

Imitator 273

Chapter 273: Another Solution

Clearly, the 'God's Imitator perspective' allowed Wei Yinzhang to see the deeper intent behind this game.

The 'Shelter Game' wasn't merely about killing people. Most importantly, it was about using this high-pressure environment to completely destroy mutual trust between communities.

Although cooperation between communities still occurred in the game, all such cooperation was 'same identity' cooperation.

For example, Community 12 and Community 15 cooperating, or Community 17 and Community 9 cooperating, were all cooperation based on 'field player' identity, and this cooperation wasn't solid at all.

The key was whether the three special identities of 'hidden players,' 'field players,' and 'audience' could reach cooperation based on 'same beliefs.'

Only when these three special identities achieved cooperation would it give players true confidence.

Just like Community 17 ultimately selling shelters to the audience at normal prices.

And if, as Wang Yongxin said, Community 17 also chose to extract gold coins from the audience as much as possible for their own interests, that would mean the three special identities didn't achieve any cooperation.

What the God's Imitator wanted to prove was: communities fundamentally couldn't achieve true cooperation and mutual trust. All players were just chess pieces manipulated by rules, strictly following the rules' inducements to play the game, even when involving life and death.

And to prove the God's Imitator was wrong, one must break through the rules' limitations within the game.

Everyone fell into silence. This game was far worse than the results it presented on the surface.

Wang Yongxin was silent for a moment, then spread his hands, "But there's no choice, right?"

"Under such unfair rules, we can only look after immediate concerns first.

"This game is the result of the Gallery playing favorites. We can only let this God's Imitator win once, then have other God's Imitators reverse the situation afterward."

After a moment of silence, Wei Yinzhang added, "This kind of thing still can't only rely on hope in God's Imitators. Players' attitudes are equally important."

Fu Chen thought for a moment, "Actually, I wanted to ask before, but time was tight in the game, so I didn't get to ask.

"What if during the rehearsal period, we directly told other communities to also cast against-conscience votes together?"

"Would there be more possibilities for cooperation?"

Wang Yongxin shook his head, "That definitely wouldn't work.

"Because they absolutely wouldn't repay kindness. Instead, they might hate you even more.

"Because you surpassed them in both wisdom and morality.

"Using the last 'lose-lose' trump card to gamble on these people having a conscience awakening isn't a wise choice."

Li Renshu looked at Lin Sizhi, "Lawyer Lin, if you had been present at the time, could you have thought of any better methods?"

Others also looked at Lin Sizhi one after another.

The community had three game cores. Everyone was already very clear how Cao Haichuan and Wang Yongxin would solve the problem.

It was hard to say which of these two's solution methods was better or worse. They were just different choices under different values. Others couldn't possibly think of better methods either.

And although Wei Yinzhang analyzed a lot, most of it was analyzing design intent from the God's Imitator's perspective and didn't provide better problem-solving approaches.

If anyone in Community 17 could think of the optimal solution, perhaps only Lin Sizhi.

After consideration, Lin Sizhi said, "There is one method, but it can't ensure 100% success and has certain risks, so I also wouldn't dare say I'd definitely use this method if I were present.

"Simply put, the lie detection death punishment mechanism doesn't occur at all times, but only once before the game ends.

"We could also try to use this mechanism in reverse to constrain or even control other players' behaviors.

"We could consider directly using gold coins to query and announce Chen Peng's detailed files right after the rehearsal vote ends."

Everyone was somewhat surprised, "Huh?"

After serious consideration, Li Renshu said, "But doing that would directly maximize hatred from the entire venue from the start, right?"

"All field players, and hidden players, would view us as enemies."

"Officer Cao also thought of this point at the time, so he chose to keep this as a trump card and save it until the end."

"Our thinking at the time was, perhaps we could persuade Community 7 and Community 9 to vote for Community 15 in the final vote. That way, Officer Cao could also survive."

Wang Yongxin also didn't quite agree with this statement, "This isn't just about drawing hatred."

"Hidden players have no death-avoidance opportunities. Once the first case's details are announced, confirming all players will suffer additional instant death punishment due to the lie detection mechanism when the game ends, then for hidden players, they'll surely die."

"In this situation, they'll inevitably fall into complete madness."

"Not only will they target our Community 17, but they'll also choose to directly kill all players they can kill to accompany them in death."

"So they'd very likely directly announce Officer Cao's crime in the sixth round."

Lin Sizhi nodded, "Yes, but that's exactly what I want.

"Because we know Officer Cao's crime in advance, and also know that 'inaction' could jointly implicate almost all players in the early game, so we can adopt this strategy.

"It's using killing hidden players to make them fall into madness, forcing them to announce this crime in the sixth round.

"At this time, other field players must vote 'innocent' for us.

"Because if they vote 'guilty,' almost all field players will be jointly implicated.

"Adding the lie detection instant death punishment afterward, they'll all be dead for sure.

"Because Chen Peng's detailed files have already been announced, they can no longer become 'perfect judges,' so afterwards, whether they vote guilty or innocent doesn't matter anymore.

"Being against conscience once is being against conscience. Being against conscience entirely is also being against conscience.

"This way, our community's crime is announced but judged innocent. At the same time, 'inaction' is confirmed to become an absolutely safe behavior.

"We only need to do nothing.

"For other votes, players can also simply all vote 'innocent' and lie down together.

"When the game ends, for the final vote they can vote however they want. Anyway, all our members still have one death-avoidance opportunity."

Qin Yao raised her hand and asked, "But what if hidden players don't announce Officer Cao's crime first?"

Lin Sizhi continued explaining, "If hidden players don't announce Officer Cao's crime in the sixth round, it would be slightly more troublesome.

"We'd need to separately dismantle each community, using the contradiction between community core players and regular players in reverse to limit their behaviors.

"This would require adapting according to the situation at the time.

"Because for core players to do things, they must use regular players to execute. Put bluntly, it's 'deceiving,' making regular players bear risks for themselves.

"Just like how both Wang Weidong and Chen Guangming used players from the same community as cannon fodder, commanding them to do this and that, ultimately making them scapegoats while surviving themselves.

"But the premise for them to do this is that regular players believe they still have shelters, still have room for error, so they'll do some seemingly 'low-risk high-return' things driven by gold coins.

"But if the lie detection mechanism is exposed from the start, making regular players realize they have no room for error in this game, being jointly implicated by any crime means certain death, they'd very likely no longer accept Wang Weidong and Chen Guangming's commands.

"Of course, to achieve this, we ourselves would also have to take risks and enter the fray."