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At this moment, Brovnen was still meditating cross-legged in his snowmobile.

He was still resting and recuperating for the more than 200 researchers at the McMurdo Station,

Unaware that the Pentagon was already discussing countermeasures with the Japanese Ministry of Defense.

He was still about two days' drive from McMurdo Station.

After confirming that the Japanese researchers had indeed committed treason,

The Pentagon's actions, aside from reminding its own research stations to be wary of the Japanese, were not particularly proactive.

The Japanese Ministry of Defense, on the other hand, showed a strong will to survive after learning of the confirmed cases,

Wanting to resolve the issue as quickly as possible to prevent its spread.

After a day of discussions between the Pentagon and the Japanese Ministry of Defense, the Pentagon's leadership presented a preliminary countermeasures plan to the Japanese Ministry of Defense.

During the video conference, the other party stated,

"Our idea for you is to send a negotiation team a specially modified American LC-130 Hercules transport aircraft to fly directly to Antarctica to meet with the defecting Japanese research team members."

"This would allow them to ascertain the situation."

"And, ideally, persuade them to surrender and be brought back to an American military base for interrogation."

The Japanese Ministry of Defense official felt this approach was too impractical:

"We actually prefer to urgently deploy 100 special forces personnel,"

"And six special operations armored infantry vehicles to Antarctica to capture these people and forcibly bring them back to Japan."

The Pentagon official shook his head.

"That's impossible."

"According to the Antarctic Treaty, no country is allowed to conduct military operations in Antarctica."

"Not even military exercises."

The Japanese Ministry of Defense official gave an awkward laugh and countered,

"But you are representing the United States, after all."

"The United States has no obligation to abide by these treaties!"

The Pentagon official firmly stated,

"We cannot bear the stigma of conducting military operations in Antarctica,"

"So the best solution is for you to send unarmed personnel to quell the rebellion."

He then reminded them,

"Although your research team members have all defected,"

"They certainly don't have weapons."

"We have no need to send troops against a group of unarmed individuals."

The Japanese Ministry of Defense was at a loss.

The main issue was the current weather.

Very few aircraft could fly to Antarctica and land successfully on the ice sheet.

Japan didn't have any, so it had to rely on the United States.

The United States felt there was little profit to be made in this matter,

And whether or not the rebellion was quelled had little to do with them,

So they weren't particularly concerned about it.

Sending troops to provoke the Antarctic Treaty over this was not worthwhile in their eyes.

Left with no other option, the Japanese Ministry of Defense hastily dispatched a surrender-persuasion team of twenty negotiation experts, psychologists, and legal advisors.

This team then flew to a US military base in South America.

After all, they needed American aircraft to reach Antarctica.

After a twenty-hour flight, the team arrived at the US military base,

Not far from the McMurdo Station.

Accompanying the team was a high-ranking Japanese Ministry of Defense official named Goro Watanabe.

Watanabe's mission was to persuade the Americans to send a contingent of Navy SEALs to Antarctica before the Hercules transport planes took off for the mission.

In case of any unforeseen circumstances.

However, despite Watanabe Goro's best efforts to persuade these officials, they only replied,

"I'm sorry, Mr. Watanabe, the Pentagon has clearly instructed that no armed personnel may be brought to Antarctica."

"Even the US pilots who are transporting your surrender delegation are not allowed to carry sidearms."

Watanabe Goro was frustrated:

"Sir, isn't this a bit too inhumane?"

"The success rate of the surrender delegation is not high."

"If they fail, they can only return."

"And we will be powerless against those traitors."

The US military official adjusted his sunglasses and smiled:

"Mr. Watanabe, not sending a single soldier or a single bullet to the Antarctic continent is the bottom line of our military."

"We hope you can understand."

Having said that, he stood up and said coldly,

"The plane will take off in one hour."

"Mr. Watanabe, you may prepare to board."

Watanabe Goro had no choice but to stand up and slowly walk out of the conference room.

On the airport runway, the plane, whose landing gear had been modified into a combination of tires and sleds, was undergoing final pre-flight checks.

The Japanese surrender delegation was also preparing to board.

According to the plan, they would land directly on the ice sheet fifty kilometers from the Japanese research station.

In addition to carrying twenty people,

The transport plane would also transport two unarmed snowmobiles for their use.

Therefore, the transport personnel were currently pushing the snowmobiles into the transport plane's cabin,

And securing them with modular mounting plates.

Watanabe Goro and his assistant went to the back of the plane,

And waited with the surrender delegation for the equipment to be secured before boarding.

At this moment, Kikuchi Kohei, who was traveling with Brovnen to McMurdo Station, said to Brovnen,

"Master, we'll arrive at McMurdo Station in three hours."

"Very good."

Brovnen nodded slightly and instructed,

"As long as we can get in smoothly, everything will be fine."