

Chapter 7164

It was like a hastily assembled tour group.

How could they possibly have such strong unified action?

Someone exclaimed, "Shouldn't we quickly check everyone's survival status?"

"What if many of these people have already been killed or imprisoned?"

"We can't guarantee that all reliable people are psychopaths or extremists,"

"But what if there are a few, and these few people have taken control?"

"Damn!"

The person in charge cursed.

"If something truly horrific happened in Antarctica,"

"I'd be kneeling before the entire nation,"

"Even if I didn't commit seppuku."

He quickly ordered, "The meeting is adjourned."

"Immediately contact the families of all expedition members,"

"Subtly inquiring when they contacted their families and whether they can be 100% certain that the person contacted was them."

"If so, record it as 'survived'."

"If not, record it as 'questionable.' Let's assess the situation."

Everyone immediately sprang into action.

Half an hour later,

Watanabe reported, "Sir, we just tallied the numbers."

"The families have all video-chatted with them."

"They have internet access."

"It seems no horrific incident occurred."

The person in charge breathed a sigh of relief:

"That's great, that's great..."

No one had died.

His initial worry vanished instantly,

Replaced by a profound sense of relief.

He said, "Since they're all alive, let's try to investigate their current situation."

"Could we request help from the US military?"

"Ideally, they could send a reconnaissance plane to check."

Someone agreed: "Yes!"

"Asking America for help is the right thing to do!"

"Exaggerate the situation."

"The US has hundreds of research personnel in Antarctica."

"They'll definitely take this very seriously,"

"And help us get to the bottom of it!"

The person in charge nodded:

"In that case, report the situation to the Ministry of Defense."

"And request that they contact the US for support!"

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When the US Department of Defense received the report from the Japanese Ministry of Defense,

The person in charge froze.

He found the information provided by Japan absurd and laughable—the entire research team had committed treason?

What kind of logic led them to such an assumption?

However, based on their alliance,

They decided to help Japan confirm the situation first.

Therefore, the order was given to the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

Requiring them to immediately develop a feasible plan to confirm the situation of the Japanese Antarctic research team.

The US military, with its rich war experience, quickly found a starting point for this matter.

No need to send commandos or scouts to infiltrate.

To determine if these people had betrayed the system, only one thing needed to be ascertained.

That is, whether this research team's machinery was resting at home or out working.

The government was wondering where the fuel had gone, weren't they?

Fuel can't be eaten or drunk.

Its only use is to refuel these machines.

If these vehicles were all at home, the American military wouldn't need to waste time arguing with the Japanese.

There was most likely a problem with the fuel signal.

But if these vehicles weren't at home,

This was a serious matter.

Because in the Japanese positioning system,

These vehicles had been at home without moving!

Therefore, a military high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft immediately took off from its base in South America, heading to Antarctica.

At this time, the Japanese research team was still carrying out Brovnen's exploration requirements.

Almost all the functional vehicles were out.

Only a few open-top snowmobiles remained at home,

Because these things couldn't be driven in extreme cold.

When the reconnaissance aircraft arrived,

The research team didn't even notice.

Because the noise of the aircraft's engines was almost completely drowned out by the sounds of their mechanical equipment, the radar was running at high power,

And the diesel engines were practically at full throttle to provide ample power and electricity.

No one noticed that a reconnaissance plane was speeding across the Antarctic winter,

A region rarely used by aircraft.

The aircraft's thermal imaging system clearly captured numerous unusual heat sources on the frigid Antarctic continent.

These were all the mechanical devices the Japanese were frantically operating.

Soon, when the images captured by the aircraft were synchronized with the US Joint Chiefs of Staff,

The commander in charge of the operation was stunned.

Pointing to the various photos on the large screen, he demanded,

"What are these Japanese research team members doing?!"

"They've deployed almost every vehicle they can!"

A subordinate blurted out,

"This is extremely serious,"

"And they're divided into multiple groups."

"It's clearly a reconnaissance mission!"

The commander immediately said,

"Report to the Pentagon immediately!"