

Imitator 295

Chapter 295: Number Cards

Zheng Jie looked at the rules on the large screen, trying hard to think, his brain momentarily freezing up.

As for Zhou Guifen and Dai Yifan, they looked completely lost. Obviously, they had no clue whatsoever.

Once they entered the rooms, players could no longer communicate with each other and had to keep answering questions until the game ended.

That meant if players wanted to formulate team strategies, they had to complete it within these 15 minutes.

If there were any oversights, the consequences could very likely be unthinkable.

Because from the situation in the first phase, answering some questions incorrectly could result in several thousand or even over ten thousand minutes of visa time being deducted.

When serving as the question setter, one might make huge profits, or suffer massive losses.

After entering the second phase, all rewards and punishments would double compared to the first phase. So with the various rules stacking up, the visa time deducted could reach tens of thousands or even over a hundred thousand.

Moreover, this game wasn't like other games that stopped deducting at 48 hours remaining. Instead, it would continue deducting visa time from other players in the same community.

In the worst case scenario, all 5 players from the same community would return to the community carrying debt. If other players in the community chose not to help, all five would surely die.

After the rule introduction, players now knew what the sign information next to the three room doors meant.

These two rows of human-shaped icons represented 'the number of players already in the room' and 'the number of free persons already in the room' respectively.

If the room was full, no one else could enter.

If the free person quota was full, then free persons entering afterward would automatically lose their free person status.

Yang Yuting suggested, "Let's first see what number cards we each have, and also determine who will serve as 'Free Persons' for our community."

Everyone took out their respective number cards to look at each other's.

The design of these number cards was very simple. They only had two pieces of information: at the top was a small line of text reading 'Community 17', while the main part was a prominent number.

Cai Zhiyuan's number card was '2'.

Zhou Guifen's number card was '7'.

Yang Yuting's number card was '8'.

Zheng Jie's number card was '13'.

Dai Yifan's number card was '21'.

The numbers on the cards would determine the order in which players could select rooms.

Yang Yuting was somewhat surprised, "Number 2! Your earnings are really high. And Auntie Zhou's earnings are also quite good. You've been hiding your skills, huh?"

Zhou Guifen was somewhat puzzled, "I didn't do anything though? I just followed other players' suggestions and chose the same answers."

Yang Yuting was stunned. Obviously, during the first phase of the game, the atmosphere in the five rooms had been very different.

Cai Zhiyuan wasn't surprised, "It should be an issue with the matching mechanism.

"This game most likely separated the mandatory participants and voluntary participants for matching.

"The room Auntie Zhou was in was most likely all marginal players who don't speak much in their communities. They don't have many schemes, so they're more likely to achieve cooperation. Everyone's overall earnings were good.

"Of course, there's an element of luck. If even one slightly smarter person had appeared in there, the situation would have been completely different."

Yang Yuting felt somewhat helpless. She had racked her brains thinking, yet her earnings were lower than Zhou Guifen's.

Zheng Jie and Dai Yifan were even more ashamed. Obviously, they didn't have such good luck.

Cai Zhiyuan added, "However, getting later number cards isn't necessarily a bad thing. They have other uses too."

Zheng Jie asked, "Brother Cai, you're number 2. That's amazing! Which room do you plan to choose to become room owner?"

According to the game rules, players had to choose rooms in order of their number cards, and there were only 3 rooms total.

The room owner could set a rule related to 'suggestions' for the room. Although it was still unclear what kind of rule would be appropriate to set, in any case, this was considered an additional advantage.

If they could grab the room owner identity, they should definitely prioritize doing so.

Cai Zhiyuan had card number 2, which meant one player had higher earnings than him.

But this was mainly because Cai Zhiyuan, in order to test the game's specific reward and punishment rules and values, had deliberately chosen options with lower earnings when answering certain questions.

Zheng Jie looked at the three rooms and said, "Our community has 5 people. We can fill the 4-person room.

"Does that mean we can play this game internally? That way, although we won't profit, at least we won't lose."

Cai Zhiyuan shook his head, "Don't become the room owner of the 4-person room. It's a trap."

Zheng Jie was somewhat surprised. He didn't understand what was going on, but Cai Zhiyuan didn't let him continue speaking.

"Time is tight. I don't have time to explain these issues. Since none of you have any ideas, then don't say anything.

"Right now, do exactly as I say immediately.

"First, let's exchange number cards internally.

"Dai Yifan, give me your number card first."

Dai Yifan was stunned, "Huh? We can exchange these?"

Cai Zhiyuan nodded, "Of course. If they couldn't be exchanged, there would be no need to give us physical number cards at all.

"Moreover, since it says 'Community 17' on it, that means the cards can only be exchanged within the community, not across communities."

Cai Zhiyuan took the '21' number card from Dai Yifan, then handed his own '2' card to Yang Yuting.

"Yuting, take my number card. When selecting rooms, watch how the number 1 player chooses. If they choose the 13-person room, we'll choose the 8-person room, and vice versa.

"Don't choose the 4-person room."

Then Cai Zhiyuan looked at Zhou Guifen, "Auntie Zhou, go find that female player with glasses from Community 8, Yang Hui. Tell her we have card number 2 and ask if they're willing to cooperate and sign a contract with us to share earnings.

"If they're willing, have them come over and I'll lay out the strategy together.

"If they show any hesitation, don't bother persuading them. Go ask Community 13 instead. If Community 13 also isn't willing, then go try Community 1."

Yang Yuting was somewhat worried, "Can we confirm that players from these communities are reliable? Also, they might hesitate and find it hard to agree immediately. Should we give them a minute or two to think about it?"

Cai Zhiyuan shook his head, "The time to lay out the strategy is too short, so we don't need to consider whether they're reliable.

"After all, just laying out the strategy will consume all the time. Even if they wanted to betray us, they wouldn't have time to lay out a new strategy.

"What's more, we can sign a contract to share earnings. Among these three communities, at least one will definitely be willing to cooperate with us."

Zhou Guifen didn't ask any more questions and just quickly walked toward Community 8.