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Using a destroyer to launch a lightning strike is already the last resort for the combined fleet of the island nation's navy. If even this method fails to work, it is simply impossible for them to defeat the German expeditionary fleet and win.

The current General Ijuin Goro is extremely depressed precisely because he has seen such a result.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battlecruisers, light cruisers and destroyers of the German expeditionary fleet are all fiercely firing at the destroyers of the island navy. If you want to ensure the safety of your own capital ship, you must sink these assassin-like destroyers. Otherwise, the crisis will not be resolved.

Under the intensive firepower of the German expeditionary fleet, the destroyers of the island nation, which were withdrawing from the battle and preparing to reload the torpedoes, suffered extremely heavy losses. A large number of destroyers were hit, caught fire, or were directly torn apart and sank to the bottom of the sea.

Soon, there were not many destroyers left in the combined fleet of the island nation's navy.

When the United Fleet set off from Tokyo Bay, there were a total of 39 destroyers. During the confrontation with the destroyers of the German Expeditionary Fleet, one was sunk and one was severely damaged. The remaining 37 ships were all dispatched during this lightning strike. However, when they fired the first round of torpedoes and then retreated safely, there were only 12 ships left. The other 25 destroyers were all sunk by the German expeditionary fleet during the fierce battle.

The remaining 12 destroyers seem to be quite a lot. However, such a small number of destroyers is obviously not enough to pose any threat to the German expeditionary fleet. Among other things, the escorting destroyers of the German expeditionary fleet alone are much more than the remaining destroyers of the island navy. In addition, there are still 7 light cruisers that still have combat power, which is enough to form a complete protection for the eight battlecruisers of the German expeditionary fleet. If the destroyer formation of the island navy continues to launch attacks, there will only be one result, which is to let them die.

However, before the order to stop the lightning strike was issued, the captains of the destroyer formation of the island navy knew that if there was another lightning strike, they would surely die. However, they still launched an attack. The bounden duty of a soldier is to obey orders, and this is an iron law that must never be violated in the highly hierarchical navy of an island country!

Fortunately, General Ijuin Goro is not a fool. He knows that if they attack again, they will only suffer greater losses. In that case, it will undoubtedly be a bit uneconomical.

"Yamashita-kun, order the destroyer fleet to stop lightning strikes!" Admiral Ijuin Goro ordered.

"Your Excellency, Commander, are you going to give up?" Major Gentaro Yamashita looked unwilling.

"We must give up! If we don't give up, we will pay a higher price. If this is the case, the Imperial Navy will be completely finished." Admiral Ijuin Goro made up his mind.

Since failure is inevitable. So, instead of continuing to fight and causing them to pay greater losses, it is better to stop now and save as much strength as possible for the island navy. In this case, there may be a chance to rise again in the future. Otherwise, once all the elites of the island nation's navy are lost here, the consequences will be even more serious.

"Order the fleet to retreat immediately!" Admiral Ijuin Goro gave the order to retreat.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Gentaro Yamashita nodded.

After the order to retreat was issued, the large and small warships of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy. They turned the bows one after another and began to evacuate. In order to escape quickly, Admiral Ijuin Goro ordered all warships to increase their speed as much as possible so that they could escape as soon as possible. As long as the United Fleet can escape back to Tokyo Bay, it will be safe.

"Your Excellency, Commander, if we retreat, how will we explain to the country?" Major Gentaro Yamashita was a little worried. You know, the domestic government pinned its hopes of defeating the Germans on them. Now not only did not defeat the Germans, but suffered heavy losses under the German attack, and had to withdraw to Tokyo Bay. Those people in the cabinet will definitely be very dissatisfied with them. At that time, the Navy will be under tremendous pressure as a result.

A trace of helplessness flashed across General Ijuin Goro's face.

"Don't worry, as the commander of the United Fleet, I will give the cabinet an explanation!" Admiral Ijuin Goro said.

Major Gentaro Yamashita fell silent immediately, he knew what General Ijuin Goro meant. For the generals of island countries, the most common way to take responsibility is to commit seppuku.

"Yamashita-kun! We have already lost this battle. The Germans are too powerful. Therefore, there is no way for us to lose this war. However, losing the war now does not mean that we will always lose! I believe that the empire will become stronger again. Next time, we will definitely defeat the Germans!" General Ijuin Goro said confidently. It's a pity that even if the island nation's navy will have a strong day in the future, he will definitely not see it.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major Gentaro Yamashita nodded heavily. He knew that General Ijuin Goro was confessing his last words. When they fled back to Tokyo Bay, it would be the time when General Ijuin Goro committed seppuku. Only in this way can we take responsibility for this failure.

General Ijuin Goro nodded in satisfaction, and said no more. He believes that the reason why the island nation's navy failed this time is entirely because the enemy is too powerful. Although the development speed of the navy of the island country has not been slow in recent years, compared with the western powers, the gap is undoubtedly still very large. That's why they lost completely in front of a fleet randomly dispatched by the Germans.

Furthermore, Germany is too strong, while the island countries are too weak. The ridiculous thing is that the weak island country still wants to seek the interests of Germany. Isn't that a dead end? Originally, the island's cabinet thought that Germany would swallow its anger and acquiesce in the island's behavior. But they were wrong after all. As the most powerful country in the world, how could

Germany let the island countries threaten them? In this case, wouldn't that damage the majesty of Germany? Therefore, Germany did not hesitate to send an expeditionary fleet to the island country. In the end, the island country paid a heavy price for this!

"It's all the army guys. They occupied Southeast Asia, but now they want the navy to help them resist the Germans! It's so shameless!" General Ijuin Goro cursed.