

Imitator 45

Chapter 45: Silence is Golden

When Wang Yongxin's judgment game ended, Ding Wenqiang had also arrived in front of Cell 4.

[Cell 4: Silence is Golden]

[The criminal enters an iron maiden device and will be pierced by needles at random times and random body parts. Making any sound above 60 decibels will trigger more needle piercings. Each needle piercing grants 1000 minutes of visa time.]

[In multiple games, the number and frequency of needle piercings will continuously double.]

Accompanied by a teeth-grinding creaking sound, an iron maiden device the size of a human appeared in the center of Cell 4.

It was currently in an open state, revealing countless dense holes covering its surface.

The good news was that these holes avoided the body's vital areas, such as organs and the head, but the bad news was that the holes weren't very small.

Each so-called needle piercing would create a bloody hole.

Zhang Peng couldn't help but swallow. He now increasingly felt that Cell 3 looked so pleasant and harmless.

As for Gao Zhankui, he had remained silent from the start, obviously trying to think of solutions, but ultimately all were futile.

Under the game rules' restrictions, any violent methods were ineffective.

Ding Wenqiang had the scepter. As long as his demands complied with the game rules, Gao Zhankui had no choice but to obey.

Robbery? Most likely impossible.

Even if he succeeded in robbing it, he might trigger a violation and immediately suffer fatal punishment.

Therefore, even though Gao Zhankui had already become hostile with Ding Wenqiang, he could only keep his mouth shut and leave everything to fate.

Ding Wenqiang took out the last videotape and inserted it into the player.

The scene in the footage looked quite familiar, apparently a food delivery station.

Many delivery riders sat on their electric scooters waiting for orders, while Gao Zhankui was pointing at one delivery rider's nose and cursing loudly.

[As the station manager of a food delivery station, your daily work is simple:]

[Deceive people through labor agencies and various channels, then use various schemes to exploit them completely.]

[Hold formal morning meetings as a pretense to collect fines in disguise, manipulate order volumes for disliked riders, and pressure injured riders to return to work immediately.]

[Your job description includes safety guidance, but in practice it becomes instructing riders to run red lights.]

[Recruitment ads promise food and accommodation, but in reality you rent cheap dormitories and electric scooters to riders for profit.]

[If the platform sucks the marrow from bones, then you are its accomplice.]

[You often call riders brothers, but you don't know that in their hearts, compared to the high and mighty bosses, which one would they rather kill first?]

Next, Gao Zhankui's information appeared on the screen.

[Gao Zhankui, male, 45 years old.]

[Occupation: Food delivery station manager.]

[Withholds delivery workers' wages, instructs delivery workers to ignore traffic rules, uses various methods to profit from delivery workers.]

[Judgment result: Not yet judged]

Seeing this, Zhang Peng unconsciously breathed a sigh of relief.

He knew he was temporarily safe.

Sure enough, Ding Wenqiang looked at Gao Zhankui with even more disgust.

Compared to bosses like Wang Yongxin, Ding Wenqiang despised lackeys like Gao Zhankui more. Of course, this was also common human nature.

What he didn't expect was that Gao Zhankui turned out to be much tougher than he had imagined.

"No need for more nonsense, I'll go in myself."

Gao Zhankui actually walked directly into Cell 4.

Ding Wenqiang's face darkened, and he raised his scepter, "Get out! I'm the one judging you. Before I tell you to go in, you stay outside obediently!"

Gao Zhankui glared at Ding Wenqiang, but still stepped out of Cell 4 and stood at the entrance.

"Go in."

Only then did Ding Wenqiang point his scepter at Gao Zhankui again, driving him into Cell 4.

[Game starts in 30 seconds. Please enter the iron maiden and prepare yourself.]

[Each needle piercing grants 1000 minutes of visa time. After 10 minutes, the device will automatically release.]

Gao Zhankui didn't immediately enter the device. Instead, he directly removed his shirt and tore it into strips of cloth.

First, he stuffed a strip of cloth into his mouth, then bit down on another strip from the front and tied it tight behind his head.

Finally, he used another strip to cradle his chin and tied it at the top of his head.

After this chaotic binding, his mouth was sealed tightly. Even if he wanted to open his mouth and make sounds, it would be very difficult.

Gao Zhankui still glared at Ding Wenqiang defiantly before stepping into the iron maiden device.

With a "click," the device closed.

The countdown passed second by second. Ding Wenqiang could see nothing of what was happening inside the device and could barely hear any sounds.

Only by listening very carefully could he occasionally make out muffled groans and faint breathing sounds from within the device.

However, these sounds clearly didn't exceed the game's 60-decibel limit, so they wouldn't trigger more needle piercings.

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Through the floor-to-ceiling glass, Lin Sizhi looked toward the arena.

Near the end of the game, the small speaker audible only to spectators began broadcasting a new announcement.

[Please vote on the fairness of the King's actions.]

Lin Sizhi returned to his desk and fell into brief contemplation.

In terms of game content, it roughly matched Gao Zhankui's instructive behavior.

He instructed food delivery riders to run red lights to save time, so now in the game he had to "learn to keep quiet."

But the game's punishment was clearly excessive.

Because although the first two games caused physical pain to the prisoners, at least during the first playthrough, they wouldn't cause any serious harm.

But the game in Cell 4, no matter how the prisoner played, would inevitably involve needle piercings. The only difference was in quantity.

Judging from the thickness of the needle piercings, they were roughly comparable to the previous "Farmer's Walk," except "Farmer's Walk" focused on the shoulders while the iron maiden covered all non-vital parts of the body.

The visa time rewards from the game also showed that this cell's game was far more dangerous than the previous two.

Although emotionally speaking, lackeys like Gao Zhankui who aided tyrants were even more detestable than actual bosses like Wang Yongxin, Lin Sizhi still instinctively felt the punishment was excessive.

Especially considering that Cell 3 was still empty, this would intensify the sense of unfairness.

As the countdown was about to end, Lin Sizhi ultimately chose to follow his inner thoughts and pressed "x."

The countdown ended.

[Voting results: √××√×√√×√√]

[Final fairness score: 20]

[Thank you for your evaluation!]

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When the ten-minute countdown ended, accompanied by a sharp creaking sound, the iron maiden device opened again.

A figure stained red with blood tumbled out of the device.

Although no large wounds were visible, the blood continuously seeping through clothes and the holes on exposed skin still demonstrated the brutality of this game to everyone.

Gao Zhankui pulled off the cloth strips wrapped around his head, wiped the dense beads of sweat from his forehead, and gasped heavily for breath.

[30,000 minutes of visa time have been credited to the player.]

Ding Wenqiang nodded, "Alright, you're a real man after all."

"Bah." Gao Zhankui tilted his head and spat out a mouthful of bloody saliva, "Petty success going to your head, you piece of shit."

Ding Wenqiang's face darkened again, his right hand gripping the scepter tightly.

But he ultimately said nothing, only walking to Cell 5.

Cells 5 and 6 had been completely unlocked.

[Cell 5: Undeserved Disaster]

[The criminal is fixed to a 2.4 square meter target, and a nail gun will continuously shoot at random areas of the target. Each shot grants 2000 minutes of visa time.]

[In multiple games, the number and frequency of nail gun shots will greatly increase.]

[Cell 6: Heaven's Will]

[Randomly selects games from Cells 1-5.]

All the videotapes had been played, and all cells had been unlocked.

[Completed judgments: 3/10]