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Charlie said calmly, "Alright, stop flattering me."

"You're so smart, you can only know more and more than I thought."

"Telling you this is a bit of an amateur."

He stretched and smiled,

"Three years of book losses in the US market will count as experience points."

"You can have fun there these next two days."

Bertnard, reassured again, smiled and said,

"Okay, Mr. Wade! I'll follow your instructions!"

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Half an hour later, the White House press conference room was filled with reporters.

Officials had announced to the world that this press conference would be used to make a statement regarding Black Water and the White Horse Island incident.

After Bertnard's outburst, media attention reached an unprecedented level.

The entire press conference hall was packed,

The atmosphere was even more lively than a temple fair.

Given the scale of the event,

The normally confident young female spokesperson was surprisingly nervous before taking the stage.

Given her usual style and mental fortitude,

She would have remained calm even if she had been spouting lies that would have been despised by the entire world.

In her own words, she was born tough and had always been tough.

However, today's approach was a stark departure from her usual style.

Today, she couldn't be tough.

Instead, she had to admit her mistakes.

On behalf of the government, she had to apologize to the world for the Black Water incident.

At the same time, she would announce a series of penalties imposed by the US on Black Water.

She felt deeply dissatisfied when she thought about breaking that tradition,

Having never bowed her head or given in in her career for so many years.

But even though she was dissatisfied, there was nothing she could do.

After all, to her, she was just a spokesperson.

The attitude, wording, and perspective she needed to express in each speech were all set by her superiors,

And she could only follow the rules.

When the time came, she took a few deep breaths and walked into the hall.

The moment she appeared, the flashbulbs of the media reporters flashed incessantly,

And the sound of shutter clicks echoed throughout the hall.

The spokesperson stepped up to the podium, adjusted his demeanor, and began,

"Welcome, everyone, to today's press conference."

"Before we begin, on behalf of the U.S. government,"

"I would like to apologize to the tourists and staff implicated in the White Horse Island terrorist attack."

"We trusted the self-reported surrender of a Black Water executive,"

"Believing it was his personal decision and unrelated to Black Water,"

"And thus delayed the investigation."

"Rest assured, we will conduct a comprehensive investigation into this incident!"

This immediate apology was both unexpected and understandable.

The U.S. government is under immense pressure,

And failure to confront the problem will only exacerbate it.

The spokesperson continued, "Beyond our apologies, we also wish to use this press conference to announce to the world that,"

"At the high official's request, the FBI has arrested all senior Black Water executives."

"Once the investigation is complete, they will be brought to justice!"

The audience erupted in cheers.

Everyone had already roughly understood the whole story.

They knew that the White Horse Island terrorist attack was Black Water's decision,

And the government had no involvement.

As long as it stopped shielding them and handled the matter impartially, everyone would be satisfied.

This also meant that Bertnard had single-handedly won the battle between himself and the government,

Further strengthening his global recognition.

The spokesperson continued, "The FBI has seized Black Water and suspended all operations.

The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security have jointly established a special investigation team."

"Which will conduct a comprehensive investigation."

"We have also frozen all of Black Water's accounts and real estate in the country."

"After the investigation is completed,"

"We will calculate the losses Black Water caused by the White Horse Island incident and compensate the victims."

The judicial system there has always imposed heavy penalties on companies involved.

For example, the courts directly fined Tesla \$243 million for the death and injury caused by its Autopilot system.

And the United Airlines violent incident, which Elaine had always hoped would happen to her,

Also resulted in tens of millions of dollars in compensation to the victims.

Although all the casualties in the White Horse Island incident were Black Water mercenaries,

The island suffered enormous losses;

Bernard was even shot in the leg.

If the United States ceases to shield Black Water and handles this terrorist attack impartially,

Then Black Water will logically be held responsible for the hundreds of millions of dollars Bernard claimed to have spent on bribing the guy,

The tens of millions of dollars in compensation for customers,

And the operational impact of the dozens of deaths on White Horse Island.

If the amount awarded is so substantial that Black Water's cash balances are insufficient,

They will be forced to auction off all their non-cash assets.

This essentially means that Black Water will be irreparably destroyed, both formally and financially.