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Charlie's approach to employing people has always been to use a combination of kindness and severity.

Joseph wasn't directly at fault in this incident,

But as the de facto leader of the Cataclysmic Front,

Allowing it to fall into such a predicament was undoubtedly a dereliction of duty.

While he wouldn't dismiss him for this,

He would certainly teach him a lesson and instill a strong sense of crisis.

Otherwise, if something like this happened again,

The Cataclysmic Front would be plunged into an abyss of no return.

Just like Black Water, a single misstep could lead to total ruin.

Black Water's top brass sensed the danger.

It was clear to everyone that Bertnard had unleashed a powerful attack.

At this point, he was undefeated,

And it was only a matter of time before he would unleash his might and finally defeat the enemy.

These individuals had served as collaborators for the government for so many years, and they knew its style all too well.

The moment they saw Bertnard unleash his full power, they knew they were doomed.

So, these people simultaneously shut down all communication channels,

And then, without prior agreement, set out from their homes for the nearest customs office.

They were betting on a window of opportunity:

The White House needed time to formulate a plan,

Time to issue orders, and time for the FBI to execute them.

If they could seize this window, they could successfully cross the border,

Fly to a place where no one knows them, and start anew under anonymity.

If they missed this window, they would be thrust into the spotlight, facing the harshest legal penalties.

Given the egregious impact of this incident, they could face the death penalty.

The person primarily responsible would likely face the death penalty for war crimes and terrorism-related offenses.

The others would likely face life imprisonment without parole,

Ultimately, dying in prison.

However, while they were well-versed in the workings of the local government,

They had little understanding of the official's style.

Professional politicians carefully consider everything before taking action,

Carefully considering each step before truly taking it.

This approach reduces the chance of error, striving not to achieve anything but to avoid mistakes.

Meanwhile, businesspeople, struggling in the business world, fear nothing more than missing out on making money.

Knowing where there's money to be made, they'll rush in even if they're only halfway through.

Therefore, the moment the high officials decided to abandon Black Water,

They immediately passed the order down to avoid complications.

At that point, the security system placed all senior Black Water executives on an internal arrest list.

Once on this list, all customs systems were instantly synchronized.

This meant that anyone on the list, regardless of where they were leaving the country, would be alerted and immediately apprehended.

Furthermore, this system matched not only the personal information of those listed, but also their biometrics, including fingerprints and facial features.

DNA analysis is even retrieved for those who had already provided DNA data.

Since every person leaving the country must undergo facial recognition and photo-taking, coupled with AI to detect disguises,

Even if the target person used a completely different identity to pass through customs,

Their facial recognition would still be matched, triggering the police.

In this situation, there is no other way to leave the United States except by smuggling.

Black Water's executives, however, believed they still had a chance.

So, each armed with their alternate passport information, they hurried to the nearest international airport and booked the earliest flight out of the country.

As long as they could escape, even if it was just to Mexico,

They could immediately change their identities and flee to the next country.

Unfortunately, upon arriving at the airport, without exception,

They were caught red-handed while going through customs.

Immediately afterwards, the government announced an emergency press conference that afternoon.

They revealed that the press conference would focus on Black Water and the White Horse Island terrorist attack.

But the media were kept in the dark about the details.

Bertnard knew he had lost miserably.

Under its immense pressure, the government would undoubtedly bring harsh punishment to Black Water.

Not only could he claim credit from Charlie,

But he could also start a wonderful business of "profit for points" in the local market.

Afterwards, he immediately called Charlie.

By this time, Charlie had already returned home,

And his family, exhausted from the journey, had already fallen asleep.

After receiving a call from Bertnard,

He went to the vacant room on the first floor and answered the call.

The moment the call was connected, Bertnard could not help but excitedly say to Charlie,

"Mr. Wade, the government has allowed those media outlets to smear me like crazy."

"I have just publicly announced that I have completely broken with them!"