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"Even if the islanders have more capital ships than ours, they can't do anything about us. Therefore, they can only think of other ways. The only thing that can pose a threat to us is their torpedoes! In order to ensure the success of their lightning strikes, they attempted to eliminate our cruisers and destroyers first, so that they could clear the way for their lightning strikes!" Major General Mao Fu said.

Lieutenant General Spei nodded: "It seems that the islanders are not as we imagined before, they only have their lives at our mercy! Even in such a desperate situation, they are still trying to defeat us. It seems that, as expected, they cannot be underestimated."

"Yes, General. We have to injure or even completely eliminate them this time. In this way, it is in the best interest of the empire. Only the interests of the empire in the Pacific Ocean can be guaranteed!" Major General Mao Fu said.

"Order all capital ships, give up shelling the capital ships of the island navy, and deal with their cruisers first! Let the islanders see how we used the main gun to slaughter their cruisers!" Lieutenant General Spee issued an order.

"Yes, General!" Major General Mao Fu nodded.

Nine battlecruisers immediately began to turn their guns, and set their targets on the armored cruisers of the island navy that were constantly firing to attack the light cruisers of the German expeditionary fleet.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The three triple-mounted 50-caliber 380mm main guns of the battlecruiser 'Mackenson' began to fire on the armored cruiser 'Kasuga'. The cannonball, which weighed more than a ton, slammed into the sea hard, splashing a column of water that soared into the sky.

The captain of the armored cruiser Kasuga, Sakamoto Shigekuni, was stunned.

"Baga! Are the Germans using their battlecruisers against us? Damn, this is really bullying!" Sakamoto Shigekuni wanted to cry but had no tears.

Before, they could bully the light cruisers of the German Navy with armored cruisers. However, in front of the battlecruisers of the German Navy, they can only be bullied!

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The nine battlecruisers of the German Navy began to pour shells on the eight armored cruisers of the island navy. Suddenly, the situation on the battlefield changed. The armored cruiser formation of the island navy, which had the upper hand, suddenly became dangerous.

Aboard the battlecruiser 'King Kong', the flagship of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy, Admiral Ijuin Goro and Rear Admiral Gentaro Yamashita also turned very ugly.

When the battlecruisers of the German Navy turned their guns and opened fire on the armored cruisers of the island navy, they knew that their plan had been exposed. The German Navy already knew

their intentions. So, take the first step to kill their cruiser. This will make their plan no longer possible to succeed. And this plan is already their only chance to turn defeat into victory!

"Baga! How could this be? How would the Germans know our chance? They would not hesitate to give up firing on our battleship and instead attack our cruiser!" Admiral Ijuin Goro roared loudly. This feeling of shattered hope is undoubtedly a serious blow to anyone.

Rear Admiral Gentaro Yamashita was also pale, because he also knew that after losing this opportunity, they would never have the chance to defeat the German Expeditionary Fleet.

"Your Excellency, what should we do now?" Major Gentaro Yamashita asked.

"Order all capital ships, take this opportunity to close the distance with the Germans. Be sure to sink their capital ships!" Admiral Ijuin Goro ordered.

Since the battlecruisers of the German Navy have targeted the armored cruisers of the island navy, their capital ships are no longer a threat. We can just take advantage of this opportunity to shorten the combat distance and improve the armor-piercing capability of our main guns, thereby sinking the battlecruisers of the German Navy, so as to reverse the situation and defeat the German expeditionary fleet.

The reaction of the islanders made Lieutenant General Spee laugh.

"Stupid islanders, at this point, do they still want to make a final struggle?" Lieutenant General Spee looked disdainful.

"Order the fleet to turn around, continue to increase the distance from the island nation's battle line, shorten the distance from the island nation's armored cruisers, and get rid of these armored cruisers first!" Lieutenant General Spee ordered.

So, such a strange phenomenon appeared on the battlefield. The battle line of the island navy is constantly turning, trying to narrow the distance with the battle line of the German expeditionary fleet. The battle line of the German expeditionary fleet also turned accordingly, so that the distance between the two sides was always controlled at about 15,000 meters. During this process, the distance between the battle line of the German expeditionary fleet and the armored cruiser formation of the island navy began to decrease continuously. The main gun of the battlecruiser could easily penetrate the weak armor of the armored cruiser of the island navy. After the distance is shortened, the armor-piercing capability will be stronger, which is undoubtedly a fatal threat to the armored cruisers of the island navy.

"Boom!"

During this round of salvo, the battlecruiser "Frederick Karl" hit the battlecruiser "Izumo" of the Japanese Navy. And, it was two shells that scored the hits. The destructive power of the two 380mm shells has already posed a fatal threat to the armored cruiser "Izumo".

A 380mm artillery shell directly tore through the weak waterline armor of the armored cruiser 'Izumo', blasting a large hole more than two meters in size. Sea water frantically poured into the battleship from the big hole.

Another shell hit the stern of the armored cruiser 'Izumo'. It not only blew up the steering gear, but also blew up a propeller, and also tore a big hole in the stern of the ship.

Suffering such heavy damage, the armored cruiser 'Izumo' immediately fell into crisis.

Although, the damage control personnel on the battleship desperately wanted to pump the seawater out of the battleship. However, it was never possible. The seawater pouring into the battleship was far more than the seawater they pumped out. When the power compartment was filled with water, the battleship lost its power, which further accelerated the sinking speed of the battleship.

A few minutes later, the armored cruiser with a displacement of more than 9,000 tons sank into the sea.

The armored cruiser 'Izumo' was sunk, this is just the beginning. In front of the battlecruisers of the German Navy, almost all the armored cruisers of the island navy had to be slaughtered.