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Just as the two sides were less than five kilometers apart,

All the American armored vehicles simultaneously emerged from the other side of the hill,

Launching a pincer attack towards the snowmobiles where Brovnen was located.

At this distance of several kilometers,

The Japanese research team members, besides Brovnen remained completely oblivious.

Brovnen, however, keenly sensed the roar and vibration of several diesel engines several kilometers away.

He was instantly alarmed and exclaimed,

"At least eight vehicles are approaching us!"

"Really?"

Kikuchi Kohei asked, bewildered.

"Everything looks normal outside, Masato."

Brovnen said seriously,

"You'll find out soon enough."

"I feel very uneasy, like someone is watching me intently."

Kikuchi Kohei asked in surprise,

"Masato, could we already be locked onto?"

"Locked onto?"

Brovnen frowned and asked,

"You mean, locked onto by their weapons?"

"Yes."

Kikuchi Kohei said,

"We're civilian vehicles."

"They can easily lock onto us with fire control radar."

"Once locked onto, we won't be able to escape."

Brovnen immediately said,

"Quick!"

"Reverse at full speed and then detour south to try and shake them off!"

The driver immediately turned around on the spot,

And drove at full speed in the opposite direction.

Seeing this, the approaching American forces, forming a pincer movement, immediately accelerated and gave chase,

Simultaneously radioing:

"Attention, we are the United States military."

"We demand that you stop immediately for inspection."

"Or we will open fire!"

Kikuchi Kohei, understanding English, nervously said,

"It's...it's the Americans!"

"They're telling us to stop for inspection."

"Or they'll open fire!"

Brovnen gritted his teeth,

"Damn it, they've even sent people to intercept us!"

"Are they trying to encircle us?"

He cursed angrily, then said to Kikuchi Kohei,

"Tell them we're just ordinary research personnel."

"The team members don't want trouble."

"But they also don't want to be controlled by them."

Kikuchi Kohei immediately said in English,

"Sir, we are members of the Japanese Showa Research Station."

"Currently carrying out a scientific research mission."

"You have no right to demand that we stop for inspection."

Watanabe Goro's voice immediately came from the other end, harshly rebuking,

"Damn it!"

"I am Watanabe Goro from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology."

"The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology did not issue you any large-scale exploration missions this winter."

"Who gave you these missions?!"

"Do you know that you are now suspected of treason?!"

Kikuchi Kohei's face turned deathly pale.

He looked at Brovnen and said nervously,

"Master, the second-in-command of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology is here."

"Even he is here."

"It seems they must have noticed our actions."

"What should we do now?"

Brovnen realized at that moment that he would definitely not be able to return to Wu Han Palace.

The Japanese government had already noticed the problems with Wu Han Palace,

And they would not rest until this matter was thoroughly investigated and resolved.

Moreover, he had previously planned that if the US military approached,

He could blend in with the research team and slip through,

Or find another opportunity within their ranks.

But with even Japan sending people,

It meant that his chances of getting away with the research team were virtually zero.

A nervous Brovnen immediately asked Kikuchi Kohei,

"If I try to escape now, is it still possible?"