspicion.'"