

Imitator 80

Chapter 80: Murder

Some female players, after seeing he only brought a bottle of mineral water, directly showed him a cold face and that was the end of it.

Some female players passed the first screening, expressing gratitude after receiving the mineral water, but then immediately revealed their true colors.

When Zheng Jie proposed that they must first exchange likes once before he could give them the voucher, he almost immediately faced cold mockery and ridicule.

"What do you mean we must first exchange likes once? Are you saying you don't trust me?"

"Ha, then where's your sincerity?"

"Really treating a worthless voucher like a family heirloom to worship? If you don't give it, plenty of others will. Keep it to yourself. I'll just see if you can still give it away in the end."

Zheng Jie had heard such words several times.

Not only that, Zheng Jie could clearly feel that as the game progressed, the female players he matched with increasingly hinted through various methods that he should give them vouchers.

Zheng Jie had hesitated, but ultimately didn't fall for the deception.

Because of poverty.

As a player who had only recently arrived in the New World, he didn't have much visa time to begin with. How could he easily exchange for a 10,000-minute voucher and then give it away indiscriminately?

Many meetings ended unpleasantly, and in the end he received 3 more dislikes.

Zheng Jie also performed "Dislike" operations on those female players with particularly bad attitudes, but couldn't see what specific consequences this might cause.

Of course, there was also one piece of good news. Zheng Jie still received two likes.

One of them was obtained during the talent show activity.

The other was voted by another female player.

And from the attitudes of the other two female players in the same hour, it was easy to filter out who gave him the like:

Zhou Rong from Community 12.

Zhou Rong looked like a small, cute type of girl, and was very polite throughout the entire meeting, taking care of Zheng Jie's emotions.

As for the other two he encountered in the same hour... don't even mention them, they weren't as good as Lu Xinyi.

Lu Xinyi only deceived Zheng Jie and didn't give him a like. Originally Zheng Jie was a bit angry, but by comparison, he actually felt Lu Xinyi was quite decent.

At least Lu Xinyi split the room fee with him without a word.

As for the other female players, if their attitudes in the meeting room were very bad, they absolutely wouldn't give him likes.

So Zheng Jie naturally determined that the female player who gave him a like was Zhou Rong.

This was already quite good. If either of the other two female players in the same hour had performed less authentically and deceived him into giving a like, Zheng Jie really wouldn't have been able to tell.

But what should he do next? Zheng Jie fell into confusion again.

According to their previous agreement, as long as Zhou Rong exchanged likes with him once, after he confirmed it, he would invite Zhou Rong to meet again in subsequent meetings and give her a 10,000-minute visa time exchange voucher.

This was equivalent to a deposit.

After settling this, in the final meeting, he would invite Zhou Rong again, and both would like each other to complete the "final vote," each receiving 30,000 minutes of visa time.

But now Zheng Jie was confused again. He suddenly worried a bit about what would happen if the other party refused his invitation in the final round after taking the voucher.

Could Zhou Rong be a swindler?

That player from Community 9 had shouted earlier, saying a female player from Community 12 had deceived him. Could it be Zhou Rong?

But each community had 2 to 4 female players participating, and they couldn't contact each other. One female player deceiving someone didn't mean Zhou Rong would also deceive people.

From the current situation, if he didn't choose Zhou Rong, Zheng Jie really had no other options.

After 12 meetings, Zheng Jie had roughly figured out this game's matching mechanism:

This game defaulted to avoiding matches between players from the same community, so he hadn't encountered any Community 17 players so far.

If he could meet players from the same community, that would be easy to handle. They could smoothly establish mutual trust. After all, if either party lied, they would face social death upon returning to the community, which was quite constraining.

But now he couldn't even talk to them and had no idea what the other three's situations were like.

The probability of matching with same-sex versus opposite-sex players was roughly 1:3 or 1:4. In other words, there was only a small probability of matching with same-sex players.

Giving likes to same-sex players was meaningless since there were no extra benefits.

As for giving likes to opposite-sex players, he simply received no response.

For Zheng Jie, this game was incredibly difficult, completely unplayable.

Since Zheng Jie didn't have many likes, he successfully got on the talent show once.

He used all his skills to sing his best song, then barely managed to get 12 "Interesting" votes, earning one precious "Like."

