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Rear Admiral Gentaro Yamashita, Chief of Staff of the United Fleet, saw Admiral Ijuin Goro's ugly face, gritted his teeth, and immediately gave orders for other warships to go to battle.

"'Uzuki', 'Mizunazuki', 'Nagatsuki' and 'Kikuzuki', attack immediately and kill the two German destroyers!"

"Hi, General." The communications officer immediately went to send a telegram.

Four Kamikaze-class destroyers immediately attacked the two destroyers of the German Navy after receiving the order.

"Despicable islanders, two of them are not our opponents, and now they have dispatched four destroyers again in one breath. Five or three minutes, the last three minutes, if the destroyers of the islanders cannot be sunk, We have no choice but to retreat!" Captain Mike ordered.

This made the two destroyers of the German Navy fire even more frantically. The dense shells hit the two "Kamikaze" destroyers of the island navy like a torrential rain,

## "Boom!"

An 88mm artillery shell hit the bridge of the destroyer "Isoha". After the shell penetrated the bulkhead, it exploded inside. Although the power of the 88mm shell was not great, it exploded in the narrow bridge and scattered the shrapnel, easily killing all the officers and soldiers of the Japanese navy inside, including Captain Shigeki Sonoda.

In the next three minutes, the destroyer 'Isoha' was hit more than ten times again. Such an injury is undoubtedly fatal for a destroyer with a displacement of only 450 tons.

Soon, the destroyer sank into the sea due to her injuries.

The destroyer "Ayanami" was lucky and escaped. Although also severely damaged, the other four destroyers of the island navy arrived. This allowed the two destroyers of the German Navy to give up continuing to shoot at the destroyer "Ayanami" and retreat instead.

The four Kamikaze-class destroyers of the island nation's navy are chasing after them. However, the maximum speed of the G-class destroyers of the German Navy is as high as 34 knots, which is not something that these "Kamikaze-class" destroyers of the island navy can catch up with. The end result is that they can only watch the two G-class destroyers of the German Navy cruising around the combined fleet, and there is no way to catch up.

"Don't worry about the two destroyers of the Germans, let's continue going south! Anyway, our goal this time is to fight the Germans. Even if they know our whereabouts, so what? As long as our The fleet always moves together, just don't give them a chance." Admiral Ijuin Goro ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major Gentaro Yamashita nodded unwillingly.

At this moment, the German naval expedition fleet is heading north. Now that the island navy has the courage to go to sea for a decisive battle, of course they cannot let go of this opportunity. If the main force of the island nation's navy can be eliminated in one fell swoop in this decisive battle, the next

battle will be much easier to fight. They can even continue to persecute the island government without any worries, give up their ambitions, and accept the conditions of the German government.

"The Admiral, Destroyer 'G37' and Destroyer 'G38', just won a small victory. They sank one destroyer of the ISL Navy and severely damaged another. The ISL Navy sent more destroyers in pursuit, but They took advantage of their speed to throw them away. I think the islanders will be very aggrieved now." Major General Mao Fu had a smile on his face.

"Well, it seems that the performance of the warships of the islanders is even worse than I imagined! If this is the case, the possibility of our victory in this battle will be even greater." Lieutenant General Spei also showed a smile on his face.

"General, I want to inform the entire fleet of this news." Rear Admiral Maofu asked for instructions.

"Yes, let everyone be happy." Lieutenant General Spei nodded.

The fleet is fighting in the sea thousands of miles away from the mainland, which makes the officers and soldiers somewhat depressed. A small victory will undoubtedly boost the morale of the fleet. Let them know that victory is soon to come. At that time, the fleet can set off to return to Germany.

Sure enough, after the fleet learned that they had sunk a destroyer of the Japanese navy and had severely damaged one, the officers and soldiers cheered. The coastal cities of the island nation were attacked before, although a large number of islanders were also killed. However, for a soldier, this is not a military exploit, but it makes them feel a little unnatural. Now, the joy of victory has finally diluted the negative emotions in their hearts, allowing them to fully devote themselves to the next battle.

The German Eye Expeditionary Fleet and the combined island nation fleet are approaching at high speed. Both sides knew that a large-scale decisive battle was inevitable. Therefore, none of them took the initiative to avoid such a decisive battle. They all wanted to defeat the enemy and win in the next big battle.

At 11 o'clock in the morning, the fleets of the two sides encountered in the sea about 50 kilometers away from Ise Bay.

The huge combined naval fleet of the island nation is heading south. Nineteen battleships have already formed a long battle line. Other armored cruisers, protected cruisers, and destroyers formed multiple formations around the main fleet to provide them with protection.

"For a country like an island country, it is already a rare thing to be able to have such a huge fleet in a short period of time." Lieutenant General Spee said.

"Yes, General. However, after today, there will be no combined naval fleets of island countries. They will all be sunk by us." Rear Admiral Mao Fu said confidently.

"Order all ships to prepare for battle. All battlecruisers, form a battle line!" Lieutenant General Spee ordered.

"Yes, General." Major General Mao Fu immediately conveyed the order.

On the other side, General Ijuin Goro also gave the order to prepare for battle. The battle line composed of 19 capital ships began to turn, trying to narrow the distance with the German fleet. After

all, except for the four "King Kong-class" battlecruisers, the capital ships of the Japanese navy are equipped with 305mm main guns, and even the "Sagami-class" are equipped with 254mm main guns. If the combat distance is too far, the power of these smaller caliber main guns cannot be exerted. Only by narrowing the distance as much as possible can there be a chance of winning.

At the same time, Admiral Ijuin Goro also gave orders to the cruiser formation and destroyer formation of the United Fleet, asking them to find an opportunity to kill the light cruisers and destroyers of the German Navy and prepare for the subsequent lightning strikes.