

Imitator 308

Chapter 308: An Unanswerable Question

Because after choosing option C, even if their game records were checked after returning to the community, they could at least make excuses in front of same-community players.

Although many people would still be suspicious, at least there wouldn't be absolutely conclusive evidence.

Every player might have some dark thoughts in their hearts to varying degrees, but thinking was one thing, while actually being exposed to everyone was another matter entirely.

Only now did Xu Zhao understand why some players had initially sent suggestions hoping everyone would choose option C.

They also wanted to cover things up.

But the problem was that in this room, there were also many players with clear consciences who wanted to choose B.

And these players would absolutely not agree to choose C.

Because the subject of options A and B was 'same-community players', while the subject of option C was 'other community players'.

Many players might not have thought about harming same-community players, but had most likely thought about harming other community players in judgment-type or selection-type games.

This way, choosing B would have originally been the correct option for them, but now if they chose C, they would suffer the against-conscience penalty for no reason and have a lot of visa time deducted additionally.

Players choosing B and players choosing C could never reach a consensus no matter what.

This was equivalent to directly creating a split within Community 15 itself.

Not only that, Xu Zhao thought of an even more serious possibility.

What if the player who had such thoughts happened to be the community's leader?

"Wang Weidong..."

Xu Zhao thought of the previous 'Shelter Game'.

In that game, Community 15 had sent in a total of 5 players, and only 2 players successfully survived.

But correspondingly, Wang Weidong had also earned a tremendous amount of visa time from the game, and established a fund in the community in the name of the three deceased players, donating more than half of the visa time from the game into it, successfully unlocking the 'Death Exemption Ticket'.

The players of Community 15 certainly wouldn't blame Wang Weidong for this.

Because looking back at it afterwards, the 'Shelter Game' was indeed too dangerous, with too many death penalties.

As the player leading the team, Wang Weidong couldn't possibly avoid all death rules completely. He had already done his best within his capabilities.

Moreover, Wang Weidong had obtained information through Community 17 in the game about the "possible existence of special death exemption items", and donated his earnings to unlock the death exemption ticket, providing protection for all players. These were all tangible contributions.

So after that game, Wang Weidong's position in Community 15 had actually become even more solid.

But... did Wang Weidong truly fail to save those three players, or did he deliberately not save them in order to gain earnings?

Did he guess that persuading other communities might result in instant death penalties, so he didn't go himself and deliberately arranged for others to go?

Was it a matter of letting other players die in his place while unclear about the specific rules, or deliberately getting same-community players killed in exchange for gold coins while having guessed the rules?

Logically speaking, even if Community 15 players originally had some doubts about this, there was simply no way to verify it.

Asking directly would be meaningless, as no one would be foolish enough to tell the truth but now, the situation was different.

If Community 15 players learned about the content of this game, someone would definitely privately check Wang Weidong's game records to see what exactly he chose when encountering this question.

If he was forced to choose B and then triggered the against-conscience penalty, then everything would go without saying.

But choosing A wouldn't work either. If he chose A without triggering the against-conscience penalty, it would be the same.

If he truly had such thoughts, then the only choice was to select C.

Although this would still be somewhat like trying to cover up, and he would still be suspected by most players, at least it wouldn't be absolute proof, and perhaps he could still cover it up with some rhetoric.

But Wang Weidong wasn't a free agent. He couldn't freely choose C and could only be forced to choose B according to the room rules.

"What will Wang Weidong do?"

Thinking of this, Xu Zhao's heart grew increasingly anxious. These 5 minutes of thinking time seemed so long.

When the answering time was nearing its end, a notification finally popped up on the screen.

[The room host has canceled the room rules.]

In other words, the original constraints were no longer in effect.

Obviously, Wang Weidong also couldn't think of a way to break through and could only temporarily choose this expedient measure.

[The correct answer to this question is: Choose 'A. Yes' or 'B. No' according to your true inner thoughts.]

[The net earnings of the 12 answerers in this room: negative 51000 minutes of visa time.]

[The question setter will receive 51000 minutes of visa time. At the same time, an additional 30,000 minutes of visa time will be deducted.]

[The question setter will 'stay in power'.]

From the results, the answering players lost miserably.

Ordinary players would definitely choose option B, which was the correct option, but it would also become the majority option, so the final earnings were negative 6000.

Free agent players choosing this option, since they could transfer the majority penalty to the questioner, had earnings of 4000.

The key lay with the players who chose C.

These players obviously didn't dare choose A or B. They didn't want to expose their true inner thoughts.

If after returning to the community, same-community players checked the game records, they would very likely experience social death within the community.

But choosing C would similarly trigger the against-conscience penalty.

Because a person who had thought about getting same-community players killed had definitely also thought about harming players from other communities.

As a result, since quite a few players triggered the against-conscience penalty, the questioner still earned very considerable earnings.

Cai Zhiyuan didn't give them any time to think and quickly presented the second question again.

[If room rules are set, I will continue to ask similar questions. If room rules are not set, I will choose to ask general questions. Do you think room rules should be set to have me continue asking similar questions?]

[A. Set them]

[B. Don't set them]

[C. I want to kill you]

Obviously, this wasn't a question, but rather Cai Zhiyuan having a dialogue with Wang Weidong.

Cai Zhiyuan's meaning was very simple: as long as Wang Weidong set room rules, he would keep asking these kinds of questions, exposing all the darkest corners of the answerers' hearts.

Under the Gallery's lie detection mechanism, there wouldn't be any room for ambiguity.

And afterwards, any player checking the game records could know what these answerers' true inner thoughts were.

This question, although already very sharp, wasn't the sharpest yet.

Cai Zhiyuan had obviously shown mercy.

Of course, this wasn't to give Wang Weidong a break, but merely out of concern that he would become desperate and choose mutual destruction.

If the first question pushed Wang Weidong into a corner with no way out, then with his darkest inner thoughts already exposed, Wang Weidong would very likely choose to act recklessly.

He would reset the rules, forcing all players to choose the same option, no longer considering how to deal with the situation after returning to the community.

That wasn't the situation Cai Zhiyuan hoped to see.