This was already quite good.

Because many male players, after taking the stage, were voted enough "Boring" within two minutes and were forcibly cut off.

So far, among male players participating in the talent show, only that handsome guy had successfully earned 3 likes.

But that approach was too dependent on appearance, with very harsh conditions.

Besides this, some talent shows had no one on stage.

Zheng Jie had seen two or three instances where the stage was empty after the talent show started. Obviously, for male players who knew they had no talent and weren't good-looking, taking the stage would only be humiliating. Since they couldn't earn likes, why embarrass themselves?

In such cases, they would generally be quickly voted enough "Boring" and then forcibly cut off.

At this moment, a new round of talent show was also playing on the big screen.

A crying girl appeared on the left side of the screen.

[Community 9 - Xue Qi].

She had no distinctive features, neither particularly pretty nor very ugly. From the order of appearing on the talent show, she probably wouldn't receive too many likes either.

"Sorry everyone, I don't have any talents or anything to perform, but can you give me two minutes to finish speaking?"

"I don't know what's wrong, maybe I'm unlucky, but after entering this game, the system determined that I need to have over 1000 minutes of visa time deducted every hour. I've already had nearly 4000 minutes of visa time deducted..."

"I don't know what to do. Could everyone please give me a random free like? Thank you everyone!"

Zheng Jie was stunned. Could this much really be deducted?

The game rules did say that all female players would have a certain amount of visa time randomly deducted in this game, but Zheng Jie had previously thought it would only be a very small number.

He hadn't expected this girl to be so unlucky, having over 1000 deducted per hour.

Was this real or fake?

Zheng Jie was a bit suspicious, but then thought that clicking "Interesting" or "Boring" here had no cost anyway. Since that was the case, what harm was there in clicking once?

He still clicked "Interesting," although describing his current mood as "Interesting" was a bit absurd.

As for the No. 2 performer competing with her, he was a male player from Community 8 who sang quite well. Although he wasn't forcibly cut off and got to finish singing, the likes they received were obviously incomparable.

Zheng Jie also gave him an "Interesting" vote.

[Performer No. 1 cumulatively received 31 "Interesting" votes, earning 3 additional likes.]

[Performer No. 2 cumulatively received 15 "Interesting" votes, earning 1 additional like.]

"Thank you! Thank you everyone!"

Although there was no longer any sound from the big screen, Zheng Jie could still easily guess what Xue Qi was saying through lip reading.

Seeing this result, Zheng Jie felt somewhat regretful and speechless.

What happened to performing talents?

Selling misery could earn 3 likes, making others who seriously sang look like clowns!

If I had known she could get so many likes, I wouldn't have voted.

But thinking again, him not voting "Interesting" didn't seem to affect the final result anyway. Whatever, let it be.

Zheng Jie came to the small screen at the entrance to the meeting room corridor. He was considering whether to send an invitation to Zhou Rong, the only one who had given him a like.

However, just then, new information appeared on the big screen.

[From now on, the game enters Phase 2, with a cumulative time of 4 hours.]

[Phase 2 will add the following rules:]

[1. Accusations and Murder]

[The meeting room's operation panel will activate two new function buttons: "Accuse" and "Murder."]

[After pressing "Accuse," when your own like count is higher than the opponent's, you can consume 2 "Likes" to complete an accusation.]

[Players who are cumulatively accused three times will suffer instant death penalty after 10 seconds.]

[After pressing "Murder," when your own dislike count is higher than the opponent's, you can consume 5 "Dislikes" to complete a murder.]

[Murdered players will suffer instant death penalty after 10 seconds.]

[After killing other players through any rule in the game, you will receive 1/10 of that player's remaining visa time as a personal reward.]

[When multiple people participate in a player's death, the above reward will be split equally.]

[2. Data Query]

[All data queried by consuming “Likes” can now also be queried by consuming “Dislikes.”]

[3. Matching Rules]

[From now on, meeting invitations between same-sex players are prohibited. Players still have a certain probability of matching with same-sex players, but only through system random matching.]

[4. Additional Penalty]

[After the final meeting ends, if players still have unconsumed “Likes” or “Dislikes,” each will result in an additional deduction of 10,000 minutes of visa time.]