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Seeing Brovnen's shocked expression, Kikuchi Kohei truthfully replied,

"Reporting to you, it is indeed that far."

"Moreover, the area is not just a flat ice sheet."

"There are also numerous icebergs and hills."

"Our travel speed will be greatly reduced by taking a detour."

"Even if the snowmobile travels non-stop,"

"The entire process will take at least eight days."

"Eight days..."

Brovnen couldn't help but question,

"Isn't the straight-line distance only a little over 1,300 kilometers?"

"Why not just fly there?"

Kikuchi Kohei quickly explained,

"Reporting to you, Master, about 1,300 kilometers of that distance is over the sea."

"This means that there's nowhere for the helicopter to stop and refuel along the way."

"Even with auxiliary fuel tanks,"

"It simply can't fly that far."

Brovnen asked him,

"So, besides taking a detour, there's no other way?"

Kikuchi Kohei thought for a moment and said,

"There's no other good way."

Brovnen asked again, "What about the ship?"

"What if we get the ship to set sail?"

"We could park the helicopter on the ship,"

"Sail the ship to waters closer to them."

"And then transfer the helicopter there!"

Kikuchi Kohei shook his head,

"Master, didn't you want the Japanese public to know the specifics of the ship?"

"If the ship moves, they'll know we're lying."

"That's tantamount to treason,"

"And they might even send troops to quell the rebellion."

Brovnen "Can't I just turn off the entire positioning system?"

"How can they detect the ship's movement if the positioning system is off?" said Kikuchi Kohei.

He pointed overhead and said,

"Spy satellites and commercial camera satellites pass overhead every day."

"They have relatively fixed orbits and take pictures of the ground."

"They automatically compare these pictures with previous ones in their systems,"

"Making it easy to detect which objects have moved."

Brovnen cursed, "Do you think I'm stupid?"

"Isn't it polar night?"

"What can satellites possibly capture?"

Kikuchi Kohei said, feeling wronged,

"Although it's polar night, there's the aurora."

"So the visibility isn't too bad."

"Furthermore, satellite resolution and light sensitivity are much higher than the human eye."

"What the human eye can't see, the cameras can."

"And most importantly, our research vessel is quite large; even at night,"

"It can be seen from the satellite."

"Smaller objects like vehicles and helicopters are relatively safe."

Brovnen was furious.

This was damn troublesome! he clenched his fists in helpless rage.

Even with his arrogance, he wouldn't dare confront a sovereign nation.

If Japan discovered that its research team seemed to have betrayed their country and sent troops,

Even if he could escape, his search for the Gate of Ascension would be put on hold.

Furthermore, the new arrivals might discover the psychological manipulation he had used on the team members.

In that case, reaching the American research station would likely be impossible by land.

Eight days there and back make sixteen days in total.

Brovnen was on the verge of tears.

However, he also knew very well that with the current capabilities of this research team,

Completing the exploration of the entire Antarctic this winter was simply a pipe dream.

If they could capture the McMurdo Station,

With its large number of personnel and abundant supplies and equipment,

Things would be completely different.

The search speed would increase at least three or four times.

Thinking about it this way,

The sixteen-day delay on the road wasn't a major problem.

He could consider it a necessary investment.

Having figured this out, he immediately told Kikuchi Kohei,

"Prepare as quickly as possible."

"We're heading to that American research station to expand our territory!"

Kikuchi Kohei respectfully replied,

"Yes, Master, I obey!"