

### **Imitator 33**

#### Chapter 33: First Group Dinner

"Huh?"

Seeing the information on the big screen, everyone was stunned.

Wang Yongxin was the first to stand up, "What's going on? I solemnly declare that I absolutely voted in favor!"

The others were similarly confused.

"I also voted in favor."

"Who would vote against something that benefits everyone?"

"Well, one vote against doesn't affect the result anyway."

"It doesn't affect the result, but this means there's a mole among us!"

"The basic rules say there's a special group among players who secretly design games to harm us. Could there be one mixed in our community too?"

After a brief moment of shock, everyone began discussing in a cacophony, and the entire hall became chaotic.

But obviously, under this anonymous voting system, it was almost impossible to root out whoever voted against.

"Everyone please quiet down a bit."

Li Renshu's voice wasn't loud, but it was steady, and the hall gradually quieted down.

"This is just an insignificant minor episode. I don't think everyone needs to pay too much attention to it.

"Knowing that 7 votes are enough to pass a proposal, casting one opposing vote has no meaning at all.

"So I believe the only purpose of this person who voted against was to create suspicion and division within the group.

"The more this happens, the more we can't fall for it.

"As long as we trust each other as much as possible and unite as one, those with ulterior motives will never find an opportunity to exploit."

Fu Chen also nodded in agreement, "Exactly, everyone must not lose composure.

"Moreover, we can't consider this matter purely from a rational perspective. We can't ignore the possibility that someone accidentally voted wrong or deliberately played a prank.

"Although this possibility is low, it's not entirely impossible in reality."

Their statements eased the atmosphere in the hall somewhat.

After a brief silence, Xu Tong said with some anticipation, "So for celebration at lunch today, can we have a big feast?"

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After a while, the time came to 9:30 AM.

On the big screen, information continued to appear.

[Chips earned by players in 'Blood Poker' will be converted to visa time.]

[New rules related to 'Community Protection Fund' detected, calculating...]

[Initial 'Community Protection Fund' balance: 52,775 minutes of visa time.]

[Minimum living allowance will be distributed to all players at the standard of '80 minutes visa time per person per day.']

[Distribution completed.]

[Current 'Community Protection Fund' balance: 51,815 minutes of visa time.]

[Remaining chips will be converted to individual players' visa time.]

[Conversion completed. Please visit any vending machine or personal computer to check personal visa time balance.]

"It's here! It's here!"

Yang Yuting stood in front of a vending machine checking and found that the 'Currency' section now had an additional line.

The first line showed her current remaining visa time, while the second line had a new special icon representing the minimum living allowance distributed by the community protection fund, which was 80 minutes of visa time.

"80 minutes of visa time for one lunch!

"I can't even imagine how luxurious this must be!"

Yang Yuting quickly scrolled down. Indeed, there were quite a few expensive delicacies here.

For example, what she had seen before:

[Braised Pork Stir-fry: 1 hour 20 minutes]

[Roast Duck Set: 2 hours]

[10-inch Durian Pizza: 2 hours]

And various other dishes.

Originally, 2 hours of visa time was extremely expensive for everyone, and no one had tried ordering such things, but now they didn't seem so unreachable.

After all, the 80 minutes of visa time belonged to the protection fund, so why not use it? She only needed to pay an additional 40 minutes.

Xu Tong was also browsing the menu on another vending machine.

"Hey, I have an idea.

"Since according to the rules, supplies purchased using the 'Community Protection Fund' can be freely shared among players and aren't considered trading activities, doesn't that mean we can pool this money together and eat together?"

If everyone spent their own money, it would still be difficult to eat particularly well.

Foods like roast duck and pizza cost 2 hours each.

Eating this way would be somewhat monotonous, but ordering other foods would be even more expensive, and one person would have difficulty finishing it all.

If everyone chose to pool their minimum allowance visa time together to purchase different dishes, that would obviously be a more cost-effective plan.

Li Renshu smiled, "When we proposed the motion, we had already considered this point.

"When everyone wants to have a group dinner, you can pool this money together to eat; when you don't want group dinners, you can choose to eat separately."

Xu Tong was delighted, "Great! Then let's look at the group dinner menu.

"Today is our first time participating in a game together, worth celebrating properly. Everyone should choose group dining, right? No one would eat alone at a time like this, right?"

Su Xiucen quickly moved closer, "Even though it's a group dinner, there's no need to order all those finished dishes, they're too expensive!

"We can order some semi-finished ingredients. I can cook the simple dishes."

Xu Tong nodded, "Good, then we're looking forward to Aunt Su's cooking skills!"

Several people began discussing the lunch menu in a cacophony, finally deciding to spend today's full quota of 960 minutes of visa time.

Some dishes would be ordered as finished products, like roast duck, pizza, drinks, and other things they couldn't make themselves; another portion would be purchasing ingredients for processing, like vegetables and home-style dishes.

Soon, ingredients were continuously delivered from the vending machines, and several people went to the kitchen to get busy.

Su Xiucen was the head chef, with Yang Yuting and Fu Chen as assistant cooks, while others just helped out casually. For a while, the entire hall seemed quite lively.

After several dishes were brought to the table, they went to the vending machines to purchase finished dishes.

Before long, a table of sumptuous dinner was ready.

"Come on, fill it up!"

Xu Tong extended the red wine bottle toward Jiang He's glass beside her.

Jiang He quickly covered her glass opening, "No, thank you, I don't drink alcohol."

Xu Tong shook her head slightly, "If it's alcohol allergy or physical reasons, I won't insist, but if not, then have just a little. Don't worry, no one will pressure you to drink more."

"After all, today is a day worth celebrating."

Jiang He thought for a moment and moved her hand away from covering the glass, "Alright then, I'll pour it myself."

This bottle of red wine was also purchased from the vending machine, priced at 1 hour and 20 minutes of visa time. They bought two bottles total.

Although it was just the cheapest red wine in the vending machine, drinking it at this moment still made people feel it was very delicious.

Cao Haichuan sighed, "If we have group dinners every day from now on, wouldn't that mean I can use all my welfare allowance to buy cigarettes and freeload meals every day?"

Li Renshu smiled, "You could, but smoking is harmful to your health, Officer Cao."

Cao Haichuan waved his hand dismissively, "Hey, at a time like this, who cares about what's harmful to health?"

Then he realized this comment was somewhat dampening the mood and quickly changed the subject, "Alright, alright, everyone raise your glasses, let's eat quickly before the food gets cold."

With that, everyone picked up their wine glasses, "Cheers!"

In the community hall, glasses clinked for the first time, filled with cheerful laughter.