

Imitator 298

Chapter 298: Running a Scam Shop

After considering for a moment, Qian Li asked, "You want to prioritize choosing the '13-person room'?"

The '8-person room' could only have at most 3 free persons enter, and after any two communities cooperated they would have 4 free persons, which theoretically was completely sufficient. There was no need to find Community 1's free persons to help occupy positions.

So cooperation could only be in the '13-person room'.

Xu Zhao nodded, "Yes, we'll choose the '13-person room'."

After seriously considering for a moment, Qian Li said, "Acceptable, but I have two conditions.

"The first condition is you have to give us the '4-person room'.

"The second condition is your own free persons must enter the room later, allowing our community's two free persons to enter first as much as possible.

"That means ensuring our community's two free persons won't lose their status because the room's free person quota is full."

For Community 1's players, they didn't have early number cards and had no contractual allies. They definitely couldn't compete for room ownership of the '8-person room' or '13-person room'. The two free persons would inevitably have to enter someone else's territory.

Since that was the case, entering either of these two rooms had no essential difference. They might as well use this opportunity to demand more benefits.

If the number of free persons in a room exceeded the limit, free persons entering later would automatically lose their status.

And losing the protection of free person status would lead to increased losses.

So Qian Li wanted to ensure Community 1's two free persons kept their status as much as possible, avoiding them becoming ordinary players and causing losses to expand.

Xu Zhao considered for a moment, "The second condition is of course no problem. We want you to help occupy positions, so naturally we'll let your free persons enter first.

"But the first condition..."

He frowned slightly, seeming somewhat hesitant, as if unwilling to give up the '4-person room'.

Although each community could only have one room owner, Community 15 had already established cooperation with Community 13, so the room owner of the '4-person room' could also be a player from Community 13.

Qian Li urged, "Decide quickly. If you're unwilling, we can also go cooperate with Community 17, using our free persons to coordinate with their plans."

"Anyway, for us, it makes no essential difference where the two free persons go."

Xu Zhao ultimately said reluctantly, "Fine."

"We can guarantee to let you enter the '4-person room' first and not compete with you. However, we can't guarantee Community 17 won't enter either."

Qian Li nodded, "Good, that's enough."

Because there was no contract or other rules to mutually constrain them, both sides could only reach this kind of verbal agreement.

Xu Zhao hurried back. Obviously, the preparation time at the beginning was very tight. He still had to continue listening to Wang Weidong explain the subsequent team strategy.

Seeing Xu Zhao walk away, Qian Li lowered her voice and said to Gao Jialiang, "You go find Community 17."

"Tell them Community 15 will prioritize choosing the '13-person room'.

"We can put our two free persons into the '13-person room', but the prerequisite is that Community 17 doesn't compete for the '4-person room' and instead lets our people enter first, occupying 3 positions."

Gao Jialiang's eyes lit up, "Price gouging from both sides? Good method."

There wasn't much time left. Gao Jialiang quickly walked toward Community 17, soon completed communication with Cai Zhiyuan, and rapidly returned.

"They agreed.

"However, they also made a request, hoping that after our two free persons enter the '13-person room', they'll submit suggestions as chaotically as possible, preventing those players from getting 'full unanimity' rewards.

"I agreed verbally."

Qian Li nodded, "Yes, well done."

Obviously, not having signed a contract wasn't entirely a bad thing.

Because Community 1 had actually become the neutral faction, able to swing freely between both sides, and only needed to agree verbally without actually fulfilling promises.

Qian Li had already completed the operation on Community 1's console. From the three players besides herself and Gao Jialiang, she selected two who were relatively more clever to serve as 'Free Persons'.

Finally, she gave an additional reminder, "Remember, when you make decisions, still prioritize our community's interests.

"Community 15 definitely hopes you won't cause disruption. Whether submitting suggestions or answers, give consistent options and harvest the question setter as much as possible.

"Community 17 is the opposite. They'll definitely have players who enter the '13-person room' last and are forced to serve as question setter. They'll hope you deliberately give minority suggestions, interfering with other players' judgments, creating negative-sum dynamics among the answerers as much as possible, allowing the question setter to earn visa time.

"You can judge the situation in the game yourselves.

"If the earnings from full unanimity are high, try to choose consistent answers as much as possible. If becoming the minority has high earnings, then become the minority.

"The '13-person room' has many people. You most likely won't take a turn as question setter. In situations where you're only serving as answerers, with free person status as protection, you're generally safe. Don't worry too much."

After instructing the two free persons, Qian Li again used the last minute or so to instruct the two players who would enter the '4-person room' with her.

"Our strategy in the '4-person room' is very simple.

"Three people enter first, leaving one position. There will always be an unlucky person from another community who enters.

"It doesn't matter if this unlucky person is a free person or not, because free person status only has advantages when answering questions. It has no advantages when serving as question setter.

"We just need to keep answering with full unanimity, and we can lock them in the 'question setter' position, forcing them to 'continue their turn' and continuously extract visa time.

"Although game rules strictly prohibit agreeing in advance to answer fixed options together, there are still very simple ways to achieve full unanimity.

"Just use the 'Send Suggestion' function properly.

"I'll serve as room owner then. If you're not sure exactly how to answer, just wait for me to send suggestions. All three of us submit the same answer.

"Of course, if it's a professional question and one of you two knows the answer, you can also proactively send suggestions.

"As long as we ensure consistent answers, even if we lose, we won't lose too much."

Gao Jialiang was somewhat worried, "But since this player is the last to enter, they've definitely also prepared to serve as question setter.

"Everyone always has some professional knowledge that others don't know. Even if the three of us discuss together, plus the reference from uninvolved community players' answers, we may not necessarily answer correctly."

Qian Li shook her head, "It doesn't matter at all whether we answer correctly or incorrectly.

"Have you forgotten the reward and punishment values I explained?"

"Without triggering the against conscience penalty, answering wrong + majority + full unanimity gives net earnings of 2000.

"Our three people's net earnings will be 6000, which has already reached the condition for voting to force the question setter to 'continue their turn'."

Gao Jialiang suddenly realized, "Oh, right!"

"But what if we consider the against conscience penalty situation?"

Qian Li explained, "We're three people. We can submit suggestions to each other and discuss choosing answers. We can't all trigger the against conscience penalty, right?"

"We can completely choose an option where '2 people answer sincerely and 1 person answers against conscience'. The earnings for this would still be positive."

"The question setter would still have to 'continue their turn'."

Gao Jialiang nodded, "I see."

Qian Li continued, "Of course, if an unexpected situation really occurs, I can't currently think of what specifically that would be, we can also prepare an emergency backup plan."

"If the question setter rotates, we'll just grit our teeth and answer."

"There are only 3 answerers total. We'll always occupy two of them, forever more than half. So no matter what situation, we can prevent our own question setter from 'continuing their turn'.

"Although individuals will definitely have losses, the overall loss won't be too large.

"We complete three rounds of answering at the fastest speed, and then the question setter identity will rotate back again.

"According to game rules, questions that have been used can't be used again. They must have obvious changes and differences.

"Even if the opponent produces an obscure logic question or some questions we temporarily can't think of and steals one round, they can't use it again afterward.

"Overall, of course our chances of winning are still greater."