

## Chapter 7133

Charlie nodded and asked the leader,

"What is your name?"

The man respectfully replied,

"My name is Charles, Charles Johnson."

Charlie asked him, "Okay, Charles, how many of you are there now?"

"At the research station?"

Charles said. "We were originally a team of sixteen,"

"But most of them went back at the end of summer."

"Now it's just the three of us staying here to prepare for the winter unmanned operation."

Charlie nodded and instructed,

"Then take us there now."

Charles nodded and said, "No problem, everyone, please get in the vehicle."

"My two colleagues will be responsible for driving us back."

Accompanied by Charles, Charlie and the other three boarded the crew cabin,

While the other two went directly into the driver's seat of the snowmobile.

The vehicle then started and headed towards the research station more than 100 kilometers away.

Antarctica is truly the end of the world.

All around are ice and snow and endless mountains.

There are no real roads, but most of the terrain is relatively flat,

So the snowmobile can pass easily.

There is absolutely no trace of human presence here.

It is perhaps the only virgin land on Earth that has hardly changed over hundreds of millions of years.

According to Charles, research stations in the Antarctic interior are not actually concentrated.

They are scattered about 100 kilometers inland from the coastline.

The Nordic research station is relatively close to the coastline.

Most are actually 200-300 kilometers inland,

And some are even near the South Pole.

Reaching them by land would be at least a thousand kilometers,

Almost impossible in winter.

Only in summer, through makeshift airfields on the ice sheet,

Can supplies be resupplied and personnel deployed?

Even so, most research stations cease operations in winter.

On this continent, larger than Canada, very few research stations remain operational during winter.

Charlie also learned from him that once winter arrives,

These operational stations follow strict operating procedures.

Without unforeseen circumstances,

They are not allowed to leave the station for more than 24 hours,

Meaning their movement is restricted,

So there is virtually no interference between the various research stations.

Charlie then asked about the aurora borealis.

Charles told him that Antarctica had recently entered its aurora season,

But it hadn't yet reached its peak.

Therefore, at the Nordic research station, one could see the aurora every two or three days.

However, once the polar night arrived in April or May,

The aurora could be seen almost daily,

Sometimes, even continuously for several days.

This was practically the perfect environment for Charlie's seclusion.

The snowmobile traveled for several hours in the Antarctic night,

Finally, stopping in the center of a cluster of low-rise buildings.

The Nordic research station, from the outside, looked unremarkable, even somewhat shabby.

The front consisted of a row of elevated bungalows nearly a hundred meters long.

To the left were several arched buildings of the same design and specifications,

Arranged in a very orderly fashion.

To the right stood several special buildings,

Each is equipped with various devices, including communication and weather monitoring equipment.

In the center of the complex were several different types of special vehicles—transport trucks,

Bulldozers, cranes, and excavators—all of which were tracked vehicles.

After the vehicle came to a stop,

Charlie and his companions got out of the warm cabin.

Although they had only traveled a little over a hundred kilometers inland,

The temperature was considerably colder than when they had just disembarked,

As the sun had been out for several hours.

Charles subconsciously assumed that Charlie and his group were military personnel concerned with national security,

So he politely and warmly said,

"It's gotten quite cold now."

"The four of you might not be used to it yet."

"Let's go inside quickly!"

Charlie nodded.

The three women beside him, however,

Didn't feel the cold at all, and curiously looked around.

After all, most people wouldn't have the opportunity to come to such a place,

Especially in winter.

Charlie said to Charles,

"Could you first give us a detailed introduction to the entire research station and its operation?"

"Such as the hardware facilities and the basic operating methods of the necessary equipment?"