

## Chapter 7179

When Watanabe Goro rushed frantically to the room where Kikuchi Kohei was being held,

Kikuchi's body was hanging from the bathroom doorframe.

The item he used to hang himself was his own thermal underwear.

This material, specially developed for polar regions, was warm, skin-friendly, breathable, and incredibly durable.

The two legs tied together could easily hang an adult weighing over 140 pounds.

Unlike most people who hang themselves,

Kikuchi Kohei's expression showed no pain or ferocity.

Instead, he wore a resigned smile.

Just as Watanabe Goro and the other Americans were at a loss,

The research station's doctor arrived and immediately pulled Kikuchi Kohei's body from the knot made of his clothing.

The doctor performed CPR while checking his pulse and heartbeat.

Unfortunately, Kikuchi Kohei was already dead.

The research station was neither a prison nor a police station.

There were no special detention rooms.

After interrogating Kohei Kikuchi, they put him in an empty room and left a few soldiers outside to guard him in case he escaped.

But no one expected that he would commit suicide.

The Americans were baffled.

The military official, exasperated, yelled,

"Is this guy fucking crazy?"

"What's the big deal?"

"Even if we send him back to Japan for trial,"

"Since there weren't any serious consequences,"

"He'll only get five to eight years at most, right?"

He then pointed at Watanabe Goro and demanded,

"Come on, tell me,"

"How many years will he get for this kind of unauthorized expedition to Antarctica?"

Watanabe Goro looked bewildered.

"I don't know."

"It's never happened before."

"It depends on whether he had the intent to commit treason."

"If it's not treason,"

"Just unauthorized exploration, he should get less than five years."

"If it is treason, he might get the death penalty."

The military official sneered,

"Don't scare us."

"That guy from the mountain, the gunman, only got life imprisonment, right?"

"This guy, going back to Japan for trial, he can't possibly get the death penalty, can he?"

Watanabe Goro said awkwardly,

"You..."

That's not entirely unreasonable.

The military official pointed to Kikuchi Kohei's body and asked,

"Since he's unlikely to be sentenced to death,"

"Why did he commit suicide?"

Watanabe Goro, unable to contain his emotions, angrily replied,

"I don't know either!"

"You didn't let us speak to him from beginning to end,"

"You didn't let us participate in the interrogation."

"And now that he's committed suicide, you come to question me?"

"I want to question you, too!"

"Did you pressure him, or torture him to extract a confession?"

Realizing he wouldn't get anything from Watanabe Goro and not wanting to be accused in front of everyone,

The military official immediately said to the soldiers beside him,

"Take him and the rest of the surrender delegation to Sector Three for house arrest."

"Without my order, they are not allowed to step out of there!"

McMurdo Station is the largest Antarctic research station,

A massive research institution with multiple semi-independent areas.

Semi-independent means these areas are connected to the core area.

Essentially, it's like multiple prison sections within a large prison,

All of which can be completely sealed off.

Watanabe Goro and the accompanying members of the Japanese surrender delegation were all placed under house arrest in Sector Three.

Immediately afterward, the military mobilized.

Just as the paratroopers began boarding their planes for takeoff,